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WOULD INCREASE WITNESS FEES

Annual Meeting of N. B. Barristers' Society

A. J. Gregory of Fredericton Again President and W. B. Wallace, K. C., in Vice-Chair—Adopt Scale of Solicitors' Fees.

(Special to The Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 11.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Barristers' Society was held here last night in the supreme court chambers. In the absence of the president, A. J. Gregory, K. C., the chair was taken by Dr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., of St. John.

The reports of the treasurer and auditors were passed. A balance of \$1,228.81 to the credit of the society was shown.

"That the society places on record its appreciation of the faithful services rendered for so many years by Dr. Allen as secretary of this society, its deep sense of regret because of his illness and the sincere hope that he may be speedily restored to complete health."

This was moved by W. P. Jones, K. C., seconded by all members present, and adopted by a standing vote.

Officers were elected as follows: President, A. J. Gregory, K. C.; Fredericton, vice-president, W. B. Wallace, K. C.; St. John, secretary-treasurer and librarian, T. Carleton Allen, K. C.; Fredericton, additional members of executive, Hon. J. P. Byrne, K. C., attorney-general, Bathurst, ex officio, J. B. M. Baxter, K. C., St. John; W. P. Jones, K. C., Woodstock; M. C. P. B. Payne, St. John; K. C. St. John; H. B. Hanson, K. C., P. J. Hughes and J. J. F. Winslow, Fredericton.

On the recommendation of the council of the society it was resolved that the decision of the board of public utilities commissioners of New Brunswick published in the regular reports of the province.

Leave of absence having been granted, Dr. P. C. Allen, E. M. McKay was appointed acting secretary-treasurer and librarian.

The scale of fees for solicitors' services as had been adopted by the St. John Law Society was adopted by the society with the recommendation that it be acted upon by all solicitors in the province.

The secretary was instructed to send copies of this scale to all practitioners. Various changes in the judicature act were proposed and were referred to the council. Among the suggested changes was that of increasing the fee of witnesses. It was thought that witnesses who now received \$1 a day should receive \$3, especially as the fee of jurymen had been advanced to that figure.

A grant of \$300 to the St. John Law Society was confirmed.

Reports on the annual meeting of the Canadian Bar Association in Winnipeg were given by Dr. Baxter and Messrs. Taylor and Hanson. A. R. Slipp, K. C., of Fredericton, and W. P. Jones, of Woodstock, were elected delegates to the next annual meeting of that body.

BEAUTIFUL GESTURE

That is Dutch Description of Offer of Kaiser's Son.

Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Former Crown Prince Wilhelm of Germany sent his telegram to the heads of allied governments offering to surrender in place of Germans demanded in the allied extradition list, almost on the impulse of the moment, according to an interview with Major Von Mulinheim, the former crown prince's adjutant, published in the "Telegraph."

"The former heir to the German throne," said the major, after continuing reports that a telegram had been sent about it. The return of Baron Von Lersner from Paris, and the serious situation which has arisen in Berlin in consequence, prompted the prince to send his telegram. He hopes to see to it that serious difficulties for Germany."

Dutch newspapers describe William's action as a "beautiful gesture."

REPORTS ON PLEBISCITE IN SCHLESWIG

Apenrade, Schleswig, Feb. 11.—Overwhelming victory for the Danes in this zone of the province of Schleswig, the result of which is to be determined by the plebiscite held today, is indicated by incomplete returns received here. Country districts showed large majorities for Denmark, while the vote in towns showed larger figures than the Danish estimates.

Donder, Apenrade and Sonderborg, however, have been carried by the Germans.

Johnny Coulton to France. Chicago, Feb. 11.—Johnny Coulton, former bantamweight champion, matched to box twelve rounds with Charles Ledoux in Paris on March 3, left for New York today. He will sail on Saturday. If Coulton defeats Ledoux he said he would remain in France until Jimmy Wilde returns to England.

Strike at Amsterdam. Amsterdam, Feb. 11.—Transport workers here have called a general strike for Feb. 16.

London Taxes Idle as Price of Gas Goes Up

London, Feb. 11.—This city is without taxicabs today, owners of these vehicles having withdrawn them from service for twenty-four hours, beginning at midnight, as a protesting against the increase in the price of gasoline.

IS FOR UNION GOVERNMENT

Ottawa Journal Not in Favor of Suggestion of "Fine Old Tories" for New Party.

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The Morning Journal says: "The farmers were the first to propose a new so-called national party in Canada, and now some of our fine old Tories are suggesting another and are godfathered by the Montreal Gazette, whose idea of a political paradise is high protectionism."

"We imagine that the day is past when Canada will find for high protection and high finance for the benefit of large private profits. We believe that the maintenance of moderate protection is necessary at present to the prosperity of this country, and that the most practical way to assure that is to keep the present Unionist government in power, and that unless a large part of the people stick to this idea, they will depart by something else than anything the fine old crusted Tories of the country favor. Moderate Conservatives who are wise should, we think, favor the Unionist government, and work for rather than favor the idea of the national well-being and something else than anything the fine old crusted Tories of the country favor."

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 11.—None of the Halifax newspaper comment editorially today on Senator McLennan's proposals. Quebec Chronicle.

Quebec, Feb. 11.—The Quebec Chronicle says: "The Chronicle finds itself in substantial agreement with the Montreal Gazette as to the necessity of creating some new political organization capable of uniting the great mass of the Canadian people in opposition to the aims of the United Farmers. How this is to be done and what form such an organization should take are questions that must be carefully thought out, but the soundness of the general principle is obvious."

"Despite all representations to the contrary, which are directed since since the fact that they are nothing more than a class group, the platform is primarily constructed for the promotion of class interests. As such they are inimical to the national well-being and should be fought with relentless determination."

SIR GEO. FOSTER ON SHIPBUILDING

Quebec, Feb. 11.—Recently the president of the Quebec board of trade wrote to Sir Geo. E. Foster, drawing attention to Hon. C. G. Ballantyne's recent speech in which he declared the intention of the government to build in Canada, some 15,000 ton passenger steamships for the Canadian service.

The reply of Sir George Foster has been published. The acting premier states that "no policy has as yet been adopted by the government looking to the construction of 15,000 ton passenger ships with a speed of eighteen knots, or, indeed, any passenger ships with any speed, in the Canadian service. Appropriations have hitherto been used for the construction of freight steamships and I do not think it possible for the present this policy will be altered."

BISHOP ON LABOR DOMINATION IN UNITED STATES

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 11.—"The very existence of our republican form of government in this country is seriously threatened because of the attempt of organized labor to dominate the halls of congress," declared Bishop William A. Quayle, of the Methodist Episcopal church, in an address at Mount Vernon Place church last night.

"Labor's threat is a challenge against all we have and are in government," he maintained, "and as such it is our duty as American citizens to accept the challenge and in our strength rise up and crush the foe to our most cherished ideals. Our government is for all the people, not for any one class or faction."

POTATOES HIGH IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 11.—The price of potatoes in Montreal yesterday was higher than ever before. The farmers are receiving about \$2 a bushel and the wholesale price was from \$8.20 to \$8.75 for a 90 lb bag, with a generally prevailing retail price of \$8. This is due to a bad fall crop in Eastern Quebec, from where Montreal gets its supply.

FIRST RACE FOR AMERICA'S CUP TO BE ON JULY 15

London, Feb. 11.—The first race for the America's Cup between Shamrock IV, and the New York Yacht Club's named defender will be sailed on Thursday, July 15, according to an announcement by the Royal Yacht Club.

THREE VIENNA FAILURES.

Vienna, Feb. 11.—During the last month three brokerage firms have declared themselves insolvent. It is estimated that these failures have cost the public more than 100,000,000 kronen.

JUST A NIGHTMARE



Montreal, Feb. 11.—It developed this morning that a Montreal broker is alleged to be implicated in the plot which the police say was concocted by a "syndicate" of messengers in the financial district to steal five million dollars worth of bonds.

TEDIOUS WORK OVERCOMING STORM EFFECTS

Before the city was already clear of the covering produced by the storm of last week, another fall of snow came early this morning and meant additional work to those busy in the task of clearing up on tracks and wires. The weather was soft and mild, however, which is greatly in their favor. If it continues so it will help expedite the work of repair.

The N. B. Power Co. managed to open quite a little additional trackage this morning. The cars were running once again on the West St. John and in King street, while workmen were occupied in clearing the connection in Princess street. It is not expected that the East St. John and Glen Falls branches will be opened before Saturday.

Communication has been established again by rail to Ballast wharf by the C. N. R., but some of the cars on sidings are still frozen in. A large crew is busy picking the ice from the rails in the parts of the yards, and yet clear trains are being used to help in the clearance.

The N. B. Telephone Co. are finding it an exceedingly difficult task to get their wires and poles again in shape. They are using all the men available, and other companies which can employ unskilled help in the same position as some of the telephone repairing have to have at least some knowledge of linemen's duties, and all experts called in to deal with the situation. Yesterday they put back about forty telephones in working order. The workmen are continuing to expect to be able to get on with the work more quickly, but even under the best weather conditions it means a great deal of stress because of the extent of damage done.

MCGOWAN-CONNORS.

A wedding of much interest to many friends took place this morning at 10:30 o'clock in St. John the Baptist church when at nuptial mass, Rev. A. W. McLean, D. D., assisted by Rev. J. W. Holland of St. George, N. B., united in marriage Miss Laura Gertrude, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Connors of 221 Germain street and James Joseph McGowan, son of Thomas and the late Elizabeth McGowan of North End. The groom was supported by his brother, Thomas J. McGowan, while Miss Helen Murphy attended the bride.

The bride was prettily gowned in white champagne silk with train, and embroidered with seed pearls, also bridal veil and orange blossoms. She wore a string of pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. The bridesmaid wore a dainty dress of pink silk gorette with beaded embroidery and a black lace hat. The going away costume of the bride was of navy blue brocade with Roman striped silk, a seal coat trimmed with sable, and a French hat. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan will leave this afternoon on a visit to Montreal, Washington, New York and Boston and on their return will reside at 221 Germain street.

Among the many beautiful wedding remembrances received were a silver set in the passenger department of the C. N. R. and a check for a substantial sum from the parents of the bride. Owing to the recent death of the groom's mother, the wedding was quietly observed. Mr. and Mrs. McGowan will receive the heartiest wishes from a host of friends for future happiness.

CHILDREN THE ONLY PERSONAL PROPERTY SHE HAD

It was said at the office of the board of assessors this morning that, although the income statements had not all been returned, it was expected that the returns were quite up to number at least. There are still some forms to be returned. Generally speaking, the task of the assessors was somewhat easier this year due to the fact that the majority of people had become better acquainted with the law, which was somewhat of a novelty to them last year. The woman rather started the questioner by one of her replies. When asked if she had any personal property, she said, "No, nothing but a household of children." She was assured that this form of personal property was not taxable and went away as she had completed.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said the Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "I don't know of anything particular to talk about today." "If you were like Sal Jones," said Hiram, "that's just the time you'd talk the most, and I don't need no subject. She jist rattles on like a fannin' mill. All she wants is somebody to listen. She kin hear a talkin' machine all holier—talk it to death. I sown't circle one time an' Sal talked it to death in three weeks. She jined a social club an' it lasted about a month. When she went to the temperance lodge they had to get parliamentary rules an' an old fellow that was strong on constitution an' that he'd talk to Sal Jones an' it took about forty times every meetin' night. She had more gab than a settin' hen. If she was in some in here this mornin' an' one of you fellers took down all she said you could send the rest of the boys in the mornin' an' they'd give her a good sir. She'd fill the paper." "You are not making a bad fist of it yourself," observed the reporter. "Yes, sir," said Hiram, "but I aint breakin' the rules. I got a subject, I'm talkin' about Sal Jones an' it takes a lot of talk to do justice to Sal. She wouldn't like it if she thought you didn't do justice to her with half a column. Well, good day."

WOULD FORCE THE IDLE TO WORK

Rome, Feb. 11.—All able-bodied citizens of Italy between the ages of twenty and sixty-five would be required to work by the provisions of a bill introduced in parliament by Giovanni Lombardi, independent Socialist deputy, who calls the measure "a tax on idleness." Persons able to work who fail to do so are subjected to heavy levies under the bill. Money acquired from this source would be used to maintain those unable to work on agricultural colonies to which able-bodied persons who fail to work would be sent.

NOT READY TO SEND GOODS TO GERMANS

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 11.—The steamship Luck Forsby, the first freighter of the new Hamburg, Germany, first leg of the route to Hamburg, Germany, must be practically half her cargo at Norfolk because of unwillingness of manufacturers and exporters to deal with the Germans under trade conditions.

MILITARY LOOK INTO MATTER OF BUILDINGS USED

A court of inquiry was held this morning at local military headquarters for the purpose of considering the reports of the city and exhibition association in connection with the restoration of buildings here used by the military during the war. The object was to take into consideration the condition of the buildings when taken over by the military and the condition in which they were returned, and also to report as to whether the claims were just and if not recommendations will be made to the department at Ottawa regarding the amount of liability.

WEATHER REPORT

Phelis and Pheridand. Synopsis—Snow falls have occurred in Quebec and the maritime provinces. A few snow flurries in Ontario and Manitoba. The weather has now moderated in nearly all portions of the dominion.

MOSTLY FAIR.

Martime—Moderate to fresh southwest to west winds, light falls of snow or sleet. Thursday, mostly fair, stationary or a little lower temperature. Gulf and North Shore—A few light snowfalls, but partly fair and moderate. New England—Fair tonight, and Thursday warmer, tonight in Connecticut, moderate west winds.

MONCTON HAS 200 FLU CASES

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 11.—The Department of Public Health today reported 200 cases of epidemic influenza of mild type at Moncton and three new cases at Madam. At the latter place there are ten cases in a population of some 2,000. One nurse was sent there from St. John. A report that a general call for nurses was sent out is not correct. Precautions are being taken at Moncton.

FREDERICTON NOTES.

Fredericton, Feb. 11.—The provincial government this morning head several delegations. The largest was composed of members of the N. B. Guides Association and others and was heard on matters connected with the game act. A. A. Singer, chairman of the workmen's compensation board, also was before the government.

PRINCE BUYS CATTLE FOR WESTERN RANCH

London, Feb. 11.—(Canadian Press)—The Prince of Wales's agents are busy buying breeding stock for his western Canadian ranch and at two or three sales within a week have picked up some excellent young cattle.

January 10 Is Official Date of End of the War

London, Feb. 11.—Announcement was made today that Jan. 10 was the official date upon which the war with Germany terminated. This date was fixed by a royal order.

FINANCES OF POWER COMPANY

Supplementary Letters Patent at Fredericton—New Companies Incorporated.

(Special to Times)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 11.—Supplementary letters patent have been issued extending the powers of the New Brunswick Power Company to the issue of non-par value stock and providing that the company's common stock of which twenty thousand shares, each of the par value of one hundred dollars a share, are outstanding be changed to twenty thousand shares of no nominal or par value.

Of the two new companies notice of incorporation will be given in the Royal Gazette today, one is a Fredericton organization, the drug business conducted by the late Geo. V. Dibble and recently purchased by C. Hedley Forbes, being placed into a joint stock company.

Robert D. Forbes of Devon, Hedley Forbes and Wm. H. Robinson of Fredericton are incorporated under the name of Dibble's Drug Store Ltd., with chief place of business in Fredericton and capital stock of \$20,000. The company authorized to conduct a general drug business and another business which may be conveniently carried on with it.

The Bell Motor Sales, Ltd., with total capital stock of \$40,000, and head office in Woodstock, incorporated under the name of A. Harry L. Bell, Fred E. Cowan and Chas. J. Jones, all of Woodstock. The company is authorized to take over the business heretofore conducted by A. Harry L. Bell and to deal in motor vehicles and parts of all kinds.

Eugene P. Elgee and Harry W. Hurley have formed a partnership under the name of E. P. Elgee & Co., to carry on a general store business at Napadogan. Mr. Elgee belongs to Napadogan and Mr. Hurley to Stanley.

Mrs. Alice M. Jones, wife of David Jones, passed away last night at her home, Aberdeen street, after a lingering illness. She was aged forty-six years. She is survived by her husband, three brothers and three sisters. The brothers are Herbert Hinchey, of Bloomfield Ridge; Herbert Hinchey, of Boiestown; and James Hinchey, of Gordon Valley, York county. The sisters are Mrs. F. Jewett of Boston, Mrs. Thomas Jones of Fredericton, and Mrs. Alfred Carson of Parker's Ridge.

DRINK QUESTION IN MOTHERLAND

Matter Up in Both Houses of Parliament. Shorter Hours of Sale Coming—Sir Donald MacLean Says British Expenditure for Liquor Enormous.

London, Feb. 11.—The drink question was briefly discussed in both houses of parliament yesterday. Earl Curzon told the lords that a bill on this subject to be introduced would contain provisions for shorter hours of sale. He said the experiment of state management certainly would not be dropped.

In the house of commons the subject was alluded to by Sir Donald MacLean, who said: "The fact that America has gone dry is an economic fact of the greatest importance to Great Britain." He declared the British expenditure for drink absolutely staggered him. The country spent more than £164,000,000 for drink in 1918, while it was estimated that the expenditure for the year ending March 31 next would be nearly £400,000,000.

He was unaware what the duty on the consumption for the last named period would produce for the public revenue, but the duty of 1918 was £48,000,000. It was a form of revenue that all chancellors of the exchequer would be pleased to grapple with the evil. He hoped the measure proposed by the government would prove to be a serious attempt to grapple with the evil.

The liquor question will be debated in the house of commons during the present week when, according to a report, Lady Astor will speak on the topic, in which she has addressed several meetings during the parliamentary vacation. It will not only be Her Ladyship's maiden speech in the house, but the first occasion for any woman to be heard in parliament.

This is civic election day in Charlotte-town, P. E. I.