

REFERENDUM RESOLUTION IS DEFEATED

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NON-PARTY MATTER

In Which the "Yeas" and "Nays" Were Each About Equally Divided Between Both Sides of the House.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 23.—By a vote of 23 to 18 the legislators of New Brunswick today rejected the "bona fide" prohibition in this province for some time yet.

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Resolved, That under the provision of part IV. of the Canada Temperance Act, as amended by Chapter 5. of the Statutes of the Dominion of Canada in 1919, this Legislature doth request that the voters of the electoral districts in all the electoral districts of this province may be taken for or against the following prohibition, that is to say:

MAJOR COLLISHAW IS IN ENGLAND

Distinguished Canadian After Nearly a Year in Southern Russia Has Reached London.

(Special Cross-Atlantic Cable Service.) London, April 23.—Major Collishaw, the famous Canadian, arrived in London yesterday after nearly a year in southern Russia, where he commanded the Royal Air Force.

When brought before the Committee of the whole House tonight there were many spirited arguments for and against his recommendation. Those favorable to the bill were of the opinion the dental fraternity was going out of its way to rob a man of his livelihood, and were outspoken in their condemnation of such a spirit.

HAMAR GREENWOOD BLOWS OWN TRUMPET

London, April 23.—(By Canadian Press.)—Sir Hamar Greenwood, speaking at Sunderland, said that nobody so far as he knew, questioned the Prime Minister's wisdom in appointing him to the high and difficult post of Chief Secretary to Ireland.

NEW YORK FUR AUCTION

New York, April 23.—Foreign furs, particularly Australian, featured at the fur sale in the Madison Hall here today. Nearly 123,000 pounds of rabbit skins from the Antipodes were among them, bringing prices that ranged from 75 cents a pound to \$3.15; Kangaroo skins sold for as low as fifteen cents and as high as \$2.70 each.

THE TAXATION OF INCORPORATED COMPANIES

New Imposts Proposed by the Government Will Bear Heavily on Companies.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 23.—The Government bill relating to the taxation of certain incorporated companies and associations was discussed today. This bill is regarded by many as being purely a move at direct taxation, and cannot be considered in any other light.

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AMENDMENT TO THE DENTAL ACT

If It Passes Third Reading Will Help Fredericton Practitioner.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 23.—The Committee of the Whole in the Legislature tonight passed a bill which will give Dr. Gerrard, a dentist of this city, a standing in his profession which had been denied him by his associates in dental work.

MARRIAGES AT A WHOLESALE RATE

Moncton, April 23.—The marriage of Vernon H. Betts and Grace M. Watson, of Northfield, Sunbury Co., E. M. Kadey, of Chipman to Alice P. Watson, of Northfield, Sunbury Co.; Robert P. Wishart and Mary A. Day, both of Chipman, took place at the Presbyterian manse on Wednesday, April 21. Rev. James A. Ramsey officiating. The three couples arrived in the city Tuesday from Chipman and the ceremony which followed on Wednesday at St. John's church manse, constituted a record for the officiating minister for the number of nuptial knots tied at one time.

DOCTOR GETS SMALL CONSOLATION ONLY

Halifax, N.S., April 23.—A verdict of \$1.00 damages for the plaintiff in the case of Dr. Forrest against Mrs. Burdington for alleged slander was rendered by the jury this afternoon. The verdict added that the jury considered there was no malice on the part of the defendant. Dr. Forrest's action was made by the defendant calculated to injure his professional reputation.

ARMENIA TO BE INDEPENDENT

San Remo, April 23.—Armenia is to be created an independent state. This decision was reached by the Supreme Council of the Allies today because the United States nor any other power was willing to accept a mandate over the country.

ELEVENTH HOUR RUSH PERVADES LEGISLATURE

In An Effort to Reach Prorogation Today, Bill After Bill Being

RAILROADED THRO'

Without Proper Consideration or Discussion, With the Result That Province Gets Very Slipshod Legislation.

OFFICIAL REPORT

Fredericton, April 23.—The House met at 12:30 noon today. Mr. LeBlanc presented the report of the municipalities committee. Mr. Magee from the special committee to whom was referred the bill relating to the incorporation of villages, submitted a report.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Mr. Tilley, on the House resuming after recess, moved on behalf of Mr. Smith (Carleton) for copies of correspondence between the Government and the Minister of Justice in connection with the Railway Act of last session.

Mr. King presented the report of the committee on contingencies. Mr. Magee presented the following report from the committee on public accounts: "Your committee to whom were referred the public accounts of the province for the year ending October 31, 1919, has pleasure in submitting the following report:

EXCHANGE RATE, CAUSE AND EFFECT

As to Cause Opinions Differ, But Its Effect is Not Disadvantageous to Britain.

(By Dryden, Copyrighted.) London, April 23.—I am able to present opinions, given me today, by two leading bankers, one an American, the other a Britisher, on the present rate of exchange between the two countries. In their statements they attempt to explain the conditions governing the International exchange rate.

EXCHANGE RATES

New York, April 23.—Funds in Montreal are once again up to 10 p.c. premium. Sterling in New York has strengthened to \$3.85 3/4 for demand and \$3.89 1/4 for cables, which makes sterling in Montreal \$4.37 5/8 for demand and \$4.28 3/4 for cables.

HON. DR. ROBERTS TO GET SALARY OF A MINISTER

Which Puts Him on Same Level as Heads of All Other Departments.

THIS WILL VACATE SEAT

And Necessitate a By-Election in City of St. John—Which Will Provide Some Sort of Guide as to Opinion of the Health Act.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., April 23.—The Minister of Public Health is to receive a salary. The Government so voted tonight. No longer will he be obliged to choose after the public health with out receiving his ministerial stipend. Dr. Baxter, acting leader of the Opposition, could not see any reason why a salary should be paid to the Minister of Public Health. Last year this particular Department had an expenditure of \$28,000, large salaries to oversee expenditure of \$21,000. He thought that Ministers were underpaid, but that was not an argument in favor of having another. He believed in consolidation of the Health Department with that of the Agricultural Department would give results as efficient as are now being had.

LORD ATHOLSTAN GUEST OF TIMES

When He Expressed Opinion That Great Things Might Be Expected From Press Conference.

London, April 23.—(By Canadian Associated Press.)—The directors of the Times newspaper entertained Lord Atholstan at luncheon today at the office of the newspaper in Printing House Square, the company including Lord Burmah, Lord Inchcape, Sir Thomas Mackenzie, Sir H. Riler Haggarth, Lieut.-Colonel Campbell Stuart, Mr. Orr Lewis, General MacRieken and T. P. O'Connor, M. P. Lord Atholstan recalled the visit he had made to the office of the Empire in London in 1919 when he was in the midst of present conditions in that newspaper, said he voiced his own opinion of many Canadian papers and the welfare of the Empire was the ruling passion with Lord Northcliffe. He added that the forthcoming Imperial Press Conference in Canada held possibilities of great promise for future Imperial interests.

PAID THE PENALTY

Prince Albert, Sask., April 23.—John Wilson, condemned to death for the murder of his wife Mary Wilson, was hanged this morning at the Prince Albert jail. He went quietly to the scaffold.

VISITORS TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE

Many Well Known English Journalists Will Be Here and Some from Australia.

Montreal, April 23.—(Canadian Press.)—A preliminary list of the delegates who will attend the Imperial Press Conference in Canada this summer has been received by C. E. Crundall, honorary secretary to the executive committee to the Canadian Press Association. There will be thirty-one delegates from Great Britain and 21 from the Dominions. The main body of the visitors will sail from England on the Victorian and arrive at Halifax on July 25. Seven of the Australian delegates will come via Vancouver. The conference will be held in Ottawa on August 5, 6 and 7, and the delegates will tour Canada from coast to coast, the tour ending at Quebec about September 15.

CANADA'S TRADE FIGURES FOR 1919

Ottawa, April 23.—(By Canadian Press.)—Figures for the fiscal year ending March 31 last, show an increase in the grand total of Canadian trade amounting to \$165,980,368, as compared with the figures for the previous year. The total value of goods exported from and imported into Canada during the year just ended was \$2,351,174,886. During the year ending March 31, 1919, the total value of imports and exports was \$2,185,794,620.

OTTAWA TO HAVE DAYLIGHT TIME

Ottawa, April 23.—(By Canadian Press.)—Replying to Mr. Archambault in the House today Sir George Foster said it was the intention to apply daylight saving in the Ottawa Civil Service and in Parliament on May 1 with the daylight saving adopted by the City of Ottawa.

RE-ESTABLISHMENT

London, April 23.—Earl Curzon, of Kedleston, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, has warned the Russian Soviet Government that the re-establishment of economic relations with Russia cannot proceed unless sympathetic treatment is given the Russian army of General Donnikin in the Crimea, according to the "Evening Standard" in its issue of today.

BIG STEEL MERGER ABOUT COMPLETED

Capitalized at Probably Half a Billion, and is the Biggest Thing Ever in Canada.

Special to The Standard

Montreal, Que., April 23.—The Financial Times says today: "The completion of the big Canadian Steel Consolidation is now said to be assured. Important developments have occurred during the past few days and in banking circles the report is heard that Col. Grant Morden and his associates have completed tentative arrangements with practically all the concerns which will be included in the new big steel corporation.

ANTHRACITE MINERS STILL STANDING PAT

In Their Demand That Their Union Be Recognized.

New York, April 23.—Anthracite mine workers backed by the International Organizations stand uncompromisingly for complete recognition of the union, a closed shop and a standard check of clause, representatives of the mine workers notified the operators at today's conference of the subcommittee appointed to negotiate a new wage agreement for the hard coal region.

STOCK RECOVERY NOT SUSTAINED

On Montreal Market, Falling Prices Again Frequent.

Montreal, April 23.—The recovery which set in on the local stock market during the late trading on Thursday was not in any considerable degree carried over into today's dealing, the net result of which was an almost general improvement of price levels. Stocks did well in the earlier trading, although the volume of business was of light proportions, but in the afternoon under the negative New York influence, prices lost ground in several instances. Losses, however, were confined to narrow proportions, the market giving a decidedly good account of itself considering the extent of the reaction in Wall Street. One of the most noteworthy stocks was Wagsack which is regarded as a "money" stock. Today the price rose over four points above Thursday's closing figure at 86 3/4, later sagging to 85, leaving a net gain of 2 1/2 points. There is no known reason for the advance which is nothing to do with any possible dividend increase since the disbursement of 1 per cent. announced a little over a week ago is not payable until June 1st next.

CHARGES MADE OF PROFITEERING

New York, April 23.—Indictments charging profiteering in meats were returned today by a Federal grand jury in Brooklyn against the Chicago packing houses of Armour & Company, Swift & Company, and Wilson & Company, and their representatives here.

ONTARIO JOCKEY CLUB MAY RACE

Toronto, April 23.—The Ontario Jockey Club decided today to hold its spring race meeting, notwithstanding the tax of \$10,000 a day imposed by the Ontario Government on the O. J. C. and all other owners of mile tracks in this province. In connection with this decision the O. J. C. has issued a statement in which it charges that the public and the various jockey clubs are being unfairly treated by the impost.

YESTERDAY WAS SLACK DAY IN PARLIAMENT

Marine Estimates Were Under Discussion, But Developed Little Interest.

FRANCHISE BILL ALSO

Was Taken up Again, and Three Hours Spent on it With But Little Progress Made After All.

Special to The Standard

Ottawa, Ont., April 23.—(Canadian Press.)—An item in Department of Marine estimates for \$1,500,000 for maintenance and repairs to Dominion steamers and ice-breakers passed the House this evening. There was considerable discussion among Maritime members before the adoption of the bill was considered. D. D. MacKenzie, North Cape Breton, urged the appointment of Irvinston shipping inspectors at North Sydney, which port he said, compared very favorably with Montreal as a shipping port. The Minister had stated that Montreal was the only port where livestock shipments were inspected as to condition of boats, etc. Mr. MacKenzie protested that the Inspector at Sydney could not inspect the vessels at North Sydney, and that the Government Merchant Marine vessels were not well equipped for carrying livestock, they would be so equipped, it was expected, in the near future. He also explained that the inspection at Sydney was by an official of the Health of Animals branch and was only a health inspection. Several items which were of a contentious nature were allowed to stand over, in view of the absence of members interested. The House spent three hours on the Franchise Bill, but had made little progress at the end. An amendment by Hon. W. S. Fielding was being debated. It referred to the appointment of returning officers and would restrict the choice of these to certain officials, such as sheriffs and postmasters. Opposition members pressed the amendment, but there was no decision when the committee rose.

WARSHIPS BEING SENT TO MEXICO

Washington, April 23.—American Government representatives in Mexico have asked for the dispatch of warships to that country to protect American citizens and their property.

MILITARY BALL AT MONCTON LAST NIGHT

Moncton, April 23.—The military ball given at the Brunswick Hotel tonight by Moncton returned soldiers was a brilliant and very largely attended affair, many being present from outside points. The ball was under the auspices of Major-General A. H. MacDonnell, O. C. Military District No. 7, who was unable to be present, being represented by Lieut.-Col. A. H. Spring and Col. Austin, of St. John. The chaperons were Mrs. J. H. Harris, Mrs. G. B. Willett and Mrs. A. C. Chapman. Capt. D. B. Weldon was chairman of the reception committee.

METHODIST CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS

Toronto, April 23.—The Colleges' Special Fund of \$750,000 which it is confidently expected will be provided by the Methodist National Campaign has been allocated by resolution of the Board of Education of the Methodist Church. It includes: Mount Allison University, \$50,000; St. Johns, N.B., \$15,000.