

FEAR CANADA WILL GET CHEAPER FRUIT

Niagara Growers Make a Protest

Invade Ottawa in Force to Resist Reciprocity

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Tells Them That the Greatest Good of the Greatest Number Must Prevail—Congress in Committee Ready to Vote Trade Agreement.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Three special trains loaded with agricultural objects to the reciprocity agreement came to Ottawa today and filed objections with the Canadian government, against duty on fruit and vegetables being removed. Most of them were from the Niagara peninsula of Ontario, while there was a fair sprinkling from the Island of Montreal. They filed the room in the house of commons and told Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. Mr. Fielding and Hon. Mr. Patterson that they would be ruined by competition from the southern states in early fruits and vegetables, if the protection they are now working under was removed, as proposed by the trade agreement made with Washington. Sir Wilfrid made the reply for the Canadian government. He said that they had come too late. There had been a delegation of farmers from all parts of Canada before Christmas urging free trade in agricultural products of all kinds and the government had given heed to their request. The truck growers and fruit men had not raised their voices in protest. The Canadian representatives had gone to Washington and had made an agreement which would be for the benefit of the country as a whole, though it might pinch in spots. However, some classes had to make sacrifices for the general good and he commended this sentiment to the delegation today.

Sir Wilfrid's answer is taken as another evidence of the determination of the Canadian government to live up to the terms of its Washington bargain to the letter. The delegation was not altogether pleased with the reply.

Niagara Fruit "Interests" Protest.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—A large delegation of fruit and vegetable men from the province of Ontario, and the Niagara district, in particular, numbering about 1500, walked on the government this afternoon, protesting against reciprocity as it is proposed in connection with the fruit and vegetables.

Vegetable growers from Quebec were also represented. The delegation was received in the commons chamber, and was the largest seen here since the western farmers. The premier with Messrs. Fielding and Patterson, received them. Mr. Johnson, president of the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association, read the memorial setting forth the main contentions.

W. H. Bunting, St. Catharines; Thomas Dalwell, secretary of Ontario Vegetable Growers; Thomas Rowley, Leamington; A. W. Earl, Burlington; and J. McElroy, of Montreal, also spoke.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not begin his reply to the delegation until after 2 o'clock. He began by pointing out the difficult position of the government in a country where there were such varied interests in tariff matters. As an instance of this the farmers and fruit growers of the west demanded that there be no tariff on free fruit and vegetables, while today's delegation wanted just the opposite. How was the government to know who was right in face of this? In any case he did not see how American competition could affect superior Canadian fruit, especially when the seasons were different.

Moreover, the maritime provinces wanted the barriers removed. Compromise was the only thing left and the government had done its best. "No tariff," said Sir Wilfrid, "is a compromise in the face of conflicting demands as acceptable to all. For the common good of the country we must make concessions."

Congressional Committee Ready to Vote.

Washington, Feb. 10.—The Canadian reciprocity agreement made some progress in congress today through discussions of the house way and means committee and a conference of Democratic senators, but action in both cases was deferred, the committee adjourning until tomorrow morning, and the Democratic senators adjourning until Tuesday.

At the ways and means committee session Chairman Payne was absent, but sent word that he would like to be present when the vote is taken. He is ill at home with the grippe and hoped to improve sufficiently to attend the session tomorrow, though some of his colleagues believe he will be too ill to come to the capital. Most of the committee's time was devoted to a discussion by Representative Mann, of Illinois, of the phraseology of the McCall bill, which embodies the provisions of the agreement.

Grain Growers Favor Reciprocity. Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, which met at Regina, representing 8,000 farmers, today adopted a resolution unanimously endorsing the reciprocity agreement as presented at Washington.

CHATHAM MAN KILLED BY KICK OF A HORSE

Chatham, N. B., Feb. 11.—Moses Coady was kicked in the stomach by a horse yesterday afternoon and died this morning at 5 o'clock. Mr. Coady was fifty-seven years of age and unmarried. He was in the act of fixing the blanket on the horse in Alex. Wilson's barn when the animal kicked him. As the horse had just been shod Mr. Coady received a terrific blow. He was removed to the hospital, where he died.

ANOTHER CONSERVATIVE "SENSATION" EXPLODED

Error in Telegram Sent Dredge to Dalhousie Instead of Bathurst

Telegraph Company Officials, Before Public Accounts Committee, Admit the Mistake, and Message Will Be Produced—Hon. Mr. Pugsley Tells of the Error, but Shows That There was an Appropriation Voted for the Work—Minister Not a Stockholder in Dalhousie Lumber Co.

Ottawa, Feb. 10.—Hon. Dr. Pugsley took the stand in the public accounts committee this afternoon and gave a statement on the Dalhousie dredging of 1909, which will put an end to criticism of that work for all time.

Mr. Davies, the manager of the Great North Western Telegraph Company, explained the mistake in the telegram which sent to Dalhousie the dredge, which had been intended for Bathurst, which satisfied the committee.

Mr. Davies, Ottawa manager of the G. N. W., was examined by the committee. He testified that the telegram was transmitted correctly from Ottawa, and passed through as far as Campbellton. The mistake occurred between Campbellton and Chatham (N. B.). He could not tell which of the two was at fault.

As the two words in question were rather similar in the Morse code, the mistake was really a very simple one, and easily to be explained.

Complaints over the error had been received from both Mr. Pugsley and A. E. Loggie, the recipients of the message.

Will Produce Message Received. To thoroughly clear the department it was decided to bring a representative of the firm of A. & R. Loggie here from Loggieville (N. B.) with a copy of the telegram, as originally received.

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TWINS PERISH FROM EXPOSURE NEAR WOODSTOCK

Three Other Children of Family Lose Their Hands--Were Driven From Their Home by Flames During Parents' Absence.

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 11.—Twins, aged two years, children of Alfred Lyons, who lived near Littleton, Me., twelve miles from Woodstock, died yesterday from exposure to the cold. Three other children of Lyons had their hands amputated.

While the parents were away the house was burned and the children forced out, suffering terribly from the frost. They escaped the fire and toddled to the house of the nearest neighbor, but the people were not home and the little ones were found half frozen when the folks arrived.

SUDDEN DEATH OF WOODSTOCK MAN

John J. Troy Found Lifeless in Chair in His Restaurant—Stanley Jacques Passed Away.

Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 11.—John J. Troy, restaurant keeper, died suddenly this morning aged fifty years. He was apparently in the best of health and was busy in his restaurant last night. His wife and family live over the restaurant. Mrs. Troy visited the restaurant at 1 o'clock this morning and found her husband asleep in a chair. Returning again at 7 o'clock this morning she found the body of her husband in the same position. He had died.

He is survived by his wife and three young children—Jamie, John and Wallace. His father, two brothers and one sister, live over the restaurant. He was a native of Ireland and came here when a child. He received his education in his young manhood. He took a great interest in military matters, and was a member of the local militia. He was one of the soldiers who left here to take part in the Northwest rebellion. His death will be mourned in military circles.

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COUNTED OUT FOR ALDERMAN

Moncton Council Votes Down F. E. Whelpley's Petition for Inquiry

Returning Officer Gave Alderman Nickerson Four Majority, but Ballots Were Gone Over Again by City Clerk and He Found Whelpley Had One Majority.

Moncton, Feb. 11.—Rather a peculiar state of affairs has arisen in connection with the recent civic election. Within the required time after polling day William E. Wilson, on behalf of ex-Ald. F. E. Whelpley, filed a complaint with the city clerk asking that the votes for ward aldermen in ward 3 be investigated, claiming the return of the polling officer was not correct. Ald. N. L. Rand led the poll by a large majority but for second place was close between J. S. Nickerson and F. E. Whelpley. The returning officer gave Nickerson 236, Whelpley 232, but this count was disputed.

Last night the city council met for the purpose of investigating the complaint. W. B. Chandler, solicitor for Nickerson, claimed the council had no authority to investigate the complaint as filed, and after some discussion the council by a vote of four to three decided to proceed no further with the investigation. Informally, however, the ballot box was opened by the city clerk in the presence of the mayor and several aldermen and the votes recounted with the result that Whelpley had 238 and Nickerson 237.

Ald. Nickerson, however, is sworn in and holds the seat by virtue of the council refusing to act upon the protest made on ex-Ald. Whelpley's behalf. Whether further action will be taken in the matter is not known at present.

SIR ROBERT BOND AGAINST RECIPROCITY WITH UNITED STATES

Says Newfoundland Has Thrown Away Everything She Gained by Hague Award.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 9.—Condemning the recent friendly understanding reached at Washington between the United States and Newfoundland over the fisheries question, and declaring himself against reciprocity with United States in conjunction with Canada, Sir Robert Bond, former premier of Newfoundland, and leader of the opposition, criticised today the speech from the throne delivered by the governor, Sir C. Williams at the opening of the colonial legislature last night.

The formal premier urged that the colony assume a vigorous aggressive policy against Americans, and that Newfoundland should disregard American menaces and cajoleries.

He declared that menace was implied in the arguments of Samuel J. Elder, of Boston, in behalf of the United States before the Hague tribunal in which he said Mr. Elder threatened war if Newfoundland assumed an obdurate attitude. "This threat," Mr. Bond argued, "is the strongest confession of American dependence on fisheries concessions on our waters."

"Cajoleries," Mr. Bond explained, "were implied in the recent pretended friendly accord at Washington, on the occasion of the visit there of the Newfoundland premier, Sir Edward Morris. Mr. Bond said that the colony thereby sacrificed the right of appeal to the Hague tribunal, which was assured it under the award of last summer. He maintained that "all the money spent by Newfoundland on account of the arbitration of the fisheries question has been virtually wasted because of this abandonment of its right to appeal."

"While the award of the Hague tribunal is satisfactory in some respects," he continued, "it nevertheless presents several features which may develop serious annoyance to Newfoundland."

Discussing Canadian reciprocity with the United States, Mr. Bond said that he was opposed to Newfoundland entering any reciprocity agreement in conjunction with Canada.

"Canada wants independent reciprocity," he said, "because Canada's proximity enables her to supply American markets with fresh fish in competition with Newfoundland's salt products."

"I think, however," he continued, "that we will increase our sales in other markets which Canada will probably abandon in order to supply American requirements."

In closing, the former premier urged that the colonial assembly grant a bounty to local fishermen, thereby encouraging the prosecution of the herring fisheries by natives.

NOTABLES REMEMBER NOVA SCOTIA COUPLE'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY

Earl and Countess Gray, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Others Congratulate Mr. and Mrs. William Dunlop, Middle Jewicake.

Halifax