

FIRST "NIGGER" DISCOVERED IN WOODPILE

Congress Will Amend Paper and Wood Pulp Provision of Reciprocity Agreement—Canada Would Benefit.

SECRETARY KNOX AUTHORIZES CHANGE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 7.—As a result of the growing belief that the paper and wood pulp provision of the new Canadian reciprocity agreement will operate one-sidedly to the benefit of the Dominion without a corresponding benefit to the United States, an important change is likely to be made by Congress in the measure before it is ratified.

Paper manufacturers and others who have studied the agreement closely, believe that the language of the arrangement is so drawn that the United States may be compelled to admit paper free, before Canada complies with her part of the agreement.

Secretary Knox of the State Department sent a letter to the committee today, stating that he commiserates with those who framed the reciprocal arrangement, but arrived at only a tentative agreement upon the paper schedule.

It was believed that Canadian paper of pulp would not be admitted into the United States until the Canadian provinces had rescinded their restrictions against exportation of logs.

The trouble arises over the distinction in Canada between "crown lands" and "private lands" and the rulings that the treasury department at Washington has made on this subject.

Members of the Ways and Means committee stated today that this was the opinion they had had of the reciprocity agreement first made public.

This was made more apparent, they point out, by the language of the Canadian reciprocity enabling measure, which would exclude free admission to Canada of all American paper until all provincial restrictions in respect to the exportation of pulp logs were removed.

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ROBERT McDUGALL. Gall, Ont., Feb. 7.—The death occurred this morning of Robert McDougall, a well known citizen and manufacturer, in his 85th year.

LEGISLATURE WILL MEET MARCH 2ND

Provincial Government Put Through Record Amount of Business at Meeting Yesterday in Preparation for Opening of Session Next Month Delegation Going to Ottawa—City Meeting.

Fredericton, Feb. 7.—The New Brunswick legislature will convene for the despatch of business on Thursday, March 2nd.

Announcement to that effect was made tonight by Premier Hazen, following the meeting of the provincial government, the date having been settled upon late this evening.

The members of the delegation were Chancellor Jones, Dr. Thomas Walker, and Dr. W. W. White, of St. John and Judge Barry and J. D. Philney, of this city. The delegation was promised favorable consideration of their requests.

Dr. Murray MacLaren, of St. John, was appointed a member of the university senate succeeding the late Hon. George F. Hill.

Letters patent were ordered to be issued to the Imperial Dredging Company, the Rothwell Coal Company, the Port Elgin Fish Company, Richards and Carr Harris Company. The latter will establish a clothespin manufacturing business at Bathurst.

Mrs. Annie J. Clarke resigned as school trustee of Newcastle and the resignation was accepted.

Oliver N. Miller was appointed a member of the board of school trustees of the Consolidated school at Florenceville, Carleton county in place of Levllyn Smith, resigned.

Hon. Robert Maxwell, president of the executive council reported that the granite tablet bearing the coat of arms of New Brunswick had been completed at St. George and forwarded to Halifax to be placed with the arms of other provinces in the memorial tower there.

J. D. Black, news editor of the Gleaner, was appointed official reporter of the legislature, having held the position last year.

Much Business Disposed Of. There was a total of 69 items on the schedule of business which came before the government today and everything was cleaned up by tonight.

NO CONTEST FOR EVANS MILLIONS. Depositions of Heirs At Law To Be Taken By H. H. Pickett and Boston Man For Division After Death.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 7.—The depositions of the heirs at law and next of kin of the late multi-millionaire, Robert Dawson Evans, in Canada and the United States, will be taken by H. H. Pickett, of St. John and Homer Albers, of Boston.

The supreme judicial court today, on petition of Mrs. Maria A. Evans, the widow, appointed Albers and Pickett to take the depositions of the heirs at law and next of kin, in order that it may be used in connection with the distributing of several million dollars after her death, Evans having died childless.

PUBLIC WORKS ESTIMATES UP IN COMMONS

Reciprocity Debate Deferred Until Thursday By Mutual Consent Of Parties—Pugsley Worst in Debate.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—The Commons spent the greater part of the day in discussing public works estimates, in the course of which there were some interesting questions under review.

At the opening of the House Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that the consideration of the reciprocity arrangements would be deferred until Thursday. This had been decided after consultation with Mr. Forde.

City Legislation. The city council this evening decided upon the programme of legislation to be sought this year from the provincial legislature. The list includes a bill to amend the act governing the police department and changing the composition of the police commission so that the mayor, police magistrate and a member appointed by the provincial government will form the commission.

It was decided to increase the assessment for school purposes, \$1,000 for this year so that the school trustees can put into effect their plans for increased salaries for the school teachers.

The requests for the extension of the water system to the Victoria Mills for the protection of some of the city's principal industries in that section of the city will be taken up at a special meeting of the council in the course of a week or two.

DR. JOHN REID, M. P. He Worst Pugsley in House Debate Yesterday.

Hon. Mr. Graham continued the figures given yesterday as to the cost of the Eastern division of the National Transcontinental Railway up to the end of December, 1910. The cost was \$83,920,956.

When the vote of \$25,000 for repairs, etc., to Rideau Hall was under consideration Dr. Reid (Grenville), asked if there was any truth in the report that the government had decided to erect a new residence for the Governor General.

Mr. Pugsley replied that Rideau was not creditable to this great country. Improvements involving \$300,000 had been proposed, but he personally thought it would be better to sell the residence—the value of which was \$700,000—and erect a new Government house on some commanding site in the city of Ottawa, which would be a credit to the country.

Mr. Crosby, of Halifax, asked what had been done regarding the overpayment of \$45,000 made for the lighting of the Woods and Canadian Buildings at Ottawa. Mr. Pugsley had promised last year, he said, that unless the money was refunded the parties responsible would be prosecuted.

Mr. Pugsley said the papers in the case had been handed over to the department of Justice, but no report as to the action to be taken had been received.

SOME QUESTIONS FOR MR. SHERMAN

Cedar Rapids Commissioner Interrogated on Conditions Peculiar to Western Cities, Where He Claims Commission Form of Government Has Proven Success—Not Giving Whole Time to Work

There was a large and representative audience in the Opera House last evening to hear the address on the commission form of government by E. A. Sherman of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Mr. Sherman occupied the chair and about thirty citizens occupied seats upon the stage.

Mr. Barnaby opened the meeting at 8:30. He told how the movement for a change in the system of city government in St. John originated with the advertising committee of the Board of Trade. At the outset, he said, the committee entered into correspondence with other cities where the commission form of government had been in effect.

He then said he would take the privilege of a minister and speak from a text in the Acts of the Apostles: "A Citizen of No Mean City."

He then dealt with the circumstances surrounding the statement of Paul as outlined in the text. Paul was proud of his city—Tarsus—and the mention of the city was such as to inspire respect.

Mr. Sherman continued the address, saying that although he was 1500 miles away from home, he did not feel like a stranger in a strange land.

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JUAREZ LIVES IN TERROR OF REBEL ATTACK

Slight Skirmish On Hills Surrounding Town Watched By Americans In El Paso From Across River.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 7.—At 2 o'clock this afternoon a big band of insurgents rode out of the mountains to the river opposite here, between El Paso and the El Paso Smelter on the Mexican side, less than two miles north of Juarez.

SEVERAL KILLED IN YESTERDAY'S BATTLE. After their first retreat the Federal troops advanced against the insurgents. The rebels began slowly retreating into the hills, fighting as they went.

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TORONTO VOTES AGAINST UNION

Presbytery Does Not Approve Of Basis Prepared By General Assembly—Asks For Another Plan.

Toronto, Feb. 7.—By a vote of 35 to 21 the Toronto Presbytery today expressed disapproval of the basis of church union submitted by the General Assembly. The matter had been discussed at three previous meetings.

The first vote today was a tie, 32 to 32, on a show of hands.

On the "yeas and nays" being taken the vote was 35 to 21. A committee was appointed to prepare for the General Assembly a report indicating the points to which objection had been taken.

On the general question of Church Union, the Presbytery passed a resolution heartily approving of the closest union in fellowship and work between all evangelical denominations, and organic union if possible.

The Presbytery requested the General Assembly to again submit the basis to the presbyteries without requiring either direct approval or disapproval.

GEORGE V. MAY VISIT ROME. Rome, Feb. 7.—The announcement that the German emperor will visit Rome as the guest of the quiral, next March on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of Rome as the capital of united Italy, has caused the report that other heads of states may come also during the celebration.

Those mentioned more particularly being President Falliers, of France, and King Haakon, of Norway. King Peter, of Serbia will arrive here Feb. 15 and it is thought not improbable that King George may visit Rome after the Coronation.

PARADE STARTS STREET BATTLE. Lisbon, Feb. 7.—A religious procession, held despite the prohibition of the government, led to a series of street conflicts today. Casualties are reported in the official account, and twenty arrests were made.

MYSTERIOUS VAGRANT GOES TO PRISON. Woodstock, Ont., Feb. 7.—A young man giving the name of McGowan, was arrested here a week ago as a vagrant. Beyond saying that his people live on Sheburne street, Toronto, he refused to tell their address and on coming up today on remand, was sent to Central prison for six months.

BRITISH BOYCOTT FOR LIBERATOR PRINTER. Paris, Feb. 7.—A threatened British boycott has made it necessary for Edward H. James to find another printer for the Liberator. The printing firm that has been doing the work notified him today that they had been informed by a deputation from the British Chamber of Commerce here that if they continued the publication of the paper that had libelled King George, they would cause the establishment to lose other and more important business.

As certain legal formalities must be complied with before a new printer can undertake the work, the next issue of the Liberator will probably be delayed a week.

IMPERIAL STATION RUINED. St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—The Imperial railway pavilion at Tsarsko-Selo, was burned to the ground today. There were no casualties.

UBONIC PLAGUE. St. Petersburg, Feb. 7.—A despatch to the Novoe Vremya from Pekin says that the plague has broken out in the inner city and that a Buddhist priest has died from the disease.

GERMANY HAS NEW MINISTER TO CHINA. Berlin, Feb. 7.—E. Von Haxthausen, formerly German minister to Bolivia, has been appointed minister to China in succession to Count Von Rex, who has been made ambassador to Japan.

STEAMER ALLIANCE ASHORE ON REEF. New York, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The steamer Alliance at sea, reported by wireless this afternoon that she had sighted the British bark Calhounshire ashore on a reef on Walling Island in the West Indies. The U. S. steamship Birmingham it was added, was taking off the crew. The Birmingham referred to is presumed to be the one which left Wilmington, N. C., on Jan 17 for Port Arthur, Texas, and Melbourne, Australia.