

## CONSIDER WAGE QUESTION FIRST

M. C. R. Conciliation Board to Take Up Other Problems Later

SHOP PROBE IS OPENED

J. M. McEvoy, K. C., Presides at St. Thomas Sitings

ST. THOMAS, July 31.—(By Staff Reporters).—The first session of the conciliation board appointed by the Dominion Government to investigate the wage reduction grievances of the Michigan Central shop employees was held this afternoon in the city hall chambers, and the hearing was taken up largely with a preliminary survey of the shopmen's attitude and arguments. The board is composed of J. M. McEvoy, K. C., of London, chairman; H. T. Macdonald, Hamilton, for the company, and W. D. Robbins, of Toronto, representing the shopmen.

Officials giving evidence in the company's case include W. H. Flynn, superintendent of motive power; J. T. Downs, superintendent of rolling stock; J. W. Fry, chief of the wage bureau of the M. C. R.; E. R. Webb, division master mechanic; and J. L. Mitchell, general car foreman of the Canada division.

Others attending the hearing are: Ernest Ingles, Montreal, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers; Louis Belmont, vice-president of the International Brotherhood of Railway Carmen; John Lane, chairman of the local M. C. R. Federation; Harry Dukes, chairman of the P. M. Federation; and Chas. Montgomerie, master mechanic of the P. M. The hours of the board will be from 9:30 a. m. till 1 p. m. and from 2 till 5 p. m. till all the evidence has been taken. At the outset, in answer to a query, Mr. McEvoy ruled that smoking was inadmissible during sessions. With pipes and cigars going at full blast a settlement seemed far off.

At the commencement Mr. McEvoy thought that the men should give a general summary of their grievances and of the conditions leading to the appointment of a board and that the company should make clear their stand in the arbitration.

**HISTORY OF CONDITIONS.**

Mr. Size in opening the case for the men gave a brief history of the conditions leading up to the present situation. In 1917 the company and employees of the M. C. R. met and came to an agreement on the question of wages, which covered all the crafts except the carmen. The wages, however, were applied to this class of workmen, although they were not mentioned in the agreement. On account of the rapidly increasing cost of living at this time the men asked for a raise in wages from 35¢ to 50¢ an hour. In December, 1917, the employees asked for another raise to 55¢ an hour and, as the company would not meet this demand, took a strike vote and 85% per cent. favored a walkout. The strike was not carried out because of the United States Railway Board taking over the road at that time. General order No. 27 of the United States Railway Board gave an increase to the men in both the States and Canada and a further increase was granted some four months later, which brought the wages of some classes up to 65¢ and others to 55¢, a cent an hour. Even then the wages did not meet the cost of living and six months later a four-cent increase was given to all crafts and a nine-cent raise to the carmen.

Continuing, Mr. Size said that in the formation of organized federations the Canadian shopmen were divided into two divisions, one of which covers all the M. C. R. shop territory. Were not the shopmen loyal Canadian citizens, they would be out on strike as the Canadians are, he declared, but the Canadian law pointed out the course to pursue and the men followed it.

**A QUESTION.**

Questioned Mr. McEvoy as to whether the Canadian shopmen would be satisfied to abide by the same decisions that governed the U. S. workers, he said that the matter opened up a broad one, but that he always maintained that Canadian shopmen on American roads should be governed by the same conditions as American workers, except where such action meant the breaking of the Canadian law. He added that the general opinion of the men was that the U. S. situation would be settled shortly.

"The shopmen here know it, the company know it and I think you know it," Mr. McEvoy, said Mr. Size.

On July 1, 1921, a cut of eight cents was made, and in the middle of August an addendum to decision 226, which took effect on Sunday and holidays, was brought into effect.

The bulletin which caused the local shopmen to ask for a board was posted in the shops on June 22, 1922, and stated that in conformity with the findings of the U. S. Railway Board, a cut was to be made, commencing July 1. Such a cut was in violation of the Canadian law, which states that 50 days' notice shall be given before changing the working conditions of the men with respect to wages. Only 48 days' notice was given by the company.

Mr. McEvoy thought that Mr. Shearer's conduct was the result of ignorance or oversight of the Industrial Disputes Act and that the company's actions after the board had been appointed seemed to show that they did not

## TO PROTEST AGAINST SHIPPING OF WELSH COAL ACROSS OCEAN

CALGARY, Alta., July 31.—Robert Livett, international board member of the United Mine Workers of America, and other William Sherman or Robert Peacock, the secretary, will leave for England next Thursday, according to a statement issued here to-day. They will accompany a deputation from the United States fields to protest against the shipping of British coal to American and Canadian cities during the strike.

run counter to the Canadian law intentionally.

On being asked for a general outline of the company's stand W. H. Flynn, superintendent of motive power, said that if it were agreeable the company would not give their argument till the "prosecution" had finished. He emphatically stated that in applying the United States Railway Board decisions to the Canadian employees there was no intention of violating the law of this country.

Besides the wage question the shopmen want some changes made in working conditions that are considered unfair. In the matter of personal grievances, the U. S. board will give no decisions regarding Canadian employees, because such are out of their jurisdiction.

The board will continue its hearings in the morning.

## HEAVY FIRE LOSS AT TROUT LAKE

Lumber Firms Suffer to Extent of \$350,000

TWO HOUSES DESTROYED

Keenan Company, of Owen Sound, Among Losers

NORTH BAY, Ont., July 31.—Six million feet of lumber, valued at about \$350,000, and two houses, occupied by Mrs. McCall and Mrs. Free, White, were destroyed by one of the most spectacular fires known in the history of this part of the country last Saturday night.

The fire, which wiped out every vestige of lumber in the mill yard of William Milne & Sons, Trout Lake, is believed to have started from a spark from a freight train and raged for practically the whole night despite the heroic efforts of the North Bay fire brigade, assisted by scores of volunteers recruited from the crowds, who motored from North Bay to watch the spectacle.

The loss is borne by a number of companies, as follows: William Milne & Sons, \$120,000; Union Lumber Company and the Standard Planing Mill, \$100,000; Canadian Timber Company, \$50,000.

Other companies and individuals who owned portions of the lumber destroyed included the Keenan Lumber Company, of Owen Sound.

**FINDS MANY AGAINST CAPITAL PUNISHMENT**

Hon. D. C. MacKenzie Says Its Abolition May Be Issue in Commons

WINNIPEG, July 31.—(Canadian Press Dispatch).—Abolition of capital punishment in Canada is a possible issue in the Commons at Ottawa before long, according to Hon. D. C. MacKenzie, solicitor-general, who is here to-day following a trip to the Pacific coast.

"I find," said Mr. MacKenzie, "that there is a growing public opinion averse to capital punishment. The question is a most serious one and deserving of the sincere and earnest consideration of parliament as a whole and should be dealt with as a party question."

**HERB WILSON'S TRIAL FOR MURDER DELAYED**

Case of Former Londoner Delayed to August 15 at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, July 31.—(Associated Press Dispatch).—The trial of Herbert Wilson, formerly of London, Ontario, for the murder of Herb Cox, his alleged accomplice in a mail robbery, was adjourned to-day until August 15. Wilson was at one time a traveling evangelist.

Wilson is alleged to have shot Cox during an unsuccessful attempt to break from the Los Angeles jail, where they were held on the mail robbery charge.

## HEROIC WORK OF VILLAGE MAYOR

Risks Life to Take Passengers Off Rapids Prince

ALL REMOVED SAFELY

Makes Forty Trips in Lifeboat to Stranded Ship

MONTREAL, July 31.—The landing in safety of over 400 passengers between 10 a. m. and 5 p. m. to-day from the Canada Steamship Company's excursion boat Rapid Prince, which went aground late yesterday afternoon, was principally due to the untiring energy and superintending of navigation of Mayor Guerin, of the Village of La Tortue, and his young helper, who steered a lifeboat 40 times, with 10 people in each load, through the turbulent waters of Lacine Rapids. This is the opinion of those who were landed, and of those who are loud in their praise of Mr. Guerin. In every case he delivered his boatload without the slightest mishap.

**SIMPLE YET DANGEROUS.**

The problem of landing the passengers from the stranded vessel was solved by a simple, if dangerous, process. One of the lifeboats was launched with a long rope attached to a winch on the deck of the Rapid Prince. A considerable difficulty was experienced in filling the lifeboat with women and children, and these had to be lowered and hauled up by men before they were safely got into the boat. When 10 people were aboard the lifeboat the signal was given and the rope loosened to its full length from the winch. The rapid current drove the lifeboats along at a great pace and at the end of the rope when the boat had reached quicker waters, small rowboats conveyed the passengers to Heron Island, while the emptied lifeboat would be hauled back by the power of the winch. From Heron Island the passengers were transhipped to La Tortue wharf, where automobiles and other conveyances took them home.

**CREW STILL ABOARD.**

At 6 o'clock to-night, J. W. Norcross, vice-president and general manager of the Canada Steamship Lines, Limited, and other officials of the company left the Rapid Prince, leaving the captain and crew on board. Efforts to free the vessel from its position on the ledge in the rapids were made both on the night of the stranding and all day to-day, but without avail. It is stated that a cable will be thrown across a small island on the mainland in an attempt to haul her off to-morrow.

**WAITER DROWNED.**

MONTREAL, July 31.—Charles Ross, waiter on the steamer Rapid Prince, which has been aground in the Lacine Rapids since Sunday morning, was drowned about 7:30 this evening, according to a wireless message received from the ship to-night.

The message stated that Ross and his assistant, Robert Armstrong, were returning to the steamer in the lifeboat when it upset. Armstrong was saved.

## FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITIES

Was First Broached With Founding of Dalhousie in 1818.

QUESTION AGAIN ACUTE

Many Attempts Made To Unite King's and Dalhousie.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 31.—(By Canadian Press).—Federation of Maritime universities, now under consideration by these institutions and recently recommended by the Carnegie Foundation of New York may be said to have been first broached with the founding of Dalhousie College at Halifax in 1818.

King's College was founded as an Anglican institution at Windsor, N. S., in 1783, and subscription to certain tenets of faith was a prerequisite for prospective students or instructors.

In 1818 the lieutenant-governor of the Nova Scotia, Lord Dalhousie, decided that there should be a seminary of higher learning in the province open to those who did not subscribe to the tenets of the Anglican Church. As a result of money collected as a fund for the establishment of King's College, Dalhousie expressed the wish that King's College unite with the University of New Brunswick, which had been founded with the purpose of effecting college union saw a setback to the movement. A contest was waged for a college appointment and the defeat of one candidate caused the Baptist supporters of Dalhousie to secede themselves and found Acadia College at Wolfville, N. S.

**TWO ATTEMPTS FAILED.**

In 1833 Dalhousie began to function as a college. Two attempts at union with King's had been made in 1822-1824 and 1828-1836, but failed. The opening in 1836 of the institution which had been founded with the purpose of effecting college union saw a setback to the movement. A contest was waged for a college appointment and the defeat of one candidate caused the Baptist supporters of Dalhousie to secede themselves and found Acadia College at Wolfville, N. S.

Dalhousie closed in 1843, to "allow funds to accumulate." The following years saw the establishment of St. Francis Xavier College, in 1855 at Antigonish, N. S., by the Methodists, and of a Presbyterian Arts College at Truro, N. S., in 1860. The University of New Brunswick had been founded at Fredericton, N. B., in 1800.

In Nova Scotia in 1869 there began a growth of a new interest in both common and higher education. Leaders in the movement included Hon. Joseph Howe, Dr. J. S. Macdonald, later principal of Queen's University, Kingston, and Rev. Allan Pollock, of the Church of Scotland. Dalhousie was organized by act of Legislature in 1863, with the expressed object at the time of uniting the various church institutions of the province into one strong, well-endowed and nondenominational university. The act stated that none should be a member of the university who was not a member of one of the churches of the province, but it provided an income of \$12,000 per annum for the support of any chair in the institution.

**CLOSE ARTS COLLEGE.**

The Presbyterians responded by closing their Arts College at Truro and supporting two chairs at Dalhousie, but withdrew this support with the death of the incumbents appointed in 1863. The Church of Scotland in Nova Scotia, without any institution of its own, endorsed a chair. Previous to the reorganization of Dalhousie the arts department of Gorman College at Liverpool, N. S., supported by Congregationalists, transferred to Dalhousie, with view

# August Half-Holiday Sales Begin To-Morrow

Not July, But August Prices For the Clearing of Summer Stocks Now

We are facing the arrival of fall stocks and price is less a factor in these sales now, as it is absolutely necessary to make room and no stocks be carried over. This policy is strictly adhered to each season by this store.

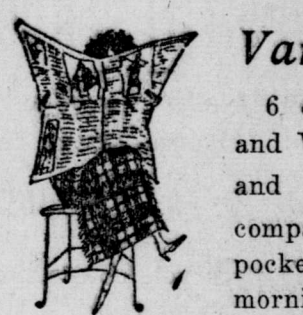
These Wednesday morning sales seem to be just timed for this purpose, affording a special day to bring such sales to your notice, and prices are certainly lower than on any previous occasion this season.



We close at 1 P.M. On Wednesday

## One Table of Summer Sport Skirts, Half Price

Here is your opportunity to procure one of those Smart Sport Models for the summer outing and fall season; attractive, pretty styles, in flannel, tweed and homespun. All to cleared on Wednesday morning at just half price, sale prices ..... \$3.25, \$4.25, \$5.00, \$7.50, \$10.00 and \$10.75



## Vanity Purses, 95c

6 dozen Nickel-plated Coin and Vanity Purses, with mirror and compartments for rouge, compact powder, lypsy and two pockets for coin. On Wednesday morning ..... 95c

## Travelling Holdalls \$1.19

In floral and black and white checks, English make, real good quality, light and dark colors. On Wednesday morning ..... \$1.19

At Toilet Counter.

## Morning Dresses Wednesday, \$1.39

Five dozen Morning Dresses, of solid color percale; the neat, pointed neck and pockets are piped with black and white; kimono sleeves finished at edge with ric rac braid; detachable belt at waist; colors are blue, helio or pink. Special ... \$1.39



## Sale of Sheetting 49c Yard

The biggest special value of the season here in Sheetting; a good strong cotton, firm, of nice clean, even weave; well bleached, most useful for regular use, especially homes where there are children's beds to be considered. You can use it on big double beds for it is extra wide, 78 inches ... 49c yard

## Factory Cotton, 15c, 7 Yds. \$1

This is not a low grade, loose-woven cotton, but a most exceptional quality; nice, even thread, of good weight and color; very free from specks and easily bleached; a great Cotton for children's underwear, pillowcases or aprons. We expect a lot of buyers early for this Wednesday morning special ..... 15c yard, seven yards for \$1.00

## Cream Canton Flannel 19c Yd.

A great opportunity for laying in supplies for baby; without question, a soft, fleecy canton is nicest for nursery purposes. This is easily washed; thickens just a little and bleaches easily in washing. A special we have been waiting to offer you. On sale 9 a. m. .... 19c yard

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to the furtherance of the establishment of a Provincial University.

An attempt was made in 1877 to bring the colleges of the province into closer co-operation by the establishment of the University of Halifax, which was to have the power of granting degrees to the students of other colleges who passed its examinations. It ceased to exist in 1881 and another attempt was made about Maritime college union was made.

A society, formed of representatives of all the colleges, was formed to bring about "consolidation" and a vigorous campaign was carried on. The board of governors and alumni of Dalhousie passed favorable resolutions. A "United Association of King's and Dalhousie" was formed in 1884 and again in 1891-1892 plans of union were agreed upon by the governors of King's and Dalhousie, but on each occasion were rejected by the Alumni Association of King's. The 1891-1892 attempt followed a proposal made by King's to all Maritime colleges that a union be effected. Dalhousie alone responded.

Two years ago friends of Dalhousie and King's met unofficially to discuss union of their colleges. No agreement was reached, however, and it was later decided to leave the question of Dalhousie-King's union over until the larger question of Maritime union was decided. This question, with the tremendous increase during the war years of operation costs and other considerations, had again become acute.

## Courtaulds Blister Brocade Silk Half Usual Price Wednesday, \$2.79 Yd.

Just two pieces for early buyers of this beautiful Silk; 40 inches wide. One of the season's novelties, purchased to sell at one-half the usual price; a charming, sheer crepe weave with raised or blister brocade, overcast with a silver tone, fashionable for either sport skirts or dresses. On Wednesday morning ..... \$2.79 yard

## Wednesday Selling In Basement

Corn Brooms, extra special ..... 39c each  
Brush Brooms, extra special ..... 59c each  
Tungsten Lamps, 25, 40 and 60-watts 3 for \$1  
S. & I. Soap Chips ..... 2 lbs. 27c  
Snowflake Ammonia Powder ..... 3 for 23c  
Lux ..... 2 for 23c  
Clothesline Props ..... 25c each  
Clothes Bars ..... \$1.19 each  
Stepladders, extra strong ..... \$2.19  
Clothes Baskets, extra special ..... 69c

## Some of Our Ready-Made Overdraperies and Valances, Soiled From Display, Wednesday Less Than Half Price, \$1.95 To \$4.95 Set

Mostly made of chintz and cretonnes; a few plain Curtains amongst the lot, green or mulberry. The majority of these are made to fit a full-size window, so kindly bring your measurements to avoid disappointment. On sale on Wednesday morning at less than half price \$1.95 to \$4.95 set

One only Bedroom Box with arms, covered in plain blue casement, cover is soiled, but can be laundered. At less than half price, sale price ..... \$10.00

**REMNANTS**—Curtain and Drapery materials—HALF PRICE.

## Bedroom Boxes, Half Off and Less; Slightly Soiled.

One only Bedroom Box, with arms, covered in gray chintz. One third off ..... \$11.50  
Four Shirt Waist Boxes, slightly soiled, lined. One-half off ..... \$1.50 each  
One Sewing Stand, soiled cover. At less than one-half off, sale price ..... \$3.95  
Two Footstools, upholstered in velour and leather. One-half off, sale price ..... \$1.75 each  
One Porch Dress, gingham cretonne; size 36. One-half off, sale price ..... \$2.50  
Four Bungalow Aprons, beautiful chintz designs. One-half off, sale price ..... \$1.75 and \$3.75

## Wall Paper Remnants, Half Price and Less

150 bundles of Wall Paper, in quantities from 6 to 16 rolls; many have borders to match, others walls only, including Papers for all rooms.

Dining, Living-room and Hall Tapestries, in gray, tan and brown colors; Grass Cloths in brown and blue, etc. Many of these in 30-inch widths ..... 15c to 50c roll

Kitchen and Pantry Papers, block and conventional patterns; gray and tan colors 10c roll

Bedrooms in chintz stripes and plain styles; all colors ..... 10c to 20c roll

Bathrooms, washable tiles, tan, blue and green ..... 15c roll

Ceilings, white and cream colors, 4 to 6-roll lots ..... 10c to 15c roll

## Floor and Porch Paint

100 cans, colors yellow, drab, light gray and orange. On Wednesday morning, quarts 60c and pints 30c.

Wall Paper—Third Floor.

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## Sport Sweaters, Don't Miss These, \$1.89

20 dozen Ladies' and Misses' Sport Pullover Sweaters, made of lovely quality fine wool, in a wonderful variety of novelty stripes, showing a beautiful combination of all the most popular colorings; sizes 36 to 42. Special on Wednesday morning ..... \$1.89

## White Silk Blouses, \$1.98

These are made of habutai silk with V-shaped neck; the full length set-in sleeves have stitched cuff with overlap; the collar can be worn high or low, opening down front with pearl buttons; sizes 36 to 44. Price ..... \$1.98

## Wednesday Morning Sales In the Men's Shop

Sale of Men's Shirts Reduced To \$1.89

A selected group of splendid Shirts, in neat patterns and stripes, soft French cuffs, Arrow and W. G. & R. make. Reduced for quick selling on Wednesday morning ..... \$1.89

## Athletic Combinations, Half Price, \$1.49

Men's Athletic Combinations, in high grade materials, fine meshes, madras, stripes, etc. Regularly twice this price, on Wednesday morning ..... \$1.49

## Cashmerette Socks, 15c Pair

Natural shade, good wearing Socks, reinforced heel and toe, elastic knitted top. Sale price ..... 15c pair

## Sale of Linen Handkerchiefs, 29c

25 dozen only Linen Handkerchiefs, half-inch hemstitched, full quality linen. Sale price on Wednesday morning ..... 29c

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of the Canadian farmers are being discussed here to-day at meetings of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, which were begun this morning and which continue through to-morrow. Consideration will be given, it is expected, to the proposal which has come from Ontario that the council be divided into eastern and western sections and there is also before the council the necessity of appointing a successor to Norman P. Lambert, who has resigned the post of secretary.

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A Pleasant, Painless Method.

Instant relief comes when you employ the "Putnam" system of removing corns. Putnam's Extractor does the necessary thing at the beginning—drops the pain. But its action does not stop here—it dissolves away the thickened tissue on calloused feet, softens up a sore corn so it drops out in the hot water foot bath. Remember the name—Putnam's—use it as directed and you can dance, walk, run—do any of these things without discomfort. To get rid of foot and toe troubles Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, 25 cents. At all dealers.—Adv.

## FORMER LONDONER ENDS LIFE AT NIAGARA FALLS

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., July 31.—Frank Doran, 70 years old, former resident of London, Ont., now of 1923 Niagara street, this city, was found hanging by a rope from the Gill Creek bridge on East Falls street, Niagara Falls, on Saturday night. He was cut down by another man and taken home. His recovery is expected.

A few days ago Doran reported to the police here that he had been robbed of a watch and \$7 in Portage road.

Sgt. Edward T. Pierce, who investigated, said that he learned that Doran had slept most of that night in the St. Mary's Cemetery here.

## HANOVER CLERGYMAN ANNIVERSARY SPEAKER

ROCHESTER, July 31.—The 40th anniversary of Rev. Carl N. Conrad, D.D., as minister of the Lutheran Concordia Church here was observed with special services yesterday and a reception will be held in his honor this evening at 8

## HEMORRHOIDS

Do not suffer another day with itching, bleeding, or protruding Piles or Hemorrhoids. No surgical operation required. Dr. Chase's Ointment will relieve you at once and afford lasting benefit. 60c a box; all dealers, or Edmanon, Bates & Co. Limited, Toronto. Sample box free.

## PLAN TO DIVIDE THE AGRICULTURE COUNCIL

WINNIPEG, July 31.—The problems

## THIS LAXATIVE HAD EFFECT

Miss Johnston glad to say Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Peppin freed her from constipation.

It is not always easy to find just the right medicine for chronic constipation, but the experience of many thousands of people is that Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Peppin is the best remedy to take. Miss A. M. Johnston of Sweetburg, Que., sought relief for years and only found it in Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Peppin. So did Mrs. H. L. Leferrier and her little daughter of Medicine Hat, Alta., and Mrs. M. Martin of Mussey, Ont. There are, of course, thousands of others, and they recommend it publicly.

There is no need to take harsh physics, cathartic pills, castor oil, calomel or dangerous coal tar medicines. You can get better and quicker results in a mild and gentle way with a teaspoonful of Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Peppin, and a dose costs less than a cent. This wonderful medicine is a vegetable compound of Egyptian Senna and other simple



Miss A. M. Johnston, Sweetburg, Que.

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## HALF-DOZEN BOTTLE FREE

Free bottle of Laxative Syrup Peppin to those who send in 6 bottles of Laxative Syrup Peppin. Write to Dr. Caldwell's Laxative Syrup Peppin, P.O. Box 100, St. Louis, Mo. Name and address of Dr. W. B. Caldwell, Front St., Bridgeburg, Ont. Write me today.