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SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN CHARGES ON FREIGHT FOR NEAREST HARBORS WANTED

New Tariff of Roads Should be Applied Evenly to and From Saint John, West Saint John, Halifax, Montreal, Quebec

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It is sufficiently important to warrant separate investigation and a separate report, which will be duly submitted by another representative of our Board. The committee would say, however, that according to this report, New Brunswick's consumption of farm products exceeds to a lamentable extent New Brunswick's production—a circumstance fundamentally wrong and of exceedingly grave detriment to every conceivable activity in the province. Further, the committee understands that a somewhat similar condition prevails in Nova Scotia, and, if this is so, would very earnestly urge the seriousness of a situation which seems to have resulted from a combination of circumstances both obvious and complex. In the sincere opinion of the committee the whole intricate problem demands the immediate focus of the ablest minds in the Maritimes.

POWER DEVELOPMENT

The committee respectfully recommends that, with a view to attracting hopeful industries, hydro-electric development as a source of cheap power should always be borne in mind. In the opinion of the committee, a government is warranted in anticipating power requirements to a reasonable extent, since experience indicates that responsible industries will not establish in anticipation of the power development, more especially as cheap power is already available at so many points throughout Ontario and Quebec. In the opinion of the committee, Maritime power development should take the form of small units which could be added to as circumstances justify, even though small units may not produce as cheap power as larger ones.

The generation of cheap power, at the present, from low-grade coals such as those of New Brunswick, has also been considered by the committee. It is not impossible to generate power from coal as cheaply as from water power when the coal is cheap and properly burned, using suitable equipment. Even low grade coal can be burned to advantage in powdered form. Indeed, it seems not unlikely that by the process suggested, the cost of power production would be lower and the capital plant cost less than in the case of the small hydro units mentioned above.

LARGE INDUSTRIES

tion of imported raw materials: The committee is alive to the fact that Maritime ports are open all the year round for the import of raw materials. However, if manufacturers thereof are to be successfully exported, Maritime plants must be prepared to compete with the world. Such competition with the mass production of the United States and other industrial countries is difficult and seems to demand large, well-financed organizations; and, in this connection, experience indicates that large Maritime enterprises do, for the most part, prosper while small ones so frequently struggle, stagnate and die. Then, if this be admitted, it would seem to follow that the acquisition of large industries should be the Maritime objective. The larger production and consequent lower overhead of Ontario and Quebec plants enables them, too frequently, to dominate our markets and drive out of business with their competition little Maritime concerns in similar lines.

TROPICAL INDUSTRIES

Some industries which might manufacture or refine raw tropical products are suggested below:

1. Manufacture of industrial alcohol from British West Indian, Cuban or San Domingan molasses; or from the blackstrap made by sugar refiners; or, possibly, from New Brunswick potatoes.
2. Manufacture of chocolate or cocoa products.
3. Manufacture of wall board, etc., from baled cane fibre imported from the West Indies.

PRODUCTION FOR EXPORT.

Industries manufacturing for export: If the raw materials come from the West, the freight rate disability may prove prohibitive. However, this disability seems capable of removal or modification by an adequate readjustment of rates. The outcome of the committee's investigations seems to prove conclusively that, owing to the

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Requirements Of Seaboard Are Set Forth

By A. M. BELDING

CHARLOTTETOWN, Nov. 5.—Greetings from the Federated Boards of Trade of Ontario in session at Kingston, came to the Maritime Conference today as a further evidence of the interest of Canadians generally in the Maritime situation. Equipment of our national ports, lower freight rates from points in the Maritimes to the seaboard, a revision of freight and express rates to the central provinces markets, substantial aid to immigration, trade agreements with more foreign countries and more trade commissioners with adequate financial resources to promote Canadian trade, improved ferry and railway equipment to Prince Edward Island, and a deep water terminal and frost-proof warehouse at Charlottetown were among the subjects of resolutions adopted by the conference today.

DAY IS STRENUOUS ONE.

It was a strenuous day for the delegates, and an evening session was necessary to conclude the business as the various topics were discussed with much interest before the resolutions were adopted. Delegates are highly pleased with the results of the conference, and feel that they made a comprehensive and reasonable presentation of the case for the Maritimes.

The feeling here is that there should be a strong delegation from these provinces to Winnipeg.

The conference has been most

business-like. The only diversion and one very highly appreciated being last night's banquet by the Charlottetown Board, at which exceptionally able addresses on the Maritime situation were delivered. Charlottetown has been most hospitable, the weather delightful, and in the proceedings of the conference history has been made.

The delegates leave for home tomorrow morning.

Indian Program Is Greatly Enjoyed

An Indian night program was greatly enjoyed in the Ludlow street Baptist church rooms last night when the Indian customs, legends and history were presented. Songs, cartoon drawings and an Indian dance were included. Dr. William McIntosh, curator of the Natural History Society's museum, related several of the legends of New Brunswick Indians. Miss Olive Parsons contributed a piano solo. Lantern slides, depicting the work of the Y. M. C. A. in various parts of the world, were shown. Miss Sylvia Mills gave a talented demonstration of cartoon drawing. A duet entitled "An Indian Song" was sung by Miss Sadie Burke and Ralph Rupert, while Trail Ranger Arthur Parks gave a neatly executed Indian dance. The accompanists of the evening were Miss Sylvia Mills and Miss Sadie Burke.

Rev. W. A. Robbins was the chairman of the meeting and extended hearty thanks to all who had taken part. The tickets were in charge of Donald Maher.



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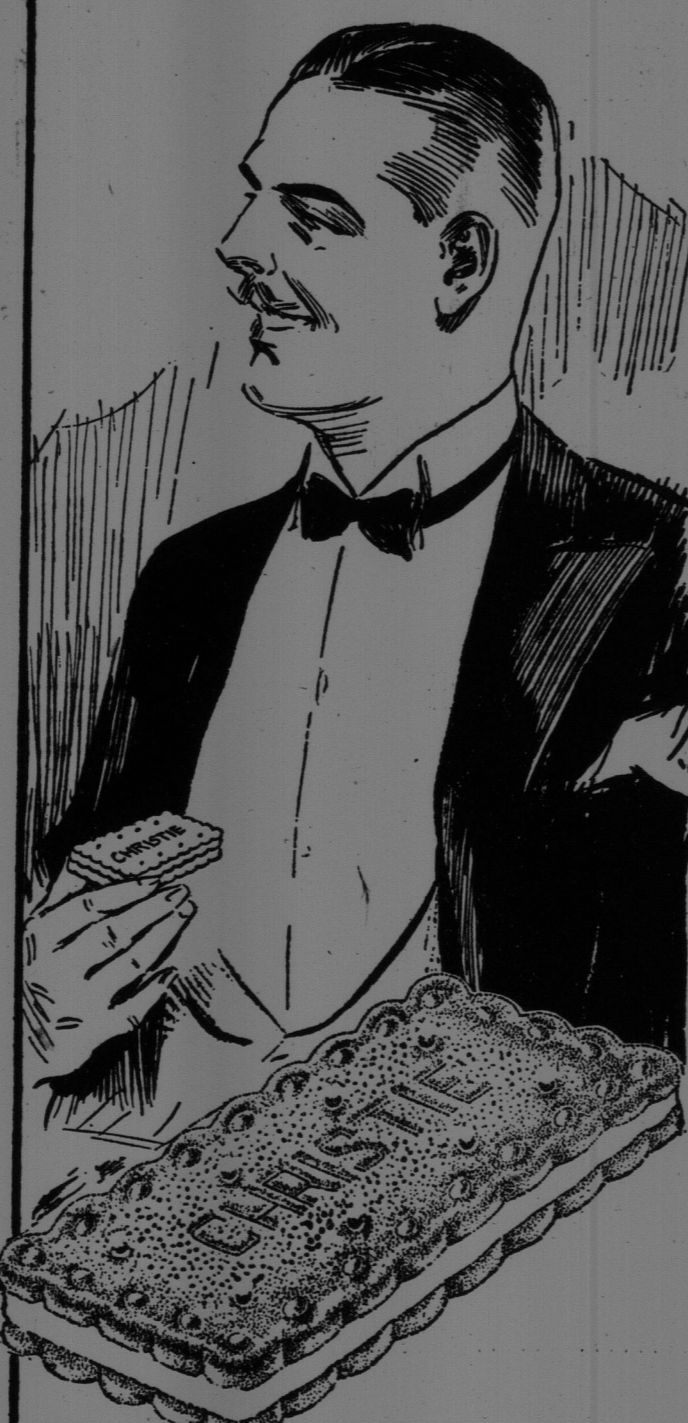
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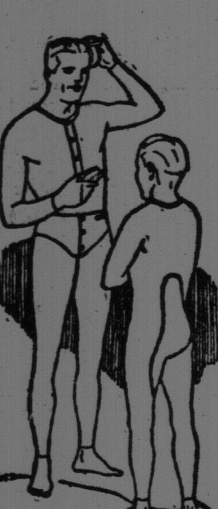
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