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## TRADE PACT WAS SIGNED YESTERDAY

Assent of Canadian Government and West Indian Legislatures Pending.  
Agreement Will Be Made for a Term of Years and Other Colonies Will Be Encouraged to Enter.

Ottawa, April 9.—Before His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, the reciprocity treaty between Canada, the British West Indies and British Guiana was signed at 3.30 this afternoon. A memorandum was subsequently issued but no details as to the commodities included in the agreement were given with it.

The official statement reads: "An agreement was signed today by the representatives of the West Indian colonies and the government of Canada. It includes exchanges of products on a wide and generous scale, and is based on a preference of each country in the markets of the other."

The agreement goes to the governments of the colonies included for consideration, and comes into effect when approved by both the Dominion and colonial legislatures and His Majesty's Secretary of State for the Colonies. It will be possible for all these to consider and decide on the agreement to go into effect before the beginning of the year 1913.

The agreement is between Canada and the interested colonies alone, and leaves both with complete liberty to adjust their tariffs as respects all other countries. Grenada, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Jamaica, and the British Honduras are the only British West Indian colonies that are not included, and for these the treaty is left on the outside of the door, and the "happy hour" benefit in the shape of a warm welcome certain for them when they come.

The questions of improved cable and steamship communications between Canada and the West Indies were carefully considered, and the views of the conference were embodied in resolutions unanimously passed. The objective of these resolutions is to effect an up-to-date and adequate cable and steamship connection, based upon the cooperation of the West Indian colonies, the Dominion of Canada, and the government of Great Britain.

Inasmuch as the agreement is to be submitted to the various governments concerned for their consideration and approval, it is not advisable to give the details thereof at present to the public.

## SUBURB OBJECTS TO ANNEXATION--CHARGES FORGERY

Delegation from Georgetown Claims Underhand Methods Were Resorted to to Bring About Union with Moncton.

Special to The Standard.  
Moncton, April 9.—There was a hot time at tonight's meeting of the city council, which lasted until the proceedings were brought to a close by the time limit.

A delegation from the suburb of Georgetown, which it is proposed to bring into the city, appeared and charged that names to the petition asking for annexation had been forged and one of the aldermen said there had been dirty business in taking these people in against their will and wanted to send a protest to Fredericton against passing the bill in its present form.

There was also talk of cancelling the lease of the city lighting plant to the Tramways and Electricity Company, and taking over the franchise, it being alleged that the company had not lived up to its agreement and was charging too much for natural gas.

On the casting vote of the mayor action was deferred until the next night of meeting, and in the meantime notice is to be served on the company, and the matter is to be taken up with the public utilities commission.

## GAINED TWENTY POUNDS PER DAY

Boston, April 9.—The abnormal weight of 550 pounds attained by Abraham Sodekson, caused his death today from fatty degeneration of the heart. This was the twenty-sixth anniversary of his birth at North End where he had always lived. Four weeks ago when taken ill, Sodekson weighed 424 pounds. During his sickness it is estimated that he gained in weight at the rate of 20 pounds a day.

# BULLOCK LEADS FOR FRINK--KEEN CONTEST AMONG THE CANDIDATES

## Citizens Candidates For Commissioners All Elected in Primaries.

## Frink Will Fight It Out With Bullock For Chief Magistracy

## Wide Interest Displayed in Preliminary Elections for Commission Yesterday.

## Many Unable to Vote Owing to Unpaid Taxes and Crowded Polling Booths--Many Ballots Spoiled Through Ignorance of New System.

The result of the preliminary civic elections yesterday the citizens' committee was successful in carrying all of their commission candidates into the final elections, with the exception of the mayoralty candidate, W. S. Fisher, who was badly beaten by T. H. Bullock, the successful candidate and ran within 25 votes of the number polled by Mayor Frink.

In the election for commissioners H. B. Schofield led the poll followed by H. R. McLellan, Miles Agar and C. E. Allan. Mr. Schofield ran well ahead of his ticket while Walter Allingham was nearly 500 behind the lowest of the ticket and Alderman Wigmore.

The result of careful organization and a thorough canvass of the polls was seen in the vote cast for the candidates on the citizens' ticket as they all ran fairly well together while their opponents with few exceptions were scattered. A peculiar fact about the contest was that the four candidates for commissionerships on the citizens' ticket, all of whom go into the second election polled a total of 8,229 votes while for their fourteen opponents there was a total of 12,922.

Whether this will have any bearing on the second election of the four from the citizens' ticket will be pit against the four highest candidates among their opponents, Mr. Schofield, Ald. Wigmore, Ald. McGoldrick and Ald. Potts, remains to be seen.

A noteworthy feature about the contest was the splendid vote polled by Mr. McLellan, a new man in civic affairs who, single handed, and with only individual organization ran second with the total of 2,217 votes, defeating all the candidates on the citizens' ticket except Mr. Schofield, Ald. Wigmore, McGoldrick and Potts also polled a good vote, while of the men who were unsuccessful in landing in the first eight, Ald. Scully was high with 1,247 votes. He was followed by Ald. McLeod of the west end, with 1,018 votes, ex-Ald. Sproul with 861, and Ald. J. B. Jones with 840. George Maxwell, the Labor candidate, also polled well for a new man and had 799 votes to his credit. T. H. Somerville, also a new man, polled 441 votes; Ald. Codner, 416, and Ald. Green, 253. There was a great race for the cellar championship between Fred Hyatt, the Socialist candidate, and John Sims, but Hyatt won with 114 votes against 125 for Mr. Sims.

As in the contest for commissioner last year, the candidates on the citizens' ticket polled the highest votes in the wards in the business centres of the city. They were badly beaten in the West End where the favorite combination seemed to be Ald. McLeod, Scully and Wigmore.

In the mayoralty contest the result was not in doubt after the first returns were received. Mr. Bullock secured a commanding lead in the West End and never lost it. He led in eight of the thirteen wards, Mayor Frink tied in Kings ward with Mr. Fisher, while the candidate of the

NAME.	PRINCIPAL WARD													TOTALS	
	GUYS	BROOKS	BIDNEY	DUKES	QUEENS	KINGS	WELLINGTON	PRINCE NO. 1.	PRINCE NO. 2.	VICTORIA	UFFERIN	LANSDOWNE	LORNE		STANLEY
<b>FOR MAYOR.</b>															
Bullock	245	124	131	137	183	121	202	115	92	174	272	264	259	93	2412
Fisher	88	50	71	188	290	156	154	81	74	155	122	104	121	38	1692
Frink	91	60	93	161	211	156	169	108	124	114	139	137	141	23	1727
<b>FOR COMMISSIONERS.</b>															
Agar	70	42	85	233	339	239	245	119	124	214	155	120	136	30	2151
Allan	104	54	91	248	382	208	202	99	74	173	130	111	160	42	2078
Allingham	139	63	83	157	239	151	143	68	64	142	94	81	125	35	1584
Codner	22	11	18	41	34	7	29	9	6	27	78	60	65	9	416
Green	20	3	27	35	53	25	13	11	6	16	20	11	12	1	253
Hyatt	3	7	5	6	6	7	7	9	2	6	40	8	4	4	114
Jones	32	20	87	86	104	77	89	52	43	43	72	69	58	8	840
McLeod	234	142	25	46	70	43	65	33	32	55	58	71	114	30	1018
Maxwell	75	69	52	41	35	33	74	44	45	49	120	83	57	22	799
McGoldrick	63	33	70	80	117	120	129	85	85	74	167	173	111	91	1398
McLellan	161	76	99	173	211	144	179	108	92	171	200	252	274	77	2217
Potts	34	13	82	122	133	65	119	77	65	110	139	163	190	35	1347
Schofield	125	49	98	294	450	262	246	121	110	230	160	145	191	35	2516
Scully	155	99	57	65	83	96	134	82	84	58	115	110	90	19	1247
Sime	4	5	11	9	13	9	9	10	7	6	11	7	21	3	125
Sommerville	28	9	10	48	95	32	43	28	30	41	29	16	28	5	441
Sproul	57	18	53	45	60	41	88	86	76	78	62	120	64	13	861
Wigmore	205	103	99	117	170	86	138	82	72	145	155	209	234	32	1847

citizens' ticket led in Queens and Dukes wards. The vote was not much larger than usual and until the latter part of the day there was little excitement. The same difficulty as in other years was experienced in some of the larger city wards where many citizens were unable to get in to vote. This was especially noticeable in Wellington ward.

There were quite a number of spoiled ballots, some of the voters thinking they had the right to vote for eight candidates for the commissionerships and two for mayor.

The result of the primaries was distinctly a triumph for the organized ticket. When it was learned that Mr. Fisher had been defeated by a narrow margin there was considerable disappointment among the members of the ticket. With these few exceptions, the gathering was not particularly enthusiastic, and the candidates who were present were not required to make any speeches.

Speaking to a reporter one of the candidates said that they expected to have a hard fight during the next two weeks. The Citizens' Committee will continue its campaign with redoubled energy.

## TEAM MAY NOT COMPETE IN BISLEY SHOOT

National Association Objects to Sutherland Sight on Ross Rifle.

Much Dissatisfaction Among Canadian Marksmen Over Attitude of British Authorities--Team May Not Sail.

Ottawa, April 9.—It is still doubtful if Canada will this year send a team to the Bisley shoot. The action of the council of the National Rifle Association in refusing to accept the arm which the Minister of Militia declares is the national arm of the Canadian militia has not been amended and is still causing trouble for the executive of the Dominion Rifle Association, which has charge of the sending of the team from Canada.

The British authorities have sent out a sight made by the Birmingham Small Arms Company which they say they have decided to accept. The plain intimation is that the Canadian made Sutherland sight should be taken up by the Ross rifles carried by the Canadian Bisley team, and the Birmingham sight substituted for it.

In that case the national committee would allow the Canadian team to shoot all through. One of their rules says that the weapon must be the authorized service rifle and the combination of Ross rifle and Birmingham sight would hardly pass this rule.

There is a great deal of dissatisfaction among the executive of the D. R. A., among shooting men and among militiamen generally, over the attitude of the national executive in this matter, and it has served to recall and accentuate the manner in which Canadian marksmen have been interfered with by Bisley officers for the past three or four years, in fact ever since Canada began arming the team with a Canadian made rifle. This year, while the Bisley team is being armed for service, a majority of the authorities here believe that the team will not sail.

## GOVERNOR'S BALL PROVED A BRILLIANT FUNCTION

More Largely Attended Than Any Similar Event in Recent Social History of Capital--Legislative Halls Assumed Festive Appearance for the Occasion--Majority of Members of Legislature in Attendance.

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, April 9.—The ball given by Lieut. Governor Wood in the legislative building this evening was more largely attended than any recent event of similar character. A large number of invitations were sent out all over the province and acceptances have been very generous. Expectations were today brought in by the quota of guests. All the members of the government were present and the majority of the members of the legislature, who have now returned from the Easter vacation to resume their legislative duties. The attendance of Fredericton people was also large but usual.

Governor Woods has been prolific in his entertainments since he assumed the gubernatorial chair and his daughter, Mrs. Black, who has been obliged to take the place of her mother, whose illness is generally regretted, has become extremely popular in Fredericton society. There has been a general round of entertainments. The Governor has given several dinners and there will be others still. Receptions have been held every Wednesday in the Governor's private apartments at the Barker Home. At homes have been given by the wives of the Premier and Leader of the Opposition and the wives of the other members have also entertained. Fredericton has not experienced such a whirl of social gaiety during the legislative season for years.

The legislative chamber is perhaps the handsomest single room of the province. With a high ceiling and well ventilated it is an ideal room for a grand ball, and readily accommodates 600 guests. It is now brilliantly decorated with flags and bunting. There is a great improvement on the gas light of former years. Tonight it was most tastefully decorated with flags and bunting. The Speaker's chair was embowered in potted plants and out flowers tastefully arranged, while ferns and rubber plants were in profusion around the platform.

The main corridor, which was profusely decorated with plants in full bloom and festooned with flags, gave an opportunity for guests to promenade and the galleries an opportunity for them to rest. The committee rooms were converted into card rooms and

as in the last civic election, but the hours for voting were shorter. Owing to the provision of the new charter calling for the appointment of paid gentlemen, the elections this year will cost considerably more than in previous years.

That the city was not able to secure experienced officials to man the booths is illustrated by a story told of a distinguished leader of one of the local churches. When this gentleman whose position is so important that it would naturally be expected that he was known to every citizen of St. John entered the booth, the returning officer seemed to know his name. The gentleman gave his name, but omitted his title.

"Your occupation?" asked the official sitting at the receipt of votes. "I do a little preaching now and then," said the head of the church in this district, who evidently enjoyed the situation.

The returning officer felt small enough to crawl through the slit of the ballot box when he found out who he was cross-examining.

## CONGRESSMEN DISREGARDED THEIR OATHS

New Yorker Accuses Representatives of Perjury in Pamphlet.

Arrested Because He Claims all Congressmen are Crooks and Libels Hon. Henry D. Clayton.

New York, N. Y., April 10.—Henry W. A. Page, a well to do commission merchant and importer of linens and cottons was arrested here today on a federal warrant from the district of Columbia, charging him with libelling Representative Henry D. Clayton, of Alabama, chairman of the house committee on judiciary and other members of congress. Page took his arrest coolly; in fact he requested that the federal officers be notified that he was waiting for the arrival of officers. When arraigned he gave \$5000 bail for his appearance in Washington where he will go without fighting extradition.

In the indictment, which contains 3 counts, Page is charged with having circulated alleged libellous matter in a pamphlet, bearing a title page as follows: "The Crime of the Hon. Henry D. Clayton."

Congressmen Commit Perjury. On the title page these captions were followed by these questions: Q.—Do congressmen take a solemn oath to defend the constitution against all enemies? A.—Yes. Q.—Do congressmen keep their oath? A.—No. Q.—Why do not congressmen keep this solemn oath? A.—Because all congressmen are crooks.

At the bottom of the title page is the following from Ecclesiastes 1:5: "Better it is that thou shouldst not know, than thou shouldst know and not say." This pamphlet addressed to all the members of the house committee on judiciary, was circulated among all the members of the 62nd congress.

Montauk Point, N. Y., April 9.—Rising seas forced the abandonment late today of the steamer Ontario, which heeled to save her passengers when the vessel took fire early Monday morning.

Eight members of the crew took refuge on the revenue cutter Acushnet, and the remainder were taken aboard the wrecking tug Taseo. All are now en route for New London Conn.

## PROROGATION IS PROBABLE NEXT WEEK

Likely That Supply Will Be Voted by House on Thursday.

Hydro-Electric Bill Sent Back to Committee of Whole—Early Closing Bill Through Committee.

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, April 9.—The legislature resumed business this morning after the Easter vacation. There was a larger gathering of members than was expected, and the regular business was advanced a stage. In the afternoon several committees met and dealt with bills which are not being opposed. The budget debate will be resumed tomorrow, and it is expected that supply will be voted by Thursday and the House prorogued before the end of next week.

Two amendments were made and it was sent back to committee of whole. What may happen when it comes up again no one can tell. This bill has already been presented twice and since amended in several particulars. Mr. Havelock at present the chief opponent of the measure.

The early closing bill which gives municipal councils power to make by-laws regarding early closing was passed through committee. An important government measure providing for the purchase of 18,000 acres of land from the New Brunswick Railway Company was introduced by Premier Fleming. These lands are to be opened up for immediate settlement. Much of the land has already been applied for. Indeed from an answer to an inquiry it would appear that there are more applications than land.

The House adjourned to meet tomorrow at 3 o'clock. The corporations committee met this afternoon. Bills to amend the act incorporating the St. John Rural Cemetery Company and to amend the act incorporating the St. John Law Society were agreed to.

A bill relating to the Buctoncha and Rexton Railway Company was agreed to with amendments to provide that construction shall start in two years and be completed in five years. A bill to incorporate the North and Springfield Telephone Company was agreed to with amendments.

J. S. Armstrong supported a bill relating to the Avon Road Company. He said the company proposed to improve highways and to establish auto routes. The bill was referred to a sub-committee.

The bill to incorporate the Sussex, Stanholm and Havelock Railway Company was agreed to with amendments that construction should commence in three years and be completed in five years.

The committee considered the bill relating to the St. John Canal and Dock Company. Mr. Armstrong presented a plan of the proposed canal, which it is planned to construct from the head of St. John harbor to Marble Cove. He said that the expenditure for the canal would be between two and three million dollars, while an addition of several millions for wharves and other accommodations might be made. The committee decided to further consider the bill at a later date.

THINKS CHURCH IS A FAILURE IN FIGHTING VICE  
Toronto, April 9.—It is like putting an ambulance at the foot of a precipice instead of placing a protecting fence around the top, is how B. Steadwell of Lacrosse, Wis., this morning described what the church is doing to suppress the social evil. This remark was made in his opening address to the World's Purify Federation Conference in session today at the Metropolitan Methodist church.

This is the opening meeting of a campaign in which all the important cities of Canada and the United States will be visited, and a greater influence in the suppression of the evil than what is being done by the church in the opinion of Mr. Steadwell, would be to incorporate purity education in the list of public school studies even in the lower grades.

CREW ABANDONS WRECKED STEAMER  
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