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MONTREAL BD. OF TRADE TURNS DOWN MEIGHEN AMENDMENT AND PASSES PROTECTION RESOLUTION

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, May 18.—An important meeting of the Board of Trade was held today to take into consideration the instructions to be given to the delegates appointed to attend the congress of Chambers of the Empire to be held in Sydney, Australia, in September next. A special general meeting of the members was held on May 6th for the purpose of doing this. The attendance at this meeting was very small. The council had prepared a series of resolutions and these were all accepted with the exception of one giving with the trade policy of the Empire. To this an amendment was moved by Robert Meighen, president of the Lake of the Woods Milling Company, and seconded by Alex. McEwen, a leading grain exporter, and passed to the effect that the trade policy between the component parts of the Empire should be based on free trade with a tariff for revenue. The council's resolution called for protection against a foreign country and a preference for the Empire.

MAY HAVE NO RACES AT FTON EXHIBITION

Special to The Standard.
Frederickton, May 18.—Frederickton 1909 exhibition without horse racing is the possibility. This afternoon President Colter, Ald. Calder, Ald. Kitchin, Hugh O'Neill and D. Black, secretary, as a delegation from the Frederickton Park Association, met the Exhibition Executive at City Hall and a proposition was put forward to the executive to abolish the \$500 stakes for exhibition races, which with 10 entries in each stake, an immense number, would mean a total outlay on the part of the exhibition of \$5,000. Heretofore only three days' racing has been given in connection with the exhibition, but this year the Frederickton Park Association planned on giving five days' racing for between \$3,500 and \$4,000 in purses and stakes as the exhibition will run ten days instead of a week. It was pointed out that in years past the exhibition has always had the advantage of races as an attraction without any expense or responsibility and that the races attract many to the exhibition who would not otherwise come here.

Offer Conditional.
Some time ago, the Exhibition Association asked the City Council for \$1,500 grant towards this year's fair. After considering the proposition put to them today the exhibition directors passed a resolution to the effect that they would guarantee the stakes if given the grant asked for from the City Council. Inasmuch as the Frederickton Park Association directors are aldermen this decision may be sufficient. Tonight there is talk of the trotting park directors not holding the races during the exhibition, while another report is that a special meeting of the exhibition directors will be called to reconsider the proposition as many prominent members were not present at today's meeting. Tomorrow evening the directors of the Frederickton Park Association will meet to receive the report of the nominations in early closing stakes for races on June 30th, July 1st and 2nd. There has been a large entry and the list of nominations will be announced on Thursday.

GUILTY OF DEFRAUDING THE C. P. R.

Special to The Standard.
Toronto, May 18.—After a trial by jury lasting all day in the sessions, Thomas Grimes, late general manager of the C. P. R. freight department, at Toronto, was tonight found guilty on two charges of defrauding his employers. The jury added a strong recommendation to mercy.
There are still two other charges pending against Grimes, and Judge Winchester accordingly refused to receive his bail.
The evidence showed that after the discharge a year ago of an employee named William Watson, at West Toronto yards, the defendant had continued to send in a time sheet and receive a pay check marked William Watson. Altogether a sum of \$778 was sent out in this way. In his defence, Grimes said that after Watson left the company's employ, he had engaged a confidential assistant named Frank Smith whom he paid the money sent out in the name of Watson. The endorsements on Watson's check he admitted were written by himself. He explained his inability to produce Smith by saying that Smith had left the city and could not be traced. Grimes, who is still a young looking man of thirty-seven, has spent twenty years of his life in the employ of the C. P. R., and had worked his way

THE U. S. TARIFF DEBATE.
Washington, D. C., May 18.—After devoting the greater part of the day's session to debate, the Senate passed upon a number of important committee amendments to the tariff bill. It also disposed of adversely an amendment by Mr. Stone restoring the Dingley rates on razors.

TRUTH AND HONOR HAVE GONE TO THE DOGS

(From The News, of Toronto)
In defending himself in the House of Commons against the allegations made by the Central Railway Commission Mr. Pugsley denounced as false the statement that \$39,000 out of the \$180,000 presumably paid for the railway was held back. He made up a statement purporting to account for the shortage discovered by the Commission, and read it to Parliament. In that statement he included \$39,000 "wrongfully omitted from the list of expenditures by the Commission."

The Legislature voted \$180,000 to acquire the railway from Evans & Elkin, who held the option. Mr. Evans, when on oath before the Commission, testified that he received only \$141,000, and that he had been totally unable to secure the balance due to him. Mr. Pugsley intimated to the House that this money was used to purchase stock which Evans & Elkin did not hold. But other testimony before the Commission showed conclusively that less than \$500 was used for this purpose. Mr. DeBertram turned over his stock for that consideration. So that Mr. Pugsley's attempt to account for the missing balance of \$39,000 fails by \$38,500. There is such a weight of testimony to show that Evans & Elkin got only \$141,000 that only a man of the supremest hardihood and the utmost disregard for truth would attempt to deny it.

But it is not the worst part of the indictment to say that \$39,000 has disappeared. The Commissioners charge that the Legislature was assured that \$180,000 was paid for the property. The official Hansard of the Assembly quotes Mr. Pugsley as saying that \$180,000 had gone to the purchase of the Central Railway. He knew that was a false statement, for he had had charge of the negotiations with Evans & Elkin. This statement was made in 1905. In February, 1906, Mr. Pugsley said in the Legislature that the total amount paid by the New Brunswick Railway Company for the Central Railway was \$180,000. Twice he deliberately made a false statement to the Legislature. But he did more, he instructed Mr. Sharpe, the company's auditor, to declare \$180,000 as the amount paid for the railway, and he prepared an Order-in-Council to the same effect.

This is the man, a proved falsifier of public records, who directs the Federal Department of Public Works, and of whom Sir Wilfrid Laurier is prouder than ever. This is the man whom the Liberal slaves of the Liberal Ministry support. It was his tenuous and watery defence which the Liberal press acclaimed as a "triumphant refutation of the Commissioners' report." Surely, so far as the dominant party is concerned, truth and honor have gone to the dogs, and political decency is a forgotten tradition.

S. OF T. REPORTS SHOW ORDER TO BE IN FLOURISHING CONDITION

Special to The Standard.
St. George, N. B., May 18.—The semi-annual meeting of the Grand Division Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick opened here at three o'clock this afternoon, Grand Worthy Patriarch, E. S. Hennigar, of St. John in the chair. After the initiation of a number of candidates and the submission of the reports of the officers, routine business was taken and occupied the attention of the delegates until after six o'clock.
In the evening a very large public meeting was held in one of the large halls here, Mr. E. D. Harvey, of St. George, was in the chair and a large choir rendered special music.
Grand Chaplain and Mr. M. J. Steeves, Grand Conductor, of Moncton.
The addresses were most optimistic and showed that the work of the Order was never carried on with greater enthusiasm than at present. The helpful meeting was brought to a close with the singing of the National Anthem.
The reports of the Grand Officers showed that there has been a great gain in the membership of the Order during the last few months. The financial report also showed that the Order is very prosperous in this respect. In fact, all departments give reason for the greatest encouragement.
The session will be continued at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning in order to allow the delegates to get away at noon.
Those from St. John will go up on the afternoon train.

MR. TAYLOR IS ASKING FOR INFORMATION RENDERED UNCONSCIOUS BY SMOKE

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 18.—Mr. Taylor is asking:—Who is the commanding officer of the 2nd Regiment of Prince Edward Island? Have any changes been recently made in the command? If so, when? Were any representations made during 1908 to the D. O. C. 12th district by the officers of the regiment respecting the appointment of Major Crockett to the command? If so, what was the nature thereof, and what action was taken in respect thereof?
Mr. Taylor is also asking: Who is the captain of the dredge Montague; where is she now located? Is it the intention of the Government to do any dredging at Pinette, P. E. I. during 1909?

ON THEIR WAY TO ST. JOHN'S TO SEE VESSEL

Special to The Standard.
Sydney, May 18.—Among the passengers who sailed on the steamer Boston today, were Mr. Lemieux, father of the postmaster general, Mr. Poulette, and Mayor Fraser of Fraserville, Que., who are on their way to St. John's to inspect the wrecking steamer Stella Maria with a view of purchasing her. She was formerly a British gun-boat, and was purchased from the admiralty by Captain Alfred Manley of Halifax.

NEW BOARD OF MANAGEMENT OF INTERCOLONIAL WILL HAVE THEIR PERMANENT OFFICE IN MONTREAL

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 18.—The new board of management of the Intercolonial will hold its meetings and have permanent offices in Montreal. It will have the powers of the executive of a railway company. It will be given a free hand so far as it can, consistent with ministerial responsibility to parliament. It will control rates, subject to approval by order in council.
These are the general outlines of statements made by the Minister of Railways last evening in reference to the new regime of the Intercolonial. They were drawn out by a series of questions by Hon. G. E. Foster. Mr. Foster pressed Mr. Graham upon the question of the abolition of the patronage system. What about the requests made by the Liberal members? he asked.
Mr. Graham replied that he would refer the suggestions to the board.
"With a recommendation?" queried Dr. Sproule.
"If I abolish any suggestion for the benefit of the railway," replied Mr.

Graham, "I should think it my duty to recommend it to the careful consideration of the board."
"I want to make this board responsible in a real sense for the administration of the railway," the minister added.
Each of the commissioners, he stated, is in receipt of the salary of \$8,000. Deputy Minister Butler is chairman, but receives nothing in addition to his regular salary.
Patronage.
Mr. Foster discussed the subject for awhile from the standpoint of the possible abolition of the patronage system. If politics were really eliminated, the patronage system ceased to operate, real benefit to the road would ensue. If, however, this element will be retained the system would be little improved on the old.
The House then discussed the immigration system for some time. Mr. Monk moving to cut down to vote for advertising and Mr. Henderson's motion that the vote be taken on the motions were defeated.

M'GILL MEN EXAMINING STEEL PLANT

Special to The Standard.
Sydney, May 18.—Science class of McGill University arrived in the city last night, and will make a tour of the steel plant to witness the process of the manufacturing of steel rails. The students are in charge of Prof. R. E. Porter of McGill.
They will also visit the extensive coal fields of Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company of Sydney Mines and the Science class numbers 25 students, who are comfortably housed in Pullman cars.

THEY EXPECT SETTLEMENT SATISFACTORY

Special to The Standard.
Sydney, May 18.—At the office of the Steel Company today the conference between the Dominion Steel and Coal officials is being continued.
These conferences, as indicated a few days ago are for the purpose of definitely and finally adjusting the damages to which the Steel Company is entitled as the result of the former disagreement. Should the representatives of the respective companies fail to reach an amicable determination, recourse will be taken to the courts. The revision of the contract with a view to fixing the price to be paid by the Steel Company for its coal after the 30th June next is another matter receiving attention at these conferences.
In the event of a failure to agree provision is made in the contract for a submission of the case to arbitration.
Mr. Plummer said tonight that he was looking forward to a satisfactory solution of both questions.

STORM KILLS OFF CALVES AND LAMBS

Special to The Standard.
Lethbridge, Alberta May 18.—The present snow storm promises to be the most serious yet in results.
The stock will suffer severely. The calving and lambing season is on, and this weather means the loss of a large percentage of the calves and lambs, as well as the weaker ones of the older cattle and sheep. Prominent cattlemen say any calves born during the storm would probably die.
W. A. Hamilton, of the Alberta sheep company, says sheep men with stables and straw are losing one-third of their lambs.

TRYING TO MEET OUTSIDE COMPETITION

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, N. B., May 18.—The annual meeting of the Board of Trade this evening was largely attended. Many interesting reports were submitted and a valuable paper by Mr. A. E. McSweeney on the local retail trade conditions was read to the board containing a suggestion as to how best the competition of outside catalogue business may be met. The following officers were chosen:
E. C. Cole, president, re-elected; James Doyle, vice president, re-elected; Thomas Williams, secretary treasurer; Council—J. H. Harris, F. W. Sumner, Dr. Murray, J. E. Masters, R. Clark, C. W. Robinson, W. H. Edgett, C. A. Steeves, Auditors—J. F. Edgett and F. W. S. Colpitts.

TOM QUILL GOT DECISION OVER CLABBY

Special to The Standard.
Boston, Mass., May 18.—Tom Quill, of Brockton, won the decision from Jimmy Clabby, of Milwaukee, tonight in twelve rounds of one of the classic fights ever seen at the Army A. A.
Both men were fast and clever and similar in their style. Quill did the leading throughout and with his exceedingly fast work at the end overcame what advantage Clabby gained earlier by better lifting power.
In the semi-final, Billy Rolfe, of South Boston, was given the decision over Young Jack Johnson (colored) of Boston in eight rounds of hard fighting in which the colored man did good work.
In the preliminaries Frank Parron, of Pawtucket, knocked out Harry Conisky of Cambridge in the second round.

SCHOONER IS FINED ONLY \$50

Special to The Standard.
North Sydney, May 18.—A fifty dollar fine was paid today by the commander of the French fishing schooner Dictator, which was seized last week by the government cruiser, Gladiator, for an infringement of the customs law. The maximum penalty is \$400, but the vessel was dealt with leniently.

ELECTRIC TRAIN BURNED ON LONG ISLAND

New York, N. Y., May 18.—Two hundred commuters on the Long Island R. R. jumped from car windows near Far Rockaway late this afternoon to escape from a blaze which started simultaneously in all the coaches by a sudden short circuiting of the third rail. Owing to the reduced speed at which the train was moving, none of those who jumped was hurt, although the engineer was slightly injured.
The flames spread rapidly and before the firemen could reach the scene, four coaches were destroyed. The mail pouches were saved with considerable difficulty.

HEINZE BAIL PLACED AT \$50,000

New York, N. Y., May 18.—F. Augustus Heinze, the banker who is under two indictments, charging over-certification and misapplication of funds at the time of the Heinze crash in Wall street in 1907, was again before the Federal Grand Jury today. It is understood that a new inquiry into the affairs of the financier is under way. He is at present out on \$50,000 bail.

KILLED IN FIRE.
Lille, France, May 18.—Extensive docks and warehouses here were destroyed by fire tonight. One man was killed and the loss is estimated at close to \$1,500,000.