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WILL CONSTRUCT PLANT AT GRAND FALLS TO SUPPORT A CITY OF 30,000 PERSONS

Sir William Van Horne Reveals Plans of His Company to Sun-Other Scheme Visionary-Cuban Trade-St. John Harbor.

Sir Wm. Van Horne, who has probably done more than any other man in the systematic development of Canadian resources, besides taking a hand in a few other outside enterprises of almost equal importance, was in the city yesterday and talked interestingly to a Sun representative last evening.

The chief object of his visit to the city, he said, was to give his evidence regarding the dispute which has arisen over the expropriation proceedings at Grand Falls. Asked regarding the probable outcome of the dispute, Sir William said: "I have no idea what the result will be. It is hard to guess what a court will do, or a government either, for that matter."

Speaking of the plans of the Grand Falls Power and Boom Company, in which he is interested, Sir William said: "What we intend to do, if they do not take the opportunity away from us, is to erect a pulp and paper mill that will use practically all the power that can be generated by the falls. Such a plant would cost millions and would support a community of 30,000 persons. The plans of the other concern would make this impossible."

A VISIONARY SCHEME.
They have a visionary scheme of developing electrical power to be used no one knows where. As far as the suggestion that power might be brought as far as St. John from Grand Falls, I would say that that is totally impracticable. What we would like to show by what we have done at River St. Maurice, where our mill supports a community of from fifteen to twenty thousand people. An industry of this kind is a valuable asset to the community, giving steady employment to a large number of people permanently. It is not like lumbering, for instance, which sweeps a country bare and then leaves it."

In reply to a question touching on the policy of the C. P. R., Sir William said: "I am no longer the spokesman for that road. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy does the talking for the C. P. R. and it would not do to have more than one spokesman on it. He has a smile, 'the lion might not all be consistent.' He, however, professed himself perfectly satisfied with the condition of the company and the progress it is making."

CUBAN RAILWAYS.

Sir William's heavy investment in Cuban railways makes him interested in the prosperity of that island, and he spoke in a most hopeful manner of the new republic. "The climate," he said, "is ideal, and the temperature seldom goes above eighty. We had a couple of days in Montreal recently that would make the average Cuban feel seasick. Contrary to the impression that prevails in the north, the natives are most industrious and in the crop season work from sunrise to dark. Laborers get about a dollar and a quarter a day now, which is good pay for the tropics. When I went there first they only received about forty cents a day, but the development of the island's resources has brought a share of pros-

perity to the workmen. The island is going ahead rapidly. Sugar is the most important product of the island at present, and there are sections where you can travel for days and never be out of sight of a big sugar mill, representing an investment of from a hundred thousand to a million dollars. There is lots of room yet, however, as only twenty per cent of the land is under cultivation. The population is only two millions, while Java, an island of about the same size, supports twenty-eight million people. At the rate they are developing now, however, they will have to charter some more islands in a few years on which to store the money they are making."

GREAT POSSIBILITIES.
"There are great possibilities there for trade with Canada. Lumber and potatoes are the products which could sell best, but there is an opportunity to build up a trade in many of the things that Canada produces. Some one should be sent down to study the conditions and the demands of the people in order that an intelligent effort may be made to fill them profitably. A good steamship service would help, but it is hard to get the service unless the merchants are willing to work to build up the trade."

Sir William has been spending the summer at St. Andrews and returns there this morning. He smilingly refused to give his opinion of the hopes of the St. Andrews people that their harbor will one day be the terminus for great ocean going steamers. He intimated, however, that St. John had no reason to fear that she would lose any business by the competition of these places. "The steamers will go where there is business for them and the facilities to handle the business," he said. "What you need in St. John is chiefly to get ready for the business that is bound to come your way. This port has developed wonderfully in the last few years and I look for even greater development in the next fifteen."

HARBOR IN COMMISSION.

Asked for his opinion of the wisdom of the city's course in seeking to turn the harbor over to a government commission, Sir William said: "I have always favored the control of harbors by the people where they are located. We have had great success, though, in Montreal, where the harbor is controlled by a commission. The commission is a body of a dozen men, the support of all the citizens and under such circumstances do excellent work. If St. John cannot keep its own harbor and provide the facilities for the growth of business that is bound to come without increasing the charges on the traffic I would say that the best thing to do is to turn the harbor over to the government. The business always seeks the port where the charges are the lightest and you cannot afford to scare it away by increasing the cost of handling the traffic."

lets found their mark. Cursing with disappointment and rage, St. Marie flung away the useless weapon, and dashed down Mill street, and so far the detectives who are on his trail, have failed to locate him. The two men were employed as laborers at the Dominion Coal Company's plant at Windmill Point, and rivalry existed as to which was the better coal shoveller. Yesterday afternoon the dispute came to a head, and Audette taunted and made fun of St. Marie's work, before the other workmen. Unable to stand the others' gibes, St. Marie, boiling with rage, threw down his shovel, and refused to work any longer. He went home to his boarding house at 24 Conway, and borrowed a revolver, changed his clothes and made arrangements for getting out of the city. Then loading the revolver he sauntered down to the pumping station at Windmill Point, and waited for Audette to come along from his work. The five shots were fired from almost point blank range, and Audette stood paralyzed with terror, while St. Marie emptied the revolver at him. Every shot missed and complaint was made to the police by Audette, and the matter would probably never have come to light, had not Mrs. Mingen, who lives at 54 Forfar street, heard the shots and saw St. Marie running away. She immediately telephoned to the Grand Trunk station, and two policemen were dispatched to hunt up the culprit. Later a good description of St. Marie was sent to the detective office and Detective McCall and McGuire were put to work on the case. It is believed that St. Marie deliberately planned to murder Audette, and succeeded in getting out of town to some lumber or railway camp.

PRINCESS IS PARDONED BY ROYAL PARENTS

Emperor of Austria Pleads for Her and Love Romance Has Happy End

BERLIN, Aug. 11.—The announcement that Countess Elizabeth Seefried has left her home in Austria to visit her parents, Prince and Princess Leopold of Bavaria, at Munich, reveals the happy conclusion to a royal romance. Princess Elizabeth of Bavaria was 13 years old when she fell in love with Baron Otto von Seefried, a young lieutenant in a Bavarian regiment. Princess Elizabeth, like all members of the Bavarian royal family, was a Roman Catholic, and Baron von Seefried, apart from being far inferior to her in birth, was a Protestant. When Princess Elizabeth told her parents she desired to marry the young baron, they looked at her with disfavor. On December 2, 1893, Princess Elizabeth fled with her lover, who was waiting for her close at hand, and eloped with him. On the following day they were married at Genoa. The Bavarian government immediately dismissed Baron Seefried from the army, and issued a warrant against him on the charge of abducting a princess of the royal house. The young princess, after finishing the honeymoon journey, proceeded to Vienna to obtain help from her grandfather, the Emperor Francis Joseph, her mother having been the Emperor's eldest daughter. Baron Seefried was not only a fugitive from justice in Bavaria, but also a penniless man, so that the young couple were entirely without means of subsistence. Early one morning they drove up to the imperial palace in Vienna. Baron Seefried remained in the cab while Princess Elizabeth entered the palace, and threw herself on her knees before her grandfather. The kind-hearted Emperor gave Baron Seefried a position as officer in an Austrian regiment and granted the young couple an allowance. Baron Seefried's regiment was stationed at Sigmund, where his wife became extremely popular. Finding that the young couple lived happily together, the Emperor Francis Joseph raised Baron Seefried to the rank of count, and gave the young couple an estate in Moravia. His Majesty repeatedly interceded at Munich to bring about the reconciliation of his granddaughter and her parents, who had refused to have anything to do with her. He has at last been successful, so that the Countess Seefried is now able to visit the Court of Munich.

TO POLE BY AIRSHIP
IS KAISER'S SCHEME
Believes That a Zeppelin Machine Will Solve the Problem of the Frozen North.

BERLIN, Aug. 11.—The Kaiser and Count Zeppelin have joined hands in plans for a voyage to the North Pole by an airship of improved "Zeppelin" type, under the direct leadership of the veteran inventor and Professor Hergesell, his meteorological adviser. A series of preliminary expeditions preparatory to the "final dash" to the pole itself is to be carried out in 1910. Although cautious critics feel constrained to point to the still storm-bound Zeppelin I at Biberach as evidence of the visionary character of the project, the public imagination is fired by the scheme. The expedition was decided upon as the result of Prof. Hergesell's audience with the Kaiser yesterday. Herr Hergesell explained to his majesty in great detail the plans he and Count Zeppelin had worked out. The count will construct a vessel exceeding in power, endurance and speed any he has hitherto built. Cross bay, on the west coast of Spitzbergen, has been selected as the base for various flights into the Polar area. The airship will make the trip from Germany to Spitzbergen across Norway, with one or more intermediate landings. Separate expeditions from Cross Bay will explore the unknown regions of the north of Greenland and Emperor Francis Joseph's bay. The Kaiser was fascinated by Herr Hergesell's vivid description of Count Zeppelin's arrangements, and declared unhesitatingly that he would assume the patronage of the enterprise.

SHOT BECAUSE HE
SHOVELS MORE COAL
Andetti Taunted St. Marie and Now St. Marie is Pursued by Police for Emptying Revolver at Andetti

TORONTO, Aug. 12.—Because his erstwhile chum, Generoso Andetti, claimed superiority as a coal shoveller, "Jimmy" St. Marie, an Italian, eighteen years of age, lay in wait for Andetti near the pumping station at Windmill Point, and attempted to murder him, shooting five times at him with a revolver. Fortunately his marksmanship was bad, and none of the bul-

TEMPLARS' DAY CLOSES WITH A FINE BANQUET

Many Toasts Responded to

Important Business Transactions Acted at Two Sessions

The feature of yesterday's session of the Supreme Council of the Templars of Honor and Temperance was the banquet tendered the visiting delegates in Alexandra Hall, North End, last evening. About eighty were in attendance. A lengthy toast list was a feature of the occasion. During the afternoon and in the evening before the banquet the Supreme Council sat in regular session. The banquet was held in the main hall on the ground floor of the building. The room was suitably decorated with bunting and British and American flags. Caterer Scamell and an efficient staff had charge of the arrangements. The guests took their seats at about 8.45. The banquet was finished and the speaking begun at eleven. The toast list was as follows:

The King.
The Supreme Council, proposed by W. C. Whitaker, M. W. T.; responded to by W. L. Condit, M. W. T. Treasurer.

The Most Worthy Recorder and Our Paper, proposed by W. P. Condit; responded to by Rev. Dr. Woodruff, M. W. R.

The Grand Jurisdiction, proposed by C. H. Gates, responded to by Rev. Dr. Woodruff, G. T. G. Blewett, and Hon. David J. Robinson.

The Council Department, proposed by Brother Sloan, responded to by Brother Peake.

The Supreme Templars, proposed by W. C. Whitaker, M. W. T.; responded to by Brethren W. J. Hawlings, F. A. Boney and H. D. Williams.

The Junior Department, proposed by Brother Frank Dyer, responded to by Brethren S. P. Logan, Carey Black, G. T. G. Blewett and R. D. Martin.

The Learned Professors, proposed by Brother Jas. Hider, responded to by Rev. Mr. Full, E. T. C. Knowles and Dr. Gray.

Women as Temperance Workers, proposed by W. P. Roberts; responded to by Sisters Woodruff, Sloan and Gray.

The Veterans of the Order, proposed by Brother Frank McFarlane, responded to by Brethren H. D. Williams and John Eazies.

At the evening session it was decided to send to Congressman C. Q. Tirrell, who has been prevented from attending the meeting of the Supreme Council by the protracted session of the

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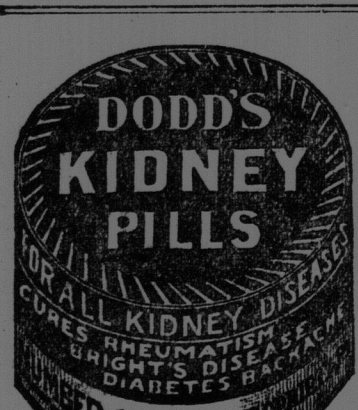
Congress of the United States, a letter expressing regret on account of his absence. The report of the committee on Objections was also received. It made especial mention of the loss sustained by the Supreme Council through the death of J. Higgins of Massachusetts, J. A. Decker of Connecticut, Chas. R. Smith of Wisconsin, and Charles A. Everett of St. John. The last named had been a member of the order and a prominent official from the time of its inception until his death. A special resolution was presented to

Rev. C. S. Woodruff, D. D., most worthy recorder, congratulating him on the completion of twenty-one years in office. This record is unparalleled in the history of the order. The council also decided after some discussion to do away with certain minor offices of the order. The following five members of the council were appointed a committee to attend the next general gathering of temperance workers: W. C. Whitaker, St. John; Hon. D. J. Robinson, Massachusetts; W. L. Condit, New Jer-

sey; Rev. Dr. C. S. Woodruff, New Jersey; C. Q. Tirrell, Massachusetts. One of the most important matters attended to by the council dealt with finance. It was decided to raise a propagation fund. This will be obtained by having each member of the order contribute one dollar. Congratulations were extended to the grand temples of Sweden and England, which during the past year have done excellent work. At the close of the evening session a reception was held.

DISTRESSING SCENE AT MCADAM JCT. LAST NIGHT

A distressing scene was witnessed on the station platform at McAdam Junction last night. When the express arrived from the north a young man was taken off suffering from some acute form of heart trouble. He was unconscious, but his body was racked with convulsions. For over an hour he lay on the station platform in this state, while his fellow-passengers and the station officials tried every method in their power to relieve his sufferings. There was no doctor in McAdam Junction, the local physician being several miles up the lake. An effort to get medical assistance from Vancouver was unsuccessful, but finally a doctor was secured at Harvey and brought up on the Boston train. By the time he arrived the patient's condition was somewhat improved, and he soon regained consciousness under proper treatment.



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