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BUSINESS OF THE N. B. LABOR FEDERATION

Amendments to Factory Act Reported On

Matter of Administration by Workmen's Compensation Board, Labor Minister and Other Subjects in Discussion.

(Special to The Times.)

Fredericton, N. B., March 11—At the N. B. Federation of Labor meeting this morning, President Melanson in the chair, the audit committee reported the secretary-treasurer's accounts up to March correct. The balance on hand was $313.33.

The constitution and by-laws committee reported on rules of order, limiting speeches to five minutes except by permission of the majority. Article 1 of the constitution entitles unions to two delegates for the first 100 members or less, one additional for each additional 100 or majority fraction. Central bodies, building trades councils, allied trade councils and similar bodies, two delegates each. Carried. Article 2 necessitates annual payment of per capita tax. Article 8 provides for a representative to watch legislation during the session of the provincial legislation.

The committee on the officers' reports found the same correct and congratulated the president and secretary-treasurer on them.

J. E. Tighe reported for a special committee. It recommended amendment of the factory act forbidding employment of children under sixteen; the eight-hour day, overtime not to increase working hours to more than fifty-eight and a half a week, eating and dressing rooms in factories, separate toilets for males and females, female inspectors, first aid instructors and inspectors, two persons in charge of locomotives on construction work, a competent engineer and fireman; the administration of the factory act to be under jurisdiction of the Workmen's Compensation Board.

Organizer Livingstone of the U. M. W., argued against handing over the factory act to the compensation board. He said parliament and government should rule directly not by boards or commissions.

President Melanson favored administration of the compensation and factory acts by a responsible minister of labor.

Commissioner Sinclair said the board consented to administer labor laws on request of labor, the compensation board were not subject to government and were impartial. The board was not asking to administer the factory act. If they have to, they will appoint inspectors.

J. E. Tighe said the last government did not want to eliminate contributory negligence. A minister of labor could be coerced as easily as a compensation board. Labor was just as far from having a labor minister now as when the federation was organized with ten members seven years ago. Westmorland and Northumberland counties might elect labor legislators next election, but St. John was still far behind. He said they should elect a labor government and then take the compensation and factory acts away from the board.

H. H. Stuart advocated handing over the factory act to the compensation board at present, also demanding a labor minister, who should be backed up in the next legislature by labor members.

J. L. Sugrue supported the resolution, and said that a future labor minister should be selected by labor men. Secretary Melvin and others also supported the resolution and it was carried.

The following amendments to the compensation act were recommended:—

1.—Permanent disability, compensation to be from $1,500 to $2,000. Adopted.

2.—Full medical and skilled medical attendance from date of accident. Adopted.

3.—Increase of funeral expenses to $100. Adopted.

4.—Widow's and child's pensions to be $40 and $10 a month respectively.

The matter was referred back to the commission.

(Canadian Press.)

Fredericton, N. B., March 11—A delegation from the N. B. Federation of Labor will meet the provincial government tomorrow morning and place their demands for amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act and the Factory Act, the establishment of a department of labor, the continuation of the employment service offices in this province and other reforms before the government.

LABOR NOW OUT OF THE GOVERNMENT

London, March 11—The labor party became entirely disassociated from the government in administrative work with the resignation today of George J. Wardle, parliamentary secretary to the ministry of labor. He announces that he retires because of ill-health.

The food controller, George H. Roberts, labor member for Norwich, and Geo. Nicol Barnes, minister without portfolio and labor member for Glasgow, recently resigned.

THE RIVER

River steamship men are already talking about the re-opening of navigation on the St. John river. River people say that, despite the severe cold during the winter, the ice is of poor quality and will not take long in breaking up once the weather moderates and the water commences to rise. Owners of steamers are making preparations for the resumption of business.

Lieut. Clayton Stoner of Chicago, government plane mail carrier, was burned to death in his airplane when it fell near New Paris, Ind., yesterday.

Big Matters For The Legislature Today In Speech From Throne

Legislative Chamber Thronged for Opening of Provincial House

Bill to Provide For Water Power Development — Co-operation With Ottawa in Road Construction—Plebiscite on Liquor Question — Great Record in Agriculture—The Teachers' Salaries —Lumber Matters.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, March 11—The fourth session of the seventh legislative assembly of the province of New Brunswick was opened this afternoon with the customary ceremonial. The finest of weather was enjoyed by large numbers of spectators who watched the proceedings from posts of vantage without the parliament buildings and the seats placed on the floor of the chamber were filled by a throng of invited guests. The brilliant costumes of ladies added a touch of brilliant color to the scene. The opening was the first since the signing of the peace treaty but service uniform nevertheless was the dress of the aides and the officers of the militia and Canadian expeditionary force who attended his honor the lieutenant-governor in the chamber.

The opening presented few unusual features beyond the election of a new clerk, John M. Keefe taking the place of the late George Y. Dibblee, and the appointment of a clerk assistant, J. Bacon Dickinson taking the place vacated by the promotion of Mr. Keefe.

The speech from the throne proved of greater interest than many which have been heard in the past, outlining as it did important matters of legislation. As usual the military features of the opening drew the greatest attendance. Of this part of the proceedings and the arrival of the lieutenant-governor moving pictures were taken.

The guard of honor furnished by the 71st York Regiment fell in at the armory at 3 o'clock and, headed by the band of the same regiment, marched to the parliament buildings. The guard was commanded by Major W. C. Lawson, M. C., with Capt. J. S. Scott and Lieut. A. E. McElvaney as the other officers. Veterans of the recent war largely composed the guard, which made a good appearance. The same was true of the artillery party which, under the command of Lieut. Norman Cass, fired the lieutenant-governor's salute.

The guard of honor took up its position in front of the main entrance at 3.15 and his honor arrived at 3.30. A royal salute was given by the guard and the guns on the bank of the river began to boom out a salute of fifteen guns.

Large Gathering.

Long before the arrival of his honor the assembly was crowded and it was necessary to close the doors of the building. All extra seating accommodation was taken and the galleries were filled. After hon. Mr. Speaker took the chair prayers were offered by the chaplain, Rev. Z. L. Fash, pastor of the George street Baptist church. The speaker then announced that during recess the clerk of the house, the late George Young Dibblee, had passed away.

Premier Foster then moved that John M. Keefe be appointed clerk and the motion was carried. The clerk then gave notice of the vacancy in the office of clerk assistant and the nomination of J. Bacon Dickson for the office. On the motion of Premier Foster the nomination of Mr. Dickson was confirmed.

At this juncture the sergeant-at-arms, Harry C. Rutter, announced to Hon. Mr. Speaker that his honor had arrived and desired to be admitted to the chamber. "Admit his honor the lieutenant-governor," replied the speaker, who then left the chair.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley then entered the chamber, attended by a personal staff composed of R. S. Barker, official secretary; Lieut.-Col. W. J. Osborne, A. D. C. of Fredericton, Major Alex. McMillan, D. S. O., A. D. C., of St. John and Major Wm. Vassie, M. C., A. D. C., of St. John. His honor also was attended by several military officers, who took positions in the chamber.

The speech from the throne was then read by his honor in a very distinct voice which reached all parts of the chamber. The speech having been delivered, his honor and his staff retired.

Hon. Mr. Speaker having returned to the chamber and resumed the chair, the premier introduced the bill which, according to ancient custom, is introduced to indicate that the assembly may legislate upon matters not mentioned in the speech from the throne and before consideration of that speech is given.

The speaker then informed the members of the house that in case the speech of his honor the lieutenant-governor had not been heard by all, he had provided himself with a copy.

Fred Magee, seconded by P. P. Melanson, then moved that the speech be considered forthwith. The motion was carried and Mr. Magee moved the address in reply to the speech, to be followed by the seconder, Mr. Melanson.

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ESTIMATES A DEFICIT IN MANITOBA

Provincial Treasurer Puts 1920 Expenditures at $10,612,103 and Eestimated Revenue $76,899 Less.

Winnipeg, March 11—Estimated expenditure of the provincial government for 1920 is $10,012,108. Hon. Edward Brown, provincial treasurer, yesterday tabled the estimates and said that the established expenditure would exceed the estimated revenue by $76,899.

The increase in the expenditures shown by the figures for 1919 and the current year is $1,467,913. Increase in revenue on the same basis is $949,127. The estimate for 1920 includes $152,000 to cover expenses for the provincial election to be held in July.

EFFIE POND DEAD

Girl Who Was Struck By Runaway Horse on Last Tuesday.

The death of Effie Pond, aged seventeen years, took place this morning in the General Public Hospital as a result of injuries received on Tuesday afternoon at the corner of King and Germain streets, when a runaway horse attached to a delivery team owned by D. J. O'Neil & Co. struck the young girl, hurling her against a hydrant.

One lung was perforated possibly by a broken rib and together with the shock, the girl was unable to survive.

Miss Pond was the daughter of Geo. A. Pond, who with his wife and children was passing through the city from Halifax to Hamilton, Ont. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved ones for the loss of their beloved daughter.

DOCTORS' FEES HERE GO UP AT FIRST OF APRIL

The members of the local society of physicians at a meeting last evening decided to advance their fees after April 1. It was decided to have the secretary send a letter to the press explaining the stand taken and the reasons for the advance in fees. No figures were available today.

A feature of interest in last night's meeting was the reading of a paper by Dr. Stanley Bridges on his experiences at a base hospital in France during the war. In the discussion of his paper Dr. Murray MacLaren and Col. Murphy, A. D. M. S., this district, took part. Dr. A. Edward Logie presided.

LATE SPORT NEWS

Seattle, March 11—Seattle won the final game of the Pacific Coast Hockey League schedule and league leadership by defeating Victoria here last night, 5 to 1. Seattle and Vancouver will figure in the play-off for the league championship, the first game being scheduled for Friday night in this city, and the second Monday night in Vancouver.

The winners of the two-games series will leave on Tuesday night for Ottawa, where the champions of the Pacific Coast League will play the new champions of the National Hockey League. The teams will play on the Ottawa ice unless the weather conditions necessitate the switching of the series to Toronto.

Regina, March 11—The annual meeting of the Canadian Amateur Hockey Association will be held in Toronto on March 27.

UNIONIST CAUCUS

(Special to Times.)

Ottawa, Ont., March 11—Members sitting to the right of the Speaker in the House of Commons and Senate were still in caucus at noon today. It is not expected that any final decisions as to the leadership or as to fiscal policy will be come to, but there will be an overwhelming expression of opinion from individual Conservative members in favor of following Sir Thomas White's suggestion that Sir Robert Borden should form a National Liberal-Conservative party out of Conservatives and such Liberals as believe with them on fiscal and other matters.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "is it wiser always to float around in a little eddy, or to adventure betimes into world currents of thought and feeling?"

"Jist what was you drivin' at?" queried Hiram.

"Well," said the reporter, "we have had some big men and women in St. John of late, and more are coming. They are versed in matters concerning which we sometimes read—if we ever do read; and I was wondering whether it is worth while to hear them and get out of our little eddy while we try to think their thoughts and look at big questions through their eyes. For instance, we have had Dr. Hincks and the other speakers at the Social Service Council, and we are going to have Dr. Robertson and Dr. Vincent, and there will be others. Each of them gives some food for thought—but is it worth while? Why think at all when it may be avoided?"

"Well," said Hiram, "that depends on whether you got a mind or an appetite. I'm alwus glad when any feller comes along that kin set me thinkin'. It's like findin' somethin' new—an' it gen'ally does me some good."

"But we have very clever men and women right here," said the reporter.

"Yes, sir," said Hiram, "an' you'll find 'em goin' to hear these other men an' wimmin. That helps to make 'em clever, an' gives 'em noo idees. Whenever anybody comes out to the Settlement to talk I try to git there. I don't know half as much as I want to know. It's a load easy to carry. Git out o' the eddy, Mister. Git out in the middle o' the river an' you'll be su'prised how much you'll enjoy it."

DOES NOT MEAN THAT ARMY MUST BE KEPT UP

Lord Robert Cecil Replies to Denmark in Matter of Doubt About League of Nations.

Copenhagen, March 11—Whether joining the League of Nations is synonymous with the duty of keeping up a standing army to be placed at the disposal of the league to enforce the league's decisions has been for a long time a burning question in Denmark and Norway. The democratic majority, against the protests of the conservatives, both countries, read the treaty as giving a member of the league full right to abolish its army and navy.

Lord Robert Cecil, British representative of the league, in reply to an inquiry by the president of the Norwegian Storthing, says:—

"I have no doubt that your reading of article eight of the treaty is right. Undoubtedly it was never meant to put on any member of the league the burden and duty to keep up military forces."

LIQUOR QUESTION IN SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatoon, Sask., March 11—That wholesale liquor houses operating under dominion sanction and carrying on an inter-provincial business should be abolished from Saskatchewan, if the people voted in favor of the abolition of liquor as a beverage at the plebiscite here within six weeks, was the assertion of Hon. George Langley, minister of municipal affairs at the opening session here yesterday of the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

GERMAN BARK GIVES AMERICANS PROBLEM

Newport News, Va., March 11—The question whether the German bark Paul, now at anchor in Hampton Roads, may enter an American port before peace is concluded was referred to the state department today by the customs authorities. The bark is manned entirely by Germans.

E. LeRoi Willis, formerly of St. John, was in the city yesterday from his home in Annapolis.

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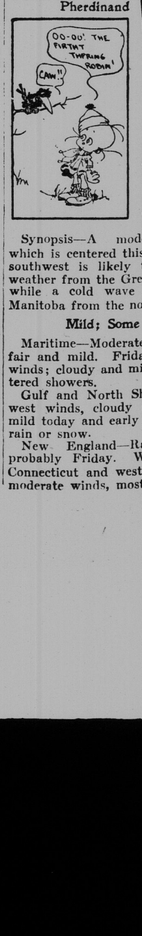

WEATHER REPORT

Issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—A moderate disturbance which is centered this morning over the southwest is likely to cause unsettled weather from the Great Lakes eastward, while a cold wave is spreading into Manitoba from the northward.

Mild; Some Showers.

Maritime—Moderate southwest winds, fair and mild. Friday fresh southerly winds; cloudy and mild with some scattered showers.

Gulf and North Shore—Fresh southwest winds, cloudy and comparatively mild today and early Friday, then some rain or snow.

New England—Rain tonight and probably Friday. Warmer tonight in Connecticut and western Massachusetts, moderate winds, mostly south.

BRING OUT ORE BY AIRPLANE

Vancouver, B. C., March 11—Movement of ore by airplane from some of the north British Columbia mines will soon be an established fact, according to Lieut. C. Hall, who, with other airmen, has contracted with a Seattle firm to deliver a specially designed flying boat for use at Stewart, B. C.

Sufficient contracts have been signed by mine owners of the district to keep these and other airplanes busy for five years.

The union of Spanish women has decided not to participate in the Geneva International Women's Congress, declaring that the transfer of the congress from Madrid will damage the cause of women in Spain.

The Other Side Of Paving Controversy

Delegation at City Hall Against Abuttors Paying Share—Douglas Avenue Bone of Contention—Motion to Open Tenders Defeated — Council Still Divided, But Mayor Sticks to His Guns.

The "other side" of the question with regard to the method of payment for permanent pevement, as raised by the proposed improvement bill submitted by Mayor Hayes to the common cuncil, was aired at a special committee meeting this morning. A delegation of citizens, most of them residents of Douglas avenue strenuously objected to the policy of charging the abuttors for one-third of the cost of permanent work.

After the delegation retired the committee went into council and it was decided to leave the matter of opening the tenders for Douglas avenue, City road, Marsh road and Prince William street over for the present.

The delegation included William Walsh, William White, Henry Niles, G. L. Tapley, E. W. Slipp, J. K. McCready, J. E. Burke, N. C. Scott, F. H. Flewelling, Angus McDonald, Allan McIntyre, James Johnson, W. Purdy, Parker Hamm, Geo. Roberts, R. C. Elkin, N. S. Springer, J. C. Purdy, Harry Miller, G. W. C. Oland, M. D. Sweeney, G. E. Day, Cecil Mitchell, F. E. Flewelling, Meyer Budovitch, R. A. Corbett, H. G. Roberts and J. G. Purdy.

Allan McIntyre said that as Douglas avenue was a trunk street and was used by all traffic to Fairville and West St. John the abuttors should not be called to pay what he termed an unjust proportion.

R. P. Hamm, speaking of the delegation which were at city hall favoring the proposed bill, said that some of them were not property owners and he thought they had a good deal of nerve to go to the commissioners and threaten them with an injunction if they dared to open the tenders for paving. Under the proposed scheme payment would be a burden on a few people. He referred to the muhicipal council proposing to charge $3 tax on horses and heavy vehicles in Lancaster and he thought that it was unfair to have the property owners in Douglas avenue pay for the good pavement for just such traffic.

R. C. Elkin said he was opposed to the abbuttors paying any share in the cost. He thought the city or government should pay for the paving of the avenue. "In fact," he continued, "I am opposed to any paving in St. John at all. It is too hilly."

William Walsh, Haymarket square, said that the residents of that section were opposed to paving for public thoroughfares.

W. H. White said he sympathizes with the mayo in his views but he thought main arteries should be paved at general expense.

Angus McDonald said if the heavy traffic were diverted via the Strait Shore Road, he was in favor of paying a share of the pavement but otherwise he was opposed to it.

Frank Flewelling said he was in favor of having Douglas avenue paved, but thought, as the government provided a bridge to get across the river, they should pay for the pavement. In the cases of residential streets not a main thoroughfare, he would be willing to pay his share. He said with regard the low bonded debt of the city, the small amounts spent in repairs would pay the interest and sinking fund on a larger bond issue that would put all the streets in good shape.

Geo. E. Day said he was one of the converts to the ranks of those against the abuttors paying, on the principle that Douglas avenue was the second greatest artery of the city.

John Russell said if an injunction was put on the delegation would fight it. "Go ahead and open the tenders and grant the contracts," he said, "we will stand behind you."

M. D. Sweeney said that one great reason for the objection was that in other cities street railways paved between the tracks and one yard on each side.

Allan McIntyre said that the city wanted improvements, but everyone should pay his share. "Give us something we want," he said, "but for goodness sake don't give us something we objected to eight years ago and still object to."

Mr. Hamm, in closing, said that many more would have been before the council but that he thought the number present was sufficient. He felt they had given enough information for them to work upon.

The committee went into council and adopted the report of the committee of the whole.

Mr. Fisher asked about the opening of paving tenders, and the mayor said that if the tenderers pressed the tenders should be returned.

Mr. Thornton said with regard to the proposed bill he would not do anything to support it, but he still favored a plebiscite.

"It seems to be perfectly clear," Mr. Fisher said, "that no settlement of the question is in sight within the next few days." Therefore he moved that the tenders be returned with an expression of regret that the contractors should have been put to the trouble they were put to.

Mr. Bullock, in seconding the motion, said that he would like to see the tenders opened and referred to the commissioner, and the lowest tenderers be prevailed upon to wait before starting work until the proposed bill be settled upon.

Mr. Jones moved in amendment that the tenders be opened and the lowest accepted subject to the recommendation of the commissioner.

The mayor said the bill was proposed to get increased revenue from those who derived benefit, but it seemed to be human nature to object to any extra payment. He was opposed to both motion and amendment. He did not think the figures should be made public unless the work was to be gone ahead with.

Mr. Fisher said he agreed with this sentiment and suggested the resolution and amendment be withdrawn and left over until Tuesday.

Both motion and amendment were lost, Commissioners Jones and Thornton supporting the amendment and Commissioners Fisher and Bullock the motion, the mayor voting "Nay" in both cases.

INCREASED COST OF STREET WORK

Provision Made for Payment of Deficit—New Fire Horse —Contract for Fire Hose—Report on Matter of Late Fred Nice.

The switching over of some of the expenditures of the public works department from payment by general assessment to payment by bond issue, was authorized by the common council this morning to allow for the deficit created by the exceedingly high cost of snow removal this winter.

Commissioner Fisher said that his department has spent more than $20,000 more than its appropriation for street work, mainly on work done in connection with operation of the street railway. The amount usually available for this work is about $5,000. It was his desire to endeavor either to obtain more income or else cuttail expenditure. Therefore, unless otherwise instructed, he was planning to save on some other branch of the department to make up the deficit, and suggested that the purchase of sand drier at a cost of $3,100, which had been provided for by assessment, be made by bond issue, and to treat the purchase of an incinerator in the same manner. This was estimated at a cost of $1,100.

He moved that the sand drier be paid for by bond issue. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thornton moved that tenders be accepted for fire hose as follows:—Dominion Rubber Co., 500 feet; Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co., 400 feet; Dunlop Tire and Rubber Co., 400 feet, and Gutta Percha and Rubber Co., 200 feet, all at $1.55 per foot, with discount of two per cent. All these goods are put up in Canada. Carried.

Commissioner Bullock moved that a lot in Church avenue, Milford road, 50 by 134 feet, be sold to James J. and Grace Goldie for $400.

On motion of the commissioner the department of public safety was authorized to purchase a horse for the fire department from Thomas Hayes for $350.

Commissioner Jones reported in connection with a communication received from R. W. Wigmore, M.P., regarding the payment of hospital bills in the case of the accident to the late Fred Nice. He said that he had found that Mr. Nice was in the employ of the city for about three years. He had turned the matter over to the Workmen's Compensation Board and they declaimed any responsibility. He understood the board was allowing the family $75 for funeral expenses and an allowance of $20 a month for 175 months, while the city had paid Mr. Nice's wages in full from the time of the accident until the pay day after interment. On motion the report was ordered received.

WINTER WHEAT.

Washington, March 11—Winter wheat acreage for 1920 shows an increase in British India and France and a decrease in Spain and Roumania in comparison with 1919, so the Institute of Agriculture at Rome reported yesterday to the department of agriculture. Acreages this year and percentage of last year's area were given as follows:—

Spain, 9,511,000 acres, 91.6 per cent; France, 11,869,000 acres, 108.5 per cent; Roumania, 1,821,000 acres, 44.5 per cent, and British India, 27,429,000 acres, 115.2 per cent.

PARTY AND PRESENTATION

Lady friends of Mrs. Walter Whittaker gathered at her home in Metcalfe street last evening and tendered her a surprise in the form of a birthday party. During the evening Mrs. Whittaker was made the recipient of an aluminum tea kettle and a beautiful bunch of pink and white carnations. The presentation was made by Mrs. Hartley Vanwart. Mrs. Whittaker made a brief reply, thanking her friends for their good wishes. Refreshments were served.

British Warship Shelled And Hit In Black Sea

(Canadian Press.)

London, March 11—It was said in the House of Commons today that the British warship Stedfast had been fired upon in the Black Sea by "Green Guards" and struck by a sixty pound shell. No details of the casualties or the damage have been received.

HANGING FROM HOTEL WINDOW

Suicide of Man Who Also Tried It in St. John

Frederick Gorman, Wounded Soldier, Who Jumped Over Wharf Here, Ends Life With Fire Escape Rope — Trouble in Mill Camp.

(Special to Times.)

Fredericton, March 11—Frederick Gorman of Devon committed suicide by hanging at Fredericton Junction last night. He was a returned soldier whose mental condition was seriously affected by the rigors of service in France. Yesterday he arrived at Fredericton Junction and registered at the Canadian House. About 7 o'clock this morning passersby were horrified to see his lifeless body dangling from the window. He had tied the fire escape rope to an article within the room and placing a noose about his neck had leaped from the window.

John Murphy, coroner, lives several miles from Fredericton Junction. Being under the impression that the body should not be touched until the arrival of the coroner, the people allowed it to remain there for several hours. Coroner Murphy empanelled a jury and viewed the body. An inquest will be held on Friday morning.

This is not the first attempt to end his life which was made by the deceased. Last December he jumped from a wharf into the harbor at St. John. He was rescued and returned to his home in Devon. At a later date he was sent to the provincial hospital for treatment by the military authorities, he being a patient under the D. S. C. R. at the military hospital here. Some time after that he returned to his home.

There is marked sympathy for his bereaved relatives. He was a son of Wm. Gorman of Devon, who survives. There also are two brothers, Herbert and Walter, and one sister, Miss Charlotte Gorman, who is teaching school. The young man went overseas with the 55th Battalion. He was wounded in one of his arms while on service in France. Some days ago he left his home saying that he was going to Moncton.

Harry Fradsham, who formerly resided in Devon, was bound over before Magistrate George W. Kimball at Oromocto on Monday to keep the peace for two years and not interfere with Chas. Clowes or the operations of his mill at Glennie on the line of Fredericton & Grand Lake Railway.

This action was taken on account of trouble at the mill camp on last Friday and Saturday. Mrs. Fradsham was cook, with her husband assisting. The crew said they did not like the cooking. This made trouble. Mr. Clowes notified Mr. and Mrs. Fradsham that he had secured the services of another cook. That made more trouble. Members of the crew of twenty-five or thirty men operating the portable mill gradually left. Fradsham is a South African veteran and was severely wounded at Paardeberg.

EXCHANGE IS STILL BETTER

New York, March 11—Another strong rally in foreign exchange at the opening of the market here today sent rates on demand bills for the English pound sterling up to $3.82 1-4, or nine cents above yesterday's closing prices.

BROADWAY PEOPLE HEARD VOICES FROM HIGH IN AIR

Conversation by Wireless Between "Blimp" and Motor Truck.

New York, March 11—Conversation by wireless telephone between passengers in a navy "blimp" and a motor truck stationed at Broadway and 42nd street during an exhibition flight over the city yesterday was heard by persons standing around the truck at a distance of ten to fifteen feet. Hearing the voices from the occupants of the car attached to the gas bag was possible, it was explained, through a recently devised receiving apparatus.

STOLE FROM THIEF AND IS CONVICTED

New York, March 11—Disproving the maxim that there is honor among thieves, John P. Collins, posed as a detective and seized $5,000 and a gold watch from another thief who had stolen the loot from an express car. Collins was convicted of grand larceny here yesterday.

COALITION QUARREL OVER BY-ELECTION

London, March 11—(Canadian Press)—The retirement of G. J. Wardle, parliamentary secretary of the Labor ministry, creates another vacancy seat at Stockport, which is a double member constituency. The other Stockport seat is also vacant through the death of Spencer Leigh Hughes, and the two sections of the coalition are quarrelling as to who shall nominate a candidate.

Off to Sealing Grounds.

St. Johns', Nfld., March 11—Eight sealing steamers sailed from this port yesterday for the northern ice floes. The fleet comprised the Neptune, Thetis, Eagle, Sable Island, Ranger, Terra Nova, Seal and Diana.