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JUDGMENT ON TIME QUESTION TO BE GIVEN THIS EVENING

Ottawa, April 11—The judgment of the board of railway commissioners in the "daylight saving case" will be issued this evening.

DOMINION BILL MAY RELAX LAW OF PROHIBITION

Ottawa, April 11—Federal legislation on prohibition will be brought down in the house shortly after Easter.

EXPRESS STRIKE IS ON

The strike of Canadian Express Company employees has affected the St. John branch to the number of seven men.

GETTING NEAR TO END AT THE PARIS PEACE CONFERENCE

Washington, April 11—More progress has been made in the peace conference during the last forty-eight hours than during the entire previous two weeks.

The Paris despatch contains the first report that the important questions of the Rhine and Polish frontiers had been settled by the peace conference.

Washington, April 11—Without giving details, it is indicated that some of the chief difficulties delaying progress in the negotiations had been overcome.

Paris, April 11—(Havas Agency)—The peace conference has reached an agreement on all questions concerning peace with Germany, reparations, indemnities and the frontiers of the Rhine and Poland, according to an interview in the Petit Journal with the private secretary of Premier Lloyd George.

FREDERICTON NEWS

Fredricton, April 11—George K. Walker of Marysville died last evening at the home of his son, Coun. J. Walter Walker.

Hamilton, Ont., April 11—Six messengers, six wagon drivers and one clerk employed by the Canadian Express Company here went on strike last night.

Sydney, N. S., April 11—That orders have been received from headquarters to dismiss all men joining in the strike and hire a new staff in their places was learned at the local Canadian Express Company's office this morning.

New York, April 11—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, came ashore last night from the steamer Rotterdam, which brought him back from France with the other members of the American delegation to the international labor conference which framed a covenant to govern the affairs of labor throughout the world.

RE-ERICTON REPORT OF POSSIBLE VOTE ON LIQUOR MATTER HERE

Fredricton, April 11—There will be no amendments made in the New Brunswick prohibition act at the present session of the legislature but that he act will be allowed to stand as it is until the proposed referendum is held in this province, according to an influential supporter of the Foster government.

It was also said today that indications point to a referendum on the prohibition act before a general election is held and his may be the explanation of Premier Foster's remark in the house last night that there might be other elections before the women's voters lists were ready if they were not prepared until the usual time in the fall.

It is believed to mean that probably by September here will be a referendum on prohibition in New Brunswick.

PERSONALS

Miss T. F. M. Murphy of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff here left on Wednesday evening for a three weeks' visit to Boston and Montreal.

Mrs. L. C. Macnutt of Fredricton has returned from New York, where she has seen for some months the guest of her brother, Dr. Fletcher.

Commissioners Fisher, Bullock, Thomson and Jones went to Fredricton last evening and will return tomorrow.

J. Willard Smith returned from Nova Scotia yesterday.

Opposition Convention

The date for holding the provincial position general convention has been fixed for April 30 to May 7 when it will take place at St. John.

JUDGMENT.

SENATORS PRESENT PROHIBITION PETITIONS

Ottawa, April 11—In the senate yesterday scores of petitions, signed by thousands of names from all over the country, in favor of prohibition, were presented by several senators.

Senator Beaubien's daylight saving bill was discharged from the order paper, and thus stands over until after the Easter recess.

A third reading was given an act respecting advances for the purchase of seed grain; an act to amend the currency act; an act to prohibit the export of gold; an act to confirm the orders-in-council respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Brown's Great Spring Drive Seven Days of Slaughter A QUICK CLEARANCE OF SURPLUS STOCK Sale Starts at 9.30 a.m. Tomorrow

Table listing various clothing items and their prices, including Black and White Check Dress Goods, Boys' Ribbed Cotton Hose, Ladies' Knee-length Knit Drawers, etc.

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P. E. I. LEGISLATURE

Practically Gothenburg System For Liquor Control

Amendment to the Prohibition Act—The Matter of School Teachers' Salaries—Fertilizer Supply

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 11—The legislation forecasted in the governor's speech at the opening of the legislature last week comprised bills amending the election law and the prohibition act and another relating to the providing of fertilizer.

The teachers were expecting some legislation for salary increases. Within the year about 100 have gone to western Canada attracted by the higher salaries.

A union is being formed and preparations are being made to apply pressure upon the government to pay higher salaries. The speech contains the statement that unless the people of each district grant a large supplement to the teachers, the government will step in and apply the remedy, which means an additional tax upon the whole province for educational purposes.

At the meeting of the Central Farmers' Institute a resolution was unanimously passed for a special tax on education to meet the demand for higher salaries. The government takes the ground that they are now paying for education out of the general revenues

more than any province in Canada, but in other parts of Canada the municipality contributes largely, and the whole province would only make one good-sized municipality.

If the payment of the teachers' salaries is left largely to the people of each district, the teacher in the poorer district would be placed at a great disadvantage and hence the teaching body are not disposed to look favorably upon that proposition, although they do not specify what particular plan is used as long as the needed raise is forthcoming.

As this session is the last before a general election it promises to be one of unusual interest. The standing of the parties now is eighteen Conservatives to eleven Liberals.

Prohibition

One of the important measures will be the bill to amend the prohibition act by taking the sale of liquor out of the hands of the vendors and transferring it to the government, in other words to introduce the sale of liquor by a sub-inspector, the Gothenburg system. The act is at present administered by a board of commissioners, composed of Protestant and Catholic clergymen, who receive no salaries. There are one wholesale and three retail vendors. The profits during six months have been considerable. It is understood that the three retail men have earned in that time nearly \$12,000. The proposition is to transfer that revenue to the province.

An interesting phase of the situation is a move made by the members of the Laborers' Protective Union to secure stronger beer-controlling at least five per cent of alcohol by weight. Temperance people take the ground that if they can keep prohibition in force for say ten years, the situation will be saved for the next generation despite violations of the act. The police records show quite a decrease in the number of drunks. The extension of suffrage to women is now being talked of.

VICTORY FOR WETS

Majority on Referendum in Quebec Province Now 110,000

Montreal, April 11—With a large number of distant points in the province to be heard from the "wet" majority registered in the referendum yesterday in favor of light wines, cider and beer jumped to 110,000 this morning, and was expected to go higher.

The temperance element, which was inclined to be very much downcast last night at the landslide, was this morning reported to be more cheerful. While the bone dry prohibition aimed at has not been achieved, prominent temperance advocates here say that a substantial victory has nevertheless been secured, because the people yesterday showed unmistakably, they say, that they want "bad stuff" done away with.

LATER

Montreal, April 11—With the receipt of returns from outlying districts on the liquor referendum submitted to the Quebec electorate yesterday, the wet majority this morning rose to 125,000. The majority is expected to be increased, as all the returns have not yet been made. Montreal's wet majority was 63,111. In the sixty-five electoral districts outside of Montreal, only six voted dry.

The method of holding the referendum will be the subject of action to be taken by the temperance forces, S. J. Carter, of the Dominion Alliance, intimated this morning.

Quebec, April 11—Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, issued the following statement today: "Yesterday's vote is very categorical and leaves no doubt standing as to the opinion of the population of this province. I am satisfied that the legislature

gave our population this occasion of expressing itself freely on the sale of beer and wine."

JAMES W. MORRISON.

Friends will be sorry to learn of the death of James W. Morrison, architect and real estate dealer, which occurred this morning in the St. John infirmary following sickness of the last seven months. Mr. Morrison was sixty-one years old, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. James R. Morrison. He is survived by three sisters—Mrs. Mary A. Currie and Mrs. H. B. Duke of St. John and Mrs. J. J. Ahearn of Roxbury, Mass. They will have the sympathy of many in their loss.

MR. WATTERS HERE

J. C. Watters, former president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, reached the city today on the S. S. Scandinavian.

Geneva Chosen?

Paris, April 11—Geneva, Switzerland, has been chosen as the seat of the League of Nations, according to announcement here.

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