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OTTAWA, May 7.—The minister of labor has established a board of conciliation and investigation as between the Toronto and Niagara Street Railway and certain of its employees. About 150 men are concerned, being members of the Electric Railway Workers' Union. The dispute relates to general working conditions.

The board comprises D. Dick, Jun., Welland, chairman; George B. Kelly, barrister, Ottawa, for the company; and Mr. Jos. Gibbons, city comptroller, Toronto, for the men.

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LEMIEUX SPRINGS SENSATION; BARES LETTER OF CUSTOMS MINISTER SEEKING BUSINESS

Premier Meighen Tries to Eva de, But Liberal Makes Scathing Criticism of Action of R. W. Wignmore in Using His Official Position Improperly.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Ottawa, May 8.—A sensation in which two ministers of the crown, one the youngest and the other the oldest of the Meighen cabinet, are involved, has sprung upon an unexpected House by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, deputy for Gaspe and Maisonneuve on Saturday afternoon. It consisted in the reading of a photographic copy of a letter written by R. W. Wignmore, minister of customs, to the French purchasing commission, care of the French embassy, London, in which Mr. Wignmore solicited business on behalf of the firm of Nagle & Wignmore, St. John. The letter was written on official paper of the department of which Mr. Wignmore is the head, and the top of the sheet bears the coat-of-arms of the department.

Wants Business.
It is Mr. Wignmore states that he is informed that "your Government will have quite a few French steamers taking grain from the port of Saint John, N. B., Canada, this winter," and adds that "the firm of Nagle & Wignmore, which I am a member, are very anxious to secure this business."

"As you are no doubt aware," the letter proceeds, "I am minister of customs and an inland revenue in the Canadian Government, and I spoke to Sir George Foster, my colleague in the cabinet, who has just returned from England, being Canada's representative at the League of Nations conference, which has just been concluded at Geneva, and he advised me to write to you."

Mr. Wignmore admitted that the photographic copy was correct, and that he had penned the original. The reading of the letter had the effect of a bombshell upon the sleepy House. The minister directly involved gave evidence of nervousness and made but a poor fist at reply.

Scathing Criticism.
"I consider this a matter upon which the public should get an explanation," declared Mr. Lemieux. "The honorable minister speaks in this letter not only as a member of a private firm, but also as a cabinet minister. He refers to a colleague who is a senior member of the Government. I say that this is a matter of public issue whether a member of the cabinet has the right to use his position in this way to promote business for a firm with which until a few months ago he was connected. The letter emanated from the office of the minister of customs, it was written on official paper, it was written by the minister and in the corridors of the House the effect of the letter he spoke as minister of customs. We want an explanation. He may have a good one to offer."

Members Flock In.
Government members started to flock into the chamber when news of the sensation had been carried across the corridors. Mr. Wignmore looked around for encouragement. He rose nervously to his feet. And all he said was this: "I have had no help, financial or other-

wise, from the firm of Nagle & Wignmore since I joined the Government. I wrote on behalf of the firm as I would have on behalf of any other firm. I would certainly be willing to write such a letter for my honorable friend (Mr. Lemieux). My partner is carrying on the business."

And yet all through the letter Mr. Wignmore, in soliciting business, uses the word "We."

Mr. Lemieux was not convinced, nor for the matter of that was anyone else.

A Glaring Case.
"The people of Canada," he said emphatically, "have the right to know the truth. But if you search the annals of British parliamentary history I challenge you to find such a glaring instance of personal interest mixed with public affairs. I say that no minister with that of the public. I consider this a matter on which the public should have a better explanation. It is highly improper for a minister of customs to boost his own private business using the royal coat of arms and the official paper of the Government to do so. It is an impropriety against his competitors, it is an impropriety against the Canadian Government Merchant Marine."

At this moment members who had striven to interrupt throughout (though many sat thoughtfully silent) started a cry of "Order!" But Mr. Lemieux went ahead.

"This letter," he declared, "cannot bear two interpretations. You can see personal interest in the very reading of it. The honorable gentleman as minister of customs has written an improper letter (More cries of Order). Does the prime minister approve of his minister having written such a letter?"

Attempts Evasion.
The prime minister was obviously taken aback. He strove to evade the issue by declaring that he could not see that the minister of customs had committed a penal offence in writing the letter.

"My imagination is unable to conceive," he declared piously, "how there could be any improper motive. I tried to inquire in my own mind whether there was any motive that could be criticized as improper, and my imagination and ingenuity were not sufficient to enable me to see how there was any improper motive. If there had been any way in which as minister he could have assisted, it would have been different, but there was no way he could do that. The letter was not written for a real or imaginary. It is not for me," he concluded, "to approve or disapprove conduct unless there was something in it inconsistent with the duties of the minister. I must say I was not able to define that."

The incident then closed and Mr. Lemieux sent across the floor for the copy of the letter.

WELLINGTON LIBERALS CALLING CONVENTION TO NAME CANDIDATE

Fight Will Be Between Liberals and U. F. O.—Electorate Are Anxious To Oust Meighen—Hon. Manning Doherty May Be Farmer's Candidate.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Guelph, May 7.—The Liberals of South Wellington have decided to throw their hat in the ring for the next federal election fight, and the call for a convention to select a candidate in the interests of progressive and democratic government has been sent out. Dates for the holding of primaries in the various municipalities, where delegates to the convention will be selected have been arranged for, and all voters, both men and women, who are opposed to the continuation of the present Government, regardless of past political affiliations, are invited to attend these meetings and assist in the selection of delegates to the convention. The convention will be held in Guelph on May 21, and all opponents are under way to have one or more prominent Liberals from the Federal House here to address the gathering.

Tired of Meighen.
The decision to call a convention was made at meeting of the South Wellington Liberal Association executive today, after the political situation in this riding had been fully discussed. Ever since the joint conference of representatives from the Liberals, United Farmers and Independent Labor party was held early in the spring which resulted in the farmers' executive refusing to co-operate with the Liberals in selecting a candidate, and the announcement of the Labor man that their constitution made it impossible for them to join hands for political purposes with either of the old line parties, complaints have reached the Liberal executive from the rank and file.

WILL CALL POLICE BY ELECTRIC SIGNAL

ST. MARYS, May 8.—St. Marys feels the need of adequate police protection, and arrangements are being entered into with the telephone company, whereby red lights will be placed on the streets in conspicuous places, to be flashed on whenever a call for the police is sent in.

The official count of the referendum vote for South Perth is announced as follows: DRYs, 5,367; WETS, 1,982, making a majority of 3,385 for the temperance people.

The congregation of the First Baptist Church have secured the services of Roy McGregor of McMaster University for the summer months. Mr. McGregor will take up his duties on Sunday.

HARRIETSVILLE W. I.

The April meeting of the Harrietsville Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Remington, with a good attendance, the vice-president, Mrs. B. Marsh, presiding. A paper on "The Principles of Modern Housekeeping" was given by Mrs. S. Jackson. The annual meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. (Dr.) Doan, on May 12, when the election of officers will take place. A representative speaker, Miss Ruth First, graduate nurse of Uxbridge, will address the institute on May 17, at the I. O. O. F. Hall, Harrietsville.

of both the U. F. O. and I. L. P. protesting against the action taken. A careful survey of the riding here out the truth of these complaints and it was therefore decided to call a convention of delegates selected at primaries where all opponents of the present Government will have an opportunity to assist in the selection of a candidate.

May Not Assist.
There are many rumors throughout the riding, especially in Guelph, that nothing will ever come of the arrangements made by the I. L. P. to assist the U. F. O. candidates in the next federal election. The agreement under which these two parties are working at the present time is that the Labor party will support the U. F. O. candidate for the Federal House providing the Farmers' party will throw their support to a Labor candidate here when the next provincial election rolls around.

The I. L. P., however, are becoming convinced that the reciprocal compact will not work according to schedule, chiefly because, they point out, already there are signs that farmers intend to make a big effort to win South Wellington for themselves in the provincial race, and it is even hinted that no less a personage than the Hon. Manning Doherty will be their candidate. Accordingly, one prominent candidate for the Labor party in Guelph, the agreement with the U. F. O. will never be officially entered into unless the U. F. O. executive give their assurance in writing that they will live up to their part of it.

SPRING CLEAN UP IS BADLY NEEDED AT ZOO

ST. THOMAS, May 8.—An unkindly disposed breeze, blowing from the southwest at Pinafore Park today, reminded the many hundreds of visitors that the municipal zoo is still going strong. The health inspector cannot interfere unless it is proved to him that the situation is dangerous to public health. The chairman of the park committee says some of his Sunday guests might do well to visit these pungent proteges of the city.

JUDGMENT IS GIVEN FOR THE PLAINTIFF

ST. THOMAS, May 8.—Judge Ermatinger has found for the defendant without costs in the action of Turner against French, over a tractor purchased by Mr. French, a Southwold woman, from the plaintiff some months ago. The defendant claimed that the tractor had been guaranteed for a year and would plow ten acres a day. Mr. French testified that after three months operations the machine came to grief and the company asked him to pay for repairs. Mr. French also alleged that the tractor lacked speed.

Realized About \$140.
The Ladies Guild of Trinity Church realized about \$140 from the rummage held on Saturday in the parochial hall. Over 200 babies were treated during the sessions of the baby clinic here. The exercises were held under the auspices of the Red Cross Society.

GERMANS FEAR SITUATION IN UPPER SILESIA

Polish Insurgents Planning Attacks On Many Large Towns.

BERLIN, May 8.—Reports from German sources today declare that advances from Upper Silesia up to last night showed no diminution in the gravity of the situation there, caused by the Polish insurgent movement. The Polish irregulars were reported to be planning attacks against some of the large towns in the district, and their onslaught upon Koenigschuetz is declared by the Vossische Zeitung to have been successful, the town surrendering after several hours' resistance.

The railway junction at Kandrzin, near Koesel, was given up by the Germans after they had sustained severe losses, the insurgents marching in.

ARE TAKING ACTION.
WARSAW, May 8.—In the face of increasing clashes between the insurgents and Germans, the Polish Government has decided upon a vigorous plan of action in an attempt to settle the insurrection initiated by Adalbert Korfanty, the former plebiscite commissioner in Upper Silesia, with the object of joining the industrialists of Upper Silesia to Poland.

The Polish cabinet has issued a statement to the effect that while the ministry thoroughly understood the patriotic motive which led to the spontaneous outbreak throughout the mining district, the Government disapproved of the insurrection, and considered the movement a vain attempt to attain the desired end under present circumstances.

Dispatches received today report that 20,000 armed workmen from the Dombrowa-Sosnowice mining district in East Silesia have attempted to cross the frontier and assist the insurgents, but all were turned back by the Polish authorities.

Many Encounters.
Pitched encounters between the insurgents and the Germans have occurred at various points in the Kibynsk district, where, according to Polish reports, more than 150 Poles were killed and many wounded, while the German casualties were even heavier.

In a protracted fight for possession of Friedrichschutte, an important foundry centre, more than 30 Poles were killed, the German troops being victorious. Repeated demonstrations by the labor parties have occurred before the British and Italian legations, the workmen, by shouts and written protests, showing resentment against the alleged stand taken by the British and Italian representatives in Silesia in opposition to the Polish claims to the disputed territory.

WILL SEND TWENTY TO BISLEY SHOOT

OTTAWA, May 8.—(Canadian Press.)—The Dominion Rifle Association announces a full team of twenty for the Bisley rifle meeting. Names not previously announced are: Lieut. H. W. Patterson, G.G.F.G., Ottawa; Gunner W. E. Tingman, R.C.G.A., Quebec; Staff Sergeant H. R. Roberts, Grenadiers, Toronto; Sergeant L. B. McCallum, C. & H. Truro; Sergeant J. G. Coles, 25th Saskatchewan, Regina; Private A. H. Caplin, 6th Vancouver.

Appointment of commandant and adjutant for the team is still in abeyance.

EXCURSION RATES FOR FARM LABORERS

Two Hundred Men Needed in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

OTTAWA, May 8.—(By Canadian Press.)—The department of labor announced Saturday afternoon that arrangements had been made with the Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway, whereby those railways have agreed to transport farm laborers at harvest excursion rates from Toronto to the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta, where the labor is required. A statement issued by Senator Robertson adds:

"Alberta recently advised that it desired to import 200 farm laborers from the United States, which was deemed by the department as undesirable if requirements could be met from within Canada."

"Wages offered are from \$50 to \$70 a month with board."

"It was obviously impossible for laborers to pay regular rates for so long a distance. The railways generously acceded to the request of the department and have opened the way for 400 to 500 farm laborers to be transported at a nominal cost, to the provinces where their services are demanded. The object of the department is mainly to relieve the unemployment situation in Southern Ontario where the greatest need exists."

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Rodgers, 2:40; Reiss, 4; Wolvin, 6:30; H. R. Jones, 6:30; Farrell, 6:50; Ashley, 8:40; McCollough, 9; Morgan, 9:20; Dalton, 9:30.
Down—Roberts, 10 a.m.; Zillah and consort, 10:40; Stephenson, 10:30; Tomlinson, 4:40 p.m.; Glenise, 11; Minch, 11:10; Amos, 11:20; Cornelius, 1 a.m.; Laughlin, 9:50.

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