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FIELDING CLOSES AMHERST FAIR.

Minister of Finance Well Pleased With Maritime Show.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Large Crowds Attended the Exhibition to the Last - Various Speakers Spoke of the Excellent Quality of Exhibits - Additional Prize Winners.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 17.-(Special)-The last session of the third maritime winter fair was without doubt one of the most interesting of the whole season...

Mr. Kitchen dealt with the subject of raising chickens by artificial means, illustrating his lecture by incubator and brooders.

Mr. Logan then presented the special prizes, the winners being called up to the platform.

One of the pleasing features of the evening was the presence on the platform of Hon. W. S. Fielding, who arrived by the afternoon train from P. E. Island.

Mr. Fielding was received with marked enthusiasm. He said he came only as a listener but as he had followed the able and instructive addresses, as he had marked the attention and interest of the audience, that he felt constrained to say a few words.

As premier of the province of Nova Scotia, he was proud to say that twenty years ago he had given the support of his government to the introduction of a systematic agricultural education.

He congratulated the members of the Maritime Breeders' Association on the wonderful success and development of their fair and spoke of the great growth and signs of prosperity in Amherst.

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Halifax, N. S., Dec. 17.-(Special)-A company comprising prominent New York and Toronto capitalists are seeking incorporation here to operate extensive copper deposits at Cheticamp, C. B.

Dr. Gilpin, deputy commissioner of mines, expresses the opinion that if the present indications of the size of the ore are maintained the undertaking may rank among the largest copper mines in the world.

The French cable steamer Puyeur Querrier left here Friday to make cable repairs, put back this morning with upper bow stove in. She was about twenty-five miles off Monday night, and at 9.30 twice the lookout saw ship's lights in darkness and apparently bearing right down on the steamer.

POSTMASTERS TO BE MADE HAPPY.

Government Will Pay Rent for Offices in Country Places.

A RISING SCALE.

Five Dollars Will Be Given for Every \$100 Worth of Business Up to \$800 - Transportation Commission Coming to Maritime Provinces After Holidays.

Ottawa, Dec. 17.-(Special)-The postmaster general has directed that the minimum salary of postmasters be raised from \$10 to \$25 per year, and that the salaries of all those who are paid on a percentage of revenue be increased by 10 per cent.

The remuneration for the transaction of postal note business has been doubled. The allowance for the rent of offices has been put on a more equitable basis.

Hitherto no compensation whatever for the room occupied in post office work has been given until the business of the office showed a revenue of \$800 a year, rent allowance now begins when the revenue of an office reaches \$100 a year.

The amount allowed for a \$100 office is \$5 per year, and increase of \$5 a year are allowed for every additional \$100 until a revenue of \$800 is reached.

The transportation commission will go to the maritime provinces immediately after the holidays and hold meetings there. Sir Wilfrid Laurier returned to the city today from Montreal.

The funeral of the late Rev. Father Charles McGurty, O. M. I., who died Tuesday evening of injuries received in the University fire of the 2nd inst., took place from St. Joseph's church today and was attended by a very large concourse of clergy and laity.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 17.-(Special)-Nathan Crawford, charged with stealing a barrel of flour and articles of clothing, was tried under the speedy trial act before Judge Sawyer today and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary on the former charge and three months on the latter.

Jas. Daley alias Jas. Boodle was convicted of assault but his sentence was suspended pending good behaviour. He was bound over to the peace for one year.

Sussex News. Sussex, N. B., Dec. 17.-(Special)-Some bridge builders are here putting a temporary bridge on the new abutments at the mouth of Ward's Creek.

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Four Italians Killed in Dynamite Explosion. Dubois, Pa., Dec. 17.-(Special)-Four Italians were killed and two probably fatally injured by a dynamite explosion, at Kramer, ten miles from here, today.

HON. MR. BLAIR IN BOSTON SEEING HOW THEY RUN THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

Also Going to New York to Get Information Necessary to Bring into Operation the Proposed Railway Commission in Canada - Interviews Commissioners of Massachusetts and New York State - He is Accompanied by Mrs. Blair.

IS GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC DEPOSIT UP?

Intimation from Railway People That It Is.

Montreal, Dec. 17.-(Special)-It is intimated from Grand Trunk headquarters that the return of Charles M. Hays, who went to England in connection with Grand Trunk Pacific finances, will be marked by the announcement that the \$5,000,000 deposit has been made with the government.

E. A. Williams, Superintendent of C. P. R. Rolling Stock, resigns - Peter Lyall Accepts Liberal Nomination in St. Antoine Division, Montreal.

Peter Lyall, perhaps the largest building contractor in Canada, tonight accepted the Liberal nomination for St. Antoine division, the only one in Montreal now represented by a Conservative.

Ernest Green, Who Wounded Two People, Held to Bail by Moncton Magistrate.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 17.-(Special)-Ernest Green, who was tried before Police Magistrate Kay, on a charge of shooting and inflicting serious bodily harm to Mrs. Wm. Cushing and John Green, at Meadow Brook, on 6th inst., was committed for trial today.

Dr. Montague stated the insinuations that he had bribed any candidate for parliament while in Victoria on business of the order was absolutely false. It was indeed too ridiculous to discuss.

Big American Squadron at Honolulu. Washington, Dec. 17.-(Special)-A squadron of the United States Navy, consisting of the battleships Kentucky, Wisconsin and Oregon and the cruisers New Orleans, Albany, Cincinnati, Raleigh, Nashua and Pompei.

Big Pension Appropriation. Washington, Dec. 17.-(Special)-The house today passed without division the pension bill carrying \$138,150,000.

AMERICANS LOCATE COLOMBIAN ARMY ON BORDER OF PANAMA.

Colombians Well Armed. Lieut. Perrill's boat crew consisted of twelve men. On the first trip there were no arms in the party except four revolvers. When the whale boat approached the schooner twenty-four soldiers were seen seated on the side nearest to the schooner.

General Ortiz appeared on the beach with Lieut. Perrill went ashore, the whole boat in the meanwhile lying close to the beach. General Ortiz insisted that the American flag at her stern, because she was in Colombian waters.

CAPT. SOL JACOBS' LUCK DESERTS HIM

Gloucester Skipper's Fishing Steamer Totally Wrecked Wednesday.

BARELY SAVED LIVES.

Crew Lost All Their Effects and \$2,000 in Cash Went to the Bottom - Record Cargo of Steel and Iron Leaves Sydney for Glasgow.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 17.-(Special)-The steamer Bruce this morning brought news of the total loss of the Gloucester fishing steamer Alice M. Jacobs, Capt. Sol Jacobs, at Dolan's Island, near Channel, Newfoundland, early Wednesday morning.

The Jacobs left Sydney only Tuesday evening, bound to Bay of Islands for a cargo of salt herring, and was on her way to the latter port when she came to grief.

Steamer Mystic, Captain Abbott, arrived in port last evening, from Boston, via Louisbourg. She is now loading a return cargo of coal at the International Pier.

Among them are Sir Vincent Callard, Charles Booth, former president Royal Statistical Society; Sir Arthur Keen, Sir Wm. T. Lewis, Alfred Morley, Sir Andrew Noble, Hon. Chas. A. Parsons, C. A. Pearson, the well known newspaper proprietor; Sir Charles Tennant, and Sir Alfred Jones, president of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce; also a number of members of parliament.

The secretary of the commission will be Wm. A. Sheehan, director of the London School of Economics, and political science, and teacher of modern economic history in the University of London. He will be assisted by a large staff of experts and statisticians.

MANUFACTURERS ISSUE ULTIMATUM.

They Want the Canadian Tariff Thoroughly Revised.

NO PARTICULARS GIVEN.

But the Association Announces That Changes Must Be Made, from a National Standpoint, So That Labor and Capital Can Meet Foreign Competition.

Toronto, Dec. 17.-(Special)-A tariff ultimatum was promulgated at a meeting of the executive of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association today.

Several members complained that the views of President Drummond had been misrepresented in some papers and the following statement reflecting the views of the executive was prepared for publication:

The Canadian Manufacturers' Association is absolutely non-political. It has declared itself during the past two years in favor of an early and thorough revision of the Canadian tariff. It has advocated such revision: (A) In order that manufacturing in Canada may keep pace with changes in conditions and needs of our market. (B) In order that capital and labor in Canada may be properly protected from specialized and heavily protected industries of foreign countries.

The Association does not advocate the adoption of the United States tariff. Some lines of manufacture in Canada may require as much protection as the same lines receive in United States and many may require less. What we believe to be necessary is a tariff framed from a national standpoint, primarily for Canadian interests and also to build up increased trade with other parts of the British Empire.

Forty-one new members were accepted.

SITUATION IN FAR EAST MORE WARLIKE.

London, Dec. 18.-(Special)-The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that according to local maulandis, the Pekin government has again warned the provincial authorities to prepare for immediate hostilities, owing to the offensive action taken by Russia and her allies regarding Far Eastern affairs.

A cablegram from Tokio is imminent and that the elder statesmen have been summoned to meet the emperor today (Friday.)

NEWFOUNDLAND BLOCKADED WITH ICE.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 17.-(Special)-Advices from the northern coast report intense frosts. The bays are frozen and misty icebergs are drifting south threatening to blockade the coast.

Several harbors vessels are gripped in the ice and will be compelled to remain until spring. Within a week navigation will be closed throughout the eastern seaboard. Belle Isle Strait is choked with ice and all shipping has ceased to move.

MAINE CENTRAL TO LEASE WASHINGTON COUNTY ROAD?

To Avoid Repetition of Alaska Question. A. B. Aylesworth Advocates the Bringing of Newfoundland, Labrador and Greenland Into the Dominion.

Toronto, Dec. 17.-(Special)-A. B. Aylesworth, K. C., replying to "The Empire," at McMaster University banquet tonight, spoke strongly in favor of bringing Newfoundland, Labrador coast and Greenland into confederation with Canada.

General Ortiz sent another communication to Commander Turner asking what orders the commander had from Washington regarding the movements of Colombian warships in Colombian waters, to which Commander Turner answered saying they would be treated as would the vessels of any other power with which the United States is at peace.

Letting Railway Was Sold at Auction at Calais Thursday, and a New Company Was Formed at Once.

Calais, Me., Dec. 17.-(Special)-Immediately following the sale of the Washington County Railway Company today a company was organized, with a capital of \$2,500,000. Mr. Whiteidge was made president. It is said that the road will be leased at an early date to the Maine Central Railroad Co.

The new company was formed by these incorporators: F. W. Whiteidge, Grant P. Schley, W. B. Brice and W. H. Hepburn, of New York; C. A. Curran, G. A. Marchant and W. W. Kelley, of Calais; E. E. Randall, of New York was made treasurer, and G. A. Curran clerk. The incorporators comprise the board of directors.

Paris, Dec. 17.-(Special)-The Liberte confirms the report that the Council of the War Office has considered the details of Dreyfus' reinstatement in the army, and that the regiment he will command, with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel, has been chosen. It is added that a determination has been reached to deal rigorously with officers who express disapproval of Dreyfus' reinstatement.

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