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CASE MAY CONTINUE FOR MONTHS

Counsel for Accused Meat Packers Conclude Opening Statements — Prosecution Has Many Witnesses.

JURY WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN HOTEL.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Counsel for the ten Chicago meat packers, charged with combining to control the price of meats in violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman Law, concluded their opening statements to the jury today, and United States District Judge George A. Carpenter adjourned court until next Tuesday morning, when the first witness for the government will take the stand.

The government will present its case in chronological order. The first witness will tell the story of the old packers' pool, which it is charged was in existence prior to the organization of the National Packing Co., in 1902 and which held weekly meetings, at which the government charges prices were fixed.

Later conditions which led to the formation of the National Packing Company then will be detailed, and in concluding its case the government will endeavor to prove that the National Packing Company was the instrument the packers used to continue the old pooling arrangements. Three hundred witnesses will be called by the government, and it is believed it will take several months to present their testimony. In addition to this, a mass of documentary evidence will be offered by the prosecution.

The jury will be closely guarded during the adjournment of court, and the twelve men, all of whom are married, will be obliged to eat their Christmas dinners at a down town hotel.

TRAIN LEAVES TRACK ON AIR LINE, FORTY-ONE ARE INJURED

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21—Derailment of train No. 38 on the Seaboard Air Line at Gloster, 35 miles northeast of Atlanta, resulted, it is said today, in the injury of 41 persons. No one, however, is believed to be fatally hurt.

The wreck occurred last night. Wires near the derailment were torn down. The train, which left Atlanta at 8.30 o'clock for Washington, was going forty miles an hour; when near Gloster station it struck a broken rail. The engines and several cars went over safely, but a Pullman sleeper and first class passenger car went into the ditch.

KILLED BY FALLING LIMB WHILE AT WORK NEAR CAMPBELLTON

Campbellton, Dec. 22.—A sad fatality occurred at Ben Underhill's camp on Wednesday, the 20th inst. John Blanchard while at his work felling trees was struck on the head by a limb and so badly injured that he died in a few hours. The unfortunate man leaves a widow and eight small children who live here. The body was brought down for burial yesterday.

NOVELIST DIES.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Margaret Horton potter, novelist, died suddenly at her apartment here today from heart disease.

SHUSTER NOTIFIED TO QUIT

Persian Government Accedes to the Demands of Russia and Dismisses the American Treasurer General.

HOSTILITIES TO BE DISCONTINUED.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A telegram received here from Teheran says that W. Morgan Shuster, the treasurer general of Persia has been notified of his dismissal and that the Persian government has instructed the local authorities to cease hostilities and enter into negotiations with the Russian consul to restore normal conditions.

DARING ROBBERY WAS COMMITTED AT HARVEY RECENTLY

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 22.—A daring robbery took place near Harvey several nights ago, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hurley, an aged couple, who live alone in a house a few miles this side of Harvey, on the road leading to this city, have complained to Detective Roberts that the sum of $200 had been stolen from their house.

Mr. Hurley had sold one of his horses that evening, and taken the money home and put it in a basket and hung it up in the kitchen. On coming downstairs the next morning, he found that the back door had been broken in and the money had been removed from the basket.

AMERICAN CONSUL HAS AN EXCITING TIME IN TABRIZ

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—American Consul Paddock apparently had an exciting experience during the fighting in the streets of Tabriz. He reported to the state department today that his consulate had been exposed to the fire during the fighting in the city which has been going on since yesterday. So far, he says, the American colony is in no danger.

MINISTERS LEAVING OTTAWA; PREMIER WILL REMAIN THERE.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—A prolonged cabinet council was held today from 11 o'clock in the forenoon and until one o'clock, and resumed from two o'clock until six. The council was occupied in considering the estimates and no appointments were made, so that the likelihood of any Christmas presents in the nature of the filling up of the many vacant positions has disappeared. Premier Borden will remain in Ottawa for the Christmas holidays and will not be able to realize his hope of going to Halifax for a few days.

Most of the ministers will depart tomorrow and there will be no cabinet council until Wednesday.

Hon. C. J. Doherty will be in Montreal, the Hon. Martin Burrell in St. Catherines, Ont.; Hon Sam Hughes goes to Lindsay, Ont., Hon. Mr. Monk to Montreal, Hon. J. D. Hazen to St. John, Hon. Mr. White to Toronto, Hon. Mr. Pelletier to Quebec, Hon. Mr. Nantel to Ottawa, Hon. Frank Cochrane to Toronto, and the Hon. Mr. Foster to the same place. Hon. Robert Rogers has gone to Winnipeg.

THE EMPRESS OF BRITAIN RAMS SAND POINT WHARF

Parting of Hawsers as Big C. P. R. Liner Docked Early This Morning Caused Accident Which Resulted in Hundreds of Dollars Damage.

NARROW ESCAPES FROM INJURY.

At 12.45 this morning the big C. P. R. steamship Empress of Britain neared her Sand Point berth and the large number of persons on the wharf and the larger number of passengers who were on her decks saw enough excitement in a short time to do them for a long time to come.

The C. P. R. tug Cruizer and another large tug had hawsers from the liner and were pulling hard to keep her from the warf as she was steaming ahead when suddenly the hawsers on both tugs parted and before the Empress could be stopped she ploughed into number three wharf. Those on the wharf when they saw the big ship coming into collision made a hasty retreat to the warehouse. In an instant there was a crash and the steel bows of the Empress struck the wharf. Wharf timbers were broken like pipe stems and along with this went the supports to the grain chutes and there was great disorder.

The engines of the liner were working astern and this alone saved the big C. P. R. steamer from crashing into the stern of the Donaldson line steamer moored at No. 4 berth.

The, tugs after their hawsers parted, got to the side of the ship as soon as possible and the Empress was at last tied up to the berth. At 1.30 o'clock the ship was discharging cargo, but the damage done to the wharf and the grain chutes will amount to hundreds of dollars.

Fortunately no person was injured, but a number of men had narrow escapes.

BOARDS OF TRADE AND GOVERNMENT WILL UNITE IN BOOSTING CAMPAIGN

This the Way to Secure Best Results is Opinion of Business Men.

Moncton and Fredericton Boards of Trade Will Consider Family Reunion Idea at Meetings to be Held Soon.

New Blood as Well as More People the Need of the Province—Plenty of Oportunities for Capable Men.

Additional interviews secured by Standard correspondents and printed today go to show that a very lively interest is being taken in the reunion of families plan as proposed by Premier Flemming. Reports from Moncton and Fredericton are to the effect that the board of trade in each place will take the matter up in the near future. Generally there is the warmest commendation for the premier's idea that the boards of trade and the government should co-operate to induce increased immigration to New Brunswick and thus work toward the development of the resources of the province.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, president of the Moncton board of trade and ex-premier of the province, agrees with the idea that co-operation between the business men and the government is the ideal way to boost the province, while a general chorus of approval is found for the idea that the province should get new blood as well as additional people.

FREDERICTON BOARD OF TRADE WILL TAKE UP THE SUGGESTION

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 22.—Confident of extensive development and a rapidly increasing population during the next few years, Fredericton is naturally interested in Premier Flemming's "Imperial Family Reunion" plan for immigration. With the St. John Valley Railway about to be built through this city, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway's line to St. John also running through here, and the Gibson and Minto Railway to be opened up and thus divert the wholesale jobbing trade of the prosperous Grand Lake district to Fredericton, those who can see ahead are naturally enthusiastic as to what the future will bring forth.

Fredericton business and professional men generally, who have taken time during the busy holiday season to look into the details of Premier Flemming's proposals, and who have read of the results of the immigration conference so concisely put forth by Secretary for Agriculture Hubbard, are confident that New Brunswick will soon get the share of British immigrants which the advantages this province has to offer deserve.

Desirable settlers from Great Britain are what the people here feel are wanted. That there are many attractions here for British immigrants is shown by the large number in this vicinity, who have become successful farmers, many of the leading farmers of York county having come to Canada only a comparatively few years ago with sufficient capital, to buy for themselves suitable farms and comfortable homes. The Fredericton Board of Trade is going to take up the question just as soon as the holiday rush is over, while the Meductic Board of Trade have already made their first move.

President John T. Jennings of the Fredericton Board of Trade said today that the Council of the Board would meet on Tuesday evening, when the programme for the annual meeting would be discussed. It is his intention to bring up the question of immigration.

"I believe it is a good plan," declared President Jennings today, in speaking of Premier Flemming's proposal, "Although I have not yet been in a position to go fully into the details. I think, however, that anything that can be done to stimulate immigration to this province will meet with general approval, and will be warmly appreciated by the people of the province. I hope to see Fredericton and the Board of Trade do its part in this movement, and I feel sure we will."

MONCTON BOARD OF TRADE WILL ENDORSE PLAN.

PROOF DOWN UN .. ..

Moncton, Dec. 22.—The suggestion that the business men of the province should take up the immigration co-operation with the provincial government, is exciting general interest here.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, M. P. P., president of the Moncton Board of Trade, said he had read the articles and had for some years given the whole question of immigration considerable attention.

He knew of several families from the Old Country, who had settled in the vicinity of Moncton and so far as he knew they were all doing well. In market gardening especially, they seemed to be very successful, and he thought there was a splendid opening in fruit growing.

During the visit of Upper Canadian pressmen he had driven them into the orchard of Mr. Lorne Steeves, at Coverdale, part of which had been taken by the government, for demonstration purposes, and it had created such a favorable impression that he had since received a letter from one of the pressmen, asking for a write-up of the orchard.

He had handed this letter to Mr. Turney and now, no doubt, good results would follow. He thought, however, too much soft fruit was being raised in this province, and as the market for this was limited, there was danger of disappointment in results unless this was avioded.

Opportunities Abound.

Mr. Robinson said he did not know of any cases in this locality where assistance was required in bringing out additional members of families, but he thought the Board of Trade might well take the matter up after the holidays and get further information. He thought the provincial acts in regard to settlement of new farms had become obsolete and that a more suitable colonization scheme might be devised, requiring the erection of a better class of buildings on new farms for which some assistance might be granted.

This would ensure greater permanence, as at present many who took up crown lands cut the timber off and then deserted them.

During the time he had been in the government he had found that there were difficulties in the way; objections had been raised to schemes suggested, but by co-operation of the business men of the province, these might be over come.

His Worship Mayor Reilly said he had read what was in the papers, but he was scarcely in a position to suggest what might be done locally. He was heartily in accord, however, with anything that would add to the population, and general prosperity of the province. We needed an awakening in this province, new blood as well as more population.

Too Many Knockers.

We were taking things too easy and there were too many knockers and not enough boosters. We must get out of the rut if we would grow and prosper as we should.

F. W. Sumner, ex-M.P., said he had given this very question considerable attention and was glad that it was taken up. His opinion, however, was that the government should take a leading part in co-operation with the Boards of Trade and other organizations. The trouble in the past, as it appeared to him, was that the government expected to get something for nothing and we could not get new settlers without effort and the expenditure of the money. This was the experience of the West, and it was the experience of every new country.

If we did not keep ourselves before the world, we would be overlooked and forgotten. He had no doubt that the Board of Trade and business men of Moncton would do their part as patriotic citizens.

Had Practical Experience.

Mr. Sumner, it may be added, is the owner of the McDonald farm, so-called, in Coverdale, about 7 miles from Moncton. This farm cut last year 320 tons hay. This year about 200 tons were cut, and it is capable of great improvement in the hands of a capable farmer. Mr. Sumner has spent a considerable amount the past year in ditching and otherwise improving the property.

R. W. Hewson, K. C.

R. W. Hewson, K.C., said he had just been reading some papers of the late Hon. Joseph Howe, which he thought were quite applicable to the present movement. The ideas advanced by Howe, Chandler and others in advocating the building of railways was to promote immigration and Howe's idea was that New Brunswick was capable of supporting a population of three million people.

The purposes of these pioneers in our history had too largely been lost sight of by different governments, with the result that we had not progressed as we should. He was heartily in accord with the present movement and would give it all the support in his power.

Other prominent citizens seen gave expression to similar views and there is no doubt that when the matter comes before the Board of Trade it will be heartily endorsed.

SIR ROBERT BORDEN AFTER THE NEW YEAR?

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—According to information received in Ottawa today through the English mail, Hon. R. L. Borden will be Sir Robert Laird Borden after the distribution of New Year's honors.

The conferring of knighthood upon the prime minister, thus early in his administrative career will be a recognition of his fight for the British connection and unity of the Empire in the recent election. The honor in this case, of course, comes from the King without any recommendation from Ottawa.

PATHETIC FEATURE IN DEATH OF MRS. MARY BROWNING

Andover, Dec. 22.—The death occurred this morning at Riviere de Chute, of Mrs. Mary Browning, in the 75th year of her age. The deceased lady suffered a stroke of paralysis about ten days ago, from which death resulted. She was born in Charlotte county. She is survived by four sons, James, Hanfred and Bradford, of Riviere de Chute, and Robert, of Mars Hill. The daughters are, Mrs. P. F. Heffernan, of Perth; Mrs. Maud Lane, Fort Fairfield, and Miss Bertha, at home. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. J. R. Hopkins and the interment will take place at Bairdsville.

A pathetic feature connected with the death of Mrs. Browning is that at the time of her death, her husband was confined to bed in an upper room suffering from general breakdown and stomach trouble, and could not be present at the deathbed of his wife.

GUIDES HOLD ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Dec. 28.—The New Brunswick Guides Association held their annual meeting this afternoon at the Queen Hotel. The report showed the association had a very successful year, and the membership now numbers about 50.

At the election of officers, the following were elected:

President—W. H. Allen.
Vice-President—S. B. Thomas.
Secretary—J. Harold McMurray.
Executive Committee — Surveyor General J. K. Flemming, S. B. Thomas, W. H. Allen, Wm. Griffen, Jr., Harold McMurray, Adam Moore, Bert Moore, L. Savage, Chas. Cremin, John Jarvis, John Murphy.

A membership committee was appointed and a committee was also chosen to interview the government at an early date in regard to fishing matters.

The annual dinner was held this evening at the Queen Hotel, and about 35 were present. Among the speakers were President Harry Allen and Provincial Secretary H. F. McLeod, O. S. Crocket, M. P., J. W. McCready, and others.

LUSITANIA DOCKS AT LIVERPOOL WITH CHRISTMAS MAIL

Liverpool, Dec. 23.—The steamer Lusitania which left New York last Saturday with Christmas mail and a heavy passenger list reached the Mersey at 6 o'clock last evening, but was held up by the tide outside the bar and did not reach Liverpool until 1 o'clock this morning.

BRITISH STEAMER SIXTEEN DAYS OUT REACHES ST. JOHN'S

St. Johns, Nfld., Dec. 22.—Battered by gales during the whole voyage, the British tank steamer Lucian arrived here today from London on her trip to New York. The steamer has been sixteen days on the way from England and there had been some fear for her safety. After receiving a new supply of coal the Lucian will proceed to New York.

MADE MILLIONS BY FRAUD, GETS ONE YEAR'S SENTENCE

New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Shelton C. Burr, president; Eugene H. Burr, secretary and treasurer; Charles H. Tobey, vice-president and Edwin W. Preston, an official of the Burr Bros., stock promoters, whose premises were raided Nov. 20, 1910, by the postal authorities, pleaded guilty today to a charge of using the mails in a scheme to defraud investors. Each of the defendants was sentenced by Judge Holt to serve one year in prison on Blackwell's Island.

Between $40,000,000 and $50,000,000 was obtained through Burr brothers' sales of worthless mining and oil stocks, netting a profit to the defendants of $13,000,000 to $15,000,000, according to announcement made by the postal authorities.

RUSSIA IS READY FOR TARIFF WAR

Controlling Parties in Duma Introduce Legislation to Affect United States on Expiration of Treaty.

WANTS MOST FAVORED NATION TREATMENT.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 22.—A legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American commerce and navigation treaty of 1832, has been introduced in the Duma by ex-President Gouchkoff and other signers representing the Octoberist and Nationalist parties which control the majority of the Duma. The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent. on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariffs.

Besides these impositions the bill proposes also to levy double the gross weight tax established by the law of June 21, 1901, on merchandise arriving by sea and to levy a double tonnage tax. Should the present American tonnage tax be raised to the disfavor of Russian vessels, then the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased.

It is said that the schedules are to be applied to all countries which do not grant to Russia the most favored nation treatment in commerce and navigation.

BANQUET WILL BE HELD TO CELEBRATE RAILWAY CONTRACT

Special to The Standard.

Meductic, Dec. 22.—The banquet to be given here in celebration of the signing of the contract for the construction of the St. John Valley Railway, will be held in the Meductic Hall on the evening of Tuesday, January 2nd.

The committee in charge of the banquet are: G. P. Olts, J. H. Gerow, George L. Porter, Jerome E. Porter, S. K. Marsten and P. E. Dow. It is expected that upwards of 100 will attend the banquet, and the guest of honor will be Premier Flemming. The other guests, including the members of the provincial government, O. S. Crocket, the Federal member for York; A. R. Gould, of the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, and the York county representatives in the provincial legislature.

At the regular meeting of the Meductic Board of Trade, held last evening, a committee was appointed to get into touch with the Dominion government, and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company, and press Meductic's claim for the Valley Railway shops, and as a divisional point. Meductic will give free land for the railway works, and also offers water for cheap power as an inducement.

At the meeting the following resolution was passed on motion of H. M. Edwards, seconded by H. B. Scott, two leading Liberals:

"Resolved, That this Board of Trade extend to Premier Flemming and his government a hearty vote of thanks for their successful efforts resulting in the signing of the St. John Valley Railway contract."

W. S. Tompkins was appointed a committee to get into communication with W. Leonard Palmer, of the London Financial News, regarding securing immigrants for the Meductic district. A careful estimate has shown that in the vicinity of Meductic there are 2,000 acres suitable for immigrants available at not more than $5 per acre.

JUDGMENT RESERVED IN THE HOGAN CASE

The case against Mrs. Hogan for allowing a drunken man to be in her licensed barroom on Water street last Monday night, was before the Police Magistrate yesterday afternoon. W. J. Mahoney appeared for the defense.

William Lingley took the stand for the defense and stated that he was in the saloon shortly after eight o'clock and saw Emmet Landry the man spoken of by the prosecution, entering the barroom. Landry stood at the lunch counter for a time and the bartender ordered him to leave the premises and would not serve him with a drink.

Mr. Mahoney for the defense, asked for a dismissal, stating that the prosecution had not proven their case.

Mr. George A. Henderson, for the prosecution, stated that the evidence given by the two policemen and the man Landry was to the effect that he was under the influence of liquor when he entered the bar and was so drunk that he was refused a drink, but that he remained there for some time.

The Magistrate in speaking about the case said that several times he had in such cases cited English authorities and kept on doing so. He had referred to Lord Alverston and they go so far as to say that just as soon as a man with the sign of liquor comes to the bar door that he is put out.

His Honor said that if it is a fact that a man is served with liquor and although he was apparently sober, if it should be shown afterwards that he was not sober, the tavern keeper was fined.

His Honor said that he would look over the evidence and would reserve judgment.

BIG SUIT PROMISES INTEREST

Bank of Montreal Takes Action Which May Reopen Affairs of Cement Merger— Those Involved.

STARTLING DEVELOPMENTS MAY BE EXPECTED.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—An action involving $85,000 has been taken by the Bank of Montreal against Sir Sandford Fleming, Joseph Samuel Irvin, Sandford Hall Fleming, Hugh Fleming, Wm. Exshaw and the Anglo-Canadian Finance Company. The case is another outcome of the big cement merger. The suit is one of the largest taken in the local courts in many years. The bank brings suit against the defendants mentioned on certain promissory notes the liabilities of the Western Cement and Coal Company, Ltd., better known as the Exshaw Plant. The defendants are claimed to be liable for the following amounts:

Sir Sandford Fleming, $39,109.50; J. S. Irvin, $20,739.73; Sandford Hall Fleming, $10,369.86; Hugh Fleming, $10,369.86; the Anglo-Canadian Finance Company, $20,739.73; Wm. Exshaw, $10,369.86. In every case interest at the rate of five per cent. is asked.

The defence in this case will be the same as that entered in the first case taken by the Bank of Montreal against Sandford Fleming and Mr. Irvin. Their claim is that the Exshaw concern was taken into the cement merger, and that its liabilities should have been taken care of by the merger.

As has been stated there will be issues raised at the litigation of these cases that will practically necessitate the re-opening of the affairs of the cement merger, and a thorough investigation into its formation. Startling developments are expected when these cases are heard.

The claim of the defence is that trade indebtedness of the Exshaw works, was to have been taken over in the cement merger, but that the concern was frozen out of the deal and then bought in on the market for practically nothing.

BOURASSA SHOULD HAVE BEEN SOLDIER SAYS COL. HUGHES

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—The following statement was handed out by Col. Hughes, minister of militia, in answer to an attack of Mr. Bourassa:

"Bourassa would have been a model fellow if he had only been fortunate enough to have received a military training. He is able, handsome, genial, well educated, critical and energetic. In short he possesses very, very many of the essential qualities of greatness.

"Only the one thing is lacking. Had he been fortunate enough to receive a military training, he would have had a greater balance, a broader and more tolerant spirit, and a more readily controlled mind. As it is, he will come out alright. I like him and always enjoy his attacks upon me.

"When he learns the great advantages of a military training, and practices, then he will be a truly great man. It will afford me the greatest pleasure to gazette him major, to command a squadron of mounted rifles, hussars, should he see fit to raise such a corps and qualify. I would be quite willing to lend him Turpin for a time to assist him."

Colonel, the Hon. Sam Hughes, leaves tomorrow morning for Lindsay to spend Christmas with his wife and family.

GEARY ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION FOR THIRD TERM

Toronto, Dec. 22.—George Reginald Geary, barrister, was today elected by acclamation mayor of Toronto. This will make Mayor Geory's third term as mayor.

ACTOR SUICIDES BY INHALING GAS

New York, Dec. 22.—Wright Lormier, the well know actor, committed suicide today by inhaling gas at his home, 124 West 65th street. Lormier was 38 years of age and began his stage career in Chicago several years ago. He was best known in the production of "The Shepherd King," which he wrote with Arnold Reeves.