

STEEL-COAL MAGNATES ARE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARDS SETTLEMENT

Plummer Insists, However, that Ross Must Recognize Contract, Then Every Consideration Will be Given Coal Company—Both Talk in Hopeful Strain—Steel Co, Not After G. T. P Contracts

TORONTO, April 15.—There was another conference between J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Steel Coal Company, and James Ross, president of the Dominion Coal Company, in the office of MacKenzie and Mann this morning. About one o'clock the steel and coal magnates emerged, accompanied by Wm. MacKenzie and D. D. Mann. They all went to the Toronto Club, where they were joined by Sir Henry Pellatt.

Ross summarized the result of the morning conference by the statement: "Things are going very well—that's all."

Plummer summarized the situation as follows: "We have carried things a few stages further and understand each other better. We have been, rather, setting it ourselves, you know. Whatever conclusions we arrive at must be submitted to our respective boards of directors. The conference will be resumed tomorrow morning. What the Dominion Coal Company asks is that we depart from contract. What the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. replies is: 'Give up to the contract as interpreted by the courts.' The terms of the contract and their carrying out are sole issues," he said. "Questions arising out of the contract have brought about the dispute."

"Could there be a settlement upon any other basis than recognition of the contract?"

"I can say this, as I have said before, that we are quite unwilling and could not possibly consent to any variation of contract so far as the quality of coal is concerned. We must have the right kind of coal to operate the plant."

"Could there be any variation as to price?"

"The price is certainly adequate, seeing that the greater portion of the coal is slack. They say it is not slack, of course. On that point we are certainly not agreed."

"Supposing that Ross refused to recognize these conditions, will conference prove abortive?"

Mr. Plummer didn't care to give his opinion as to the possibility of a settlement. He did say, however, that unless Ross did recognize the terms of the contract as binding, no headway towards settlement could possibly be made.

"And if Ross does recognize the contract as interpreted by courts?"

"Then we will be prepared to hear all arguments that can be advanced and give them every consideration."

Mr. Plummer intimated that the Steel Company was prepared to go ahead with the suit if necessary. Mr. Ross is at liberty to take that course, he added.

Mr. Plummer said the government had nothing to do directly with the present meeting between Mr. Ross and himself. Influence had been used on both sides, however, to see if some settlement could not be made. "As far as the story that the Steel Company is after contracts for the Grand Trunk Pacific," said Plummer, with some evidence of vigorous indignation, "there's nothing in it."

"Could you say who the third party peace-maker is?"

"He is unknown," was the reply.

Asked as to how far the banks had interested themselves, Plummer said they were naturally interested like many other Canadian institutions. Mr. Clouston of the Bank of Montreal, and Mr. Walker of the Bank of Commerce, were especially anxious to see a settlement. "We are as settlement-minded," suggested the reporter; "all you say is that you are hopeful?"

"Well, I can say that I would like to see a settlement."

Mr. Plummer had arranged to return east tomorrow night, but he said this morning that he could arrange to stay over later if any good purpose could be served by remaining.

Mr. Ross had nothing further to report. His statement of last night, he said, just about covered the situation. "Are you hopeful of settlement?"

"I couldn't say; I expect there will be a meeting and further discussion."

ORIENTAL MAIL SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO COME VIA ST. JOHN

British Government Re-news the Contract and Subsidy With the C. P. R.

New Canadian Restrictions Will Lessen British Immigration and American Influx Expected to Increase.

OTTAWA, April 15.—The British government has agreed to renew the mail subsidy to the Canadian Pacific for the service between Liverpool and Hong Kong. This subsidy was the inducement which made the C. P. R. put fast steamers on the Atlantic, a special transatlantic mail service across Canada and to place orders for faster boats on the Pacific. It was announced some time ago that the British government, owing to a change in policy, would discontinue this subsidy. They have been persuaded to reconsider this decision.

The stiffening of qualifications for admission to Canada will, it is believed, result in a considerable decline in arrivals from Great Britain and the continent. However, the prospects are that there will be a larger number of Americans than ever before cross the boundary and settle in Canada, so the immigration will be about the same as last year, when it was a little below the 300,000 mark.



The Earl and Countess of Dudley who will attend the Torontonian Celebration at Quebec this summer as representatives of Australia, Lord Dudley has recently been appointed Governor General.

SEVENTH VICTIM DIED YESTERDAY

Relief Fund for Chelsea Fire Sufferers Has Reached \$140,000

BOSTON, Mass., April 15.—Although a diligent search was kept up all day in the ruins of the hundreds of structures destroyed in the Chelsea fire last Sunday, no more bodies of victims of the disaster were discovered, and the death list remains at six. A skeleton was found in the cellar in the day on Grove street, proved to be a wired model used presumably by a physician or medical student, and the rumor of a second body being found today proved unfounded. Medical Examiner G. B. Magrath tonight gave out the official statement that but six bodies had been recovered.

There was a seventh victim of the fire, however, in the death of the Soldiers' Home in Chelsea of Frank Mahan, aged 15 years, who died as the result of being kicked by a horse during the fire Sunday night.

Notwithstanding the careful guard of property maintained by the police and militia all last night, the fire was able to open up a safe in the ruins of the Whitman studio on Broadway and escape with the contents, consisting of money, bank books, checks and other valuables.

The Chelsea Savings Bank opened today for business, and there was an urgent demand for money, although many availed themselves of the opportunity to make deposits, the latter being in the main money received from the insurance adjusters, which have been making prompt and full payments.

The street car lines were opened up and as a result many thousands of visitors and sightseers visited the city today.

The relief fund, which is in charge of a Boston firm of bankers, had tonight passed the \$140,000 mark and subscriptions were coming in rapidly; J. B. Morse and Miss Alice Higginson, of Boston, who did service at the San Francisco fire, were today placed in charge of the relief work and are working in co-operation with the local authorities.

FEW OF THE TORY VOTERS HAVE BEEN FORGOTTEN

Those Who Are Not J. P.'s Have Been Appointed Issuers of Marriage Licenses or Something Else—St. John and Queens Get Biggest Lists of Officials

FREDERICTON, April 15.—His honor the lieutenant governor has been pleased to make the following appointments: Miss H. Lillian Flewelling to be special court stenographer during absence of Miss Mowatt; Jean Robit-Chaud, councillor at law of Pittsburg, Mass., to be for the state of Massachusetts a commissioner under the provisions of chapter 62 of consolidated statutes.

Charlton—G. Hugh Harrison, Alfred Blackmore, Geo. McElroy, Lorenzo P. Clark and Albin Clowry to be justices of the peace; John W. Adams, Wicklow; S. W. Smith, Peel; Thos. E. Henderson, Richmond, and John McIntosh, Aberdeen, to be issuers marriage licenses.

Charlotte—Robt. E. Armstrong to be member board of school trustees for town of St. Andrews in place of Robert E. Armstrong resigned.

Restigouche—Paul Fufflotte of Jacques River to be a member of the board of license commissioners in the place of John McGovern, resigned.

Queens—Russell Williams to be high sheriff in place of Jas. Reid, resigned; Samuel Leonard Peters to be judge of probates in place of Arthur W. Ebbett, resigned; John R. Dunn, barrister, to be clerk of the circuits, clerk of the peace and clerk of the county court in the place of Arthur W. Ebbett, resigned.

Robert F. Davis to be justice of peace and commissioner of Gagetown civil court in place of Arthur W. Ebbett, resigned; T. Sherman Peters to be commissioner for taking affidavits to be read in the supreme court and also commissioner for taking bail in the supreme court; William H. Kirkpatrick, Albert M. Corbett, Wm. Howe, Wm. G. Kennedy, Ansel Smith, John J. Huggard, Frederick G. Stultz, Thos. W. Machum, Samuel Vanwart and Leigh R. Wilson to be justices of peace;

Leigh R. Wilson to be a stipendiary or police magistrate for the district of Chipman with civil jurisdiction; Beveridge C. Parks to be commissioner for the parish of Wickham civil court in place of Geo. C. Worden, deceased; Leigh R. Wilson of Chipman and Eben D. Slocum to be issuers of marriage licenses.

Saint John—W. S. Clawson, Thos. J. Durick, Silas McDermid, Chas. R. Wasson, Edwin A. Ellis, E. R. W. Ingraham and W. G. J. Watson, to be issuers of marriage licenses, Robert T. Mawhinney of Musquash and Wm. Smith of St. Martins to be issuers of marriage licenses. H. Colby Smith, John C. Chesley, John H. Eagles, Enoch W. Paul, John A. Litsett, Benjamin A. Dennison, E. Oliver Thomas, Jos. Craig, Fred. W. Noble, Samuel C. Drury, E. Parker Hiram, J. P. McInerney, M.D., Anthony Thompson, Robert Catherwood, E. R. W. Ingraham, J. W. V. Lawlor and Robert Carson to be justices of the peace.

Silas Alward, K.C., to be judge of probate pro hac vice, in reference to the estates of Lydia A. Mott and Francis G. Jordan, respectively.

York—John S. Marr, E. Wesley Cropley, Jerome E. Porter, David Evans and Moses Haines to be justices of the peace. R. Wesley Cropley to be a commissioner of parish of North Lake civil court. S. A. Jones of Millville to be an issuer of marriage licenses. S. F. Wainwright, M. D., of Stanley to be coroner. John M. Wiley to be vendor of probate stamps in the place of Jas. F. Murray.

OFFICIAL REPORT EXPOSES LOCAL TORY DISTORTION OF DR. PUGLEY'S STATEMENTS

Opponent Who Attacked His Department Forced to Give Him Credit for Notable Reforms—Newspaper Assertion That He Defended Collusion in Dredging Contracts Proved Utterly False.

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OTTAWA, Ont., April 15.—There is a good deal of surprise here that any paper should have charged the Minister of Public Works with defending collusion in dredging tenders. Dr. Pugley did nothing of the sort. He admitted that it was impossible for the department to prevent contractors getting together before sending in offers, but pointed out that there had been no collusion between contractors and officials, that open tendering for work was insisted upon, and that contracts were not given where prices were thought to be too high.

There was a good illustration of this last fact when the company bidding its tender far below the one next it desired to go on with the work, expecting Mr. Bennett to accept the lowest price. The department declined to do this, but called for fresh tenders, and the result is that the work is now being done for less than the lowest price tendered in the first instance.

Mr. Bennett's attack upon the minister is thought little of here among Conservative organs. Henderson, one of the oldest Conservative members, showed clearly what the opposition thought of Mr. Bennett's performance. Mr. Henderson was given by Mr. Bennett a second to his want of confidence motion, but when the Speaker put the motion, naming him as seceder, Mr. Henderson got up and said he would not second the motion. "This is the first time in the history of parliament that one man has declined to

ANXIETY FELT OVER DISABLED FRENCH STEAMER BREIZHUEL

HALIFAX, N. S., April 15.—The Furness line steamer Florence will be sent out tomorrow morning in search of the disabled French steamer Breizhuel, which has not been reported since Monday afternoon. Some anxiety is felt in shipping circles regarding the disabled steamer owing to her being in the vicinity of Sable Island. The steamer Occoona, which left St. John, N. B., on Monday night, should now be in the vicinity of where the steamer was spoken by the Stetendam.

"Laws, Miss Fanny," said this young person, "he's jest suttirly kin read fine. He's done get outen de Bible an' in de news papers."

C. P. R. BRAKEMAN FOR DISOBEDIENCE GETS NINE MONTHS

MILTON, April 15.—Richard Newton, a young C. P. R. brakeman, goes to jail for nine months for disobedience of orders at Guelph Junction, March 11th last. He was found guilty in the assizes this morning of criminal negligence in the opening of a switch on the main line in the yard, which resulted in the death of his friend, Engineer Charles Armstrong. He and Armstrong were neighbors in West Toronto.

His Wife—Are you going to ask that young Jenkins and his fiancé to our house party?
Husband—Not much!
You dislike him, don't you?
"Yes, but not enough for that."—Life.

CONSERVATIVES SELECT E. N. RHODES AS FEDERAL CANDIDATE

AMHERST, N. S., April 15.—A large Conservative convention met at Amherst this afternoon. C. R. Smith, K. C., president, E. N. Rhodes, son-in-law and law partner of Hon. W. T. Piper, attorney general of Nova Scotia, was selected as the standard-bearer for the next federal election. The nomination was unanimous. Mr. Rhodes accepted the honor tendered to him in an appropriate speech. A resolution favoring the running of the election on party lines was adopted. Resolutions expressing confidence in the leadership of R. L. Borden and C. E. Tannar were also passed. Greetings were sent to Sir Charles Tupper and Sir Charles Herbert Tupper, and thanks were tendered to Sir Hibbert Tupper for returning to Pictou County to aid in the election in Nova Scotia. All the districts in the county were represented.

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KID SEELEY HAS CHANCE OF LIBERTY

Supreme Court Heard Fighter's Case—Sleeth et al vs. City Argued

FREDERICTON, N. B., April 15.—The supreme court met at 10 o'clock this morning with the full bench present. The chief justice rendered judgment in the case of the Excelsior Insurance Co. v. O'Neill. Rule refused. The case of Rex v. Warden of Dorchester Penitentiary, ex parte Chas. Seeley, was argued. Mr. Ahearn of the Nova Scotia bar moved for a discharge of Charles Seeley from the Dorchester penitentiary. Mr. Powers, K. C., of Halifax, opposed. This case occupied most of the morning, and the court reserved judgment. Seeley was arrested and convicted by Magistrate Fielding in Halifax for burglary committed in Sydney five years' imprisonment. He was also convicted for an offense committed in Halifax and a life sentence imposed, the term to begin at the conclusion of the first sentence. The first sentence expires on Dec. 25th next, and Mr. Ahearn argued for the prisoner's release on the ground that the trial should have been held at Sydney. Mr. Powers opposes this contention.

Argument in the case of Sleeth et al v. the City of St. John was concluded after dinner. Hon. Mr. McKeown argued in law for the plaintiff and Recorder Skinner opposing. The court stated that it would reserve judgment.

Ex parte Stavelet, Chandler, K. C., moved for a writ of mandamus to municipality of Kent. Rule granted, returnable the second Friday. The case of King v. Kay, stipendiary magistrate, Westmorland, ex parte Geo. H. Allen, now before the court, Chandler showing cause against an order nisi to set aside a conviction under the public health act made April 25th last. The Westmorland Scott act cases, it is expected, will be taken up in the morning. Tomorrow afternoon the court will adjourn for Easter vacation.

IRELAND HOSTILE TO NEW GOVERNMENT

Redmond Says Home Rulers Cannot Support Winston Churchill

DUBLIN, April 15.—Speaking at a meeting this afternoon of the United Irish League, John E. Redmond, the Irish parliamentary leader, said the changes in the ministry resulting from the assumption of the premiership by Mr. Asquith had involved an alteration of the attitude of parliament toward the Liberal party, and he did not think that Irish voters could support Winston Churchill in the approaching by-election at Manchester. Continuing, Mr. Redmond declared that the attitude of Premier Asquith and Secretary for Ireland Burrell toward home rule was a direct challenge to the people of Ireland and he warned Mr. Asquith to remember the fate of Lord Rosebery. Ireland herself would have to force the home rule question to the front at the general election, but there was nothing to be gained by withdrawing the Nationalists from Westminster.

TUG LAUNCHED AT PARRSBORO

PARRSBORO, N. S., April 15.—G. M. Cochrane launched today the tug Chignecto. This boat was built for J. Newton Pugley and will be used in connection with lumber business at Eastonville, N. S.

She will also be fitted up for passengers and make regular trips from the shore ports to St. John, which is 15 1/2 long and 17 1/2 wide and 7-12 deep and will be towed to this port to have her machinery put in.

LISEBON, April 12.—On account of recent attacks made on the clergy in the streets, the usual Palm Sunday religious procession was dispensed with today.

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