

NO RECIPROcity FOR MONTREAL

Resolution Adopted at Annual Meeting Board Trade Strongly Disapproving Tariff Changes

Montreal, Jan. 31.—By a vote of sixty to forty-four, the annual meeting of the Board of Trade this afternoon passed a resolution declaring against the reciprocity agreement with the United States. The resolution reads:

"Resolved, That we, the members of the Montreal Board of Trade in annual meeting assembled, believe that the sober sense of the country, as a whole, is against any change in the trade policy under which Canada has grown to her present admitted state of prosperity.

"That we consider it to be the bounden duty of every Canadian to resist to the last anything that might endanger our status as a component part of the British Empire, and we fear that such a treaty as proposed might easily prove to be the entering wedge that would eventually result in a separation of our interests from those of the motherland.

"That we hereby record the unalterable opposition of this board to the proposed reciprocity treaty with the United States, which treaty would involve the country in dangers not yet fully realized, and we consider that the government should first ascertain the opinion of the whole country on this question and receive a definite mandate thereon before committing it to a change so revolutionary as this reversal of its entire policy, threatening, not only the trade, but also the moral vital interests of Canada as a nation.

A committee composed of the members of the council, and a number of leading members of the board was appointed to wait upon the government and place the resolution before it.

Nothing Doing With Australia.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—An interesting return tabled in the Commons today tells of the unsuccessful negotiations which have been conducted between Canada and Australia with the hope of bringing about a reciprocal trade agreement between the two premier colonies of Great Britain.

The somewhat voluminous correspondence, which was tabled at the request of H. B. Ames, shows that negotiations have been going on at intervals for a period of 14 years, though a number of proposals have been advanced final consideration has always for one reason or another, been deferred.

The latest information on the subject is to be found in a letter in which the Canadian trade commissioner in Australia says that representatives of the Australian government have been prepared to discuss the matter at the time of the approaching Imperial conference in London.

President Taft Hopeful.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 31.—President Taft refuses to act "extra session" in connection with the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada. He hopes that the present session will act favorably on the question. In conversation today he emphasized his belief that reciprocity would be a good thing for both countries, declaring that it would establish currents of commerce which would benefit both the United States and Canada.

The fears which were being expressed in some quarters, he said, were ghosts which would melt away as soon as the agreement went into effect. Many letters have been received at the White House congratulating the president on the decided stand he has taken in the matter. He has been told, also, that he would have assistance throughout the country. While a few missives have reached the president criticizing the proposed reciprocity, these have been by far in the minority.

The president called attention to the fact that on the day his message went to Congress, when its influence on the market might have been supposed to be felt, there was a difference of only one cent in the price of wheat at Winnipeg and in Minnesota, in spite of the argument that reciprocity would affect unfavorably prices of articles included in the agreement in either country. He declared he had not talked to any one about the possibility of an extra session in case the present Congress fails to ratify the agreement. He said he had not and did not intend to hold out any threats but that he was placing confidence in the present session. "Sufficient unto the day is the good thereof," is the motto he has adopted in the case.

ENDS IN DRAW

Boston, Mass., Jan. 31.—Jimmy Gardner, of Lowell, and Frank Klaus, of Pittsburgh, fought an extra session in a draw at the Armory Athletic Association tonight. Gardner was knocked down with a left to the head in the first round, but evened matters up before the home was over with some telling punches to the face and body.

INDICATION SUIT FOR KING

Trial of Mylius Before Lord Chief Justice and Special Jury—Sovereign May Give Evidence.

London, Feb. 1.—Proceedings will begin today before the Lord Chief Justice and a special jury, brought by the crown authorities against Edward F. Mylius, who is charged with having been concerned in the publication of seditious articles and a defamatory statement that King George, when Prince of Wales, wasmorganically married to a daughter of an admiral at Malta.

According to the Standard, there is still a possibility that the King may appear in the witness box if Mylius persists in his plea of justification. The law officers of the crown, Sir Rufus Isaacs, and Sir John A. Simon, may advise his Majesty to adopt this course.

The case is likely to occupy two days, and the evidence presented will include the marriage registers from Malta, covering the whole period of the King's visit with the Mediterranean fleet. Many distinguished men associated with the King at that time are expected to appear as witnesses.

Edward James, a former American lawyer, who is editor of "The Liberator," in which the alleged libellous statements were published, says that he regrets that he will be unable to leave Paris and come to London to assist Mylius.

MONCTON HAS COUNCIL CHANGE

Three Aldermen Defeated For Election While Another Re-elected—Reilly Again Mayor—First Meeting Tonight.

Moncton, Jan. 31.—The civic elections today brought out a fair vote, though the cold and bad weather kept some at home. There are some changes from last year's council. Ald. Crandall retired in Ward 3, Ald. Jones was defeated at large and Ald. Fryers suffered the same fate in Ward 2 and Ald. Whelpley in Ward 3. May or Reilly is re-elected with about the same majority as last year. The result in detail follows: For mayor, E. A. Reilly, Ward 1, 144; Ward 2, 227; Ward 3, 223; total 594.

W. D. Martin, Ward 1, 64; Ward 2, 168; Ward 3, 253; total 485. Majority for Reilly 114.

Aldermen at large—F. C. Robinson, 600; H. C. Charters, 477; W. G. Jones, 318; Geo. L. Harris, 294; H. B. Gordon, 176.

Aldermen, Ward 1—J. T. Forbes, re-elected, 113; Dr. Bourque, re-elected 119; W. H. Edget, 89.

Aldermen, Ward 2—J. A. McAnn, re-elected, 236; W. H. Price, 244; E. A. Fryers, 216.

Aldermen, Ward 3—N. L. Rand, 270; S. Nickerson, 236; E. K. Whelpley, 232; G. H. Trueman, 185.

The new council held its first meeting tonight and appointed a new assessor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. J. Rodd.

INTERVIEW PREMIER ON HEALTH MATTERS

Fredericton, Jan. 31.—On Wednesday Dr. E. O. Steeves, of Moncton, chairman of the provincial board of health and Daniel Mullin, K. C., will interview Premier Hazen at St. John regarding the dogfish reduction plant at Shippegan. The residents of Gloucester county in that locality have protested that the dogfish factory is a public nuisance emitting vicious odors which are a menace to the health of the community and the provincial board of health appointed the above named committee to take the matter up with the premier, and arrange to have certain suggested alterations made at the factory to remedy the existing nuisance.

This evening the board is meeting at the residence of Wm. Fowler, where they are being entertained by Dr. E. B. Fisher, the secretary.

P. E. ISLAND ROCKEY.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 31.—The third game of the P. E. I. hockey league took place in Summerside tonight when the Crystals of Summerside defeated the Victorias of Charlottetown by a score of 3 to 2.

The Crystals are now leaders in the league, having won two games and lost none.

GOVERNMENT DRIVEN TO BUY IN DEFENCE OF FIELDING TESTIMONIAL

Resolution for Publicity Defeated in Straight Party Vote After Bitter Debate.

Utterances of Laurier and Cartwright in 1891 on Similar Matters Quoted Against Them.

Ottawa, Jan. 31.—In 1891 Sir Richard Cartwright moved the following amendment to a motion to go into supply:

"That the acceptance of gifts or testimonials of any kind on the part of ministers of the crown or of any member of their family from contractors, government officials or other persons having pecuniary relation with the government, is entirely opposed to sound principles of administration, and is calculated to bring parliamentary government into contempt, and that the example thus given tends to corrupt and demoralize the officials serving under ministers who have accepted or permitted the acceptance of gifts or testimonials as aforesaid."

Sir Richard Cartwright moved this in a very vigorous speech in the course of which he said:

"I have observed, sir, that some of the honorable gentlemen have undertaken to investigate the error, or the crime, call it what you will, which was committed by the reception of that testimonial, under the circumstances, by the plea, oh yes, I think it was advanced in the other case, that the honorable gentleman did not know who had subscribed to his testimonial. Such a plea, in my judgment, is a direct aggravation of the offence.

No Right Whatever.

"A public minister has no right whatever to allow any gift to be made to him unless it is done publicly and in the presence of what sources it proceeds; and, sir, I would say that if a minister of the crown would tell me he has accepted a gift, not from whom it proceeded, so far from regarding such a plea as a mitigation, I say that such a plea raises a presumption of guilt. It was his duty to know it; it was his duty to find out; it was his duty to see that not one penny went into his pockets or his coffers unless it came from such sources that he could honorably and fairly receive it."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, backed Sir Richard Cartwright up in a passage from his speech on that occasion:

"The minister of justice said a moment ago in reference to the testimonial offered to the hon. minister of public works, that hon. gentleman did not know who were the subscribers. Sir, if he did not know, why did he not man to the list? If he hon. gentleman did not know, it was because he chose to remain ignorant of the names which were on the list? Is it not because his moral sense told him that he might there find names of persons giving contributions which should not be accepted at all? Is it not simply because his conscience told him that he would find there the names of men who were every day suppliants in his office for favors?"

Why He Did Not Look.

"That is the reason why the hon. minister of public works did not choose to look at that list. Let that be exactly the reason, why did he choose to be blind on that matter. Then I call upon the hon. gentleman opposite to tell what is the reason, if there could be any good reason, for his not looking at that list."

The "conservative government of 1891 admitted the validity of the doctrine and accepted the resolution. In office, in due gifts of money to ministers of the crown ought not to be surrounded with secrecy, and that an authentic statement of the names of the donors should forthwith be made public."

This time the Liberals fairly yelled with rage. They hissed Mr. Boyce when he began to speak, hissing very, very loudly in parliament. They called him a bacillus, a scavenger and many other names. They showed in short every symptom of that anger which spells fear.

Mr. Boyce, it is to be noted, abstained from any attack upon Mr. Fielding, and addressed the weight of his criticism to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the leader

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shown the list when he retired from public life and was answered in the negative. With that assurance and with the assurance that Sir Wilfrid Laurier approved, he consented. After the announcement had been made, but before the transaction was consummated, certain ungenerous comments appeared in the House and the press and he saw his friend and asked him to examine the list and if any person appeared on it to which any suspicion attached of being an interested party, to return the money. Under the circumstances he felt justified in accepting.

He valued the expressions of good will which had come from men on the list to remain a secret. Thus Mr. Fielding came under the terms of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's strictures of 1891. The reply had been that "Nothing was to go public for Fielding."

"We think so still," shouted the Liberals, and cheered loudly.

Proud of Publicity.

"Yes," retorted Mr. Boyce, "and that word came from the same gentleman, the minister who said that he was 'proud of Pugsley'."

"This time the Liberals were quiet. 'Why don't you cheer this time?' Mr. Boyce then noted the contradiction between Sir Wilfrid Laurier's utterances on the question of the list, already described, then he asked if the prime minister could now offer any excuse for withholding the names. He sat down to allow the premier to answer. The premier sat silent.

"Mr. Boyce," he said, "I sat back in the first minister's teeth, the words he uttered 20 years ago as to the moral sense of the recipient telling him he was wrong, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and he alone must bear the onus and the odium."

In the Newspapers.

Mr. Boyce went on to note that rumors with regard to Travers were appearing in the newspapers.

"What newspapers?" shouted the Liberals.

"The St. John Standard for one had said that it was stated that Mr. Fielding had been 'taken stolen money,' replied Mr. Boyce.

"It is in a class by itself," called Mr. Carvell.

"You are in a class by yourself," retorted Mr. Boyce amid conservative cheers.

It was a nice thing, Mr. Boyce went on, to see statements like that published about a cabinet minister. "Could the Standard have said such things if they had been made public? It could have been used for criminal libel. But thanks to the secrecy maintained such things could be said.

"The St. John Standard, a series of questions inviting a reply in each case from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who in each case sat silent:

"Where did the money come from?"

"Did Sir Wilfrid Laurier see the list?"

"Can a minister of state accept gifts from private subscribers? Withhold the list and uphold the dignity of the crown?"

"If the list was innocent, why not publish it?"

And several others.

Incidentally Mr. Boyce quoted an utterance of George Brown, denouncing the man who advocates principles in opposition and laughs at them when in office, as aiming a blow at public morals.

Mr. Fielding's Statement.

Mr. Fielding made a statement upon the affair. Some years ago he was approached by a friend, now dead, who said that he represented a group who desired to present him with a testimonial of a considerable sum. He refused to allow this, and the proposal dropped. A year ago the subject was again broached by a gentleman of high character whose motives were above suspicion.

They had several conversations on the subject. At first Mr. Fielding said he refused and mentioned the difficulties in the way. One of these was that the testimonial had been given by contractors or men seeking favors from the government. This resulted in his friend suggesting that a penny should be taken from any government contractor or from anyone seeking or likely to seek office, patronage or favors from the government. Further, that he might have no sense of personal obligation, the list would be kept a secret from him.

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