

Conference

BETWEEN BRITISH AND N.Y.D. MEMBERS OF EMPIRE PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION.

(Continued from 7th page.)

for discussion to-day. I agree with Mr. Lunn as to the need of taking the Colonies into the confidence of the Motherland in matters like the Geneva protocol, and that anything which would be of interest to the Colonies should be made known to them. I would like to say that the position of Australia in regard to it was quite misunderstood. The Labrador boundary question is being dealt with under the Boundary Act of 1895, and in the event of a boundary dispute there the Privy Council would decide it. In the messages in the paper this morning there was some reference to the annexation to Australia of two new states, and this might be done by the Privy Council. As to what Mr. Morine has suggested about the abrogation of the American fishing rights in our waters, I would point out that under the Treaty of 1818 the United States has the right to fish on the West Coast and Labrador for ever. In ordinary treaties this right would terminate if war commenced, but this treaty was deliberately phrased to endure for ever. That would complicate any scheme for the revision of the treaty, but I think it is not at all improbable that the Americans will abandon these claims. In the years gone by thousands of Americans prosecuted this fishery, now, however, it is practically extinct.

Arising out of this issue is the question as to the modus vivendi. The Americans have under certain arrangements the right to enter ports here without paying dues for wood, water, repairs and shelter. Since 1905 Americans have been excluded from the Newfoundland ports and allowed entry into Canadian ports. Last year, however, Canadian also excluded the Americans. This is a problem to consider in years to come in the interest of Canadian and Newfoundland fishing as against American fishing. The same issue is raised in the Halibut Treaty on the Pacific. By it Canada contracted with the United States for certain reciprocal concessions for their respective "nationals" or subjects—not for British subjects generally. If such a proposal was made as to fishery matters on the Atlantic it would become of grave concern to us for it would mean discrimination against us.

As to Mr. Morine's views about St. Pierre, I think that the St. Pierre question will solve itself, for the fishing operations are ceasing to be remunerative. The industry was first intended as the nursery for the French navy, but as France now is specializing in submarines as a navy it is not unlikely that the fishing industry will decline there. St. Pierre is now the "bootleggers' home," and if the American prohibitionists carry out their boast it will not be very hard to acquire it. What the cash value of it would be I do not know but it shouldn't be beyond our means. I apologize for the time I have taken up but as the information seemed necessary I thought these comments would not be amiss.

Captain Hope believed in difficulty preference but appreciated the difficulties that had to be surmounted before anything tangible would be accomplished. He was pained to see in the shops on Water Street such enormous quantities of American goods. He could not understand how it was the American motor cars were exclusively imported to Newfoundland when the motor car industry of England could supply all our needs. He thought that a trial should be given English cars which would lead to other trade between Newfoundland and the Mother Country. That was an industry where a preference might be considered.

At the conclusion of Captain Hope's address the conference adjourned until 10 o'clock this morning.

Personal

Mr. John Thomey, H.M.C. of Harbor Grace, was in town during the week visiting friends and returned this morning. Mr. Thomey is the son of the late famous sealkiller and Labrador planter, Captain Henry Thomey, and for several years prosecuted the seal and Labrador fisheries—three years to the sealfishery with his father in the brig Isabella Ridley. Three years with his brother, Capt. Arthur in the same ship, and nine years with the famous sealkiller and Arctic explorer, Capt. Richard Pike in the steamships Retriever, Mastiff, Ranger and Proteus. Mr. Thomey made his first voyage to the sealfishery when 16 years of age, in the brig Glenegerry. Capt. Nicholas Hamman, in 1871, when they secured a few short of 11,000 seals, and the crew shared \$209.50, and young Thomey had half his catch. This was probably the largest catch brought in by a sailing vessel, at least in weight, as they were all prime seals. Captain Joe Houlihan, also brought in 11,000, we think in the Caledonia. The Glenegerry was 180 tons, and carried a crew of 50 men.

The St. Patrick's Hall and Holy Cross Schools will re-open Monday, Sept. 7th.—sept4,21

Sailing by Silvia

The following have booked passage for Halifax and New York by s.s. Silvia, sailing this afternoon: Miss Rita Gayner, J. Murphy, Miss F. O'Neill, Miss J. Power, Miss A. O'Brien, Noel Browne, Miss Loretta E. Browne, Miss A. Healy, Miss A. Parks, Miss A. L. Mulcahy, Miss M. Summers, Miss E. Sheehan, Mrs. J. P. Purry, Miss M. E. Ryan, Mrs. E. J. Ryan, Lady White-way, Miss V. Whiteaway, L. A. Miller, E. Thistle, W. J. Martin, M. G. Martin, Geo. Martin, W. R. Bateson, Mrs. Bartlett, J. W. Smith, G. M. Harris, Miss S. G. Penney, Miss D. Scott, Miss I. Ouse, Miss F. Moore, D. Andrews, Miss D. Elliott, Bruce Fraser, Miss M. Kearney, W. Trueman, Miss Mary Comerford, Thomas Carter, A. J. Walsh, S. James, Miss Mary Ellis, Miss M. Angel, W. S. Marsh, Ralph Greaser, Miss F. Blackall, Miss M. E. Greiner, Miss B. Ivany, Miss A. Shurest, Leo P. Meadon, C. H. Johnson, Miss F. Roberts, Mrs. J. P. Bryden, Mrs. W. Tacker and baby, Miss E. Dumble, Miss M. Walsh, Miss C. Walsh, Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Parks, Mrs. A. C. Water, Miss M. Donnelly, Mrs. P. H. Ross and 2 children, Miss A. McDonald, Mrs. F. Locke, Mrs. W. P. McNich, Mrs. J. J. Blythe, Miss Blythe, Mrs. W. J. Burt and 2 children, Mrs. S. Marsh, Miss Marsh, Mrs. D. Perry, H. R. Perry, Miss L. O'Toole, Miss M. Power, P. G. Lewis, Mrs. T. J. McGowan, Miss F. M. Clark, Miss J. Burt, and 2nd class.

Monday's Big Attraction at the Nickel

Rupert Hughes' Famous Story "Excuse Me," with Norma Shearer.

With a record of being one of the most successful of stage farces, and promising to duplicate this success on the screen, "Excuse Me," Rupert Hughes' production for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer of his own play, will come to the Nickel Theatre on Monday. Those who saw the spotlight version will remember the scenes on the Fulham car, in which every variety of traveling incident happened in quick succession, and in which the audience was kept in a continual uproar.

Norma Shearer and Conrad Nagel appear as the distraught lovers, who, in order to catch the overland train, didn't have time to get married, and now cannot find a minister abroad. This is Miss Shearer's first comedy role. She was last seen as Consuelo in Victor Seastrom's "He Who Gets Slapped." Mr. Nagel, usually a serious player, sacrifices dignity in "Excuse Me" to appear as a "demi-simp."

The story adheres closely to Rupert Hughes' original idea, although the author has expended the incidents in several places to take advantage of the camera's larger scope.

Others in the cast are Renee Adoree, Walter Hiers, John Boles, Bert Roach, William V. Mong, Edith Yorke and Eugene Cameron.

Our Dumb Animals

Report Chief Agent S. P. A. Week Ending Sept. 4th.

Went to Merrymeeting Road and put to death a dog which had been causing a lot of trouble in the neighborhood. Another at the head of Mundy Pond, on the Blackmarsh Road, which had been wounded in some unaccountable way and the owner wished it destroyed.

Attended to the landing of twenty-five head of cattle and some sheep from the Sable I. All in good condition and well looked after. Also seven carloads of cattle from across country. Some of these have been on the road for five days and were in fairly good condition, taking everything into consideration. Interviewed those at railway headquarters and they said nearly everything possible is done for the comfort of the cattle and they will try to do even better in the future.

Some horses that had been in for a rest are now alright. I've had to send in three more this week. One horse that had been twenty years' service for a firm on Water Street was sold for a very small sum. It is now very lame and hauling coal. I think when a horse has given 20 years' service to its master it doesn't owe anything. It would be more humane to have the animal put to death. Through the kindness of the Inspector General I received a report from Sergt. March of Carleton Place, Ontario, that a horse named "The Sergeant" made a thorough investigation and states that there were a few sick horses the first part of the summer. One man had two horses in his field suffering from influenza. I am very thankful to Sergt. March for the interest he has taken in this matter.

So far all complaints have been attended to.

JONAS BARTER, Chief Agent S.P.A.

Shipping

S.S. Newfoundland leaves Liverpool to-day for this port.

S.S. Schem is now at Halifax and leaves there this afternoon for this port.

Joint Labor Committee Dine British Parliamentarians

The banquet tendered to the Labor representatives of the British Parliamentary Delegation last night by the joint Labor Reception Committee of Newfoundland (not N.I.W.A. as inadvertently stated) was attended by some 300 persons. Mr. G. F. Grimes, M.H.A., presided and after the menu had been discussed the toast list was gone through as follows:—

THE KING.

"THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS"—Prop. W. J. Woodford, (Telegraphers); Resp. Dr. Hayden Guest, M.P.

"THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS"—Prop. George McDonald (Boiler-makers); Resp. Rennie Smith, M.P.

"LABOR TRADES IN EDUCATION"—Prop. V. F. L'Esper, (Coopers); Resp. J. J. Lawson, M.P.

"INTER-IMPERIAL TRADE"—Prop. A. E. Earle (N.I.W.A.); Resp. W. Lunn, M.P.

"OUR GUESTS AND THE LABOR PARTY"—Prop. George H. Tucker (Electricians); Resp. D. Smith M.P.

"NEWFOUNDLAND"—Prop. Dr. Hayden Guest, M.P.; Resp. W. Williams.

The speeches which were interspersed with songs by Messrs. Wallace, Hutton and Delmar and a French Horn solo by Mr. A. Bulley, were splendidly received.

Dr. Hayden Guest, M.P., responding to the toast of "The British Commonwealth of Nations" said the war had ended a political age and marked the failure of the old leaders in the prime business of government, the provision of homes and a living for the masses. When the old ways have failed it is time to try a new idea and in the Commonwealth of Nations we have a new conception of Empire and of saving the people from war.

Labor does not stand for class antagonism but for organization to help the masses and to economically cement the nations. It stands for the resources of the nations being used for the benefit of the whole democracy of the Empire, and during its period of power in Great Britain had done more for the peace of Europe than all previous governments. A greater struggle than that of 1914-18 can only be avoided by the general adoption of Labor's plans. The struggle for emancipation against such catastrophes as war is now on, and the British constitution is the best basis to attain that end. He looked forward to the day when Labor will be returned to power and be able to carry out the desires of the people of the Empire as a whole.

Mr. Rennie Smith, M.P., said it is hard to impress upon the people the new idea and principles which Labor stands for but the cause will triumph. The great object is the pursuit of peace and it is possible to stamp out war which is the result of forces that can be mastered. The aim is to bring all to one purpose of betterment of the people and to that end greater communication is needed between the nations. By greater co-operation and organization another new-foundland may be brought about in which all will be brothers.

Mr. J. J. Lawson, M.P., dealing with Labor Ideals in Education reviewed the work done by the Labor Party in the Old Country in providing schools. The people must be educated that they may sell their labor at the right price and be trained to deal with the problems of life. There is no hate of wealth but it is the duty of the producers to take over the ruling and administration of the Empire. Prosperity brings its problems, too, and he hoped the people of this country would benefit by the experience of those in the Motherland. Referring to the statements of the press opposed to Labor, he said the so-called dole in England to-day is not a charity but the return of the money which those still working contribute to a fund, with smaller amounts from the employers and the State. The object of Labor is to train the people to solve their problems and see that wealth is used to satisfy the mental and physical needs of mankind.

Mr. W. Lunn, M.P., wondered why Newfoundland had not better communication with the Old Country and why we do not purchase more largely there. In this connection he hoped some of his questions at the Board of Trade meeting would be answered. The workers should interest themselves in this and not leave it

entirely to the business men. Britain can produce the goods and all her people want is the work which would be given by our purchasing. The people of the Dominion can see to it that this work is provided. He hoped to see the economic link with the Motherland tightened and trade improved.

Mr. B. Smith, M.P., replying to the toast of "Our Guests," thanked all for the spontaneous welcome extended and went on to point out that the Labor Party was not in being for the destruction of the Empire, but to bring about better conditions for the great masses of workers. He reviewed the rise of the Labor Party to power, and predicted their speedy return to office. Though he had long experience, he had seen none of the Russian gold said to be supplied to the Labor Party which is only out for the protection and betterment of the people. The policy of the Party is to avoid strikes, not create them as claimed by opponents. Though there are extremists on both sides, the masses are British to the core and that is the spirit which Labor wishes to see recognized in the Commonwealth of Nations. Labor believes in the knitting together of the Empire and in engendering the spirit of good-will.

Dr. Hayden Guest, proposing the toast of "Newfoundland," said he and his colleagues would ever remember the many kindnesses extended them here and felt there was a great future for the country and people. Mr. Walter Williams responded briefly, and on motion of Mr. W. W. Halfyard, a vote of thanks was heartily accorded the Labor members.

Mr. Lunn replied on behalf of the Party and the function closed with the National Anthem.

Personals

(Nfld. Weekly).

We were glad to welcome at the office of the "Weekly" during the past week:

Miss Marion Stone, formerly of the office staff of Ayre Bros. Limited. Miss Stone came to Boston two years ago and has until recently been nursing at the Leonard Morse Hospital at Nahant, and has since been transferred to the Boston City Hospital. She hopes to visit Newfoundland next summer.

Mr. Archie Wilson, son of the late Capt. and Mrs. Wilson, formerly of St. John's. Mr. Wilson left Newfoundland about twelve years ago and is at present supervisor for the Canadian Marconi Co. at Lonsburg, N.S. He informs us that the plant will shortly be moved to Montreal, when the beam wireless system will be operated. Mr. Wilson is on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Capt. Wilson, at 23 Rockland St., Roxbury, and is accompanied by his wife, Miss Lilla Wadden, daughter of the late Patrick and Mrs. Wadden of Waldegrave St., St. John's, and brother of A. S. Wadden of Water St.

Arthur E. Hawkins, formerly of Harbor Grace. Mr. Hawkins was educated at the Methodist College, and left St. John's for the U.S. in 1909. Previous to leaving he was private secretary to Sir Robert Bond.

Mr. Joseph Halleran, formerly of St. John's, and now of Roxbury, Mrs. Halleran has been spending the summer at Idylwild in a cottage on the beautiful estate of the late Thos. W. Lawson, the well known broker and author of "Frenzied Finance," who in his palmy days, twenty-five years ago, spent huge sums of money in building up this district, but died penniless a short time ago. Mrs. Halleran expects to visit Newfoundland next summer.

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VITAL STATISTICS.

CITY OF ST. JOHN'S—WITHIN THE LIMITS.

Total number of births for month of August, 1925	100	Deaths from five years and over
Total number of deaths for month of August, 1925	40	(CAUSE)
Deaths under one month	5	Septicæmia
(CAUSE)		Pulmonary Tuberculosis
Haemorrhage	1	Phthisis Pulmonalis
Jaundice	1	Tuberculosis
Asthma	1	Carcinoma of Bowel
Prematurity	2	Apoplexy
		Cerebral Haemorrhage
		Epilepsy

Deaths under one year (CAUSE)

Whooping Cough	1
Enteritis	1
Gastro-Enteritis	1
Diarrhoea	1
Cholera Infantum	1
Heart Failure	1
Deaths from one to five years	1
Accident	1

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Years	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Total number births months of August	90	96	106	110	112	90	100
Total number deaths months of August	40	71	41	71	47	75	40
Deaths under one month	2	1	5	3	4	4	5
Deaths under one year	2	28	7	17	7	37	6
Deaths from one to five years	3	7	2	4	3	2	1
Deaths from five years and over	33	35	27	47	33	35	39

W. J. MARTIN, Registrar General.

Centenary Hall School

WILL RE-OPEN

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th,

AT 9.30 A.M.

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SNOODLES

THE LAST TIME WE SAW SNOODY AND OLD "BUSFACE" ON SATURDAY THEY WERE ABOARD THE GOOD SHIP "MOOSE" OUT THERE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN UNCHARTERED LAKE. WELL, MATE, IT'S A SAD STORY—

WHOA THAR! YE'RE HEADIN' IN THE WRONG CHANNEL! THAT PLACE OVER YANKEE AIN'T IN THE MAINLAND.

TH' STEERIN' GEAR'S GONE BLOOEY! NO STOPPIN' THIS CRITTER!

WHAT'S UP??

MOO!

LOOKS LIKE OL' HOME WEEK ON TH' ISLAND.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW