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CANADA AND UNITED STATES

Railway Commission to Have Authority in Both Countries

A despatch from Washington says: As a result of conferences between Judge Martin A. Knapp, Chairman of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and the Hon. J. P. Mabee, chief of the Railway Commission of Canada, an agreement has been reached to recommend to the Governments of the United States and Canada the creation of an International Railroad Commission, which shall have supervision over the railway rates between the two countries.

Mr. Mabee arrived in Washington from Ottawa on Tuesday night to discuss the details of an agreement he had reached with Judge Knapp last August, and on Wednesday the two officials who were designated by their respective Governments to consider the subject and make a report upon it were in conference.

No details of the report are yet available, beyond the fact that it recommends the establishment of the International Commission, upon which shall be conferred certain defined regulatory powers. Whether the Commission is to be created by treaty between the two Governments or by joint legislation cannot be announced at this time.

For a considerable period it has been realized that the increasing

traffic, both passenger and freight, between the United States and Canada was likely to render control over rates in the future difficult, unless some international action were taken.

The acquisition by American railroads of Canadian terminals and by Canadian railroads of American terminals and lines present increasing difficulties. In the existing circumstances it is not possible to compel either railways or express companies to establish joint through routes and rates to and from points in the two countries. In other words, neither an American nor a Canadian carrier may be required to furnish to a shipper a through bill of lading to any point in one country from any point in the other.

The reasonableness of the international rates, which ordinarily are a combination of the rates local to each country, can be determined only by a circuitous proceeding instituted before the commissions of both countries. No power at present exists that can require carriers engaged in international transportation to establish what may be regarded officially as reasonable through joint rates, and to apportion those rates among the participating carriers in the event of not reaching an agreement among themselves.

EARL GREY'S TRIP.

Cruiser Rainbow to Meet Him at Mouth of Mackenzie River.

A despatch from Ottawa says: It is intended that the cruiser Rainbow of the Canadian navy will be sent from Victoria to the mouth of the Mackenzie River to meet Earl Grey in the trip which he has planned for next summer to the Arctic. The time of starting will likely be in June, and will be made from Edmonton, but whether the Peace River route or another will be followed to the Mackenzie River is not yet determined. The governor-general will be escorted by a detachment of the Northwest Mounted Police, and it is stated that the trip from Edmonton to the mouth of the Mackenzie can be covered in the space of three weeks. The sea trip by the Rainbow would be four thousand miles, and would be the farthest north that a warship has ever gone.

SCOTCH WHISKEY TRADE.

Dealings for the Year Show a Great Shrinkage.

A despatch from London says: Statistics of the Scotch whiskey trade, published on Wednesday, show that dealings for the past twelve months have been the worst for many years. The shrinkage in all departments is severe. The total production is the lowest for sixteen years, having declined over 2,000,000 gallons in the twelve months.

SMALLPOX SPREADING.

Prejudice Against Vaccination in the Country Responsible.

A despatch from Montreal says: Reports received by the Provincial Board of Health on the epidemic of smallpox in the northern part of the Province are that the disease is still ravaging in the Lake St. John and north coast districts. Where the disease has caused the gravest alarm is at Hebertville, near the Saguenay, between Roberval and Chicoutimi. It is reported that a great percentage of the population are infected. According to Dr. E. Pelletier, Secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, the popular prejudice or contempt for vaccination in the uneducated portions of the Province was responsible for the outbreak.

CRUELTY TO STEP-SON.

Father and Step-mother Locked Up For Maltreating Child.

A despatch from Montreal says: Locking her step-son in a woodshed, whipping him when he cried from the cold, and only bringing him into the house to be fed, then sending him back into the woodshed again—these are details of the charge of "cruelty" made on Wednesday against Mrs. Phileas St. Jean of Chabot street. "Horrible, horrible," exclaimed Judge Lantot. "This is simply barbarous." His Honor promptly ordered both father and step-mother to be locked up, without the option of bail, pending preliminary investigation into the case.

RAILWAYS RESPONSIBLE

Locomotives Start Thirty Per Cent. of the Forest Fires.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Conservation Commission has issued a statement in regard to the starting of forest fires by locomotives, and the proposed legislation on the question.

The Commission declares that it has had investigations made by competent men and finds that thirty per cent. of all forest fires have been started by locomotives, and that they have caused enormous loss. The legislation will hold rail-

ways responsible for damage caused by fires started by locomotives unless it can be shown that all reasonable precautions have been taken to prevent such fires.

The precautions will include the best possible spark-arresting devices, efficient fire-fighting staffs to check fires which have been started, and the companies will have to show that there has been no negligence on the part of their employees in allowing fires to start or spread.

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ents, \$4.90,
\$4.70, on track,
Manitoba Wheat
as follows:—No. 1 Northern
Bay ports; No. 2 Northern,
Bay ports, and No. 3 at 93½c, Bay
ports.
Ontario Wheat—85 to 86c, outside
for No. 2 white and red Winter.
Barley—58 to 58c outside, and
feed 48 to 50c outside.
Oats—No. 2 white, 34 to 35c,
track, Toronto, and 3c outside.
No. 2 W. C. oats, 38c, Bay ports,
and No. 3 at 36½c, Bay ports.
Corn—New No. 3 American, 51½
to 52c, prompt shipment, Toronto,
freights.
Peas—No. 2 shipping, 78c out-
side.
Rye—No. 2 at 60 to 61c outside.
Ruckwheat—No. 2 at 46 to 48c
outside.
Bran—Manitobas at \$19, in bags,
Toronto, and shorts, \$21 in bags,
Toronto. Ontario bran, \$19,
sacks, Toronto, and shorts, \$22.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

Apples—Spys, \$4.50 to \$6; B
wins, \$4 to \$5; Greenings, \$4 to
\$4.50; No. 2 assorted, \$3.50 to
\$3.75 per barrel.

Beans—Car lots, \$1.60 to \$1.70,
and small lots, \$1.80 to \$1.85.

Honey—Extracted, in tins, 10½
to 11c per lb. No. 1 comb, whole-
sals, \$2 to \$2.25 per dozen; No. 2
comb, wholesale, \$1.75 to \$1.85 per
dozen.

Baled Hay—No. 1, \$12.50 to \$13
on track, and No. 2 at \$10 to \$11.

Baled Straw—\$6.50 to \$6.75 on
track, Toronto.

Potatoes—Car lots, 10 to 75c per
bag.

Poultry—Wholesale prices of
dressed poultry:—Chickens, 12 to
13c per lb.; fowl, 9 to 10c per lb.;
ducks, 13 to 14c per lb.; turkeys,
19 to 21c per lb., and geese, 13 to
14c per lb. Live, 1 to 2c less.

THE DAIRY MARKETS.

Butter—Dairy prints, 22 to 24c;
choice dairy solids, 21 to 22c; infer-
ior, 18 to 19c; choice large rolls, 21
to 22c. Creamery 27 to 28c per
lb. for rolls, 25c for solids, and
24 to 25c for separator prints.

Eggs—Case lots of pickled, 27c;
cold storage, 27 to 28c; selected, 30
to 31c; and strictly new laid, 38 to
40c per dozen.

Cheese—Large at 12½c, and
12¼c.

HOG PRODUCTS.

Bacon—Long clear, 12½ to 13c
per lb. in case lots; mess pork, \$24;
short cut, \$26.

Hams—Light, to medium, 16c;
do., heavy, 15c; rolls, 12½c; shoul-
ders, 11½c; breakfast bacon, 18c;
backs (pea meal), 18½c.

Lard—Tierces, 12½c; tubs, 12¼c;
pails, 13c.

BUSINESS IN MONTREAL.

Montreal, Jan 3.—Oats—No. 2
Canadian Western, 39 to 39½c; ex-
tra No. 1 feed, 38½c; No. 3 Cana-
dian Western, 38½c; No. 2 local
white, 37½c; No. 3 local white,
36½c; No. 4 local white, 35½c. Bar-
ley—Manitoba No. 4, 48 to 48½c.
Flour—Manitoba Spring wheat pa-
tents, firsts, \$5.60; do., seconds,
\$5.10; Winter wheat patents, \$4.
75 to \$5; Manitoba strong bakers',
\$4.90; straight rollers, \$4.35 to
\$4.50; do., in bags, \$2 to \$2.05;
extras, \$1.65 to \$1.75. Feed—Onta-
rio bran, \$19 to \$20; Ontario
middlings, \$22 to \$22.50; Manitoba
shorts, \$21 to \$22; Manitoba bran,
\$18 to \$20; pure grain mouillie,
\$31 to \$32; mixed mouillie, \$25 to
\$28. Cheese—Westerns, 11½ to
12c and easterns 11¼ to 11½c. But-
ter—Choicest, 25½ to 25¾c, and
seconds, 24 to 24½c. Eggs—Strictly
new-laid, 55c per dozen; select-
ed stock, 32c; No. 1 stock at 27c,
and No. 2 at 23 to 24c.

UNITED STATES MARKETS.

Buffalo, Jan. 3.—Wheat—Spring,
No. 1 Northern, carloads, store,
\$1.13 to \$1.13 1-8; Winter No. 2
white, 93c. Corn—No. 3 yellow,
49½c; No. 4 yellow, 47c, on track,
through billed. Oats—No. 2 white,
35½c; No. 3 white, 35¼c; No. 4
white, 34½c. Barley—Malting, 87
to 90c.

Minneapolis, Jan 3.—Wheat—No.
1 hard, cash, \$1.02 7-8; No. 1 North-
ern, cash, \$1.01 3-8; December, \$1.
00 7-8; May, \$1.03 ¼; July, \$1.04 ½.
Flour—First patents, \$4.75 to \$5.
25; second patents, \$4.75 to \$5.
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