

ST. JOHN AND THE WEST INDIES

Province Swept By Great Storm

MANY ATTEND BIG BANQUET

Claims and Needs of City in West Indies Trade Presented to Commission Yesterday.

Transportation Facilities, Preferential Tariffs and Added Shipping Facilities the Main Points.

The interests of St. John in West India trade were very forcibly presented at the meeting of the Royal Commission...

The commissioners arrived in the city yesterday morning on the Maritime express and registered at the Royal Hotel...

FEDERATION OF LABOR NOW 20,000 STRONG

W. A. and Brotherhood of Railway Employees To Affiliate With Canadian Federation of Labor.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—There are now about 20,000 union men organized in the Canadian Federation of Labor.

A committee composed of President J. W. Patterson, of Ottawa, Vice President Gilbert Leclair, of Montreal, and delegates Laroche and Brunette, of Quebec City...

\$400,000 THE PROCEEDS OF THIS INVESTMENT

The Luck That Flashed Two Times in Cobalt Claims—It All Happened in Three Months Too.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Sept. 29.—To turn an investment of \$10,500 into \$400,000 in three months is the good luck that has come to A. J. Young, of North Bay, and M. J. O'Brien, of Renfrew Bay...

TWO DROWNED. Surry, Me., Sept. 29.—Ernest Woodman and Harry Gotsch, 17 years each, were drowned in the capsizing of their sailboat.

AYLESWORTH AND FINLAY AT LOGGING HEADS

Minister of Justice Submits Case in Fishery Dispute and Eminent Counsel Says It Will Not Do.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—Apparently there has been friction in London between Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, Canadian Minister of Justice and Sir Robert B. Finlay, the well known Scottish counsel.

It will be remembered that Mr. Aylesworth and Mr. J. S. Ewart, K. C., were delegated by the Government to prepare Canada's case in connection with the Fisheries dispute involving the United States, Canada and Newfoundland.

Despatched to Old Country. Towards the end of last session of Parliament Mr. Ewart was despatched to the old country to begin work upon the case. To his consternation he found that several American lawyers of repute had been working upon their side of it for two or three months.

When Mr. Aylesworth finished his case a week or two ago, he presented the result to Sir Robert Finlay. Sir Robert returned to him with the remark that it would not do.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, N. S., Sept. 29.—The owners and drivers of the organization of the Protective Association this evening at a meeting held at the St. Julian dining room in the Halifax Hotel.

The new association is known as the Maritime Horsemen's Association and promises to have a powerful influence on the future harness racing in the Maritime Provinces.

A constitution was adopted and officers elected as follows: President, R. H. Edwards, Halifax, N. S.; Vice, R. H. Stearns, Charlottetown; for New Brunswick, A. B. Kitchen, Fredericton; for Nova Scotia, Dodd Dewey, New Glasgow; Secretary, J. D. Black, New Glasgow; Treasurer, James Adams, Halifax; Auditors, Spurgeon, Gammon, New Glasgow, and C. E. Smith, Halifax.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Sept. 29.—Dr. Henderson of London, England and Mr. Boggs representing the Maritime Oil Fields Company were present at a meeting of the Water and Light Committee this evening for the purpose of discussing the question of bringing into the city the natural gas recently discovered in Albert County.

They said that the prospects were good though they were not in a position to make any definite proposition. Their idea was to have a supply of ten million feet at the wells and one million feet brought to the city. When this was assured they would be in a position to make a definite proposition.

Messrs Henderson and Boggs received the assurances of the aldermen that when they were in a position to lay before the Associates the results of the research work already done under arrangement with the old New Brunswick Petroleum Company.

CORONET SALES. Rockland, Me., Sept. 29.—The yacht Coronet and the barkentine Kingdom, owned by the Holy Ghost and U. S. Society, which have been in the local harbor for several days, sailed this afternoon for the capes of their destination is Freeport.

POLICE FIRE ON STRIKERS IN CAPE BRETON

Seven Were Wounded in Pistol Duel Near Number 2 Mine Yesterday—All Are Under Arrest.

Special to The Standard. Glace Bay, N. S., Sept. 29.—With their lower limbs shattered with bullets, seven men are suffering terrible agony in the jail here tonight, as the result of a shooting affray in the colliery district this afternoon.

The firing was done by two of the Dominion Coal Company's police. A little to the eastward of No. 2 mine is the sea shore and along the cliffs facing the sea appear small seams of coal. The land is included in the Dominion Coal Company's leases and the officials of the company have forbidden the digging of coal from these seams.

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Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 29.—The New Brunswick grip this week is the worst experienced in ten years. The St. John river here has now eight feet since Saturday and is now eight feet of the highest within about a foot of last spring. The water is so high that it is now possible to walk across the river on a distance of two miles and Elwood Hateway was obliged to move to the other side of the river.

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From All Sections of New Brunswick Come Reports of Damage by Storm.

Railways Are Crippled, Towns in Darkness and Business Generally at Standstill.

Situation in Maine and Nova Scotia Alarming—No Indications of Abatement.

As a result of the rain storm that has been deluging New Brunswick since Thursday last, rivers have risen almost to spring freshet height, hummocks have been washed out at various points, traffic tied up and towns cut off from the outside world, while all outdoor construction work has practically been brought to a standstill.

Lights Out. At St. Stephen and at Woodstock the power stations were flooded and as a result the streets and houses were in darkness last night. At 9 o'clock last night 1 1/2 inches of rain had fallen in the city during the day, making a total precipitation since last Thursday of 6 1/2 inches.

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OTAWA IN A FLUTTER OVER THIS LETTER

Trade Commissioner for Japan Writes to Private Firm in Hamilton Advising Him to Shun Japanese Merchants.

DEPARTMENT REPUDIATES CONTENTS OF EPISTLE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Sept. 29.—The Citizen published today what purports to be a dispatch from Hamilton, Ont., which has set the Department of Trade and Commerce in a flutter. It sets forth that Mr. H. A. Harris, the regular trade commissioner in Japan on August 24, wrote to a firm in Hamilton as follows:

Usefulness Brought to Close. Apart from the insulting terms in which this letter refers to the mercantile community in Japan, which probably will bring Mr. Harris' usefulness in Japan to a conclusion, this message is interesting as advocating a policy the absolute reverse of that urged by Mr. W. T. R. Preston in his exciting stay in Japan. It will be recalled that Mr. Preston advised Canadians to disregard the British agents living in Japan who make a business of arranging business transactions between Japanese merchants and those in other countries, and to deal direct. It is confusing to have Mr. Harris advising to the contrary.

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PEACE ONLY IS DISCUSSED AT THIS BANQUET

Brilliant Gathering That Last Night Sat Down The Guest Members of Hudson-Fulton Commission Shun War Topic.

ADMIRAL SEYMOUR. ONE OF SPEAKERS

Special to The Standard. New York, N. Y., Sept. 29.—The Vice-President of the United States and the Governor of New York; the personal representatives of the Emperor of Germany and Japan; the diplomatic representatives of 25 nations and the special delegates of 28 sat down to table tonight in the great banquet hall of the Hotel Astor as the official guests of the Hudson-Fulton celebration commission.

The gold lace of rank, the decorations of distinguished service and the robes of Archbishop Farley of the Roman Catholic Church, who pronounced the invocation, made the room sparkle with color. There was considerable delay in seating the guests and it was noticeable that in the confusion, Prince Kuni, a cousin of the Mikado and his representative here, found nobody to pilot him to his seat.

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Canada, the West Indies and the Motherland Joined Hands Last Night at Festive Board.

Board of Trade Banquet at the Union Club Was a Brilliant Affair--The Speakers.

Canada, the West Indies and the Motherland joined hands across the seas at the Board of Trade banquet to the West India Trade Commissioners at the Union Club last night. Two distinguished parliamentarians from the old country, a renowned West Indian Englishman and two Canadian Cabinet Ministers were being banquetted and all spoke in the warmest terms of the reception accorded them in St. John and expressed appreciation of the hospitality extended by the local Board of Trade.

Trade relations between Canada and the West Indies naturally came in for considerable discussion and many of the speakers went a step further, dwelling on the welding together of all portions of the British empire. Of the visitors, Sir John Dickson-Poynder spoke at the great length and in an inspiring vein concerning Canada's position in the Empire and the desirability of extending trade connections with the smaller colonies in the West Indies.

A Pleasing Speaker. Lord Balfour of Burleigh proved a pleasing speaker and dealt largely with the work of the Commission. Sir Daniel Morris, in the course of an illuminating address gave much interesting information regarding the West Indies.

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WILLIAM BLYTHE TO HAVE ANOTHER TRIAL

Court of Appeals Sustains Application of T. C. Robinette and Convicted Murderer Is To Have Another Chance.

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EDITOR'S CASE GOES OVER FOR A WEEK

Motion To Commit J. S. Willison of The Toronto News To Jail For Contempt of Court Is Postponed.

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