

WANTS HEADQUARTERS OF INTERCOLONIAL AT MONCTON

Liberal Members from Maritime Provinces Express Views Regarding Railway Situation

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Premier King Wednesday afternoon heard the voice of the Maritime provinces on the tangled railway situation. A deputation headed by Hance J. Logan, M. P. elect for Cumberland, and E. M. Mac Donald, M. P. elect for Pictou, placed strongly held views on the Intercolonial before the head of the cabinet, Hon. George P. Graham, acting minister of railways, and Hon. A. B. Copp, secretary of state. Briefly they want the control of the Intercolonial taken away from Toronto and centred in Moncton. They are utterly opposed to any continuation of this road in the present Canadian National system, but it was made clear that they are not opposed to any amalgamation of the government owned systems provided the Intercolonial is managed as an entity, though under some sort of government supervision, perhaps by a commission.

The protest of the deputation was centred on an order-in-council passed in 1918 by which the directors of the Canadian Northern system were given the management of the Intercolonial and all control was taken from Moncton and given to Toronto, nearly 800 miles away. A carefully prepared brief was presented to the Premier showing in one instance where the freight rates on coal from the maritime provinces had been increased 150 per cent in recent years. It was also pointed out that not a ton of coal had been shipped west to the other provinces by rail in the last three years. It was argued that these new freight rates had practically killed the coal industry down by the sea.

REVIEW OF SITUATION

They pointed out that the federal railway commission had no control over the freight rates as on other roads, that they had to go to Toronto for redress and that their only appeal was to the minister of railways. The premier was given a review of the road since confederation.

It was also argued that it was a great inconvenience to take every little difficulty to Toronto where as in years past all these had been settled quickly and satisfactorily in Moncton.

Probably the view of the delegation which will excite most comment in the discussion of the railway problem is that they claim the Intercolonial is being killed by centralization. In other words, they demand local control in any broad scheme of railway amalgamation. In the east the Intercolonial is still the great live issue. It was so during the campaign while the tariff was touched upon but lightly. The maritime Liberals are determined upon their policy. They point out that from the thirty-one members elected from those provinces twenty-five are Liberals. The majorities of these Liberals average around 2,000; thus they feel that they have a mandate such as seldom has been accorded any portion of the party.

NO PATRONAGE SYSTEM

These Liberals are emphatic in their declarations that they want no return to the patronage system for their railway. They say patronage is impossible because the labor unions control all appointments and they are happy to leave it so and be free from the responsibility for appointments. On the other hand they still advance the plea that the Intercolonial can never be run as a purely commercial proposition. Their argument is still that it is still needed to link the lower provinces with those further west. In addition no attempt is made to conceal their antagonism to Toronto management.

While the attitude of the Maritime provinces is not conducive to the smooth working out of the scheme of amalgamation of all government railways political observers here point out that it has by no means thrown the great plan up in the air.

At the present time the country is finding two government railway systems with two separate managements an intolerable burden. The Grand Trunk is costing the government more than \$1,000,000 a month while the deficits of the Canadian National after fixed charges are paid are more than that. These two roads, all admit here, can do better under one business-like management and with co-ordination. In view of this the proposition from the maritime provinces for separate management complicates the problem facing this government. Mr. King promised every consideration and the matter will be taken up so soon as Hon. Mr. Kennedy, the minister of railways, returns from his inspection trip of a portion of the people's roads. It is admitted that the pressure and influence of twenty-five members cut a big slice in the Liberal following now. The cause of the delegation here Wednesday is sure to be taken up eagerly and sympathetically by those interests which oppose the amalgamation plan and hope for delay.

The deputation consisted of H. J. Logan, of Cumberland; E. M. MacDonald, of Pictou; H. Putnam, of Colchester; A. T. Legere, of Kent; Onesiphore Turgeon, of Gloucester, and Colin McIsaac, of Antigonish—Telegraph.

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RACING PLANS FOR THE COMING SEASON

FREDERICTON, Jan. 31.—Directors of the Fredericton Park Association, at a meeting, last night, decided to invite representatives of various tracks in New Brunswick to attend a conference in Fredericton next month to discuss racing plans for the coming season.

Advocates of a provincial or a Maritime circuit will thus have an opportunity to show what there is in sight in the way of real material for such a circuit, and to clear the way for making plans for the 1922 racing season. So far there has not been a call for a meeting of the Maine and New Brunswick Circuit to organize for the 1922 season.

The following officers were elected for the Fredericton Association, last evening:

P. S. Weston, president; Harry Crotty, vice-president; T. V. Monahan, treasurer; and G. E. Howie, secretary.

R. B. BENNETT HAS FILED PROTEST IN WEST CALGARY

Calgary, Jan. 31.—R. B. Bennett has filed an election protest in West Calgary federal elections. Jos. T. Shaw, Independent Labor was elected. Bennett was declared defeated after a recount, by 16 votes.

Mr. Bennett said that the result of the recount by the District Court Judge was to disfranchise a number of voters for the following reasons:

Marking ballots with pen and ink and pencils other than the black one supplied in the polling booth and because some marked their ballots with the figure "1" instead of with an "I" following the rules of proportional representation as in force in municipal elections in Calgary.

Denies Authorship Of Meighen Article

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Lord Beaverbrook, who is the chief stockholder in the London Daily Express, gives the following statement to the Canadian Press:

"I see considerable criticism and controversy has been aroused in Canadian newspapers by an article in the Daily Express commenting on the character and ability of the Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen in connection with the recent general election in Canada.

"Many newspapers intimated the belief that I was the author of the article or the views expressed in it. This is not the case. I read the article on the day following its publication like any other reader. It was written by an eminent young Canadian journalist on our staff who has an intimate knowledge of politics in Canada. His comment did not then, and does not now, strike me as in any way offensive or lacking in good taste. He adheres to his view, and, though that view is not my own, I am not prepared to declare that I must be right and that he must be wrong, or, in a word, to crush down all liberty of opinion or expression in two great papers, The Daily Express and The Sunday Express, in which I am the principal shareholder when I write an article I sign it."

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