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SIR WILFRID LAURIER'S SCHEME IS A GOOD ONE

His Suggestion that Imperial Government Should Subsidize Steamers Between Britain and the Colonies is Receiving Serious Consideration of British Cabinet.

LONDON, May 2.—The suggestion thrown out by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, that the Imperial government should subsidize the free trade principles, might give the colonies a quick pro quo for their preferential treatment of British goods by subsidizing lines of steamers between England and the more important colonies, is being seriously considered by the cabinet.

WILL SOON BE OVER TRACKS

Water at Indiantown is Still Rising and May Cover Car Tracks.

The water in the river is rapidly coming up and all the wharves at Indiantown were submerged even at low water this morning.

THE EXHIBITION SUBSCRIPTIONS

So Far, B. R. Macaulay Has Raised \$3,120.

The exhibition fund now reaches the handsome total of \$3,120. B. R. Macaulay stated this morning that this amount had been subscribed by first-class and responsible men, and he would now hand the list over to the exhibition association, as he had no more time to devote to the matter now.

ESTATE OF LATE HON. A. G. BLAIR

Succession Duties Have Been Paid on \$192,000.

OTTAWA, Ont. May 2.—(Special)—The estate of Hon. A. G. Blair amounted to \$192,000 on which succession duties have been paid. One-third goes to the widow and the balance is divided between the family.

WILL LEAVE U. N. B.

Dr. J. R. Inch, superintendent of education for New Brunswick, arrived today and will sail on the steamer Empress of Britain tomorrow for a visit to the old country.

MUST SETTLE FOR THE SLAP

It was reported today that a prominent manufacturer would shortly enter a suit for damages to the extent of \$5,000 on a charge of assault against a well-known contractor. It is stated that the contractor slapped the manufacturer's face and then spit upon him.

THE LATE MR. SHARP

In connection with the death of George W. L. Sharp, referred to elsewhere in this issue, the following particulars have been obtained. Deceased was 55 years of age and was born in Millville, Kings county, having been a son of the late Dr. Sharp, of Hampton.

BODIES LEFT BY ROADSIDE TO BE DEVoured BY DOGS

Relief works are being started by the committee. Hundreds are being employed filling swamps and repairing the roads, being paid from five to ten cents per day.

Missionaries and Red Cross Workers Tell of Awful Conditions in Famine Infested China.

Mail advices from Shanghai tell of many pathetic incidents observed by committees engaged in famine relief work in central China. Refugees and dogs were seen fighting for the floor split at distributing depots.

ALL STEAMERS IN PORT ARE NOW BEING WORKED UNDER NEW WAGE RATE

William Thomson & Co. Write to Longshoremen's Association Proposing That Question of Summer Wage Rate Be Submitted to Arbitration.

The demand of the longshoremen's association for 40 cents an hour for work on the vessels in the harbor, which was enforced yesterday, is still being paid by the shipping men under protest.

The following letter was sent by Wm. Thomson & Co. to the association this morning. May 2nd, A. M. 1907. The President and Members of the Longshoremen's Association, St. John, N. B.

Dear Sirs:—The notification given by your business agent that commencing on May 1st the wages on all steamers at the port of St. John would be 40c. an hour, paid holiday Saturday, double time from Saturday night till Monday morning, is contrary to the agreement executed with your society on May 8, '06, for the term of three years. This agreement reads as follows:

St. John, N. B., May 8th, 1906. Agreement made this 8th day of May, 1906, between the representatives of the following steamship lines, viz—Allan, C. P. R., Manchester, Furness, Donaldson, Head, Elder-Dempster and Battle Line, of the first part, and the Longshoremen's Association of St. John, N. B., and the undersigned members, of the second part, to wit:—

WORK ON CITY WATER SERVICE

The Lake Lattimer Pipe Will Be Repaired and New Pressure Applied to Second 24 Inch Main.

On Monday, May 12, or in just ten days, the work of repairing the concrete water supply pipe from Lake Lattimer, will be resumed. To do this the supply of Loch Lomond water will be cut off and the pump at Silver Falls, with the old water supply from the Little River reservoir will be used until the repairs are completed.

A SNOW STORM IN FREDERICTON

Slight Flurry Fell at the Capital This Morning and the Weather is Very Cold.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 2 (Special)—Cols. Drury and Wadmore inspected H. Co. of the Royal Regiment on the Barracks Square this morning. The company was exercised by Col. Chiswick and Major Flett, and made a splendid showing.

MICE CAUSE SENSATION

Two of Them Invaded Leinster Street Church and Created More Excitement Than Mary's Little Lamb.

Two mice created a sensation in one of the rooms of the Leinster street school this morning. They entered without knocking, but the whole school rose to receive them.

WILL COMMAND THE CRUIZER

Captain Frank D. Stevens took command of the C. P. R. tug Cruiser today on a trip for his health.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

PROBLEM EASILY SOLVED. Mr. Peter Binks said to the Times newspaper this morning that he could see no good reason for any wrangling among the aldermen about places for storing water pipes.

Mr. Binks points out that Queen Square is a much prettier place because it has been selected for that purpose. The nice black, shiny pipe, on a background of green, will be both pretty and artistic, and harmonious with the old gun. Thus the square are an ideal site for storage, and very charming effects might be produced by piling the pipe in various ways.

But Mr. Binks further points out that there can be no reasonable objection to piling pipe on the streets and sidewalks, which are universally recognized as a civic catch-all, for everything from a banana peel or piece of waste paper to a pile of bricks or lumber. Hence, these discussions at city hall are a sheer waste of time.

MINISTER SKIPS OUT WITH A YOUNG WOMAN

Fashionable Saint George's Anglican Church, at Hempstead, Long Island, Has a Sensational Pastor Leaves His Wife for Another Woman.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Members of the fashionable St. George's Episcopal church at Hempstead, Long Island, were astounded today when they learned their pastor, Rev. John Cooke, had departed from Hempstead, and that Miss Florella Whaley also had left her home and had written she would not return.

That official cognizance is to be taken of the mysterious departure of the pastor, is evident from a formal statement which was issued today by Bishop Burgess, of Long Island. He says that immediate action will be taken by the vestry of St. George's church to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Mr. Cooke.

FRUIT PROSPECTS ARE RATHER GOOD

Niagara Fruit Growers Say That Late Spring Has Not Done Much Damage, as Buds Are Not Far Enough Advanced.

ST. CATHARINES, May 2.—Much has been seen in the press of late concerning the fruit prospects of Niagara district, and in some instances reports have been given out that the backward spring had impaired the growth and the crop would be somewhat thin.

LIQUOR LICENSES MAY BE WITHHELD

This is the Probable Course in Ontario Districts Where Local Option By-Laws Were Quashed.

TORONTO, May 2.—It is anticipated that in districts where local option carried by three-fifths majority and subsequently the by-law was quashed on a pure legal technicality, considerable difficulty may arise in securing licenses.

JOURNALIST DEAD

Arthur McEwen, Chief Editorial Writer on New York American, Dies of Heart Failure in Bermuda.

NEW YORK, May 2.—Arthur McEwen, chief editorial writer of the New York American and well known throughout the west in journalistic circles, died suddenly yesterday at Hamilton, Bermuda.

BANK OF ENGLAND

LONDON, May 2.—The Bank of England's rate of discount remained unchanged today at 4 per cent.

NEWS OF THE WORLD AS TOLD IN SHORT METRE

Mlle. Arlette Dormerion, a well known actress, and one of the most beautiful women of the French stage, sustained fractures of the pelvis and leg, and other injuries in Paris yesterday, owing to her automobile being crushed between two street cars in the Faubourg Saint Antoine.

GREAT JOY IN STORE.

The glad news is published that next week the work of repairing the water works system is to be begun. Life will once more bubble with excitement. The athletic citizen will be able to take a bath occasionally with a dry towel, and run out to a neighbor's house to get a pail of water for the cook.

A convention of sparrows in one of the big thoroughfares in King Square last evening adopted a resolution of thanks to the civic authorities for taking the covering off the fountain yesterday. They had feared it would not be removed this year.

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