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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

The Vacant Ontario Senatorship and the Position.

C. P. R. to Construct a Telegraph Line From Skagway to Dawson.

OTTAWA, March 7.—The Vancouver delegation which came to Ottawa to protest against the Dominion Island job, saw the government today. From present appearances it does not look as if the government will cancel the lease to the Chicago syndicate. According to advices which have reached the department of marine and fisheries, the Newfoundland government has absolutely refused to allow one Nova Scotia schooner, the Ocean Belle, to take a cargo of bait for trading purposes. The island government will be asked for explanations. The government's lease of the historic plains of Abraham, at Quebec, expires in 1901, and if the lease is not renewed the land will be subdivided into lots and sold for building purposes. The government is in receipt of representations urging the acquisition of the land as a public property, and parliament will be asked to express an opinion on the matter if the government declines to act. OTTAWA, March 8.—Mr. Cowan, M. P., called the attention of parliament to the abolition of the fisheries of his constituents by American customs officers. The opinion is expressed here that the difficulty attending the steamship Gaspesia means the death blow to the direct Meaford Haven and Pasphebec line. The Ottawa Board of Trade is inviting other boards to co-operate to secure government aid towards the establishment of technical schools. TORONTO, March 8.—The private bills committee of the legislature this morning passed the bill allowing the Ottawa Great Northern Railway Co. to operate cars on Sunday, in spite of strong protests by the Lord's Day Alliance. Both Hon. J. M. Gibson, chairman of the committee, and J. P. Whitney, leader of the opposition, declared themselves strongly in favor of the operation of street cars on Sunday in large centers of population. MONTREAL, March 8.—One day last week Boufford, member of the Quebec legislature, declared in debate that some members of the legislature were making as much as their indemnity out of the support they gave certain bills and that he himself had been offered a hundred dollars for his influence in securing the passage of a bill which he believed was in public interest. The statement passed at the time without comment and was reported in the newspapers. The newspapers took the matter more seriously than the assembly did, with the result that some members of the assembly became alarmed, and this morning there was a debate on the subject. It appears the practice is for partners of members of the as-

sembly, who are lawyers, to accept fees for promoting bills, and these fees apparently included the services of the member of the firm who is in the legislature. The papers do not appear satisfied yet, and there is some promise that the thing will become a public scandal.

MONTREAL, March 8.—The Montreal Street Railway Co. has a bill before the legislature asking for an increase of capital, and it is said that the company was "held up" by some legislators, and the fate of the bill held in the balance until the demands of these men had been satisfied. Then the company got the powers it asked for.

TORONTO, March 8.—A story about in Toronto is that the money subscribed by the Toronto Methodists for the aid of St. James Methodist church, Montreal, was given with a proviso that unless the full amount required was subscribed the money should go to the twentieth century million dollar fund. Mr. Carman says there is no truth in the report.

OTTAWA, March 8.—Lieut. Col. Otte, of Toronto, Irwin of Ottawa, and J. M. Gibson of Hamilton, have been appointed honorary A. D. C.'s to the governor general.

Advices from Agent Renne at Buenos Ayres, Argentina, confirm the cable message of a month ago regarding the duty on lumber. On average the duty is \$6.01 per thousand, a reduction amounting to \$2.63 per thousand feet. On white and pitch pine the duty remains at \$8.42 per thousand until December 31 next, when the special duty of ten per cent. will be abolished.

It is stated there are legal obstacles to the government placing fuel oil on the free list, by order-in-council. A big deputation of Wellington county people were here today to urge the appointment of James James, ex-M. P., a well known Ontario newspaper man, to the vacant senatorship.

Frank Richardson, assistant electrician of the C. P. railway telegraph, with a competent staff of assistants, leaves for the Pacific coast Saturday, under instructions from the minister of public works, to commence the construction of a telegraph line from Skagway to Dawson, as a federal work. The estimated cost of the line for the distance of six hundred miles between the two points named is \$150,000, on a basis of \$250 per mile. It is expected the line will be in operation by November 15th, and when completed Dawson will be brought within six days' communication of Ottawa. Whether the sea link, subsequently to be connected by cable between Vancouver and Skagway, or whether the government line from Queenella, in Cariboo county, will be extended northward to connect with the Skagway-Dawson line, has yet to be determined.

The by-election in Lewis, Quebec, to fill the vacancy in the commons caused by the death of Dr. Guay will be held on the 29th inst, nomination a week earlier.

The chief railway fight of the session will be over the Kettle River railway bill, with the Grand Trunk and Great Northern (Jim Hill's line) ranged against the Canadian Pacific. The latter company downed its rivals last session.

NAVAL ESTIMATES OF GREAT BRITAIN,

Introduced by the First Lord of the Admiralty,

Are the Embodiment of the Feelings of a Peace Loving but Determined People.

Threatened by Other Nations England Will Increase Her Navy to an Enormous Extent, With Swift Cruisers and the Most Powerful Ships in the World.

LONDON, March 8.—In introducing the navy estimates in the house of commons today, the first lord of the admiralty, the Right Hon. Geo. J. Goschen, said that the estimates had been submitted under most unfavorable circumstances. Ahead was the conference for international disarmament, while behind were the incidents of last November, and when a comparison of the navy of the various countries was in everybody's mouth, the most serious difficulties were shown in British waters to meet all emergencies. The continental powers, he further said, were disturbed by the impression that Great Britain was preparing with a particular purpose for aggressive action, but the minister asserted the idea never entered the mind of his government. He then proceeded to detail the naval programme. Mr. Goschen said her majesty's government proposed to make West of the war part on the northern coast of the Shan Tau peninsula a secondary naval base, pointing out that it would be a most valuable anchorage and of the greatest importance in any operations in Chinese waters, and adding that it was prepared to expend £1,000,000 on West of the war during the present year and £1,500,000 the next year.

The personnel of the navy for the coming year, he said, would be increased by 4,250 men, totalling 110,640, at a cost of £7,774,000. Comparing the pay of the personnel, Mr. Goschen said that while Great Britain paid £7,500,000 and France £2,000,000, Russia only paid £445,000. He could not understand how that was, but that was all the estimates revealed.

Referring to ship building, he said the coming programme had been framed after consideration of the programmes of the other powers. A study of these programmes, he pointed out, was not reassuring. The United States, Russia, France, Japan, Italy and Germany had under construction 165,000 tons of warships, or 22,000 tons more than was completed in the present estimates. Therefore, this had forced the government to draw up a new programme. Excluding last year's supplemental programme, it provided for two hundred and thirty-two ships in the world.

He added, two armored cruisers and three smaller cruisers of a specially high speed. The money required, therefore, for the coming financial year was £15,000,000, and the total under the supplemental programme, including the £1,000,000 for last year's original and supplementary programmes, would be £16,000,000, an increase of over £2,000,000. The total estimates were £28,774,000.

For armament Mr. Goschen asked an increase of £1,000,000, chiefly for the purchase of 100,000 rounds of ammunition for practice, which, he asserted, was a matter of enormous importance, as shown by the late war. After speaking of the necessity for an increased shipbuilding vote, he said these were the votes required by the present situation.

He added, "I would that the action of other nations, resulting from the coming international conference, could make it possible for us to diminish or modify the programme while, of course, maintaining our standard and relative position."

Mr. Goschen then announced in behalf of her majesty's government that the other naval powers were prepared to diminish their programmes. Great Britain was prepared to modify hers, but if the case's hopes were not realized, the programme would have to stand, and he, Mr. Goschen, expressed the hope that those who were proposing to attack the country's expenditure would not attempt to dissuade the people from bearing the taxation necessary to carry on the duties of the empire.

In conclusion, the first lord of the admiralty said the estimates were "simply the embodiment of the feelings of a peace loving, determined people." (Cheers.)

Mr. Goschen emphasized the purely defensive object of the naval increase, but said that, in view of the construction of her rivals of fast cruisers with the approved purpose of preying upon British commerce and Great Britain's food supply in the event of war, England was forced to build a few more ships. He said that the four armored cruisers now being built were the original programme would be the most powerful ships in the world.

TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

Annual Meeting Wednesday in Board of Trade Rooms.

The Report of the Executive Showed That Much Good Work Had Been Done.

Liberal Subscriptions Sent In to the Meeting—Endorsing the Association and Its Methods—Election of Officers.

The annual meeting of the Tourist Association was held Wednesday night at the Board of Trade Rooms. President A. O. Skinner in the chair. Among those present were: W. S. Fisher, D. R. Jack, L. R. Rose, and W. A. Price, representing the I. C. R.; A. H. Notman of the C. P. R.; Joseph Knowles, W. E. Raymond, H. A. Doherty, D. J. McLaughlin, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P., Misses Peters, O. H. Warwick, LeB. Robertson, W. Trevaigne, Mr. Curry of the D. A. R. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and both adopted.

EXECUTIVE REPORT.

Charles D. Shaw, the secretary, submitted the following report on behalf of the executive: During the season of 1898 the work of the association has been considerably heavier than in the season of 1897, and we believe more effective. Naturally, as the attractions of New Brunswick are becoming more widely advertised, enquiries from intending visitors are more numerous, and we are glad to state that a much greater number of such enquiries were received during the past season than in 1897. This is in itself a proof that the work of our association is having the desired effect.

Two booklets were issued by the association last season. The first, printed in Portland, Me., was distributed entirely at the New England Sportsmen's Fair, under the direction of our representative, E. A. Charters. Your executive regrets that it was necessary to have the booklet printed outside of St. John, but as it was for distribution in Boston only a saving of at least 10 per cent. was made in customs duties alone.

The second booklet was printed by J. & A. McMillan, and with the exception of about 1,000 copies the whole issue of 10,000 has been distributed through the local agencies, the information bureau, and in any other way the executive considered advantageous, a great number being mailed direct from St. John. The executive is pleased to state that the book was well received and has done good work.

In reference to the New England Sportsmen's Fair it is generally admitted that at the fair the province of New Brunswick was brought prominently to the front and directly to the notice of the American sportsmen. The following statement, supplied by the chief game commissioner, in the most possible detail, shows the progress has been greatly benefited by this splendid advertisement:

Revenue from licenses sold during the season of 1898: 1898, \$114; 1897, \$108; 1896, \$5.00.

The chief commissioner estimates that 200 Boston sportsmen visited New Brunswick during 1898, and estimates the number of moose killed by foreign sportsmen alone at 175. The record of game killed by local sportsmen is not yet compiled. \$75,000 is considered a reasonable estimate of the amount expended by these sportsmen in New Brunswick during 1898.

A full report by the association representative at the fair has been submitted and entered on the minutes. The executive is pleased to report that since the formation of this association, similar associations have been or are now being organized in Fredericton, Halifax, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Vancouver and the chief cities of the dominion, and trust that other cities in Canada will follow the good example of St. John.

FINANCES.

The report of the treasurer shows subscriptions of \$1,215, which is \$22.15 more than the amount received last season. The balance of \$113.92 carried forward from last year makes total receipts \$1,328.92, and shows total disbursements of \$1,305.43, or \$23.49 more than last season.

It must be borne in mind that two booklets, each more expensive than that published in 1897, were issued in 1898, and the executive has used every precaution that the funds of the association should be expended judiciously. The association at Halifax collected the sum of \$2,050; \$835 more than subscribed in St. John. The Street Railway Co. of Halifax alone contributed \$500, all this during the first year of the association's existence.

The executive wishes to heartily thank the different transportation lines for their valuable assistance in distributing the association's literature and for providing transportation when necessary; also the local press for its many kindnesses.

(Attached to the report were letters from E. A. Walcott, G. P. A., International Steamship Co.; P. Giffins, sup't Dominion Atlantic railway; H. A. Price, D. P. I. C. R.; John M. Lyons, G. P. and T. A., I. C. R.; A. H. Notman, A. G. P. A., C. P. R.; Raymond & Doherty, proprietors Royal Hotel; D. W. McCormick, proprietor Victoria Hotel, and E. Le Roi Willis, proprietor of Hotel Du-

fers, common latory of the work done by the association.)

The treasurer's statement showed receipts amounting to \$1,328.92, and an expenditure of \$1,305.43, leaving a balance on hand at the end of the year of \$23.49.

Miss Mabel Peters, at the request of President Skinner, gave her views on the benefits of the Tourist Association, pointing out how all lines of business were benefited by the tourist travel, some directly and all indirectly. Miss Peters concluded by wishing the association all success, and said she would subscribe twenty dollars to the funds of the association.

On motion of W. S. Fisher a vote of thanks was tendered Miss Peters, and it was ordered that the same be published.

George Robertson, M. P. P., in seconding the motion, said it was a good practical paper.

The following were elected the executive committee: A. O. Skinner, W. S. Fisher, D. W. McCormick, Raymond & Doherty, A. H. Notman, O. T. Warwick, D. A. railway agent, John M. Lyons, C. E. Laechler and Miss Peters.

President Skinner introduced Mr. Long of the Northern Tourist. Mr. Long said the Tourist Association was doing an excellent thing in advertising the city, and the best evidence he could give of the truth of that was that he had heard more of St. John in the last five years than ever before.

W. E. Raymond, of the Royal said his firm were willing to continue their subscription for another year. The association was doing good work.

W. S. Fisher read a letter from C. E. Laechler of the I. S. S. company, saying that the company would continue their subscription of one thousand dollars, also a telegram from Sup't. Giffins of the D. A. R. contributing a like amount, also a letter from Joseph Allison of Manchester, Robertson & Allison announcing that his firm would give fifty dollars to the funds. Thus, Mr. Fisher pointed out, \$5,000 had been subscribed this evening.

W. S. Fisher spoke of the organization of the association in several cities of the province, Nova Scotia, Montreal and Ottawa. It was a good paying thing to exhibit at the Sportsmen's fair in Boston last year, and he felt it was most regrettable that the New Brunswick government did not make an exhibit in New York this winter. Mr. Fisher paid a compliment to I. C. Stewart of Halifax for his work in connection with the Tourist association in that city. The Halifax street railway contributed \$500 towards the funds of the association, and the street railway of this city for the past two years has refused to give a cent. Mr. Fisher hoped the railway would see their way clear the coming season to grant low excursion rates in order that we may bring the people of the west here and our people may go to see the people in the west. Mr. Fisher advocated a colored postal card as a means of advertising. He also thought a swimming bath should be established.

In reply to a question by Mr. Fisher Mr. Notman of the C. P. R. explained the cheap rates granted between the east and west by his company during the latter part of August and September.

W. E. Raymond spoke of the round trip ticket to Hampton, going by steamer and returning by I. C. R. Capt. Balle had endeavored to arrange with the I. C. R. for such a ticket last year, but had failed.

W. A. Price said he had no doubt the I. C. R. would be prepared to make a similar arrangement on the lines suggested.

D. R. Jack in response to a request spoke of his trip abroad last year, and placed on the table a large number of folders and pamphlets of various European transportation companies. He believed in colored postal cards, and said they would prove a most valuable advertising medium.

President Skinner said he wished to emphasize the remarks of Miss Peters in regard to the keeping open during the summer months of the public library. It should be open for the benefit of tourists, who could go there and get information. He trusted some steps should be taken to have the library left open.

Up to the close of the meeting the following total subscriptions had been made:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Raymond & Doherty (\$100.00), International S. S. Co. (\$50.00), Dominion Atlantic railway (\$50.00), Manchester, Robertson & Allison (\$50.00), Miss Peters (\$20.00), Emerson & Fisher (\$20.00), O. H. Warwick (\$20.00).

QUEENSLAND.

Much Loss of Life and Property by a Hurricane.

BRISBANE, Queensland, March 8.—The northeast coast is now being swept by a severe hurricane. Already there has been much loss of life and property, and serious fears are entertained regarding the safety of the pearl shell fleet, which employs a thousand men.

BY ARBITRATION.

RIO JANEIRO, March 8.—The Brazilian government has accepted the proposal of Great Britain to submit the Guiana boundary dispute to arbitration. Senior Joaquim Nabuco, former Brazilian secretary of legation in London, has been appointed to represent Brazil on the arbitration commission.

L. O. A.

Meeting of Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia and Quebec.

The Manitoba School Question Once More—Investigating Certain Allegations.

AMHERST, March 8.—The forty-first annual session of R. W. Grand Lodge of Orangemen of Nova Scotia opened here yesterday. Grand Master Rev. A. L. Geggie in the chair. At today's session the grand secretary reported eight new lodges, five resuscitated lodges, one county lodge and a royal scarlet chapter organized during the year. A committee was appointed to prepare a memorial to the death of their late Brother Chini-quay.

Officers were elected as follows: R. W. G. M., Charles Rennie of Spring Hill; D. G. M., John P. Massey of Halifax; Junior D. G. M., J. T. McPherson of Glace Bay; C. B., grand chaplain, Rev. J. H. Head of Wentworth; grand secretary, Geo. O. Forbes of Stawick; grand treasurer, James Miller of Shubenacadie; grand lecturer, J. W. Humphrey of Trenton; grand director of ceremonies, H. J. Harrison of Macoon; deputy grand chaplain, Rev. D. T. Porter of Adirivock; deputy secretary, C. Miller of Truro; grand registrar, D. R. Thompson of Sunny Brae.

MONTREAL, March 8.—At the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Orange Lodge of Quebec, Grand Master Galbraith made the following reference to the Manitoba school question:

"In political affairs little has transpired during the year calling for special notice, save that it is alleged that the hierarchy, with the connivance of the government, are accomplishing by stealth and in an underhand way the object sought to be obtained by coercion two or three years ago. I refer to the subjugation of the school system of a sister province to the dominion of Rome, and I have only to say in this connection that if these allegations are true, and we are now investigating the facts, our duty is obvious when the electorates next appear. Many of us cast our political affections to the winds on a former occasion, and if the promises that made are ignored, as would appear, we are under no political obligation that I am aware of to support any party who have broken faith with us."

WESLEYAN STUDENTS PERISHED

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., March 8.—President Raymond of Wesleyan University today announced that there would be no change of the decision of the faculty punishing five members of the sophomore class for kidnapping a freshman on the night preceding Washington's birthday. The students are deprived of their scholarships and debarred from membership on any of the athletic teams.

PUT FLOWERS ON HIS GRAVE.

BERLIN, March 9.—The Emperor and Empress of Germany and their family commemorated the death of his majesty's grandfather, Emperor William I, today, by visiting the mausoleum this morning and depositing wreaths upon it. This evening their majesties attended a memorial service in the Emperor William church.

Advertisement for Mann's Green Bone Cutters. Features an illustration of a hen and text: 'New Laid Eggs 30 Cents Per Dozen! This is the price in St. John today. If your hens are not laying freely buy one of MANN'S GREEN BONE CUTTERS, you will be surprised at the increased production. Prices \$7.50 and \$10.00 each. W. H. THORNE & CO., Limited Market Square, St. John, AGENTS'