

BOARD OF COMMERCE FILES REPORT WITH PARLIAMENT

Sets Forth Difficulties and Obstacles Met in Their Work—Lacked Authority to Go Ahead in Certain Cases—Recommend Amendments to Certain Laws to Increase Efficiency of Board.

Ottawa, June 10.—The Board of Commerce has filed its report with Parliament covering its activities since its inception. It plainly sets forth that many differences were encountered, and that it was quite impossible to get results desired, as the Board lacked full authority and power required in many instances.

A list follows of the hearings, investigations and decisions of the Board between August 20, 1919 and March 31, 1920, in fifteen different cities of Canada and the United States on general matters and ten hours hearings on the newspaper question between October 11, 1919 and March 16, 1920. The board's control of newspaper was rescinded on April 7, 1920, following a decision rendered in the Supreme Court of Canada that newspaper control as a war measure was no longer justified.

Dealing in its concluding remarks with the investigation of combines, the Board states that only lack of a competent staff has prevented it from going further into this matter. Dismissing from the view expressed by Judge H. A. Robson, ex-Chief Justice of the Board, the operations committed to the Board were impossible of operation, the present commissioners point out that the Combines and Fair Prices Act relates as well as to fair prices in combines, trusts and mergers, and to this first part of the Act, says the report, it was the experience of the commissioners "during the regime of the ex-chief commissioner (J. G. Robson) it was very difficult to secure any attention. In the end the present commissioners themselves (the report continues) very shortly before the resignation of the ex-chief commissioner, and without his assent, set into the first part of the Combines and Fair Prices' Act with the result that the Board is now in possession of many hundreds of returns, the scope of which may be judged upon reading the summary of returns in this report. The board's investigations into the existence of combines, trusts, mergers, price fixing arrangements, etc., steadily proceeding and it, when the board's jurisdiction is established, the board will be prepared to take such action as may be necessary."

The Board states that in this connection it does not prejudice any combine as to the public detriment. It has not been supplied with adequate staffs to digest the mass of information in its possession. A hundred staple articles of groceries, including many trade marks, commodities, are included in this list.

Dealing in a general way with returns from retailers, the Board states that many are reporting regularly, having found that the close scrutiny over their business operations, necessary to the compilation of the reports, is beneficial to the conduct of their business. Many are not reporting, and will be prosecuted, says the report. The work entailed on scrutineers and dealing upon the character of all these associations and price-fixing systems, the Board points out, is so vast that it has to be postponed until the Board is authorized to secure necessary and trustworthy assistance. This work was to have been done by the Trade and Transportation Commission of the Board which has never been in force, because the Civil Service Commission refused to sanction the employment of the Board's appointees to the directorate of this division, after four months of application. The civil service commission is shown, throughout the report, to have handicapped the work of the Board of Commerce, and the Board's report states frankly that it cannot continue useful operation unless its experts can be chosen

REPUBLICANS ADOPT THEIR PLATFORM FOR CAMPAIGN

Various Planks Are Devoted to Industrial Relations, Agriculture and the Like—The One on Foreign Relations Would Keep United States Aloof from European Affairs—Willing to Help Civilization—Wilson Condemned.

Chicago, June 10.—The completed draft of the Republican platform was presented by Senator Watson to the convention today. The first plank dealt with industrial relations. It recognized the justice of collective bargaining and advocated government initiative to reduce the frequency and limit the consequences of strikes and lock-outs. For labor troubles in public utilities the plank favors the type of tribunal provided for in the transportation act of 1920. In private industries the plank favors impartial commission and better facilities for voluntary mediation, conciliation and arbitration, supplemented by full publicity.

With regard to Mexico, the platform says that the ineffective policy of the present administration in Mexican matters has been largely responsible for the continued loss of American lives in that country and on the border; and for the enormous loss of American and foreign property. "We should not," says the text, "recognize any Mexican government unless it is a responsible government, willing and able to give sufficient guarantees that the lives and property of American citizens are respected and protected, that wrongs will be promptly corrected and just compensation will be made for injury sustained."

The treaty plank put the Republicans on record "for agreement among the nations to preserve the peace of the world," and declared that the covenant for the League of Nations "has failed" to accomplish peace. The plank declared that the League covenant regulated, to a degree wholly unnecessary and unjustifiable, the policies of Washington and Monroe. "The unfortunate insistence of the President upon having his own way without any change in the very machinery of the Senate to vote according to their own judgment, or submit to the demands of a dictator." The plank also approved the course of the senators, acting in opposition to the covenant, and pledged the Republican administration "to such agreement with the other powers of the world as shall meet the full duty of America to civilization without surrendering the right of the American people to exercise its judgment and its power in favor of justice and peace."

Wilson Condemned. President Wilson was condemned for asking Congress to empower him to accept a mandate for Armenia. The acceptance of such a mandate, the plank said, would throw the United States into the very maelstrom of European quarrels, would make it necessary to send to Armenia \$9,000,000 troops and would cost \$276,000,000 from the first year and \$756,000,000 in five years. "We deeply sympathize with the people of Armenia and stand ready to help them in the very best way," the declaration continues, "but the Republican party will oppose now and hereafter the acceptance of a mandate for any country in Europe or Asia."

Foreign Relations. The Foreign Relations plank was the one the convention was waiting for, with its reference to the Peace Treaty. Attention tightened as Senator Watson reported that part of the platform. It cheered the Mexican plank loudly with its attack on President Wilson's conduct of the war, and like system cheer louder as the portion referring to the League of Nations was made public. At the outset the platform declared that the outstanding features of the Democratic administration had been complete unpreparedness for war and complete unpreparedness for peace. "On the former the platform said: "Inexcusable failure to make timely preparations is the chief indictment against the Democratic administration in the conduct of the war. Has not our land and sea, during 42 months of our preparation, and furnished us to the very day of the Armistice with munitions, planes and artillery, this failure would have been punished with disaster. It indirectly resulted in unnecessary losses to our gallant troops, in the impertinent waste of public funds literally poured into the breach created by gross neglect. Today it is reflected in the huge tax burden and the high cost of living."

Unpreparedness for peace, the platform said, was reflected in the fact that the government was continued on a war-time basis, and war-time legislation continued "its arbitrary and inquisitorial control over the life of the people in time of peace." The plank on Agriculture proposed practical and adequate farm representation in the appointment of governmental officials and commissions; the right to form co-operative associations for marketing farm products, and protection against discrimination; scientific study of agricultural prices and farm production costs; and of price fixing; improvement of transportation and amendment of the farm loan act. The platform contained a plea for economy in Government and for a national budget. Re-organization of Federal departments is demanded. Conservation of forests was also emphasized as well as a broad policy of reclamation. The soldier relief plank enable the Board to undertake them."

Correspondence between the Board and the Civil Service Commission occupies 102 pages of the report. It shows the efforts made by the Board to obtain certificates for experts employed for special work, and draws attention to the fact that some of these worked as much as six months before any salary could be obtained for them, and in other cases salaries were reduced by the commission after months of waiting.

STOP LOOK and LISTEN

before purchasing a baking powder that may possibly contain injurious ingredients. Many food scientists claim that baking powder containing alum is unsafe for use in food. The mere fact that some brands of baking powder have the words "No Alum" on the label is not sufficient proof that they are what they are represented to be. Our chemists find a good many have "No Alum" on the outside, but large quantities of it inside.

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week here, leaving for Ottawa on Saturday. Mr. George Burt was a visitor here during the week. Mr. C. Y. McNevin has returned from Snyx. Mrs. Everett Manzer and children, St. John, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Till. Mrs. John Stewart is spending a time with Mrs. E. S. Hopkins. Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Arthurville, was here during the week. Mrs. Wm. Gaunce and Mr. Henry Tibbitts spent Friday at Four Falls, at Mr. LeBaron Anderson's. Miss Beattie Mullin left for Lewiston on Saturday, after a short visit with her father and sisters. Miss Jessie Kelly has been visiting Mrs. Robert Kelly at Arnsbrook. Mr. and Mrs. George Filmer and family, of Woodstock, spent the King's birthday with Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lewis. Mr. LeBaron Anderson has been spending a few days in Fredericton and the Barony. Messrs. Alex. Stevenson, Alex. Stratton, Harry Blackley and Geo. Davis motored to Odell on Sunday, where they were guests of Dr. Brush. Mrs. Lewis McQuade spent the week-end with relatives at Morrell. The first tennis tea was served at the grounds on Saturday, when the hostesses were Mrs. Herbert Barra, Misses Janet Curry and Pearl Waite. Mr. Frank Simonds, of Sussex, was calling on friends here during the week. Emil Lavine, who was tried under Speedy Trial on Friday by Judge Carleton, charged with breaking into the store of Mrs. Cox at Four Falls and stealing a sum of money, was sentenced to two years in penitentiary, and was taken to Dorchester on Monday. Mr. W. E. McMonagle, Grand Falls, was here last week. Mr. Wallace McLeod was in St. John last week. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Tibbitts spent the week-end at Upper Kent. Mr. Dyson Wallace spent the week-end at Dr. Macintosh's and on Sunday in company with James Porter, Jr., went to Woodstock by canoe. Mr. Charles Howard left on Monday to visit friends in Charlottetown, P. E. I., and St. John. Mr. Carl Flemington, Fredericton, is visiting his parents, Rev. Charles and Mrs. Flemington.

Andover

Andover, N. B., June 7.—Mrs. Geo. Wright and little daughter spent a few days recently at Grand Falls and Limestone. Rev. J. R. Byles spent a few days last week in St. John. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Olmstead and family spent last week-end at Mr. Fred Olmstead's, Grand Falls. Mr. Benjamin Bell is spending some time in St. John. Mr. John Curry came from Magaguadavic on Monday and spent a few days at his home here. The many friends of Miss Grace McPhail are glad to learn that she is improving after an operation at her Memorial Hospital, Woodstock. Miss Beattie Kilburn is visiting Mrs. Gratien L'Anglois at Anegue, Quebec. Mrs. Wm. Gaunce, Upper Kent, was the guest of Mrs. Harry Tibbitts the past week. The Misses Willin entertained several friends on Tuesday evening, when among the guests were Mrs. May Robertson, Misses Ruby, Louise, Mabel Wark, Vera Henderson, Alma Andrews, Florence Ritchie, Cecil and Violet Simon, Inez Wright, Myrtle and Pearl Waite, Rev. A. E. Kochaly, Messrs. Wark, Fred and Vernon Ervin, Clyde Grant, Tom Wark, Cecil Turner, Gage Montgomery, Paul Wright and George Davis. After a pleasant evening of games and music a delicious lunch was served by the Misses Willin and Wark. Mr. M. L. Hayward, Hilland, was here during the week. Mr. T. J. Carter spent part of the week in St. John.

OBITUARY.

Israel H. Burrell. Moncton, N. B., June 10.—The death of Israel H. Burrell took place at the home of his son-in-law, A. E. McSweeney, this city this evening at eight o'clock. He had been a patient sufferer for more than six months and it was known by his friends that he could not recover. About sixteen years ago Mr. Burrell moved his family from Weymouth, N. S. to Moncton, and was for a number of years physician on the Intercolonial Railway. A few years ago he retired from the service and for nearly twelve years he has resided with his son-in-law and daughter. Deceased came of a well known Yarmouth, N. S. family which, for years was largely engaged in ship-building in the days when wooden ships were a big factor in the life of Nova Scotia, and was a member of the William Burrell Co., and the last surviving member of the firm whose ships were known in almost every part of the world. The surviving members of his family are his third wife, who resides in Berkeley, California, with her three sons, Miss Gladys Burrell, nurse, New York; Major Douglas Burrell of Minneapolis and Mrs. A. E. McSweeney, Moncton. The body will be taken to Yarmouth for interment on Saturday.

Mrs. W. T. Corey. Moncton, June 10.—Rev. C. W. Corey, pastor of the Lewisville Baptist Church, received word tonight of the death of his step-daughter at the home of his brother in Havlock, where she resided. Deceased was the widow of the late Rev. W. T. Corey, and she obtained certificates for the late William Wallace, of Hillsboro, Albert County. Her sister, Emma, of Hillsboro, survivor; also her brother, Dr. Will Wallace, of California. Deceased, who had resided in Havlock since 1878, was 74 years of age. She was most highly respected by all who knew her.

Advertisement for various products including 'Mercury' and 'Castoria'. Includes text like 'Mercury', 'They are Mercury', 'Mercury Stockings are', 'selection of maternity', 'At all the leading', 'Hamilton, Canada', 'and Hosiery for Men', 'Mercury', 'Ha!', 'Trot', 'Orchestra', 'dealers', 'GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS', 'Bears the Signature of', 'In Use For Over 30 Years', 'THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY'.

Advertisement for 'Children Cry for Fletcher's CASTORIA'. Includes text like 'Fletcher's Castoria is strictly a remedy for Infants and Children. Foods are specially prepared for babies. A baby's medicine is even more essential for Baby. Remedies primarily prepared for grown-ups are not interchangeable. It was the need of a remedy for the common ailments of Infants and Children that brought Castoria before the public after years of research, and no claim has been made for it that it uses for over 30 years has not proven.', 'What is CASTORIA?', 'Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. For more than thirty years it has been in constant use for the relief of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhoea; allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food; giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Comfort—The Mother's Friend.', 'GENUINE CASTORIA ALWAYS', 'Bears the Signature of', 'In Use For Over 30 Years', 'THE CENTAUR COMPANY, NEW YORK CITY'.

Advertisement for 'WRIGLEYS' chewing gum. Includes text like 'WRIGLEYS', 'Here's to teeth, appetite, digestion!', 'The flavor lasts—and the electrically-sealed package brings WRIGLEYS to you with all its goodness perfectly preserved.', 'Sealed Tight—Kept Right', 'WRIGLEYS JUICY FRUIT CHEWING GUM', 'WRIGLEYS DOUBLE MINT CHEWING GUM', 'WRIGLEYS SPEARMINT CHEWING GUM', 'THE PERFECT MINT LEAF FLAVOR'.