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LAURIER CALLS FOR A FORESTRY CONVENTION

Public Meeting at Ottawa to Be Held Next January 10th, 11th and 12th

Premier Refers to Necessity of Looking After Canada's Virgin Forests, the Preservation of the Streams in Constant Flow--Alludes to the Danger of Fire in Northern Districts by the Building of the Transcontinental Railway.

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—(Special)—A great Canadian forestry convention is to be held in Ottawa beginning January 10 next and lasting three days. In connection with it Sir Wilfrid Laurier has addressed a letter to the public of the Dominion. After referring to the importance of Canada's virgin forest, the preservation of the streams in perennial and constant flow, the expansion of electrical and mechanical industries which will be regulated to a great extent by water, the premier says: "The early construction of the Transcontinental Railway, and of other railways, throughout northern territories and the consequent opening of those districts to general traffic will increase the danger from fire which has already been a most active agent of destruction. "These conditions are not new, they have from time to time received public attention and during the session just closed parliament authorized the summoning of a convention for the more thorough discussion of the same, I therefore, hereby call a public convention to meet in the city of Ottawa on the 10th, 11th and 12th of January, 1906, under the auspices of the Canadian Forestry Association."

SCHOLARSHIPS OF THE U. N. B. AWARDED

Miss Grace Fleming of St. John Selected for This County Prize.

Exhibition Expected to Have Surplus of \$1,400--Bumor That Gibson Will Give His Business to C. P. R. if Company Will Build a Spur.

Fredericton, Oct. 5.—The following announcements were made today by the faculty of the University of New Brunswick. The Asa Dow Scholarship of the value of \$50 a year for two years is awarded annually to the student who makes the best marks in the senior mathematics examination in September. The honor was given this year to Roland R. Mc-

The county scholarships, value \$50 each are awarded annually to the student in each county who takes the highest stand at the July matriculation examination, or at other examinations if there are no candidates for junior matriculation. The following have been awarded this year: York county—J. J. Hayes Doane. St. John county—Miss Grace Fleming. Carleton county—Miss Maude Smith. Victoria county—Mrs. Beatrice Fleming. Charlotte county—Fred Grant. Westmorland county—Miss Claire Bland.

Resignation county—Wm. Gordon Firth. Northumberland county—Miss Olive H. Stoddart.

The remaining county scholarships are not yet settled and will be announced later.

Hally C. Ferguson and Miss Birdie L. Tapley, of Sheffield, were married last evening at the Baptist parsonage by Rev. J. H. MacDonnell.

As yet nothing definite can be learned as to the amount of surplus of the exhibition. It is said, however, there will be a surplus of about \$1,400 finally declared. These figures are made up with an allowance for payment of bills which have not as yet been presented, and deducting the \$1,000 paid for the Penitentiary property.

A meeting of the Amateur Ice Association of the U. N. B. was held at the University this morning, when officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: R. A. Winslow, president; L. R. Sherman, secretary; J. M. Gilchrist, treasurer.

There is an unexplained rumor today that owing to friction between the Intercolonial Railway authorities and Manufacturing Company, the C. P. R. may be asked to construct a spur to Marsville for the purpose of enabling them to carry the Gibson company's business. Should all the Gibson company's business be made to connect with the Gibson Branch of the C. P. R.

Mr. Cameron, of St. Stephen, who has been junior clerk in the Bank of Montreal for some time, has been transferred to the Amherst branch.

This city is the headquarters, at present time, of a gang of tramps of a bold and saucy type. Last evening two of these gentry called at several houses in the lower part of the city and demanded food. They were under the influence of liquor, and created quite a scare in the neighborhood. The police were telephoned for but the hoboes disappeared before the police arrived on the scene.

John Harris, a local huckster, was before the police court this morning, charged with furious driving on the public streets. The evidence of two witnesses was taken and the case adjourned until Wednesday.

Dr. J. C. Mott of St. John is here today.

The case of Stains vs. Shaw et al., an action arising out of the sale of some tank bark, is going on before the county court today. The evidence of two witnesses in their consideration of the indictment in the Hartley assault case until Wednesday next, owing to illness of a material witness. Crown land officials complain that the law requiring duplicate tags for each moose and caribou killed in the province is not being complied with by the guides and sportsmen. So far only thirty tags have been received by the deputy surveyor general, while at least three times that many moose and caribou have been killed. The wardens have power to seize untaxed game heads.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD DEALS WITH MANY MATTERS

Captain Campbell's Widow Again Asks for Redress--Report on Temperance and Other Subjects.

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 5.—(Special)—The synod opened at ten o'clock this morning. Rev. Dr. Pollock delivered an address on the condition of the Church of Scotland.

The following were named by the moderator as the visitors to the ladies' college for the ensuing year: Rev. Edwin Smith, D. D.; Rev. E. D. Miller, D. D.; Rev. Anderson Rogers, Rev. D. K. Grant, J. B. O'Brien.

It was stated by Principal Falconer that there was no special report this year by the committee on public education.

The following committees were appointed: Church Life and Work, H. K. McLean, F. W. Anderson, J. A. McKenna, Robt. Murray, John Hawley, D. Fraser, A. D. Falconer, J. A. McLean, George Miller, C. Munro, F. W. Murray, ministers; John T. McKenna, John McDougall, elders.

Public Education, Principal Falconer, Principal Pollock, Dr. McMillan, Dr. Tuffin, Dr. Sedgwick, and Frank Baird.

The synod resumed its session at 2:30 p.m. A resolution was moved to sell the Presbyterian church at Arichat against which a claim was held by the McKaskill estate. To this an amendment was moved to defer consideration of the matter until the next session of the synod. In the meantime an effort will probably be made to wipe out the debt and retain the property.

Rev. A. V. Morash submitted a resolution to the effect that the travelling expenses department of the synod fund be abolished and that contributions be made direct to the agent. It was decided, however, to appoint a committee of inquiry to report to the next meeting of the synod.

Rev. D. Lang, of St. John, reported for the Young People's societies. There are 78 societies, 6,019 members, and 2,173 communicants. The amount given was \$4,217. There has been an increase in some of the Presbyteries but in the majority there has been a decrease in the number of societies, membership and contributions.

The guild has attracted many of the young people because it presents greater opportunities.

The Campbell will case was then introduced. In this matter the General Assembly decided some time ago against the claim made on behalf of Capt. Geo. Campbell's widow and the object of the present movement on behalf of Mrs. Campbell's friends is to petition the General Assembly to re-open the case. At this point the synod adjourned for the afternoon.

The session re-opened in the evening at 7:30. A resolution was passed expressing sympathy for Dr. Warden, whose continued illness was regretfully noted.

Dr. Smith, of Sydney, reported on behalf of the Sabbath schools. On account of the success attending the summer schools it was decided to continue them next year.

The report on temperance was presented by Rev. H. R. Grant. The report urged that the instruction of the young in the principles of total abstinence was of the utmost importance. No progress had been made in the matter of legislation except in Prince Edward Island. The object of the present movement of the people were still strong in favor of suppressing the traffic. In the last few years there had been a decrease in drunkenness and crime.

Mr. Grant closed his remarks by moving a resolution expressing unqualified approval of the action of the local government in neglecting to investigate the surreptitious passing of certain legislation unfavorable to temperance. The resolution was strongly supported by Rev. Geo. B. McLeod, D. Stiles Fraser and G. L. Gordon.

The report on church life and work was presented by Rev. H. K. MacLean. Among the subjects covered by the report were temperance, Sabbath observance and church extension. The report was regarded as encouraging, but the necessity for vigilance was urged. The synod adjourned until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

MUTUAL LIFE MILKED OF MILLIONS BY MCCURDYS

Son of President Got About \$200,000 a Year from Company

Son-in-Law Thebaud, a Hot Second, His Commissions Being Nearly as Large--Astounding Revelations Before Insurance Inquiry--District Attorney Jerome Announces That He Will Call a Special Grand Jury to Probe the Scandal--Hughes Will Not Make Young Hyde's Examination Easy.

New York, Oct. 5.—That the astonishing total of \$2,000,000 has been paid as commissions on the Mutual Life Insurance Company to two members of the family of Richard A. McCurdy, president of the company and the promise of District Attorney Jerome that the insurance scandals certainly will be submitted later to an extraordinary grand jury, were the sensational developments in the insurance situation today.

MAY BE MISSING FREEPORT WOMAN

Belief That She is Masquerading Under Name of Norah Sadler

Digby, N. S., Oct. 5.—(Special)—Mystery still surrounds the disappearance of Mrs. Charles Prime, of Freeport, whose clothes were found on the beach near the Beacon Bar, St. John, in living or dead-Neighbors' Gossip Said to Have Affected Mrs. Prime's Mind.

MR. PRIME WITHOUT NEWS

The name of Sadler is unknown in Freeport and it is thought the woman is the missing Elsie Forbes Prime.

Mrs. Prime was a great Bible student and for some time taught a class in the Freeport Baptist Sunday school. After some stories got in circulation concerning her past career in the city of St. John she was somewhat turned down in the quiet town of Freeport, where people are noted for the strict moral way in which they live, and it is feared that this has borne heavily on her mind, and that she has become mentally deranged.

One of her little children is being tenderly cared for by Mr. Prime's housekeeper Violet, and with the grand mother, Mrs. Forbes, in Sundry county (N. B.).

This late affair has caused considerable excitement in the western end of the county and people are very anxious to learn further particulars. Mr. Prime does not appear inclined to talk to neighbors and particularly avoids newspaper interviews.

TWO STEAMSHIP LINES BETWEEN NEW YORK AND RUSSIA

One Will Run from St. Petersburg and the Other from Odessa.

New York, Oct. 5.—Despatches from St. Petersburg to the Associated Press saying that the department of merchant marine will establish steamship lines between Russian ports and the United States, attract considerable interest in shipping circles. It is understood that two separate lines are contemplated. One line will be established between St. Petersburg and New York, making stops at Liban and Stockholm, while the other will be a route from Odessa to this port, with stops at Constantinople, Piraeus and Naples.

Shipping men point out that this line will immediately find profitable business in the transportation of emigrants. As understood here the line is to be composed of ships of the International Mercantile Marine fleet, and the Russian government is to guarantee the interest on the necessary bonds.

G. T. PACIFIC AWARDS \$5,000,000 CONTRACT

Montreal, Oct. 5.—(Special)—A contract that is worth between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 was awarded by the Grand Trunk Pacific railway to Foley Bros. and Co., of Winnipeg. This is the contract for the line between Port William and Lake Superior Junction, a distance of 210 miles, and the firm that received the order for this stretch of Canada's new transcontinental railway was that of Foley Bros.

This is the second contract awarded by the Grand Trunk Pacific. The first was for Portage La Prairie to Touchwood Hills and was given to MacDonald & MacMillan, Winnipeg.

NEW C. P. R. LINERS READY NEXT MAY

Montreal, Oct. 5.—(Special)—The Star's London correspondent cables: Arrangements are being made for the launching on November 11 of the first of the new Canadian Pacific Atlantic liners, for which new capital was authorized yesterday. The second boat is to be launched four weeks later and both will be on the St. Lawrence route in May next. They will have eight decks.

DAMAGING EVIDENCE GIVEN AGAINST COLE

Witnesses Swear He Wanted to Drug Steeves for His Money

Pawnbroker Testifies That He Bought a Watch from Prisoner the Day After the Murder--Suspect's Story of His Whereabouts on the Day of the Murder Contradicted--Prosecution Confident of Conviction.

Portland, Me., Oct. 5.—(Special)—It has been a trying day for Edward F. Cole from the time when the superior court convened this morning, to take up the second day's hearing of the charge against him of killing John F. Steeves, of Hillsboro (N. B.), on April 12 last, until it adjourned this afternoon, the state had steadily drawn tighter about him the chains of evidence connecting the prisoner with the killing.

CHARLOTTETOWN MAN CONVICTED OF TREATING FRIEND TO LIQUOR

Fined \$100 or Three Months Imprisonment--Small Dividend for Packing Company's Creditors.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Oct. 5.—(Special)—The police court this morning John Power was fined \$100 or three months imprisonment for violation of the prohibition act. This case arose out of the testimony of a witness who when being tried for drunkenness and compelled under the law to tell where he got his liquor, said that he had secured the drinks of whiskey from Power as a treat.

MONCTON NOW HAS A PRINTERS' UNION

Coal Teamsters' Strike That Fizzled and Men Lost Their Places

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 5.—(Special)—A printers' union was organized here today by Mr. Clancy, representing the printers' union of A. A. C. Mr. Clancy goes to St. John tomorrow.

A teamsters' strike is one of the latest innovations in Moncton. There is no union of teamsters here but the men engaged by J. P. Masters Co., Ltd., went out last Monday. The company employed five teamsters. Four declared a strike and held up the fifth man who wanted to continue working for the day. The trouble arose where they got their liquor. They secured a number of convictions since it went into force this summer.

The liquidators' statement in the matter of the Dominion Packing Company shows receipts of \$10,264, expenditure \$2,639 less preferred, liens \$2,500, balance for distribution \$5,125, net liabilities \$188,955, final dividend 2.71 per cent.

OLIVER THINKS LIBERALS WILL WIN IN THE PROVINCES

Ottawa, Oct. 5.—(Special)—Hon. Frank Oliver returned tonight from the west. He did not desire to enter into a discussion of the result of the elections in Saskatchewan and Alberta. He, however, said that it seemed probable that the Liberals would be charged with the duty of administering for the first time these two great provinces.

RECORD CROWD AT BROCKTON FAIR

Brockton, Mass., Oct. 5.—The Brockton fair had a record breaking attendance today of 80,250 people, the previous mark being 63,000 on the third day last year. The great throng streamed in from all directions, but principally from Boston, more than 25 special trains bringing nearly 30,000. A high wind prevented the ascent of the flying machine, so that the track events and the horse show were the attractive features.

In the trotting, the contest in the 2:09 pace between Frank S. and Ginger proved the most exciting and the two horses divided first and second money, the third heat in the race being a dead heat. The best time of the day, 2:12, was made by Frank S. in the first heat.

G. T. P. COMMISSION LOOKING SYDNEY OVER

Sydney, N. S., Oct. 5.—(Special)—Hon. S. N. Parent, chairman, C. F. McLean, C. N. Young and R. Reid, of the National Transcontinental Railway Commission, arrived in the city by late train tonight. While here they will visit the steel works and see the rail mill in operation and the product submitted to various tests by Mr. Sandberg, the expert.

BITTER FIGHT LOOKED FOR BETWEEN "STAND-PATTERS" AND TARIFF REFORMERS

Boston, Oct. 5.—A demand for substantial tariff revision, a direct concerted contest for the nomination for lieutenant-governor and a remarkable contest for the nomination for attorney-general with five well known lawyers, as aspirants, indicated tonight that the Massachusetts Republican convention which will be held tomorrow in this city, will be one of the most interesting as well as enthusiastic conventions in the history of the party in this commonwealth.