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NOTES FROM OTTAWA.

New South Wales is in the Reciprocal Class—Col. Irwin Retires—Customs Ruling as to Slack Coal.

Ottawa, July 4.—(Special.)—A formal Order-in-Council has been passed admitting New South Wales to the benefits of the reciprocal tariff, the Minister of Customs having reported that the tariff of the sister colony is favorable to Canada.

Col. Irwin, Assistant Adjutant-General of Artillery, has retired, after 25 years' service. When he joined the Canadian forces, he was a major in the Royal Artillery, and will now receive an Imperial pension of $1000 per annum. Col. Cotton arrives here tomorrow to assume the duties of Acting Adjutant General. Sweeping changes in the militia service are contemplated. Several district officers, brigade majors, etc., are slated for retirement.

A recent customs ruling states that for uniformity in entries for bituminous slack coal, consignments containing coal larger than will pass through a 3-4 inch screen shall not be entitled to entry for duty at the rate of 20 per cent. ad valorem. If the whole of the slack coal is such as will pass through a half-inch screen the rate of duty thereon will be 20 per cent. ad valorem. If the "slack" contains coals larger than will pass through a half-inch screen, but not larger than will pass through a three-quarter-inch screen, duty may be paid on the following basis in order to avoid the expense of screening, viz.: 80 per cent. of the weight at 20 per cent. ad valorem; 20 per cent. of the weight at the rate of duty chargeable on "round" bituminous coal; provided, however, that ordinary slack coal, such as will pass through a three-quarter inch screen, if screened by the importer through a half-inch screen and weighed under customs supervision, may be entered for duty according to the weight and size of coal thus ascertained. The standard screen is made with parallel bars and until these are supplied to ports where required, customs officers may make a reasonable allowance for coals which will not pass through the screens with the square meshes, with which they are now provided.

Another big grain elevating and transportation company is applying to the Dominion Government for incorporation, under the name of the Kingston Elevator and Transit Company. The capital stock of the concern will be set down as $150,000. The applicants are Kingston and Duluth capitalists.

It is reported to-night that D'Arcy Scott, barrister, of this city, will be appointed postmaster of the House of Commons in succession to Mr. Stansfeld, superannuated.

Mgr. Merry del Val, the Papal Ablegate, is lying seriously ill here from some kind of a fever, brought on by over-exertion. Two trained nurses from the Water-street Hospital have been detailed to attend to his wants and decide as to the best medical assistance.

Three times last February Miss Harmon's ladies' boarding school was set on fire. All were clear cases of incendiarism, and a regular panic ensued. A servant, Theresa Kissgh, was arrested on suspicion, but upon trial for arson was acquitted. A few days ago one of the resident pupils, Miss Carrie Moore, confessed to the principal that it was she who had set fire to the premises each time, actuated by some insane desire.

It is reported that Mr. Clement, private secretary to Sir Henri Joly, is to be appointed to a position in the printing bureau, and will be succeeded by Mr. Lebel, who acted as secretary to the Speaker of the Senate during the session.

"Does anyone know whether the pass-key belonging to deceased has been found?" asked the coroner of Mr. Mace.

"It was found in one of his pockets," was the answer.

The next witness was Amanda Sweet, the nightwatchman's wife, who deposed to finding the door of Mr. Hazeldine's room locked and the key outside, as it was said to have been left by last witness, when she went at half-past seven a.m. to sweep out and dust the office, as usual. The first thing she did was to draw up the blinds, after which, on turning round, she saw the body of deceased lying across the hearthrug with a foreign-looking knife a little distance away from it. Being asked what she did next, she replied that she screamed and fainted right away.

Peggy Lown, charwoman, deposed to being sent by Obed Sweet in search of a constable; to encountering Mr. Judd a short distance from the bank, and telling him what had happened, and to finding a constable a few minutes afterwards.

Ephraim Judd deposed that, in consequence of what last witness told him, he hurried to the bank, and there found Sweet and his wife by the dead body, of Mr. Hazeldine.

The evidence of Contable Jeremy was to a similar effect.

Chief Constable Mace deposed that in consequence of a message sent him by the last witness, he hurried to the bank, calling on Dr. Barton by the way, and taking that gentleman with him. He then went on to describe the finding of the body and produced the knife which last witness had picked up and given him. He told how he had found the door of the strong room open, as was also the door of the bullion-safe inside; and that, as Mr. Brancker would tell them, there was little doubt the safe had been robbed, and notes and hard cash to a very large amount made away with. He then went on to describe how he had made a thorough examination of the premises, but without finding any clue to the mode by which the perpetrator of the crime had obtained access to the bank, and had afterwards been able to get clear away with his booty unseen and unheard by anyone.

There was, however, one circumstance, Mr. Mace remarked, to which it would be necessary to call the attention of the jury. On the floor of the office usually occupied by Mr. Brancker and Mr. Judd were several stains, apparently quite recent, which had all the appearance of blood-stains. Dr. Barton, who had examined them at his request, would no doubt be prepared to give the jury his opinion about them. In addition, the outside of one of the drawers—Mr. Brancker's drawer, he believed it to be—was smeared in a similar way, as were also some portion of its contents. He believed, Mr. Brancker would tell them that he was utterly at a loss to account for the existence of the marks in question. Before proceeding further in the case he would respectfully suggest that the jury should be requested to examine the stains for themselves.

This course was agreed to, but it was first deemed advisable to take the evidence of Dr. Barton:

CHAPTER IX.

Dr. Barton, having been sworn, deposed to the fact of deceased having met with his death by violence. His chest had been pierced by some sharp instrument which, in all probability, had penetrated the tissues of the heart; but that was a point as to which he could not speak positively until after the post-mortem examination. Death, in that case, would have been all but instantaneous. He had examined the weapon produced and compared it with the wound, which it exactly fitted. In his opinion, there was little doubt that the knife in question, was the one with which the fatal blow had been inflicted. There had been a certain amount of hemorrhage from the wound, but scarcely as much as might have been expected—a little on the floor rather more on the clothes of deceased. Death had taken place several hours before he, witness, was called in. He was not prepared to state how many hours before; it might have been five, or it might have been eight or ninety—it was impossible to speak with exactitude. The clothes of the deceased were, to a certain extent, disarranged. His vest was unbuttoned, the ends of his cravat were hanging loose, his collar had been violently wrenched from the button which had held it, and the wristband of one sleeve of his shirt had been nearly torn away—all indicative of a struggle, however brief, with his assailant. The idea of suicide was one which had never entered his—witness'—mind; had any such theory been advanced it would have seemed to him altogether untenable.

When the jury had reassembled after their visit to the bank, Dr. Barton was recalled, and, in reply to a question by the Coroner, stated that, to the best of his belief, and speaking from a merely casual examination, the stains on the floor of the office usually occupied by Mr. Brancker and Mr. Judd had been caused by blood.

John Brancker was then recalled. In answer to various questions, some of which were put by the Coroner, some by the jury and some by Mr. Prestwich, he deposed as under:

He left the office about nine o'clock without having seen Mr. Hazeldine after his return from London, although he had understood from Sweet that he was at work in his office. When he, witness, left the office Mr. Judd was still there. All the other clerks had gone before. On quitting the bank, he went straight home and did not stir out again until past ten o'clock. He then decided to go and call upon William Strong, the man who blew the organ-bellows for him at church. He had heard that Strong was ill, and he wanted to ascertain whether he would be well enough to attend to his duties on Sunday next. He had hardly left home, when a few drops of rain began to fall, and he then remembered that he had left his umbrella at the bank, and determined to call there and get it. On his way to the bank he encountered Mr. Judd whom he told what he was going to do. On reaching the bank he saw that Mr. Hazeldine's office windows were still lighted up. This did not surprise him, knowing, as he did, that Mr. Hazeldine often worked till a late hour. Having to let himself in with his pass-key, he went into the inner room, and there found his umbrella in the corner where he had left it. He found it in the dark. He did not go near Mr. Hazeldine, but left the bank at once without seeing anyone, and went on his way towards Strong's cottage.

Being requested to continue his narrative, and relate what happened afterwards, witness went on to say that on reaching Strong's cottage, although there was a light in one of the windows, no one came in response to his repeated knocking, and that at length he went away, convinced that Strong was not at home. As there seemed no likelihood of more rain, the moon being now shining, he determined to return by way of the footpath

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COAL STRIKE IS ON.

Miners Have Decided to Lay Down Their Tools.

The Loss to Employers and Men Will Reach $40,000,000 by September—200,000 Men Will Probably Fall Into Line With the National Executive Board's Decision—The Pitiful Condition of the Miners—Every Digger May Go Out.

Pittsburg, July 3.—The coal miners of the Pittsburg district, in delegate convention here to-day, decided unanimously to comply with the order of the National Executive Board to strike, and all the union miners in the district will lay down their tools to-morrow and enter upon a struggle for better wages, which promises to be one of the longest and most bitterly contested fights ever known in the labor world. The delegates to the convention left for their homes full of the strike sentiment, each man promising a complete suspension of work in the mines he represented.

The miners' officials have arranged for a series of mass meetings to be held throughout the entire district, and it is believed the effect of these meetings will be to bring out every digger in the district, those who are under ironclad agreements as well as the others.

The miners' officials claim that a conservative estimate fixes the number of men who will go on strike in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois at 200,000. They hope to increase this number as the strike sentiment grows.

Tin Plate Workers Score.

Pittsburg, Pa., July 3.—The skilled tin plate workers identified with the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers scored a decisive victory to-day. They secured an advance in wages and a protective clause that signed plate mills will not manufacture sheet iron. The workers are jubilant and look upon the future with hope, as it is claimed the signing of the remaining scales of the association is but a question of time.

Miners' Pitiful Condition.

Brazil, Ind., July 3.—The coal miners of this district met in mass meeting here to-day. J. W. Knight, State President of the United Mine Workers' Association, addressed them. He described the condition of the miners as pitiful, and admonished them all to join in the strike. The proposition to suspend work was put to the meeting and carried unanimously.

The Biggest Convention on Record.

Pittsburg, July 3.—The largest convention of coal miners ever held in this district began here at 10 o'clock yesterday morning to take action on the strike circular sent out by the general officers a few days ago. Nothing had been done when the convention adjourned for lunch, but President Nolan stated that the Committee on Resolutions had submitted a report favoring a strike. This will be presented this afternoon. The feeling among the delegates, he said, was strongly in favor of a strike, and the resolutions would probably be adopted. In case a strike among the coal miners in the Pittsburg district is declared at the convention to-day 21,000 miners will be concerned in the result. Many of these, however, have not been working regularly for some time. In the Clearfield district 2000 miners are employed when the mines are running, and District President Nolan says the whole district will also go out. The number of men in other States who are concerned in the present strike, so far as can be estimated, are as follows:

Ohio, 25,000 men; Illinois, 40,000 men; Indiana, 9000; and in West Virginia about 22,000, a total of 142,000 all told.

The Order Generally Obeyed.

Columbus, O., July 4.—Telegrams received by President Ratchford of the United Mine Workers to-day indicate that the order for a general strike of the miners has been complied with generally throughout the mining districts of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Western Pennsylvania, and in sections of West Virginia and Kentucky. It will take several days, however, to determine with any degree of accuracy the number of men involved. President Ratchford roughly estimates the number at 200,000, but this is regarded as very liberal.

What the Strike Means.

New York, July 4.—The Journal says: If the coal strike about to be inaugurated is protracted until September 1, as it bids fair to be, the loss to men and owners will reach nearly $50,000,000, as shown by the following table:

Strike's Cost to Sept. 1.

Loss to 350,000 men—50 days' work at 90 cents per day	$15,750,000
Loss to operators—two months' output, 10,000,000 tons, at 10 cents profit per ton	1,000,000
Loss to railroads—freight on two months' output at 50 cents per ton	4,800,000
Loss to coal companies' stores—amount spent by 350,000 miners, 75 cents per day	13,125,000
Loss to the public—increased price on two months' consumption, 32,000,000 tons, at 25 cents per ton	8,000,000
Total	$43,275,000

The foregoing estimate has been formed by a careful comparison of the present conditions with the cost of the big strikes of former years. It is based, as well, upon the Government statistics of coal production, and in all cases represents the most conservative figures.

THE MARKETS.

Flour—Trade is quiet and prices as a rule unchanged. Straights rollers are quoted at $3.25 to $3.35 west.

Bran—Trade quiet, with bran quoted at $7.50 west, and at $8 to $8.50 here. Shorts, $9 to $9.50 here.

Wheat—The market is quiet, with the feeling somewhat irregular. Red and white are quoted west at 67½ to 67½c. No. 1 Manitoba hard 71c to 71½c Fort William, and at 77c Midland. No. 2 hard 74c to 75c Midland.

Buckwheat—The demand is limited, and prices nominal.

Barley—The market continues dull, and prices are nominal. No. 1 is quoted at 30c. No. 2 at 25c and No. 3 extra at 23c to 24c. Feed barley dull at 21c to 22c.

Oats—The market is quiet, with prices steady. White is quoted at 22c west and mixed at 21c west.

Peas—The market is steady, with sales north and west at 40c.

Oatmeal—The market is quiet and prices steady at $2.85 to $2.90 for car lots.

Corn—The trade is quiet and prices unchanged at 24½c to 25c west.

Rye—Trade quiet and prices unchanged. Cars are quoted at 31c to 31½c east.

BRITISH MARKETS.

Liverpool, July 3.—Spring wheat, 5s 9d to 5s 9½d, red, no stock; No. 1 Cal., 6s 2½d to 6s 3½d; peas, 4s 1½d; corn, new, 2s 8½d; pork, 45s 0d for fine western; lard, 26s 9d; bacon, l.c., heavy, 25s 6d; do., light, 24s 6d; short cut, 24s 6d; tallow, 17s 6d; cheese, new, 42s 0d.

Liverpool—Close—Spot wheat steady; futures quiet at 5s 8d for July, 5s 5¾d for Sept. and 5s 6¼d for Dec. Maize steady at 2s 7½d for July, 2s 8¼d for Aug. and 2s 9½d for Sept. Flour 23s 6d.

London—Close—Wheat off coast and on passage quiet and steady. Maize on passage rather firmer.

BICYCLE MEET OVER.

A. P. Gunbert Won the Century Road Race.

Many Accidents on the Road—Moore and McEachern Won the Tandem Race, Stackhouse the Amateur and Tucker the Professional Handicap—Power of the District Boards Curtailed—Notes of the National Meet.

The fifteenth annual and most successful of the Canadian Wheelmen's Association meets came to an end in Chatham on Saturday afternoon under the most favorable circumstances.

From Wednesday until Saturday morning the town was overcrowded with wheelmen from all parts East and West, and they were royally entertained by the home club. The boys with the fireworks caused a number of small conflagrations, but no damage was done and the citizens of the Maple City are satisfied with the result of the meet, socially, financially and also from a racing standpoint.

The track is one of the fastest in Canada, a number of records having just been established.

The first event on Saturday's program was the initial hundred-mile road race ridden in Canada, and a new record was established in this century ride, the old one being 5.43. The new one made by Gimbert of the Toronts, Toronto, was 5.40.30. This is within 10 minutes of the world's record.

The start was made from the track in the morning at 9.45, with 27 starters, as follows: Thompson (Toronto), Coleman (Toronto), Morrison (Smith's Falls), Tuit (Montreal), Wright (Toronto), Anderson (Ayr), Thomas (Ayr), Thomas (Brantford), Hampson (Aylmer), Carver (Windsor), Cassidy (Toronto), Gimbert (Toronto), McCullough (Winnipeg), Hebb (Winnipeg), Simpson (Toronto), Stoner (Toronto), Smith (Toronto), Faulkner (Buffalo), Abraham (Toronto), Muir (Brantford), Cameron (Montreal), White (Brantford), Jackson (Chatham), Roberts (Toronto), Elrick (Toronto), Riddel (Winnipeg), Murray (Hamilton), Bates (Ridgetown).

Out of 27 starters only 18 finished. The first point heard from was Blenheim, at 10.38. The riders passed Wheatley at 12.04, reaching the turning point (Leamington) at 12.34. Here Cameron fell, breaking his shoulder-blade and was otherwise injured. The riders made the turn fairly well together. They were heard of all along the road home. It was just 3.04 when Gimbert entered the track. Five minutes later Carver made his appearance, and the rest finished in the following order: Jackson, Chatham, 5.34.24; Faulkner, Buffalo, 5.52.00 2-5; Wright, Toronto, 5.55.24; White, Brantford, 6.07.36; Muir, Brantford, 6.16.30; Stoner, Toronto, 6.17.34; Smith, Toronto, 6.28.45; Abraham, Toronto, 6.33.00; Cassidy, Toronto, 6.51.30; Simpson, Toronto, 6.51.30; Thompson, Toronto, 6.51.31; Thomas, Brantford, 7.12.30; Roberts, Toronto, 7.12.31; Riddel, Winnipeg, 8 hours; Hebb, Winnipeg, 8 hours.

The others that did not finish were brought to Chatham on the evening train. Morrison and Gimbert were riding together and when within two miles of home Morrison was sunstruck, becoming unconscious. Saturday night he was in a serious condition.

The century riders came in all covered with dust and some of them bleeding, as nearly every one had a fall. Faulkner of Buffalo fell five times and was rendered unconscious, losing 8 minutes at one time. Riddel of Winnipeg fell after three miles. He showed pluck in walking back and starting the second time to make a record, but was too weak to ride fast. Mrs. Jackson served the riders with milk on the return trip, and they were all very grateful to this lady for her kindness.

Cassidy was rendered unconscious for 20 minutes, the result of a fall, and after recovering was driven two miles by a farmer. He finished his century by doing two miles on the track. This is Herb's first long race, and he says he will never go in one again. For a new century rider he made a good showing.

There were only three events on the track: the first, the one-mile handicap, amateur, was won by Stackhouse, Ottawa, with 60 yards; Elliott, Woodstock, second, with 60 yards; Axton, Brantford, scratch, third. Time 2.18 4-5.

There were seven starters, and at the home stretch there was a bad spill, Gardiner getting badly hurt and Davidson badly cut about the face, but both men were all right at night.

Second event, one-mile handicap, professional, won by Tucker, Brantford, with 70 yards; Davidson, Toronto, second, scratch; Boake, Brantford, third, with 90 yards. Time 2.16 3-5.

Third event, one-mile tandem race, won by Moore and McEachern, Toronto; Barnett and Stackhouse second.

The record was lowered from 2.05 to 1.59 4-5. The tandems were paced by a quad.

After this event Angus McLeod tried to establish a paced professional record, being with a quad ahead of him, as did Frank Moore of Toronto, the amateur mile. Both failed owing to the high wind blowing down the stretch.

At 7 o'clock, McLeod, paced by Davidson, Boake, Tucker and Brown on the quad, rode the fastest mile ever ridden in Canada, establishing a paced record of 1.51 flat. About 8 o'clock the wheelmen started to leave, some for home and some for the meet at Detroit to-day, where a lot of C. W. A. professionals will ride. Cecil Elliott of Toronto and R. O. Blayney of Brantford were both suspended for 10 days for scrapping for the position on the track in Friday's five-mile professional race.

The race to have been ridden off between the three championship winners, Axton, Moore and Riddel, did not come off, and the committee of the C. W. A. will decide which of these will represent the C. W. A. in the international championships at Glasgow.

SMALLPOX IN MONTREAL.

A Genuine Case Discovered by the Medical Health Officer.

Montreal, July 3.—A case of what is supposed to be smallpox has been discovered in Montreal. A patient at the Home Hospital, a private hospital formerly known as Strong's, who had recently been admitted from Point St. Charles, showed symptoms of that disease. Dr. Laberge, the city Medical Health Officer, made an examination and gave it as his opinion that the disease was not smallpox. To make certain Dr. Roddick, M.P., Dr. James Stewart and other well-known physicians were called in, and all agreed that it was a genuine case of smallpox. The patient is now isolated at the Civic Hospital.

TWO BROTHERS DROWNED.

William and Samuel Barber Went Bathing Sunday Morning and, Being Unable to Swim, Lost Their Lives.

Uxbridge, July 4.—One of the saddest drowning accidents that have happened here for many years occurred to-day at about 11.30 a.m., when William and Samuel Barber, brothers, aged respectively 22 and 24, were drowned in what is commonly known as Weir's pond, but latterly called "Brookdale."

This pond is about two miles south of here, and is owned by a syndicate of Toronto gentlemen, composed of Dr. Adam Wright and others, and is kept for breeding speckled trout. It appears that the young men, William, who works for his uncle, Levi Barber, on the 7th concession of Reach Township, and Samuel, who works for George Hart, near by, went to the pond in company with others to bathe. William got undressed first, waded out and got beyond his depth. Samuel, who was not quite undressed, rushed in after his brother, to save him, and as neither could swim, both went down together and never came up alive.

The alarm was quickly given and a large party began the work of dragging for the bodies, which were found near where they went down. The young men were sons of Mr. Henry Barber of the 6th concession of Brock, and their mother had been down to see her boys this morning, and had only left them a short time previous to their going to the pond.

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