

FARMERS ENDORSE THE HOUSE OF COMMONS FINANCIAL POLICY

They, However, Condemn Proposed Routes of Trunk Roads.

W. H. MOORE IS NEW PRESIDENT

Farmers and Dairymen's Association Adopt Important Resolutions— Favor Demonstration Farms for Every Parish in Province.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Feb. 20.—At the business session of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association for the valuable assistance rendered by providing judges, speakers and stock for a short course.

The convention protested, by resolution strongly condemning the resolution passed at the good roads convention at St. John to the effect that a large sum be expended to build trunk lines parallel to the railroads through the province, said action of the Good Roads Association being in direct opposition to the rural delegates present at that convention. The recommendation at tonight's meeting recommends, moreover, that amounts granted be expended so as to give equal privileges to farmers living on remote districts as against those near railroads.

Another important resolution passed was one expressing the opinion that to further the work of the government in establishing two agricultural schools and an experimental farm, which the farmers and dairymen of the province through the delegates to the convention heartily endorse, the establishment of a demonstration farm in every parish of the province is necessary. A resolution of this nature was adopted, in favor of introducing into the curriculum of public schools a system of agricultural training.

The other resolutions passed asked that the government furnish farmers with chemicals for fertilizing purposes at first cost. There was considerable discussion on this but it was finally adopted. The convention asked furthermore that the government reduce the tariff on traction ditches imported from the U. S. be cancelled.

Thanks were extended to Mayor Hooper, the city council and citizens of the city generally for courtesy extended to the delegates during their stay.

Election of Officers.

The other important business of tonight's session was the election of officers for the year. The Scotch Lake, who on taking the chair said when he became a member of the association his ambition had been to become president but he was content with the advantages of agriculture in the province as shown in the convention his ambition is now to become a farmer.

Other officers elected were: J. S. Bernier, Edmundston, vice-president; T. Edmund Carter, Bathurst, rec. sec.; Morris A. Scovill, Gagetown, cor. sec.; H. H. Smith, Hoyt Station, treasurer. The county vice-presidents: Albert, Louis Smith, Lower Coverdale; Carleton, George B. Reid, Glassville; Charlotte, Tilley Reid, Lower Coverdale; Amos J. Edger, Bathurst; Kent, Henry Berthe, Buctouche; Kings, Henry Sherwood, Upham; Madawaska, Dennis Dalgle, Basile; Northumberland, Henry Gordon, Chatham; Queens, Thomas Harding, Welsford; Restigouche, John McKinnon, Dundas; St. John, R. G. Murray, St. John; Sunbury, Tilton A. Smith, Hoyt Station; Westmorland, R. H. Wellings; Victoria, J. W. Stevenson, Arthurette; York, Edward Jarvis, Stanley.

Following the election of officers instructive addresses on drainage and on practical farming for New Brunswick were given by Dr. C. J. Lyde of Macdonald College and Andrew Elliot of Galt, Ont.

The afternoon session was also particularly interesting.

Poultry and Profit.

"A trainload of cars nine miles long would represent the import of eggs into Canada for 1912," W. A. Brown, Dominion poultry superintendent told the convention this afternoon. All through the Dominion there is an increased consumption of eggs; and the industry is not being carried on economically enough to meet the home demands. Moreover he said the standard of quality must be improved if we are to sustain our fair reputation as an agricultural country. Not only is there a shortage of supply but a deplorable loss in quality.

It is important for the credit of the Dominion that the present standard on which poultry are judged be changed. If we are to meet the national requirements of the poultry industry as a whole there is need for better eggs and poultry. The poultry diet.

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LOCAL MEN INTERVIEWED BY GOVERNMENT

Delegation Urging Passage of Bulk Sales Act in Province.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR ENTERTAINS AT DINNER.

Tuesday Will be Railway Day in House When Delegates Will Be Heard Regarding Valley Railway.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Feb. 20.—This evening Lieut. Governor Wood and Mrs. Wood entertained the first double dinner of the session. Covers were laid for thirty-four and the function proved highly enjoyable and creditable to the Queen Hotel where it took place. The following attended the function: Dr. and Mrs. T. Carleton Allen, the Dean and Mrs. Schofield, Rev. and Mrs. Neil MacLaughlan, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Harrison, Dr. and Mrs. H. V. B. Bridges, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Osborne, Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Stopford, Dr. O. E. Morehouse, M. L. A., Major F. M. Black, A. D. C., Mr. G. Mahoney, M. L. A. and Miss Mahoney, Miss Mahoney, Dr. O. B. Price, M. L. A. and Mrs. Price, P. Grannan, M. L. A. and Mrs. Grannan; A. H. Stewart, M. L. A.; Dr. H. I. Taylor, M. L. A.; W. B. Dickson, M. L. A. and Mrs. Dickson; J. L. Stewart, M. L. A.; Miss Tait, Miss deSoyres, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. B. McLellan, Miss Palmer, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Jones.

A delegation arrived from St. John tonight and appeared before the government in support of the bill to enact in this province the Bulk Sales Act. The Canadian Credit Men's Association is behind the bill and it is also endorsed by resolution of the Board of Trade of St. John, Thomas H. Somerville, F. M. Roach, Harold Rising, E. J. Fleetwood and J. G. Harrison composed the St. John delegation with H. Harrison of the Hart Boot and Shoe Co. of this city appearing with the delegation.

F. Del. Clements of St. John is here lobbying in advance of the delegation who will come from St. John next Tuesday in favor of having the St. John Valley Railway route from Gagetown to St. John changed so as to follow the west side of the river. The engineers of the railway, the contracting governments and the contracting company will be invited to attend. The other Boards of Trade from along the coast will have delegations on hand to oppose any change being made in the route as laid down in the legislation already enacted and the contracts which have been entered into.

A number of the police magistrates of the province met here today and took the preliminary steps towards the formation of a Police Magistrates' Association for New Brunswick. Col. Marsh of this city acted as chairman and A. D. Holyoke of Woodstock was the secretary of the meeting. It was decided to hold another meeting in St. John some time next month, the date to be decided upon later. The objects of the association are said to be to meet together and discuss matters of mutual interest and benefit. It was said that the report that some legislation would be sought by the new association is entirely erroneous.

Prof. Cushing arrived here this evening and is conferring with Dr. C. E. James as to the expenditure of the Dominion grant for agriculture in Nova Scotia.

FOURTEEN ARRESTED FOR STRIKE RIOTING.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 20.—Fourteen arrests were made as a result of a street encounter between garment strike sympathizers and a crowd of young men, who were scattering some women operatives from an East Boston factory tonight. In the battle sticks, stones and bottles figured prominently as weapons, and many injuries were inflicted. Police reserves succeeded after a short struggle in separating the contending elements.

BONSPIEL RESULTS.

In the bonspiel last night Shaw, of the Thistles defeated Roxborough, of Carleton by a score of 15 to 9. The final will be played between Shaw and Brown of the Thistles at the first opportunity. The Thistles win out in both doubles and singles.

TROITSKY CATHEDRAL BURNED.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The Troitsky Cathedral was destroyed by fire today. The great collection of pictures, carvings and precious relics which had been gathered in the building since its erection in 1763 by Peter the Great was saved.

HOUSE OF COMMONS FINANCIAL POLICY

EXPERT EXPLAINS DOMINION'S GENEROUS AND TO AGRICULTURE

Dr. James, Special Commissioner for Agriculture, Addressed Committee on Agriculture, at Fredericton Yesterday Morning.

Fredericton, Feb. 20.—Dr. C. C. James, special commissioner of the federal department of agriculture, addressed the committee on agriculture this morning. Lieut. Governor Wood presided, and introduced the speaker. In doing so he referred to the prominent positions the speaker had formerly occupied in Canada, and he believed there was no man better qualified to speak upon the subject of agriculture.

Dr. James in opening said he had been requested to speak on the subject of what was to be done in connection with the \$10,000,000 grant by the Dominion government for the assistance of agriculture in the several provinces. Last night's meeting was a good introduction of the meeting of today. On the platform he noticed the farmers men in the mechanical life of the province. A few years ago it would have been impossible to get such men as these interested in such a subject.

Dr. James then read the bill introduced in the Dominion House. He said it was intended that this money should be given out gradually during the ten years so that as the work increased, larger sums would be granted, that is to say this year \$700,000 had been granted, next year \$800,000, and so on each year the sum being increased until it reached \$10,000,000. He had been in consultation with Hon. Mr. Burrell, minister of agriculture, and they had decided the money granted should be restricted for instruction, demonstration, and education, carried along with the regular system of instruction.

Speaking of the demonstration farms Dr. James said they were a good means of waking up an interest in agricultural matters, but to bring any lasting results they must be followed up.

At some length the importance of Women's Institute work was associated with lines of action were discussed, and Dr. James laid great stress upon the good results which had come in Ontario from interesting women in the agricultural life of the rural life of the country. He was glad to see some work along that line being undertaken in New Brunswick.

Regarding the future Dr. James said that if at the end of five years \$55,000, which would then be available annually for carrying on the work outlined, proved to be insufficient, and if it was found that the good results had come from the expenditures which had been made, there was no reason why further amounts could not be obtained.

A vote of thanks to Dr. James was moved by Hon. Dr. Landry, seconded by Hon. Mr. Fleming.

Mr. Dickson of Albert was elected chairman of committee, and H. G. Fenwick of the Chamber of Commerce then adjourned to Tuesday next.

Even this small point was fought obstinately by the Liberals, Mr. Pugsley leading. First Mr. Pugsley moved that the witness remain. There were cries from the Conservatives that this was a direct negative, was no amendment. Warned by this, Mr. Pugsley wrote out a long amendment, the gist of which was that the witness should not retire. The speaker unhesitatingly ruled this out of order observing that the verbiage in which the idea was clothed did not keep it from directly negating the motion.

Mr. Pugsley disputed the ruling and amid much shouting and counter-shouting appealed to the house.

The speaker was sustained. Before this point had been reached Mr. Pugsley had made every effort to discuss the general issue with the witness present. He discovered, for instance, a discrepancy between the Mr. Harvey statement and that contained in Mr. Middlebro's question. Mr. Miller and his counsel, he said, should be allowed to remain while the witness stated his case.

When Miller and Mr. Harvey had retired Mr. Middlebro made the following motion:

To Commit to Jail.

This case, having considered the statements made herewith declares such statement to be an answer to the question and that his refusal to answer said questions constitutes a breach of the privileges of parliament, and renders the said R. C. Miller guilty of contempt of this house and doth order and adjudge that the said R. C. Miller be, forthwith, by the sergeant at arms, committed to and imprisoned in the common jail of the County of Carleton until the prorogation of this house, or until sooner released therefrom by the order of this house, and that he pay the costs of this house.

SENTENCED TO IMPRISONMENT IN COUNTY JAIL.

CASE ENDS AFTER SIX HOUR DEBATE

LAWYER FOR MONTREAL MAN DECLARES HE WILL GET HIM OUT ON HABEAS CORPUS—PENALTY OF OBSTINACY.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 20.—Richard C. Miller, former president and manager of the Diamond Light and Heating Co. of Montreal, was found guilty of contempt, after six hours debate by the House tonight and sentenced to imprisonment in the Carleton county jail.

He spent the night in the office of Captain Bowie, deputy sergeant at arms, under an extra guard of two Dominion policemen, and early tomorrow he will be transferred to the custody of Sheriff Richardson. The speaker's warrant, under which he is imprisoned, states that he is to remain there until the prorogation of Parliament, or until released by order of the House. He was sentenced by the House for a breach of privilege, constituting contempt, in refusing to name the persons to whom he paid \$41,000 in obtaining government contracts.

"I will get him out tomorrow," said A. H. Stewart, M. L. A., Miller's counsel tonight. Mr. Harvey intends instituting habeas corpus proceedings before a high court judge of Ontario. The British precedents indicate that such proceedings cannot succeed where a man has been imprisoned by the order of the House of Commons.

Miller was brought back to the bar of the House following after three hours and given a second opportunity to answer the question which he had refused to answer two days ago. He refused again, withdrawing the plea that an answer would incriminate him, and stating that it would prejudice existing litigation in Montreal. He was then ordered to retire and a lengthy, and at times stormy, debate ensued. It ended at eleven thirty tonight when the Middlebro motion to commit Miller to the county jail was declared carried on division.

Miller was then brought back to the bar of the House by the Speaker of the House and informed of the judgment of the House. He heard the verdict quietly, bowed to the speaker, and returned to his seat. Mr. Pugsley's motion to commit was stubbornly resisted by the opposition.

Hon. William Pugsley took the field at an early stage in favor of delay. His lead was followed by P. B. Carson and later by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hugh Guthrie.

The contention raised by Mr. Harvey that the \$41,000 as having been paid for government business only, whereas it was paid out for all business, was made the ground of a vigorous effort by Mr. Pugsley, and of a personal attack on Mr. Middlebro. It was pointed out in reply that during the period covered by the question, the non-government business had amounted to about \$2,000 only.

The arguments of the opposition were completely answered from the records by Mr. Middlebro and Mr. Melgren, backed up later by the minister of justice, Hon. C. J. Doherty and by the prime minister. It was shown that the \$41,000 was not paid for government business, but was paid for all business, and that it was not used to mislead the witness, and had been accepted by him as fair.

Miller will remain in the county jail until tomorrow morning. Promptly after the opening of the House Mr. Middlebro moved that R. C. Miller be again brought to the bar of the House to answer the question already put to him. This was carried.

CONFLICTING REPORTS FROM BATTLE ZONE

Deposed President to Face Many Official Investigations

NEW GOVERNMENT WILL BE STRONGER

Officers of New Administration Sworn in— Diaz Present in Character of Private Citizen

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A committee of deputies, has now asked that Madero be forced to account for money expended by his administration. This committee called upon President Huerta this afternoon, and urged that Madero be held accountable for the depleted condition of the treasury.

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Significant of the birth in battle of the new administration was the frank display of soldiers, and the effect on the crowd was not lost. It served as a reminder, that even if it was not a military dictatorship that had been established, the present administration was a much sterner quality than that which had just fallen.

Diaz at Ceremony.

Diaz was among those in the yellow room, when the ministers took the oath and heard Huerta pronounce the formal time-honored phrase: "If you keep this oath, the country will reward you; if you do not, it will call you to an accounting." General Diaz was present ostensibly in no official capacity, but merely as a private citizen, which he became many months ago on resigning his commission as a general in the regular army.

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BOSTON HAS FIRE SCARE

Entire Fire Fighting Plant of City Called to North End by Blaze in Big Plant—\$500,000 Damage.

Boston, Feb. 20.—All fire apparatus in the city proper, including three fire boats together with some suburban assistance, was required to subdue a blaze which caused half a million loss to wholesale firms in the North End tonight. The heavy losses are Braman Dow and Company, dealers in plumbing and steam fitting supplies whose five storey building on Causeway street was practically destroyed. The loss on the firm's stock is estimated at \$300,000, covered by insurance.

Sparks, which were thrown over a wide area when the roof of the Braman Dow and Company's building was burned through threatened for a time to carry the fire over much of the wholesale district in the vicinity of North terminal station. Using the elevated railway structure as a vantage point from which to fight the flames the firemen tied up all traffic on that main artery of the city for several hours.

SYDNEY DEFEATS SOCIALS.

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, Feb. 20.—The Sydney hockey team defeated the Socials of Halifax tonight, six to one, in a game at Sydney.

The Valley Railway Route.

Some of the members of the Fairville board of trade are organizing a delegation to go to Fredericton and urge the government to bring the Valley Railway down the Novaya through Fairville and across by way of Navy Island to St. John.

New Choir Leader Engaged.

The music committee of the Carleton Presbyterian church have secured the services of Miss Gertrude Heales, teacher in vocal art and vocal culture. Miss Heales is a graduate of the Acadia Seminary, also a pupil of Loyd D'Aubigne, of France, and Mario Cotogno of Rome.

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