

PROPOSE CHANGES IN HIGHWAY ACT

Hon. Mr. Baxter Tells N. B. Union of Municipalities That Mr. Morrissy Will Outline to Them the Government Scheme—Attorney General Averse to Criticism of Municipal Bodies—President Kelley Hopes the Roads Will Be Taken Out of Politics.

Fredericton, Aug. 25.—The tenth annual meeting of the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities was formally opened at 8 p.m. today by President J. King Kelley, of St. John.

Addresses of welcome to the visiting delegates were delivered by Warden Harry Smith of York county and Mayor Mitchell of Fredericton. The latter referred particularly to the necessity of the union contributing to the patriotic fund. Responses to the addresses of welcome were made by Ald. D. O. O'Brien of Newcastle and Councillor O'Brien of Lancaster, St. John county.

President Kelley then followed with his annual address. In this he complimented Fredericton and York county upon the fact that they had represented the province in active service in the war. The president referred also to several matters of importance in way of provincial legislation which had been achieved during the year through efforts of the union. He dealt with several matters which deserved attention, and expressed the hope that the matter of highway construction and maintenance would be taken out of politics.

J. W. McCready, city clerk of Fredericton, the honorary secretary and treasurer of the union, presented his report. Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, attorney-general of New Brunswick, who represented the provincial government at the convention was heard in a very interesting address on "Public Services." In the course of this Hon. Mr. Baxter expressed regret that the public should level "eternal and ill-merited criticism" at those who served on municipal bodies without recompense and for the good of the country. He also said that the minister of public works would outline before the convention a proposed system for highway administration which would do away with some of the present difficulties.

A. R. Slipp, M.P.P. for Queens, in the course of a brief address, said that the same criticism referred to by Hon. Mr. Baxter also was directed toward members of the legislative bodies, higher than municipal councils.

F. H. Sexton, director of technical education in Nova Scotia, spoke upon "The new demands of industry on education."

J. D. Palmer, president of the Fredericton Board of Trade, led a discussion on the subject.

Industrial Training in Schools. When the convention resumed its night session on the question of technical education continued. After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted: "That the Union of New Brunswick Municipalities urge upon the government"

of New Brunswick the establishment of schools for industrial training in connection with the common public school system of this province and also pressed for the establishment of night schools in the cities and towns for technical work.

Ald. W. F. Higgins, of St. Stephen, read an excellent paper upon the subject of "The municipality and patriotic work." The paper particularly urged the registration of all men of military age by the municipal authorities as a means towards recruiting. The paper was heartily received.

Mayor Wallace, of Sussex, suggested that a grant be voted out of the union's funds to the patriotic fund. President Kelley ruled that such a grant could not be made, as the funds must be used for the purpose of carrying on the work of the union.

After a lengthy discussion, the question of having Ald. Higgins' paper printed and a paper by R. B. Wallace, of Fredericton, upon the Union Jack delivered at the convention of 1914 also printed, was referred to the executive.

Tomorrow morning the delegates will "stand down" in Picton, where they will be housed at the experimental farm and the mill of Frasers Limited. The convention will resume its session at 2 p.m. In the evening the visitors will take a trip on the St. John river by steamer Victoria.

Nova Scotia Union in Session. New Glasgow, N. S., Aug. 25.—The municipal council of Picton and the councils of the several towns within the county are today hosts to a large delegation of civic officials in attendance at the annual meeting of Nova Scotia municipalities.

The session opened this morning in the court house with an attendance of thirty-five. Mr. J. W. McKay, of Picton, deputy warden, presiding.

The morning session was given over to enrollment and addresses of welcome from Warden Thompson of Picton county, Mayor Grant of New Glasgow, Mayor Primrose of Picton, Mayor McDonald of Stellarton, Mayor Strickland of Trenton and Mayor Munro of Westville. Replies were heard from Mayor Fuller of Yarmouth, Councillor Shepley of Amherst and Solicitor R. H. Butts, M.P.P. of Sydney Mines.

In the afternoon this party boarded a special train for Picton Landing, and there they boarded a steamer and after a sail on the harbor were entertained to a luncheon by the ladies of Picton on the historic and educational grounds of Picton Academy.

The evening was given over to papers and a magnificent address from Sir Frederick Fraser, president of the School for the Blind in Halifax.

WOODWORTH ON STAND HAZY ABOUT HORSE PURCHASES

Foster's Buyer Says He Destroyed Most of the Data of Transactions—Sir Charles Davidson Dissatisfied With His Testimony.

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 23.—The examination of Walter Moore, of Kentville, who sold twenty-five horses to the government remount buyers here last year for \$4,400 was continued at this afternoon's session of the Davidson war contracts commission. It had been expected that Todd C. Woodworth, who was one of the buyers in Nova Scotia last year and whose attendance at the commission's sittings in Kentville had been much sought for the past two weeks, would arrive here in time for the afternoon session, but he does not come until the evening train. Telegrams from Mr. Woodworth in connection with his announcement that he was coming were read today by Mr. Thompson, commission counsel.

A reply from Mr. Keever, another remount buyer whose attendance has been much desired to a telegram from Mr. Thompson urging that he attend, was also read. Mr. Keever continues to assert his inability to attend at present and regrets the opportunity afforded for "landmark testimony" against him.

Mr. Moore's examination this afternoon related to the manner in which he was paid by the buyers for his twenty-five horses. He sold nine horses on one day and was not paid for them until some days after. He sold thirteen horses on another day and was paid for two of them in cash at the time of sale. The remaining three were sold for cash on still another day.

The twenty horses that had not been paid for at the time of purchase, were finally paid for by eight checks, of a total value of \$3,800 made out for twenty-two horses. Moore said again today that he was paid for only twenty horses by these checks.

That Keever testified that Dr. Woodworth, one of the remount veterinarians, was going crooked, was the testimony today of Richard S. Starr, who related how it was that he, although not a qualified veterinarian, came to act in Woodworth's place at the sale of the horses. Starr is a judge of horses, accepted the position without remuneration and on the understanding that the horses passed by him should be subsequently examined by a veterinarian. The commission hopes to complete its examination of witnesses here within a few days.

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 24.—Todd C. Woodworth of New York, a remount buyer, for the time of purchase, was examined today by the Davidson war supplies commission. He was investigating, took the witness stand this morning and was examined by John Thompson. When asked if he was an official who was authorized to buy horses for the government, Mr. Woodworth said Mr. Thompson could determine that by referring to the recommendation to him by Lt. Col. Neal, of the remount department.

Sir Charles Davidson, the commissioner, here remarked: "You will give evidence and not intimations."

Woodworth said he was the man who had been referred to at the session of the commission.

Sir Charles Davidson spoke sharply to the witness several times for not answering questions, and once for answering a question not asked him.

Woodworth's attorney today reprimanded Sir Charles: "I am afraid I have been discredited in your eyes, since you did not place credence even in my telegram about my inability to get here before you were biased against me by a man not in your jurisdiction and whom you have never seen."

"You will please be silent, sir, and give your evidence," answered Sir Charles, turning to Thompson, and motioning him to proceed.

There was considerable excitement in the court, which was filled with friends of Woodworth, who is a native of Kings county, during his exchanges with the commission.

After his outburst Woodworth settled down and was questioned by counsel as to checks drawn payable to his order for horses. Thirteen checks were so drawn to the value of \$21,784 and were paid by the government to the Halifax, New Glasgow and Truro. The average cost per horse was \$169. He did not draw up the checks. He could not give the names of all the vendors, but had kept data relating to horses bought. He had also kept a list of the names and totals of checks for horses, so that he did not exceed the amount of the checks drawn in a small book, but he tore that up after the sale.

The average cost to which he was allowed to go by Col. Neal was \$170, \$172. His final average was \$169. After he had worked out his buying deals from the tags he gave them to A. De Witt Foster, M.P., about two months ago in New York. He could see that this was a very important matter now to the commission, but it was a small matter with him, as the buying happened a year ago and he had been very busy since.

The examination of Mr. Woodworth occupied almost all of the morning and afternoon sessions. This witness told how he purchased horses at Halifax, Truro and New Glasgow, told how he kept his accounts, and told that he had now no recollection of the names of the vendors of the 139 horses bought by him. Some of the tags which were issued on the purchase of each horse were taken away by Woodworth when he left Nova Scotia and were afterwards handed by him to Foster.

Some of the tags were Woodworth's and some were Keever's.

After the purchases had been made, Mr. Woodworth destroyed some data relating to these purchases. He was not, he said, in this business permanently, and his stewardship ended when he accounted to A. Dewitt Foster, the government paymaster, for those purchases.

The commissioner told Mr. Woodworth at the completion of his testimony that in fairness to the witness he ought to tell him that evidence of interest in him relating to the Halifax, Truro and New Glasgow purchases would be taken. So far as Mr. Woodworth's own evidence was concerned, he was discharged.

Mr. Woodworth said that he would be ready to again attend the commission's sittings should he be notified of the advisability of his attendance.

The commissioner, in referring to the absence of Mr. Keever, another remount buyer residing in the United States, said that the evidence of discrepancy in his accounts was quite serious.

The price paid by Woodworth was \$168 per horse for those for which checks were issued in block, and \$169.70 per horse of those paid for by individual checks.

Kentville, N. S., Aug. 25.—When the war contract commission opened its session here this morning, Sir Charles Davidson announced that he had received a message from Dr. George Chipman, the veterinarian, who examined a number of remounts, and who was reported by his father, a doctor, to be suffering from tuberculosis, either in Massachusetts or Vermont, and unable to come back to Nova Scotia to give evidence.

Sir Charles said the doctor offered to make a statement, but he (Sir Charles) would have to refuse to accept as he had done the affidavits of the remount buyers, Keever and Woodworth, until he considered that it was impossible for a wife and one child, in Woodstock, Vermont, to attend. An independent examination of the doctor would be made to ascertain this. If it were found that he was too ill to travel, then some other means would have to be taken to get his evidence.

HER DREAMS CAME TRUE

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Government Had Anticipated Complaint by Judicial Inquiry—Was There German Plot at Vancouver?

Ottawa, Aug. 25.—It is stated that when the government was informed that a protest to Germany was planned by some of the war prisoners at Amherst (N. S.), an official of the justice department was despatched to the scene to investigate, and the United States consuls at Halifax and Montreal were also asked to make an inquiry into conditions at the internment camp. Their finding was that the trouble arose from a few irreconcilables and that the great majority of prisoners were satisfied with the treatment accorded them.

What Might Have Been. Vancouver, Aug. 25.—Details of a plot which was to culminate in the seizure of Vancouver and other cities on the coast, have just come to the attention of the authorities in this city.

The details of the plan are said to have been worked out by Alva Von Vensiebon, a German broker of Vancouver, who was in Berlin when the war was declared.

The information obtained in Vancouver today is that while in Berlin, Alvensiebon tried to get a Teutonic resident of Vancouver asking him to call a meeting of trusted Germans to start an agitation for inviting here Admiral Von Spee's squadron, which was then on the China coast. Many committee meetings were held and if the arrangements had succeeded the Gneisenau and the Scharnhorst would probably have been in local waters when the war broke out, ready to attempt to take possession not only of Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert, but of the coast as far as Vancouver Island, in which German capital was heavily invested.

The Germans planned to control from here the Pacific cable and the route to Vladivostok.

C. P. BENGINEER KILLED BY TRAIN

Hartland, N. B., Aug. 23.—John Keever, engineer on a mixed train from Arrostook to Woodstock, was instantly killed here at half-past ten o'clock this morning. While his train was at the station, he stepped off to get his pay check cashed. The train had started when he boarded it midway, climbing up the side of a box car. He fell between the cars. His head was severed from his body, arm cut off and body terribly crushed. He was about thirty-five years old, and one of the most capable engineers on the division. He leaves a wife and one child. The train was piloted by the deceased. The remains were taken up on his own train in charge of Officer Foster.

No One to Blame. Woodstock, N. B., Aug. 23.—(Special.)—Coroner Albion Foster held an inquest this afternoon to determine the cause of the death of John Keever, who was killed at Hartland in the morning. The evidence was weak to show that the deceased was an engineer on the train running from Arrostook, went into the bank at Hartland and returning, signalled his fireman to "go ahead, and in boarding the train slipped, falling between the cars and was instantly killed. The body being frightfully mangled. After hearing the evidence of the train hands, the jury returned the following verdict:

"John Keever did on Aug. 23 fall between two cars and was accidentally killed. No blame is attached to any one for the accident. A. C. Burden, foreman; John Atherton, H. M. Martell, Stephen Green, Leo Kearney, Wilnot Kay, John Colton."

WAR TAX NOT UP TO EXPECTATIONS

Ottawa, August 25.—Since the imposition of the war tax on letters and postcards the volume of mail matter posted in Canada has decreased by about thirty per cent. The war tax was expected to add a little over fifty per cent to the post office revenue, but in consequence of the economy practised by the public in the matter of saving on letters and postcards under the higher rates, the increased revenue has been considerably less than anticipated.

For the first four months of the operation of the war tax, the department's revenue has increased by \$1,000,000, or about thirty per cent, as compared with the corresponding period of last year. A large part of this increase, however, is due to the sale of stamps for checks, money orders, etc.

The minister of finance estimated last session that the war taxes would bring in an additional revenue of from \$80,000,000 to \$25,000,000. Present indications are that the special taxes will not aggregate more than half that amount. Although the revenue has increased, it is not exactly determined in view of the fact that there is no means of ascertaining what the drop in revenue would have been had no extra tariff or stamp taxes been imposed.

LOCH LOMOND BED IN DR. MACLAREN'S HOSPITAL

At a patriotic basket party held at the Agricultural hall, Loch Lomond, on the evening of Aug. 3, the sum of \$198 was realized. Of this amount \$80 was handed to Mrs. Murray MacLaren for a bed in Dr. MacLaren's hospital, to be known as the Loch Lomond bed, and \$148 was handed to the Red Cross committee.

Mrs. Barker, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Johnston and Miss O'Neill, who were also extended for the proceeds of a basket social, Sandy Point road, per Miss L. Peacock, amounting to \$140.50.

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Corporal E. C. Clarke of the West End has not been wounded as reported but has been in the hospital ill. He is better.

FEW QUICKERS MADE TROUBLE AT AMHERST CAMP

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kind, the waterproof material is not cracked by changes of temperature. When the staves and hoops expand, on account of high temperature, the wide staves expand but remain stationary because they are in contact with the hoops. The narrow staves, however, which do not touch the hoops, are each forced slightly outward. When the staves and hoops contract, on account of low temperature, the narrow staves are forced slightly inward. These movements bend the waterproof material slightly at each joint but not enough to crack it.

The silo is made of short wooden or concrete blocks and the joints are broken at the hoops.

CHICKEN FEEDER. Scraps from the table make excellent food for chickens, but when these are thrown on the ground the chickens drag them about and the food becomes filthy. The device shown here holds vegetables, scraps of meat, ears of corn, lettuce, bread, etc., in convenient reach of the chickens, but keeps the food clean. It consists of a sheet metal casing with a front made of wire netting. This front is pressed firmly against the scraps by means of a bar and spring. Particles of food can be removed in slices convenient for swallowing, but the food is not scattered on the ground.

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WORLD'S HARVEST WILL BE LARGER

Washington, Aug. 23.—Larger harvests of cereals than last year are forecast for the world's principal producing countries by the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome, which reported by cable today to the department of agriculture here.

Rye production in Spain, Ireland, Italy, European Russia, Switzerland and the United States this year aggregates 1,029,000,000 bushels, an increase of 18.7 per cent. over 1914.

Oats production in those countries and England, Scotland and Tunis aggregates 2,648,000,000 bushels, an increase of 24.1 per cent.

Barley production in those nations and Japan aggregates 997,000,000 bushels, an increase of 19 per cent.

Wheat production in the ten countries named and India and the winter wheat of Canada, aggregate 2,583,000,000 bushels, an increase of 17.9 per cent.

Calgary, Aug. 24.—Three hundred million bushels of wheat for western Canada is the estimate made by Andrew Kelly, president of the Western Canada Flour Mills, who arrived here this morning from Winnipeg.

The weather was fine and warm throughout Alberta today. This is the night of the full moon, when frost is dreaded. Present indications are that it will not be in evidence.

Fredericton, N. B., Aug. 23.—The potato fields of Victoria, Carleton and York counties, which comprise the large potato area of New Brunswick, are seriously affected by rust, according to reports received from the provincial agricultural department and from other sources. At present it is impossible to tell what percentage of the crop is affected, but it will be considerably curtailed. This condition has been produced by hot weather, accompanied by rain and mist.

A falling off in the amount of spraying is also accountable for the prevalence of rust. Where Bordeaux mixture has been used in the ordinary quantity, the rust has been kept in check. The cost of this mixture has advanced considerably, vitrol, one of its components, having increased 100 per cent.

J. B. Daggert, secretary of agriculture, has reported to the provincial government that of last year. A good crop in York, Sunbury and Kings and Westmorland counties has offset a shortage in other parts of the province, and the amount available for export will be about the average.

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PROVINCE WIDE CAMPAIGN ON FOR PATRIOTIC FUND.

Thursday, August 26. Initial steps were taken at a meeting of the patriotic fund executive yesterday to inaugurate a campaign for an increased patriotic fund and to provide for a province-wide organization in an effort to carry on more efficiently the great work of caring for those affected by the departure of wage-earners for the firing line.

Judge Forbes, who presided, spoke of the possibility of an expansion of activity. A referred to an offer made by Sir Herbert Ames that the central fund would pay the expenses incurred in organizing along provincial lines.

The members of the executive deemed the time opportune for a thorough canvass of the province and it was moved that the name of Lieut.-Governor Wood be added to the executive for that purpose.

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Secretary-treasurer Allan spoke of the need of a filing cabinet for the office of the patriotic fund and H. V. MacKinnon kindly loaned one of his.

It was decided to ask the board of trade, the Rotary Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Automobile Association to join in the campaign for a provincial fund.

H. V. MacKinnon said that the Daughters of the Empire had decided to conduct a patriotic auction with the object of raising \$50,000 for the patriotic fund and R. E. Armstrong, a member of the patriotic executive, was named to assist the Daughters of the Empire in the auction.

Miss Theodora McKeil, formerly of Fairville, acknowledged the receipts of a sum of money sent for the soldiers' comforts. But she adds that a recent order is that no news from the base must be published.

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THE TRUE SITUATION

The following verses were sent to the graph by a correspondent in Lynn S., who says they were written in hand on blank pages in a notebook exercises in the German language, smuggled across the border.

THE MUSIC PLAYED ALONE

Munich, November 4, 1914. (By Mercy Eldredge.)

splendid pictures in gold frames, breaking of the day. The soldiers marched the battle front away.

week by week with aspect bright, ere soldiers, more and more, being crossed the barracks court passed out from its door.

flowers went away, in flowers on their caps, arm gray coats and polished boots d' shining knapsack straps.

holy water came the priest, bless them from on high, friends and relatives were there, say to them good-bye.