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DAVES SHATTERS U. S. TRADITIONS

ASK COMMONS KILL PETERSON SHIP CONTRACT

Montreal Board of Trade Strongly Opposes Subsidy Scheme

TO DEBATE ISSUE IN HOUSE TUESDAY

Cumard Official Assails Preston Report in Statement to Canadian Press.

MONTREAL, March 4.—The proposed Government subsidy for the establishment of a steamship service by Sir William Peterson, of London, England, or of a company to be formed by him, between Canadian and British and continental ports will be opposed by the Montreal Board of Trade, it became known today.

The council of the Board expressed the conviction that the Government's proposal would not accomplish its avowed purpose, namely, the general reduction of ocean freight rates, and it also went on record as being very strongly opposed to the spending of such a large sum of money as is involved "while the country's finances are in such a serious state" on a scheme which at the best, it was contended, is likely to benefit only a few shippers, and that "at the expense of the overburdened taxpayers."

To Petition Parliament.

The council after considering it at two meetings unanimously decided to petition the Federal Parliament in opposition to the scheme.

Another shipping affair was brought up by G. Lafley, second vice-president, to the interview held last week with the Federal cabinet by a delegation from New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, emphasizing the duty of Canadian shippers to support Canadian ports by routing their business through them whenever possible and the provision of whatever facilities may be absolutely necessary for the handling of such traffic at the various ports in Canada.

Mr. Lafley expressed the opinion that good must result from the interview, and bore witness to the ability and earnestness with which the speaker from the Maritime Provinces laid their case before the Government.

Likely Up Tuesday.

OTTAWA, March 4.—Debate on the contract between the Government and Sir William Peterson will not be continued tomorrow. Just before the House adjourned this evening the Prime Minister made this announcement. Several members who wished to discuss the matter would be absent, as it was decided to defer the discussion until next Tuesday.

Cumard Official Sarcastic.

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REALIZATION GROWING LOCAL THINKING MUST YIELD TO NATIONAL

Westerners Recognize Problems of One Section Are Problems of Entire Dominion—Regina Shows Keen Interest in Claims of Maritimes

By A. M. BELDING

Special Representative of The Telegram-Journal and Times-Star now touring Western Canada in the interests of the Maritime Provinces.

REGINA, March 4.—At a joint luncheon of the Canadian Club and Board of Trade today the case for the Maritime Provinces was heard by a large audience, which showed the keenest interest and gave hearty applause.

President M. A. McPherson, of the Canadian Club, who is a lawyer here, but a native of Cape Breton and a fellow student of some New Brunswick men at Dalhousie, gave assistance of sympathy with the plea for a better understanding and declared it must be recognized that the problems of the Maritimes are the problems of the rest of the Dominion.

National Thinking.

There had been too much of a tendency to think provincially rather than nationally and it was most desirable to have the problems of each section

of Canada made clear to all the other sections, he said.

On invitation of Principal George R. Dolan, of Regina Collegiate Institute, I addressed several hundred students and met two members of the staff who are from the Maritimes. Miss V. E. McMillan, of Halifax, and P. B. Murphy, of Prince Edward Island. There are many lower province people in Regina.

The national value of such tours as mine is the subject of comment by press and people because of a realization that the provincial and provincial thinking must give more room to national thought and effort.

their Canadian voyages. The fares were higher than in the pre-war days, so were the men's wages, but they would be a great deal lower, he said, if there were a free flow of traffic.

Quotes Kipling.

The Cunard vice-chairman did not believe that Ottawa was any different today from what it was in 1907, when Rudyard Kipling wrote his "Letters to the Family."

"With the right hand she demands tribute from British immigrants, and with the left she diminishes the volume of traffic, which alone can make the shipping cheap. On the whole, the Washington system is much more obvious."

Frowns on Scheme.

LONDON, March 4.—The Morning Post today frowns upon the decision of the Canadian Government to enter into a shipping contract with Peterson and Company, Limited, the terms of which it publishes, and thinks that it such ports whenever possible and the provision of whatever facilities may be absolutely necessary for the handling of such traffic at the various ports in Canada.

The newspaper doubts the wisdom of the experiment in view of the experience of Australia with its mercantile marine and declares that, even though the liability of the Canadian taxpayers is limited by the subsidy, it very much questions if the Canadian contract will last the decade for which it was made.

WANTS LIBERALITY SHOWN VETERANS

Nova Scotia, M. L. A., to Call For Re-submission of Legislation to Senate.

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ONTARIO HOUSE PASS STRONGER BEER PROPOSAL

Raney Amendment Opposing Government Plan Is Defeated

PREMIER'S POLICY IS GIVEN SUPPORT

Members Express View Change in Law Will Preserve Spirit of O. T. A.

TORONTO, March 4.—The Ontario Government's proposal for a stronger beer was endorsed in the Legislature tonight when the amendment to the amendment to the address, which had been moved by W. E. Raney, Progressive leader, and which opposed stronger beer, was defeated 81 to 24.

Conservatives voting for the Raney amendment were Earl Rowe, of South Simcoe, and T. L. Kennedy, of Peel. Several Liberals supported the Government against the amendment.

Two Amendments.

Following this division, Hon. George Henry, Minister of Public Works, moved an amendment to the Sinclair amendment. The Henry amendment expressed satisfaction in the Government's proposal to maintain the principle of the Ontario Temperance Act and at the same time make such changes as would destroy illicit traffic in liquor.

The amendment was carried 70 to 26. This wiped out the amendment moved by W. E. N. Sinclair, Liberal leader, which contended that the Government had broken his word by proposing stronger beer.

Y. M. C. A. WORKERS PLAN CAMPAIGN

Finance Committee Arranges Details For Canvassers in Drive.

Everything is shaping up well for a vigorous and successful campaign for maintenance funds for the Y. M. C. A. A meeting of the finance committee of the Association and the captains of the teams of canvassers was held last night in the Association building with W. R. Pearce, chairman, presiding and district objectives were set and various cards distributed, other details in connection with the campaign being also attended to.

DX GYMNASIUMS.

Off the coast of Mexico was the transport Cambria. On it, H. Wynne Edwards, radio operator, tuned in recently and picked up the call letters exercises sent out by WOR, at New York, N. Y., diagonally across the Atlantic.

CAILLAUX ADVANCES POLICY ON DEBTS

Financial Wizard of France May Again be Premier of Country.

PARIS, March 4.—Joseph Caillaux has announced the debt policy which may bring him once more to the premiership. Caillaux is the financial genius of modern France.

"It would be excessive for the Allies and the United States to demand from France the price of the uniforms in which her soldiers died," Caillaux declared, speaking as the guest of the Anglo-American Bursary Association, "but a nation desiring to be respected must pay its debts, although they are excessive."

"At the end of the war it might have been possible to wipe the debt slate clean, but it is best now merely to wipe off as much as is possible."

They say here that wherever people meet in a social way there is somebody to introduce a conversation about some place in the Maritime; and that, when two or three from that region meet, the person who wants to talk about something else calls for help. Not that the folks from the extreme east do not like the west. They do like it, and so declare without reserve, but they do not forget. The Maritime Provinces Association here has hundreds of members. Only lack of time has prevented me from meeting large numbers of them.

Business is quiet and railway traffic light in the west, but there is a better feeling, and optimism is quick to rise in these open spaces. I have asked what is thought of the wheat pool, and the answer is that some farmers who did not go into it sold wheat at ninety cents per bushel, while those in the pool have been realizing twice as much. The pool regulates sales, prevents all the grain from being thrown on the market at once, and stabilizes the price. These interested say it cannot but be of immense benefit to the farmer; and I have been told a similar organization would benefit maritime province fishermen, and others interested in marketing under favorable conditions.

Mr. Moffat, of Moirs distributing organization in Toronto, is visiting the home office.

Regular shipments are now made as far West as Calgary—occasional ones even to the Pacific Coast. Considering the distance, and the multitude of cake makers in Canada, this is a marvelous tribute to the goodness of Moirs Cake.

Last week a ton and a half of Moirs Sultana, Plain Pound and Cherry Cake went to Montreal. Feb. 7, over two tons went to St. John's, Nfld., this shipment also included Fruit Cake, Marble and Layer Cake.

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FREDERICTON, March 4.—The Board of Education meeting this afternoon received an application from the Bathurst School Board for permission to issue bonds to the value of \$80,000 for a new school building. Permission was granted. Other business was routine.

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