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WANT SETTLERS FOR FARMS IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Board of Trade Committee to Interview Government on the Matter

INDUSTRIES QUESTION

Touched on at Annual Meeting of Board—W. E. Foster is Re-elected President—The Suggestion of an Agricultural College for This Province.

At the annual meeting of the St. John board of trade yesterday afternoon a motion was passed directing the council of the board to appoint a committee to interview the provincial government on the subject of inducing immigrants to settle on the farms of this province.

The president, in his annual address, referred to the question of granting running rights to the C. P. R. over the I. C. R. and the fact that the Atlantic mail contract is in the hands of competent committees.

The past year had not been a banner year in business nor had it been one of marked depression. He regretted that the new members were not taking greater interest in the meetings.

In connection with the new industries committee, he anticipated their failure to induce industries to come to the city to the fact that many other towns and cities offered bonuses and other inducements.

The Montreal Standard had, he said, consented in the near future to publish an eight-page supplement dealing with the city as a winter port.

The draft of the council report telling of the year's work was adopted and the election of officers was next in order.

W. M. Jarvis nominated W. E. Foster for re-election as president. This was seconded by H. Schofield and Mr. Ross was unanimously re-elected.

Theodore H. Estabrooks was re-elected vice-president. The board of arbitration was re-elected as follows: Geo. McKean, Joseph Bullock, and James J. Robertson.

The following ten members of the council were elected: G. E. Barbour, H. B. Schofield, W. S. Fisher, J. Hunter White, W. F. Hatheway, M. P. P., John Sealy, H. C. Schofield, G. E. Fisher, J. N. Harvey and W. C. Cross.

In connection with the question of quarterly instead of monthly meetings, W. M. Jarvis said it was within the power of the council to deal with the question.

Mr. Schofield suggested that the act under which the city council is empowered to make concessions to such industries as are not yet represented in the city be printed in the annual report.

He thought that St. John had made satisfactory progress during the past ten years as a manufacturing center. He believed that the board of trade could lead a great deal of assistance to the provincial government in developing the agricultural interests in the country, which would be better for the city perhaps than anything else.

F. A. Dykeman thought that the board might concentrate their efforts towards getting legislation prohibiting other cities from bidding against St. John in procuring new industries.

J. N. Harvey and W. F. Hatheway supported strongly the views of Mr. Schofield. Mr. Hatheway contrasted conditions as they existed in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Nova Scotia had agricultural colleges to which this province had the right to send students.

New Brunswick, however, ought to have an agricultural college of its own and ought to spend as much money as possible in the education of the farming community.

The farmers were beginning to realize the necessity of improved methods of dealing with their land and he felt that everything possible should be done to help them.

Mr. Jarvis took occasion to ask Mr. Hatheway if he were aware that the im-

MARINE INQUIRY AT OTTAWA DEC. 15

Several Witnesses to Be Examined, Which Will Take About Ten Days

SMITH FOR CABINET?

It is Said Member for Nanaimo Will Be New Minister of Inland Revenue—General Swayne at the Capital on Hindoo Mission.

Ottawa, Dec. 8.—Justice Cassels, who is conducting the marine inquiry, and Dr. Charles Morse, secretary of the commission, returned today from Halifax, where the final sitting was held on Friday.

The inquiry will be resumed in Ottawa on Tuesday, Dec. 15, and several witnesses whose evidence could not be taken at other points visited by the commission, will be brought here for examination.

It is expected that about ten days will be occupied in the sittings here, which are intended to close the investigation. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has, it is confidently asserted, decided to accept Hon. William Templeman's resignation from the cabinet and will offer the portfolio of inland revenue and mines to Ralph Smith, M. P. for Nanaimo.

Brigadier-General Swayne, governor of British Honduras, has arrived in Ottawa in connection with his mission to aid in settling the Hindoo problem which is both the imperial and Canadian authorities. The proposal was made some time ago to send the Hindoos, now in Vancouver, to British Honduras, where there are in progress important public works which would give the Hindoos steady employment without exciting the opposition of other labor. General Swayne will spend a day or two in Ottawa in consultation with the government and will then proceed to the Pacific coast.

POOR REPORT ON CONDITION OF WINTER WHEAT

Washington, Dec. 7.—In showing winter wheat conditions 85.3 against 91.1 a year ago, and a ten year average of 92.2, rice conditions of 85.6 against 91.4 a year ago and a ten year average of 85, with indications of a total area of winter wheat 29,884,000 acres, and rye area 1,835,000 acres, the department of agriculture today issued its report on the two cereals for Dec. 1. The newly seeded area of winter wheat is estimated at 5.9 per cent less than the revised estimated yield shown in the fall of 1907, equivalent to a decrease of 1,762,000 acres. The newly seeded area of rye is estimated at four per cent less than the area sown in the fall of 1907, equivalent to a decrease of 80,000 acres.

MR. WATTERS BROKE THROUGH MAGAGUADAVIC ICE AND DROWNED

Maguadavic, N. B., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—A drowning accident occurred here Friday morning. Mr. Watters, from Upper Maguadavic, was coming down to the mill and went through the ice about two miles out on the lake. He was about thirty-five years of age and leaves a wife and three children in the town of Maguadavic. The body was recovered Saturday afternoon.

SENATOR BAIRD BETTER

Senator Baird, of Andover, who has been quite ill for some time at his home, was reported very much improved Monday.

The senator will leave for home after a little more treatment.

Mrs. Leslie Carter Freed of Debt.

New York, Dec. 7.—A discharge in bankruptcy was granted to Mrs. Caroline Leslie Carter Payne, the actress. According to her schedule, Mrs. Payne's liabilities amounted to \$194,418, and her assets \$57,920.

Migration office of the provincial government was about to be closed. He was in there the other day, he said, and Mr. Boyne, the secretary, had assured him that he had received notice of dismissal and that the office were to be closed.

MAYOR DECIDES TO GIVE CASTING VOTE IN FREDERICTON COUNCIL AGAINST STENOGRAPHER'S BILL

Alderman Walker Talks One Way and Votes the Other—Council of Board of Trade Takes Steps to Have River Dredged to Woodstock.

A FUNNY INCIDENT

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 7.—The city council at a special meeting this afternoon, with a full board present, decided on the mayor's casting vote not to pay Miss Pugh's bill of \$85 for reporting the evidence before the police commission and instructed the city clerk to defend the suit which she has commenced against the city to recover the amount.

At a meeting last week the council voted to pay the bill but payment was stopped by the mayor at the request of several aldermen.

At today's meeting Alderman Walker moved reconsideration and the motion was carried by vote of 8 to 4. Alderman Walker then moved a resolution which set forth that as Miss Pugh's bill had been contracted without authority of the council it should not be paid, and instructing the city clerk to defend the suit against the city. At the close of a spirited debate the council was treated to the spectacle of Alderman Walker voting against his own resolution, making the vote a tie. The mayor gave the casting vote against the payment of the bill and justified his action by stating that it had been adversely reported upon by administration of justice committee.

McMullin Still in Office. Factory Inspector McMullin is here tonight on his way to Marysville to inspect the Gibson cotton mill. At a meeting of the council of the board of trade this evening a committee was appointed to wait upon Mr. Pugsley and urge that steps be taken to have the river between St. John and Woodstock dredged next season. Col. McLean and E. B. Carvell, M. P.'s, will be invited to co-operate.

It was decided to write a letter to the minister of agriculture emphasizing the important fact that the increase in freight rates had practically shut New Brunswick turnips out of the Boston and New York markets. The railway committee of the board was authorized to look into the matter.

In the police court this morning James Humphrey, of Marston's Mills, appeared yesterday charged with stealing a bottle of whiskey from Humphrey. He gave the bottle to the police and appeared in court this morning and told his story. Then an adjournment was made to allow Humphrey, who was arrested Saturday and pleaded not guilty, to procure counsel.

The death took place at the Municipal Home yesterday of Robert Manzer, aged 74 years. A. O. H. Division No. 1 of this city, yesterday called on Ottawa some time ago and No. 2 Division St. Marys elected John Duffy president.

Frederiction is having its first real snow of the season today and this afternoon started snowing soon after daylight this morning and did not stop falling steadily since then. There is now a general crossing on foot on the ice.

CANADA RELAXES QUARANTINE RULES

Ottawa, Dec. 7.—There is to be a minor relaxation of the Canadian cattle quarantine for the benefit of tramp shipping on the Atlantic coast.

The regulation will be so relaxed that a steamer from a port in a state which is not in quarantine, such as Boston, if it leaves that port without cattle, can call at Portland and take a general cargo and then go to St. John or Halifax for cattle.

SEVEN MORE PROTESTS IN SASKATCHEWAN AND ALBERTA RIDINGS

Edmonton, Alberta, Dec. 7.—The following seats have been protested: Liberals—Hon. Frank Oliver, Edmonton; Wilbert McIntyre, Strathcona; Dr. Clarke, Red Deer. Conservatives—J. MacRath, Medicine Hat; John Herron, Magrath; M. S. McCarty, Calgary.

The three Liberals elected in the northern part of the province are protested, while the same applies to the Conservatives in the south. The only seat not protested is that of S. W. A. White, Liberal, of Victoria.

CURREY DIVORCE CASE UP AGAIN

Dr. Thomas Walker of Opinion That Mrs. Currey Is a Monomaniac

THE FAMILY PHYSICIAN

Tells of Wife's Tales of Husband's Ill-treatment, But He Didn't Believe Her—Says Dr. Currey Drank More Than Was Good for His Health.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 7.—The hearing in the Currey divorce case, postponed from last month, was resumed here today before Judge Gregory. Dr. Thomas Walker, the Currey family physician, was on the stand until after 4 o'clock, and when he had concluded his testimony, Miss Ada Tapley, trained nurse, who attended one of the Currey children last spring, was sworn, but her examination was not proceeded with. It is expected the case will engage the court the remainder of the week.

The Currey divorce case was continued this morning with the consent of all the parties present. Dr. Currey, who was giving testimony when court last adjourned, was stood aside for the present in order to take the evidence of Dr. Walker, of St. John, the Currey family physician.

Dr. Walker told of his attendance during the past summer on the Currey child and stated that in his opinion the child received no medical treatment. The doctor said in answer to Mr. Skinner that several times in the past two years Mrs. Currey had complained to him of treatment she had received from a nurse and she had refused to give her money and ill-used her and the children. One day on the street Mrs. Currey told the witness that her husband was a murderer and she said that it was her husband who had murdered her father. Doctor asked her how that was and she replied his death was owing to the treatment that she had received at the hands of her husband. Dr. Walker's opinion from his impression was that Mrs. Currey was a monomaniac and would not say she was insane, but she seemed to be a maniac on one particular point. During the period Dr. Walker attended Mrs. Currey she was very nervous and did not do anything for the child possible and paid willingly for everything desired. He never heard anything wrong with Mrs. Currey during his visits. He had attended the births of three children and in all his attendance he had never seen any of these rows spoken of. What the witness saw in the household was quietness. He never saw anything unusual or abnormal as compared with other households. He saw no difference between the Currey family and that of others.

HARTLAND MAN DROPPED DEAD

David Day Stricken With Heart Disease While Unloading Hay at Station. (Special to The Telegraph.)

Hartland, N. B., Dec. 7.—A shocking sudden death occurred here this afternoon when David Day, a farmer living near the village, fell dead as he was handling baled hay at the station. He was carried into Devitt Bros' office and a physician summoned, who said death was probably instantaneous and heart disease, from which he had been a sufferer, was the cause.

Mr. Day was well to do and a widower with two daughters, one of whom had returned to England. Since then he has acted as special correspondent for the Times in connection with Canadian affairs on many occasions. Last year, at the request of the dominion government, he went through Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and P. E. Island to report on the suitability as new homes for old country farmers.

TAFT URGES 'SOLID SOUTH' TO BREAK FROM POLITICAL PAST

New York, Dec. 7.—President-elect Wm. H. Taft, who came to New York today to address the North Carolina Society of this city, was given a tumultuous reception tonight by the members of the organization and by prominent men from all parts of the south at the annual dinner of the North Carolinians at the Hotel Astor.

In the course of an address, which was confined entirely to the south and its problems, Mr. Taft did not hesitate to follow up what he regards as the advantages of his trip through the south during the recent campaign and urged again that the voters of that section should break away from the sentiment and traditions of their political past and cast their ballots in accordance rather with their genuine economic and political beliefs.

REPUBLICANS SWEEP PORTLAND, ME, IN CIVIC ELECTIONS

Portland, Me., Dec. 7.—The Republicans in the city election today re-elected Mayor Adam P. Leighton for a second term with a plurality of the second largest in the history of the city, six to eight. The principal in the case were both in court all morning. Dr. Currey occupying a seat alongside his counsel, Hon. C. N. Skinner. Under cross-examination by Mr. Teed, witness said that he did not think it was necessary for Mrs. Currey to take the children to the country in August last. He considered the idea that it was necessary to take children to the country in summer from a pool city like St. John was all nonsense, although he admitted that it was quite a fact.

He said Mr. Currey had a delicate stomach, and witness had treated him for gastritis. He would not say the ailment was caused by excessive use of alcohol, but it never seen Currey under the influence of liquor, but had seen him when he had taken too much.

STEEL-COAL ARGUMENT OVER THUNDERER IS IN ST. JOHN

Both Sides Confident of Victory Before the Privy Council

COST ENORMOUS

It is Estimated That Each Litigant Has Spent \$70,000 Since Taking the Case to England—Famous Lawyers Indulge in Lively Sparring.

Montreal, Dec. 7.—A London correspondent cables that argument in the Steel-Coal case ended today: Judgment was reserved and there is a possibility that it may not be delivered until about February.

The spectators included nine ladies, members of the families of the principals in the big trial. The Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, postmaster-general of Canada, was also an interested onlooker.

The day was, on the whole, an interesting one. Ex-Judge Nesbitt continued his argument on behalf of the steel company, and was followed by W. O. Danckwerts, K. C., for the coal company.

RIOTING QUEENS COLLEGE STUDENTS GOT OFF WITH FINE

Hooted Mayor After Court Proceedings for Not Releasing Them After Arrest.

Principal Gordon Assures Judge That Such Conduct Will Not Occur Again—Alma Mater Society to Pay the Damages Done During Mele.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 7.—The rioting by Queens University students Saturday night, which probably was the last of the kind that will occur here by students of the Presbyterian university, as both the senate and Alma Mater Society have taken action to hereafter keep the students under control. This afternoon the Alma Mater Society will meet to condemn Saturday night's riot and to provide money to pay for the damage.

JOHNSTON, L. O. L. ELECTS OFFICERS

Johnston Lodge, No. 24, L. O. O. A., elected the following officers last evening: J. L. Cogswell, W. M.; Jas. McKinney, Sr., D. M.; John Barnes, chaplain; M. A. MacLeod, recording secretary; W. Simpson, financial secretary; Jas. Holman, treasurer; John T. Howe, D. of C.; Charles Myers, lecturer; Walter Munford, deputy lecturer; Henry Butt, foreman of committee; D. V. Webster, D. W. Dunham, J. G. Sullivan, Thomas McAtee, members of committee.

The reports of the officers showed that the finances were in a good condition and that there was a substantial balance in the hands of the treasurer. The officers were installed by E. S. Hemmiger, district master, assisted by I. Mercer, W. M. of L. O. L. No. 31. Addresses were delivered by J. King Kelley, county master, the district master and others.

BRAVE INDIAN PREVENTS DOUBLE DROWNING

Plunges Into Ice Waters and Saves One, But Another Perished. Chatham, Ont., Dec. 7.—(Special.)—Emil Hayer, a Belgian, employed by the Wallaceburg sugar factory, was drowned in the Sydenham river this morning while crossing in a boat with three others.

The boat sprang a leak and sank in the middle of the stream. Two men swam ashore and a third was rescued by an Indian, who plunged into the icy waters and risked his own life, while Hayer sank before help reached him. The men had been warned not to use the boat.

COAL CARS ARE PILED UP ON TRACK AT NORTON

Six or Seven Smashed in Accident; Road Blocked for a Time

WERE BEING SHUNTED

Brakesman's Signals Said to Be Wrong, and Cars Went Off Track and Track Cleared—No One Hurt.

Tuesday, Dec. 8. Six or seven coal cars left the track at Norton about 7.45 o'clock last evening and piled up across the main line, blocking the road for a time. No one was hurt.

A special freight train from Moncton on the way to St. John, in charge of Conductor Gibson, was to take on the coal cars at Norton and bring them to St. John. Leaving the freight train, the engine went on the siding and coupled on to the coal cars. In shunting, however, and due, it is said, to the brakesman not giving proper signals, the cars went off the track at an open switch and piled up across the main line. The engine did not leave the rails.

Word was sent to Moncton and a wrecking crew started for the scene to handle the wrecked cars. Meantime the freight engine was used to haul the cars off the main line and this was accomplished by 10 o'clock and the track was clear.

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\$120,000 FIRE AT KINGSTON, ONT.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 7.—The Warmouth Piano Company and W. Craig & Co., wholesale grocers, suffered losses by fire early yesterday morning totaling over \$120,000. Fire broke out in the varnish room of the piano factory and spread so rapidly that the three floors were soon in flames and the saving of pianos, some 200 in course of construction, was impossible.

LONDON BRIBERY CASES STILL IN THE COURTS

Toronto, Dec. 7.—(Special.)—The London election case, which has been in abeyance since John O'Gorman, William J. Malloy, Daniel Wiley, George M. Reid and E. I. Sifton came before Judge Winchester for trial in November, 1907, will come up before the court of appeal at the next sittings, Jan. 18, in the form of a stated case submitted by Judge Winchester.

The five men were charged with conspiring in Toronto, London and "divers places unknown" to use money to bribe electors at dominion and provincial elections in 1904, 1905 and other years.