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SHOULD INCREASE TRADE WITH JAPAN

Canadians Should Look Over the Field Says Jap. Counsel.

Vancouver, May 19.—"From my viewpoint I do not think any valid reason against the Dominion becoming a party to the renewal of the trade treaty between Great Britain and Japan for another term of years, was advanced by any of the speakers," said Mr. Tada, Japanese consul in Vancouver today, in commenting on the lively debate in the Commons yesterday.

"The United States last year exported between three and four million dollars worth of wheat and flour to Japan. Why can't Canada compete in the same market?"

"If Canadians would augment the efforts of the trade commissioner in Japan by sending agents there to look over the field, I am sure great benefit would result. At present the balance of trade is in our favor by \$1,500,000 due to Canadian imports of Japanese rice, tea and silk goods. Canadian pig lead is fast displacing foreign lead products in our market. The one instance where Canadian smelters awake to a great opportunity, if other Canadian industries show the same enterprise the trade between the two countries will grow by leaps and bounds."

"The question of the extension of the Japanese from the Dominion is a delicate one and I don't care to discuss it. I will simply content myself with declaring that I feel certain the Dominion government and I hope Canadian people realize that Japan is faithfully adhering to the arrangements restricting Japanese immigration to four hundred persons yearly. Fewer Japanese than authorized have entered Canada."

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES MAY MAKE NEW RECORD

Upwards of Five Hundred Homesteaders Have Filed at the Local Lands Office During the Present Month.

From Friday's Daily.

Close to five hundred homestead entries have been made already this month at the local lands office, and the total for May promises to surpass that of April, which was a record month with 688 entries. During the first week of May there were 250 entries made, and during the second week 173 entries, a total of 423 for the first two weeks of the month.

REPORT CONTRADICTED

Story That 5,000 People Were Starting on the Coast of Labrador is Pronounced Untrue.

Boston, May 19.—A contradiction of the report that 5,000 people were starting on the coast of Labrador was made by Dr. Sir Wilfrid T. Grenfell, the medical missionary, whose field of labor embraces Northern Newfoundland and Labrador.

Dr. Grenfell explained that there was some starvation, it is generally confined to a small section of the Labrador coast.

Ladies Golf Championship.

Fort Reid, Ireland, May 18.—Miss Dorothy Campbell, of Hamilton, Ont., won her match in the fourth round of the British women's golf championship today in brilliant style, beating Mrs. G. M. Murray of the Twelve Rock club, 7 up and 5 to play. This leaves the American champion among the eight who will fight out the fifth round. Miss Pooley, of British Columbia, won her third round, but was beaten by Miss Thompson in the fifth.

Calgary Lawyer Dead.

Calgary, May 19.—Edward L. Bernard, one of the oldest members of the Alberta bar, died this morning after a month's illness. He came to Calgary in 1888 and has practiced as senior member of the firm of Bernard and Fernand. He leaves seven family and widow.

Medal From Humane Society.

Montreal, May 19.—After J. Assaf, a Syrian, was today presented with the medal of the Royal Humane Association for bravery by Mr. Recorder Weir, in his chambers. Mr. Assaf, on the evening of the 25th of February last, rescued six women and four children from a burning building at 501 Notre Dame street east.

MADRID THINKS REVOLUTION ENDED.

Juarez, May 18.—Francisco I. Madero, junr., today announced that news from Mexico was so entirely satisfactory to him that it might be unnecessary to proclaim revolution through Mexico that peace is now accomplished. Madero will accept the offer to go to Mexico City to act as chief adviser to Minister of Foreign Relations Delabarra, who will withdraw from office if Madero's resignation is not accepted with absolute faith by the rebels.

State Owned Cables.

Ottawa, May 19.—Officers were elected at the concluding session of the Royal Society and a resolution was passed that the city should purchase the cables owned by Sir Sandford Fleming and establish an all-red system of state owned cables.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON OLIVER ALLEGATIONS MEET

Organization Session Held This Morning—Newspaper Not Willing to Give the Source of Its Information—Mr. Oliver Requests Full Investigation of the Implied Accusation.

Ottawa, May 17.—The special committee of the House of Commons appointed to inquire into certain allegations against Hon. Frank Oliver, held its first meeting this morning. A. H. Clark was elected chairman. The other members of the committee are Messrs. Meighan and Crothers. The inquiry into the merits of the transaction and call officials of the department so as to satisfy the public to anything else I have nothing to say. The committee is here to inquire into that."

Mr. Crothers asked if the minister desired the appointment of counsel on his behalf.

Mr. Oliver—"While I would not like to be shut out in the future, I do not realize the necessity of the present moment of having counsel. Mr. Clarke then suggested that a day should be fixed for the taking of evidence and that Mr. Daniel McNeill should be given an opportunity of being heard. Mr. Meighan did not think that Mr. McNeill should be heard in the House of Commons. Mr. Oliver was then asked as to the source of the information. He understood, however, that the newspaper which had made the charge was not to be named. Mr. Oliver was then asked as to the source of the information. He understood, however, that the newspaper which had made the charge was not to be named.

SEEK SETTLEMENT UNDER LEMIEUX ACT

Local Branch of International Association of Electrical Workers Noddy City Councilmembers of Step They Propose Taking to Secure More Wages.

From Thursday's Daily.

Notification was received by the commissioners yesterday that the local branch of the International Association of Electrical Workers noddy city councilmembers of step they propose taking to secure more wages.

The men actually affected by the increase of wages asked for do not number more than thirty and are employees in the telephone, street railway and electric light and power departments. They stated that the employees in the city telephone department are receiving a smaller wage than men employed anywhere in the province on similar work, and that other electrical workers are paid less in the civic employ in Edmonton than in Calgary.

They have an agreement with the government and also with the city of Calgary, settling a scale of wages, and have endeavored without success to induce the city to become a party to a similar agreement.

The commissioners referred the communication to the city solicitor for advice. Copies were also sent to the heads of the departments concerned.

R. B. BENNETT FOR THE COMMONS

This is What Conservatives of Calgary Are Advocating—Said That Mr. Bennett Will Seek the Position of Leader of Opposition in Local House.

From Thursday's Daily.

"You were right in part of your information about the plans of the Conservative party in Calgary, but you were wrong in the other part," is the statement made by a prominent politician who generally knows and is anxious to be in touch with a reporter ready to report.

"Mr. McCarthy will not run in this year," he said. "He is not anxious to run in the last election. He tried hard to get out of it, but there was no very good candidate in sight. Mr. Bennett was not prepared to run then, but he is prepared to run now. The Conservative party is going to make the most strenuous effort to win out this time, and McNeill will be in the fight in British Columbia, Rogers in Manitoba and Bennett in Alberta. If the Conservatives win out Bennett will be a member of the Burden cabinet. That is the way the land lies now."

"Who will succeed Mr. Bennett in the local house?" asked the reporter.

"Mr. McCarthy. He will lead the Conservatives in the local house. But that there is not as much certainty. That may or may not be certain. The party would like to have Mr. McCarthy in the local house. In fact, they would like to have him in the Dominion, but he will decline the honor. He certainly will decline the honor."

"And that is all the information that this gentleman had at this particular time. Watch it."

Industry For Port Arthur.

Port Arthur, May 17.—J. S. Small, of the city, is conferring with the city industrial committee with a view to establishing an automobile factory here.

OTTAWA HOUSE HAS ADJOURNED

Obstruction Tactics of Opposition Result in Delay of Grain Bill.

Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—After adjourning in the senate, where Sir Charles Dugas, secretary of the grain growers' association, gave the royal assent to a supply bill for thirty-four and a half million dollars, and all the other bills which had passed the house of commons, the members of the house of commons adjourned at 11:30 o'clock tonight for two months, the usual custom of the session.

Just before the speaker left the house, Mr. L. Borden asked what business would be taken up when the house met on July 18.

"Probably reciprocity," was the laconic reply of the minister of finance. The supply bill, which includes five-tenths of all the items not voted, is made up of the main estimates for the current year, totaling over twenty-six millions, supplementary estimates of slightly less than eight millions, and three hundred and fifty thousand dollars of supplementaries for the previous fiscal year.

At the evening sitting, Hon. Mr. Lemieux's bill to increase the salaries of postal officials was given the third reading. The minister stated that he expected within a year or two to bring all the outside postal salaries under the civil service act.

John Heron (Pincher) complained of the condition of the postoffice at MacLeod, and the minister said he would endeavor to induce Hon. Mr. Pugsley to put a sum in the estimates for a public building at that place.

Hon. Mr. Graham introduced his resolution providing for the issue of various short lines of railway in the maritime provinces by the I. C. R. They were under discussion when the black rod summoned the members to the chamber.

At the morning sitting an effort was made to pass the grain bill, but the house adjourned before the bill was read. The opposition members said they desired time to fully consider the bill and Hon. Mr. Fielding moved that the bill be postponed. The discussion in order that other bills might be disposed of.

Discussion of the grain bill, Dr. Neely (Humboldt) thought that it would provide considerable relief to western grain growers. The matter was postponed until next week.

Hon. Mr. Lorne introduced a motion to amend the constitution of the C. P. R. at once arose and demanded the speaker's ruling. Was it parliamentary to charge members with obstruction?

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Opposition Members Talked Out Clause Making Railways Liable For Cattle Killed

Ottawa, May 19.—Hon. Geo. R. Graham's measure to amend the railway act by generally tightening it met Conservative opposition in the Commons today. The clause to protect farmers from loss of cattle was defeated by Lancaster and Meighan, who in view of the adjournment, arranged for tomorrow, succeeded in talking out and consequently defeating the clause. Heron, of MacLeod, spoke in favor of the clause and immediately thereafter left the House thus avoiding the vote, had one been reached.

The minister said the purpose of the clause was to make the railways responsible for cattle killed on their tracks. He and the Premier had looked into the complaints of the farmers, which they were west last summer and believe that the clause would be of great benefit to them. It was not fair to hold the farmer responsible if his cattle grazed within half a mile of the track. In the drafting of the clause the government had consulted the chairman of the railway commission and also James Bowers, president of the Canadian Council of Agriculture, who declared it met the views of the farmers.

Mr. Lancaster criticized outsiders butting in and "wasting his bow to legislate." He said the farmers were "like infants, like children, ten years old, who look a dollar to buy candy and in return signed away the farms to which they are entitled when they come of age."

Mr. Meighan joined Mr. Lancaster in opposing the clause and bitterly criticized Mr. Borden.

Both Conservative members fought the clause bitterly and declared that farmers "didn't know what they were asking for" when they had petitioned the government for this measure. The proposed clause was drafted. For over two hours they fought the proposal and refused to accept it until the clause was dropped and the measure had to be adopted without the clause in question.

The Minister of Railways said he regretted the action of the Opposition. The clause was designed to relieve the farmers of the west from unfair conditions under which they were in relation to the killing of their cattle on railway lines, and was prepared upon their representations, drafted by the chairman of the railway board approved by the justice department and heartily concurred in by representatives of the farmers' associations of Canada. It is regrettable that the limitations of time gave the Opposition members the chance under protest of favor to the clause, to prevent its adoption by Parliament.

COMPARATIVE FREIGHT RATES NORTH AND SOUTH OF THE BORDER

Canued Goods or Fruits, Vegetables, Etc., in Glass or in Stone Jars, Winnipeg to Wolsley, Sask., C.P.R., \$140.40 Per Carload From St. Paul to Crookston, Minn., Same Mileage, Great Northern, \$72.72—From Winnipeg to Swift Current, Sask., C.P.R., \$184.40, From St. Paul to Minot, N.D., Same Mileage, C.P.R., (\$60 Lb), \$144.40.

From—	Miles.	Rate per 100 lbs. carload.	Difference
Winnipeg to Macgregor, Minn.	76	6.50	\$41.40
St. Paul to St. Cloud, Minn.	78	19.00	
St. Paul to Sank Center, Minn.	115	10.80	
Winnipeg to Sewell, Minn.	118	24.00	\$30.72
St. Paul toergus Falls, Minn.	188	15.50	
Winnipeg to Hergrove, Minn.	189	27.00	\$41.40
St. Paul to Breckenridge, Minn.	212	17.50	
Winnipeg to Fleming, Sask.	214	29.00	\$41.40
St. Paul to Moorhead, Minn.	242	18.70	
Winnipeg to Wapella, Sask.	246	33.00	\$51.84
St. Paul to Crookston, Minn.	289	20.20	
Winnipeg to Wolsley, Sask.	290	38.00	\$64.00
St. Paul to Thief River Falls, Minn.	347	21.00	
Winnipeg to Balgobain, Sask.	348	41.40	\$70.56
St. Paul to East Grand Forks, Minn.	375	21.40	
Winnipeg to Grand Forks, Minn.	376	39.90	\$68.36
St. Paul to Minot, N.D.	513	40.00	
Winnipeg to Swift Current, Sask.	514	54.00	\$50.40
St. Paul to Williston, N.D.	624	55.00	
Winnipeg to Irvine, Alta.	625	62.00	\$25.20

Of the Minnesota and North Dakota stations shown in the above tables, two—namely, Thief River Falls, Minn., and Minot, N.D.—are served by the freight trains south of the boundary, which are in contrast with the tariffs in this country in a manner no less to the advantage of the public—as, for instance, the stop-in-transit privilege allowed across the boundary for the partial unloading of a carload, or for the completion of the loading of a car. It is an ordinary custom for wholesalers in this part of the country to purchase their goods in bulk from the manufacturer, and to distribute the carload among several customers either at one point or at a couple of points. The refusal of the stop-in-transit is one of the ways resorted to by the railways in this country to levy "all that the traffic will bear," notably in the case of agricultural implements and vehicles, which are also heavily taxed by means of the refusal of the railways to allow carload rates on mixed carload lots of implements and vehicles, as is allowed south of the boundary. As an example of what this works out, a shipment from Winnipeg to Moose Jaw was dealt with in detail in the seventeenth article of this series, the freight bill being \$151.68, while from St. Paul to Noche, N.D., the same mileage, the freight bill in the same carload would be \$74.80.

DAYLIGHT PASSENGER SERVICE FROM EDMONTON TO VERMILION

A daylight service on the C. N. R. which will be timed to arrive in Edmonton from Vermilion shortly before the departure of the Winnipeg train, is being arranged. A platform is to be built up to the north of the present one and across the tracks; in this way the arrival or departure of this new train will not interfere with the Winnipeg express.

Mrs. Hialop, temporary organizer for the W. C. T. U., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. H. H. She will deliver an address in the Baptist church on Thursday evening at eight o'clock. All are invited.

TO PROSECUTE "LUMBER TRUST"

Anti-Trust Proceeding Instituted as Result Standard Oil Decision.

New York, May 19.—In the first federal anti-trust proceeding brought under the Sherman law, as interpreted by the Standard Oil decision, the department of justice filed suit in the United States court here today against various constituent organizations of what is popularly known as the "lumber trust," alleging the existence of a widespread conspiracy, "unreasonably" to restrain the lumber trade in this country.

It is said that the suit may be the first of a series planned by Attorney General Wickersham, looking to the breaking up of alleged agreements with the retailers of many of the commodities to maintain high prices, to force all buyers to purchase to buy from retailers and to blacklist wholesalers who sell to others than members of the retail organizations in the various states and cities.

Many Defendants

Ten trade organizations and more than 150 individuals are named as defendants in today's suit. It alleges violation of the Sherman anti-trust law and seeks a permanent injunction restraining the trade conditions from continuing the conspiracy charged. Briefly in its bill the government alleges that the defendants have conspired among themselves to prevent manufacturers and wholesalers from selling lumber direct to the consumer. A consumer for these purposes is held to be a contracting builder, mail order house, farmers co-operative union or the citizen who pays a price board to repair his woodshed.

Compelled to Buy

Hundreds of consumers, including the largest industrial corporations in the country, have been compelled, it is alleged, to buy lumber from retailers at much higher prices than they would have paid to wholesalers. The U. S. government, however, the bill says, never has been blacklisted in this class.

It is alleged that blacklists have been accumulated which have affected the lumber business in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and British Columbia.

SENATE TO DEFEAT

Reciprocity Bill Will Likely Come Before United States Senate with Adverse Vote From Committee.

Washington, D.C., May 19.—The fond hope of President Taft and the reciprocity advocates in both parties that the Canadian bill will be favorably reported to the Senate by the Finance committee has been shattered. Furthermore, there is reason to believe that their secondary desire that it be reported favorably reported to the committee with an unfavorable vote, will not be realized either.

Unless there is a marked and unlikely change in the sentiments of the committee the bill will begin its career in the Senate with the usual handicap of an adverse report. Senator H. Cumber, of North Dakota, today said emphatically that he would demand that the committee vote a majority of committee are undoubtedly against the pact.

Presentation to C.N.R. Superintendent

Saskatoon, May 18.—Superintendent Thwin, of the C.N.R., who is leaving to take charge of the Dauphin division on Friday presented by the employees of the road here with handsome travelling case on the eve of his departure. This was accompanied by a highly sublimated address, to which the departing superintendent replied.

THE FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL MARKETS

EDMONTON CITY MARKET.

Edmonton, May 20.—There is no appreciable change to record in Edmonton prices except a slight move in oats. Loads have been selling on the open market for as high as 38 cents and even the millers admit that they are up a cent.

Edmonton prices are:

WHEAT—
 No. 1 Northern, bus. 78c
 No. 2 Northern, bus. 18c
 No. 3 Northern, bus. 70c
 No. 4 Northern, bus. 58c
 Oats, bus. 25c
 Barley, bus. 48c
 Bran, bus. 15c
 Green Feed 11c

Elevator prices: 70c
 No. 1 Northern 61c
 No. 2 Northern 53c
 No. 3 Northern 50c
 No. 4 Northern 43c
 Seed 40c
 No. 1 Rejected 40c
 No. 2 Rejected 38c
 No. 3 Rejected 38c

VEGETABLES—
 Potatoes, bus. 60c
 Lettuce, 12 for 50c
 HIDES—
 Hides (Green) lb. 12c
 Dry Hides, lb. 11c
 Wool, lb. 11c