

# TARIFF COMMISSION HEARS TRUTH ON PAPER SITUATION

W. F. Maclean, M.P., Tells of Unfair Price Regulations and of Stock-Watering Operations by Paper Making Firms Asking for Protection Against the Foreign Product.

At Montreal on November 15 last, the Canadian Pulp and Paper Association submitted a statement to the committee of cabinet ministers appointed to inquire into the operations of the Canadian customs tariff.

You, Mr. Minister of Finance, know what trouble you had trying to get a supply of paper for the Canadian newspaper publishers, and you know that the newspaper manufacturers actually undertook last year in the presence of the government to see that they would supply the country with paper at a price that would not be higher than the price of the same paper in the United States.

W. F. Maclean, M.P., of the Toronto World appeared before the above committee of the cabinet at the city hall, Toronto, yesterday, to protest against the above claims in so far as the present tariff on newspaper paper is concerned, and which the manufacturers want continued and probably made more stringent.

Mr. Maclean said: Mr. Minister of Finance and gentlemen, I want to speak as a newspaper publisher. An application has been made to you to continue the present tariff on imported newspaper in the interests of the Canadian market.

I believe in the National Policy and have always advocated it in my newspaper. My father founded the Manufacturers' Association, and the greatest trouble in getting the manufacturers to pay \$1 a year towards the maintenance of that association. But the association has succeeded, and certainly I have no fault to find with it.

But now I want to give you my experience of the newspaper market. I have paid one company millions of dollars for newspaper and did not owe them a dollar. I did have a lot of credit; I paid them, and then they would not supply the paper that I required. Two years ago they cut us down so fine that we could get only one carton at a time, and then they would not supply the paper that I required. Two years ago they cut us down so fine that we could get only one carton at a time, and then they would not supply the paper that I required.

Another Jump Ahead. The owners of several favored newspapers never said a word in favor of the tariff. They are out and out free traders, but a preference is given to them; they are getting paper for less than 5 cents. There has not been a paper famine; in fact there is going to be a surplus, yet it is announced in The Globe this morning that the paper manufacturers met yesterday and stated that they are going to start the price for next year at 1-2 cents; it should be 5 cents. In the interests of the public it should be at the old price of 4, or even 3, cents.

Those paper manufacturers say: "We are going to have the Dominion government accept this document in regard to paper, we are going to be protected, and we are going to start this country with the third year after the war by putting our paper at 6 1/2 cents a pound. I am not going to stand it, and I want the manufacturers of paper to take that protection of this tariff until they are paid for it. And I want to see the protection of this tariff until they are paid for it. And I want to see the protection of this tariff until they are paid for it."

Should Supply Canadians. Now, after my business relations with the company extending over 40 years, and my attention to the cause of the manufacturers, I do not think they should treat anyone in this country in that manner. I contend that the manufacturing concern that is making a profit from the public lands of this country, and is enjoying the use of the water powers and the

A MAN OF RENOWN Among the notable professional men of this country who achieved great success along strictly legitimate lines, was Dr. R. V. Pierce, founder of Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute in Buffalo, N.Y.

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# SEIZE TOWN HALLS IN LONDON SUBURBS

Peaceful Occupation by Unemployed—One Is Later Evacuated.

London, Dec. 1.—Restiveness among the city's unemployed, coupled with the lack of housing accommodations, led to the seizure of the town hall at Edmonton, a northern suburb of London, by several hundred men today. The occupation of the building was entirely without violence. The men announced that they will use the town hall as their headquarters until something is done for them.

The town hall at Tottenham, another working district near the city, was the scene of a similar peaceful seizure yesterday. The unemployed men who took possession of the building, however, evacuated it today when the council announced that accommodations had been found for them in the corner's court and in two large storehouses.

A large body of unemployed late today took possession of the public baths in the suburb of Walthamstow and placed it under their control. They then formed the borough council that the premises should be occupied until another building was found for them. A centre from which to distribute food supplies.

The members of the deputation which waited on the borough council said they had faced the Germans and that they would not see their children starve. Unemployed persons carried out a demonstration in the borough of Hackney and clashed with the police tonight when the demonstrators attempted to occupy a vacant house.

OBREGON IS SWORN IN PRESIDENT OF MEXICO

Mexico City, Dec. 1.—General Alvaro Obregon was inaugurated president of Mexico at midnight last night. The simple ceremony of taking the oath of office marked the eighth time in the republic's history of a year that the executive power has been transferred peacefully.

The Argentine ambassador and the ministers of Chile, Italy, Germany, Spain and Belgium were present. Japan, Sweden, Norway, Cuba, Peru, Great Britain and the United States and France were represented by their charges d'affaires while Guatemala, Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua sent special delegates.

Prior to the inaugural ceremonies the aldermen of Mexico City tendered General Obregon a banquet in the municipal building. The newspaper manufacturers of the agreement entered into between them and the government, which the government about a year ago.

Mr. Henry Drayton: We did not know about this. Assurance was given you that decent treatment would be accorded our newspaper publishers and that the newspaper would be treated as a business. The only people who have given us a word in this connection are the Chicago Tribune, who have the biggest mill in Canada, but they feel justified in making paper and in carrying on business. I saw a cheque signed for three carloads yesterday at the exorbitant price the newspaper publishers are exacting, which is in violation of the agreement. We will probably have to take the law on the point.

Farmers Interested. The farmers are getting reasonable paper prices, but they have not had them for years past, and they are not going to get them unless the paper makers are told that they have got to treat their customers fairly, and that they must be treated as business customers.

Prices in the States. I may say I also speak for the States. The States have had a small form of newspaper regulation for years, and today they are negotiating with the paper makers. But conditions have not been as bad in the States as in Canada; there have been no strikes or treatment by the mills over there.

Mr. Henry Drayton: Do you know what they are paying in the States? Mr. Maclean: Yes. The international have announced that they will sell paper at 5 cents a pound in spite of the fact that the Canadian mills will stand for that.

Mr. Maclean: I wish you would give us any concrete information you may have concerning the one statement you made regarding the industry you had in getting delivery of your paper, and the necessity of it.

Mr. Maclean: The explanation is this: when we go for a carload we are told, "We cannot give it to you before a certain day." Hon. Mr. Robertson: But your statement was that you had to bonus by the cartage agents or the railway companies in order to get your cars placed.

Mr. Maclean: No, I withdraw that. I say there was payment of money right along to get delivery. Mr. Henry Drayton: Was that just the cartage agents or the railway companies? Mr. Maclean: I would not say the railway companies at all. They did the best they could to put the cars on the sidings and get them unloaded, but the men were overworked and probably it was a preference should be made by the railway companies in favor of the home newspapers, and they did help us, but not so the newspaper companies. I base my case on what I have already contended for: Equality of treatment and regulation of price. Those who have the benefit of the tariff are subject to such regulations. My experience is not that price regulation has ceased on the contrary, it is being put in effect to be one of the problems of after-war economies. Especially must there be regulation of price in view of that awful watering of capitalization.

ANNOUNCEMENTS Notices of future events, not intended to raise money, so per word, minimum 10 words. For charitable or patriotic purposes, so per word, minimum 10 words. For other than these purposes, so per word, minimum 20 words.

HEATHER CLUB CHAPTER, I.O.G.E.F., sale of work and home made goods, 3.30 to 6 p.m. Mrs. H. H. Williams, 363 Avenue Road. Friends send donations in not later than Thursday noon.

# SOCIAL EVENTS

Items Intended for This Column Should Be Addressed to The World City Editor.

The performance by the Dramatic Club of Upper Canada College has unfortunately had to be postponed until next term, owing to the illness of Miss Keeney.

A quiet wedding took place at St. Matthews Church yesterday morning, when Miss Younger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hall, 16 Bain Avenue, became the bride of Arthur, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Vandervoort, 17 Spencer Avenue. The wedding march was played by Miss E. Goodman, L.T.C.M., and during the signing of the registers Mr. Charles Shaper sang "Unto" and "The Sacrament."

A dance festival in connection with the annual meeting of the Canadian National Railway Association was held at the St. James Hotel, Toronto, last night. The event was a success and many well-known officials of the company were present.

Miss Boswell, social worker of St. James Cathedral, has returned after a trip to Japan, where she attended the World Sunday school convention at Tokyo. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Galloway have moved into their new home at 1080 Avenue.

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FAMOUS SINGER IS IDOL OF LONDONERS The following is taken from the London Times of October 29 last: "The announcement that Mme. Dalgaz, the famous singer, had consented to take part in the program in order to help the Abbey Fund, attracted an immense audience. It was only to be expected that the opportunity of hearing her sing arias from operas and kindred works would draw a large concourse of people, but it was hardly expected that long before the recital began every seat and all standing space would be occupied, so that hundreds who arrived before six o'clock would be unable to gain admittance on any pretext whatsoever. Yet this happened." At her farewell recital, given in Albert Hall on October 24, she was heard by over 7000 people. She is today the idol of Londoners.

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