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Packers Before Congress Declare Reports Untrue

Accredited Representative from Chicago Enters a Series of Denials to Charges of Uncleanliness and Using of Diseased Meats.

Washington, June 6.—The house committee on agriculture to-day heard the Chicago packers on the Neil-Reynolds report regarding conditions in the Chicago packing houses. The statement for the packers was made by Thomas E. Wilson, manager for the Nelson Morris Co., who said he was authorized to speak for all the Chicago packers. Commissioner Neill and Dr. A. D. Melvin of the department of agriculture were present.

Mr. Wilson made a general denial of the existence of conditions as set forth in the report. He invited the committee to come to Chicago and spend a week in personal investigation of conditions. Some of the suggestions made in the report, he said, had already been complied with by the packers, such as additional sanitary facilities.

There was nothing in the charge that canned meats were boiled in water "to freshen them up," Mr. Wilson said. Canned meat was as good after five years as when it was put up, provided no air got to it. If air had reached the meat it would be utterly spoiled. What the cans were put in hot water was to soak off the old labels, which he said, was an injury to the appearance of the goods on sale.

He denied absolutely that any diseased cattle or hogs were butchered for food. In every carcass of cattle or hogs, he said, some were likely to be dead and some diseased. The dead and diseased hogs and cattle were sent to the Standard Rendering Co., which was a very different institution from the Standard Slaughterhouse Co. The rendering company turned the dead and diseased meat into grease, which was a co-product in the manufacture of soap.

Explicit Denial.
While Mr. Wilson was describing the method of preparing canned meats, Representative Scott of Kansas, a member of the committee, asked him about the rope and other foreign matter found with the scraps on the floor.

Mr. Wilson explained that what was probably seen in this instance was a string on the knuckle end of what had been dried beef. This string was used with which to hang the beef in the smokehouse, and when the beef had been sliced off, the knuckle end was left. The bone in that would smash the machine if an attempt was made to use it.

"I don't believe Mr. Neill got any statement from anyone that they were going to chop these pieces up. If he did, it was from someone who did not know, or he did not get the whole statement," Mr. Wilson said.

Representative Hastings asked about the dirty floors.

"These floors," replied Mr. Wilson, "scrubbed every night as clean as wood can be scrubbed. They are as clean as any kitchen."

Taking up the recommendations of Messrs. Neill and Reynolds, looking to the improvement of conditions, Mr. Wilson said the packers did not object to give the regulation of sanitary conditions, but they did object to the secretary of agriculture being made the judge of what was sanitary.

Supervision.
Supervision of every branch of the packing business was not objected to by the packers, said Mr. Wilson. "The government may put on as many inspectors as it desires," he added, "so long as the packers do not have to pay for them."

DR. SHEARD WILL INSPECT LOCAL PACKING HOUSES

Board of Health Wants a Report—Dr. Hodgetts Says It is Needed.

The packing house scandals, as made public in the United States, have aroused official attention in Toronto. At a meeting of the local board of health, it was decided to ask Dr. Sheard to make an inspection of the local packing houses and abattoirs, and make a report. Dr. Sheard was also granted a two weeks' vacation. He may need it. The board will not meet until after the exhibition.

Commenting on the slaughter of animals for home consumption, Dr. Hodgetts, secretary provincial board of health, said yesterday that, as a rule, the sanitary arrangements were not good. He had before him a volume showing the latest methods in vogue in the abattoirs of the old country, and, of course, President Roosevelt's message to the U. S. congress on the Chicago idea.

Dr. Hodgetts believes the slaughtering should be done by the municipality, under government supervision. There should be inspectors to give a certificate on the health of each animal to be killed, and to see that the work is done with the least accumulation of filth.

"It has been brought to my knowledge," said Dr. Hodgetts, "that the carcasses of young and immature calves, alleged to be purchased at 75c or \$1 each, are used to manufacture head cheese and packed meats, to be sold for export. For the credit of the province, some control or inspection by the government, thru the health authorities, should be instituted."

The provincial board of health have already asked that an age limit of four weeks and a weight of at least 30 lbs. be put upon all calves they can be used.

"The packing houses I have seen are kept clean, but the slaughter houses are a disgrace," said Dr. Hodgetts. "I have no opinion at all as to the matter," said J. W. Flavelle to the World last night, when asked concerning the proposed investigation of Ontario packing houses.

"You know there are so many ridiculous things happening nowadays that I cannot take about the matter at all," Canada is not likely to benefit much from reported action of British authorities and the office in conducting purchases of canned meats to colonial houses owing to Chicago exposures. The reason given for this is that the statement of Peter Laing, a leading Montreal packer, is equal only to supplying the Canadian market. There will, therefore, be little or no surplus for export to England.

KAISER AT VIENNA.

Nasty Weather for First Day of Visit to Franz Josef.

Vienna, June 6.—Cold, rainy weather marred the first day of the visit of the Emperor William of Germany to Emperor Francis Joseph. The projected drive around the Imperial Tiergarten and Laine was abandoned, owing to the impossible conditions.

Extraordinary precautions had been taken to insure the safety of the German Emperor, the public being rigidly excluded from the northern station this morning. "Bile police line" the road between the station and the palace. The park, the gardens and all the approaches to the palace were guarded with a strong force of infantry and cavalry, in addition to many police and detectives.

Emperor William and Emperor Francis Joseph during the day exchanged cordial telegrams with King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, expressing unqualified mutual friendship.

CRAZED PATIENT'S LEAP.

Jumps From Third Storey of Hospital and is Fatally Hurt.

St. John, N.B., June 6.—(Special.)—While in a delirious condition, as a result of awful suffering, Walter McEachern, a fever patient, leaped from a third-storey window of the general public hospital late this afternoon and landed on the pavement below.

ORANGE ORDER IS THEME FOR AFTERNOON TALK IN THE COMMONS

Hon. Mr. Foster's Motion to Call La Presse Reporter Before House Provokes Debate Along Sectionarian Lines.

Ottawa, June 6.—(Special.)—Hon. Geo. E. Foster's motion respecting the correspondence of La Presse precipitated a running debate this afternoon which, for a time, bade fair to revive the periodical clash of race and creed which so often distracts the country. Many members, however, refused to treat the matter seriously, and after two hours of rambling discussion respecting the Orange order the original motion was passed without dissent and nobody lost his temper.

The publication complained of appeared on May 26 in the columns of La Presse, and Mr. Foster furnished the house with the following free translation: "A friend has made the remark to me that I am not at all tender in my regard for Mr. Foster since the opening of this session. That is true. How can one remain insensible under the gratuitous slander which this old parliament incessantly throws into the face of the inhabitants of the Province of Quebec, of French-Canadians, of Catholics—in fine, of everything and everybody who is respectable and ought to be respected. Very well, if the words of this fellow were not printed anywhere except in Hansard. But no, the parliamentary correspondents of the transit them to their papers, which make the pages of them. Thus, in the reading of the chief daily Tory papers, Sir Wilfrid Laurier is made to appear as a knavish politician, the deceased Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, a thief; the hon. minister of finance, an incorrigible liar; the other members of the cabinet, political fakirs and scoundrels. Our compatriots are represented as fools steeped in ignorance. Our clergy as a collection of fanatics and hypocrites."

"And it is Mr. Foster, a politician of ill-fame, who sings the refrain in the house of commons. He has but one principle, that of self-interest. He has only one desire, the desire to insult. He belongs to the school of lying, hypocrisy and cowardice. In his eyes the person to whom divine and political rights are not, the words of an imbecile and a hot-head. It is useless to discuss these questions with him. He would not understand them."

Mr. Foster's motion was to require Mr. Cinqmars, the representative of La Presse, to appear at the bar of the house to-morrow.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the member was within his rights. If he insisted upon the motion there was no need to insist upon it. He would pass it. Mr. Laurier and Mr. Soli.

Mr. Monk (Jacques Cartier) commended Mr. Foster. The sessions of the house were supposed to be private. Correspondents were not allowed to be present by sufferance. He complained of unjust treatment by Mr. Soli, the prime minister's organ.

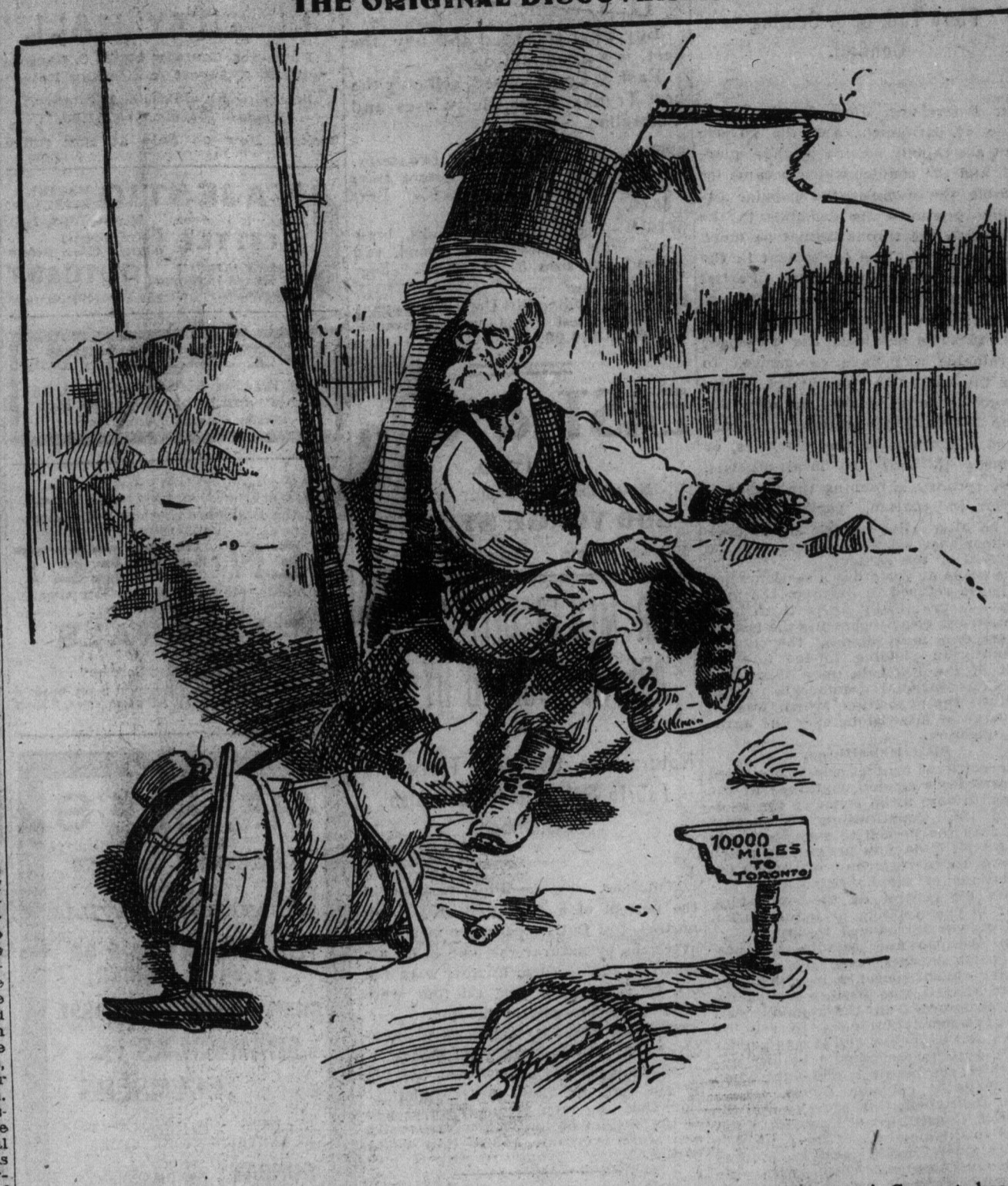
Sir Wilfrid Laurier denied that he controlled Mr. Soli. Personally he thought it foolish to notice newspaper attacks. The Tory papers in Quebec misrepresented him. The defamatory articles, by the way, were written by a member of the Dominion senate.

Mr. Borden thought it peculiar that the premier had no control over Mr. Soli. Senator Choquette had handed it over to him. The speaker had been charged with being an Orangeman. He was no more an Orangeman than was the first minister. He had many Orangemen constituents in Carleton, Ontario, and found them always to be broad-minded and intelligent.

Mr. Fielding mentioned that all the papers complained of were published in French. He must admit that the English papers were not superior. "Nothing more rascally can be pointed out," he said, "than the gross misrepresentation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that appeared in all the Conservative papers of Ontario during the last session."

Mr. Ross (Tele-Cariboo) raised a laugh by suggesting that the motion be enlarged to include the Toronto correspondent who had called him a "hoologian."

Dr. Spruille (East Grey) said that there were many members of the Orange institution on both sides of the house. He also claimed that he had been unjustly treated by the press. Liberal papers had denounced him as a "yellow dog," a "freedman," a "hater of Catholics," etc. The Orange Order had no quarrel with the Catholic Church. They had repeatedly tendered their halls for use of the Catholics when they had no church in which to say mass. He had been asked in his annual address to denounce the conversion of Princess Anne, but he had refused to do so. Full religious liberty was the corner-stone of the Orange institution. Mr. Lavergne (Montmagny) thought that the Orange Order was useless. He read from The Sentinel and from Dr.



GEORGE ROSS (a New Ontario prospector): But what's the use talkin'—me 'n' Cap got keener and allowed the Whitney bunch to jump our claims.

Ax Sharpening for Three Too Active in Politics

Sheriff, Crown Attorney and High Court Clerk of Ontario County Will Be Asked to Defend Charges of Undue Partisanship.

Oshawa, June 6.—(Special.)—There is going to be a sensation in Ontario County within a very short time. It is understood on good authority that affidavits have been filed—or will be filed at Toronto, which threaten the official heads of: Frank Paxton of Whitby, sheriff of Ontario County; Lieut.-Col. Farewell of Whitby, crown attorney of Ontario County; and L. T. Barclay of Whitby, clerk of the high court, clerk of the surrogate court, etc., in Ontario County.

The charges are on the usual basis—undue partisanship directed the wrong way. It is alleged against Sheriff Paxton: 1. That at a County meeting held in Whitby during the provincial general election he took exception to a statement made by J. P. Whitney, then leader of the opposition, by shouting derisively "Rats!"

2. That he was a frequent visitor to the Liberal assembly rooms during the campaign.

3. That, in the preparation of the charges against certain Conservative members during the campaign, he did midnight hurrying about in the preparation of those charges.

There are also other charges, including it is said, intimidation that, as a relative of Hon. John Dryden, he acted as returning officer for the riding of Greater Toronto in Mr. Dryden's election that was proper.

Against Col. Farewell it is claimed that he declined to cause inquiries into the death of a man who died in an hotel, and one who fell into a vat at a cannery, the proprietors in both cases being Liberals.

A general charge only of partisanship seems to have been brought against Mr. Barclay, who, it is thought, will likely emerge unscathed as he is regarded as a very good official, while, as perhaps the keenest politician in the riding, it would be dangerous to turn him loose for the next election. Should the charges against Paxton be proven and dismissal ensue, Dr. Gillespie of Cannington is said to be slated for the shrievalty.

JAPAN TO HOLD A BIG SHOW INVITES TORONTO EXHIBITS

Three Months' Exhibition to Be Held in Commemoration of the Recent War.

F. G. Morley, secretary of the board of trade, received a letter yesterday from Masataka Togo, of Tokio, Japan, stating that in commemoration of the late war with Russia they are preparing for the establishment of a great semi-international exhibition, to be held in Tokio from Sept. 1 to Nov. 31 of this year.

The exhibition is under the auspices of the government, in co-operation with prominent business men and statesmen in Japan.

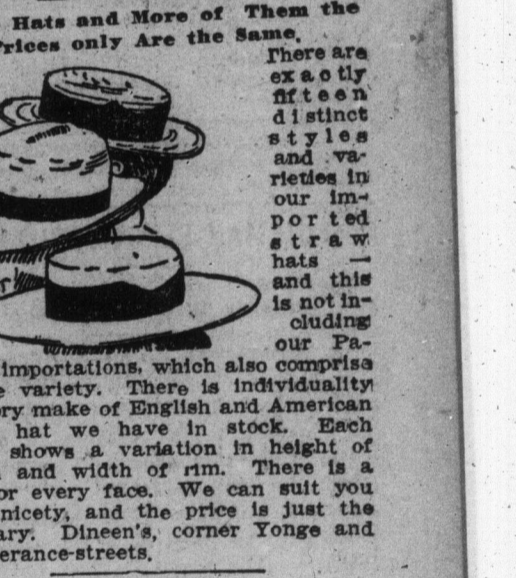
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MARRIAGES.
BLACK-WARFIELD.—A very pretty wedding took place last evening, June 5, at the home of Mr. George Booker, 7 Lancaster-avenue, when Miss Martha Marjorie Black, daughter of Mr. Thomas Black of Manning-avenue, was joined in the bonds of holy matrimony by the Rev. Dr. J. M. Van Horn, to Mr. A. V. Warfield of Philadelphia.

CLARKE-CULLEN.—By Rev. Alex. Williams, M.A., at the parsonage of St. John the Evangelist Anglican Church, yesterday, at 7.30 a.m., Winnie Cullen of No. 70 Amelia-street, to Fred Clement Clarke, 127 Simcoe-street.

RANKIN-SUTHERLAND.—On Wednesday, June 6th, 1906, at the home of the bride's aunt, 112 Peter-street, Toronto, by the Rev. J. A. Turnbull, D.D., pastor of West Presbyterian Church, David Rankin, Detroit, Mich., formerly of Toronto, to Jean Sutherland of Toronto.

DEATHS.
BENNETT.—On Wednesday, June 6th, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. D. Davis, 113 Edwin-street, Jane Bennett, relict of the late Richard Bennett, Newcastle, Ont.



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STAYS WARM.
Meteorological Office, Toronto, June 6.—(8 p.m.)—An important disturbance is centred to-night in Northern Dakota, causing heavy rains and thunderstorms over Manitoba and Saskatchewan; elsewhere in Canada, with the exception of some local showers, the weather has been for the most part fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Vancouver, 46-60; Kamloops, 50-60; Edmonton, 40-60; Calgary, 44-60; Q'Appelle, 44-60; Winnipeg, 56-78; Parry Sound, 62-74; Toronto, 60-82; Ottawa, 60-68; Montreal, 50-62; Quebec, 48-54; St. John, 50-62; Halifax, 50-68.

Probabilities.
Lakes and Georgian Bay—moderate to fresh southeasterly winds, and continued rain, fine and continued warm, a few local thunderstorms chiefly at night or during Friday.

Lake Superior—Fresh to strong easterly to southerly winds; showers and thunderstorms, more especially during the night and on Friday.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan—Unsettled and showery and comparatively cool.

Alberta—Unsettled and showery; stationary or a little lower temperature.

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Yankee.....Father Point.....Glasgow

Kaiser W. der G. New York.....Bremen

Majestic.....Nantucket.....Liverpool

Month.....Avonmouth.....Montreal

Lake Manitoba.....Cape Race.....Liverpool

Tureban.....Father Point.....Glasgow

Martin.....Nantucket.....Liverpool

March, Trader, Pans Point.....Manchester

Parliament.....Boston.....Liverpool

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Kennington.....Liverpool.....Montreal

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