

COUNTRY POLITICAL PARTY IN AUSTRALIA URGED TO ACTION

Commonwealth Treasurer Points Out Backward Rural Growth

SYDNEY, N. S. W., May 6.—In the course of a conference opened in Melbourne to create a Federal organization of the Country Political Party, the Federal Treasurer, Dr. Earle Page, who by the way was a visitor to Canada early last year, gave some startling figures.

Dr. Page said that the time had come carefully to define the real aim and mission of the country political movement, to examine methods of organization and to determine whether they could be improved. Between the census of 1911 and 1921, while the metropolitan population increased by 445,000, the population of the provincial towns only increased 171,000, and the rural population by only 161,000, stated Dr. Page. In New South Wales at the beginning of federation, there were 337 fewer factories in the city of Sydney than in the rest of the New South Wales. Today there were 1,338 more factories in Sydney than in the rest of New South Wales.

Since federation, the primary producers had increased by 192 per cent, while the industrial, transport and communication classes had increased by 19 per cent. That is the primary producers had not kept pace in the general increase of population, while the others almost doubled. As the present position had been brought about by political action, added to economic causes, Dr. Page asserted, it stood to reason that the best way to alter it was also by political action. They should get together, said Dr. Page, and frame a policy of practical decentralization, which could bring new industries to the country towns, and nearer markets for the products.

A. F. OF L. INACTIVE.
WASHINGTON, May 6.—The American Federation of Labor is taking no official action on the British strike, it was stated at headquarters here this afternoon.

Bathurst Harbor Clear.
BATHURST, May 6.—The ice ran out of Bathurst harbor today, which is a little later than usual. Thousands of geese are in the waters of Bathurst basin as well as a large number of brant and wild duck. These are in poor condition after their long journey from the south.

Answers To Opposition Queries Tabled In House

HON. MR. LEGER TO MR. NILES.

Q.—What is the net revenue from liquor and beer sold from Nov. 1, 1925, to March 31, 1926?

A.—To arrive at the net profit for this period would involve the taking of an inventory of all liquors in bond and duty paid on March 31, 1926. Apart from the extra expenses that this would entail, sufficient time is not given to procure this information.

Q.—How much liquor and beer was sold from March 1, 1925, to April 15, 1926?

A.—Whisky, 1,662 cases; gin, 867 cases; brandy, 212 cases; wine, 145 cases and 60 gallons; rum, 35 cases and 412 gallons; alcohol, 264 gallons; ale and stout, 808 cases.

Q.—What quantities of liquor and beer were purchased and from whom between Nov. 1, 1925, and March 31, 1926?

A.—John Hope & Co., 50 barrels Bass' ale; Edward & John Burke, 100 barrels Guinness' stout; Department of Customs and Excise, 11 5-12 cases whisky; Daniel Finzi & Co., 200 cases rum; Law, Young & Co., 50 cases champagne; Edward and John Burke, 50 cases Guinness' stout; John Hope & Co., 200 barrels Bass' ale; John Jeffrey & Co., 200 cases ale; C. N. Kopke, Ltd., 200 cases port wine; Megher Bros. & Co., Ltd., 100 cases Bouillon's gin; C. N. Kopke, Ltd., 100 cases sherry wine; S. B. Townsend, Ltd., 50 cases vermouth; John Haig & Co., Ltd., 900 cases Dimple whisky; Law, Young & Co., 200 cases Walker's Black; J. M. Douglas & Co., 100 cases Dewar's Special; Gillespie & Co., 150 cases Hennessy brandy; Gillespie & Co., 200 cases Martell brandy; J. M. Douglas & Co., 15 octaves Mass wine; Department of Customs and Excise, 14 cases quarts and two cases pints whisky; Gooderham & Worts, Ltd., 150 cases whisky; Department of Customs and Excise, 111 bottles whisky; Department of Customs and Excise, brandy and whisky, 241 bottles; Department of Customs and Excise, whisky, 38 bottles; Department of Customs and Excise, 88 cases liquor; Bulloch, Laid & Co., Ltd., 200 cases whisky; Ainslie & Bellbroon Dist., 100 cases whisky; MacDonald & Muir, 200 cases whisky; James and George Stodart, 160 cases whisky; D. O. Roblin, 250 cases whisky; Gooderham & Worts, Ltd., 600 cases whisky; Castillon & Co., 100 cases whisky; D. O. Roblin, 100 cases whisky; Quebec Liquor Commission, eight cases Carmel port wine; White Horse distillers, 100 cases whisky; D. & J. McCallum, 100 cases whisky; D. O. Roblin, 200 cases port wine; Olan's Brewery, Ltd., 547 barrels ale and stout; Ready's Beverages, Ltd., 256 barrels ale and stout.

Q.—Has James H. Sproul, of Hampton, been appointed to any position in any branch of the Public Works Department of the Province of New Brunswick? If so, to what position, at what wages, and for what time?

A.—The Department of Public Works has no record or knowledge of James H. Sproul, of Hampton, having been appointed to any position in any branch of the department.

HON. MR. STEWART TO HON. MR. VENIOT.

Q.—Is the work on the highway in Greenwich Parish, county of Kings, on which Louis Corey was engaged as supervisor last fall, completed?

A.—Work not completed. Louis Corey was superintendent on this work, Charles L. Glazier was supervisor.

Q.—What was the total cost of the work to date, and if uncompleted what is the estimated cost to complete?

A.—\$1,406.81 by supervisor. \$2,386 by contract.

Q.—Is the department aware that the Daye Road, so-called, the work on which was supervised by Louis Corey, is not a trunk road and that it is bounded for a considerable distance by property owned by the said Louis Corey?

A.—Department is aware that Louis Corey owns property along this road.

Q.—What is the reason Louis Corey was paid \$6 per day as supervisor and native born supervisors throughout the rest of the province on both trunk and secondary trunk roads were only paid \$4.50 per day?

A.—Louis Corey was paid \$6 a day as superintendent.

Q.—Was any survey or estimates of the cost of this road made by the engineering branch of the Public Works Department before the work was started, and if so what particulars are on file with regard to the mileage, estimate of cost, nature of construction and were any tenders asked for the work?

A.—Estimated cost \$12,500 made by the engineering branch of the Public Works Department covering about six miles of road. Work comprising clearing, grubbing, grading, culverts, surfacing, and other items in connection with road construction. No tenders were asked for the work.

HON. MR. LEGER TO MR. BORD-AGE.

Q.—Is Henry Cormier, of Campbellton, the holder of a license of vendor under the Intoxicating Liquor Act of 1916?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When was the said vendorship granted to Henry Cormier?

A.—Nov. 10, 1925.

Q.—Who recommended the application of Henry Cormier?

A.—Chief Inspector John B. Hawthorne.

Q.—Was there any protest made to the Government against the granting of vendorship to the said Henry Cormier?

A.—No.

Q.—If a protest was made, by whom and to whom?

A.—Answered by above.

Q.—Are the premises described in the application of Mr. Cormier under mortgage to David A. Stewart, dated May 11, 1915, for \$6,000 and entered in Book J. "2" of the Restigouche county?

A.—The department has no information in this matter.

HON. MR. LEGER TO HON. MR. VENIOT.

Q.—How many liquor vendors have been appointed under present government in Albert county? Give names and locations.

A.—Two as follows: G. Allison Peck of Hillsboro, and W. S. Jones of Albert.

Q.—How many liquor inspectors have been appointed for Albert county since November last?

A.—Two.

Q.—Have inspectors in this county special areas assigned to them, or is one inspector permitted to function in the area assigned to another?

A.—Each inspector is assigned to a special prohibition district, but this does not preclude his functioning in another district or area.

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Q.—Was a vendorship under the Intoxicating Liquor Act, 1926, granted to Alexis Levesque, of St. Quentin, Restigouche county?

A.—Yes.

Q.—When was such vendorship granted?

A.—Nov. 19, 1925.

Q.—Upon whose recommendation was it granted?

A.—On the recommendation of Chief Inspector John B. Hawthorne.

Q.—Are the premises described in the application of the said Alexis Levesque under mortgage to one David A. Stewart, dated Sept. 27, 1921, and entered in Book "V" of the Restigouche county records?

A.—The department has no information in this matter.

C. Townsend

ST. ANDREWS, May 6.—Campbell Townsend, 81, a respected and well known resident of Chamcook, passed away on Saturday night following a brief illness. He is survived by one sister, Miss Elizabeth Townsend, and one brother, Wallace Townsend, both of Chamcook. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at St. John's chapel and was conducted by Canon E. B. Hooper. Many friends gathered to pay a final tribute of respect.

BACKING CROWLEY IN SALE PROTEST

Say He Was Justified in Opposing Transfer to Dollar \$4,500,000

NEW YORK, May 6.—The action of the Shipping Board in accepting it Stanley Dollar's offer of \$4,500,000 for the five Admiral Oriental liners recently, despite the recommendation of Captain Elmer E. Crowley, head of the Fleet Corporation, that the bid be rejected, was this the first time that the two government shipping bureaus have disagreed on an important issue since Captain Crowley assumed charge of his department.

Friends of Captain Crowley were quick to rally to his defense and it was pointed out that as custodian of government property Captain Crowley was justified in his efforts to obtain the maximum price possible for the five ships which were sold over his protests. One well-known shipping man said that "Crowley's stand was justifiable inasmuch as he had rejected Mr. Dollar's previous bid of \$3,000,000 for the five ships. He was upheld by the board on this occasion. The wisdom of the action is seen in the price accepted when Mr. Dollar paid \$4,500,000 more for the ships than he had offered previously."

MUNSON PAID HIGHER PRICE.

It was pointed out that Frank C. Munson, president of the Munson Line, paid the Government more than \$1,000,000 each for the five Pan-American liners. These ships are sisters of the five sold to Dollar and it is understood here that Captain Crowley was anxious to obtain a similar price for the Oriental ships.

The Shipping Board and Mr. Dollar also were upheld by many shipping men, who said that the latter has invested heavily in American flag tonnage and was the only one who submitted offers on previous occasions for the purchase of the Oriental liners. It was only during the last bidding that he was faced with competition, and that was by W. B. Keene, acting for a Seattle group. Mr. Dollar topped Mr. Keene's offer.

The cry has been raised in some sections that the sale of the Oriental Line to the Dollar interests will give that

concern a monopoly on the Pacific Coast as far as American flag tonnage is concerned. This was scoffed at here by one well known shipping man, who called attention to the foreign competition which faces Mr. Dollar.

"The government did not sell a franchise to Dollar," this man said, "and even if Dollar enters into an agreement with his foreign competitors to raise rates no great harm would result, because as soon as they raised the rates above a fair charge tramp tonnage would immediately flock to the Pacific and proceed to carry cargoes at rates far below that charged by the combine."

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