

REFUSE TO MEET THE STRIKERS

Owners Decline Offer of Con- ference SETTLEMENT REMOTE

Employers Have Grievance Against Men and Claim Right to Employ Non-Union Labor Must be Safeguarded.

London, May 29.—The hopes for a speedy settlement of the dock workers' strike were dissipated tonight by the refusal of the shipowners to accept the government's invitation to meet the representatives of the men at a joint conference of the board of trade on Friday.

The letter reads: "Last autumn two agreements and an award were arrived at. One of the agreements was directed to Sydney Buxton, president of the board of trade, in which they state that they fail to see where any good can arise from attending such a conference."

"All of these have now been set aside and the workers called out with no notice to the employers. The shipowners have no confidence and no assurance that any negotiations that will now take place will have any greater reality or be more permanent."

The main issue now dividing the two parties concerns the status of non-union labor. The employers insist that they shall be free to employ whom they please. The strike leaders are equally determined not to consent to any settlement which will compel union men to work with non-union men.

YOUTH ASSAULTED, CHUM ARRESTED BY WINNIPEG POLICE

Wm Galbraith Found With Skull Fractured While Rob- ert Aylesworth is Covered With Blood—Police Busy.

Winnipeg, May 29.—Wm. Galbraith, a young clerk of the Union Bank, who came recently from Buffalo, N. Y., was taken to his home last evening with a fractured skull and lay unconscious all night. This afternoon a sensational development was the arrest of his chum, Robt. C. Aylesworth, employe of the Canadian Consolidated Rubber Company, who was found at his home bloodstained and much the worse for liquor. The police are working on the mystery.

NO VOTE YET ON BILL TO REPEAL RECIPROCITY LAW

Senate Spends Entire Day on Iron and Steel Bill Without Reaching Division—Amend- ments Adopted.

Washington, May 29.—After devoting the day largely to the consideration of amendments to the iron and steel bill the senate adjourned tonight without reaching a final vote on that measure. Senator Haysburn held the floor upon adjournment and the understanding is that when he concludes a vote will be taken. The amendments adopted place a list of farm implements on the free list, repeal the Canadian reciprocity law and provide for a duty of \$2 per ton on pig iron to six per cent, and on ferro-silicon to 10 per cent.

SIR WILFRID ERECTS SOME AIR CASTLES

Displays Unwarranted Optimism at Banquet in His Honor.

Liberals Fete Chief Who Loses Sight of Conservative Victories and Magnifies Gains of His Own Party.

Montreal, May 29.—Surrounded by Liberal leaders from practically every province of the Dominion, and cheered by hundreds of his most ardent admirers Sir Wilfrid Laurier tonight portrayed the Liberal party as not so badly off as many of its supporters feared.

Passing lightly over Liberal defeats sustained since the Conservative regime ended upon its career at Ottawa, and interpreting recent Liberal successes as certain indications of greater triumphs to follow, the leader of the opposition evoked applause from his solid Liberal audience, applause which increased in fervour when he launched into an attack upon the present government.

As a tribute from the liberals to their aged leader who still remains in command when non-officials lead the disorganized forces of the party, the banquet tendered Sir Wilfrid by the Montreal Reform Club at the Windsor tonight, was a success.

LARGE SUM TO BE RAISED TO AID MOUNT ALLISON

Hoped \$200,000 Will Be Con- tributed by End of Year— Fund Now \$94,000—Want Permanent Collector.

Special to The Standard.
Sackville, May 29.—The annual dinner of the alumni and alumnae society was held this evening in the dining room of the university residence when about 175 persons were present. Mr. Justice White, of Sussex presided and speeches were given by H. A. Powell and W. B. Tennant, of St. John; Mrs. B. C. Borden, of the alumnae society; J. C. Rimcook, Moncton; Dr. Joseph Hayes, Halifax; W. G. Ruggles, Middleton, N. S., and Prof. W. M. Tweedie, of Sackville. During the evening a selection was admirably rendered by the University Glee Club.

OFFICERS CHOSEN BY L. O. B. A. IN FINAL MEETING

Mrs. G. C. Akerley, Deputy Grand Mistress, Mrs. Henry Kilpatrick, Associate Deputy Grand Mistress.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, May 29.—The following officers were elected by the Ladies' Orange Benevolent Association Grand Lodge this afternoon and installed at the closing meeting tonight: Grand Mistress, Mrs. Tull, Vancouver, B. C.; Deputy Grand Mistress, Mrs. G. L. Akerley, St. John, N. B.; Associate Deputy Grand Mistress, Mrs. Henry Kilpatrick, St. John, N. B.; Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Miller, Ottawa;

THE TELEGRAPH'S STATEMENTS REGARDING VALLEY RAILWAY

ARE PROVED WHOLLY UNTRUE No Foundation for Claim Bond Issue Covers Only 169 Miles and Omits Grand Falls Section.

Debentures for \$5,000,000 Already Sold, Equivalent of Subsidy \$25,000 per Mile for 200 Miles—Stock Certificates State this Only Part of Total Issue—Trust Deed Provides for Issue of Debentures St. John to Grand Falls.

A deliberate attempt was made by the Telegraph yesterday to deceive the electors of the St. John River Counties by the publication on its front page of fictitious statements seeking to prove that the Valley Railway would not be built to Grand Falls.

The Telegraph depended on a despatch to the Montreal Star to the effect that the Bank of Montreal was offering on the London market the first mortgage four per cent. debentures of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, guaranteed as to principal and interest by the Government of New Brunswick, to the amount of £873,285 sterling, equivalent to \$4,244,165 in Canadian currency.

These figures, incidentally, are inaccurate as the sterling amount mentioned is equivalent to \$4,249,987, a difference of \$5,822.

The Telegraph adds that at \$25,000 a mile this amount will only construct 169 miles of railway, and points out that the distance from Rothesay to Grand Falls is 209 miles or 40 miles more than is provided for in the issue. From this it draws the conclusion that the Fleming Government have no intention of building the railway to Grand Falls.

The mendacity of the Telegraph in publishing a statement of this character is past belief. The bonds actually issued and sold are for \$5,000,000, or the equivalent of the subsidy of \$25,000 per mile for 200 miles of railway, not 169 miles as untruthfully stated by the Telegraph.

The stock certificates, which are issued, expressly state on their face that they are only a part of the total issue. The trust deed, which has been executed, provides for the ultimate issue of first mortgage bonds to \$25,000 per mile from St. John to Grand Falls, and this document also provides expressly for more than 209 miles of road.

In whose interest is the Telegraph circulating these glaring mis-statements regarding the upper section of the Valley Railway?

PRESENTATION TO COL. SCOTT

Sovereign Grand Orange Lodge Presents Chest of Silver to Grand Master—Committees Met in Evening.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, May 29.—The feature of the evening session today of the 83rd annual session of the Sovereign Grand Orange Lodge of British America was the presentation of a beautiful and costly chest of silver to Hon. Dr. Sproule, Speaker of the House of Commons and recently Grand Master of the Grand Sovereign Orange Lodge. The presentation was made by Lt. Col. J. H. Scott of Walkerton, Ont., the present grand master, and during the afternoon speeches were made by Hon. Dr. Sproule, Sir MacKenzie Bowell and much enthusiasm was aroused.

The annual reports of the grand lodge officers were presented and showed an increase of upwards of 12,000 members during the past year. Lt. Col. Scott in his grand master's address, referred to a number of matters of importance, including the marriage laws, the bi-lingual schools, and dwelt at some length on the political situation of the Dominion. Satisfaction was expressed at the manner the Borden government has handled the marriage law question. This evening was given up to meetings of committees.

LOST RAPHAEL HAS BEEN RECOVERED

Paris, May 29.—A great stir has been caused in artistic circles here by the announcement of the discovery at La Rochelle of a forgotten masterpiece by Raphael—a portrait of Elizabeth Gonzaga, Duchess of Urbino. It is stated that there is no doubt of the genuineness of the picture, which bears the signature and the date 1505, both of which were at the time of finding covered over with a coat of paint and a false signature substituted by a later painter. The long lost Raphael which was bought for a mere trifle from the owner, will soon be put up at auction in Paris, and some sensational bidding is expected.

Grand Secretary, Miss Cubban, Toronto; Grand Treasurer, Mrs. Robert Gordon, Toronto; Grand Lecturers, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Kierck, London, Ont.; Grand Director of Ceremonies, Mrs. Flanders, Flosser Rock, N. B.; Representatives to Grand Lodge, William Forster, Toronto, and Henry Kilpatrick, St. John.

ROUSING MEETING HELD AT WOODSTOCK

Local Government Supporters will Carry all Before Them —Presentation to Member of the Party.

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, May 29.—The friends and supporters of the local government will not be satisfied until the town is captured from the enemy. Until the evening of June 20th the slogan will be "put the town in the good government line."

On Tuesday night a rousing rally followed the completion of the town organization. Geo. E. Balmain called the large gathering to order in a fighting speech. He was pleased with the large attendance. The party had a good cause to fight for and the best ticket, headed by the premier, ever nominated in this county. The boys were out to win by a large majority.

It was moved by W. S. Sutton, seconded by B. M. Hay, that E. R. Teed be elected chairman of the town organization. This was carried unanimously amid ringing cheers which were repeated when Mr. Teed took the chair. The chairman thanked those present for the honor conferred upon him. He would like to see the party capture the town in the coming election. In the last by-election the vote was 387 to 316, a majority of 71 against them. Under the circumstances existing in the past which were well known to all present, the party had a hard row to hoe, but they always put up a hard fight. Things will be different in this election and the former conditions do not now exist. He suggested that a committee of workers be selected whose duty it will be to see that the work is done and that the committee feel the responsibility placed upon their shoulders. If that be done the party will give a good beating to their opponents in the coming fight.

FOOD AND CHAMPAGNE OF ACTRESS SEIZED

Mayor Carter Wins a Farthing Damages After Anthony Hope Has Testified in Case Against Lena Ashwell.

London, May 29.—Everybody is laughing over a suit for slander brought today against Lena Ashwell, the actress, and her husband, Dr. Simpson, by George Samuel Elliott, Mayor of Hillingdon, who, as caterer to the Three Arts Club's fancy ball at the Albert Hall last December, impounded a hamper of food and twenty-eight bottles of champagne brought to the ball by the actress. Anthony Hope, the novelist, testified that the Mayor-caterer had also seized his hamper containing food and beer. He told Mr. Elliott, "I will technically assault you." The Mayor replied, "As long as the assault is technical I won't mind." The jury gave to the Mayor a farthing damages, but the Judge decided the defendants must pay the costs.

REFERENCE ON MARRIAGE CASE

COPP FINDS SMALL HOPE IN CHATHAM

Northumberland County Will Likely Have No Oppo- sition Ticket.

Leader Looks Over Field in Vain—Burchill Declines to Pin Faith to Fallen Fortunes of Opposition.

Special to The Standard.
Chatham, May 29.—No announcement has yet been made of any convention of the opposition in this county, and the prospects are that the government ticket will go in by acclamation. The opposition has only one paper in this county giving it support, the Chatham Gazette, while the government has the Leader and Advocate of Newcastle, and the Commercial and World, of Chatham. The Gazette came out today with an appeal to the opposition to hold a convention and put a ticket in the field, but it is felt by the government party that the opposition will not take this advice.

For one thing, it is announced pretty authoritatively that John P. Burchill will not run, and the leaders of the opposition party feel that it is too late for any ticket to be got together at the last minute, and have the least chance of success.

INSURANCE MEN FEEL LOSSES AT SEA TOO HEAVY

Huge Sum Paid Out by Various Companies May Lead to In- crease in Marine Premiums.

New York, May 29.—Insurance men here have been advised that in consequence of the heavy losses sustained by the Marine Insurance Companies this year, amounting to nearly \$25,000,000 and culminating in the foundering of the Titanic, representatives of Lloyd's and the other marine insurance companies are conferring in London with a view to an all round increase in premiums.

MONTANA DEMOCRATS ENDORSE CANDIDACY OF SPEAKER CLARK

Eight Democrats to Baltimore Instructed to Vote for Champ As Presidential Candidate of Party.

Butte, Mont., May 29.—Montana Democrats in state convention here this afternoon unanimously endorsed the candidacy for President of Speaker Champ Clark and instructing the eight delegates to Baltimore to vote for him.

CHANCELLOR JONES HEADS FISHERIES SECTION OF BOARD

Section of Conservation Com- mission to Meet in Ottawa Monday Under Chairman- ship of U.N.B. Professor.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 29.—The first full meeting of the fisheries section of the conservation commission will be held here on Tuesday under the chairmanship of Prof. C. C. Jones, of the University of New Brunswick. Addresses will be given by a number of experts and regulations for the conservation of Canadian food fisheries will be considered.

Counsel Expounds The Quebec Law A LENGTHY SESSION

View Taken that Catholics Cannot Legally be Married by Non-Catholic Clergy by Lawyer Op- posing Enactment of Lancaster Bill.

Ottawa, May 29.—Even if two Roman Catholics were to publicly declare their intention of marrying so that it was known from one end of the Province of Quebec to the other that they would get married, but not before a priest, the parties almost repudiating their church, as it were, and such a marriage were to take place, it would be null and void and non-marriage under the Quebec law.

MORINE RESIGNS AS HEAD OF PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Government Accepts Resigna- tion Proffered Some Time Ago But Remaining Mem- bers are to Remain.

Ottawa, May 29.—The resignation of A. B. Morine, K.C., as chairman of the Public Service Commission, which was tendered some weeks ago, has been accepted by the government and will be effective on June 1st. Mr. Lake and Mr. Ducharme will continue to discharge the duties of the committee.

AGED STATESMAN MET BY PREMIER AND MINISTERS

Sir Charles Tupper and Party Pass Through Ottawa on Way to Vancouver to Re- main.

Ottawa, May 29.—Sir Charles Tupper, who was met by Premier Borden and many of the cabinet ministers, who personally extended their sympathy to the ex-premier on the death of Lady Tupper. Sir Charles was accompanied by his sons Sir C. H. and Stewart Tupper. He will reside in Vancouver in the future. Sir Charles, who is the only surviving father of Confederation, is now 91 years of age, but is in good health.

FAVOR EXTENSION OF THE GRAND TRUNK SYSTEM TO BOSTON

Railroad Commission Reports to Legislature that Proposed Railway Line Would be in Public Interest.

Boston, May 29.—That the extension of the Southern New England Railroad to Boston, thereby giving the Grand Trunk system a fourth seaboard outlet in New England, is in the public interest, was the opinion sent to the legislature today by the railroad commission.