

FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN MEET

Annual Session Opened Last Night at Fredericton with Large Attendance.

GRATEFUL FOR HELP GIVEN BY GOVERNMENT

Mon. J. A. Murray Urges Them to Take Advantage of Agricultural Schools—Government Praised for Assistance Given Farmers.

Fredericton, Mar. 2.—The opening session of the 35th annual meeting of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association here tonight was attended by many farmers and dairymen from all parts of the province. The interests taken in the various addresses showed that agriculturists of New Brunswick are alive to the great possibilities in the farms of the province. Hon. J. A. Murray, Minister of Agriculture, gave a very inspiring address in which he urged the farmers to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered by the department of agriculture. He spoke particularly of the new agricultural school at Woodstock and pointed out that no fees were charged for instruction there.

Wm. H. Moore, president of the organization, called the meeting to order and in well chosen words reviewed the agricultural situation in the province. He urged the members to take advantage of the suggestions offered by speakers and make notes freely.

His Worship Mayor Hooper welcomed the delegates and made a few brief remarks, referring particularly to the market provided by the city of Fredericton.

H. H. Smith in replying to Mayor Hooper thanked him and the citizens of Fredericton for their kindness to members of the association. He showed that the lands of the province were very productive.

Hon. J. A. Murray in opening his address remarked on the spirit of optimism which was displayed by the previous speakers, and he thought it presaged a great future for the agricultural interests of the province. New Brunswick was in a sound condition in spite of the business depression in other parts of the world. The people throughout Canada were beginning to realize the great advantages of the east.

At present large quantities of beef, pork, butter and eggs were being imported into the province and Hon. J. A. Murray thought the people of New Brunswick should first supply their own markets before looking to larger markets.

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EXCLUSION OF ASIATICS UNDER DISCUSSION

Failure of Laurier Government to Deal With Question, Reason for the Present Difficulties, Vancouver Member Points Out.

Ottawa, March 2.—A debate on Asiatic immigration was inaugurated in the House of Commons today by Hon. Frank Oliver, who moved for all documents relating to the immigration of Asiatics having a bearing upon the order in council passed in December last restricting entry into British Columbia.

Mr. Oliver was anxious to know by what form of reasoning the government arrived at the conclusion that it was not desirable to admit Hindus and other races while Chinese and Japanese were still allowed to come in. While drastic measures were probably necessary the passing of this order in council appeared to him to have been based on a feeling of panic. A number of Hindus had been refused admission into British Columbia. They appealed to Provincial Chief Justice Hunter, who decided that as the regulations of the immigration department were not in accordance with the statute they were invalid. This meant that the bars were down and quite properly steps were taken to amend the regulations. This having been done there was no necessity for the order in council. The immigration act gave officials full power to deal with immigrants upon arrival.

Mr. Oliver did not believe an immigrant should be given the advantage of habeas corpus until it was assured that he was a desirable settler and he urged that steps be taken to make this matter clear.

H. H. Stevens of Vancouver said the difficulties which now confronted the government was due largely to the failure of the Laurier administration to deal properly with this question. Mr. Lemieux was the minister who devised the defective arrangements and who has handed down a serious problem affecting Canada and the whole Empire.

Mr. Knowles of Moosejaw asked Mr. Stevens if he knew that five times as many Hindus came into Canada last year as entered during the final year of the Laurier government.

Mr. Stevens said that the member for Moosejaw was "quibbling." Mr. Stevens went on to say that the majority of the Hindus who came in last year were former residents of British Columbia who had a right to return to Canada. The number of newcomers was comparatively small.

Mr. Stevens declared that the influence of Hindu agitators was felt all along the Pacific coast from California to British Columbia. At Berkeley, California, there are thirty Hindu students, all of whom are anarchists. The fact that Hindus in Canada had not been dealt firmly with, he said, was doing more to stir up mutiny in India than anything else. He quoted from a newspaper published in Sanscrit in San Francisco to prove his contention. The name of this paper in English is The Mutiny. In its columns a second mutiny in India was openly advocated.

The member for Vancouver declared that the people of British Columbia would never consent to giving the franchise to the Asiatics because if they had it they would at once proceed to degrade Canadian civilization.

NEW YORK RECOVERING FROM EFFECTS OF STORM

Has Been Most Destructive Since 1888 — 11 Death Reported and Other Fatalities Probable—Other Parts of the States Suffered Heavily from the Storm.

New York, March 2.—With temperatures rising and fair weather promised, New York and vicinity tonight began to emerge from the storm which railroad and telegraph companies declare has been the most destructive in this section of the country since the memorable blizzard of 1888. Reports from other cities showed the damage caused by wind, snow, rain and sleet to be widespread.

From Cleveland on the west and Baltimore on the south to the Canadian and Nova Scotia borders the storm has been general. In New England further damage is expected from rivers and streams swollen by melting ice and snow. In and near New York ten persons perished yesterday and today and several fatalities were reported elsewhere. Except by roundabout routes and with the aid of a few wires running under ground, commercial New York tonight still remains cut off from telegraph communication with the west and south. The public service corporations reached Philadelphia by way of Montreal, and had a few wires to Washington, Baltimore and Pittsburg. For the most part there were telephone circuits. Hope was expressed for better conditions, although it will be at least a week, it was stated, before service can be restored to normal.

Virginia Coast Storm Swept. Norfolk, Va., March 2.—While the northwesterly gale sweeping the Virginia and Carolina coast tonight was at its height, the Merchants and Miners steamer Howard, bound from Newport News for Baltimore, with passengers and freight, was driven ashore in Chesapeake Bay. At last reports she was "up the beach," but her position was said not to be dangerous.

Washington Ward Hit. Washington, March 2.—The storm which gripped the entire east during the last twenty-four hours, paralyzing traffic, demolishing telegraph and telephone lines, and causing tremendous losses to property and business generally, was reported tonight to be off Boston, Mass., and rapidly passing out to sea. Moderate temperatures with abated winds were promised by the weather bureau for tomorrow.

Train schedules between Washington and New York were still suspended tonight. Railroad officials here say that it would be several days before the regular schedules were again effective. One train from New York due at 9:30 p. m., yesterday, arrived here this afternoon at 4:30.

The Rustle in the Elephant's Hay



From the Toronto News.

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Fredericton, Mar. 2.—The legislature got down to business again this evening with a slim house and a decidedly formal session at which the routine business of the day was put through. Several new government bills were introduced and others were advanced a stage.

The first of the standing committees to organize will be the contingencies committee which has been called to meet tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Among the visitors at the house tonight were J. A. Belyea and F. C. McNeill of St. John.

St. John Bills. The house met at 2:45 p. m. Mr. Hunter presented a petition in favor of a bill relating to the fisheries in the harbor of St. John, also a petition of the trustees of School District No. 2 in the parish of Lancaster in favor of a bill authorizing them to issue debentures.

Hon. Mr. Wilson presented the petition of the city of St. John in favor of a bill to consolidate the law relating to water and sewerage in St. John.

Hon. Mr. Flemming introduced a bill to amend the general mining act.

Hon. Mr. Clarke introduced a bill to legalize certain marriages, also a bill to amend a clerical error in the Municipalities Act 2 Geo. V, 1912.

Hon. Mr. Flemming said that the house would remember that last session legislation was passed under which the municipalities were called upon to pay certain sums per week to the support of pauper lunatics in the provincial hospital. Some objection had been taken to this legislation by certain of the municipalities and resolutions protesting against the same had been passed by them and forwarded to the government. Under the law as passed last session the municipalities were asked to pay the sum of one dollar per week for each patient, and as the average cost of each patient's maintenance was three dollars per week, he thought the municipalities were getting off very reasonably when they were only asked to pay one-third of it.

In Nova Scotia the municipalities pay two dollars and one-half a week per patient out of a total cost of three and a half dollars. Altogether the municipalities of that province paid \$67,000 per year for the keep of their pauper lunatics, and the government paid only \$18,000. In Quebec there was no provincial hospital or other state institution, but the insane go to private institutions where the municipalities pay one-third and the government the other half of the keep of each patient. In this province the municipalities were only asked to pay one-third, which seemed to be, compared with the other provinces, very reasonable. When the legislation was before the house last session there was no opposition or objection and the government had no intention whatever of making any change in the law this session.

The house went into committee with Mr. Woods in the chair, and agreed to the bills to legalize certain marriages and respecting the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium repairs.

Hon. Mr. Flemming in explaining said the latter bill provided for the payment of \$10,000 additional for permanent work at the institution. The amount of unpaid bills at the present time was only between \$4,000 and \$5,000. The amount provided for in this bill would be sufficient for all work now in contemplation.

The house adjourned at 9:35 o'clock.

MUST REPEAL CLAUSE FOR PEACE SAKE

Sen. Thornton Says Exemption Clause Must be Eliminated if Friendly Relations With Powers are to Continue

Washington, March 2.—Announcing his support of President Wilson's policy to repeal the provision of the Panama Canal Act exempting from tolls American coastwise shipping, Senator Thornton, Democrat, in a statement today said the President had informed him "that in his judgment the repeal of the exemption clause is necessary for the continuance of our present friendly relations with foreign powers and the success of our foreign policies."

Senator Thornton is a member of the Inter-oceanic Canada Committee, which urged toll exemption, and he is one of several Democratic members of that committee who have told the President they would reverse their positions. He said today he formerly favored exemption, "believing the United States had the legal and moral right under the Hay-Pauncefote treaty to enact such legislation."

"I believe now, just as firmly as before," said the Senator, "that the exemption clause of the Panama act is not a violation of our treaty obligations, but I recognize now, as I always did, the substantial difference between our right of exemption and our enforcement of that right."

He believes that the repeal will carry by a substantial majority despite some party opposition, and it is believed the matter will be up within two weeks. Representative Adamson expects to introduce a repeal bill in a few days.

INTERESTING CASE BEFORE QUEBEC COURT

Pair Divorced, Man Agrees to Re-marry if the Woman Pays Him \$1,000.

Quebec, Mar. 2.—The arrest of a commercial traveller named Gosselin, on a charge of obtaining money on false pretences here, led up to a remarkable story in the court of sessions today. The accused pleaded not guilty. The charge against him was made by a young woman of month named Gaudet. Her story to the judge was that she and the accused were married some years ago but after a short time they discovered there was an impediment to their marriage. They then appealed to the courts and had the marriage declared civilly annulled. The church authorities subsequently annulled it also. The parties then drifted apart, the woman going to the United States. As the years passed the impediment to the marriage was removed by the granting of a dispensation by the church. The parties again came together, and the man informed the woman that he would marry her again provided she would give him one thousand dollars. This she agreed to, giving him a check for that amount. All arrangements for the wedding were completed, but the woman alleged that the day before the proposed ceremony the man informed her he had changed his mind about marrying and would not do so unless she gave him another thousand dollars. This she refused to do. Next day the pair accidentally met at the bank, where the woman said, she ascertained that the man had deposited the check in his name but had withdrawn \$400 of it. She then told the bank manager not to pay the rest of the money to the ac-

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Hon. Mr. Hazen Announces Receipt of Word that Washington Has Ratified Fisheries Agreement.

Ottawa, March 2.—In response to questions by Sir Wilfrid Laurier at the opening of the commons today, Hon. Mr. Hazen stated that his department had received dispatches from Washington stating that the necessary United States legislation to ratify the international fisheries regulations, the terms of which were drafted by the commission consisting of Prof. Prince for Canada and Prof. Starr Jordan for the United States, would be passed within a few days. The Canadian ratifying legislation was passed in 1910.

"Has the Canadian government consented to any departure from the terms of the regulations?" asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

"There are some modifications," replied Mr. Hazen, "but none of them are important. After the treaty comes into effect, we have expressed our willingness to have the commission further consider the matter."

In response to a query by Mr. MacDonald, Pictou, Col. Sam Hughes made the formal announcement that the British war office having backed down on its regulations concerning the aperture sight, the Canadian rifle team would participate at Bleyser this year as usual whereupon both sides of the house applauded.

of Toronto. He had little opportunity to see much of Canada, on his short visit, but it was sufficient to determine him to plan a lengthier stay in the future.

KILLED BY A BOMB SENT THROUGH MAIL

Note Found on Body Leads to Arrest of Eighteen Year Old Lad—Other Arrests Likely to Take Place.

Decatur, Ill., March 2.—"If anything happens to me see John Baucum." This was found on the body of F. W. Mennrich, who was killed in his home by a bomb he had received by mail, resulted in the arrest today of Baucum, who is only 18 years old. The coroner's jury had recommended that the youth, who is said to have assaulted Mennrich last week after a quarrel, be held to the grand jury pending a further investigation of the tragedy.

United States Postal Inspectors are investigating a charge that a friend of Mennrich's wife, from whom he was separated, may be implicated. An effort is also being made to trace the package back to the office from which it was mailed and so identify the sender.

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HALF MILLION DOLLAR PULP MILL BURNED.

Lynchburg, Va., March 2.—Fire destroyed the Bedford Pulp and Paper Company's plant at Big Island last night with a loss of \$500,000 covered by insurance.

HON. MR. PUGSLEY WILL BE IN HOUSE FOR A PART OF THE SESSION

Ottawa, March 2.—Word was received here tonight by the Liberal whip that Hon. William Pugsley had almost recovered his normal health. He is in New York with Mrs. Pugsley. They will go south immediately for a holiday and will be here before the session is over.

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INDEPENDENCE OF PHILIPPINES ASKED

Washington, March 2.—The Philippine Assembly last night adopted resolutions urging the American congress to provide at the present session for the independence of the islands, according to a cablegram today received by Delegate Queson.

REMANDED FOR STEALING LETTER FROM POST OFFICE.

Montreal, March 2.—Bill of \$20,000 was demanded today of Frank Lortie, mail sorter at the Central Post Office, charged with the theft of a letter from the sorting department on Saturday. He was not able to produce the amount and was remanded to prison for enquete on March 16. His plea is not guilty.