

HIGH FREIGHT RATES KILLING THE MARITIME

Maritime Board of Trade, in Session at Moncton, Adopts Strong Resolutions.

WANT I. C. R. UNDER DEPT. OF RAILWAYS

Demand That Rates be in Accordance With Terms of Confederation.

Moncton, April 29.—Statements that unless freight rates are re-adjusted in industries in the Maritime Provinces would be killed were made by speakers at a representative meeting of manufacturers and business men at a meeting held here tonight under the auspices of the Maritime Board of Trade and the Maritime Branch of the Manufacturers' Association.

A plea was made by resolution for the operation of that part of the Canadian National-Railways known as the old Intercolonial Railway, under the Department of the Minister of Railways.

Excessive Freight Rates

Excessive freight rates, prejudicial to Maritime interests was the keynote of nearly all the speakers who claimed that the railway commission had no real jurisdiction over the I. C. R., but that the matter of adjusting freight and passenger rates was still properly in the hands of the Department of Railways.

Angus McLean, Bathurst Lumber Company, president during the first part of the meeting, being succeeded at ten o'clock by W. S. Fisher, of St. John.

The principal speakers included Hon. R. E. Finn, of Halifax, J. E. Walsh, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, Toronto, H. J. Logan, K. C., president of the Maritime Board of Trade, St. E. Armstrong, St. John's, G. L. Martin, Amherst, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Dr. O. B. Price, M. Lodge, Moncton, and Angus McLean, Bathurst.

Unanimous Resolutions The following resolutions were unanimously passed by the meeting, which was attended by delegates from St. John, Halifax, Fredericton, Woodville, St. Stephen, Grand Falls, and other sections, about eighty being present.

Moved by H. J. Logan, Amherst, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, and seconded by J. E. Walsh, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, and Albert R. Triton, Sackville, president Maritime Stock Brokers' Association, that this meeting declare that the old Intercolonial should be operated directly under the Department of Railways and that the freight and passenger rates on said road should be made in accordance with the terms and provisions under which Nova Scotia and New Brunswick entered Confederation.

FOREST FIRES AT LAKE PLACID

Five Hundred Men Succeed Finally in Subduing the Outbreak.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., April 29.—A forest fire sweeping the outskirts of Lake Placid today called out virtually all residents in the vicinity to fight the flames which were headed toward the Grand View Hotel. Firemen of Saranac Lake were notified to be prepared for momentary call. Dense clouds of smoke were rolling toward this place. Much damage was feared unless the fire fighters soon got control of the situation.

Five Hundred Firemen. The forest fires were halted finally by 500 volunteer fire fighters at the edge of Lake Placid village.

All schools were dismissed and places of business were closed while a fire trench, which eventually stopped the flames was being dug. A watch was being maintained tonight by twelve forest rangers. The fire for the most part was on the land owned by James J. Huron, and Fred Johnson and covered about 35 acres. Much timber cut last winter was destroyed.

Employers Refuse Arbitration Board

Ottawa, April 29.—The Contractors' Association has refused to accede to the request made by the Brotherhood of Carpenters that they submit to a board of arbitration, the dispute which has arisen over the wage question. Officials of the Contractors' Association stated today that a strike on the part of the unions comprised in the building trades would have little or no effect on building construction work in the city, owing to the fact that there is very little doing in this line at present.

FASHION DECREE IN CHURCH London, April 29.—Because hats with broad brims make it difficult to handle the chalice with safety and reverence, commissioners at St. Cecilia's Church, London, are requested not to wear them by the priest in charge, the Rev. C. M. Francis.

SIX FIVE RAGES IN REGINA CENTRE

Regina, Sask., April 29.—The downtown business district of this city was threatened with destruction this morning when fire destroyed the six-story brick and automobile valued at \$200,000 stored in the building. Only the hardest kind of a fight saved the district and several other buildings in the vicinity of the rink were saved. The origin of the fire is unknown.

PARTRIDGE ISLE WORKS ATTACKED BY N. B. MEMBERS

Messrs. Legat, Michaud and Copp Think St. John is Getting Too Much.

IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED SAYS HON. MR. MCCURDY

Gov't by 23 Votes Wins Division on Attempt to Cut Militia Estimates.

Ottawa, April 29.—After the House had sat until daylight this morning, the Government this evening decided that on and after Monday it would have daylight by moving the hands of the parliamentary clock an hour for the session in connection with the rest of the clocks in Ottawa. Daylight saving time will be in vogue on and after Monday the Prime Minister announced tonight.

Militia estimates were before the House during most of the day and at times they caused a flurry. Various items came in for opposition by either Liberals or Farmers, and an amendment, in reliance on item of \$6,255,000 for Canada's permanent force by \$2,000,000 was moved by Major C. G. Power (Quebec South) and defeated by 66 to 37. The item carried after House had resumed in the evening.

Parliamentary Forces. The resolution of the permanent force of the Canadian Militia of Police was brought up by F. S. Cahill (Quebec) who asked whether it had been decided whether the two forces should be consolidated. Hon. H. H. Fisher, minister of militia, stated that a police force had been found necessary for the maintenance of law and order, particularly in the West, and it had been decided to continue the two forces, both at reduced strength.

In the evening, the House took up consideration of public works department estimates. A. T. Legat (Kent) protested that an item of \$34,500 for public buildings in the province of New Brunswick, \$33,500 was being spent in St. John. He wished to know why St. John was so favored.

Hon. F. R. McCurdy replied that it was found this year that most of the essential work was in large centres. No work was being undertaken which was not essential this year. Mr. McCurdy emphasized the need for improvements at the quarantine station at Partridge Island. Bubonic plague and typhus were raging in Europe and special care must be taken to prevent their entry into Canada.

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Parade N. B. Estimates Requests for extra quarantine officials were in excess of the requests for the Partridge Island quarantine station at St. John amounting to \$269,000. J. J. Denis, Joliet, added up the votes for quarantine buildings at Halifax, St. John and Grosse Ile, and asked why \$425,000 was being spent for new buildings at the present time?

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Sinn Fein Starts Ulster Campaign

Only One of Five Candidates Appears as Others Are in Jail.

Belfast, April 29.—The Sinn Fein launched its Ulster campaign tonight at a mass meeting in St. Mary's Hall. This is the same building in which Winston Spencer Churchill found it impossible to hold his Home Rule meeting a few days before the commencement of the world war.

Of five Sinn Fein candidates only one, Connelley Archibald Savage, appeared. The other candidates either are "jail-birds" or are keeping out of the hands of the authorities. Mr. Savage said the Sinn Feiners were out to break a fresh partition.

ROYAL GIFTS COMING London, April 29.—Three pairs of Royal Swans, the gift of the King of the Toronto Botanical Gardens will be shipped on the Canadian Pacific liner, leaving Liverpool tomorrow.

REPRISALS TO BE POLICY OF CROWN FORCES

Three Houses for Two is Ratio Decided Upon by Military Authorities.

INCREASE NUMBER IF THIS INEFFECTIVE

Viscount French Quits Post and Lord Talbot Assumes Control Today.

Dublin, April 29.—A warning has been issued by the military authorities in Tipperary that civilians "with hands in their pockets" are liable to arrest to run the risk of being fired upon.

The reason for the warning is said to be that murderers not infrequently keep upon their victims with hands in their pockets so as to hide their weapons.

More Official Reprisals.

Cork, April 29.—The military authorities today issued the following announcement: "Owing to the burning houses on two loyalist farms at Cross Barry and neighborhood April 27, three farmhouses of prominent active Sinn Feiners have been burned and reprisals in the intention to carry out official reprisals in that proportion, or if that proportion does not have the desired effect, in a greater proportion. This is to say, if they continue to burn, we will burn three, and if that doesn't stop the thing, we probably will burn six."

Talbot a Viscount. London, April 29.—Viscount French took his formal leave at Dublin as Viceroy today. The King has created Lord Edmund Talbot a Viscount, which honor he will assume tomorrow on the occasion of his taking office as viceroy in succession to Viscount French.

Open Shop, Lower Wages at Moncton

Builders' Exchange Announces a 15 p.c. Wage Reduction for the Summer.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 29.—At a meeting of the Builders' Exchange here tonight a new schedule of wages for carpenters, plumbers, bricklayers, painters, laborers, etc., was adopted effecting a reduction in the wages previously paid about fifteen per cent. Last year the schedule of wages was mutually agreed upon between the builders and trades union.

Provides Open Shop. The schedule drafted by the builders tonight provides for an open shop. It is not known what action the trades union will take but it is probable that there will be a fight for recognition of the union and against a reduction of wages.

A young man named O'Leary, while at work in the C.N.R. carpenter shop this afternoon, suffered a dislocated shoulder and was otherwise shaken up as the result of a fall.

Comfort For Germany In Knox Agreement

Foes of Measure Declare It Will Interfere With Reparation Work.

Washington, April 29.—Inspired debate the Senate today proceeded toward the vote on the Knox peace resolution arranged for late tomorrow with both friends and foes conceding its adoption.

Opponents of the resolution predominated again in today's discussion which also developed a break in the Democratic ranks when Senator Reed of Missouri made a lengthy address in support of the resolution, that the Knox resolution would interfere with present German reparations negotiations was emphasized today by its opponents.

That the Harding administration by its reparations negotiations had given an "aid and comfort" to Germany was asserted by Senator McKellar, who declared that Germany herself could not have picked a more opportune time for action on the Knox measure.

Advises Drury To Remove Magistrate

Quebec, April 29.—David Hastings, magistrate at Dunville, must go. Such in brief is the finding of John A. Paterson, K.C., who sat as commissioner to investigate charges which had been made that Mr. Hastings had been influenced in his administration of justice by a group of men who were opposed to the Ontario Temperance Act and its enforcement until the administration of justice in the police court at Dunville had ceased to command respect. The report was tabled in the legislature by Hon. W. B. Raney.

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Albert County Farmers Are Awaiting Trials Charged With Murder of Wives and Children



EZEKIEL BERRY. Forest Hill farmer who is accused of killing his wife last December, whose trial will begin at Hopedale on Tuesday next.

INCOME TAX MAN WILL CATCH ALL IF GIVEN TIME

Evaders of Dues Will Then Have to Pay All Arrears Plus Penalties.

KNOWS SOME MEN ARE DODGING TAX

Card Index System Used to Keep Detailed Record of All Wage Earners.

Montreal, April 29.—No person liable to income tax is going to get away without payment of duty. He may dodge income tax one year, or two years, or even three years, but eventually he will be caught up with and then he will have to pay his full income tax to pay for the whole period, plus penalties and interest," said R. C. Graham, chief inspector of taxation, Ottawa, who was in the city today, looking into the work of income tax collection here.

Keeping a Record. Mr. Graham, explaining the method, said a card index system was used by which an income tax history of all persons was compiled, showing what their resources were and how they had met their income tax calls. While the record for Montreal was very good, it was known that a number of persons were evading liability. It was stated that between two and two and half millions were taken in here today.

Released Radical Broke His Promise

Riot Prisoner Allowed to Go Urges Unemployed to Eechev Farm.

Toronto, April 29.—Released in the police court yesterday morning, John Cogdell, no longer, who was arrested at the time of the demonstration and fight in front of the City Hall on Monday, was again taken into custody yesterday afternoon by P. C. Tait on a charge of vagrancy. The police claim that Cogdell broke his promise to behave himself by going to the Government Employment Office, Front Street, and urging the unemployed gathered there not to accept farm positions under any consideration.

Premier Withdraws Bill

Toronto, April 29.—In the legislature today, Premier Drury withdrew his amendments to the election act, which among other things provided for the appointment of a chief election officer. The Premier said protests had been made against the bill and he thought it well to hold it over for another session.

Quebec Liquor Law Will Be Attacked

Half Million Dollars Subscribed to Pay Expenses of Test Case.

Montreal, April 29.—The constitutional validity of the new Quebec liquor law will be challenged before the local courts early next week, as soon as it has been put in force, according to reports today which stated that a fund of \$500,000 is already subscribed by the wholesale liquor merchants and distillers agents for the purpose. It is claimed the new act conflicts with the common law of the dominion and would not stand the test of the courts.

Hurry The Commons

Ottawa, Ont., April 29.—Notice of a motion given by the prime minister in the House this afternoon is the first official indication of approaching prorogation. It provides that on and after Saturday, May 7, the House shall sit on Saturdays.

TEN CARLOADS OF LIQUOR FOR TORONTO

Toronto, April 29.—According to authentic information available today eight to ten carloads of liquor are being shipped into Toronto daily. It is estimated that liquor in the homes of Toronto citizens is worth \$3,000,000.

SENATOR FOWLER OPPOSES JUDGES ON COMMISSIONS

Cites Ontario Timber Probe as Example of Conditions That May Arise.

SENATOR BENNETT HAS NEW PLAN

Opposition to Measure So Keen That Bill is Allowed to Stand Awhile.

Ottawa, April 29.—Strong criticism of the law which permits judges to act on commissions, particularly on commissions dealing with subjects of a political aspect, was voiced in the Senate today.

The discussion arose over an amendment to the judges act exempting the salary of the chief justice from income tax. Senator Ross, when this bill was in committee, moved an amendment to the act, the effect of which would be to restrict judges to the acceptance of commissions from the Dominion Government only.

Senator Bennett. Senator W. H. Bennett on the other hand, proposed an amendment whereby a judge could not act as a commissioner without the permission of the minister of justice, the permission not to be granted until the minister of justice received a certificate in writing from the chief justice of the court of which the judge nominated for the commission is a member, stating that in his opinion the judicial business of such court will not be delayed or affected by the judge in question acting as a commissioner, even this, however did not go far enough to suit Senator Lynch-Staunton, who moved an amendment designed to prevent judges acting as commissioners at all.

Senator Fowler. The question was debated at considerable length. Senators Fowler, Lynch-Staunton, Belcourt, leading in the contention that judges should not accept commissions in any case, or from any government, provincial or federal, while Senators Girroir and Bennett argued to the contrary.

Senator Fowler in the course of his remarks paid his respects to the Ontario judges conducting the Timber Probe for the Drury Government, declaring that if any evidence were required to demonstrate the undesirability of judges acting on commissions of a semi-political character, the conduct of these two judges abundantly afforded it.

It was finally decided to let the matter stand over, the committee rising and reporting progress.

Expecting Strike of Job Printers

Question is the 44 Hour Week Which is Supposed to Begin on May 1.

Hamilton, Ont., April 29.—The commercial printers of Hamilton will go on strike Monday morning unless employers consent to a reduction in working hours from 48 to 44 hours a week. A general order has been sent out by the International Typographical Union authorizing the strike, it was announced here today. The walk out will be general, with the exception of Toronto, where the agreement has one month to run. It is claimed the employers two years ago agreed to this forty-four week to become effective beginning May 1st.

Ships in Collision Off Sandy Hook

New York, April 29.—In a damage off Sandy Hook tonight, the United States Shipping Board steamer Honnedaga, inward bound from Antwerp, was damaged in collision with the tanker Edward L. Doherty, Jr., outward bound for Tampico in ballast. The Honnedaga reported that her fore peak was torn open and her stem plates bent. She anchored inside the bar. The damage to the tanker, if any, could not be learned. The Honnedaga has a gross tonnage of 2,167.

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Money for Memorials

Ottawa, April 29.—In the committee of the House tonight the committee passed an item of \$500,000 for battle field memorials, and \$4,977,380 for mobilization.

FRANCE READY TO GO ALONE AGAINST FOE

If All Allies Fail She Will Not Abandon Firm Policy.

PARIS EXPECTING ANOTHER OFFER

United States Still Hopeful of Ending Trouble by Negotiations.

Paris, April 29.—A growing certainty that Germany will submit modifications to her reparations proposals in an effort to ward off occupation of the Ruhr region by France, prevails generally in French official circles.

There is a feeling, however, that the present German government will not go far enough to make its offer acceptable, and diplomatic circles substantiate the views expressed in the newspapers that occupation of the Ruhr doubtless will be approved by the London conference of premiers and that actual military movements may be expected some time next week.

Deny U. S. Appeal. London, April 29.—Published reports that Premier Lloyd George, as president member of the supreme council, is inviting the United States to send a representative to tomorrow's meeting here, were denied today at the official residence of the prime minister.

"Such invitation has not been issued, nor is it contemplated," it was said. It is for Washington to take the initiative. The door is open for United States participation, as it always has been.

France to Go Alone. In the event of failure by France to receive the support of her allies, the French Government will proceed at once to the occupation of the Ruhr region, arguing that Germany can as easily present new proposals after as before occupation.

Washington Hopeful. Washington, April 29.—The United States Government still is hopeful that the reparations controversy between Germany and the Allies can be settled by discussion.

This was learned authoritatively tonight after the whole situation had been discussed by President Harding and the cabinet and Secretary Hughes had conferred with Jules Jusserand, the French ambassador, and Signor Riccio, the Italian ambassador. (Continued on page three.)

WANTS TO FLY TO THE ARCTIC

New York Expert Plans Air Voyage to the Arctic Coast.

Edmonton, April 29.—An aerial expedition to the Arctic coast is now the aim of John M. Larson, the New York monopolist, who has returned from his preliminary air trip to Pease River. The plans at first announced for a scouting flight to the oil fields and thereabouts have been enlarged to a much more ambitious exploration scheme and arrangements are being made accordingly.

To Plan Flights. With a flight to the top country in July, Mr. Larson who has returned to Edmonton for the present, will go home to New York in the course of a few weeks, and will come back again in time to fly north early in July. He will then take one of his J. L. planes fitted with the pontoons into the far reaches of the Mackenzie country, and his ultimate destination may be Victoria's Land in the Arctic ocean.

TWO KILLED IN INDIA

Bombay, India, April 29.—Unofficial details of the rioting at Malegaon, about 150 miles northeast of Bombay, which was reported in recent messages to the Times of India, show that two constables were beaten to death and a substitute inspector of police was nearly killed by the same method. The trouble is said to have followed the arrest of a number of tribesmen for having disobeyed an order not to carry their native weapon at public meetings. Misses were imposed on the men and incited their fellow tribesmen.

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PALACE—Eugene O'Brien in "Broadway and Home."

ESPRESSO—Bride 13.

IMPERIAL—Charles Chaplin in "The Kid."

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