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CARELESSNESS AND NEGLECT OF GOVERNMENT IN REGARD TO THE WATERWAYS' TREATY

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 14.—The event of the day in the House of Commons was the remarkable arraignment of the course pursued by the Government with regard to the waterways treaty, made by Mr. McGrath of Medicine Hat. Mr. McGrath is perhaps the foremost authority in Canada on irrigation matters and his examination of the negotiations showed very clearly the carelessness and neglect displayed by the Government, the business-like methods pursued by the Americans, the success with which the American section of the International Commission dominated the Canadian section, and the manner in which Canadian interests have been subordinated to American interests on the St. John river, at Niagara, and on the St. Marys river in Alberta. Mr. Boyce protested against the Smith rider added by the U. S. Senate to the treaty.

Mr. Wilfrid Laurier while defending the treaty in several respects stated that the Canadian Government was uncertain about ratifying the treaty as amended would take time for investigation. Mr. Borden urged that all such treaties should be subject to ratification by Parliament.

Mr. McGrath's first point was the manner in which the Canadian Government allowed the negotiations to dawdle on taking three years to appoint three commissioners, and in the end found two of these commissioners in the corridors of its own departments at Ottawa.

How Canada Failed.
Throughout the record of dates which he gave with great exactitude, showed the American Government originating ideas, pushing the negotiations with celerity and appointing eminent authorities as commissioners, the Colonial Office in London also showed energy and despatch, while the Ottawa Government MOVED ONLY WHEN PRODDED BY THE COLONIAL OFFICE.

Mr. McGrath pointed out that the American commissioners, CHOSEN FOR MERIT ALONE AND MEN OF GREAT EMINENCE, WERE APPOINTED TWO YEARS BEFORE THE CANADIAN SECTION WAS COMPLETED and several of the Canadian appointments showed that the PATRONAGE SYSTEM HAD BEEN AT WORK and that the technical experts were appointed. The result was that the Canadian section met men who had been busy with the pro-

IF MR. PUGSLEY WERE A BANK MANAGER!

(From the News of Toronto.)
Suppose that the manager of a branch bank in a small Canadian city were to juggle with the funds entrusted to him until over \$100,000 were missing. Suppose that he attempted to hide the loss by neglecting to keep books. Suppose that before the shortage was discovered he were removed to a better position in the head office. What would happen to him when the results of his work in the branch were made known?

He would be discharged from the bank and arrested. He might protest that enemies were trying to ruin him, that he had been maligned and persecuted, but the authorities would not be inclined to release him. He would be compelled to explain why he had neglected his bookkeeping, and to produce the money. If he failed to do either, he would go to the penitentiary, and justly so. Carelessness in the handling of trust funds deserves vigorous and swift punishment.

What would be thought of the bank directors if they refused to prosecute this culprit, and permitted him to retain his responsible office without even asking him to find the missing money? In such a case each member of the directorate would be a candidate for the penitentiary. They would be culpably negligent of the interests of the depositors.

This is a case exactly parallel to that of Mr. Pugsley and the Federal Government. Government money is as much a trust as Bank funds; more indeed, because the interests of the nation are more vital than the interests of any private corporation, banking or industrial. The men who are responsible for the expenditure of public money are under oath to the Crown to do their duty. They are under obligation to the electors who sent them to Ottawa, believing in their honor and their good faith. The money is not the property of any party, but of the nation, and the wasteful expenditure of that money cannot be defended by any principle of patriotism or ethics.

Mr. Pugsley was in charge of a branch establishment in New Brunswick. He assumed a dual position as Attorney-General and acting manager of the Coal and Railway Company. The positions were incompatible, to begin with. He spent over \$900,000 of public money wastefully and extravagantly. He bought presumably for \$180,000 property which could have been secured for \$55,000 or less. Out of that \$180,000 nearly \$40,000 absolutely disappeared. He misled the Legislature by false statements as to the destination of that money. He kept no books. When all the \$900,000 was spent there was a shortage of \$134,000. Then Mr. Pugsley was removed to a more responsible position in the head office at Ottawa.

The facts of his financial rioting in New Brunswick were made known after a judicial inquiry. The conclusions of the Commission followed closely the sworn testimony. Then Mr. Pugsley said the Commission was unfair, and that his enemies were attacking him unduly. The directors of the Federal Government, led by the Prime Minister, not only refused to discharge this slippery branch manager, but expressed confidence in him, and trumpeted from the housetops this confidence. How any honest man can approve such devious methods of conducting public business is not apparent. Mr. Pugsley may rejoice that he is not a bank manager.

FOREST FIRE CARELESSLY SET DESTROYING VALUABLE TIMBER LANDS NEAR ANNAPOLIS N. S.

Special to The Standard.
Annapolis N. S., May 14.—Thousands of dollars worth of timber lands are being devoured by a fierce forest fire that is raging back of Annapolis, and although the fight has continued since late yesterday, the mad course of the flames remains unchecked.

Praying for Rain.
Rain is looked for tonight. Without it the damage will be excessive. Assistance is being sent from Annapolis, and the forest rangers are all hurrying to the scene of the fire, and are directing the efforts of the fire fighters. Every available man from Millford, Maitland, Greywood and South

Millford, is fighting the fire, but the dense smoke caused by dampness of the under timber is greatly retarding their work. The fire has been fanned by a high wind, and nearly four miles of timber has been destroyed, and some of the most valuable land in Nova Scotia is threatened.

Carelessly Set.
The fire is supposed to have been set by a camping party carelessly leaving a fire lit in the bushes. A later report from the scene of the fire, says that the flames are getting into the heavy timber. The fight which has continued all day and night is one of the forest in the history of the county.

WOULD STOP LIQUOR SALES IN WINNIPEG

Special to The Standard.
Winnipeg, Man., May 14.—The prohibitionists of Winnipeg have decided to move towards securing a vote on the prohibition of the liquor traffic in Winnipeg this fall. To do this it is necessary that a petition signed by at least ten thousand voters be presented to the city council by October first, in which the council is obliged to order a vote in connection with the civic elections which take place on December 14.

PICKED UP BY SCHOONER AND TAKEN TO PORT

Special to The Standard.
North Sydney, May 14.—The Newfoundland fishing schooner Cors, which arrived in port late last evening, reported the loss of two of her crew, Theodore Downey and George Omond, both of the Grand Banks, off Scatterie on Monday. The men left the schooner to take in trawls, and shortly after setting out a dense fog came on. After searching for some time the men were unable to locate the vessel. They then set out for Scatterie, but encountering fog, they were unable to make any headway, and were forced to return in their dory until noon next day when they were picked up by the French fishing schooner Dictator, which brought them into port tonight.

HAVING A WARM TIME IN MONTREAL

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, May 14.—Alderman Carter caused somewhat of a stir at the Police Committee meeting today by expressing the opinion that some of the policemen examined in recent investigation into the alleged rough usage of McGill students by members of the force, were liars and perjurers. He suggested that a dozen of them be sent before the Grand Jury. No action was taken.

A FRENCH FISHERMAN IS SEIZED

Special to The Standard.
North Sydney, May 14.—The French fishing schooner, Dictator, was seized this morning and brought into North Sydney by the revenue cutter, Gladiator, Captain Gordon, for a break of customs regulations committed a year ago.

One day last summer, Captain Gordon saw the Dictator sailing out of the port of St. Ann's. Upon being interrogated, the master of the vessel replied that he had entered his vessel at that port, but subsequently it developed that such had not been the case. According to Captain Gordon, he has been watching for the French vessel, and until this morning failed to catch her. The seizure has been reported to Ottawa.

CANADIAN NORTHERN EXPANDING

Special to The Standard.
Winnipeg, Man., May 14.—The Canadian Northern Railway has let contracts for the construction during the present season of about six hundred miles of branch lines in the Northwest. The work will be done by the MacKenzie & Mann Construction Company, and the Cowan Construction Company, the two concerns dividing the work between them. It is not expected that all the steel will be laid this summer, but a considerable portion of it will be ready to assist in the moving of the fall crop.

THE TUNISIAN NOT DAMAGED SERIOUSLY

Special to The Standard.
Montreal, May 14.—Word has been received today from St. John's, Newfoundland, that the injuries received by the Allan Liner Tunisian, which put in there on Thursday leaking, after coming into contact with ice, are not serious, but that the steamer, after temporary repairs, has been made, will leave for Montreal on Sunday with her 1, 018 passengers.

morning, and has probably reached its full height. It is warm and threatens rain.

RECENT APPOINTMENTS.
Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, May 14.—The following appointments are gazetted:—Murdoch McAulay, of Glace Bay, N. S., to be Preventive Officer; B. R. Smith, of Port La Tour, N. S., to be a Customs Sub-Collector; J. W. Daley, Clark's Harbor, N. S., to be a Customs Sub-Collector.

SAYS IT IS HARD TO GET ITALIANS

Fredericton, May 14.—F. J. Hyland, of Hyland and Rigby, G. T. P. contractors, confirms the statement given out in Upper Canada that it is difficult to get Italian workmen to come to this province, for G. T. P. construction camps. He has just returned from Montreal where he engaged a crew of Poles, after a crew of Italians had refused to come when they learned that the work was in New Brunswick. Mr. Hyland says his firm lost \$1,000 last year by men jumping contracts after having transportation paid from Montreal to Ottawa.

The river has risen two inches since

PRICE FLOUR GOES UP AND CITY BAKERS RAISE PRICE OF BREAD

The city bakers have been for the past few months discussing the advisability of raising the price of bread and the final step was taken at a meeting of the master bakers held last evening, when it was decided to raise the price of bread one cent on a loaf beginning with next Monday. This will make the price 8 cents retail and 7 cents wholesale.

The price of wheat has been steadily increasing for the past few months, and the bakers state that they have been of late manufacturing the article and selling without any profit. Only yesterday the price of Ontario flour went up twenty-five cents; and the price of bread had to be raised in order to keep up with the increase in the price of raw material.

Another meeting will be called for in a few days to discuss the section of the new law with regard to stamping the weight on the loaf.

There was a very large attendance present at last night's meeting and Mr. Charles Robinson occupied the chair.

PROMINENT CANADIANS GUESTS OF NEW YORK CANADIAN CLUB

New York, May 14.—Canadian men of affairs and many "Just Canadians" but loyal Canadians nevertheless, numbering in all about six hundred, met at the Hotel Astor tonight to dine and to enjoy good cheer and old stories at the annual dinner of the Canadian Club of New York. Among those on the speaker's programme were Dr. Neill McPhatter, president of the club, who acted as toastmaster, George E. Foster, Toronto; Representative Francis W. Cushman, of Washington; Frank Oliver, Canadian Minister of the Interior; the Rev. Dr. Donald C. MacLeod, of Washington, D. C.; Geo. E. Blacklock, of Toronto and W. O. Stanley, M. P., Hamilton, Ontario.

It was expected that Vice-President Sherman would speak but he could not be present.

Hon. Mr. Oliver.
Mr. Oliver declared that Canadians mean to equip the St. Lawrence shipping route so as to excel that via New York and to regain for the former the supremacy it had before the Erie Canal was opened.

"The records prove that the occupation of the Canadian wheat fields is by far the most economic development now in progress not only in America but in the world," he managing respondent.

"But because as individuals, we are glad to use the New York route in competition with that of the St. Lawrence in the export of our wheat we are not the less determined as Canadians to equip the St. Lawrence route not only to compete but excel that by New York but by the use of one carriage of Canadian wheat, but for the carriage of United States wheat as well."

Those Present.
Among those at the great table were E. Fabre Survevor, president of the Canadian Club of Montreal; Eric Armour, vice-president of the Canadian Club of Toronto; Hon. d'Arcy Scott, president of the Canadian Club of Ottawa; K. G. Raymond, president of the Canadian Club of St. John's; O. J. John D. Davidson, president of the Canadian Club of St. Thomas; Geo. E. Blacklock, Toronto; E. James Grant, Ottawa; Hugh Guthrie, M. P., Guelph, Ont.; Senator John V. Ellis, St. John, N. B. and Alexander B. Graham, of the Canadian Club of Boston.

Canada as a sister nation of the United States and standing in support of the principle of arbitration in settling international differences, was forecasted by the Rev. Donald C. MacLeod in his address. His theme was "The Canadian in the United States," and he said in part:

"I believe the inevitable destiny of Canada is nationality. The day will come when two great nations bound by the ties of a common civilization, shall look out from the North American continent upon the broad horizon of world problems and world responsibilities. What shall these two great western nations of the future stand for in the parliament of the world?"

Hon. G. E. Foster.
Geo. E. Foster, M. P., of Toronto, spoke on "The Passing of the Annex-

MARATHONS, MONCTON, F'TON AND CLIPPERS FORMED THE N. B. B. LEAGUE LAST EVENING

Regular inter-town baseball for the province is now a certain prospect for the coming summer. At a meeting held last evening the organization which is to provide it came into being, and was christened the New Brunswick Baseball League.

Two Local Teams.
Four teams are taking part in the league, and, contrary to expectations, there are two St. John teams in on it. At an informal discussion held among the delegates before the meeting proper was called, the outside representatives decided to let it rest with the Marathons as to whether the Clippers should be received into the conference.

Probably owing to the fact that they had just dined very comfortably with the out-of-town delegates as their guests, the Marathons decided that the Clippers should receive a welcome.

Mr. J. W. Gillespie and Mr. James McBride were telephoned for and joined the league deliberations. As a result the Clippers have entered the N. B. B. L.

Mr. Donald Chairman.
Mr. D. B. Donald was selected to fill the chair, and Mr. George Trites, of Moncton, acted as secretary. The league then formed includes Fredericton, Moncton, the Marathons and the Clippers. Moncton's entrance was conditional upon the ratification by that club of the action taken by its delegates on all of the matters under discussion.

The Officers of The League
Officers for the league were elected as follows:
Honorary President—Hon. Frank Sweeney, Moncton; Hon. Thomas Trites—C. H. Thomas, Fredericton.
Vice-President—Frank White, St. John.
Secretary-treasurer—H. K. Clawson, St. John.

The Executive.
An executive committee of five was appointed, of which President Thomas is chairman, and consisting otherwise of one man from each team. They are, Mr. D. B. Donald, for the Marathons; Mr. George Trites for Moncton; Mr. William Gillespie for the Clippers; and Mr. George Burden for Fredericton.

The Umpire.
One umpire was nominated by each team as follows:
Fredericton—James Roberts.
Clippers and Marathons—James McAllister.

SEVERAL PASSENGERS WERE HURT

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, N. B., May 14.—Spreading rails are supposed to be the cause of an accident on the C. P. R. train on the Gibson Branch today, whereby two box cars were demolished and several passengers injured. The accident occurred eight miles west of Millville. The passengers were very much shaken up. One lady is thought to have had her shoulder dislocated, and George Furton, a well known commercial man had an ankle badly injured. The train was running no faster than ten miles an hour when the accident happened, or much more serious injury would have been done to the passengers. The latter were brought to Fredericton in a box car late tonight. All speak highly of the way in which Conductor Charles McGibbon treated them after the accident. One of the destroyed box cars contained household effects in transfer from Caribou, Me., to Loggieville.

FOUR GIRLS AND A MAN DROWNED

Hackensack, N. J., May 14.—Five persons, four girls and a boy, were drowned tonight when a log jam in which they were attempting to cross the Hackensack River during a three swim ashore.

NEW UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE

Special to The Standard.
Toronto, May 14.—The report that Mr. Thos. Mulvey, Deputy Provincial Secretary for Ontario, has been appointed under secretary of state at Ottawa, was confirmed by Hon. W. J. Hanna this afternoon.

"We are all very sorry," Mr. Hanna said, "to lose one of Mulvey here, but congratulate him upon the wider opportunities presented, and the greatly advanced salary, and also congratulate the government at Ottawa on having secured one of the best officials in the public service today."

DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL

Mr. Thomas C. McGillen, the Trans-continental foreman who was stabbed a few weeks ago by one of his Italian workmen, was discharged from the general public hospital yesterday, and leaves for Chipman today.

Mr. McGillen is still weak from the effect of the knife wounds, but is rapidly gaining in strength. His assailant was captured after a chase by a posse of constables, and he is now in jail, awaiting the preliminary examination which will take place when Mr. McGillen returns to give evidence.

The foreman's injuries were in the lungs and arm. On being told by the foreman that he would compel him to go to work, the Italian slashed the white man in the arm with a knife, and as the foreman raised his arm to strike, the Italian put the steel into the boss's chest.