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GETTING READY FOR G. T. PACIFIC TRAFFIC

Maritime Ports to Be Equipped

Minister of Public Works Intends That When Road is Completed, Facilities to Handle the Business Will Be Constructed—Aid for Gloucester Iron Company.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 10.—Several of the ministers are very busy at present, preparing their estimates before parliament begins in January. In conversation with the minister of public works today, he said that the estimates for the ensuing year were keeping him and his staff very busy engaged at the present time.

The transportation facilities in St. John and elsewhere in the maritime provinces, are evidently not being lost sight of, because Dr. Pugsley said in the course of conversation that he had been communicating with Mr. Morse, of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, and Mr. McNicol, of the Canadian Pacific, in reference to the improvements he contemplated making at St. John.

It is also understood that the minister is strongly urging the advisability of taking immediate steps to provide terminal accommodation for the Transcontinental Railway in the maritime provinces. He is strongly in favor of adopting such measures to this end as will ensure shipping facilities being all ready and completed, as soon as the transcontinental railway is ready to send its freight to Europe via points in the maritime provinces.

The conference between the Messrs. Drummond, acting in behalf of those interested in the iron industry in Gloucester county, and the minister of railways, Hon. George F. Graham, was arranged by Dr. Pugsley a few days ago. It is understood that Messrs. Drummond, in anticipation of a very large development of the iron mines, are negotiating with the government either to build a connecting link between Bathurst and Chatham. There are strong points in favor of both these centres, and in making the choice, the Messrs. Drummond do not propose to be hasty, but to give them every consideration.

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ROBERT REFORM GIVES \$50,000 TO MCGILL

Will Go Towards Increasing Professors' Salaries—University Needs \$2,000,000.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Dec. 10.—In answer to the urgent appeal for financial assistance made by McGill University, Principal Peterson announced today that Robert Reford, one of the board of governors, had donated securities to the value of \$50,000, the revenue from which is to go towards the increase of the salaries of the professors in the various faculties.

In making the donation, Mr. Reford stated he was well aware of the necessity of an increase in the salaries of the professors of McGill if first class men are to be retained, and the standing of the university maintained. McGill's needs call for \$2,000,000.

CHURCH UNION BASIS IS ABOUT COMPLETED

Committee in Session Has Worked Out About All the Knotty Problems, and Their Report Will Be Submitted to Church Courts and Then to the People.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 10.—The report on administration, in its various aspects of mission, education, benevolence, publishing and other agencies of the several churches, was the subject under consideration at today's session of the church union committee. How best to form a general basis of superannuation on which the three denominations would agree was the question. Reports from representatives of the Methodist, Presbyterian and Congregational churches regarding their methods of managing the superannuation fund, provident fund, and widows and orphans fund were given. The report was finally amended and referred back to the committee. The communication from the Anglican was ordered to be printed and referred

CURREY ANOTHER DAY ON THE RACK

Gives Conflicting Testimony During Severe Cross-examination

END NOT IN SIGHT

Complainant Has Three More Witnesses—Office Stenographer on the Stand Says She Never Saw Her Employer in Intoxicated State.

Fredericton, Dec. 10.—(Special)—In the divorce court this morning the cross-examination of Dr. Currey was continued by Mr. Teed and he succeeded in eliciting some rather startling statements from the witness.

In regard to the equity suit, instituted by Mrs. Currey to recover money which her husband drew from the Savings Bank, Dr. Currey claimed he knew nothing about it until he got the writ. He was annoyed when he reached home that night and took his wife to task for her action. To show that Dr. Currey knew the equity suit was coming Mr. Teed produced three letters from the firm of Hanington and Hanington written to him on the subject some days before Dr. Currey was forced to admit he received the letters and they were put in evidence.

The witness was interrogated at length in regard to the midnight row at his home. He said that two policemen came in but he did not know their names. He did not hear his wife tell them that he had struck her and choked her. He could not remember his wife declining to give him in charge because he was the father of her children. He did not tell Willie to shut up but did tell him to go upstairs and go to bed.

He reiterated his former statement that the whole thing was a pre-arranged plot to scandalize him. He even believed his wife had written the articles about the iron mines that appeared in the papers near the end of the year.

Mr. Teed objected to this last statement and it was struck from the evidence. Two accounts from the firm of Macaulay Bros. & Company were called for by Mr. Teed and produced by the witness. One amounting to \$108 was for damaged goods bought at a reduction, and other was for \$8.46. The witness declared that he had never examined the items of the account.

The court—"Then you should not have quarreled over them?" Witness said that he had complained of his wife buying a whole lot of gloves, as he thought it was extravagant and unreasonable. He afterwards admitted that he had not examined the gloves and did not know that an excessive price had been paid for them.

Mr. Teed was able to show from the account that thirteen pairs of gloves had been bought. The court thought Mrs. Currey may have bought too many gloves, but Dr. Currey was not justified in rowing over it.

Mr. Teed thought that thirteen pairs of gloves for four or five people was not an extravagant supply. The judge said no doubt Mrs. Currey thought she had effected a great saving by purchasing a lot of gloves at a reduced price.

Dr. Currey said he paid the bill and had given the firm to understand that in future he would do a cash business with them. He had not mentioned Mrs. Currey's name or tried to humiliate her. He admitted having returned unpaid an account of \$24 from Macaulay Bros. & Co., received in January last, and a letter which he wrote the firm at the time was read and put in evidence. He did not know that the bill was for goods which his wife bought before going to her father's funeral. The witness declared that he had never mentioned his wife's name to anybody but Williams in regard to the purchase of goods.

Mr. Teed here produced a letter which Dr. Currey wrote to William Morris of Westfield instructing him to take no orders from his wife. The witness explained that McGill was his caretaker and (Continued on page 4, sixth column.)

SAN FRANCISCO'S EX-BOSS FOUND GUILTY AGAIN

Ruef Convicted of Bribery

Trial Has Been in Progress 106 Days—Honey, the Graft Prosecutor, Recovered Enough to Witness Success of His Work.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 10.—Abraham Ruef, former political boss of San Francisco, was convicted today of bribery. The verdict was returned exactly upon the stroke of 4 o'clock when the deliberations of the jury had been prolonged 24 hours. The warnings of Judge William P. Lawrence and the vigilance of the police checked all attempts at a demonstration.

The trial, which has been in progress for 106 days, ended with surprising abruptness. The day had almost passed without signs from the curtained chamber on the upper floor of Carpenter's Hall, the hopes of Ruef and his attorneys had risen with every hour of delay, and the adherents of the prosecution were proportionately discouraged. With numbers and interest undiminished, the hundreds of spectators who have hung about the court room during the closing days of the trial, retained their seats in the chamber or stood patiently in a long line opposite the entrance, while a strong detail of police watched carefully inside and patrolled every approach to the hall.

As the jury went into the court room and took their seats in the jurybox Judge Lawrence asked Foreman McNamara: "Have you gentlemen reached a verdict?" "We have," replied the foreman as he handed a folded slip of paper to Clark Welch. An impressive silence followed as the clerk read the fateful words: "We, the jury, find the defendant, Abraham Ruef, guilty, as charged."

At the other end of the counsel-table sat Francis J. Honey, who appeared in the court room today for the first time since the day he was shot. Ruef sat between his father and Thomas B. Dozier, the jury, as charged. Honey, who appeared in the court room today for the first time since the day he was shot. Ruef sat between his father and Thomas B. Dozier, the jury, as charged.

By previous agreement of counsel, that the bill of exceptions should be settled after the court set next Saturday, Dec. 12, as the day for pronouncing judgment. Ruef's conviction renders him liable to a maximum penalty of fourteen years in the penitentiary.

CANADA'S TRADE WITH BERMUDA SHOWS GREAT INCREASE

Report of E. H. Flood States That Islands Are Anxious to Further Extend It.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Dec. 10.—A gratifying increase of trade between Canada and Bermuda is reported to the department of trade and commerce by E. H. Flood, trade commissioner. In ten years the commerce between Canada and the islands has just doubled. The government of Bermuda is alive to the importance of a still further increase.

Cattle are generally imported from the States, principally from New York, but the colonial secretary expressed the hope that Canada will secure this trade. The onion crop in Bermuda is valued annually at \$300,000. Heretofore the market has been chiefly New York, but last year the Texas onion crowded it out, with the result that Bermuda growers suffered serious loss. As there is no likelihood of retaining the New York market the Bermuda government would like to market the onion crop in Canada where it should find a ready sale in the early spring without interfering with the Canadian product.

There is a disposition on the part of the Bermuda government to give Canadian products a preference in return for a similar preference in Canada of early vegetables and onions from Bermuda.

SUMMERSIDE-POINT DU CHENE SERVICE OVER FOR WINTER

(Special to The Telegraph.) Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 10.—The first break in winter navigation in this province occurred today. The steamer Empress, plying between Summerside and Point du Chene, remained in Point du Chene all night and will come direct to Charlottetown tomorrow morning with the mails. The Northumberland, plying between Charlottetown and Pictou, got over to Pictou this morning, but on account of the heavy snow storm does not return until it becomes. She will continue on the route. The government steamer Minto, now in port, goes to Pictou Saturday to coal. The Stanley is now in Pictou, leaving the Summerside-Point du Chene route without any steamer, although the citizens are clamoring for the Stanley to keep the route open.

THE CHAMPION STANDARD OIL COMPANY "FORGETTER"



Henry M. Tilford, president of the Standard Oil Company of California, who, when called to the witness stand in the Standard Oil hearing now being conducted in New York, was unable to recall incidents of vital importance to the government.

SPEAKER CANNON AGAINST BILLION BOND ISSUE

Declares Any Expenditure to Improve Waterways Must Be Safe and Sane.

Washington, Dec. 10.—Speaker Cannon today made known his unalterable opposition to the proposal that national waterway improvements be financed by the issuance of government bonds, in a characteristic address to the delegates attending the Rivers and Harbors Congress yesterday.

His position in regard to the bond issue scheme was made clear when he declared that "if, perchance, it were possible—and I do not believe it is possible—the Rivers and Harbors Committee should report a bill to congress providing that there should be an issue for the next ten years of \$200,000,000 of government bonds in the amount of \$1,000,000,000, I would vote for it."

The pronouncement of Speaker Cannon cast a gloom over the congress, as the advocates of the bond issue had strong hopes of favorable consideration of their proposition by the federal congress. Mr. Cannon's attitude is at variance with that of Vice-President Fairbanks, Andrew Carnegie and others as expressed before the Rivers and Harbors Congress yesterday.

"Now, nobody wants the federal congress in the next sixty days to commit an expenditure of \$200,000,000 in government bonds, I stand ready to issue bonds. But expenditures must be safe and sane. I do not want this work or any other work to be done except it be done safely and sanely."

FIVE QUEBEC BY-ELECTIONS DEC. 28

(Special to The Telegraph.) Quebec, Dec. 10.—The date of the provincial by-elections in Chateauguy, St. Ann's, St. Mary's, Quebec Centre and Laval is definitely fixed for December 28; nominations to take place on Dec. 21.

ENGLISHMAN FOUND IN CAPE BRETON WOODS NEARLY FAMISHED

Glace Bay, N. S., Dec. 10.—(Special)—Tramping about the woods near Lingan, Cape Breton, for a week and having scarcely a morsel to eat during that time, Lewis Quinn, belonging to Liverpool, England, was found in a famished condition yesterday. Quinn's clothes were torn to tatters and he was nearly frozen.

6,000 TONS OF SYDNEY RAILS LOADED FOR NEW SOUTH WALES

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 10.—(Special)—The steamer Hektor has completed loading 6,000 tons of rails for the New South Wales government, and will sail Saturday for the Pacific. This is the first shipment of the 10,000 tons order.

GREAT INDUSTRIAL BOOM SEEMS CERTAIN

CASTRO ALLOWED ON FRENCH SOIL

Government Will Not Molest Him Unless He Talks to Press

HAS NO CONFIDANTS

Venezuelan Ruler Keeps Even His Companions in the Dark About His Movements—Amazed at Dutch Demonstration Off His Coast.

Bordeaux, Dec. 10.—President Castro, of Venezuela, disembarked here today from the French steamer Guadalupe, on which he sailed from Lagaira, Nov. 25. The landing of the president and his party came to Bordeaux on a private car. The president was greeted at the railroad station by the Venezuelan colony. The party then got into automobiles and were driven to a hotel.

When President Castro was informed this afternoon of the energetic steps taken by Holland against Venezuela—the navy demonstration along the coast last week—he exclaimed vehemently that he did not believe Holland would violate the spirit of rightful dealings, as both he and Venezuela had done only their duty.

The president said that after his operation he expected to visit Spain and that the pacific tone of this country in dealing with Venezuela was something he never could forget.

A number of policemen were drawn up at the railroad station to restrain the people, but the assembled crowd was a small one and consisted chiefly of Venezuelan residents of the city.

On the way to the hotel in automobiles, President Castro was hardly noticed. One in the hotel he locked himself up in his room and the doings of the party were again surrounded in mystery. It has been positively stated that the president will leave here tomorrow for Paris, but the press reports are apparently in complete ignorance of their actual movements. They act as if they were afraid to ask for information or to tender advice. It is very clear that President Castro is a law unto himself. One of his aides said today:

"An Extraordinary Man." President Castro is an extraordinary man. No one knew he intended to leave Caracas until two days before he sailed. He makes no one his confidant; he decides everything. We simply await instructions. On the steamer we asked what hotel we were to stop at at Bordeaux. The president replied that he would decide on the train. It was only when we reached the Bordeaux station that he announced the name of the hotel."

The members of the president's entourage who repeatedly advised him, in view of the anomalous situation created by his visit to a country with which diplomatic relations were ruptured, to make a statement, were told:

"I can't talk with all the newspaper men in Europe; consequently I will speak with no one." It was learned this evening that the agent of Foreign Minister Pichon informed President Castro in the name of the French government that he would be welcome as a private citizen, and that as a chief of state he would be given every protection during his sojourn in France. The only request was that Castro refrain from making a newspaper declaration in his official capacity.

This attitude on the part of the French government was reached because of the conviction, conveyed to it from various sources, that President Castro was desirous of settling the differences between Venezuela and France, especially the affair of the French cable company, which had been the principal misunderstanding, and that way would be found to open and conclude negotiations to this end.

A number of Dutch journalists have arrived here seeking an expression from President Castro regarding the existing situation between Venezuela and Holland.

To Work Iron Areas of Gloucester

Company Promised Dominion and Provincial Aid—Will Ship 2,000 Tons of Ore Per Day, and Eventually Build Smelters.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 10.—The local government finished up the business of the session here this afternoon and the members, except the premier and the surveyor general, returned home this evening. A delegation composed of George J. Drummond and W. F. U. Parsons, of the Canadian Iron Corporation, met the executive this morning and again this afternoon and asked for concessions in connection with the proposed development of valuable iron deposits in Gloucester county. They asked for a bond guarantee for a railway from the mines to Bathurst and for the right to take lumber from the crown lands in that vicinity to be used in connection with mining operations. They declared that the iron deposits in Gloucester county were undoubtedly the richest in Canada and that there were already 50,000,000 tons of ore in sight.

The government after carefully going into the matter practically agreed to enact legislation granting the concessions, asked for by the company with certain restrictions necessary to protect the public interest.

The bond guarantee will be given under conditions that the company operate the railway continuously and mines not less than 1,000 tons of ore per day. The rate of royalty to be paid was fixed at five cents per ton which the same was exacted by the government of Nova Scotia. The company will be required to give security for the payment of all interest charges on the bonds during the period of construction.

It is understood that a section of the crown land in the neighborhood of the railway will be set aside for the company and they will be permitted to take such lumber and timber from it as may be required for the erection of the works for other purposes in connection with the mines.

It is understood the company will build a railway to Bathurst and the Dominion government consents to dredge the harbor, otherwise the Dominion government will build a spur line to Red Pine and ore shipments will be made from Chatham.

To Erect Smelters. The company will expend \$200,000 in providing docks and it is their intention to establish smelters in the near future. It is believed that this work will not only lead to the development of a great iron industry near Bathurst but will lead to explorations being made in other sections of the province, that may mean great development in the future.

As soon as the railway is completed the company will undertake to ship 2,000 tons of ore a day, which will mean a substantial revenue to the province. It has been given out that \$25,000 per mile will be built with not less than \$2,000 per mile. Already the company has assurance that a subsidy of \$6,400 per mile will be forthcoming from the Dominion government.

Henry Braithwaite, the veteran guide, had an attack of heart trouble this evening and is in a very serious condition. Percy W. Thomson, of St. John, appeared before the government today and urged continuation of the grant to the steamer service between St. John and South Shore of Nova Scotia. In past years this service has been given a subsidy of \$400,000, but the grant was discontinued. Mr. Thomson is urging the continuation, stated that it was the intention to put on a smaller boat than the steamer Senlac, which has been running, the new boat to have ample freight accommodations, but with less passenger accommodations, as since the building of the South Shore railway in Nova Scotia the passenger traffic has almost entirely disappeared. Under the new arrangement it was the intention to make a twice a week service between St. John and Yarmouth instead of a weekly service between St. John and Halifax, and said arrangements have been made for forwarding freight assigned to points east of Yarmouth by rail from Yarmouth at the same or practically the same rates as have existed by water. The government decided to continue the subsidy for five years.

WHO KILLED THE COW MOOSE IS STILL A MYSTERY

Guides at Thursday's Inquiry Told of Seeing Dead Animals and Human Footprints—Braithwaite's Evidence Wednesday Was Largely Surmises—Officer Who Tried to Seize Robinson's Rifles Failed.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 10.—The investigation into the charges of killing moose in close season, preferred by Mr. Braithwaite against Arthur Robinson, a New York stock broker, was continued before Surveyor-General Gimmier this evening. Several witnesses were examined and adjournment made to Wednesday, Jan. 15. Sergeant-Major Duncan, of this city, was first sworn and testified to seeing a moose carcass at Moccasin. He found a button and piece of woolen cloth and some wool