

FIELDING WANTS COMMONS TO CONFIRM TRADE PACT MADE IN 1911 WITH UNITED STATES

Farmers Stand With Liberals in Support of Measure That
Is Demanded They Say by the Threat Contained in the
Fordney Embargo Bill Now Before the Americans.

Ottawa, April 13.—Hon. W. S. Fielding's reciprocity amendment to the motion to go into supply was defeated in the House of Commons at 11.50 tonight by 100 votes to 79, a government majority of 19.

Ottawa, Ont., April 13.—On a motion to go into supply in the House this afternoon, Hon. W. S. Fielding moved, seconded by Hon. W. S. McLeod, King: "That in the opinion of the House, the Government should take a measure to approve, ratify and confirm the agreement respecting commercial trade between the United States and Canada signed at Washington on the twenty-first day of January 1911, by Hon. R. C. Knox, on the part of the United States, and by the Hon. W. S. Fielding and the late Hon. William Patterson, on the part of Canada, which agreement remains on the statute books of the United States."

Fielding's amendment was defeated by 100 votes to 79, a government majority of 19. Mr. Fielding stated that some months ago the Fordney tariff bill had been introduced in the United States Congress. This bill made many changes in the tariff, to the manifest disadvantage of Canada.

Illustrating the disadvantages to Canada under the Fordney bill, Hon. Mr. Fielding gave the House the following table under the reciprocity treaty, the present tariff, and the Fordney bill as follows:

Articles	Reciprocity	Today	Fordney
Cattle	free	free	20 p.c.
Sheep over 1 year	free	free	32 p.c.
Sheep under 1 year	free	free	30 p.c.
Wheat	free	free	20 p.c.
Wheat, flour and semolina	50c lb	free	20 p.c.
Corn and maize	free	free	15 cents bus.
Beans	free	free	20 p.c.
Potatoes	free	free	25c bus.
Flax seed	free	free	20c bus.
Fresh frozen meats	1 1/2c lb	free	2 1/2c lb.
Butter	free	free	5 1/2c lb.
Cheese	free	free	20c lb.
Fresh milk	free	free	2c gal.
Fresh cream	free	free	5c gallon
Apples	free	free	10c bus.
Cherries	free	free	10c bus.

The Fordney bill had not become law in the United States because the former President, who was a Democrat, had vetoed it. Since that time, however, there had been a change of presidents in the United States, and the place formerly occupied by President Wilson. The bill was again before Congress and again there was danger of its becoming law. Canada was not dependent upon the United States. She would be prepared to show that she was not, if necessary, across. On the other hand, the United States was not dependent on Canada. She was probably the most self-sufficient country in the world. But both countries could get along better if they had friendly trade relations.

The reciprocity agreement of 1911 was still on the statute books of the United States, said Mr. Fielding. Therefore, Canada was justified in

assuming the position that it was still open to us to adopt this agreement.

Sir Henry Drayton, Sir Henry Drayton said that he agreed with Mr. Fielding that the most cordial relations between Canada and the United States should be encouraged. Canada was immeasurably the best customer of the United States, and was doing more business with her than the whole of South America. It might look like sharp practice to try and put the reciprocity pact through under present conditions. The minister of finance stated that the imports into Canada from the United States for seven months amounted to \$782,000,000. The exports were approximately \$514,000,000. Everyone was borrowing—governments, provincial and municipal, and individuals. All were borrowing to discharge their adverse trade balance with the United States and to meet interest and other carrying charges on their debts. This money had to be borrowed at high rates of interest.

To the suggestion that, in view of the Fordney tariff proposals, Canada should take immediate action, Sir Henry Drayton declared it would not be proper for the government to enact a retaliatory measure. The Americans were merely conducting their own business. All Canadian tariff should be viewed from the standpoint of the Dominion's best interest only.

Farmers Support Fielding.

Dr. Michael Clark (Red Deer), who announced himself as the spokesman for the Progressives, and at the request of Hon. T. A. Crerar, supported the Fielding amendment. Dr. Clark said any man with humane instincts and a world outlook would agree with Lloyd George that what the world needed today more than anything else was the restoration of international trade. Dr. Clark contended that the adverse balance of trade was not because of buying too much, but from borrowing too heavily. International trade would automatically stop exports. Canadian currency was more inflated than American, because the United States was nearer a gold basis. He hoped members on the government side who had often in days past advocated free trade would vote for the resolution.

Dr. J. Edwards (Frontenac), said Dr. Clark had been talking free trade for thirteen years and had not yet learned officially here last night. He contended that the course to bring in a resolution to test his theories.

SPoke TWICE AT REGINA

Regina, April 13.—Lindsay Crawford, of Toronto, president of the Irish Self-Determination League, addressed two meetings in Regina last night. The first closed quietly, but the temper of the audience at the second was distinctly hostile. It was closed with the singing of the National Anthem, a procedure brought about by the threatening attitude of veterans present.

TWENTY PER CENT. CUT

New York, April 13.—The salaries of the American Smelting and Refining Co. will receive a twenty per cent. cut in pay and wages of laboring classes are cut between thirty and forty per cent. effective June 1, it was learned officially here last night. 1,500 members of the executive force, whose annual salaries total \$3,750,000, are affected by the twenty per cent. decrease. Approximately 12,000 wage earners are affected.

Chicken Thieves Before The Court

Frederick Martin and Joseph Cullinan Admitted Robbing Several Hen Houses.

Good work on the part of Detective Saunders resulted in Frederick Martin, aged 17, and Joseph Cullinan, aged 26, being charged in the police court yesterday on suspicion of breaking and entering the hen-house of Amos Plimley, and stealing several fowl, valued at \$25; the henhouse of Silas B. Rice and stealing fowl valued at \$33; also the henhouse at St. Patrick's Industrial Home, Silver Plains, and stealing fowl valued at \$40. Martin is also held on suspicion of breaking and entering the henhouse of Patrick Kilborn and stealing several fowl.

Hen Feathers.

The arrests followed the discovery of some hen feathers wrapped in a paper napkin in a Chinese restaurant on Mill street. On investigating the reason of their presence, Detective Saunders paid a visit to Cullinan's woodhouse where signs of a whole sale slaughter of fowl were in evidence. On being questioned the accused admitted stealing twenty hens from St. Patrick's Industrial Home; thirteen from Amos Plimley, Eastmount; thirteen from S. B. Rice, Adelaide street, and several from Patrick Kilborn.

Detective Saunders' testimony was corroborated by Policemen Thomas and the accused were remanded to Friday morning at 10.30.

It is probable that the arrest of the accused will bring to a close a long series of daring henhouse raids. The hens are safe, but the chickens must still take care.

Cases Dealt With In Police Court

Trespasser Fined \$20 — McGuire Charged With Attempt to Rob John Kelly.

In the police court yesterday afternoon Frank Morrison, a native of the U. S. A. charged with trespassing on the property of the C.N.R. was fined \$20. The fine was allowed to stand and he was given his liberty. Defendant said he intended making his way back across the line, and was advised to keep clear of the railroad.

As the result of evidence brought out in a preliminary hearing against John Nickerson and Arthur Kennedy, charged with attempting to rob John Kelly on Hilliard street, on the night of the 11th inst., it transpired that Richard McGuire was also implicated in the attack. He was brought into court yesterday afternoon, the evidence already taken in the case read to him, and a similar charge preferred against him.

Joseph Axtell, charged with vagrancy was allowed to go. His brother William, held on a similar charge, was sent to the Alms House, his previous abode.

Two drunks were up, one was allowed to go.

GOOD WORK.

An excellent piece of work was performed by the staff of the water and sewerage department yesterday morning following the blowing out of a sewer in one of the 36-inch mains near the March bridge. The break occurred about 9 o'clock in the morning and soon after 1 o'clock in the afternoon the broken joint was replaced and the water in the main turned on again. After the water was shut off in the big pipe, the pressure was reduced throughout the city by about twenty pounds. The supply to the high levels only was affected.

VICTORIAN SAILS TODAY

S. S. Victorian, of the C. P. O. S. Line sails today for Southampton and Liverpool, the last sailing of the Victorian from this port for the season. On her summer schedule the Victorian will go to Montreal instead of Quebec as in previous seasons.

SNOWBALL FIGHT.

Beyond a snowball fight into which all entered with great vim, yesterday was an uneventful day with the passengers of the Scandinavian quarantined on Partridge Island.

Fox Trots While He Robs The Till

Tosses Clerk \$15 as He Goes Out Jost to Show He is a Good Fellow.

New York, April 13.—A young bandit who whistled a tune and twirled a revolver about his right thumb while he scooped clean the cash register of a cigar store at Eighth avenue and Forty-eighth street, compelled the clerk, Michael Steinberger, to wait until the bandit had got out of sight and then notified the police by telephone.

The clerk was alone in the store about 7 o'clock yesterday morning when the robber entered and turned about to get them, and when he completed the bonfire, found himself facing a revolver.

"The gun waved some," said Steinberger afterward, "and I thought the chap must be drunk and didn't feel like taking a chance. He ordered me to stand at one end of the counter and then he twirled the gun and shuffled his feet and did a sort of whirling fox trot while he ran open the till and took the money. Then he made me repeat that I wouldn't tell on him, and as he went out he pulled a pin and a lever off the roll and tossed it at me. 'Remember, I'm a pretty good fellow,' he said. After that he beat it."

The money taken amounted to \$60.

Jolly Party With Y. W. C. A. As Hosts

All Basketball Teams of the City Guests at An Enjoyable Function.

A very jolly party was given at the Y. W. C. A. recreational Centre last evening when twelve basketball ball teams met for a social evening. They were guests of the Senior and Intermediate teams of the Y. W. C. A. The teams invited were The Afters, Seniors and Trojans of the Y. M. C. A.; Senior Girls and Seniors and Intermediates of the Y. M. C. I.; the Fairville team and the team of the Young Ladies' League of the Y. M. C. A. Miss Littlefield, Physical Director of the Y. W. C. A. was in charge of the entertainment and Messrs. Thorne and Sterling were guests.

A delightful programme of games and dances was carried out to the evident enjoyment of all. Refreshments were served by a committee headed by Mrs. H. W. Robertson assisted by Mrs. N. H. Dunlop, Mrs. R. J. Robertson, Mrs. Enoch and Mrs. J. D. Hunter. Mrs. John McAvity, president of the Y. W. C. A. was present during the evening.

PROVINCIAL RED CROSS MEETING

Gathers Here on Friday When a Large Representation is Already Assured.

At the regular meeting of the Provincial Red Cross, to be held on Friday, there will be a conference of Provincial representatives. Prominent members from ten counties have signified their intention of attending and it is hoped that others will come to discuss the future work of the Red Cross in the Province. The conference is an outcome of the recent meeting of the Council held in Toronto Headquarters.

BORN.

WOOD.—At Wexford, N. B. April 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Wood, a son (Gerald Lawrence).

PARKHILL.—To Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Parkhill, 65 Lansdowne Avenue, on April 13th, a daughter, Dorothy Johnston.

DIED.

HEATHFIELD.—At her home, 123 Main street, on the night of April 12, Elizabeth Heathfield, widow of her husband and two daughters to mourn their loss.

Funeral Friday afternoon; service at house at 3.30.

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Read Bill For Railway Extension

Ottawa, April 13.—The House of Commons this afternoon gave first reading to a bill to extend the time for construction of a portion of the Quebec and St. John Railway between Centreville and Andover, N. B. The bill, Hon. Dr. Reid, Minister of Railways, said, was introduced at the request of the Premier of New Brunswick. The railway is being built by the Government of that province and operated under the Dominion Government on a percentage basis.

SIR SAM HUGHES SICK

Ottawa, April 13.—It was ascertained at the residence of Sir Sam Hughes here this afternoon that he is confined at home with a cold. He is progressing favorably and expects to be about again in a day or two.

CUBAN MARKETS.

The weekly statement of Canadian imports into Cuba was received yesterday by the Board of Trade. The demand for fish is practically nil and the price is very low. The cheese market is quiet, but the demand for potatoes is better than a week ago. There was imported through Havana during the week 130 drums and 3,727 cases of fish, 900 cases of cheese and 3,800 sacks and 1,000 barrels of potatoes.

RIVER STEAMERS.

The steamer Majestic arrived at Indian town yesterday from the Wash. demoak with a fair cargo and returns to the lake this morning. On Saturday, the steamer will make the first trip of the season to Fredericton, and will continue in this route for a few days until the D. J. Purdy is ready. It is said that there was some trouble regarding a subsidy for the Fredericton route, but that this

'PRENTICE BOYS' FAIR LARGELY ATTENDED

The Prentice Boys Fair, which is being conducted in their lodge room on the West Side, was favored with a large attendance last evening. The lucky prize winners of the different games follow:

Door prize, pair of blankets, Mrs. Wm. Price; air gun, fishing rod, Gray Belyea; ten pins, safety razor, Miss Campbell; bean bag, serving tray, Miss Susan Murphy; bagatelle, tea kettle, William Gibson; ring case, silver butter dish, B. Craft; flood gates, fancy tailors, tea kettle, H. A. Northup.

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