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TWO CITIES HOPELESSLY DIVIDED ON BRIDGE COST APPORTIONMENT

Councils of Edmonton and Strathcona Held Conference in Strathcona Which Lasted All Yesterday Afternoon.

STRATHCONA COUNCIL STIFFENED BY RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF TRADE

Strathcona Offers \$40,000.00 Grant But on Condition That Single Fares be Granted Through Both Municipalities.

Edmonton Mayor and Aldermen Decline to Consider This Proposal, Stating That It Will Mean a Crippling of the Entire System—Neither City is Willing to Give in, and the Conference Breaks Up Without Results.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER CALLS UPON BORDEN TO SUPPORT GOVERNMENT'S NAVAL POLICY.

London, Nov. 26.—The London Times publishes a letter, dated Nov. 23, from Sir Charles Tupper to R. L. Borden, leader of the Opposition in the Canadian parliament, on the question of the Canadian navy. He says all that is required in the government of the day is that it should carry out the resolution passed in the House of Commons, at Ottawa, last session, pledging parliament to proceed vigorously with the construction of a Canadian navy. Sir Charles Tupper cannot understand the demand for Dreadnoughts, and cannot avoid thinking that a fearful responsibility will rest on those who do disturb or destroy the compact entered into at the Imperial Defence conference on this vitally important question.

The Times editorially says Sir Charles Tupper's letter should contribute to the strengthening of the concord between Laurier and Borden on the naval question. The Times says Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech of Nov. 15 contains the true ideal of imperial unity.

It is not really derogatory to this lofty ideal to say, as Laurier also said on the same occasion, "Canada would have a navy that would not go to war unless the parliament of Canada chose to send it." In the abstract such a proposition is indisputable. In the abstract it applies to any and every form of co-operation and contribution for purposes of Imperial defence, but in the concrete it is certain the same considerations and motives, which have served to bring about the present situation, will also serve to maintain and develop it.

A HALF A MILLION SURPLUS IN ONTARIO

Provincial Treasurer Matheson Says It Would Have Been This Amount Had the Fiscal Year Not Been Only Ten Months—Increases in Every Department.

Toronto, Nov. 26.—Nearly half a million surplus is what the provincial treasurer, Hon. Col. Matheson, estimates he would have been able to show for 1909, but for the unfortunate circumstances that the fiscal year which had just come to an end consists of only ten months. As it is the receipts will come within \$100,000 of the expenditure, which in this estimate does not, of course, include expenditure on capital account for such undertakings as the T. & N. O. railway, the Niagara Power project, or on good roads.

The total receipts were estimated at \$2,402,972.90. The total receipts will not be far short of \$7,400,000. The increase is all along the line. The crown lands department will furnish \$2,000,000 instead of \$1,200,000. The T. & N. O. receipts estimated at \$3,000,000 will yield \$3,000,000. A large increase is shown in the succession duties which will net the province \$775,000 in place of \$1,000,000. The revenue from the provincial secretary's department jumped from \$127,000 to \$199,000 and agriculture from \$1,100,000 to \$1,130,000. The supplementary revenue will yield \$719,000. It was estimated at \$690,000.

NAVIGATION CLOSED ON THE ST. LAWRENCE

C. P. R. Steamship Montreal Steams Away for London—In Point of Tonnage the Past Season Has Far Outdistanced Last Year—Gas Buys to be Taken up This Week.

Montreal, Nov. 26.—With the sailing of the Canadian Pacific steamer Montreal for London today ocean navigation on the St. Lawrence officially was declared closed. Accounting the Montreal is the steamer Bona Vista, the last of the gulf port boats. The Montreal was the 327,335 tons, which proportions to reach Montreal this season.

Last year there were 386 vessels, a difference of 19. In point of tonnage, however, the present season out-distances that of 1908, the aggregate being 1,387,818 tons; 1909, 1,425,173 tons, a difference of 37,355 tons, which is indicative of the fact that the coal trade is rapidly giving place to more commodious vessels for both freight and passenger business.

Tomorrow a start will be made to take up the buoys between Montreal and Quebec. The expensive gas buoys which make night navigation possible on the St. Lawrence were taken up last week and replaced by spars.

MRS. PANKHURST IS ANGRY

With New York Divine Who Scored Suffragette Movement.

Chicago, Nov. 26.—"Dr. Parkhurst does not know what he is talking about," was Mrs. Emma Gould Pankhurst's quick rejoinder, when queried tonight regarding the New York divine's Thanksgiving day sermon when he gave the suffragette movement in that city several sharp jabs.

"Yes, I have read what he had to say," said Mrs. Pankhurst. "I see that he characterized the meeting as one long concentrated sob for votes for women."

"Very good, if sobs will win votes, then I say let us sob, but that is not the thing which will win. Concomitant political activity is the thing which will win votes for women, and that is in the line upon which we are working."

Dr. Parkhurst also made some remarks regarding polygamy and supposedly having reference to one or two women concerned in the meeting. "Have you any comment to make on that point, Mrs. Pankhurst?"

"Yes, I have. Let Dr. Parkhurst turn his attention in that line to the men politicians and he will, I believe, find very good ground upon which to work."

DOG MEAT IN PARIS.

Effort to Establish Slaughter Houses for Killing Canines for Meat.

Paris, Nov. 26.—Several applications for authority to establish slaughter houses for dogs in Paris, for the purpose of being sold as food for human consumption, are under consideration and many strong protests against the proposition have been received.

Dr. De Courmelles, president of the French anti-vivisection society, says he does not regard the eating of dog meat as necessarily injurious if the animal is in a healthy state when killed. He pointed out, however, that the animal is very subject to excitement which may easily produce toxic effects, as in fact, is the case with beavers. Dr. De Courmelles seeks to discourage the fattening of dogs for the purpose of producing dog meat, and he has the opinion that the practice would not be profitable.

Seek Americans Support.

Chicago, Ill., Nov. 26.—The Irish Americans of Chicago will have an opportunity soon of contending for the support and advancement of the technical and industrial schools of Children, Connemara, Ireland. It was announced yesterday that Brother Pius Coughlin, O.S.P., after canvassing Pittsburg, will arrive in Chicago for the purpose of receiving subscriptions. The undertaking has the endorsement of Dr. Healey, archbishop of Tuam, County Galway.

TU-DAY'S GRAIN MARKETS.

Winnipeg, Nov. 27.—Cables were a little lower this morning and with reports of improved weather in the Argentine wheat markets opened easier, and prices held fairly steady. There has been considerable short selling and liquidation of December longs lately, which has caused prices to sag off, but the market is now a much healthier condition and very sensitive to anything of a bullish nature. Liverpool closed unchanged to 1/4 lower, Chicago 1/4 to 1/2 lower, Minneapolis 1/4 to 1/2 lower, Winnipeg 1/4 to 1/2 lower.

Winnipeg closing prices are: Futures—November 92 1/2, December 95 1/2, May 99 1/2, November 92 1/2, December 95 1/2, May 99 1/2. Cash wheat—No. 1 Northern, 92 1/2; No. 2 Northern, 91 1/2; No. 3 Northern, 90 1/2; No. 4, 89 1/2; No. 5, 87 1/2; No. 6, 85 1/2.

Oats—No. 2 C.W., 34; No. 3 C.W., 33.

Barley—No. 3, 47 1/2; No. 4, 45 1/2; No. 5, 43 1/2; No. 6, 41 1/2; No. 7, 39 1/2; No. 8, 37 1/2; No. 9, 35 1/2; No. 10, 33 1/2; No. 11, 31 1/2; No. 12, 29 1/2.

THE GUESTS' TABLE AT THE BANQUET TENDERED BY THE YOUNG MEN'S LIBERAL CLUB TO THE NEW CABINET MINISTERS



COAL SITUATION STILL UNCHANGED

Miners of the Standard, Parkdale and Frank Mines are Still Out—Ritchie May Re-Open.

There is little change up to the present in the coal situation caused by the quitting of work by the miners in the Standard, Parkdale, Ritchie and Frank coal mines. Three of the four mines are still standing idle and there appears little hope of a settlement.

The Ritchie Coal Company are endeavoring to reach an agreement and have made an offer to the men which may be accepted. About ten of the union workmen named operations this morning at the mine on Esplanade Street, and it is expected that morning number more will be back to work tomorrow, permission having been granted for Sunday operation. By Monday the company expect to have thirty or forty men at work and to resume operations as before the "walk out."

Closing Up Mines.

In the Parkdale situation is entirely different, and this morning the operators, the Harper Coal Company, have begun the dismantling of the mine, which will be operated no longer. The timbers are being taken out and the shaft is being closed, except at a big loss under the demands of the union.

The company shall furnish screened coal to their workmen at \$2.25 a ton. They will also pay wages fortnightly.

Employees shall have the right to make their own doctors' and hospital arrangements. Preference shall be given to union men out of employment unless discharged, and safety lamps, where used, shall be furnished free of charge.

The agreement also sets out a schedule of day wage scale and of contract rates, the latter of which apply here. The rates are far higher than the rate per car is fixed at 35 cents, instead of 30 cents; narrow work raised from \$1.00 to \$1.50, brushing from 10 cents to 25 cents.

NO HOPE OF AVERTING CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS

Peers and Commons Have Adjourned Till Next Wednesday—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux Sizes up the Situation in a Nutsell—Rich Must Bear Proportionate Share of Taxation.

By Wm. T. Stead.

London, Nov. 27.—Both houses of parliament are "up," but no one hopes that when the Lords and Commons reassemble on Wednesday next the greatest political conflict of modern English history can be averted. The landlords and saloonkeepers have insisted upon a fight to a finish and they will surely have their wish. I saw John Burns Thursday in the lobby. He was in a mood of chastened exultation.

"This day," he said, "I have got my housing bill passed into a law. Three years have I worked on it and at last it is through."

John Redmond was almost equally pleased at the passing of the Irish land bill on Wednesday night. The Nationalists regarded it as a top-up of the budget or not at the last moment the peers would not insist on a wrecking amendment, but the peers are saving their sting for the budget and the Irish land bill was saved.

The Liberals in the Commons are much pleased at the decision of the speaker in ruling out the lords' amendments to the development bill to which Lloyd George was willing to assent, but the speaker, who is Conservative, insisted on asserting the Commons' privilege and Lloyd George only too gladly adopted the ruling despite the fact that the peers and ministry had passed more important bills in 1909 than any preceding government passed during five years in office.

The Commons' postmaster general is in London trying to get a cheap cable service between England and Canada. I asked him how our English crisis looked to the Canadian. Said he, "It seems to me that human nature hardly justifies the expectation that seven million clerics, mostly poor, will ask that the next taxes should be taken off a few wealthy landlords and put upon the poor man's shoulders."

YOUNG LIBERALS HONOR MINISTERS

Three New Members of Provincial Cabinet Banquetted—A Memorable Occasion.

When the Young Men's Liberal club of Edmonton, undertakes anything it is sure to do it well. This was proven four years ago when the club banquetted the first cabinet of the newly formed province of Alberta. It was also proven last evening, when in the same room—the dining hall of the Alberta Hotel, a complimentary banquet was tendered to the three new ministers who have recently been called to the cabinet.

Hon. Duncan Marshall, minister of agriculture, Hon. P. E. Lessard, and Hon. W. A. Buchanan were there as guests of the evening. As each sat to the right of the chairman, Jas. A. McKinnon, president of the Young Men's Liberal Club. To the left of the chairman were Premier Rutherford, Hon. W. H. Cushing and grouped about the table were Geo. F. Smith, P. P. J. K. Curvall, M.P.P., Peter Gunn, M.P.P., Frank Walker, M.P.P., W. P. Shaw, M.P.P., J. Boudreau, M.P.P., J. R. Boyle, M.P.P., J. A. McDougall, M.P.P., and Dr. Campbell, M.P.P.

Filled to overflowing.

So great was the desire of the Young Liberals of Edmonton to do honor to the three new cabinet ministers that when the banquet opened at 9.30, the hall was filled to overflowing and many had to wait until the tables were spread a second time. On account of this, for which of course, no one could be said to be at fault, as it would have happened on an occasion like this if the hall were twice the size, the toast list opened late and it was well on in the morning when the gathering broke up all satisfied that the usual big success of a Young Liberal banquet had been attained.

The toast list resolved itself into three important divisions. There were the elder cabinet ministers who replied to the toast to "Our Province," ably proposed by Geo. B. McLeod, president of the Edmonton Liberal Association. There were the three new cabinet ministers, who in reply to the toast to "Our Guests" all made splendid impressions, particularly Hon. W. A. Buchanan, who in reply to the toast to "Our Legislature" was most well known to Edmonton Liberals. There were also a group of legislative members who responded to the toast to "The Legislators."

Premier Rutherford was given a hearty reception when he rose to speak. He was glad to see that the Young Liberals of Edmonton had evidently appreciated the choice of new cabinet material that had been made. He thought that each and everyone was sound in mind and limb, and had shown themselves splendid Liberal types in time of peace and fighters in time of war. The Premier detailed the work of the various departments of government and in connection with education and agriculture said that it was the intention to make education in the schools of the province conform more along the lines of the chief occupation of the people. He wanted to see agriculture taught as far as possible in the public and high schools. He paid a tribute to Hon. W. T. Finlay, late minister of agriculture, and hoped that Mr. Marshall would continue to carry on the splendid work of the department.

Hon. W. H. Cushing showed some of the difficulties which confront him as minister of public works in Calgary when he was told that he was knocking his home city and in Edmonton he was told that he was doing everything for Calgary and nothing for the Capital.

"Oh, no, that is not true," cried a voice.

"Yes, it is for an Edmonton man told me that in my office."

"Fire him," was the reply.

Mr. Cushing thought that both cities merited much in the way of railways and he hoped that with all their achieve-

STATEMENT WITHOUT FOUNDATION.

London, Nov. 26.—The British foreign office today informed the American news service that the statement that Ambassador Bryce had succeeded at Washington by Sir Maurice De Bunsen, now ambassador at Madrid, was without foundation.

AGED FARMER KILLED.

London, Ont., Nov. 26.—Merritt Willis, aged 75, of Berwert, was thrown while climbing into a buggy and died from his injuries.

STEAMSHIPS TO RAISE RATES.

London, Nov. 27.—The steamship lines out of Liverpool have decided to raise the rates on general cargoes to all points between the Gulf of St. Lawrence and the Gulf of Mexico.

SOCIALIST WON IN PRUSSIA.

Halle, Prussia, Nov. 27.—Herr Knaut, Socialist, was elected at the by-election held yesterday for the member of the Reichstag for Halle-Saalekreis, defeating his Radical opponent by a vote of 25,330 to 21,298.

BIG SILVER STRIKE.

Kootenay Mine at Ainsworth Has Twenty Foot Lead.

Nelson, B.C., Nov. 27.—The biggest strike in the Kootenay for years has been made at the United Mine in Ainsworth, one of the highland United properties. Twenty feet of high-grade silver lead has been uncovered already. It is one of the oldest mines in the country and was one of the first shipping mines in the Kootenay. The development in the past has often been abandoned owing to uncontrollable water. The mine is owned in Nelson and New York.

FREIGHT WRECK ON C.N.R.

Jumped Track This Morning and Fireman is Missing.

Saskatoon, Sask., Nov. 27.—A Canadian Northern freight train jumped the rails between Hanley and Dundurn this morning, twelve box cars piling on to the locomotive which was flung across the track. The crew jumped and was saved, except the fireman, who disappeared and it is feared is under the wreck. The accident will likely interrupt traffic on the Prince Albert branch today.

LIGHTSHIP MAY BE LOST.

Quebec, Nov. 27.—It is feared at the agency of the Marine Department that the Lightship Anticosti has been lost. She left Quebec five days ago, and has not been heard of since.

OCTOBER IMMIGRATION SHOWS BIG INCREASE.

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—The total immigration into Canada for October was 17,201, as compared with 9,089 in October of last year. Eight thousand immigrants arrived at the end of the month, an increase of 78 per cent, and 9,269 from the United States, an increase of 12 per cent, as compared with the same month of last year.

The total immigration for seven months ending October 31, 1909, inclusive, was 138,234, as compared against 109,563 for the same month of last year, an increase of 26 per cent.

VIOLENT STORM IN ITALY.

Rome, Nov. 26.—A violent storm to which swept over Southern Italy and Sicily, doing great damage. Many vessels were sunk and great loss of life is feared.

IRISH LAND BILL PASSED.

London, Nov. 26.—The Irish land bill passed the House of Lords today following the compromise by the House of Commons on some objections raised by the peers.