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PARK DRIVEWAYS AND WIDER STREETS

Civic Improvement Association Will Work For Diagonal Thorofares, New Street Lines in Congested Districts and Elaborate Parks System.

Elated at the civic progress made at the last election, the Municipal Improvement Association, at its first annual meeting last night, endeavored to show that its usefulness had not yet ceased, and having done so, decided to pursue more strenuously than ever its efficient and effective work in the new year.

The interest taken by the members in the addresses delivered by Mr. J. E. Atkinson, on "Civic Improvement," and C. H. Mitchell, vice-president of the Toronto Civic Guild, on "Town Planning," show that the members of the association, as the organizers say, "are anxious to promote the interests of the citizens generally, and have no personal ends to serve."

Mr. Mitchell's address was an eye-opener to many of the men. To him nothing is impossible. He discussed town planning from four standpoints, transportation, civic buildings and parks, private properties and outside territory; and recommended new improvements.

Some Recommendations.

Some of his plans are as follows:

Parks—He recommended that parks should be in strategic positions. In this connection he proposed a scheme to connect all the civic parks by a driveway. "In Boston," he said, "you can drive 20 or 30 miles thru the parks." In Toronto this scheme, in his opinion, could easily be carried out by joining the valley of the Don with the valley of the Humber by means of York Mills Valley, Black Creek Valley and parks in North Toronto. In other cities without Toronto's natural facilities millions of dollars were being spent on similar schemes.

Diagonal streets: One running north-west from Queen street, near Osgoode Hall. The second running north-east from Queen street, near Church street. Mr. Mitchell said that this plan would not require so much money as some people imagined.

Street Widening.

Street widening: New street lines on narrow streets should be decided upon immediately. These new lines should be the ultimate lines twenty or thirty years hence. In the meantime all new buildings erected on these streets should be constructed with false fronts, or fronts which could be torn away back to the ultimate street line when the time was up.

J. E. Atkinson, in a brief address, claimed that Toronto's "form" of government was ideal, but that very often the "attitude" of controllers and aldermen was not ideal. A new attitude was needed, not a new form.

New Officers.

The association now has about 700 members. The officers for 1913 are as follows:

President, John Macdonald; first vice-president, E. J. Hearn, K.C.; second vice-president, Joseph Russell; third vice-president, Dr. Edmund E. King; secretary, N. G. A. McCutcheon; treasurer, Dr. S. G. Thompson; corresponding secretary, J. I. Sutcliffe.

Jamaica Prepares For Panama Canal.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—(C. A. P.)—In order to cope with the new demands which are created by the opening of the Panama Canal, Colonial Secretary Harcourt stated in the commons yesterday that the government of Jamaica were negotiating with a Canadian syndicate for the provision of better facilities for coaling, docking and repairing. A site has been secured abutting on Kingston harbor. Improvements are also under way for Trinidad, Port Spain, St. George and oil bunkering stations for Barbados, at St. Lucia.

DELVING INTO STEEL REBATES

Laurier Demands Full Information on Deal With Algoma Industry — Australian Trade Agreement.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is apparently not satisfied with the information furnished him yesterday by Hon. Dr. Reid regarding the remission of customs duties on steel rails granted the Algoma Steel Company at Fort William. He has given notice that he will move for a copy of all applications addressed to the government by the company, as well as for all correspondence on the subject and all evidence "sought and obtained by the government and supplied by the company in support of its application."

Correspondence relevant to the proposed preferential trade agreement between Canada and Australia was tabled in the commons today by Hon. George E. Foster.

Mr. Foster's Visit to Australia.

Mr. Foster, in a letter to the Australian minister of commerce, Hon. Mr. Tudor, which is dated Sept. 26 last, points out the difficulties of negotiating an agreement by correspondence, and states that he expects to be in Australia by April. "I hope," Mr. Foster writes, "we will then be able to sit down and give the subject thoro and sympathetic consideration."

Mr. Tudor's reply is dater Nov. 1, 1912. He reminds Mr. Foster that, when he will arrive in Australia, they will be in the turmoil of a general election, but he expresses the hope that this will not interfere with a full and comprehensive discussion of a better trade understanding, which, he goes on to say, if successfully and wisely consummated would prove of substantial benefit to Canada and Australia.

He adds that Mr. Foster may be sure of a warm welcome. Mr. Foster replied to this letter on Jan. 4, advising Mr. Tudor that he intended sailing for Australia on Feb. 19 to attend the sittings of the imperial trade commission, and that while there he would be able to attend to negotiations looking to a reciprocal trade arrangement between the two countries.

SHOULD PROTECT SHIPBUILDING IN CANADA

British and Foreign Competition So Keen That Twenty Per Cent. Protection Is Needful, Statement of Big Deputation—Premier Promises Consideration.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Unless the Dominion Government takes immediate and effective measures for the protection and encouragement of the shipbuilding industry of the Dominion, by according it greater protection from the competition of British, United States and foreign competition, it will quickly go out of existence.

This in brief was the substance of a somewhat lengthy and comprehensive memorial placed before Premier Borden this afternoon by a big deputation representing shipbuilding firms from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The protection and preserving of the industry by granting a protection of 20 per cent. in the way of tariff legislation, or by subsidy, was strongly urged by the deputation. Under existing conditions of competition with Great Britain this step they considered as absolutely necessary to prevent the quick disappearance of Canadian shipbuilding.

It was pointed out that Canadian firms are compelled to pay duty on much of the material for building purposes, as well as upon a great deal of equipment, and with this handicap had to compete with the great shipbuilding organizations of Britain, where wages and the cost of every kind of material were more than 20 per cent. cheaper.

Borden Is Sympathetic.

Premier Borden listened with great interest to the points made by the various spokesmen of the deputation, and in his reply he promised to give the most earnest consideration to their request. He suggested that the government might well adopt a policy of having all government vessels built in Canada, even should the cost be greater than it would be if the orders were placed in Britain.

The deputation was introduced by Major Currie of Simcoe and consisted of the following gentlemen: Captain McDougall and Sandford Lindsay, president and secretary respectively of the Collingwood Shipbuilding Co.; John B. Miller, president of the Polson Co., Toronto; Black and Cowle, representing the Pickford and Black Co. of Halifax; H. Bullen of the Esquimault Marine and Dry Dock Co.; George D. Davie of Levis, S. Dyment and W. J. Fair of the Kingston Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co.

They were accompanied and supported by several members of parliament, including Messrs. Bennett, Taylor, Barnard, Nickle, Boyce, Macdonell and Sheppard.

Canada Needs Local Navy

SYDNEY, Jan. 21.—(C.A.P.)—The Morning Herald says The Times correspondent regards the Vancouver conference as most probable, and cites a letter from Admiral King Hall showing the Australian Pacific policy has the full support of the imperial authorities. The article adds:

"We have no wish to intervene in the political controversies of sister dominions, but feel Canada's only satisfactory manner of joining in Pacific defence is establishment of a local naval unit in co-operation with other imperial defence Pacific forces. The question of control of contingents is most important, but not difficult of solution, since there is a general disposition to accept the British admiralty's advice about utilizing available ships to best advantage and with the least delay in times of stress."

NOTE OF POWERS PUZZLES TURKEY

More Time Will Be Lost While Certain Portions Are Being Made Clear.

LONDON, Jan 21—(Can. Press.)—Turkey, before presenting her reply to the joint note of the powers, wishes to obtain explanations concerning certain passages in the note. Instructions to this effect have been sent to the Turkish ambassadors accredited to the powers. Rechad Pasha, head of the Turkish peace plenipotentiaries, and Tewfik Pasha, ambassador to Great Britain, have been particularly enjoined to seek elucidation, as they are in London, where the note was prepared.

Explanations are to be requested on the following points: The joint note says that in case of the prolongation of the war, the fate of Constantinople might be put in question. Does the note mean that the allies might be allowed to attack, conquer and remain in Constantinople, or does it mean that the powers themselves might control the government in the Ottoman capital?

The note speaks of the "moral, material and benevolent support of the powers." What must Turkey understand by that? How is this support to be extended—under what form; to what extent; what guarantee is there of fulfilment of this promise?

Similarly, what assurance do the powers offer for the settlement of the question of the Aegean Islands in such a manner as to exclude further menaces to the security of Turkey?

"Europe's Broken Faith."

It is stated that the Turkish delegates, in endeavoring to obtain satisfactory answers to these questions, have made reference to what they describe as "Europe's broken faith," in failing to live up to the promise made four months ago, that the status quo would not be changed whatever the result of the war.

A distinguished diplomatist, losing patience, has recommended them not to pretend to be more naive than they are, since the Turks know well that the statement of the European powers contemplated only a case in which the Ottoman arms were victorious, as in 1897, when Turkey defeated Greece, on which occasion Europe would not permit a change in the status quo.

PORT NELSON IS NOT YET CHOSEN

Final Decision Will Not Be Reached Until Engineer Hazen Has Made His Report.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Notwithstanding numerous published statements to the effect that Hon. Frank Cochrane had decided upon Port Nelson as the terminus of the Hudson Bay Railway, it was definitely given out at the department of railways and canals today that no decision in the matter has yet been reached.

Nothing final will be decided upon until Mr. Hazen, the chief engineer of the department, who has been in the north country since last July, investigating the respective merits of Port Nelson and Port Churchill and who is now on his return to Ottawa, places his report in the minister of railways hands.

After his return from a tour of inspection last summer, Mr. Cochrane expressed hims if as being in favor of Port Nelson and it was tentatively agreed that it should be the terminus.

Later information secured by engineers of the department, however, favored Port Churchill, and Mr. Cochrane therefore deems it best that no final decision be reached until the report which Engineer Hazen shall make is thoroly gone into in all its aspects.

MONETARY COMMISSION NEEDED TO PROBE BANKING CONDITIONS RIGHTS OF PUBLIC NOT PROTECTED

W. F. Maclean, M.P., Urges That Bank Charters Be Extended For Two Years Only to Permit of Needed Reforms Being Instituted on the Commission's Report Being Presented—Finance Minister White's Stand in Opposing Public Inspection of Banks and More Elastic Plan of Issuing Dominion Notes Challenged by Major (New Bill Dictated by Bankers' Association.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—(Special).—Finance Minister White's bill, providing for the decennial revision of the Bank Act, was under heavy fire today, and Mr. Duncan Ross, the Liberal member for Middlesex, and Major Sam Sharpe, the Conservative member for North Ontario, earnestly supported the proposition put forth by W. F. Maclean, South York, that the entire subject of banking and currency should be investigated by a monetary commission, to be created by parliament. Mr. Maclean suggested that the present charters of the banks be extended for two years, instead of ten years, with a view to the recasting of our banking and currency laws upon the coming in of a report from the monetary commission.

Mr. Carvell (Carleton, N.B.) and Mr. Demers (St. John and Iberville) supported Mr. Maclean's proposal that the bank charters be extended only for two years and until a monetary commission could investigate and report on the situation.

OPPOSES PUBLIC INSPECTION.

Mr. White, in moving the second reading of his bill, eulogized the Bank Act as it now stands, and frankly indicated that it stood in little need of any amendment. He was unalterably opposed to the public inspection of banks, or to any increase in the money of the country by the issue of Dominion notes against a gold reserve of less than 100 per cent. He was followed by Mr. A. K. McLean, the Liberal member for Halifax, who has assumed the role of financial critic for the opposition, but who merely echoed what Mr. White had said, and was no less eulogistic of the chartered banks and the present Bank Act.

DEFECTS NOT REMEDIED.

W. F. Maclean really opened the debate by declaring that there were many grave defects in the present Bank Act, none of which were remedied by the bill before parliament. He pointed out that depositors were not sufficiently protected, that no public inspection is provided for, and that no attempt was made to prevent bank mergers or the formation of a money trust. On the contrary, empediments were thrown in the way of any attempt hereafter to organize a new bank by popular subscription.

Mr. Maclean also complained of the sterilization of the postal savings bank system, and of the inability of the banks to supply the currency needed by the business of the country. After stating other objections to the present Bank Act, he proposed the institution of a government bank which would be the only bank of issue in Canada.

BILL DICTATED BY BANKS.

E. B. Osler of West Toronto had a few words to say in defence of the banks, but Major Sam Sharpe declared that the time had gone past when the people of this country would fall down and worship the banks, and the Bank Act, as apparently Finance Minister White and A. K. McLean were doing. The bill introduced by Mr. White was, in Mr. Sharpe's opinion, the bill of the Bankers' Association, and he offered

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BIG KING STREET DEALS CLOSING

Property Next Michie's Wanted by Financial House—King and York Deal Under Way.

Some big financial institution is negotiating for the property at 7 to 13 West King street and is willing to pay over $650,000 for it. This is the plot A. G. C. Dinnick bought last February for $410,000, syndicating it in England a couple of months later at about half a million dollars. Mr. Dinnick last night declined to discuss the matter in any way. The property lies between Michie's and the Standard Bank's building, and its low-lying stores in the midst of tall structures have attracted much attention. The King street frontage is 47 feet 3 in. and the depth thru to Melinda street 170 feet. At $650,000, and the property may sell at more, the price works out at $13,820 a foot.

Undoubtedly big things are developing on King street. For weeks now a deal has been simmering for the northeast corner of King and York streets, and including the southeast corner of Pearl and York. Two or three troublesome leases must be cleared up before the deal can be concluded. Most of the property, which is 92 feet 4 inches by 86 feet depth on the King street side and 100 feet by 80 depth on the York street part, is owned by William Ramsay, and Toronto real estate men are now with him in Scotland. One difficulty arises out of a peculiar incident. One of the York street leases ran out a few days ago. In the lease there was a clause that the lessor was to give six months' notice as to whether he would renew. Thru some oversight, it is said, the notice was never given, and now the lessee is claiming that the lease was thereby renewed for another 21 year term at the old rate, which is very, very low.

There are also rumors, not given much encouragement by the hotel proprietor, that the property on which the Palmer House stands is selling at $4000 a foot. All the property owners in the vicinity are much aroused over this latest figure.

HON. A. B. MORINE IN A NEW FIELD

He's Now Solicitor For Fishermen's Union of Newfoundland—Not Active Politician.

Montreal, Jan. 21.—(Special.)—Mr. William Munn, a St. John's merchant, who is in the city, says that a great deal of interest has been aroused over the future attitude of Hon. A. B. Morine since his return to the colony. He has been chosen solicitor and general adviser to the Fishermen's Union, an organization representing one-fifth of the people of the island, and which Mr. Morine might turn to an interesting political account. As a man has to be residing on the island for two years, and as he has only been back one year, this law will prevent the stormy petrel from contesting a constituency during the coming general election.

Mr. Munn thinks that Sir Edward Morris will be sustained, but he opines that the complexion of the assembly will be considerably changed.

No Racing at Thorncliffe.

It was stated last night by a member of the Davies family that the report in circulation that the racetrack charter granted to them over a year ago for the Thorncliffe track, was to be put into operation this summer, is not correct.

FOR BARGAIN HUNTERS IN FURS

This time of the year it is usual for Dineen's to begin selling furs to clear out stock. No garments or neck pieces are carried over from one season to another, and only a small stock is necessary to meet the demands during February, March and April, and the early next season. It is recognized that a customer who buys furs now has missed the comfort of wearing them the early part of the present winter, and that means a reduction must be made in price. Dineen's sale is thoroughly interesting to bargain hunters in furs. W. & D. Dineen Co., Ltd., manufacturing furriers, corner Yonge and Temperance sts.

NAZIMOVA'S PLAY APPEALS ESPECIALLY TO THE LADIES.

The Princess will be filled today with ladies to see Nazimova in her great play, "Bella Donna." It appeals especially to the fair sex.

SALMON CATCH LIGHTER YEARLY

Growing Scarcity Due to Fish Being Caught in American Waters, Says Prof. McMurrich.

OTTAWA, Jan. 21.—(Can. Press.)—That salmon in the Fraser River, B.C., are becoming scarcer year by year as a result of being caught in American waters before going into the river to spawn, was the statement made today by Prof. McMurrich, director of the anatomical department of the University of Toronto, in an address on the "Salmon Fishers of British Columbia," at the annual meeting of the conservation commission.

Prof. McMurrich said it would be a good thing if some international arrangement between the United States and Canada could be made to prevent the depletion of salmon of the Fraser and adjacent waters, even in American territory, by indiscriminate catching. As things are now it was explained the salmon are caught near the mouth of the Fraser just before spawning time, and consequently few get up to the inland waters. Some of the canneries on the Fraser have been hard hit already by the scarcity of fish.

Prof. McMurrich gave an interesting discourse on the salmon fisheries' industries. Papers on water and water power press and corporating organizations, better farming, etc., were also read.

MODERN PARK AT WILLOWVALE

City Will Proceed to Lay Out What Will Be the Best Park in the City.

Extensive improvements are contemplated by Parks Commissioner Chambers at Willowvale Park, Bloor and Shaw streets. The latter frontage will have to be purchased, at an approximate cost of $100,000.

At present the park comprises about one-half of the depressed area between Christie, Crawford, Bloor and Essex streets, but with the proposed extension one of the best parks in the city can be secured.

It is also proposed to develop a water course, which at present runs north and south, into a system of miniature lakes and ponds, suitably bordered with trees, and to develop a wooded area on the west side, which, in the course of a few years will provide a shaded picnic area of adequate proportion. Summer spots will also be provided for. In the winter there will be toboggan slides, skating and hockey rinks. There will be a properly supervized playground and concrete swimming pool.

A $10,000 pavilion will be erected on the west side of High Park, designed to provide for both summer and winter use.

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