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A. R. McMaster Presents Interim Report To Parliament.

FIXED IN NEW YORK

Headquarters of Organization Is Located in the Metropolis.

Ottawa, April 25.—"Upon the regular steamship lines trading from Canadian ports the price of transportation service is determined neither by the law of supply and demand nor on the basis of cost plus a reasonable profit but a combine exists among the various shipping companies which combine is known as the north Atlantic and United Kingdom conference, eastward bound."

With this declaration the special committee of the House of Commons, named to investigate conditions surrounding the agricultural industry, summarizes its opinion based on the evidence presented by shippers and steamshipmen on a very great number of the regular steamship lines running from Montreal, including the Canadian government merchant marine, as well as the Canadian National Railways, is operated under control of a board and not by a minister of the crown.

"Subsidiary to this conference, there exists a smaller association of steamship men connected with steamship lines trading out of Montreal. This association is called sometimes the weekly line conference. They hold meetings at a regular Tuesday afternoon at the offices of the companies whose representatives act for the association."

"The minutes of various meetings of this association, produced before your committee," the report continues, "show that the lines or transportation companies constituting the associations are as follows:

Merely "Sat in."

"Canard, Anchor Donaldson and Thomson lines; Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Limited; White Star Dominion Line; Inter-Continental Transports Limited (with which certain vessels of the Canadian Steamship Lines, Limited are associated); Furness Withy and Company; and Kennedy and Company; and the Canadian Government Merchant Marine, Limited."

"The object of these meetings was very neatly characterized by L. A. W. Doherty, the representative of one of these lines, as being 'to stabilize or keep uniform the situation of ocean transports.'"

"It was represented by the gentleman who presided the Canadian Government Merchant Marine before the committee that the 'sat in' was 'sat in' with the rest of the steamship lines at the weekly conferences, and that it was a hand in the same manner as the others were bound to maintain rates."

"A careful consideration of the evidence hardly supports this contention. It would appear that during the several years the Canadian Government Merchant Marine has been rates so established on four different occasions—one departure, however, covering more than one shipment."

"The manner in which the liner committee operated was not followed."

"The general rates were set at the north Atlantic and United Kingdom conference in New York, but for the purpose of uniformity in regard to these and other matters, a weekly meeting was held, at which representatives of all the steamship lines attended. At this meeting, rates were agreed upon, and no member of the line had the right to depart from the rates so established without consulting with the other members. An earnestly worded expostulation would be directed by one member to another if this line of conduct was not followed."

"This state of affairs brought about the following extraordinary result. The government of the United States forced the shipping board of that country, which manages the United States government-owned steamers, to make a very low rate for the transportation of flour to Europe—a rate stated by the shipping companies to be below a commercial rate. This rate applied only to flour ground in the United States. To meet this rate, the North Atlantic conference lines established, at a given moment, a rate of 15c per 100 pounds on flour ground in the United States, while they maintained a rate of 19c per 100 pounds on Canadian flour—a very substantial differential against our Canadian millers. To this agreement, as a member of the North Atlantic conference, the Canadian government merchant marine was a party."

"The committee feel in this regard that the vast sums spent by the Canadian people on the development of a merchant marine are never intended to bring about this result."

Will Hurt Cattle Trade.

"The committee desires to bring the fact in this regard to the earnest attention of the public, and would respectfully suggest that the minister of railways and canals should take the matter up with the Canadian National railway board for consideration and appropriate action."

"Evidence was produced showing that since the commencement of the war, ocean rates on cattle had increased by 300 per cent, while the

Attacks Sport As Parent of Many Gambling Habits

Archbishop Worrell Regrets Passing of Days When Cricket, Football and Other Athletics Were Blessings to Community.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Haltifax, N.S., April 25.—"Sport is no longer a recreation—it is a business, and in close co-ordination with it, have grown the gambling habits, which have taken from many of the blessings which once accompanied the games of cricket and football and other athletics," says Archbishop Worrell, in his charge to be delivered this afternoon at the Anglican diocesan synod, which began its forty-sixth annual session with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist in All Saints' Cathedral this morning.

Continuing a discussion of the trend of modern times, the archbishop says: "The world today is going through an experience which has parallel in circumstances which followed all great wars. The advance in the various departments of life have been attended by corresponding advances in the opportunity for self-indulgence and pleasure, so that, while men and women are feverishly engaged in all sorts of activity, the fruits of their toil are spent over-lavishly in the luxuries of life."

price of beef in the British market had only increased 66 per cent during the same period.

"Your committee is of the opinion that the continuance of the rates now charged inevitably must have a detrimental effect upon the export cattle trade."

The committee observes that whatever advantage may have accrued to the Canadian people by the millions of money spent on the development of our internal transportation system, the building of railways, the digging of canals, the deepening of rivers—such advantage may be in a large measure nullified if freight rates from our ocean ports to foreign countries are fixed at such a level as to absorb the savings which these expenditures have obtained.

NEW YORK, April 24.—There is no combine existing in New York fixing shipping rates, Sidney E. Morse, secretary of the North Atlantic and United Kingdom Shipping conference, said tonight.

"The steamship lines fix the rates and we merely meet to make up a commodity list of different rates on different routes as furnished to us. We have no regular meeting time, but rather whenever there is any business to be done. There is nothing new in this conference, as methods similar to this have been operative for a score of years."

"The conference has no power to make rates or to alter those furnished by the steamship companies. It merely is an agency whereby all lines may have certain rates as charged by their competitors. The rates are subject to change only by the lines making them and there is absolutely no combine or discrimination whatever."

NO SHIPPING SPACE AS NAVIGATION OPENS

First Two Weeks All Taken Up, Reports the Standard Shipping Company.

Special to The Advertiser.

Winnipeg, Man., April 25.—There will be no available space for the first two weeks after navigation opens. This is the ultimatum delivered by the Standard Shipping Company to all applicants for lake cargoes. That means that all boats are reserved for at least two trips after the ice goes out.

One result has been frantic efforts by shippers, with contracts for immediate delivery of grain in Liverpool, to try the Vancouver route. With the rush in that direction, all facilities will be choked for several months of navigation. But in spite of the high mountain rates, the Pacific route to Europe from the central part of the lake is lower today than the old lake route.

Rates quoted now on the lakes are 6 cents a bushel by the Standard. This is the organization in Winnipeg that is composed of the following members: President, D. J. C. Barrett, of Ontario; Secretary, S. Donaldson, Toronto; F. G. Hill, St. Thomas; Howard J. Caplan, London; Nathan Wagar, Oshawa; P. Thumwood, Toronto; and Joseph Capman, Toronto.

EVANGELIST VISITING HERE.

Evangelist Joseph Capman, of Toronto, former pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, Rectory street is spending a few days in the city with his son, Howard J. Capman. Mr. Capman is a member of the Ontario conference committee of Seventh Day Adventists, which will meet in St. Thomas April 24 and 25. At this conference, which is the annual conference of the denomination, the following members will be considered: The committee is composed of the following members: President, D. J. C. Barrett, of Ontario; Secretary, S. Donaldson, Toronto; F. G. Hill, St. Thomas; Howard J. Caplan, London; Nathan Wagar, Oshawa; P. Thumwood, Toronto; and Joseph Capman, Toronto.

ACCIDENTS IN BRITAIN INCREASE DURING 1922

Associated Press Despatch.

London, April 24.—The number of street accidents in Great Britain increased by 7,756 during 1922, as compared with figures of 1921, according to statistics issued by the home office. There were 2,565 fatal accidents, of which omnibuses were responsible for 196 and tram cars 111. Other mechanically propelled vehicles caused 2,026 deaths, while bicycles fatally injured 170 persons. In the metropolitan police district there were 647 fatal accidents and in the city nine.

MORDEN OF HYDE PARK EXPIRES AT AGE OF 57

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Hyde Park, April 25.—After an illness of a few weeks Martin Morden passed away at his home on the 5th concession, London Township, Saturday, in his 57th year.

The respect in which he was held by the community was fittingly shown on Monday afternoon when the remains were followed to their last resting place in Hyde Park Cemetery. The service was conducted by Rev. J. MacKillop of Hyde Park Presbyterian Church.

The pallbearers were: Geo. Gneat; Frederick Routledge; William Piper; Wilbert Keays; Charles Player and Philip Herbert.

WILL SUMMON PERSONS WHO BUILD BONFIRES

Fire Chief Aitken Reports Dangerous Practice To the Special Committee.

The city's building bylaw was given a general survey last night by the members of a special committee of the council, with Fire Chief Aitken, Building Inspector Piper and representative builders and contractors.

Several changes under contemplation have been deferred until the members secure a copy of the revised building bylaw of the city of Toronto.

Chief Aitken reported the number of bon-fires that have been started recently and the committee directed him to furnish the police with the names of all persons who could be held responsible for the same.

This practice is highly dangerous, the chief pointed out, and even to the city's health, as the burning of refuse is a health hazard, and the extent of bringing the offenders into court.

HOUSE MAKES CHANGES IN 'BLUE SKY' MEASURE

Bill Is Shelved After Reduction of Penalties For Fraud.

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Toronto, April 25.—Practically all of yesterday afternoon and evening were spent by the legislature in committee, wrestling with the Blue Sky law, the purpose of which is to put a commissioner to pass upon and blacklist such stock flotations as he deems of a fraudulent character.

When the members put the bill back on the shelf at 10 o'clock at night it was still uncompleted, several of the more contentious clauses having been laid over.

The attorney-general made plain that the Blue Sky law was not one of those measures which would be thrown overboard for early closing, if the government could help it.

Among the clauses to stand over was that to which Mr. Dewar took such violent objection on Monday night—the clause to give protection to informants and complainants. W. F. Nickle, K.C., suggested an amendment which obviates some of the words deemed undesirable, but Mr. Ferguson pressed for a complete redrafting. The attorney-general finally consented to lay that clause over.

A change was made in the penalty clause. For contravening the act the minimum penalties were moved and will be left to the discretion of the court. For persons found guilty of intent to defraud under the act the minimum penalty was reduced from \$1,000 for a first offence to \$500 and the maximum penalty for a second offence reduced from \$2,000 to \$1,000. Maximum penalties were left unchanged.

RUSSIAN OBSERVER AT LAUSANNE CONFERENCE

Associated Press Despatch.

Berlin, April 25.—The Moscow government will send M. Vorovsky, soviet representative at Rome, to Lausanne as an unofficial observer at the sessions of the Near East conference, which is being held at Lausanne, but the soviet embassy denied this, asserting that M. Vorovsky has been designated to watch the negotiations, although the Russian government was not invited to take part.

MOTHER NOT KNOWN.

Associated Press Despatch.

Hamilton, April 25.—On making inquiries at hospitals yesterday with regard to the case of Norman Southard, 9 year old boy, who was found asleep near the tracks in the St. Clair tunnel, Sarnia, it was found that his mother, who was thought to be a patient in a Hamilton Hospital, is not known in any of the local institutions.

STRATFORD WOMAN BUYS QUEEN'S HOTEL, BAYFIELD

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Stratford, April 25.—Mrs. F. M. Ritz of Stratford has purchased the Queen's Hotel at Bayfield, Western Ontario's popular summer resort and is having it all redecorated and electric lighting system installed and all newly furnished.

Error of Hydro Office Girl Stirs Up Sandwich Council

"All" Instead of "Normal" in Letter on Paving Agreement Starts Cancellation of Bond Issue.

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Windsor, April 25.—Somewhere in the hydro commission's office in Toronto is a stenographer whose busy fingers have caused much trouble for the whole town of Sandwich, and in the end have caused the cancellation of a bond issue for the improvement of this town.

Some time ago T. U. Fairlie made an agreement with the Sandwich council, whereby the hydro commission was to carry out all base paving between car tracks in the town, while the town was to assume responsibility for normal or surface paving. Mr. Fairlie promised to send a memo of the agreement from Toronto, on his issue is approved.

STATES PROCESS TO CURE TOBACCO WILL AID FARMER

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BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL WINDOWS.

These two exquisite stained glass windows to the memory of John Stanley Meredith who died May 25, 1920, and Anne Cooke Meredith "Subsiste Virtutis Praemia," which were placed in St. Paul's Cathedral by the members of the Meredith family. They were purchased in New York from the famous Tiffany firm, and occupy positions on the north and south sides of the chancel. The work of installation was completed, the windows as shown being photographed in St. Paul's by The Advertiser staff photographer yesterday afternoon.

New Windows In St. Paul's Creations of Rare Beauty

Memorials Recently Installed by Meredith Family Noteworthy Addition to London's Works of Art.

In memory of two departed members of the Meredith family, this city, a pair of exquisite plate glass stained windows have just been put in the north and south sides of St. Paul's Cathedral.

The memorials are of favrite glass, each is of Gothic design, and the decorative treatment in the tracery and inscription panels is alike in each, giving them unity and pleasing balance. Two other beautiful windows were placed in St. Paul's Cathedral, a memorial to William Meredith of Toronto. Though the subjects of the two differ widely, each is of Gothic design, and the decorative treatment in the tracery and inscription panels is alike in each, giving them unity and pleasing balance.

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London Chamber of Commerce Sends Petition to Sir Henry Thornton.

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