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NEW COMMERCIAL TREATY WITH FRANCE WILL BE SIGNED THIS WEEK; MINISTERS COMING HOME

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—The new commercial treaty made with France on behalf of Canada will be signed this week by the French minister of foreign affairs on behalf of his country, and by Sir Francis Burke, British ambassador to France; Hon. William Fielding and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, who have been named special plenipotentiaries by the British government for the purpose. While the terms of the new arrangement are unknown as yet, it is certain that the document contains provisions which will greatly stimulate trade between Canada and France, without impairing to any extent the value of the tariff which has been granted to Great Britain. The treaty which was made many years ago with France, at the instance of Sir Charles Tupper, has always been regarded as such a one-sided instrument that no benefit to either country resulted from it. In making the new treaty it has been the object of Canada to effect a commercial arrangement which would work for the benefit of both Canada and France and result in an increased change of commodities between the two countries, each of which produces many articles that the other requires and produces them in a greater degree of perfection than any other country.

It is expected that Hon. Mr. Fielding will be on the way to Canada next week and that Hon. Mr. Brodeur will leave for Canada a little later. At the completion of the business with the French government Hon. Mr. Brodeur intends to make some personal investigations into the question of procuring an ice breaker for the Northumberland Strait which will be sufficiently powerful to maintain uninterrupted communication throughout the winter between Prince Edward Island and the mainland.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CANADIAN TRADES CONGRESS

TORONTO, Sept. The annual meeting of the Trades Congress of Canada opened at Winnipeg this morning with a large attendance including many delegates from the United States.

Premier Roblin and Mayor Ashdown welcomed the delegates and President Joseph Verville, M. P., replied.

A London despatch says the labor interests will nominate a candidate for the Dominion parliament in the coming by election and that the telegram was received from the Dominion Trades Congress now in session at Winnipeg telling the local unionists to select a candidate and rely on the support of the congress.

LARGE NUMBER KILLED ON CANADIAN RAILROADS

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—During the six months of the year ending with July, there were 106 people killed and 603 persons injured on railroads in Canada. Of the killed 42 were passengers, the remainder of the killed being trainmen or persons run down. Collisions were responsible for 44 deaths and 109 injuries.

GLOUCESTER, Mas., Sept. 16.—Black Fitzsimmons won in the third round of his match with Jerry Gaines at the Gloucester Athletic Club tonight. Gaines went to the floor in the third round and took the count.

THE QUEENS COUNTY CONSERVATIVES MEET

GAGETOWN, Sept. 16.—A large and representative Conservative convention was held here today. In the afternoon nomination was tendered H. W. Woods and A. R. Slipp, of Fredericton who asked for some time to consider. At the evening meeting they accepted and delivered addresses, expressing themselves as confident of the results. Speeches were also made by J. D. Hazen and Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., of St. John. About seventy-five delegates were present and S. L. Peters presided. All the speakers were optimistic in regard to the results of the coming election and were well received.

CALAIS, Me., Sept. 16.—Ernest Lowe, aged 17, of Red Beach, fell overboard while attempting to lower the sail of a small boat in which he was sailing on Sunday afternoon and was drowned almost in sight of his home.

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DIRECT CHALLENGE TO CONSERVATIVE LEADER

Dr. Pugsley Makes Definite Charge of Corruption and Offers Proof.

Says $25,000 Was Spent in One N. B. County and $500,000 Raised for General Conservative Fund in 1904—Development of St. John—Political Issues Discussed.

Although the withdrawal of Mayor Sears from the contest practically ensures the return of Hon. Dr. Pugsley without a contest, the Conservatives having decided not to put up a candidate, the Minister made what in some portions could be called a fighting speech at the meeting which he addressed in Fairville last night.

In the course of his address he made some statements in reply to Mr. Borden's purity campaign that should give the opposition leader some moments of hard thinking.

Dr. Pugsley said that the Conservatives in the general election of 1904 had a campaign fund of half a million dollars, and challenged Mr. Borden to bring an action against him if the statement was not true. Then, he said, the facts would be disclosed and the country would have in plain sight evidence that while the Conservative leader is making savage attacks on the political honor of the Liberals, his own party had raised an immense sum of money for the purpose of debauching the electorate.

Dr. Pugsley spoke in a manner that indicated he could turn to the chapter and verse whenever the occasion demanded it.

Dr. Pugsley also referred to a certain constituency in this province where at the most recent general election a fund of $25,000 had been expended by the opposition, part of which was raised in the county and the balance from provincial and outside sources. The defeated Conservative candidate had admitted on a Nova Scotia platform that money had been spent, but "thanked God that it was his own money."

Dr. Pugsley did not claim the Liberals were immaculate, but he protested against the hypocritical pretensions of Mr. Borden who went about the country talking as if his party had a monopoly of all the political virtue in the world.

The replies of the Minister of Public Works to other planks in Mr. Borden's platform were equally spirited and effective.

There were about 200 electors in the Orange Hall where the meeting was held, and good enthusiasm was shown throughout the address.

James Lowell, M. P. P., was chairman and with him on the platform besides Hon. Dr. Pugsley were George Robertson, M. P. P., and A. P. Barnhill, K. C.

The Chairman in introducing the speaker of the evening said that the city and county should be proud of the honor of having Dr. Pugsley called to the Ministry of Public Works. It was the first time the province had had that important portfolio, and Dr. Pugsley would be in a position to do much for the constituency. Fairville should have a public building for post office and savings bank purposes, and no doubt in the near future the Minister of Public Works would see what he could do in this direction.

Minister Warmly Greeted.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley on rising to his feet was received with great applause. He said he little thought when called upon by a large number of representative citizens to be a candidate for the seat vacated by the death of the late Dr. Stockton, that he would come before the electors as Minister of Public Works. He had acceded to that requisition because he thought that there was work to be done for the city and county and that it was his duty to accept. He had had about all the honor he had expected to get out of public life. It was 22 years since he had first been elected to represent the county of Kings, he had experienced the pleasure of governing and thought the time had come when he could retire from public life. He could say sincerely that it was because he believed he could further serve the people, forward their interests, and assist in increasing their prosperity and happiness, that he came before them as their candidate.

He had noticed not long ago that a gentleman had appealed to the people of St. John to oppose his election because this constituency should not allow itself to be bribed with a portfolio. Was not this constituency of sufficient importance to be represented in the government of the Dominion? And he felt that he could ask without egotism if he were not worthy to occupy the position of representative in view of the position he had been honored with in the local government during his political career.

He hoped to be able to do a good deal for this constituency, but his duty would also be to look to the needs of the province and of the whole of Canada. He hoped to be able to take a broad view of his duties and to do justice to all sections, but he would not try to obtain credit in other sections by neglecting his own.

Ambitious for St. John.

St. John, as the eastern terminus of a great transcontinental railway, was entitled to share in the rapidly increasing trade from the great west to the markets of Europe. The west now grew 80 million bushels of wheat; in ten years he believed that would be increased to 600 million bushels. The eastern seaports of Canada—St. John, Halifax and Quebec—should be equipped to handle this trade, or it would go through American ports. He would do all he could, and felt sure that the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier would do all they could to forward the interests of Canada in this matter. The harbor of St. John needed great improvements, and his aim would be to follow out this policy until this harbor is second to none on the Atlantic coast.

He had been reproached by Conservatives for having left their party in 1896. He had adopted an independent platform from conviction, and because the Conservative government were not acting fairly towards Canadian ports. The delegation from St. John which went to Ottawa to ask for a subsidy for the Beaver line had been told they came at a very inopportune time, as a contract was about closed with the Allans to run to Portland. He replied to Hon. Mr. Ives, then Minister of Trade and Commerce, that they had come at a very opportune time if they could stop such an outrage.

Chapter of Political History.

Dr. Pugsley here gave a piece of political history which had not before been made public. The Conservative government had advertised for tenders for an Atlantic steamship service making Portland the terminus. The people of St. John were indignant, but the Allans would not tender for a service to St. John. He (Mr. Pugsley) was one of a few business men who then organized the Canada Atlantic line, and put in a tender for a service calling at Halifax, with terminus at St. John. The government did not dare then to make any lengthy contract specifying Portland as the terminus, but it was not until 1897, under the Laurier government, that St. John was made the terminus.

Dr. Pugsley went on to assure hearers of his personal interest in St. John, which dated back thirty years. He had only been eleven years in the Liberal party, and felt proud of having been called into the front ranks by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. St. John, he believed, had a great future, and the policy which the Laurier government proposed to carry out would lead to a great increase in the city's population and more prosperity, when every man would be able to earn sufficient to ensure comfort for his family.

Mayor Sears' Withdrawal.

He had no doubt he would be elected, even if there should be opposition. Dr. Pugsley here read Mayor Sears' letter in The Star, announcing that he would not be a candidate. He (Dr. Pugsley) was glad of this, because it saved the trouble and expense of an unnecessary contest, for he felt that he would be elected in any event by a larger majority than had ever been rolled up in the constituency. He noticed that Mayor Sears said he was promised support of Conservatives. He himself was under obligations to the hundreds of Conservatives who had pledged him their support, and this would make him all the more anxious to represent the whole people of the constituency.

Ignored the French.

He noticed that the platform in the editorial columns of the Telegraph, the paper owned by John McKane, closed with the quotation:

"With shamrock, thistle, rose entwine
The maple leaf forever."

The Telegraph had evidently forgotten that other great race which had taken such a prominent and glorious part in Canadian history—the French. They were doing their part to make Canada a great nation, and with those words should be mingled the "fleur-de-lis" in honor of that brave and honorable race.

Dr. Pugsley eulogized Sir Wilfrid Laurier as a man of exalted ability, a leader who had striven with success to forward the interests of the whole people, and a progressive statesman who had accomplished wonders in welding the different peoples of Canada into a homogeneous whole.

Saskatchewan Land "Scandal."

He would not, he said, go very fully into matters of policy, because he would do that on nomination day. He would say, however, that if he felt there was any valid ground of criticism of the government he would not have accepted office. There were attempts to make people believe that there had been great frauds and scandals. He would speak from his personal knowledge of one such charge, and the people could judge the others by this.

He referred to the Saskatchewan Valley land matter, which Mr. Borden was using as campaign matter. As a member of the company which built the railway from Regina to Saskatchewan, and received the grant of that land, he (Dr. Pugsley) knew the facts. The facts were that for ten years after that road had been completed people could not be secured to settle on those lands. Until 1902 that land was looked upon as valueless. Out of four million acres from which they were entitled to select 770,000 acres, their experts reported only 228,000 acres fit for settlement, and the company brought suits against the government to compel them to grant land of some value. This was the way this land was regarded when the Saskatchewan Valley land contract was made. In that contract the government required 32 settlers to be placed on every section, and other wise provisions. The company brought in large numbers of American farmers used to farming that kind of land. The district then began to prosper, and as the result of that policy and the efforts of the land company the land had greatly increased in value, and there had been a large increase in population. And still Mr. Borden charged that there had been great wrong doing. On the contrary, if ever there was a transaction to the benefit of the country, it was this.

Conservatives Spent Half Million.

Dr. Pugsley next took up Mr. Borden's charges of electoral purity. The Conservative leader, he said, is going around the country speaking as if he were entirely innocent of his own party having spent any money. He was willing to admit that money had been spent in his elections. He would not be hypocritical about it. He knew a prominent Conservative to go over to Nova Scotia, and while admitting that money had been spent in his election, thank God it was his own money. "But I know," said Dr. Pugsley, "that there was raised in the county and province, and even outside of the province, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to secure that gentleman's election.

"We all want electoral purity, but should not act the hypocrite about it. My view of the matter is that it would be well for Mr. Borden to turn his attention to his own party first. If he himself is not willing to tell, perhaps he could get some of his leading friends to state what amount of money had been expended throughout Canada to secure the return of Conservative candidates in 1904. The amount would startle the people of this country as they were never startled before."

Dr. Pugsley said he could show that half a million dollars had been raised and distributed to secure the defeat of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government in the election of 1904. It might be said he gave no evidence of this charge. "If Mr. Borden has any doubt about it," said the speaker, "I invite him to have an action brought against me, and I will prove it. The evidence will then be forthcoming before the public." The Conservatives had been playing with fire, but they were now getting it back from the Hon. Mr. Aylesworth and others. The best way to get electoral purity is to try and apply the remedy to both parties.

What Does Borden Propose?

While there were urgent calls for important public works all over the country, what does Mr. Borden propose? Free rural postal delivery—a project that would cost millions, and for which there is no crying demand—something about which people may think seriously in a hundred years. Was this statesmanlike, or was it not rather an absurdity?

Federal ownership of telephones was also in Mr. Borden's platform. That also would cost millions—it would probably take fifty million dollars to buy out the Bell Telephone Co. alone. He believed the wiser plan was to let the cities and provinces take over the telephones when they got ready for such a move, and in the meantime the government regulation of tolls, ensuring service at low rates, the policy adopted by the provincial government, was the proper course.

Canada's Progress.

Dr. Pugsley referred to the marvellous progress made by Canada under Liberal rule. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had said that his endeavor was to have trade carried East and West, not North and South, to enrich the United States. Dr. Pugsley hoped to do his share in forwarding this great national idea of Canadian trade through Canadian ports. No port was better entitled to share in the benefits of this idea than St. John, whose people had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in improving their port. He felt that in working for the interests of Canada he would have the sympathy and encouragement of those present.

Dr. Pugsley received liberal applause throughout his remarks and when he ceased speaking, three rousing cheers were given for him.

Immediately after closing his speech, Dr. Pugsley left the meeting as he intended to speak at the meeting in Carleton. That meeting had adjourned before he arrived there, however, it not being previously announced that he would speak there.

George Robertson, M.P.P.

George Robertson, M. P. P., was called upon, and gave a forcible ten minute address. He spoke in commendation of the work of James Lowell, M. P. P., as a representative of the county. Sir Wilfrid Laurier had said this was Canada's century, but it was also the workingman's century. The dry dock matter, he said, was not dead; negotiations were standing still because of the abnormal financial conditions. It would go ahead however, and would pay, as the dry dock in Halifax was paying. Mr. Robertson referred to negotiations now under way which would probably lead to the establishment of a very large industry, most likely in St. John, in the very near future. He was not free to speak definitely or mention any names as yet, he said, but it would be one of the largest industries in Canada. Mr. Robertson closed with a tribute to Hon. Dr. Pugsley as a true friend of St. John and of the men who toil for their daily bread.

The matter of organization was then taken up and it was decided to organize separate committees for Beaconsfield and Milford at a meeting to be held Wednesday night if it should appear that there is to be a contest. W. F. Barnhill was elected chairman for Fairville and Joseph O'Brien secretary, and the meeting adjourned.

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Board of Trade Pronounce the Canada Woodenware Proposition a Good One.

Although definite statements to the effect that the Canada Woodenware Company, whose factory at Hampton was destroyed by fire, were to locate at this and that place, the chances are that they will be established at South Bay, in this county, where a site has been offered them by James Lowell, M. P. P., at a nominal figure. The company desire to raise some money locally, and a committee of the Board of Trade, which thoroughly investigated the proposition, has made the following report concerning it:

"A committee of the Saint John Board of Trade, having made considerable inquiry concerning the business of the Canada Woodenware Company, which was recently burned in the Village of Hampton, are of the opinion that this business is one which, with sufficient capital and under good management, would be successful, and we are further of the opinion that a location in or near our city would be in the interests of the company and certainly of advantage to the citizens of Saint John, so we recommend it to the favorable consideration of capitalists, merchants and others who feel like encouraging the promotion of home industries.

"The company manufactured pails, tubs, etc., for the putting up of candy, jam, lard, etc., and is the only concern of its kind east of Ottawa.

"The raw material, viz.: pine and spruce wood, is here in abundance.

"The demand for their goods is constantly growing and when their property was burned they had orders in hand much beyond the capacity of their factory. Since the fire they have had numerous inquiries from their customers as to when they will start again, and there is every evidence that they can immediately obtain a renewal of all or part of the orders they formerly had.

"They expect to give constant employment to about sixty men.

"Their business for about a year and a half prior to the fire was apparently paying a very good profit, and as raw material can be obtained more cheaply at or near this city it would seem reasonable to expect that the profits of a factory established here would be even larger.

"Lease of a property at South Bay has been offered to the company at a very nominal rent. This property has a shore frontage where a supply of logs can be stored, saving a considerable expense for towage, and is an excellent site for carrying on a business of this kind to advantage."

(Signed), JOHN H. McROBBIE, President.
W. E. ANDERSON, Secretary.

LOUIS MURRAY WAS FINED $50 AND COSTS

Louis Murray of Brownville was fined $50 and costs by Justice Mason of Fairville yesterday on a charge brought by county officers of selling liquor without a license. This case arose out of the recent shooting affray at Prince of Wales, in which three Italians employed on the N. B. Southern Railway were seriously injured in a drunken row. Three witnesses were examined, viz., Joseph O'Brien, bookkeeper in Ready's brewery; Constable Taylor and Andrew Shepard of Lepreaux. The evidence went to show that defendant furnished the Italians with food and other supplies under a contract with the C. P. R. Among the supplies furnished by him was a quantity of beer, which the defendant claimed was pilsener. The evidence of Joseph O'Brien and Constable Taylor, however, proved that it was lager. As the defendant had no license to sell beer of any kind, the fine was imposed. Secretary Geo. R. Vincent represented the count , and Trackmaster Thomas Stears the Shore Line, while the defendant was unrepresented.

W. J. Oliver, the lowest bidder for the construction of the Panama Canal, said of a contract that a friend had lost:

"Oh, well, there's a bright side to everything. Had you gotten this contract you might have lost money on it. All things have their bright side. It is like the case of the rejected suitor.

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Queen's Rollaway.

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Nurses' Strike Makes Hit at Nickel

Continuous screams of laughter greeted the picture, The Nurses' Strike, at the Nickel yesterday afternoon and evening. It is without doubt the most reasonably funny film yet produced at this house—by "reasonably" the idea of exaggeration and horse-play is left out. The story is one of a labor difficulty between child-nurses and their employers, and continuous collisions with the police create untold merriment. Spanish Views on Postcards proved a charming novelty, being motion views of the grand old country's beauty spots and historic places on postal cards, something really unique. Happy Bob as Boxer was a laughable vaudeville "turn," and Poor But Honest included some lovely new scenes of gay Paree and introduced a realistic runaway and a thrilling rescue. Miss Felix will sing Down At The Baby Store tonight, and this afternoon Mr. Brown will render, Hello, All Right, Good-Bye.

Happy Half Hour.

A splendid bill is provided for the patrons of The Happy Half Hour for the first half of this week, and large audiences yesterday thoroughly enjoyed it. The pictures are four in number. The roars of laughter which greeted The Boss of The Kitchen indicated that the audience appreciated it from beginning to end. It certainly is one of the funniest pictures ever seen here. The Easterner is a story of western life and is full of action from start to finish, and it met with unanimous approval. Her Friend the Enemy is a military picture and shows a town in a state of siege during a war. Two Sisters is a strong dramatic picture, while at the same time a strong touch of pathos runs throughout the entire picture. Le Domino Rouge, although suffering from a heavy cold, sang very acceptably. When the Snowbirds Cross the Valley, and received her usual share of applause, as did Harry B. LeRoy, who sang 'Neath the Old Acorn Tree, Sweet Estelle. Both songs are splendidly illustrated. Taken altogether the programme is up to the usual high standard set by this popular house, and is well worth a visit.

Tonight at the Vic.

The roller season is beginning to boom again, and the hum of merry voices, the roll of the wheels and the gentle swing of the skaters to the music of the band makes pleasant harmony at the Victoria roller rink.

The lucky numbers last night drawing season tickets for the rink were: Ladies, No. 145; gents', No. 200.

Tonight there will be two more door prizes of season tickets, one for gents and one for ladies. These are for the balance of the season—about three months—and include skates. Every admission is entitled to a chance. There will be ten bands as usual, and the drawing will take place after the eighth band. Good exercise, pleasant pastime.

LOWELL, Mass., Sept. 16.—The body of Dominick Benoit was brought to this city tonight by relatives who had gone to Concord to make the identification. Benoit was returning from a visit to Canada.

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