

NORTH SHORE MEN HAVE COMPLAINTS AGAINST TARIFF

Furniture Manufacturer Wants Free Raw Materials and Higher Duty on Finished Product—Request for Export Duty on Pulp Wood—Newcastle Merchant Has Grievance Against Sugar Combine—Woolen Duty Criticised, and Cheaper Pork Wanted—Inquiry at Fredericton Today.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
Newcastle Station, N. B., Jan. 3.—The tariff commission arrived here on the Maritime Express at 8 o'clock this morning in a private car. The members are Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance; Hon. Wm. Paterson, minister of customs; Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of inland revenue, and John Bain, secretary.

A session was held at the town hall at 11:30 o'clock, and a fairly large number were present. Among those present were Hon. P. Burchill and W. S. Loggie, M. P., of Chatham.

O. G. Anderson, a furniture manufacturer of Woodstock (Ont.), and who is completing a factory here, spoke at some length before the commission, asking for a reduction of duty on raw materials used in the manufacture of furniture; such as veneer, mahogany, oak and certain other miscellaneous articles used in the manufacture. He read from a typewritten statement.

Reference was made to the previous commission in 1898, when he appeared advocating reductions. The conditions now in the furniture trade, he believed, were worse than then, inasmuch as competition was keener. The Canadian manufacturer has to compete with the American manufacturer, and it was therefore necessary to be able to reduce the cost of manufacturing in Canada by the reduction of the duty on the material used, such as glue, veneer, mahogany, oak and walnut. Then he would like to see miscellaneous articles, such as brass, buttons, sand, cloth, leather, head tacks, etc., materially reduced or put on the free list.

Rebate Can Be Had.
Speaking of the lumber he had mentioned he said that it was in Canada, mahogany especially. Lately he had to send to Kentucky and Ohio and therefore there was nothing to protect, and the lumber articles were not made in Canada; that, generally speaking, this would not burden the consumer, as most of the furniture imported was of the more expensive kind and those that imported would, he thought, be able to pay the duty. Much of the cheaper class, that is inferior article, was being made in the United States.

Hon. W. S. Fielding told Mr. Anderson that a rebate could be had on such materials when the manufacturer asked for it. Mr. Anderson said that it was difficult to get at the amount of material used, and Mr. Paterson explained that the government was willing to send a man to any factory to get at the exact amount of the imported material used.

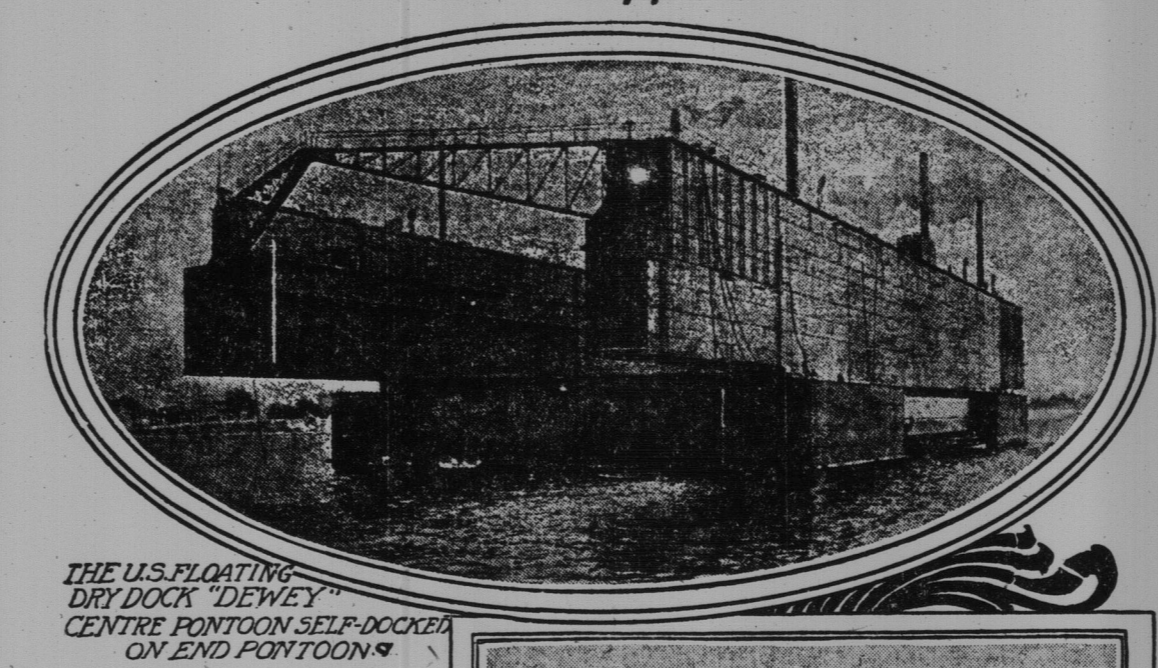
Wants the Whole Market.
Mr. Fielding told Mr. Anderson that he found that Canadian manufacturers were four-fifths of the home market now, but Mr. Anderson, in answer, said that with the increase they would get the other fifth. He said that the furniture in Canada was just as good as that in the United States, and could be bought as cheaply in spite of the duty.

Hon. Mr. Fielding—It gives us a larger home market here.

Mr. Fielding again reminded him that they had it nearly all now. In conclusion, Mr. Fielding told Mr. Anderson to think over the matter of rebate, and he was of the opinion that he would find that it was a way out of the difficulty.

Overvaluation of Fish by Americans.
D. Morrison, general dealer, of Newcastle, who does some considerable business in the exportation of fish, asked the commission if something could not be done

How the Dry Dock Dewey is Now Being Towed to the Philippines



THE U.S. FLOATING DRY DOCK "DEWEY" CENTRE PONTON SELF-DOCKED ON END PONTON

From this time on, until it reaches its destination, Olongapo, in the Island of Luzon, the dry dock Dewey will proceed without a stop, except at the entrance of the Suez Canal, Port Said, provided all conditions are favorable.

For this reason no instructions as to the course were given to Commander H. H. Hooley, who is in charge of the towing fleet, made up of the colliers Brutus and Caesar, with the tug Potomac and the supply ship Glacier as cotowars, the latter being the flagship.

The towing boats, the two colliers, will be in tandem, and will take their supplies at sea from the cotowars, in order that the progress of the big structure may not be checked for an instant. They have been equipped with especially powerful towing machines, designed to take up the slack of the cables without sudden strains. The cables were specially manufactured of the best quality of Manila fibre wound around steel wires. It is believed this combination, more than anything else, will be able to give both strength and elasticity.

Experts in the navy department say it will be May 15 at the earliest before the Dewey reaches her destination. The chief difficulty seems to be the unwieldiness of the structure. She is without any adequate means of steering, and should be

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break away from the colliers in a bad sea they would have to trust to luck and the subsiding of the waves before they could

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COMPULSORY EDUCATION ACT IN LOCAL HOUSE THIS SESSION

Independant Legislation to Be Introduced at Fredericton--Details Not Given Out Yet--Premier Tweedie Says Elections Not Thought Of, and Finances Are in Excellent Condition--Robert Murray, M. P., Likely to Move Address in Reply to Speech from Throne.

A compulsory education act in New Brunswick will be a feature of the session of the provincial legislature to open in Fredericton on February 8. Just what details will be followed can not be said. Premier Tweedie was asked by a Telegraph reporter yesterday to give some information about this important proposal, but he limited himself to the simple announcement that it was the intention to have introduced an act regarding compulsory education. He could not at present speak of the details.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie was asked about the Sun's recent editorial announcement that there were signs which pointed to the government soon going to the people. "You may say," said Mr. Tweedie, "that we have not discussed elections."

The Sun had attacked the government on the matter of the provincial finances, and in answer to that the premier said: "The finances of the country, if submitted to any business man, will be declared to be in excellent condition. The amounts due by the dominion government in connection with river wharves have not been paid and they would balance the small deficit which existed this year between the receipts and expenditures, and by the way, the minister of public works told me the amounts due New Brunswick as referred to had been passed before our accounts were closed, but we have not received the money. Again the falling off in the stumpage is a matter which was not easy to foresee."

In this connection Mr. Tweedie said that it is quite clear that the falling off last year will be more than offset in the amount received for territorial revenue in the present year. He said the lumber cut would be large, for conditions were good and the market was favorable.

The premier was asked who would move and second the address in reply to the speech from the throne, but said the matter had not been dealt with.

As Robert Murray is the member recently added member it is likely, if custom is followed, that he will move the address. The premier and Hon. Messrs. LaBrosse, Parrie, Sweeney and Jones attended a meeting of the provincial hospital commission here yesterday afternoon, but reported that nothing substantial was done. There will be some amendments to the legislation governing the institution to be introduced at the coming session of the legislature.

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LOCAL OPTION WAVE SWEEPS ONTARIO

Owen Sound Went 500 Majority for By-Law—Many Other Places in Line—Some Comfort for Antis.

Toronto, Jan. 3.—(Special)—A wave swept over the province of Ontario yesterday in favor of local option. The most notable victory for the measure was in the large and populous town of Owen Sound, where the by-law was carried by nearly 500 majority.

Local option by-laws were carried in North Gribby, Elms, Osprey, Thornbury (town), Arkden, Village, Arran, Ameliasburg, Lakefield Village, Emiskillee, Oakville (town), Stouffville (village), Tara (village), Pickering, Anabel, Southampton (town), Dumfries, Oranmore, Vaughan, Sophiasburg, and Haldimand townships. License revenue was also carried in the city of Peterboro.

As against this long array of victories, the anti-scores at Ernest township, Markham, Drayton, Stamford, Petrolia, Drayton (village) and Seneca township.

A gentleman once possessed a valuable sporting dog which was extremely clever in the retrieving of dead and wounded game. It had, in fact, never been known to lose a bird when brought down by the gun. The owner, however, was a remarkably bad shot, and one day, on firing both barrels hastily at a rabbit, which ran unexpectedly across his path, he heard a mournful howl. The next moment his dog lay on its back, its black object in its mouth, and laid it carefully at his master's feet. The animal had retrieved his own tail.—London Globe.

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A LUCKY WOMAN.

How Good Health Came to Mrs. Deschamps After Much Suffering.

Mrs. Abraham Deschamps, wife of a well known farmer at St. Leon le Grand, Que., considers herself a lucky woman. And she has good cause as the following interview will show: "I was badly run down and very nervous. Each day brought its share of household duties, but I was too weak to perform them. My nerves were in a terrible condition. I could not sleep and the least sound would startle me. I tried several remedies, but none of them helped me. In fact I was continually growing worse, and began to despair of ever being well again. One day a friend called to see me and strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I decided to do so, and it was not long before they began to help me. I gained strength from day to day, my nerves became strong and quiet, and after using about a half dozen boxes of the pills I was fully restored to my old time health and cheerfulness. I now think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills an ideal medicine for weak women."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills feed the nerves with new, rich red blood, thus strengthening and curing such conditions as neuritis, St. Vitus dance, partial paralysis and locomotor ataxia. These pills cure all troubles due to poor and watery blood, including the special ailments of women. Get the genuine with the full name, "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around each box. Sold by medicine dealers or by mail at 20 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Rev. Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Ask Respite for Patrick.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Governor Higgins was requested today to grant a respite to Albert T. Patrick, who is under sentence to be executed during the week of Jan. 22 for the murder of the aged millionaire, Wm. M. Rice, of New York city. The request was made by counsel for Patrick, in order to give them sufficient time to try an appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States. Governor Higgins has not yet decided what he will do.

Copper Cent—Where are you going to spend Christmas? Five Dollar Gold Piece—in a restaurant, I suppose. Where are you?

Copper Cent—Met on in a collection box, that's where I spend most of my time.—Do not Free Press.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

SETTLES QUESTION OF HIS BIRTHPLACE

Hon. Mr. LaBrosse Answers Statement That He is Not a French Acadian.

A Montreal despatch to the Montreal Star on December 30 read:

"A deputation consisting of O. Turgeon, M. P. for Gloucester, and P. J. Veniot, collector of customs at Bathurst, arrived in Moncton Thursday to interview Hon. Mr. E. Emmett. It is understood the appointment of O. J. Leblanc to the senate was one of the objects of the Gloucester delegation. It is held that the French Acadians are entitled to one of the vacant seats in this province, and the French Acadian delegation would strongly resent the appointment of Hon. Mr. LaBrosse, being born in Quebec and would not be a representative of the Acadian people."

Mr. LaBrosse, when asked by a Telegraph reporter yesterday concerning the despatch said that he certainly is an Acadian. He was born in Dalhousie, he said, and his grandfather served as a doctor for the local government in Tracadie, Nova Scotia in 1819-20. His grandfather lived in Halifax. His father resided in Dalhousie for twenty years as postmaster and general merchant and it was due to his father's good standing and the fact of his being named after Restigouche county, said Mr. LaBrosse, that he was first elected in Restigouche.

"During my father's residence in Dalhousie," said Mr. LaBrosse, "three children were born in our family and I was one of them. I lived there until I was nine years old, and then, on account of the death of my parents, I went to Quebec to live. I remained in Quebec for thirteen years and returned to Dalhousie in 1881 and on June 23, 1882, was elected to the local house as the representative for Restigouche." Since that time Mr. LaBrosse has had an unbroken political career.

CREDITORS' MEETING

Permanent Liquidators of J. W. Dumas Co., Gloucester County, Appointed.

In the matter of the winding up of the J. W. Dumas Company, of Gloucester county, there was a meeting of creditors Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The report of the provisional liquidator, W. H. Harrison, was read and His Honor Chief Justice Tuck appointed Mr. Harrison and Thomas Bell permanent liquidators. They will give bonds of \$2,000 each and supply two sureties on Saturday, the 9th inst. There will be a thorough investigation into the affairs of the company and to that end J. W. Dumas, president of the company, will be examined.

The provisional liquidator's report shows that he had visited Grand Anse and Shippan and taken possession of the company's books, papers, etc., and brought them to St. John. He also got \$200 in cash, which he deposited in the Bank of British North America. Stock taking is going on and the Shippan is being sold. The liquidators are estimated as worth less than \$1,000 and three at Grand Anse at about \$8,000. The entire book debts amount to about \$2,000, making assets of \$10,000.

ESCAPED THROUGH SNOW IN NIGHT CLOTHES FROM BURNING HOUSE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 3.—(Special)—Cracking and dancing aroused John McEwen, a well to do farmer of Clifton, and his family at 2 o'clock this morning. They woke to find their dwelling in a blaze and barely escaped with their lives.

The wife and daughters ran over the snow barefooted and in their night clothes to a neighbour's house. The building and all its contents were destroyed. The loss is more than two thousand dollars.

LAST MONTH WAS "FREAK" DECEMBER

Was Warmest in 14 Years, and Was Remarkable in Several Other Respects

LACK OF SNOW A FEATURE

Geese Flying Northward Gives Promise to Weather Prophets That Winter Will Be a Mild One.

(New York Herald.)

Whether or not it was a matter of credit is a question for individual opinion, but the fact is that the old year made its exit with the distinction of having closed its career with the warmest December in fourteen years.

That January may rival it or even exceed it in this quality is a subject of discussion among persons who live remote from Broadway and yet within the limits of the city, and who are pointing out the somewhat remarkable fact that within the last three days of geese have been observed heading northward, whereas ordinarily at this time of year the weather was so cold that the birds had been driven to the south. Among the prophets of the weather, it is held that the French Acadians are entitled to one of the vacant seats in this province, and the French Acadian delegation would strongly resent the appointment of Hon. Mr. LaBrosse, being born in Quebec and would not be a representative of the Acadian people."

They did not hesitate yesterday, however, to admit that all the statistics showed December, 1903, to have been extraordinary. In the first place, the month was the warmest of the year, the mean temperature being 44.5 degrees, which is higher than the normal and ten degrees above the average temperature of December, 1904. There have been only four Decembers in the last thirty-five years that were warmer than that which ended last night. Those were in 1877, 1881, 1889 and 1891. The record for the warmest December was held by December, 1891, when the average temperature reached the surprising figures of forty-two degrees.

In other respects, the departed month was also "freaky." The total precipitation, the technical term for rainfall, for its thirty-day days reached 3.67 inches, exactly 27 of an inch above the normal. This does not sound like a very important increase, but the little figures tell in weather data. Above all other features of the month, however, was the lack of snow. The total fall was only seven-tenths of an inch. This was divided up into a few inconsiderable flurries and at no time was the ground covered. In December, 1891, and in that of 1893 only a small trace of snow was recorded, but since then until the year just ended the fall was usually heavy, and in December, 1903, it was as much as 27.8 inches.

May Be Leader of A. O. H.

Steamers Sail for St. John.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 3.—(Special)—The steamers Florence and Ororo sailed to-night for St. John, the former at 8 p. m. and the latter at midnight.

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TRIAL OF DR. PRESTON TO BE BEGUN TODAY

Grand Jury Finds True Bill—Prisoner Shows Result of His Confinement—No Bill in Whisky Label Case.

Dr. E. A. Preston will be placed on trial today by the grand jury on charges of manslaughter. Wednesday morning the grand jury returned a true bill.

The grand jury returned at 11:30, being out 30 minutes, and the foreman, Chas. D. Jones, bearing the scrutiny of the many spectators, announced "In the case of the King v. Edward A. Preston, the grand jury find a true bill."

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MR. MURKOE DENIES MAKING CHARGES

Says His Reflection on Officials About Care of Hope Young Was Not Intended for Publication.

The following dispatch was received by The Telegraph last night from R. G. Murroe, Digby (N.S.):

"Referring to the report in your paper that I had made charges against officials re the care of Hope Young, I wish to say that the letter was a private one written with no thought that it would ever get into the papers. The letter does not, by a fair construction, contain any charge and no such thing was ever intended."

"The officials did the best they could, more especially the jailor and his family, who have been unremittent in their care of the unfortunate prisoner."

GOOD NEWS FOR MR. BRAUN

Immigration Inspector's Wife the Most Popular Woman in New York's Hungarian Society—A Libel Suit.

Marcus Braun, chief inspector of the U. S. Immigration bureau here, will leave for New York on Saturday to appear as complainant in a libel suit which comes up in one of the New York courts on Tuesday next. As a result of some of Mr. Braun's official reports on immigration matters which were too true to suit some of the people concerned, a disgruntled individual in New York had circulated printed copies of his libelous statements concerning the official. Mr. Braun had him arrested for criminal libel, and the case is set down for Tuesday.

The New York American of Monday last had the following in its social news: "The most popular woman in Hungarian society circles in this city is Mrs. Marcus Braun, according to a vote taken at the ball given by the First Hungarian Literary Society, held Saturday night at Sulzer's Harlem River Casino."

"The vote did not cease until late yesterday morning, when the count showed that Mrs. Braun had received 1,192 votes. Mrs. Braun is the wife of Marcus Braun, special immigration commissioner, who is at present in Canada on immigration business."

"Much of Mr. Braun's success in official and society circles he proudly attributes to the enterprise and foresight of his wife. She has been his constant adviser as well as helper, and has relieved