

JOSEPH MARTIN TO GIVE EVIDENCE

Interesting Developments at Investigation into Admission of Chinese at Vancouver.

Customs Collector Accepted Present from Chinese Merchant—Officials Implicated.

Vancouver, Jan. 20.—Joseph Martin, M. P., for St. Pancras, has been subpoenaed to give evidence before the royal commission investigating Chinese immigration.

At this morning's session Frederick R. Greer, chief clerk in the customs house, was called and told the commission that Walter Aiken, now on sick leave, was persuaded from the first that all the passports presented by incoming passengers at this port were "faked," and had refused to pass them.

Justice Murphy here declared that Aiken must appear before the commission, Mr. Greer added that Collector Bowell had admitted to him that he had received a present from a Chinese merchant in Toronto before a Chinese boy, claimed by the merchant as his son, had been admitted.

Bowell had added that the present had not influenced his decision in the matter.

Norman McLean, a business man, was next called and admitted that in the course of a conversation with a minister at Ottawa he had said one difficulty about bringing about reforms would be the activity of a "set of politicians," here, headed by Robt. Kelly. His information was that Kelly was the whole thing.

Mr. Greer—You heard he was able to make Mr. Templeman do just as he liked?

McLean—That is generally understood. Justice Murphy—Where is that understood, here?

McLean—Everywhere. T. P. E. MacInnes has arrived from Ottawa to give evidence.

Promotion a Surprise. Ottawa, Jan. 20.—After the reports from Vancouver of the evidence given in the Chinese immigration investigation it will come as a surprise at this moment that Constable Edward Foster of the Dominion Police, has been promoted to the rank of inspector.

The appointment has been in view some time, owing to Constable Foster's services in connection with the establishment of a Canadian criminal identification bureau, of which he has been in charge.

Sudden Death of Mrs. John March. Former Resident of St. John Expires While Attending Sunday School Convention—Highly Respected.

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 20.—This community was shocked this afternoon to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. John March by heart failure while attending a Sunday school convention in the Baptist church at Hampton Village.

Mrs. March had just given a report of the school had sustained by death. A few minutes after talking her seat she was noticed to be breathing heavily, Dr. Warnerford was immediately summoned, but he pronounced her extinct.

Mrs. March was formerly Miss Mary B. Bucknam, of Pennfield, Charlotte County. All of her married life was spent in the city of St. John up to twenty years ago, when the family removed to Hampton where they have since resided.

LEWIS AGAIN MINERS' HEAD

Springhill, N. S., Jan. 20.—The men of Springhill are today very jubilant over a message received from C. A. Bonnyman, president of the local lodge of the U. M. W. in that town, who is now in Columbus, Ohio, attending the meeting of the International Grand Council.

Mr. Bonnyman wires that there is no truth in the statements that President T. L. Lewis is defeated. His election by a majority of over 12,000 is conceded, and E. S. McCullough is re-elected vice-president by 15,000.

Mr. Bonnyman has received strong assurances from the U. M. W. leaders at Columbus that they will stand behind the men of Springhill until they receive a square deal.

The strike will now be fought to a finish, and all rumors to the effect that the men will go back, or that the international will cease support have no foundation in fact.

Charter Granted. Washington, Jan. 20.—After almost three days of argument on the subject of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor today decided to grant a charter to the Western Federation of Miners on equal terms with one now held by the United Mine Workers of America.

The policy agreed upon by the council will now be submitted to the Western Federation of Miners for ratification. President Charles H. Moyer, who is here, expressed the hope that his organization would adopt it.

It is a provision of the issue of the charter, that members of mechanized locals now existing in mining camps are not to be required to join the Western Federation of Miners in order to follow their trade in the mining camp.

The United Mine Workers of America in convention at Columbus, Ohio, today, unanimously voted to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor if the Western Federation of Miners was not granted a charter on the same terms with the former organization.

\$1,000 AWARDED FOR ALIENATION

St. Thomas Barber Recovers On Strength Of Letter Which He Detected Wife Posting To Railroad Man.

Windsor, Ont., Jan. 20.—John W. Hammond, the St. Thomas barber who sued George Smille, a brakeman on the Wolverine, Michigan Central train, for ten thousand dollars, alleging alienation of his wife's affections by the railroad man, was this afternoon awarded \$1,000.

A letter produced by the prosecution this afternoon apparently had much to do with the verdict, there was a fight over its submission, but the court held that it was admissible, since Mrs. Hammond admitted writing it. It transpired in cross-examination that her husband had seen her posting it in St. Thomas in 1907, where they lived, and had recovered it.

The matrimonial cause, she was always deeply interested in Sunday schools, and was more than an ordinary deep and careful student of Biblical Sunday school objects.

She was always a constant visitor at the hospital and jail during her residence in St. John and deeply sympathized with all human suffering and woe. She was married to her now sorrowing husband nearly 52 years ago. She reared three sons, Ernest, C. of St. John, Ralph A. of Hampton, who survive her, together with two brothers, Lieut. S. Bucknam of Tenn., U. S. A., and Alfred Bucknam of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, besides many grand children and great grand children. She had apparently been in robust health up to the time of her death. Mrs. March will be sincerely mourned by the entire community.

SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN NUMBER OF PRODUCTS



WHY UNCLE SAM SEEMS SO ANXIOUS TO CONCLUDE RECIPROCITY NEGOTIATIONS.

Schedules Prepared by Commissioners to be Ratified by Legislation Without Recourse to Treaty—No Announcement as to Articles Affected—Big Fight in House Expected.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Within two weeks from the date that the Canadian reciprocity commissioners began their conference in Washington, an agreement has been reached so far as the executive branches of the governments of the United States and Canada, are concerned, that will result in the substantial reduction of customs duties on a number of products, natural and manufactured, of the two countries.

The commissioners met at the State Department today for the purpose of making a careful comparison of the various schedules involved in the arrangement, to make sure that no error had crept in and that nothing remained likely to be subject to conflicting constructions in the future.

In accordance with the announcement contained in the statement given to the press when the commissioners first met, even today, the individual commissioners felt bound to refrain from giving the least intimation as to the products affected by their negotiations, and that information would be withheld until the sessions of the commissioners have reached an end, when formal announcement of the result will be made.

As soon as that is done, the President will take the necessary steps to bring the matter to the attention of Congress.

The usual course in such cases is to submit a draft treaty to the Senate for its approval and accompany this by a project for legislation to make the necessary changes in the tariff schedules, it is possible that there will be a departure from the established order in the case of the Canadian reciprocity project.

It is presumed that the Canadian legislature can deal with the subject in the same way, in which case there would be no occasion for the intervention of the Imperial authorities, or for a treaty of any kind. The commissioners expect that the conference to be held in Ottawa, Jan. 20.—There is every indication of a long and strenuous session on the question of reciprocity when Messrs. Fielding and Patterson return here from Washington, and make known the results of their negotiations.

SENSATION IN THIS INQUIRY

Lengthy Report Sent To French Printing Office By Speaker Marcell—Officials Dismissed On Mere Statements.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—It is evident that the parliamentary inquiry which is to be made into the government printing bureau scandal is going to provide a most sensational episode. It should be understood that the parliamentary inquiry will also be investigated into the inquiry held by Hon. Charles Murphy, secretary of state, and his deputy, Thos. Mulvey. Upon the latter inquiry several of the employees were disciplined and some dismissed, yet the fact has become generally known that the evidence taken was not under oath. Therefore it is of no value.

But a curious circumstance has developed. It is stated positively that the report of the Quebec bridge inquiry was sent to La Vigie printing office in Quebec by Speaker Marcell, over the heads of the officers of the bureau. La Vigie could not complete the job and sent the volumes back to the bureau to be bound.

It is stated that these are only samples of the irregularities that are to be brought out.

After the meeting of the public accounts committee today, Mr. Mulvey made an exhibition of himself. The clerk of the committee had in his hands the exhibits which had been placed in evidence and filed, and one of the official reporters was examining them when Mr. Mulvey in a passion after the severe cross examination to which he had been subjected, rushed forward and tore the papers out of the clerk's hands. The affair was becoming very much like an appeal to the sergeant-at-arms when Mr. Mulvey came to his senses and returned the papers.

FEAR DROWNING. Winton, Ont., Jan. 20.—Tony Wiggins, employed as a driver at McEwan's livery is believed to have been drowned while on his way to Cranberry Island to bring back a hunting party. Cranberry Island is three miles from Winton. Wiggins left here about 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon with a team and rig and was later seen crossing the ice. At 7.30 o'clock this evening a search party was organized and sent out to try to locate him if possible. The general belief however, is that he has gone through the ice and been drowned.

INJUSTICE TO ISLAND PROVINCE

COUNT APPONYI TO VISIT U. S.



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New York, Jan. 20.—Count Albert Apponyi, formerly Hungarian Minister of Public Instruction, ex-speaker of the House of Commons, and for more than forty years a member of the Hungarian parliament, is to arrive in New York on the steamer Kronprinz Wilhelm on February 6.

Count Apponyi has been invited jointly by the Civic Forum and the New York Peace society to address a meeting in Carnegie Hall, February 15. His address will be on "Some Practical Difficulties of the Peace Problem in Europe."

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Vacancy in Senate Not Filled for Two Years—The Premier Taken to Task.

Appointments Delayed for Party Reasons—Questions Concerning Fishery Regulations

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—A. L. Fraser, C. Kings, P. E. I., told Sir Wilfrid Laurier very plainly this afternoon that he was ignoring the claims of Prince Edward Island to representation by permitting the vacancy in the senate caused by the death of Senator Ferguson, two years ago to remain unfilled.

So little did Sir Wilfrid Laurier like the keenness of Mr. Fraser's temperately worded but cogent remonstrance that he curtly replied that the government had more important things to think about.

This drew a sharp rejoinder from Mr. Fraser, who reminded the Premier that he seemed to think that the government did all the legislative work, the House of Parliament being mere appendages.

Mr. Fraser spoke on a motion to go into supply. He noticed that the loss sustained by Prince Edward Island in the Senate by Hon. Mr. Ferguson's death was aggravated by the long illness of Senator Robertson. He backed this up by quoting editorials from P. E. I. newspapers, the trend of them being that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was of the opinion that anything was good enough for the little province. Mr. Fraser also noted the vacancy on the Supreme Court Bench of the Island through the resignation of Judge Hudson, who for some months has been incapacitated by ill health.

"This," he said, "is a disgraceful condition of things. What do the other provinces think of this violation of constitutional government to suit party ends?"

Too Busy to Think About. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied very briefly that the government was busy with larger questions such as tariff matters, reciprocity, transportation, etc. The Supreme Court vacancy was of recent date.

Mr. Foster took the first minister to task. He had not for a long time heard a more effective, sensible or cutting speech than that of Mr. Fraser's. If the reason for having a senate was to protect the smaller provinces surely the greatest care should be exercised in giving them their full representation. After the reference to the government's disposition to regard the Houses of Parliament as negligible, Mr. Foster remarked that in recent times judgments were put up to auction. How much better was today's system?

If the warring factions of the Liberal party in P. E. I. were quarrelling over the spoils the people of the province should not be made to suffer.

One or two questions were asked about the Adams Fisheries arrangement. Mr. Foster drew attention to the fact that in certain cases licenses are not required. Was not this a weakening of the license system? And so of administrative control over the fishermen?

Mr. Brodeur hardly thought so. Practical Questions. Mr. Loggie, of Northumberland, N. B., asked some highly practical questions. Would the close season be affected? How long can the "leader" of a trap net be?

As a "herring" trap net will take all kinds of fish and as no license is to be required of men working trap nets under certain circumstances, and as these nets will take salmon, etc., will not the close season be affected? Will the possession of a license give an American who occupies a berth one year a vested interest in next year?

Will not the herring trap nets also catch mackerel? Mr. Brodeur said the close season would stand, also that the American recognition of licenses was a victory.

Mr. Muldrew examined Mr. Brodeur closely as to whether the Canadian ministers at Washington had acted in concert with Sir Edward Morris in negotiating the fishery arrangement, under discussion. Mr. Brodeur said that they had.

U. S. PLACES DUTY ON FISH BOUGHT ABROAD. Washington, D. C., Jan. 20.—The treasury department today made a customs ruling of immense importance to American fishermen. It provides in effect that the fish caught in foreign waters by foreign ships and brought to ports of the United States by American fishermen will no longer be entered free of duty.

Fish caught in foreign waters where fishing is permitted by international agreement still, will be free of duty if taken by an American vessel with an American master and crew. Any fish which such a vessel may buy from foreign fishermen will be subject to duty.

COSTLY FIRE BREAKS OUT AT MONCTON

G. Robertson's Warehouse In Which Was Stored Much Valuable Furniture, Owned By Private Parties Destroyed

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Jan. 20.—Another serious fire occurred here this afternoon when the large wooden warehouse of George R. A. Robertson, hardware and general merchant, on Duke street, was totally destroyed with all its contents.

A smaller warehouse alongside was slightly damaged. The warehouse was filled with baled hay, tarred paper and furniture, etc., stored by private parties.

The fire appeared to have originated in the section where the hay was stored and was probably due to spontaneous combustion. In zero weather the firemen fought the flames for four hours.

Mr. Robertson's loss on the building is \$1,500. Insurance, \$700. Loss on stock, \$1,000. Insurance, \$750. The Holman had \$1,000 worth of furniture stored and insurance of \$450. Owen Campbell, of the Bank of Montreal, now in Cape Breton, had \$1,000 worth of furniture stored, insurance unknown. Sheriff Willett, Lew Johnston, Mrs. Kiener and others had furniture, etc., stored but as most of the parties are out of town, it was impossible to get details.

Rev. G. A. Lawson, new pastor of the First Baptist church, was tenderly embraced tonight by members of the congregation.

NEW GLASGOW-MONCTON TIE

Each Team Score Six Goals In Time Allotted And Decide Not To Play Off—2,000 See Game.

New Glasgow, N. S., Jan. 20.—The Moncton-New Glasgow professional hockey game tonight, resulted in a draw, the score being six to six. The game was a first class exhibition of hockey, and is proclaimed the fastest and most exciting game ever seen here.

New Glasgow went on the ice determined to revenge Monday's decisive defeat at Moncton, and they certainly gave the Monctonians the game of their lives. Scott and Doran were the stars of the Moncton team. Gregory and Williams were the shining lights of the home team, and they both played a strong, fast game.

Williams was especially conspicuous for his pretty stick handling, and he was ably supported by the rest of the team. New Glasgow sports received the greatest surprise of their lives, as they had no idea that their team could play such a splendid game against the Victorias.