

LONDONERS PLEASED WITH TARIFF SETTLEMENT BUSINESSMEN SAY IT IS A CLEVER MOVE

Canadian Industries Will Not Suffer by Any Concessions Made.

PEOPLE WILL REAP MANY BENEFITS

Cut on Certain Leather Duties Meets With the Approval of Local Shoe and Leather Men.

Locally the settlement of the threatened tariff war is recognized as a fine stroke of business on the part of Hon. W. S. Fielding and the Laurier Administration.

A canvass of the businessmen affected by the new arrangement was made by The Advertiser, and they are practically unanimous in declaring that Canada received much and conceded little. In short, the advantage is all with Canada, and they are perfectly satisfied.

Shoe manufacturers, druggists, fruit men, jewelers, crockery merchants, say that the new regulations are in their favor, and they offer no criticism whatever.

On all sides expressions of satisfaction were heard on the settlement of the difficulty, and it was predicted that an era of increased goodwill and friendship between the two countries would follow.

Pleased With Mr. Fielding.

"The settlement justifies what I have always said of Hon. W. S. Fielding," said Mr. G. J. Steele, of the Steele Fruit Company. "I consider him one of the brightest men in the Laurier cabinet, and the settlement of the difficulty bears out my former opinion. It is of decided advantage to us, and we are perfectly satisfied. It lowers the duty on things we do not grow at all, giving both the merchant and the consumer the best of it. The duty on peanuts was always too high, and it is now brought down nearer where it belongs. We are satisfied."

Reduction on Leather.
"The reduction on certain brands of leather is what the shoe manufacturers have been asking for years," said Mr. Philip Pocock, of the London Shoe Company. "The reduction of 2½ per cent on certain raw material gives the manufacturer some advantage on the manufactured article, of course, and we stand to profit by that. As a matter of fact, practically all this sort of leather comes from across the line, and we do not injure our home industries. It is a fine arrangement, and we have no complaint."

"The reduction is of advantage on certain kinds of leather," said Mr. J. S. Cook, of the Cook, Fitzgerald Company. "The effect will not be very great of course, but it will help somewhat."

"I think the arrangement is very satisfactory," said Hon. C. S. Hyman. "As for the reduction on leather, that does not affect us at all, as we do not manufacture that kind of leather. It is fortunate that a tariff war was averted."

Watch Goods.
"We gain in the reduction on watch movement," said ex-Ald. Thomas Gillen. "There are no watch manufacturers in Canada, so the reduction does not hurt our industries. It is to our advantage."

"It is a good thing for us," said Mr. Jack Collison, of H. Ward & Co. "We get the benefit of the reduction, and so will the buyers."

Duty on Drugs.
"We will be affected but little," said Mr. E. G. Mitchell, of the National Drug Company. "Some materials will be favored by the reduction, but on the whole the difference will be slight, and no great harm will ensue. I am well pleased that a tariff war is averted, as it would have upset things considerably."

Crockery Business.
"There is nothing that I can see that will injure us in the slightest," said a local wholesale crockery man. "We have no complaints."

"It does not affect the lithographing business at all," said Mr. R. Southern, of the Southern Lithographing Company, in discussing the tariff.

"We will not be affected by it whatever," said Mr. S. F. Wood, of the Hobbs Manufacturing Plate Glass Works.

Others interviewed told the same story—that the Government had settled a great question by concessions that were in themselves beneficial to this country.

A JOLLY REUNION

Men of the Seventh Regiment Will Soon Celebrate Going Away to the Rial Rebellion.

All preparations for the reunion of the Northwest Field Force, Seventh Fusiliers, to be held in the Tecumseh House on April 7, have been completed, and the affair promises to be a great success.

Responses have been received from North Bay, Granby (Que.), Brockville, Toronto, Hamilton, Woodstock, Stratford, St. Thomas, Windsor and Sarnia, and there will be delegates from these cities. Others will be heard from yet.

The invitations have been sent out, and they are in the form of regimental orders. Those who have not received one may do so if they will communicate with Mr. F. H. Butler, of this city.

SIX MEN KILLED.

Wilberton, Okla., March 31.—An explosion in Mine No. 2, of the Great Western Coal and Coke Company here today killed six men.

SLIGHT CONCESSIONS SECURE THE U. S. MINIMUM TARIFF

The Changes Number Thirteen and Are Unimportant, But Serious Tariff War Is Averted and President Taft Promises to Work for Reciprocity.

Ottawa, March 30.—The achievement of commercial peace with honor between the two English-speaking nations of North America, with the prospect of an early realization of the hopes, long entertained, of reciprocal trade relations between the United States and Canada, was proclaimed in the House of Commons today, when Hon. Mr. Fielding made his anxiously-awaited statement as to the result of the negotiations with Washington. The features of the settlement arrived at may be briefly summed up as follows:

To avoid a tariff war which threatened to interfere with half of Canada's foreign trade, and which President Taft had been most anxious to

avoid, Canada agreed to give the necessary "excuse" by granting reductions on a limited list of thirteen items in the general tariff. These reductions are given not only to the United States but to the whole world, and consist in a decrease in duty of approximately two and a half per cent upon sundry articles, the present imports of which are said to aggregate about five million dollars.

Good For Consumer.
No Canadian industry is seriously affected, but the Canadian consumer will benefit to the extent of perhaps \$200,000 or \$300,000 in lessened customs taxation. Canada had vindicated its right to make tariff bargains with any

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DR. F. W. MERCHANT, Who Has Been Elected President of the Ontario Educational Association.

MR. GAMMAGE RETURNS FROM BIG CONVENTION

More and Better Technical and Industrial Training Was Keynote at Toronto.

Mr. W. W. Gammage, chairman of the board of education, has returned from Toronto, where he has been attending the annual convention of the Ontario Teachers' Association. "It was a great convention," said Mr. Gammage. "In every section, the central thought was for more and better technical and industrial education. Too much stress has been placed on the merely theoretical side of the question up to the present time, and it was the opinion of the delegates that a more practical and useful form of education should be given the pupils in our public and high schools. As a result, the curriculum was given a roasting in every section, particularly in the trustees and inspectors, and a better and more up-to-date curriculum will be drawn up to be submitted to the department."

Half Holiday.
Mr. Gammage announced also that the half holiday declared for Wednesday of next week to enable the children to attend the "Made-in-London" exhibition, has been changed to Friday, and on that afternoon all the schools will be closed.

The regular sessions begin on Monday next.

CEMENT EXHIBITS FOR WESTERN FAIR

Secretary Hunt Expects To Have Many of Them Next Fall.

Secretary A. M. Hunt, of the Western Fair Association, today distributed Western Fair maps to the exhibitors at the Cement Convention, and as a result, many of the exhibitors will show their goods at the fair this September.

A considerable number of the exhibitors have notified me that they will exhibit their stuff at the Western, said Secretary Hunt. "The American exhibitors certainly will, and some of them are now making arrangements to leave their goods here until fair time. We gave them Western Fair maps this morning, and they are quite pleased with them."

THE WEATHER

TOMORROW—FINE, COOLER. FORECASTS.

Today—Fresh, strong westerly wind; a few local showers, but mostly fair. Friday—Westerly winds; fine, stationary or a little lower temperature.

Stations.	5 a.m.	Min.	Max.	Weather.
London	50	40	60	Cloudy
Calgary	56	36	66	Cloudy
Winnipeg	42	34	50	Cloudy
Port Arthur	54	44	64	Cloudy
Ferry Sound	58	48	68	Cloudy
Toronto	54	44	64	Cloudy
Ottawa	54	44	64	Fair
Montreal	50	40	60	Cloudy
Quebec	42	32	52	Rain
Father Point	42	32	52	Cloudy

WEATHER NOTES.

The area of low pressure which was in Minnesota yesterday has moved to Northern Ontario.

Thunderstorms occurred during the night over a large portion of Ontario and Quebec.

The weather continues warm in Ontario and quite mild throughout the Western Provinces.

LIBERAL LEADER COMING.

Hon. A. G. MacKay, leader of the Provincial Liberals, will deliver an address in Hyman Hall on Saturday evening, the 9th of April.

Word was received in the city yesterday to that effect, and a large attendance is being looked for.

During the last session of the House, Mr. MacKay put up a valiant fight for good government, and he is recognized as being the leader, and best, debater in the House.

Liberals are asked to keep this night open. All others are invited to be present.

HENDERSON SENT TO GALLOWES FOR MURDER OF AGED LADY

Yesterday Found Guilty of Atrocious Slaying of a Woman Who Had Helped Him, and Sentenced To Be Executed on June 23.

Peterboro, March 31.—Robert Henderson was yesterday afternoon found guilty by a jury of the murder on Jan. 28, last, of Mrs. Margaret MacPherson, who lived with her aged sister, Susan, on the Havelock road, near Norwood. Mr. Justice Riddell then sentenced Henderson to be hanged on June 23.

The crime for which Henderson is to pay the extreme penalty was a most atrocious one. After securing a meal at the MacPherson home, Henderson returned in a few minutes and attacked the old ladies with an axe, Margaret, who was 74 years of age,

died on Feb. 20. Susan eventually recovered, and gave evidence in the court yesterday, identifying Henderson as the man who had murdered her sister. His attitude during the trial has been most callous, and the verdict did not seem to interest him in the least.

RUMOR MADE OF WHOLE CLOTH MR. AND MRS. WARD ARE WELL

In Some Manner a Report Was Put in Circulation That Couple Had Been Killed in the West—Mr. Ward Was Formerly a Conductor on Line of the Southwestern Traction Co.

A rumor widely credited in the city to the effect that Mr. and Mrs. Paul Moody Ward, who left a couple of weeks ago for Calgary, had been killed in Winnipeg while stepping from one train to another, has been in circulation for some days, and occasioned their friends much uneasiness and worry, but has been proved to be untrue.

The fact that no letter had been received from these since they left Toronto, led to the rumor, and consequently there was much anxiety among the relatives and friends. Last evening, Mrs. E. Lowe, of 363 Simcoe street, a cousin of Mrs. Ward, received a letter from the young couple to the effect that both had arrived in Calgary and were very well. The good news was most welcome to a host of friends, and messages of congratulation have been sent to the couple.

A Traction Conductor.

Mr. Ward is well known on the line of the Southwestern Traction Company. He has acted as conductor for some time. He is a son of Dr. Ward, of London, Eng.

On Monday, March 21, he was married to Miss Adeline Tiffany, daughter of Mr. John Tiffany, of Delaware Township, at the residence of the bride's cousin, Mrs. E. Lowe, Simcoe street.

Having received a small fortune from England, Mr. Ward and his bride left for the west, intending to take up land, and settle in that country. Mrs. Maller, of Queen's avenue, and Miss Sarah Tiffany, of the Helena Costume Company, are sisters of Mrs. Ward.

STORK WAS A VERY BUSY BIRD 97 BIRTHS IN LONDON IN MARCH

This Is an Increase of Twenty-Two Over the Same Month of Last Year—Marriages Also Show a Big Increase—the Death List Also Grows—White Plague Claims Usual Number—Other Causes of Death.

The Stork was rather a busy bird during the month of March, and showed a decided disposition to help T. Roosevelt out on his anti-race suicide propaganda.

During the month the bird visited 97 homes, an increase of 22 over the corresponding month of 1909.

This is a good showing and should bring joy to Londoners.

The Marriages.
Dan Cuppy was a busy cutting capers during the month, and produced a good record of marriages. During March 41 couples were made more or less happy, an increase of 18 over the same month of 1909.

Death Rate.
As there was an increase in the other two branches of the vital statistics, the death roll completed it by showing a comparatively large growth. During the month 86 deaths were recorded, as compared with 71 in March, last year.

There were a great number of deaths from a direct cause, and no less than four were recorded from scarlet fever. Four died from whooping cough and two from diphtheria.

Scarlet Fever.
In March, 1909, there were 5 cases of scarlet fever with no deaths, 2 cases of diphtheria without a death being recorded, and no cases of deaths from whooping cough registered.

Altogether 25 children of tender years died during March, or about 18 per cent of the total deaths.

The White Plague.
Tuberculosis caused the death of 6, as compared with 4 during March, 1909, rather an ominous increase. One person died of cancer.

Pneumonia caused the demise of ten, and was the indirect cause of two other deaths. Twenty-three of those who passed away were from 70 to 88 years of age.

BILL TO STOP DEALS IN FUTURE

Will Apply Specifically to Operations on Cotton Exchanges.

Washington, March 31.—The Scott bill, prohibiting dealings in futures in the grain markets of the United States with amendments to apply specifically to the cotton exchange only, is the indicated outcome of the deliberations of the sub-committee of the House committee on agriculture, of which the anti-option proposed legislation was referred. The subcommittee was in session until a late hour last night, but was unable to reach a final conclusion, although it is not likely that the grain exchanges which made a more favorable showing during the hearings before the committee would be eliminated from the scope of the bill. The committee will hold another meeting late today.

TWO HUNDRED INJURED.
Mulheim, Rhine, Germany, March 31.—It appears today that upwards of 200 persons received more or less serious injuries when the steamer express train bound for Strassburg yesterday. There was one death during the night, making the total dead 22, and six others were said to be dying.

The victims were soldiers.

Two signal men have been arrested and are charged with having given the wrong signals to the train at the same moment.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH

Bombay, March 31.—Twenty-five women and children were burned to death in a fire that today destroyed the state cotton warehouse at Bhilwara, in the district of Rajputana.

UNEARTHED A SCANDAL

Contractor Stuffed Sewer Pipe Joints With Weeds Instead of Jute.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Hamilton, March 31.—Mayor McLean unearthed a scandal yesterday afternoon when he inspected the work being done in connection with the laying of the base line sewer. He found that one of the contractors had stuffed the pipe joints with weeds instead of the jute invariably used for that purpose. The mayor says that there should be a law to send to jail a man who would do a thing like that. The board of control will probably hold an investigation.

MADE HIS ESCAPE.

Marshall, March 31.—Jesse Adams, the young man who took poison after being arrested on a charge of theft, got out of the house of C. A. Cook, where he was under treatment, last night between 8:30 and 10 p.m., and escaped. His present whereabouts are unknown.

LONDON FACTORIES INTERESTED IN SOFT COAL STRIKE RUMORS

If Anything Went Wrong With the Supply They Would Feel the Pinch in a Few Weeks—Lake Erie Coal Company Has Big Supplies at Port Stanley and Rondeau.

Londoners are greatly interested in the prospective coal strike across the line, because nearly all the soft coal burned in London comes from the Pennsylvania fields and West Virginia fields.

According to the latest dispatches, trouble may be averted, but it is an even chance that there will be a strike.

Should it occur, London would be seriously affected within a few weeks.

The Lake Erie Coal Company, which supplies much of the soft coal used here, has large stocks at Port Stanley and Rondeau. Some say that the company could keep its customers in this part of Ontario with coal for three months, but the contingency has to be reckoned with that when coal became scarce in other places, there will be pressure brought to bear upon the Lake Erie Company which will result in shipments being made to other points. In that event, it would be only a matter of a few weeks until London's industries would feel the pinch.

CITY GAS COMPANY.
The City Gas Company, of course, a large consumer of soft coal, but President James C. Duffield said that his company has almost six weeks' supplies on hand.

The factories of London do not, as a rule, keep big stocks of coal, although they contract for hundreds of tons at a time; consequently, if any thing went wrong with the supply they would be left without coal to generate steam to run foundries, etc.

The probable coal strike is also a very serious matter for the railways.

THE G. T. R.'S PILE.
The Grand Trunk had a pile of 65,000 tons of soft coal just east of Rectory street, but as is the usual custom, this has been used up and a new supply has been contracted for.

Of course, this leaves the G. T. R. with a rather short stock of coal, and the officials would feel better if the mountain in the east end had been left alone.

Local coal dealers are said to have quite a supply on hand, but they will be hard hit if a strike occurs.

The mine owners cannot be compelled to fill their contracts, nor can the local dealers seek redress. Every contract is made subject to strikes, car shortages, etc.

Some of the dealers say that large quantities of coal is used in London which is brought in over the P. M., and with which the Lake Erie Coal Company has no connection.

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STRIKE IN SOFT COAL FIELD SLATED TO START TONIGHT

Two Hundred Thousand Men Will Go Out in an Attempt to Force Increase in Wage From Operators.

[Associated Press.]
Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—The 200,000 organized miners of the bituminous coal fields of the United States will go out on strike tonight, and will stay away from the mines until the operators consent to pay an advance in wages of five cents a ton, according to the announcement made today from the headquarters of the United Mine Workers of America in this city.

"I have received no information that miners and operators of Ohio district will get together today," said L. Lewis, president of the organization. "We were so delayed in the tri-state conference at Cincinnati that there is hardly time for district agreements to be made before the expiration of the present contract at midnight tonight. It is unfortunate. But district agreements will be made speedily, and I am confident the suspension of work will continue only a few days."

The executive board of the union is in session today transacting routine business. The members will leave the city tonight and will go at once to their respective districts to represent the national administration in the direction of the local strikes.

President Lewis will visit the Illinois field tomorrow and does not expect to return to his office here until Saturday night.

PETER GILLESPIE WAS AGAIN MADE PRESIDENT

Canadian Cement Association Held Election of Officers This Morning.

The annual election of officers for the Canadian Cement and Concrete Association was held this morning in the board of trade rooms.

Mr. Peter Gillespie, lecturer in the School of Practical Science, and the present incumbent of the association, was again selected for this honor. There were few changes in the personnel of the officers for the year. They are as follows:

President—Peter Gillespie, Toronto. Vice-President—William Fry Scott, Toronto. Secretary—R. E. W. Hagarty, Toronto.

Councillors—Gustav Kahn, Toronto; F. L. Dates, Owen Sound; W. H. Ford, Montreal; C. R. Young, Toronto; Mr. Scott, Toronto; D. C. Raymond, Montreal; James Pearson, Toronto; Kennedy, Stinson, A. E. Tren, Toronto; Ivan, S. Macdonald, Toronto; and C. F. Pulfer, London.

LAFOREST CAUGHT

Picked Up in Detroit, and Must Stand Trial at Chatham.

[G. N. W. Dispatch.]
Detroit, Mich., March 31.—Edward Laforest, 25 years old, wanted by the Canadian police for the last two years on charges of burglary and arson, was arrested yesterday for Detective Campbell, of Windsor. Laforest is charged with burning the Joy Club-house at Mitchell's Bay, Ont., in March 1908, after stealing a number of guns and rubber boots stored in the place. Detective Campbell recovered the stolen goods a short time after the theft, but Laforest left the home of a farmer for whom he was working just in time to escape arrest. Laforest, since his disappearance, was sentenced to a year in a Nebraska prison, escaping 19 days before the term expired. Returning to Detroit he had been in the city only a few hours before he was arrested. He will be taken to Chatham for trial.

BANISH THE STRIPES.

Pittsburg, March 31.—There are so many "gentleman convicts" among the 700 prisoners of the Western Penitentiary that Warden John Francis announced today that the stripes are to be practically abandoned at that institution. The conspicuous prison garb only serves to embitter men, said the warden, and makes it more difficult to reform. Neat suits of blue with class letters on them are to be substituted gradually for the stripes, and only the very worst behaved men are to be punished by uniforms of the "zebra" type. At present, however, even a bank president and two former councilmen at the penitentiary are wearing the humiliating prison clothes.

STEAMERS A.

Halifax, March 30.—Arrived from Liverpool: La Lorrain.

New York—Arrived: Germ Neckar, London.

Cape Race—Signalled: B. an. Liverpool, La Lorrain.

Glasgow—Arrived: Onta Liverpool—Arrived: M. pila.

Azores—Called: Cap. Naples—Arrived: Duca di Genova.