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Premier Fleming's Speech at Fredericton Board of Trade Banquet.

REVITALIZATION OF FARMS.

Many Settlers Leaving Old Country Should Be Attracted to This Province—Unprecedented Boom Predicted.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Feb. 6.—If anything is needed to foster the spirit of optimism among the business men of Fredericton in the future of this city and the St. John river valley, it was supplied this evening in the speech delivered by Premier Fleming at the board of trade banquet.

About 125 representative men enjoyed the banquet, which was provided under the arrangements made by the board of trade by the ladies of the Methodist church at the Y. M. C. A. hall. Premier Fleming was the principal speaker of the evening and his address was one well calculated to inspire his hearers with confidence in their city, their province and in the future of their country.

The Premier received a flattering reception when he reached the banquet hall and afterwards when he was introduced by President John T. Jennings after the toast to the King had been honored. President Jennings in his address spoke briefly referring to the success which was being realized in the board's move to raise a public fund on subscriptions of \$25 each. He said that already about 20 had subscribed the desired \$25 and later on during the evening about half a dozen more joined the list of subscribers including the Bank of New Brunswick which made a subscription through their manager, W. S. Thomas.

President Jennings urged the people of Fredericton and of the St. John Valley to have faith in themselves and in their country and advised local people to take advantage of the boom which was taking place, instead of allowing outsiders to step in and reap the advantages, also paying a tribute to Premier Fleming for the active part he had taken in the work of development of the Province.

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BOYS TELL COURT HOW THEY BURNED HOLY CROSS COLLEGE

Break Down in Court and Tell Story of Systematic Conspiracy to Destroy Farnham Institution.

Sweetsburg, Que., Feb. 6.—Hearing in the charges against Eugene Bern and Charles Hery, the two young American pupils accused of conspiring with young Marchand to burn down the Holy Cross College at Farnham, was held here today before Judge Mulvena.

The boys, who are fourteen and thirteen, broke down completely and told the whole story of the burning of their college. Their evidence showed an apparently systematic conspiracy to destroy the college by fire, telling as it did of a number of previous attempts made by older boys and the running away or expulsion of the culprits.

The brothers had learned of these attempts but attempted to hush them up, withholding details of what they knew from the police and even receiving insurance money following an incendiary outbreak of fire which did slight damage last autumn.

Bernard told how he had showed Marchand where to start the fire, while Hery confessed to having supplied Marchand with matches.

Judge Mulvena reserved his decision until Monday next, taking the case en delibere.

SPANISH MINISTER REPLIES TO WIRELESS FROM HON. J. D. HAZEN

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Hon. J. D. Hazen received today the following telegram from Spain by the wireless system:
"Sorry that due to mistake in the address of your message, its receipt was delayed. I hasten to thank you for your congratulations on the inauguration of a radio-telegraph office at Aranjuez. It is a great pleasure to convey to you by the first message my desire that this important development in the means of communication will make for closer mutual administration and goodwill between both countries."

(Sgd.) GASSSETT, Minister of Trade and Agriculture.

CONDITIONS IN LAWRENCE OF THE BEST

Unsanitary Conditions of Workers Are Due to Habits Acquired in Native Lands Say Mill Owners.

FOREIGNER ON SAME SCALE AS NATIVES.

Boston, Feb. 6.—Wages and living conditions of mill employees in Lawrence are compared favorably with those of workers in other lines in other cities in a statement given out tonight from the headquarters of the Lawrence manufacturers here. The statement says:
"Some strike leaders at Lawrence attempt to fix upon the manufacturers the responsibility for certain living conditions in the city, where it is alleged that half a dozen people or more are crowded in a single tenement room. The same conditions can doubtless be found in the north end of Boston, where there are no textile factories to be blamed."

"It should be borne in mind that the recent immigrants who are described as huddled together in one room in Lawrence, work on the same wage scale as English speaking employees, who do not find it necessary to live in such a way. If the matter were investigated, it would be found that the people who are living crowded together in unwholesome conditions in Lawrence were too often accustomed to live in the same way in their native land. The city of Lawrence has denied that such living conditions were common and added that they were due not to actual need, but to the imported practice of subletting."

The statement says that girls from Southern Europe earn from \$7 to \$8.50 a week, which is more than many American girls receive in the department stores of Boston and other cities, and besides, it is pointed out that rents and other living expenses are lower in Lawrence than in Boston.

COURT LAYS DOWN STIFF CONDITIONS FOR ABDICATION

Peking, Feb. 6.—A complete armistice has been arranged, but bargaining between Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the republican leaders is likely to continue for several weeks before the court finally settles.
The Chinese papers publish the terms laid down by the empress dowager, which include the perpetuation of the title of the entire court, the retention by the imperial family of the palace in Peking, the continuation of the imperial guard at the expense of the republic and the right of the court to exact regal homage from the nation. It is not believed that the republicans will accept all of these terms.

NELSON HAS GOOD CHANGE FOR HUDSON BAY RAILWAY NOW

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The Hydrographic Branch of the Marine Department is issuing a map embodying the results of a careful survey recently made of the mouth of the Nelson river. This chart shows a wide channel of from 20 to 60 feet in depth in the Nelson river with few shoals and these such as could be removed without excessive expense. A passage from one to four miles wide could be secured up the river to the point where the railway terminals would be located if Nelson were chosen as the port of the H. B. Railway. A protection wall could be built for the roadstead at reasonable expense.

This puts a new face on the question of the Hudson Bay terminus as hitherto it has been understood that Churchill is the superior port. The grades to Nelson are said to be lower and the distance is less.

W. C. T. U. TO WAIT ON THE GOVERNMENT.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—A large delegation of representatives of the Women's Christian Temperance Union will wait upon the government on the 15th of this month. They will ask for an amendment to the law to raise the age of consent.

GRAND JURY AFTER LABOR OFFICIALS

Thirty-three Indictments Returned and Arrests Will Follow Shortly—Dynamiting Crew and Others Familiar with Disposal of McNamara Funds Believed to be Indicted.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 6.—Thirty-five indictments most of them said to be against labor union officials were returned by the federal grand jury this forenoon as a result of the government's investigation of the dynamite conspiracy. The number and the names of the defendants were ordered to be held secret pending arrests. It is understood warrants are to be issued immediately. Not only members of the McNamara dynamiting crew, but also men who are said to have had knowledge of what McNamara did with the money at his disposal, are believed to be indicted.

District Attorney Miller said later only 32 of the indictments pertained to the dynamiting conspiracy, one true bill being in another case not made known. The indictments were returned at 2:10 o'clock this afternoon, about ten minutes after the jury met. Former associates of J. J. McNamara in the office of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, received the news of the indictments without speech. Both Frank M. Ryan, the president and Herbert S. Hockin, the secretary, said they knew the details of the investigation because the associations' records were evidence before the grand jury.

"But we have maintained right along," said Hockin, "that nobody in this office was concerned with McNamara in his dynamiting. Parts of the indictments are known to be against men who met Orrie McNamara in Detroit in June, 1907, and induced him, because of his familiarity with explosives gained while working in a stone quarry, to become a regular member of McNamara's dynamiting crew."

Other indictments are believed to be against men who met McNamara in Boston and showed him where to blow up part of a municipal building, and also against men who escorted him from New York to Hoboken, N. J., and to Jersey City, where he did "jobs" in 1909 and 1910; men who met him in Cleveland in July 1910 and arranged for an explosion at Akron, Ohio, and men who took charge of him when he arrived at Peoria, Ill., to blow up places there.

SIR RICHARD ATTACKS OLD AGE PENSION SYSTEM

Tells Senate Result of Enquiries Into System of Annuities in Other Colonies—Tends to Destroy Spirit of Thrift Among People—Senator Casgrain's Bill Defeated.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Payment of railway men's wages, the question of old age pensions, annuities and the civil service commission were among the things to which the Senate paid some attention today.
Sir Richard Cartwright moved for a return of the number of annuities that were paid in the colonies in February, 1912. He said his object was twofold, first, to correct a misstatement in the Commons as to the amount of business and in the second to call attention to the principle underlying the annuities act passed three years ago and the desirability of Canada setting her face against the mischievous project of introducing old age pensions. In the Commons, by mistake, no doubt, the Minister of Trade and Commerce said the annuities numbered 514, whereas they numbered nearly 3,000 who had paid in cash to the treasury of about \$1,250,000 for annuities purchased.

Sir Richard Cartwright said before he introduced his annuities bill he had ascertained how old age pensions worked out both in Australia and New Zealand, and a very considerable number of the best informed persons in these colonies, and no considerable number of the working classes, regret exceedingly the action taken and allege that no scheme could be devised more likely to destroy the spirit of thrift and providence among the working classes than by assuring them that whether a man be provident or not he would be equally provided for in old age by the state. He did not consider old age pensions proper federal Canada stood at a parting of the ways and would either be called upon to spend very many millions to provide old age pensions or may spend a few thousand dollars a year in educating the people and in encouraging the habit of thrift.

The motion for papers was adopted. The debate on Senator Casgrain's bill requiring railways to pay employees twice a month, was resumed by Senator McSweeney, who favored the proposal and who would be in which the railways should not object. Senator Power thought the legislation infringed provincial jurisdiction. The motion for the second reading was defeated by 16 to 26.

EXPLAINS SYSTEM OF PACKERS INCREASING IN MYSTERY

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6.—The government centred its attack on Swift and Company in the packers' trial today. John M. Chaplin, chief of the plant accounting department of the corporation on the stand most of the day, was subjected to a searching examination by District Attorney Wilkerson and required to explain to the jury many details of the complex system used by the packers.

Chaplin identified numerous letters changing the by-product allowances, which were sent to him by other employees. One letter signed by Chaplin and dated Nov. 15, 1907, gave instructions to discontinue making any allowance for hides in figuring the test cost of beef. The letter was offered in substantiation of the government's charge that no allowance for hides was made between Nov. 15, 1907 and April 21, 1909.

Chaplin said previously to five years ago he received his instructions regarding the figuring of the test cost of beef from Chas. H. Swift, one of the defendants and vice president of the company, but that in recent years he used his own judgment in making the changes.

District Attorney Wilkerson pointed out that from the organization of the National Packing Company, March 18, 1903, the test cost of beef as figured by Swift and Company steadily rose while the allowances for by-products decreased.

WORKMAN IN QUARRY KILLED BY A CAR

Special to The Standard.
Windsor, Feb. 6.—Reuben Smith, a workman employed in the Eagle Swamp quarry, Wentworth, while oiling a tractor yesterday, was struck about the head, neck and shoulders by a car, which unexpectedly righted itself crushing him between the body and sill of the car. He lived only a short time. An inquest was held last evening before Coroner J. W. Reid and a verdict in accordance with facts was returned. Smith was married and leaves a widow and five children.

ROLES OF THE WATERWAYS COMMISSION

Special Meetings Will Be Held at Various Points in United States and Canada as Necessary.

EACH SECTION TO APPOINT CHAIRMAN.

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The International Joint Commission on Waterways has drawn up the rules of procedure by which it is to be governed.

Regular sessions of the commission are to be held twice a year. One is to be held at Washington beginning on the first Tuesday of October. Special meetings will be held at such times and places in the United States and Canada as the chairman of the two sections may determine. The commissioners of the American section will appoint a chairman of their section and the Canadian section will appoint a chairman. The American chairman is to preside at meetings held on American soil and the Canadian chairman is to preside at meetings held in Canada.

Rules are laid down for the control of the respective offices by the secretaries, and for the method in which applications are to be made. One stipulation is that private persons seeking to use, obstruct or divert waters shall first apply to their government, and that the government shall transmit the application to the commission. Yet another provides for the duplication of records and for the communication by each section to the other of all letters, documents and papers received.

A majority of the commission may conduct hearings, but final decisions must be given by the whole commission. Another rule is that when the commission deems it desirable to render a decision which affects navigable waters in a manner or to an extent different from that contemplated by the application and plans, the commission will, before making a final decision submit to the government transmitting the application a draft of the decision. The government may then file with the commission a brief or memorandum for its consideration before coming to a final decision.

AMHERST CIVIC ELECTIONS PASS OFF VERY QUIETLY

Special to The Standard.
Amherst, Feb. 6.—Notwithstanding the large number of candidates in the field the civic elections today passed off very quietly resulting as follows: J. N. Page, mayor; defeated ex-councillor Howard A. Kilby, the vote standing, Page 688, Kilby 429. There were nine candidates for the three vacancies at the council board. A. G. Moffatt, R. R. McNeely and J. J. Peter Gordon were elected. The total vote was as follows: A. G. Moffatt 440, R. R. McNeely 487, J. Peter Gordon 411, Chas. D. Shipley 371, Dr. F. E. Boudreau 360, W. A. Lowerson 161, Henry McLeave 256, W. W. Chandler 238, C. P. Babcock 230.

MOVE FOR INCREASE OF EDIBLE FISH IN CANADIAN STREAMS

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—Oliver J. Wilcox, of North Essex, wants the supply of food fishes in inland waters increased. For this purpose he will move in the House "that in the opinion of this House the extension of the system of fish hatcheries upon the Great Lakes and other waters in Canada, and the operation of those controlled by the government to their full capacity would be of great assistance in replenishing these waters with the various species of food fishes and that, such a measure would be beneficial and should receive the favorable consideration of the House."

EXPRESS STRIKES MAN NEAR WINDSOR—DEATH RESULTS

Special to The Standard.
Windsor, Feb. 6.—Clarence Mosher, son of Darius Mosher, Windsor, was struck by the incoming D. A. R. express train from Truro this morning. The train was stopped and the injured man brought into town and taken to the hospital. The accident happened about four miles from Windsor, about 9 o'clock. The unfortunate man was so badly injured that he died at noon, a few hours after the accident occurred. He was 26 years of age and unmarried, and was the eldest of a family of four children.

TROOPS MOVING TO THE FRONTIER

U. S. SENATE RATIFIED THE AGREEMENT

Convention for International Protection of Industrial Property Endorsed at Washington Yesterday.

PATENT RIGHTS TO BE MORE UNIFORM.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—The senate today ratified and made public the convention for international protection of industrial property signed at Washington, June 2nd last, by leading governments. The signatories were Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Spain, Portugal, Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Mexico, Cuba, Brazil, Belgium, Netherlands, Japan, San Domingo, Serbia, Switzerland and Tunis. The main provision follows:
The subjects or citizens of each of the contracting countries shall enjoy in all the other countries of the union with regard to patents of invention, models of utility, industrial designs or models, trade marks, trade names, the statements of place of origin, suppression of unfair competition, the advantages which the respective laws now grant or may hereafter grant to the citizens of that country. Consequently they shall have the same protection as to the latter and the same legal remedies against any infringement of their rights, provided they comply with the formalities and requirements imposed by the national laws of each state upon its own citizens.

COURT APPOINTS RECEIVERS FOR CEMENT COMPANY

Philadelphia, Feb. 6.—On petition of two stockholders of the American Cement Company, Judge McPherson in the U. S. District Court here today appointed three receivers for the company, which is one of the largest manufacturers of cement in the United States. The receivers are Robert W. Lacy, president of the company; Sidney W. Keith and John Scott, Jr. The stockholders alleged that because of the "depression of business in the cement trade," the receivers were necessary in order that property of the company might be conserved. The company did not oppose the receivership. The assets of the concern, according to the petition filed, are placed at \$1,559,000 and consist largely in the company's holdings of stock of subsidiary concerns. The liabilities are given as \$925,000, which includes a bond issue of \$550,000.

CITIZENS REFORM TICKET ENDORSED WINDSOR VOTERS

Special to The Standard.
Windsor, N. S., Feb. 6.—The civic elections here today resulted in the return with overwhelming majorities of the citizens' reform ticket. The returns are as follows:
Mayor, H. W. Sangster, barrister-at-law, 249; Councillors, E. D. Shand, 286; Capt. D. Munro, 275; G. H. Boyce, 236. The defeated candidates are: For Mayor F. Curry, 202; For councillors, W. E. Regan, 156; Capt. Porter, 185; E. Miller, 163.

WILL BE SEVERAL CONVENTIONS IN OTTAWA SHORTLY

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—A series of interesting technical conventions is about to be held. The Forestry convention will be held on February 7 and 8. The Canadian Seed Association will meet on February 8 and 9. The National Live Stock Association will meet on February 12 and 13, and the Fruit convention will be in convocation on February 14, 15, and 16. In preparation for these gatherings Hon. Martineau has summoned all the heads of the Dominion Experimental Stations to Ottawa.

These experts will attend all the meetings, and in addition Mr. Burrell will hold a conference of the experts for the purpose of comparing notes.

Coast Artillery Ready for Any Emergency Which May Arise.

TROUBLE LIKELY SOON.

Recent Developments in Mexico Put United States Troops in Marching Order and Field Equipment.

Washington, Feb. 6.—A few hours developments in Mexico have put the mobile forces of the U. S. army on marching orders and field equipment. With renewed disturbances across the border and the possibility that the state department might call upon the war department to protect lives and property along the line, the plans of the general staff, prepared for a minute's action, in just such an event, were spread out at headquarters today, and renewed instructions to await marching orders were flashed to army commanders in the field. It was made plain that the government does not intend to send more troops to the border unless the situation absolutely demands it. Meanwhile several thousand soldiers rest on their arms.

Pensacola, Fla., Feb. 6.—For the second time within twelve months, two companies of the coast artillery stationed at Fort Barrancas, received orders today to leave for the Mexican border in Texas. The troops will leave for Texas tomorrow in full war strength.

The garrison at Fort Morgan, Mobile and Fort Monroe, Charleston, S. C., are in readiness for Texas duty. Seattle, Wash., Feb. 6.—Orders have been received at Fort Lawton, directing that four companies of the 25th infantry be held in readiness to move to the Mexican frontier on short notice. The other eight companies of the regiment at Fort George, Wright, Spokane, also received notice to hold themselves in readiness for instant service on the Mexican border.

HIS MAJESTY SENDS THANKS FOR DUKE'S CONGRATULATIONS

King George Cables Governor General Assuring Him of Confidence in Loyalty and Devotion of Canadian People

Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The Duke of Connaught received the following reply from His Majesty the King to a message sent last night conveying the congratulations of the Canadian people on the safe return of the King and Queen from their Indian tour: "Governor General, Ottawa—
"Please assure your government of my deep appreciation of the message which you have just received on behalf of the people of Canada, congratulating the Queen and myself on our home coming. From the happy experiences of past visits to the Dominion, I am confident that my considerations are inspired by the same feelings of loyalty and affection as those which have been so strikingly evinced toward us by the peoples of India."
"GEORGE, R. L."

PROPOSE TO CALL MANITOBA GRAIN CANADA NO. 1 HARD

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—The House went into committee on the grain bill as soon as it assembled this afternoon and remained in all day, passing 70 or 80 clauses. The only incident was a proposal by the minister which stood over for further consideration, that Manitoba No. 1 hard be changed to "Canada No. 1 hard."

LABOR MEMBER TO TURN ATTENTION TO WAREHOUSES

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Feb. 6.—High prices of food stuffs have caused Alphonse Verreault, labor member from Maisonneuve, to turn his attention to the storage warehouses. He intends to move for a return showing the number and capacity of cold storage establishments in each of the principal cities of Canada, the kind, quality and approximate value of food stuff and produce contained in each of these establishments during November, December and January.