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PRESIDENT TAFT IN EASTPORT

Prophecies a Period of Eternal Peace on Border Between the United States and Canada.—Advocates Commercial Reciprocity Between the Neighboring Countries.

President Taft, of the United States, paid an unofficial visit to Eastport in the Presidential yacht Mayflower, on Tuesday. It is said that he had not been to the border, but he anchored his yacht as close to the line as possible, and was able to look across to the Land of Promise, says a St. John paper.

He went ashore at Eastport and received a hearty reception from the people, after which he addressed them from the Public Library steps. He made some graceful allusions to Canada. He said that no doubt there were many Canadians in his audience. He was glad to see them and to be able to say the two countries were marching steadily forward on the road to prosperity. Still more glad was he to be able to state that all disturbing questions between the two countries had been settled and that a period of eternal peace on the border was before them.

The President had his wife and son on board with him. On Wednesday he proceeded to Frenchman's Bay on his way to Bar Harbor.

MR. TAFT WANTS CANADIAN RECIPROcity

The New York American quotes President Taft on reciprocity between Canada and the United States and discusses the subject as follows:

"Speaking for the Administration, we are convinced that a closer commercial relation with Canada will be well for both countries, and if in the next year we can come to any agreement to that end we shall think ourselves fortunate."

Where Prize Fighting is Illegal

It may be stated that Justice Swayne, of the Supreme Court of New Jersey, has no difficulty in finding law to meet the case, and his reasoning seems both plain and convincing.

"The law," he says, "declares that a public exhibition of any kind which tends to the corruption of morals or to a disturbance of the peace or of the general good order of the welfare of society is a public nuisance. The law also declares that prize fighting or even attendance at a prize fight as a spectator is a crime. Beyond doubt therefore, the law regards the public portrayal of a prize fight as an exhibition of the kind which has been described as a public nuisance. It would not be logical to make it a crime to watch the actual fight and yet make it permissible to display and to witness its exact reproduction upon a moving picture screen."

Wherever prize fighting is illegal, the exhibition of the pictures must be considered illegal, and that applies to all Canada.

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Capt. Bernier to Penetrate the Arctic Regions

Canada's Polar Navigator Proposes to Attempt the Northwest Passage and Bring His Vessel Around to Victoria, B.C.

Ottawa, July 24.—Captain Bernier, Canada's polar navigator, whose ambition it has for many years to reach the North Pole, is to have an opportunity for almost as distinguished a bit of Arctic exploring. With the Government steamer "Arctic" provisioned for a two-years' cruise, Captain Bernier is now enroute to the Canadian polar waters, with the Government's permission to attempt the Northwest Passage and bring his vessel around to Victoria, B. C., a feat which was unsuccessfully attempted by Perry, Ross, Franklin and other polar navigators during the past century.

Captain Bernier sailed from Quebec on the Arctic under sealed orders last month. Yesterday a letter was received from him at the Department of Marine, dated Chateau Bay, of the Labrador coast, July 12th. Attached to this letter was a memorandum giving the programme of his two-years' cruise.

Crushed to Death in Amherst Works

Edward Higgins, Engineer at Canada Car Plant, Was Horribly Mangled.

Amherst, July 21.—A distressing accident occurred at 7.30 this evening in the rolling mills of the Canada Car and Foundry Company where Edward Higgins, chief engineer, was instantly killed. The night watch had just started work when the belt which had just been put on the mill was slipping. Thinking the belts required repairing, he took a bunch of waste and in passing it over the spindle, the waste caught under the belt, and he was hauled head first between two coupling boxes, in a space of only six inches. After passing through, the body was reversed, passing back over the upper cylinder. His head, chest and limbs were terribly crushed, and death was almost instantaneous. The deceased was about twenty-six years of age, and leaves a widow and one child. He had been employed in the mill ever since it started, and was a steady, trustworthy and highly respected man. The body was taken to Christie Evans, Ltd., undertakers, and an inquest will be held.

Mr. Robertson Joins Royal Bank

(Montreal Star.)

It is officially announced that Mr. William Robertson, president of the Union Bank of Halifax, will represent the interests of the shareholders of that institution on the Board of the Royal Bank if the proposed deal of the purchase of the Union is approved by the shareholders. That is part of the agreement under which the Royal Bank makes the purchase on the terms announced exclusively in The Star yesterday. The present directors of the Union Bank of Halifax will act as advisory board of the Royal Bank in Halifax.

The present policy of the Union Bank of Halifax in respect to the business will be carried out by the Royal Bank of Canada and the advisory board being retained by the Royal Bank of Canada is the best evidence of their intention to safeguard the interests of the customers of the Union Bank of Halifax.

It is also agreed that all the present staff of the Union shall be retained for a period of one year at a salary not less than now received by them.

Questions the St. John Times

How far will \$45,000 go to repair losses that are probably \$2,000,000 in excess of the insurance?

The Campbell relief fund is now said to amount to about \$45,000. The total loss must have been at least \$3,500,000, and some say much more; and the insurance was apparently less than \$1,500,000. This would indicate a dead loss of fully \$2,000,000.

The heaviest burden of this dead loss falls upon people who had no insurance and who lost everything. There is the point—they lost everything. Now to what extent are they helped by what has been done? If they were hungry, they have been fed. They were given the shelter of tents, and perhaps some needed clothing. In a word, their immediate wants were to some extent supplied. But otherwise they are today as they were the night after the fire—without anything to help them in the work of providing a home against the rigors of a Restigouche winter.

The response throughout the province to the first cry for help was worthy of all praise. But it merely supplied the immediate day-to-day needs of people who had been stripped of all their belongings. Those people are now able, no doubt, to work and to earn some money, but they are still homeless—and, as Lieut. Gov. Twigg pointedly observes, cold weather is only about twelve weeks away. They have no houses, no furniture—nothing but their bare hands. This, of course, refers to those who carried no insurance. Of those who did carry some, many will not be able to provide themselves with homes without outside help.

Amalgamation of the Banks

The most important event of the past week has been the official announcement of the absorption of the Union Bank of Halifax by the Royal Bank of Canada, says J. C. McIntosh in the Herald. The terms of exchange are two shares for five shares of Union, the former being \$100 shares and the latter \$50 shares. At the present market price of Royal Bank of Canada stock, which is 241 per cent, this is equivalent to approximately 193 per cent for Union Bank stock. This is considered a very favorable arrangement for the shareholders of the Union Bank, realizing as they do considerably in excess of the former market price of the stock. Included in the terms is the agreement with the Royal Bank to increase their dividend stock from 11 to 12 per cent, on January 1st, 1911.

Many will regret the passing of this institution which has identified itself very closely with the business of this province. However if it must be lost as a purely local institution it is better that it should be taken over by the Royal Bank of Canada, which also originated in this city, than by some outside bank, which is not so closely in touch with the needs of the maritime provinces.

The Royal Bank has done wisely in retaining the services of the officials of the Union Bank, as the business community of this province and elsewhere has ever found the officials of this bank well qualified to satisfy their just and reasonable requirements with wisdom and with courtesy. The Royal Bank is to be congratulated on obtaining the business of the Union Bank and the services of its officials.

The Royal Bank of Canada in recent years has shown great enterprise and is now rated third among Canadian banks in volume of assets and business and the acquisition of the Union Bank of Halifax has further increased its capital, reserves and total assets. We think the Royal Bank has made a wise move in placing the president of the Union Bank on its board and trust it will ever be its policy to have representation from the province of Nova Scotia upon its board of directors.

New Pastor for Gordon Memorial Church

The Rev. Allan Simpson, for many years Pastor of Park Street church, Halifax, has accepted a call from Gordon Memorial Presbyterian church of this town, and Presbytery has arranged for his induction into this charge on Tuesday, 19th of August. Rev. R. Johnson, of St. Andrews church, Halifax, will address the congregation. A very large attendance is expected.

Gordon Memorial church is most fortunate in securing a man of Mr. Simpson's great experience and ability, and the town is to be congratulated on this addition to its list of pastors.—COM.

TOWN MAKES A GOOD INVESTMENT.

It is refreshing to read that the progressive Town Council of Wolfville, despite the fact that their up-to-date school building is in good condition, fairly well ventilated and heated, is now expending some three thousand dollars on a new system of heating and ventilation in order that the comfort and health of the students shall be assured. In these days when the ravages of consumption are so great, it would be folly, to say the least, to neglect any of those precautions, that are so necessary, if the life, health and vigor of the present and succeeding generations are to be preserved. Better by far is it for children to grow up with unventilated minds, but strong bodies in the fresh air under the open canopy of heaven, than to run the risk of growing up round shouldered, hollow-chested, bespectacled weaklings in the vitiated air of unventilated school rooms, where large numbers of the washed and unwashed meet and mingle fragrantly together. To those in authority who proceed to grapple intelligently and vigorously with so important a problem let due credit and honor be paid.—Kentville Advertiser.

MacKenzie and Mann Officials Visit Province

MIDDLETON, July 22.—William MacKenzie, president, and D. B. Hanna, vice-president, W. D. Barclay, eastern manager of the MacKenzie and Mann railways, and J. Bain, superintendent of the H. and S. W. Railway, came to Middleton this morning by special train in Mr. MacKenzie's private car. They visited the big shipping pier at Port Wade and the iron mine at Torbrook and were much pleased with the prospects of traffic from the iron ore. They were also driven in an auto over the proposed line of railway from Middleton eastward through northern Annapolis and Kings' counties to study the possibilities of extending the H. and S. W. railway through this fine apple-growing district of the province. Mr. MacKenzie promised a daily service over the Victoria Beach section of the H. and S. W. railway.

Great Changes at the St. John Exhibition

New Buildings, New Area, New 'Pike' New Cattle Accommodations

The general aspect of the grounds at the Dominion Exhibition, to be held in St. John, N. B., September 5th to 15th next, will be greatly changed as compared with former years. The new immense wing to the Industrial structures, the new cattle sheds, master new Grand Stand, new "Pike," etc., will transform the familiar view into one of a fair of national proportions and will surpass even the most sanguine visitor. The new Horticultural Building, to be 150 feet long and sixty feet wide, and three stories in height, is planned to adjoin the wing of the Main Industrial building. The new Grand Stand, to be two hundred and eight feet by forty deep, with accommodations for one thousand seven hundred and fifty guests, is to be situated in the south-east corner of the area, nearly directly opposite the old Grand Stand. In past years the Pike or Midway attractions have been located directly in the path of patrons walking from the main building across the field to the Live Stock display; but this year this open ground is to be reserved for specially new and original amusement features, while the Pike is laid out in the rear of the new Grand Stand, following a semi-circular course towards Amusement Halls. There will be new horse barns, immense new cattle sheds, new piggy and sheep pens, also new accommodations for poultry and pet stock. The transportation exhibits are to be shown in the Military Drill, which the Dominion Government has kindly placed at the disposal of the Exhibition Association. In the centre of the large ground space a stock display ring has been mapped out in which horses will be exercised and competing animals demonstrated. This track will be one-sixth of a mile in circumference.

TOBACCO CULTURE.

The culture of tobacco in the Dominion is receiving some attention of late and gives prospect of being remunerative. Mr. Charlan, Chief of Agriculture, Ottawa, has been visiting different countries throughout this province looking into conditions and seeking representative farmers who will undertake the culture. Mr. Charlan was in Kentville last week, says the Advertiser, accompanied by Mr. Moore of the seed division, Ottawa, and talked with many farmers in the vicinity. They considered our soil conditions and climate and thought that if the culture of tobacco was undertaken here it would prove of value as an industry for our farmers. Mr. Charlan made arrangements for Experiments in growing. The department at Ottawa will furnish the plants and buy the dried crop when gathered.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES PAIN.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE

Over Two Hundred Teachers and Students in the Quiet and Pretty Town of Liverpool.—Useful Sessions, Kind Hospitality and Delightful Excursions Make Pleasurable Outing.

(Special correspondence to Monitor)

Liverpool, July 25.—The Summer School of Science is holding its twenty-fourth annual session at the quietly pretty little town of Liverpool. The enrollment is large this year; 228 from Nova Scotia; 10 from New Brunswick, 8 from Prince Edward Island and 7 from the United States, making a total of two hundred and fifty-two at present enrolled. The classes are well attended, as would be expected when one considers the personality of the instructors, live men of affairs, of high ideals, and of fine independent mentality, it will not seem strange if those who listen to them, catch something of their spirit and go to their own schools next year with new ideas better methods of teaching, loving their work better, and filled with a new enthusiasm.

The staff of the Summer School this year consists of:

Agriculture and Physical Science: W. W. Andrews, L. L. D., Prof. of Chemistry at Mount Allison University.

Botany: L. A. DeWolfe, M. Sc., teacher in Soldan High School, St. Louis, Mo., U. S. A.

Geology: D. S. MacIntosh, M. Sc., professor of Geology in Dalhousie College.

Literature, Physic: G. P. Oulton, M. A., Moncton, N. B.

Drawing: Percy Harlow, teacher of Drawing in schools of Charlottetown, P. E. Island.

Besides these instructors there are four sergeants sent from the Royal Canadian Regiment in Halifax teaching those who are taking the course in Military Drill.

The classes in English and Botany each number considerably over one hundred, and great interest is taken in them. The botanizing excursions are a pleasant feature of this most enjoyable and instructive outing. In the Agriculture Class Professor Andrews gives the pupils the benefit of the newest thought and methods in Agriculture, and the results of his own independent investigations. The other classes are all well attended, and the Physiology Class might be mentioned as a particularly useful one conducted in the way that it is. There are pupils also taking advanced courses in various subjects.

Kind friends of the summer school who feel that those teachers who put themselves to the expense of coming to the school and studying hard during vacation time, are entitled to some reward, have offered a number of scholarships to those writing the examinations at the end of the session. This year the scholarships offered are four \$20 scholarships open to those who were candidates for scholarships last year; and ten \$10 scholarships open to all pupils of the summer school except those competing for the advanced scholarships. Besides these there are several prizes of books offered for good work in the English class.

The Summer School is visited from time to time by prominent educationalists, who give lectures and in other ways help the usefulness of the school. This year it has had the great advantage of a visit from the commission which is enquiring into the needs of Canada in regard to technical training and industrial education, and of listening to the ideas of such great men as Dr. Robertson, who has done so much for that same education in Canada.

Besides the fine opportunities for instruction provided by the summer schools, there is abundant opportunity here for having a good time—excursions, boating, bathing. The people of Liverpool are most kind in anticipating the wants of the Summer School and in making its stay in their town enjoyable in every possible way. Captain Hatt has put his little steamer, which accommodates forty, at the disposal of the members of the Summer School; so also has the Mayor his motor boat. Mr. Starratt is very kind about taking the students out in his yacht. The tennis club of Liverpool on Saturday afternoon entertained the Summer School most enjoyably at a lawn party on their grounds. On Monday afternoon there was an excursion to the pulp mills two miles away in Milton.

The climate in Liverpool is so delightfully cool and refreshing that it puts new life into everyone. In fact everything seems to combine to make this session of the Summer School a most useful and delightful one.

S. P. E.

Merchant's Day a Success in Sackville

The weather man did his best—or worst—to hinder the success of Merchants' Day but, nevertheless, quite a large number of people came to Sackville for the day and the merchants generally report business good. In some cases the amount of business done was below that of the previous Merchants' Day but in others it was reported to be about up to the average while one or two of the merchants say that they broke all records in the amount of their business. When it is remembered that the weather in the afternoon was anything but good and that nevertheless the day's business was on the whole satisfactory yesterday may be taken as another evidence of the advantage of Merchants' Day in the town.—Tribune.

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