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Maritime Provinces Did Not
Share in Immigration Under
Policy of Late Government.

House Passes Resolution Looking
to More Uniform Devel-
opment of Dominion —
Praise for Premier Fleming

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Jan. 29.—An arraignment of the government and the several railway companies in past years for neglecting the Maritime Provinces in order to develop the West and a request to the Borden government to speedily inaugurate a policy of publicity and immigration to promote the more rapid development of the provinces, were the main points in a resolution proposed by E. N. Rhodes, Conservative M. P. for Cumberland, N. S., this afternoon, and which occupied the attention of the House at both sessions.

It was a field day for the Maritime Provinces. Mr. Rogers, Minister of Interior, in endorsing the resolution, made the important statement that satisfactory arrangements had already been made with the provincial governments of British Columbia, Ontario and New Brunswick. He expressed himself as much encouraged by the progressive policy of Premier Fleming and stated that the terms, under which the Dominion government would assist immigration to New Brunswick would be announced by Mr. Fleming at an early date.

Mr. Rhodes made a most effective speech full of striking statistics which conclusively showed that in the past the Maritime Provinces have been denied a square deal.

He favored a more equitable distribution of the money devoted to immigration and an active campaign in the old country.

W. P. Carroll of South Cape Breton, A. B. Foster of New Brunswick, N. S., O. S. Crockett, H. R. Emmerson and A. K. McLean among others took part in the debate. Mr. Crockett spoke in eloquent terms of the feeling of optimism now prevailing in New Brunswick, and of the many openings for expansion and development, notably in connection with the Valley Railway. The resolution was agreed to before the House adjourned.

Another of the thirteenth of the opposition was dispelled when questions were answered, notably in connection with the government's intentions with regard to the Montreal harbor commission. It was boldly asserted at first that the government had yielded to head hunters, then came another story. The government was unwilling to dismiss the commission which had met with the approval of the business interests, and in consequence the French Conservatives were in arms and making a bold stand.

It fell to Mr. Hazen to clear up these horrible complications. Replying to a question by Mr. Ames, Conservative M. P. for Montreal, if the government intended to dismiss the commission, Mr. Hazen said the government had no intention at present of making any change in the Montreal harbor commission.

"The powers of the commission already appointed to inquire into public departments," added the minister, "will be extended to include the affairs and operations of the Montreal harbor commission. It is the desire of the members of the commission that an investigation will take place without unnecessary delay."

To Play Sundays.

A. Verville, labor member, and A. C. MacDonald introduced a resolution which made it clear that Verville's bill may play on Sundays at funerals and church parades without being liable to prosecution. Another section makes it obligatory to give waiters and waitresses in hotels and restaurants a day's rest a week.

Mr. MacDonald's first bill is designed to give the railway commission jurisdiction as to the length of sections on railways and the number of men to be employed. This authority was omitted.

His second bill is to remedy a condition of affairs which arose in Nova Scotia where it was held to be an offence for labor unions to use funds to help men on strike without waiting for a report from the board of conciliation.

In reply to Sir Wilfrid, Mr. Borden said a writ for South Renfrew must not be issued for some time owing to a difficulty about the lists.

Mr. Lemieux was told by Mr. Borden that Quebec was pressing for the addition of Ungava to that province.

In Behalf of the East.

Mr. Rhodes then entered upon his eloquent and practical address in favor of greater recognition for the Maritime Provinces. His resolution was as follows:

"That, inasmuch as the immigration policy of the government and the several railway companies has for many years been almost entirely confined to the development of western Canada, and largely in consequence of this policy the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, and Prince Edward Island have not grown in equal degree with the rest of the Dominion, in the opinion of this House, in order to promote uniform progress and prosperity throughout Canada, the government should speedily inaugurate and carry out a policy of publicity and immigration designed to promote more rapid development of the said provinces."

Mr. Rhodes in opening said he was not speaking from a provincial standpoint but seeking a measure of justice for the part of the Dominion which had done more for wealth and develop-

Cummings is
Open for The
Presidency



SENATOR A. B. CUMMINGS.
Who has Signified His Candidacy for the Republican Nomination for the Coming Presidential Election in the United States.

MINERS WILL NOT ACCEPT PROPOSITION

Reject Proposal to Return to
Wage Scale Effective in
1906—Operators Demand
Reduction of 10 cents a Ton.

CONFERENCE IS TO BE CONTINUED.

Indianapolis, Jan. 29.—The bituminous coal miners today rejected the proposition of the operators to return to the wage scale of 1904-1906, submitted at the joint conference of the miners and operators of Indiana, Illinois, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The wage scale of 1904-1906 was ten cents a ton lower in Ohio and West Virginia, and six cents a ton lower in Indiana and Illinois than the present scale. The wages of day laborers were 5 per cent. lower in the entire district than those paid now.

The operators had demanded a twenty per cent. on day labor, while the miners are demanding an increase in the same figures. The conference will continue tomorrow.

that Premier Fleming's suggestion for a home reunion movement had been taken up in New Brunswick. The Maritime Provinces, he maintained, should have one-eighth of the total money expended on immigration, or at least \$250,000 a year. How that money was to be spent he was not concerned, but each province should have an immigration commissioner in England.

B. Bickerdike, of Montreal, brought up his previous complaint that immigrants should be examined on the other side and expressed his strong disapproval of existing legislation by declaring that he would "burn the immigration act."

V. W. P. Carroll of South Cape Breton, after expressing his pleasure in supporting the resolution, wandered off into the old liberal campaign plea for "larger markets" and wrosted the House by resurrecting reciprocity.

A. Dewitt Foster, of Kings, N. S., made an effective reply and thanked Mr. Carroll with favoring protection for the coal industry. He gave an interesting review of the resources of Nova Scotia. The question of distribution of immigration, he said, was the whole argument.

O. S. Crockett followed at the evening session in a short but effective speech. There was a general feeling that in the government's advertising propaganda for the past ten or twelve years the Maritime Provinces had been ignored. There was no objection to the west being advertised, but it should not be exclusive as in the past.

Feeling of Optimism.

In New Brunswick there was today, he said, a feeling of optimism and hopefulness, which had not been equalled at any previous period in its history. He went on to speak of the assurance of the Valley Railway, by the joint act of the two governments, as being responsible for the fresh impetus given to the commercial life of the province. The attention of the people was fixed on the resources and opportunities for expansion and development. After quoting a representative of the London Financial News, who declared that the resources of New Brunswick impressed him more than those of any province he visited, Mr. Crockett referred briefly to the resources in detail. All that was needed, he said, was population.

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BOYS SET FIRE TO COLLEGE

Youthful Incendiaries Laid
Plans Carefully and After
Unsuccessful Attempts Succeeded
in Burning College.

THREE OF YOUTHS MADE CONFESSION.

Sweetstap, Jan. 29.—High Constable Bolsovert this afternoon held an investigation into an incendiary fire, when he arrested the three boys who were guilty of a loss of \$1,000,000, and for which five of the students were arrested at noon today. The high constable cross-questioned the boys and found three of them connected with the fire, one of whom set the building alight, while the others acted as accomplices. The other two boys arrested were released as there was absolutely no proof against them. The actual culprit and the two accomplices confessed. The kid who set the fire is Marchand, aged 11, of Montreal. His accomplices were Eugene Bernard, aged 15, Albany, New York, and William Henry, aged 14, Southbridge, Mass. The boys were removed by R. J. Ladd, J. P., until February 5th, when they will appear before Judge Mulvena.

It seems that there had been plans to burn the college among the boys for some time. The investigation this afternoon showed two former attempts and it was also learned that one of the boys had written a letter on January 20th to a friend saying that a college would burn down on the 25th.

One of the brothers opened the letter before it was sent and learned of the plan. He informed the lady's parents and the school was removed from the school. The brother, however, failed to notify the police of the matter, but a strict watch was instituted.

On December 4 and again on January 10 attempts were made to burn the buildings, each attempt being foiled by the running away of a pupil.

High Constable Bolsovert has the names of the boys who ran away on these occasions and will have them arrested and questioned.

Young Marchand in his confession said that the boys had planned to burn the college last night by taking the lamps down stairs and spreading the oil about so that the flames would spread quickly, but they found the brother in charge keeping too close a watch.

This morning the boys all went to church. Marchand pretended that he was sick and got leave to return to his room. He got together a lot of paper which he piled in the lavatory and then set a match to it. The flames quickly ran into the kitchen and spread to the hallway when the alarm was given, it was too late to quench the blaze.

VANCOUVER BALKS AT THE PROPOSAL TO ADMIT HINDU WOMEN

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 29.—A vigorous protest against the proposed relaxation of immigration regulations for the admission of Hindu women has reached the government by telegraph from the Ministerial Association of Vancouver.

It declares that of the 5,000 Hindus in British Columbia, half have left the country and that of the remainder all are not in favor of bringing in their wives. The real object of the agitation is said to be the breaking down of immigration restrictions and the acquisition for the Hindus of the full rights of Canadian citizenship. The admission of people of a race which cannot assimilate, is declared to be injurious to the national life of Canada. It is pointed out that the principle of exclusion is not applied to people from the heart of the Empire, no exception being made of Orientals in this respect. The association also makes a point of the fact that the marriage relation as understood in India is different from that prevailing in Canada, and that if Hindu wives were to be admitted all care should be taken to admit only first wives, that is to say, wives who would be no recognized under the laws of Canada.

HUNDREDS OF THE IMPERIAL TROOPS SLAIN IN BATTLE

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—An imperial army of 10,000 men under General Chan Fu was decisively defeated by a Canton republican army, under General Wong Ching, near Ku Chen, yesterday, according to a cablegram received here today by the Chinese Press.

Four hundred Manchus are reported to have been killed. The imperialists retreated twenty miles to Weng San Po, says the despatch. Wong's army, which numbered 8,000 captured the city of Chi Mark, in Shan Tung province.

WOMAN KILLED IN LAWRENCE RIOT

Revolver Bullet Thought to Have Rebounded from Ground
Causing Death of Italian Woman—Strikers to Number
of 1,000 Parade Streets—One Officer Stabbed in Back
When Police Interfere — Militia Quell Disturbance.

Lawrence, Mass., Jan. 29.—One woman was killed and a police officer was stabbed in the back by rioting strikers or their sympathizers who gathered to the number of nearly 1,000 about the Everett mills on Garden and Union streets tonight. Police and militia were rushed to the scene and a free use of clubs and rifle butts resulted in the breaking up of the mob and the dispersing of the strikers.

The victim of the riot was an Italian woman. A man nearby was firing a revolver into the ground when the woman dropped. It is believed she was struck by a glancing bullet. An ambulance was summoned and the woman hurried to the Lawrence Hospital, but she died before reaching the institution.

Police headquarters was notified at the beginning of the trouble. At that time the mob was charging up and down Union street yelling and shouting with some of the crowd discharging revolvers.

Police Sergeant Spranger and four officers went to the scene but could do little towards quelling the disturbance. Officer Oscar Benoit became separated from his companions and while surrounded by nearly a hundred angry, threatening men, was stabbed in the back. He was taken to the Lawrence hospital, where it was found his wound was not serious and he was later sent home.

Additional officers hurried to the scene but although they used their clubs freely they made little impression on the crowd until two companies of militia arrived on the double-quick with fixed bayonets.

Upon their coming the leaders of the crowd seemed determined to stand. The militia used their rifles during the mixup and it is believed many of the rioters were seriously injured. Neither the police nor the militia fired any shots. The rioters who discharged firearms could not be picked out by the officers and no arrests were made. An hour after the trouble started the streets were cleared at that point.

Boston, Jan. 29.—Governor Eugene H. Foss tonight ordered twelve additional companies of infantry and two troops of cavalry to proceed to Lawrence at once to assist in preserving order during the mill strike. It is expected that all these additional troops will have reached Lawrence by midnight.

In a statement issued from the governor's office it is set forth that this action is taken at the request of Mayor Scanlon and the city council of Lawrence. A detail of 50 officers from the Metropolitan Park force will also go to Lawrence to patrol the outskirts of the city. The statement concludes: "The governor intends that there shall be ample protection to life and property in the city of Lawrence. It is expected that part of the troops will be on the ground during the early evening, and that all will have arrived by midnight."

Governor Foss declined to place the city of Lawrence under martial law at this time.

GOVERNMENT TO CARRY OUT POLICY RE RAILWAY BOARD

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 29.—Legislation will probably be introduced this session to carry into effect the government's announced policy in regard to the railway commission. The commission is to be extended as was promised by the present leader of the government while in opposition. The necessary legislation already brought down is not intended.

The Mail and Empire understands that the proposal does not involve the establishment of a separate commission having jurisdiction in the west. The more likely course is that the present commission will be enlarged by the addition of two members, one of them to be sub-chairman.

The commission will have a large enough to allow the holding of, say, two sittings in different parts of the country at the same time. Under this plan the commissioners will not be grouped territorially but will work together as one body with the whole of Canada as their territory. It will be necessary in the near future to appoint a commissioner to succeed the late Hon. Thomas Greenway. For the name of the new appointee the name of Hon. A. S. Goodeve is prominently mentioned.

SCHOOLHOUSE IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Special to The Standard.
Chance Harbor, Jan. 29.—A destructive fire broke out in the schoolhouse here today at noon and spread through the building so rapidly that the pupils had a narrow escape. The building was entirely destroyed, the loss being about \$600. One of the pupils who was inside the building at the time, saw fire in one of the rooms, and ran about three-quarters of a mile for help. The alarm was given and the children made their exit from the building with all haste. Owing to the walls in the neighborhood being frozen, there was very little water available to fight the fire, and the flames soon destroyed the building. The furniture was saved. The origin of the fire is not known.

HON. B. F. PEARSON SINKING RAPIDLY

Special to The Standard.
Halifax, Jan. 29.—B. F. Pearson still lives. The bulletin from the house at midnight being that his condition was unchanged but no less critical. He is delirious.

A bulletin from Mr. Pearson's house at 1 o'clock this morning, says he is sinking and that it is doubtful if he lives till the morning.

TO DISCUSS THE MINISTERIAL PLANS

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 29.—A ministerial caucus has been called for Wednesday when the sessional programme will be discussed. The government is desirous of making businesslike progress and will shortly move to add Mondays to the list of government days.

WORK OF PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Premier Fleming and Hon.
John Morrissy Address En-
thusiastic Gathering at New-
castle.

SOME OF THE FRUITS OF HONEST GOVERNMENT

Special to The Standard.
Newcastle, Jan. 29.—Northumber-land gave a characteristic welcome to Premier Fleming here today when a representative gathering from all parts of the county discussed with him issues prominent in provincial politics. Scarcely before has such enthusiasm and optimism prevailed, as was evident at today's government meeting, and it showed unmistakably the great strength of the local government in these parts. In addition to Premier Fleming's eloquent remarks, Hon. John Morrissy and other leading supporters of the government were heard in forcible addresses and were accorded loud applause.

The meeting decided to hold a convention on the afternoon of February 15th to nominate candidates for the provincial legislature. Ald. John Clark was chairman, and George McDade secretary of today's meeting. On being introduced Premier Fleming made an address in which he spoke of the pleasure of meeting representative gentlemen of the Miramichi district to chat with them on paramount political questions. He wished to express his conviction that provincial politics should be conducted along lines purely independent of federal politics. It was his desire as premier to give the province progressive and honest government and if support were tendered him in his endeavors, he did not propose to ask the politics of those tendering that support.

Unprecedented Development.

The premier referred briefly to the achievements of the local government and also to the fact that New Brunswick was at the commencement of an era of unprecedented development. Upwards of \$25,000,000 would be expended in developing the province. New Brunswick was entering on the golden opportunities of the west and think of the golden opportunities of the east. Let us stand hand in hand and work together for the common good, for the advancement of the people and country.

Chief Commissioner Morrissy spoke along similar lines. He paid a high compliment to Premier Fleming and said he trusted the people will elect him again as premier and strengthen his hands in giving an honest and methodical administration of public affairs. Mr. Fleming occupies an enviable position which he won through his ability and honesty.

Tribute to Mr. Hazen.

Our late premier is now one of the leading statesmen of Canada and Mr. Morrissy predicted he would eventually become Premier of the Dominion. Let Northumberland line up her forces and return a strong and hearty support of the Fleming government. The Chief Commissioner gave assurances that this matter of a bridge across the Miramichi would be brought to the attention of the government as soon as estimates of cost, plans, etc., had been completed.

Mr. Morrissy said he was willing to co-operate with others in boosting Northumberland. He would put \$5,000 towards a practical industry for Newcastle and would also put \$2,000 to agricultural development in the county. These proposals elicited loud applause.

Among other interesting remarks were made by Ald. Butler, Ald. Clark, W. H. Belyea, J. M. Falconer, J. Y. Mersereau, W. L. Weldon and T. W. Flett. Towards the close of the meeting the Premier extended his suggestion for the establishment of a commercial orchard. Ald. Butler promptly said he would like the responsibility for organizing a company to establish such an orchard here.

D. P. McLaughlin, M. P., was also heard by the meeting and his suggestion that a convention be called was endorsed by the chief commissioner and adopted. Premier Fleming assuredly made an excellent impression on his friends of the Miramichi. His policies find wide endorsement and there is no doubt of the result when an appeal is made to the electorate. Tonight the Premier, the Chief Commissioner and others are addressing a big public gathering at the town hall.

ACCIDENT WAS DUE TO DANGEROUS CROSSING SAY CORONER'S JURY

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, Jan. 29.—Acting on instructions from the Attorney General, Coroner Harris tonight held an inquiry into the death of T. Hebert, of Shediac Bridge, who was struck and killed by the incoming express from Halifax on the afternoon of January 11. The accident took place at Humphrey's Crossing about a mile from the city, as Hebert was driving in with a load of fish.

The coroner at the time decided that an inquest was unnecessary, but on representations that the crossing was a dangerous one and was unprotected, the attorney general ordered an inquiry.

After hearing the evidence of trainmen and other witnesses the jury found that the crossing was dangerous, that it should be protected by a watchman or gong, and that the management of the I. C. R. was negligent in leaving it unprotected.

The widow of J. Weil, in his lifetime a resident of Moncton, died this afternoon aged 82. The deceased was a native of Pictou County, N.S., but had lived in Moncton for the last 55 years. She was one of the oldest members of the Presbyterian church in Moncton, and is survived by one son and five daughters, all residents in Moncton, except one daughter, Mrs. H. B. Goodrich of Mexico.

DARROW CHARGED WITH ATTEMPT TO CORRUPT A JUROR

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—Two indictments, each containing counts of bribery and attempted corruption were returned today by the county grand jury against Clarence S. Darrow, of Chicago, formerly chief counsel for the McNamara brothers. The bills alleged that he furnished the money out of the McNamara defense fund and bribed Robert Bain, a juror sworn to try James B. McNamara, the confessed dynamite and murderer, and George H. Lockwood, a venieman.

(Signed) CANALEJAS,
Premier of Spain.