

HON. R. F. SMITH TELLS OF RECENT OTTAWA CONFERENCE REGARDING POTATO EMBARGO

Representatives of New Brunswick Potato Exchange and of Potato Growers Had Satisfactory Interview With Members of Government and Cost of Living Commissioner.

Hon. R. F. Smith arrived in the city yesterday from Ottawa, having headed a large delegation of potato growers and dealers of New Brunswick, which appeared before acting Premier, Sir George E. Foster and Hon. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, to protest against the suggested embargo on potato shipments from Canada. Among the shippers present were J. W. Bohan, C. E. Gallagher, G. Porter, C. W. Clark, Chapman Phillips, O. S. Eater, C. W. Nelles and A. D. McCain. Hon. W. P. Jones appeared for the dealers and M. L. Hayward appeared for the different agricultural associations representing the New Brunswick potato growers.

Hon. Mr. Smith introduced the delegation and spoke on behalf of the New Brunswick Government. He pointed out that during the past few years the Dominion Department of Trade and Commerce had been working in harmony with the New Brunswick Department and that the latter had some to considerable expense in opening up a market in Cuba for New Brunswick potatoes, and now that the market had been opened and was proving profitable to the farmers of New Brunswick he felt they should not be prevented from reaping the benefit of it.

The Potato Exchange. Hon. Mr. Smith also referred to the New Brunswick Potato Exchange and certain statements made in regard to it by some New Brunswick papers. He pointed out that the exchange was in no way a combination in restraint of trade, as there was the fullest competition between the dealers in buying and selling. The sole object of the exchange, as Mr. Smith pointed out, was to provide a single office in the large cities of Upper Canada to look after the interests of the members of the exchange, thereby saving to each dealer the expense of having a selling agent in these cities, and protecting them from the dishonest methods of a certain class of men who, in the past, have been in the habit of ordering potatoes from the New Brunswick dealers and then, if the stock arrives on a falling market, rejecting it on some trivial ground. The agitation which has been directed against the exchange from the larger cities comes largely from this class.

The rules and regulations governing

Was Anaemic For Over a Year

Anemia, or blood turning to water, is caused by the heart becoming deranged, and if the heart becomes weak, it cannot pump the blood as it should. As a result the blood becomes impoverished, and it loses its nourishing qualities. The face becomes pale and thin, and the lips bloodless. There is a weakness, tiredness and loss of weight.

When those suffering from thin or watery blood start taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills they can see a change from the outset.

Every dose introduces into the blood those vital elements necessary to make it rich and red. The pale cheeks take on the rosy hue of health, the weight increases, and the whole being thrills with a new life.

Mrs. R. J. Grey, Fredericton, N. B., writes: "When I was a girl working at general house work I overtaxed my strength and became completely run down. For over a year I was very bad with anemia. A friend told me to try Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills. I got a box and when it was done I felt and looked so much better I decided to get six more. When I had taken them I had gained not only in strength, but in flesh and color, and best of all was good health."

Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills are 50c a box; three boxes for \$1.25 at all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by THE T. MILBURN CO., LIMITED, Toronto, Ont.

The Dealers' Interests.

C. G. Porter spoke in favor of the vested interests of the dealers, many of whom had already incurred heavy losses, and Hon. Mr. Jones summed up the arguments against the embargo in the closing address.

The ministers promised to give the

HUN BLOCKADE TIES UP SHIPS IN NEW YORK OR HALIFAX

Closing of Port of Kirkwall in Orkney Islands, and Falmouth Forces Neutral Steamers to Be Examined at Halifax—German Blockade Cause.

New York, March 6.—The Associated Press tonight carries the following:

As a direct result of the German blockade decree of January 31, which also closed to neutral shipping the British ports of Kirkwall and Falmouth, 53 steamers of American, Swedish, Danish, Dutch and Norwegian register have been prevented from sailing from the port of New York, or having sailed are now tied up for an indefinite time at Halifax for examination. According to figures compiled here today by shipping authorities, these ships had they sailed as scheduled, would have taken from this port approximately 296,000 tons of cargo. Fourteen of the vessels would have carried passengers and United States mails.

Holland Heaviest Sufferer. The heaviest sufferer has been Holland. Agents here of lines flying the Dutch flag reported today that 25 vessels which would have sailed under conditions prevailing prior to Feb. 1

are tied up at their docks, or have been detained at Halifax for examination. Ten freight ships of neutral nations, classed as tramps, also are held here awaiting orders to sail.

The American line, which now has its entire fleet of six passenger ships in port, has missed eight sailings, and all passenger traffic to Europe other than that carried by vessels of the Entente Allies and Spain has been suspended, the same conditions prevailing for westbound passenger traffic.

The number of ships of the Entente Allies departing from New York during the period from February 1st to March 5th is shown by port records to be 59 ships less than sailed between December 29th and January 31st. The sailings were as follows:

	Dec. 29-Jan. 31.	Feb. 1-Mar. 5
British	110	100
French	18	11
Japanese	3	4
Italian	9	5
Totals	140	120

members of the Swedish and Danish Red Cross societies for their devoted services.

"Denmark magnanimously followed the example of Switzerland, and agreed to establish institutions for the exchange of prisoners. The King of Spain also offered to help in a similar direction.

"I cannot speak about the fate of our prisoners of war without mentioning the people dragged from east Prussia and Alsace-Lorraine. There, perhaps, greater tragedies were enacted than among our prisoners. When, a short while ago, Belgian workmen and other inhabitants were sent to Germany to work there, a storm of indignation abroad and even at home we did not remain silent. The Belgians are our enemies and many of them probably from safe hiding fled against our troops.

"My east Prussian and Alsatian countrymen are much nearer to my heart. Unfortunately we could obtain the least justice for these unhappy France hides behind all sorts of pretexts and pretends that these people do not want to return. In fact very few, some thirty, have come back.

"Our unfortunate comrades in enemy countries suffer badly in mind and body because of a fear that they are forgotten at home, and that they are the object of our reproaches. We want to remove all doubts in this respect. We thank our enemies for the heavy sacrifice which they also in their situation make for their country. It is not always that the worst soldiers are taken prisoner. These who bravely and tenaciously maintain a position in an unfortunate struggle are usually the first to be exposed to the unhappy fate of a prisoner."

"For this our thanks are due to the matter their sympathetic consideration and the delegation left, well pleased with the result of the interview."

The delegation also waited upon Hon. Mr. Crothers, Minister of Labor, and W. F. O'Connor, commissioner, to inquire into the high cost of living, answering very fully the criticisms directed against the New Brunswick Potato Exchange, and the shippers of New Brunswick. Matters affecting the situation were thoroughly discussed and the results were most satisfactory.

SISTER OF POPE PIUS X. IS DEAD. New York, Mar. 6.—A news agency despatch from Rome says Mrs. Risa Parolin, a sister of the late Pope Pius X., died in Rome today.

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