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WITHDRAWAL OF THE FACTORY ACT.

After having positively stated that he would not withdraw the factory act, the attorney general has withdrawn it. The history of the late measure has been rather dramatic. It was submitted, explained, and advocated by the attorney general, Dr. Pugsley got a general idea of what was wanted from the Trades and Labor Council and the Fabian League. But the act was framed by himself from the Ontario and New Zealand statutes.

Several delegations waited upon the government after the bill was printed. The Trades and Labor Council and Fabian League asked for amendments. A delegation of ladies asked for changes. The manufacturers' representatives in the St. John Board of Trade asked for postponement. All were told that postponement was impossible, that the government was determined to go on with the measure, but would consider any amendments which would be suggested.

By Wednesday the attorney general had reached the other conclusion of the St. John Board of Trade that the measure should be postponed for a year. Yesterday Dr. Pugsley gave notice to all delegations that were to stay at home. The act would be held over for consideration.

THE HALIFAX REJOINDER.

Merchants in the cities, towns, villages, and little cross roads settlements through the country complain that their neighbors and natural customers are sending away their money to the big departmental stores of Montreal, Toronto and New York, when they should buy at home. They make out a strong case, for the home store is a necessity to the place and is always expected to accommodate when there is no money available.

that the local merchant is apt to commit the same wrong that he suffers. He subscribes for the paper that the Montreal or Toronto publisher sells outside the province of publication at a slaughter price representing less than the cost of the white paper. The paper is sold at this slaughter rate in order to get a record circulation and a big advertising patronage. It is pointed out by the Chronicle that the traders who buy these "outsider" papers because they are cheap should not complain if their neighbors deal with "outsider" departmental stores because they give bargains. In this rather free and easy way the Chronicle closes the discussion.

Upon the propriety of "local dealers" buying "cheap," alleged news abroad, while protesting against others purchasing what they consider they can get as "bargains" elsewhere than at home, it is unnecessary to comment. Concerning the "local dealer" who expects his local paper to issue semi-annual "bulletins" to his possible customers by purchasing from "outsiders" while he does his best to support the "outsider" competitor of local paper, the less said the better. These are brands of business "freshness" so loud that they demand absolute alliance in their presence. Such is the character of the brand monopolized by "local dealers" who subscribe to Montreal and Toronto advertising sheets thus paying one-third of the cost of the very paper in which the merits of their rivals' goods are proclaimed to their own customers while demanding that those customers shall purchase exclusively at home; and that the solidly valuable local paper which they are helping to "crowd out" shall insist upon their doing so.

THE BANK TAXES.

The Bank Taxation Bill sent up by the city of St. John appears to have got into a bad muddle, from which probably the best escape is to leave matters as they have been, pending the preparation of a general assessment system for the city. It is not easy to adjust taxation between the different banks, so that it shall bear equally upon them. But in regard to the Bank of New Brunswick it is well known that those who are so fortunate as to own shares in that corporation pay much less taxes on that part of their property than most others do on their possessions. The reduction of the capital stock of this bank some years ago had the effect of reducing the taxes of the bank. It seems now to be suggested that the stock ought to be increased without increasing the taxes. The purpose of the bill before the legislature was to increase the revenue of the city. If in the amended form the measure does not serve that purpose it might as well be dropped. The controversy is another argument in favor of a complete reorganization of the city assessment system. The present law belongs to ancient times and conditions that no longer exist.

BLUNDERS MANY AND FLAGRANT.

The Religious Intelligencer uses plain language about Mr. Fisher's census, as a Free Baptist organ has certainly a good right to do. We quote: A census item of \$25.72 in the auditor's report being questioned in parliament, the minister of agriculture explained that it was paid to two doctors for furnishing information of the mortality in Ontario and Quebec. He acknowledged that the census enumerators had done the work so badly that the mortality tables for two provinces were worthless and could not be used. Correct information had, therefore, to be secured from the doctors named, and paid for. It is plain enough that Mr. Hays will proceed on the line of his address to the shareholders. He will show the Edinburgh objections that the old Grand Trunk system is all right and that the new system of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be what Mr. Hays and his friends have sought from the first to make it, a road from Portland to the Pacific.

A RECKLESS PREMIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier says that the grades and curves of the Canadian Pacific line north of Lake Superior are such that this route or another near it can never be used extensively as a grain route from the west. While this statement may be correct the connection in which the premier uses it shows how impractical he and his scheme are. Sir Wilfrid is asking the country to commit itself to the construction of 1,900 miles of railway from Montreal to Winnipeg. The route which he proposes to follow has never been explored. No man knows what grades and what curves will be necessary on the Grand Trunk Pacific.

There is not the slightest evidence that the country to be crossed will be better suited for a railway than the route of the Canadian Pacific. Yet the leader of the government cheerfully asks the people of Canada to take the risk and make their \$125,000,000 or \$150,000,000 contract without regard to grades and curves.

An Amherst correspondent informs the Sun that Mr. Logan has been holding a caucus to decide whether Mr. Pipes or Mr. Black of that town shall be senator. Mr. Pipes is in the legislative council of the province, while Mr. Black sits in the house of assembly. Both are good party men, and both are able to subscribe to a campaign fund. So writes the correspondent. It may also be said that both are men of ability, and that Mr. Pipes might if he should exert himself be a public man of distinction.

PORTLAND TO THE PACIFIC.

The amended Grand Trunk Pacific resolutions give the company the privilege of operating a portion of the line to be built by the government during the time the remainder is under construction. It is not difficult with the help of Mr. Hays' speech to the Grand Trunk shareholders to understand what this means.

We have already pointed out that in his plea to the shareholders to sanction the arrangement Mr. Hays discussed the proposed line as a western extension of the present Grand Trunk system. He told the owners of the Grand Trunk that they had long needed access to the west and that the measure before them would give that connection. There was not in his speech a single word to show that he regarded the line as an independent system extending far east of the present Grand Trunk terminus.

As presented by Mr. Hays the present Grand Trunk began at Portland and ended at the lakes, while the proposed line began where the old one left off, and continued to the prairies and the Pacific. Now to make this connection Mr. Hays and the other promoters require the line which they themselves will build (with government guaranteed bonds) and need also a part of the line which the government agrees to build from Winnipeg to Montreal. From Winnipeg to the point nearest North Bay or to some other westerly point on the present Grand Trunk line Mr. Hays and the Grand Trunk people are interested in the eastern section. East of that point they are taking no interest in it.

A branch from the proposed main line to Thunder Bay will bring grain in summer to the lake route. Another branch to North Bay or another Grand Trunk point will transfer the western freight to winter to the old system and so on to Portland, Maine. Mr. Hays evidently intends to cause the government to build first to these junction points. The remainder of the road may be delayed indefinitely. But that part must be completed soon. Time and Mr. Hays cannot wait.

We have other evidence of the intentions of the promoters of the Gift Enterprise. While the measure was before the house last summer the Grand Trunk Company had surveyors exploring the route from Winnipeg to Lake Temiscaming. That was as far as was necessary for Grand Trunk purposes. No one has heard of a Grand Trunk engineer surveying routes from Riviere du Loup to Montreal or from Quebec to the point of the proposed junction. The government is paying these explorers, but the Grand Trunk has charge of the operations. Thus it happens that the part of the road from the longitude of Toronto eastward is no better known than it was when Sir Wilfrid prayed Heaven that it might not be too late.

There is more than this. The promoters have already taken steps to procure the branch lines to connect the main road with the old system and with the Maine port. Not long ago the Ontario government was asked to vote a cash subsidy and a land grant toward this connection. We have not heard that Mr. Hays has taken any steps to secure the construction of branches to Montreal and St. John. These eastern ports are beyond the sphere of influence which is now exerted. It is plain enough that Mr. Hays will proceed on the line of his address to the shareholders. He will show the Edinburgh objections that the old Grand Trunk system is all right and that the new system of the Grand Trunk Pacific will be what Mr. Hays and his friends have sought from the first to make it, a road from Portland to the Pacific.

At a meeting of the Nova Scotia Historical Society held this week, Attorney General Longley reported progress with the Annapolis tercentenary, which he expects to be a great and memorable occasion. Mr. Longley agreed to take for granted that the St. John celebration will follow, though the Annapolis celebration is in any case. It is in no way dependent upon what is done on this side of the bay.

FROZEN TO DEATH.

A North Shore Woman Loses Her Way in a Snow Storm.

CHATHAM, April 2.—Mrs. James Thomas, who lived with her husband and family about two miles this side of Church Point, and about the same distance from the nearest neighbors, left her home Saturday afternoon to snowshoe three miles through the woods to her father's, Maxin Martins, who lives on the main road. She arrived safely and left for her home Sunday afternoon about three o'clock.

On Tuesday night she had not reached home, and her husband, who had become much alarmed at her prolonged absence, but could not leave the children to inquire the cause, with some difficulty got a messenger to go to her father's. When it was learned that she had not reached home a searching party set out, and on Wednesday afternoon found her dead body only about a quarter of a mile from her father's fence.

It is supposed she lost her way in the flurry of snow. It was seen by following her tracks that the snowshoes had cut through the crust, and she had crawled on her hands and knees, and when her hands had become torn and bleeding she had put her stockings on them, and they were torn in shreds. Marks on the snow and broken crust told of the desperate struggle the unfortunate woman had made for her life. The deceased was twenty-three years old, and leaves besides a husband, three children, the youngest being only four months old.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

SUSSEX, April 6.—The Scottish concert held by the Presbytery on Monday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall was a great success. The audience was highly pleased with the Scotch songs and the pipes. About \$90 was taken in.

The supper and sale held by the ladies of the Free Baptist church in the Memorial hall on Tuesday was largely patronized by the citizens and was a financial success, over \$50 being the receipts.

Senator Ferley is in Sussex today and is being driven around and shown the different industries by Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. The senator is very much pleased with Sussex.

Miss Alice Howes gave a very pleasant dinner at her home, Brookside, Main street, on Monday evening.

Mrs. Rosborough, Church avenue, entertained a number of her friends at dancing on Tuesday evening.

The exercises were held in a room at the corner of a Scott Act charge here yesterday was John Laughrey, and not H. Laughrey as stated. He was remained at Sussex, and not at Hampton.

ST. MARTINS, April 6.—Monday evening the exercises were completely new and by surprise when in response to a vigorous ring at his door bell there were ushered in a large number of his parishioners and invited guests, among whom were Rev. C. W. Townsend and wife. A pleasant evening of games and music was enjoyed, when near its close R. Allan Love read the following address:

To the Rev. Alfred Bareham, Rev. and Dear Sir: It is with feelings mingled with joy and gratitude that we now address you on the evening of this Easter Monday. Joy because we have in the good Providence of God been brought into intimate and close fellowship; gratitude because you have been the instrument in God's hands of leading us to make a profession of our faith in Christ; others you have helped in their hour of weakness and trial to seriously regard their position by pointing out to them plainly and forcefully the need of God and those connected with them by ties of relationship and affection. Your generous nature and genial manner have endeared you to us all. Your pupil ministrations in your home when a hearty welcome was always extended to those who availed themselves of the opportunity. We feel that this address cannot be complete without a reference to the great gift of the Holy Spirit which we all rejoice in his recovery. That she may be spared to brighten your home is our earnest prayer. Signed in behalf of the congregation by C. Miller, J. B. Hodsmyth, Church Wardens.

He presented the rector with a well filled purse. Although the whole proceedings were a surprise, Mr. Bareham made a most suitable reply. Refreshments were served and thus ended a most enjoyable evening, a tie suited to the binding together more unitedly past and present.

At the evening of the Roman Catholics celebrated by an Easter ball in the Masonic hall. A large number attended. A good time was enjoyed. Proceeded to the home of the Rev. W. M. S. on Sunday evening was most interesting and the seating capacity of the church was taxed to its utmost.

The little girls went through their exercises very sweetly, and the music by the choir was lovely. Papers on mission work were read by Mrs. G. A. and Mrs. Thomas Lawrence. Miss McLaughlin and Miss Atkinson. A generous offering was taken up.

The first of the maple product was brought into Springhill market from Learnington on Saturday. It sold at 20c. It has been on the Parboro market for two weeks. The season is much later than for many years, and it is thought will be very short.

Mr. Fulton, Westbrook, has been invited by the department at Ottawa to send an exhibit of maple syrup to St. Louis exhibition. Eight of the best evaporators have been purchased this year in Mapleton and Canaan. They are rigged with aluminum spiles and galvanized iron sap tanks, and are the most complete arrangement yet introduced here.

FLORENCEVILLE, April 4.—Rev. J. B. Young, on account of illness has not been able to attend his appointments for two weeks, was able to go to his pulpit again Sunday.

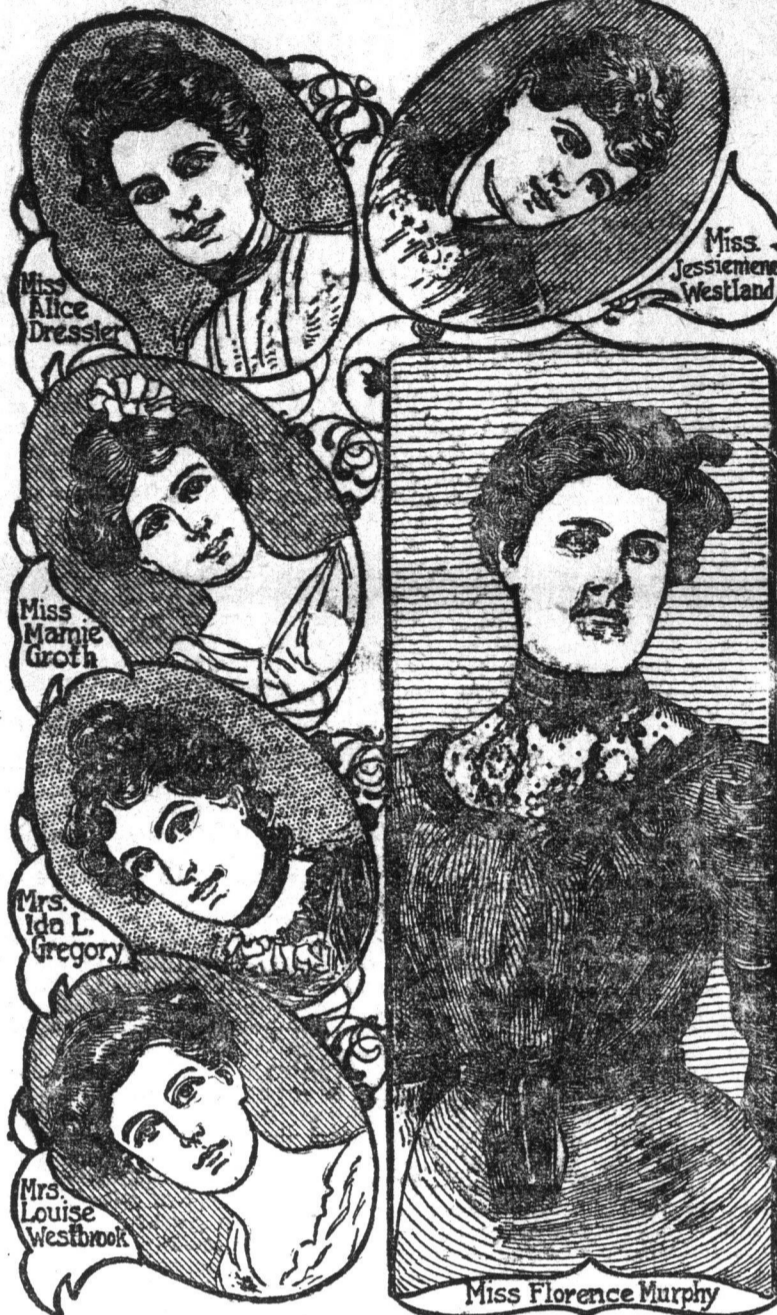
D. W. Hamilton, M. A., of P. N. S., is spending a few days with his mother.

Miss Mair, principal of the Florenceville school, is spending her Easter vacation in Montreal.

Miss Bertie Dayton of St. Mary's, is visiting Nettie Taylor.

VERY TRYING TO WOMEN

Are the Peculiar Ills Brought on by Catarrh of the Pelvic Organs. (Pe-ru-na is a Tonic Especially Adapted to Their Peculiar Diseases.)



MISS ALICE DRESSER, No. 1313 North Bryant Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., writes as follows concerning Peruna: I was suffering from catarrh of the throat and head. One of my colleagues, who was visiting me, asked me to try Peruna and I did so and found it all not only cured me of the catarrh, but restored me to perfect health. Miss Dresser.

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MISS FLORENCE MURPHY, No. 2703 Second Ave., Seattle, Wash., writes: I have suffered for a year with female trouble, and although I tried several physicians none of them seemed to be able to help me permanently. I only took a little over three bottles of Peruna to make me well and strong. I never had backache, headache, or bearing down pains any more. Florence Murphy.

MISS LOUISE WESTROCK, No. 9 East Columbia St., Detroit, Mich., Secretary of the West Side Lotta Club, writes: For several years I suffered with leucorrhoea and painful menstruation, which was followed by general debility, until I was but a wreck of myself. Thanks to Peruna I am a well woman to-day. Louise Westrock.

MISS JESSEMINE WESTLAND, No. 767 Beaubien Ave., Detroit, Mich., District Deputy of Detroit Independent Order of Good Templars, writes as follows: Peruna has been a blessing to me and gladly do I endorse it. For two years I suffered with catarrh of the stomach. I lost flesh and grew thin and emaciated, nervous and exhausted, so that I could neither work or enjoy life. I began taking Peruna and can now eat and enjoy everything I eat. I have been well over a year now. Miss Jessemine Westland.

MISS IDA L. GREGORY, No. 2 Grand Ave., Denver, Col., writes: Some six years ago my husband suffered with nervous prostration, and advising with a friendly druggist he bought a bottle of Peruna. His health was restored from its use, his appetite was increased and restful sleep came to him. Ida L. Gregory.

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