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FRANCE FEARS EFFECT OF POLICY IT WOULD LEAD TO REDUCED EXPORTS

Rumor of Proposed Anglo-French Commission to Settle the Shore Question.

Toronto, June 5.—The News' London cable says: "London labor bureau at Charing Cross now has applications from Canadian employers for 17,000 men. Almost every kind of work is represented in the list. The bureau is now connected with continental centres, and draws the best men from a multitude of sources. Six hundred men have already been sent to Ontario, principally common laborers. The bureau charges no fees nor premiums. It is killing the 'farm pupil' game.

"The British Journal, the newspaper with the greatest circulation in France, says that the scheme for preferential imperialism would be a serious blow to France. It believes that Canada could supply England with butter, cheese, eggs and meat. Such a tariff on British imports would cripple France's exports. One-third of the French agricultural exports is sent to England. The writer goes on to suggest a union of self-interest among agricultural export countries in Europe as an offset to the British customs union.

"The Birmingham Post, Mr. Chamberlain's personal organ, states on the authority of a French diplomat, that France has proposed to the British government the formation of an Anglo-French commission for the settlement of the Newfoundland shore question as soon as the Alaskan boundary dispute is settled. The diplomat in question stated that there was an earnest feeling in France for a permanent settlement of it at long-standing question.

"Arthur Laurence Halliburton, G. C. S. of the late Justice Halliburton, writes in 'The Canadian' as 'Sam Oak' and a keen Canadian, has written a letter to the Times on the political views of Mr. Chamberlain's policy if should prove commercially successful. He claims that community of interest would spring up in the Empire causing an increase in wealth and power beyond the dreams of United Empire Loyalists."

HON. J. R. STRATTON IS EXONERATED

CENSURE PASSED ON MANITOULIN'S MEMBER

The Findings of Commissioners Who Investigated the Charges Made by R. R. Gamey.

Ottawa, June 5.—Chancellor Boyd and Justice Pollock have made their report in the Gamey case completely exonerating Hon. J. R. Stratton and censuring R. R. Gamey.

Unwarranted importance, the judges say, was laid on Mr. Hammond's statement which was not in conflict with what Mr. Stratton said.

Reference is made to Gamey's manipulation of the books of the Crossen Company.

The judges say: "Gamey had no personal intercourse with any member of the ministry except the provincial secretary; with two or three of the others he had some official correspondence; but with the rest not even that."

With regard to the added charge of conspiracy, the commissioners are of the opinion that as a matter of law there is no evidence whatever to sustain it as against members of the government and other persons charged, and according to methods of an ordinary trial they would be discharged from said accusation by presiding judicial officer. This being so, the matter of the original charge alone remains, and as to the provincial secretary there is testimony that has been commented upon. In our opinion the corrupt character and disrepute by a great body of evidence which appears to be more accurate and credible than that adduced in support thereof.

The \$1,200 mentioned herein before has not been paid into the hands of the commissioners by Mr. Gamey. The commissioners have impounded two sums of money, \$500 in the case produced by Mr. Gamey in the House and \$1,500 represented by his marked cheque of 3rd April, 1903. These sums have been lodged in the hands of the accountant of the Supreme court, and the commissioners advise that the amounts be carried as separate accounts to be paid out upon the joint order of the chancellor of Ontario and the Chief Justice of the King's Bench for the time being, upon its being made satisfactorily to appear that any claimant has legitimate title thereto.

THE POPE'S HEALTH

Has Been Somewhat Exhausted By Recent Receptions.

Rome, June 5.—With regard to the reports that the Pope is ill, it is learned that the only trouble from which he is suffering is exhaustion, due to fatigue as a result of the receptions he held since Easter, when persons were admitted in private audience to the number of many thousands. The Pope continues to receive the household officials, and yesterday held a conference with the cardinals regarding Manila, for which post there are three candidates, F. C. Crocker, formerly secretary of legation at Washington; Father J. Harty, of St. Louis, and Rev. Thos. A. Hendry, of Rochester. The last named was proposed by Cardinal Gibbon.

TO PUNISH GUILTY.

France Decides to Take Vigorous Steps To Maintain Order in Algeria.

Paris, June 5.—In the Chamber of Deputies yesterday M. Firmin Faure (Nationalist) asked leave to interpellate the government on the subject of the measures taken for the security of Algeria.

Premier Combes thereupon requested him to accept a simple declaration which was in effect that the government had determined to take vigorous steps, that there had been sent to chastise the guilty, that more policing was sanctioned by the treaty with Morocco of 1845, and that there was no question of conquest even of the temporary occupation of Moroccan territory. This was clearly understood by Morocco and also by the powers interested in maintaining the status quo.

M. Faure replied that he regretted the steps had not been taken sooner, and then withdrew his interpellation.

KING'S COLONIALS DINE.

The Regiment Enlorged—Colonel Benson Attended the Gathering.

Montreal, June 4.—The Star's London cable says: "Col. Wallace, commanding the Fifth Royal Irish Rifles, presided at the annual dinner of King's Colonials in the Hotel Cecil yesterday. There was a good muster. The chairman said he hoped to see formed linked squadrons connecting the various Colonies and the Homeland. The corps was essentially colonial. Over 900 applicants had been refused admission to the regiment because they lacked colonial qualifications. Col. Sir Edward Ward, permanent under secretary of state in the war office, and Viscount Maitland, both spoke briefly, eulogizing the regiment. Col. Benson, a former Canadian, who was recently appointed chief of the remount department, was present. Baron Harlech presented the regiment with £500.

"Col. Benson will be gazetted major-general on July 1st. He is the first Canadian on active service to attain the rank. When questioned as to the truth of the charge that there is a prejudice against colonial officers, he said he did not believe it. He thought the treatment accorded to colonials in the English regiments depended upon themselves entirely. Colonials had the same chance of success in the army as had Motherlanders."

DESTRUCTIVE FIRES RAGING IN EAST

TWO DEATHS REPORTED FROM NEW BRUNSWICK

Several Villages in Quebec Have Been Wiped Out—Heavy Losses.

Susex, King's County, N. B., June 4.—A forest fire swept down on the farm house owned by Isaac Linden and Jas. H. Murphy, at Picadilly, seven miles from Penobscot, on Wednesday, and both places with barns, etc., were destroyed, and two women burned to death. Isaac Linden was away working at another farm when his place caught fire. His widowed mother and her sister, Miss Susan Leachly, both advanced in years, were burned. It seems when the building caught fire, the women went out to the barns to let the horses out, but unfortunately they were by some means unable to escape, for when Mr. Linden returned at night he found the remains of both women among the ruins of the barn.

In Quebec.

Montreal, June 4.—The bush fires in this province have apparently spent their force. To-night the wind is reported to have died away, and the fires are not spreading as they have been during the past two days. Rain would soon end the danger, for the fires are now smouldering away. Should, however, a brisk wind arise, the damage done would be incalculable. To-night the fire is right in the outskirts of the city, where a detachment of the Montreal fire brigade was sent this afternoon in response to an appeal for help. St. Jerome is similarly situated. There has not been any considerable loss of property besides standing timber, but as far as this is concerned, the damage is very heavy, and a serious owners and owners' associations are being formed.

The smoke along the St. Lawrence today was so dense that navigation was practically suspended, the train service to the north, which was badly interrupted yesterday, was in much better shape to-day. The villages of Astor and Forestville have been completely wiped out. Scores of towns and villages are in constant danger of destruction.

Many Homeless.

St. John, N. B., June 4.—The village of Briggs Corner, Que., was wiped out by fire yesterday. The people lost practically all they possessed.

Carpenters' Strike.

Winnipeg, June 4.—Carpenters are on strike at Fort William and Calgary. At Calgary an employers' association was formed. It was hoped unanimously that no lumber should hereafter be supplied to union carpenters, that no goods should be received from union teamsters, and that all union carpenters should be discharged by contractors.

RAVAGES OF FLAMES.

Serious Damage in Northern Part of Maine, Where Two Lives Were Lost.

Portland, Me., June 6.—Reports from every section in northern Maine confirm the first reports of tremendous loss to the lumbering and other interests from forest fires. In addition one town has been completely destroyed, hundreds of buildings have been burned in all parts of the state, and at least two lives were lost. The town of Patton has been completely surrounded by fire at close range for 48 hours. Eight townships have been burned over, causing a loss of \$250,000 to lumber interests there.

Many Men Working.

Glens Falls, N. Y., June 6.—Reports received here at the offices of lumber companies who have large interests in the Adirondacks region, where the fires are fiercest, state that the fires are well in hand. The reports that Governor Odell has authorized an emergency expenditure of \$15,000 for the purpose of fighting forest fires has given great encouragement to the three thousand men who are fighting the flames.

THE FLOOD SITUATION.

Appeal For Aid For the Sufferers at Kansas City, Kas.

Kansas City, Mo., June 5.—The citizens' general relief association of Kansas City have issued a statement to the public giving thanks for the sympathy and offers of aid and asking that assistance be sent to Kansas City, Kas. The statement follows: "As we decline at this time to accept assistance from without, it is because we believe it our duty to meet the situation which confronts us to the fullest extent of our ability. The calamity which has come to us is no doubt great, but it is not our disaster.

"The bottom-land, known among us as West Kansas City, is the severest sufferer. Water has reached here a level of 10 feet, and there is every reason to fear that there has been great injury to the property of the poor, and to the goods and possibly buildings of wholesale merchants and manufacturers, but until these districts are accessible, and they will not be until possibly next Monday, it is futile to estimate the damage and to make any intelligent statement of the relief necessary. The immediate task of caring for the homeless and housing, clothing and providing for them is well in hand. There is no suffering unrelieved."

FEARS OUTBREAK.

Chinese Governor Takes Steps to Deal With Any Disorders.

London, June 6.—According to the Times correspondent at Shanghai the Viceroy of Wu Chang, Yangtze Kiang valley, has ordered precautionary measures to be taken to prevent a dynastic movement, which he alleges is the real aim of students in Japan and Shanghai, who recently held meetings urging the Chinese government to resist Russia's demands.

YACHT RACES.

Reliance, Constitution and Columbia Will Sail Three Days Next Week.

New York, June 6.—The date of the Reliance, Constitution and Columbia yacht race, which was to have been sailed June 12th, has been changed to June 9th. This will give three straight days, June 8th, 9th and 10th.

FOREST FIRES.

Thousands of Acres of Timber Land Have Been Swept By Flames.

Burlington, Vt., June 4.—At least 1,000 men are fighting forest fires in Vermont, yet thousands of acres of valuable timber land have been burned over, and there is little prospect that the fires can be checked until rain shall fall. At Hardwick two residences were destroyed. The most serious situation is on Worcester mountain, near the towns of Worcester and Elmore. The fire there has burned over 1,400 acres of heavy timber land, valued at \$50 an acre, and is rapidly spreading.

Farm Buildings Burned.

Houlton, Me., June 4.—The forest fires in Aristook county have destroyed 14 miles of the Bangor & Aristook railroad, and reports from various sections indicate that two small settlements have been destroyed, at least 24 sets of farm buildings have been burned and the fires, which had almost abated last night, were increasing to-day before a brisk wind.

New York, June 5.—The forest fires in the Adirondacks and New England are spreading at an alarming rate and destroying millions in timber and hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of summer cottages and camping resorts.

Fires are reported in Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Maine.

Big ocean going vessels felt their way in and out of the harbor or else remained at anchor to avoid collisions as the air around is covered with smoke. The most serious fires are in the vicinity of Long lake, east towards Newcomb lake and Mount Marcy.

The estimate of Governor Wong, of Kwang province, China, that over a million natives in that province are starving, is pronounced here to be approximately correct. Children and women are freely offered for sale.

NEW MINISTRY IS NOW AT WORK

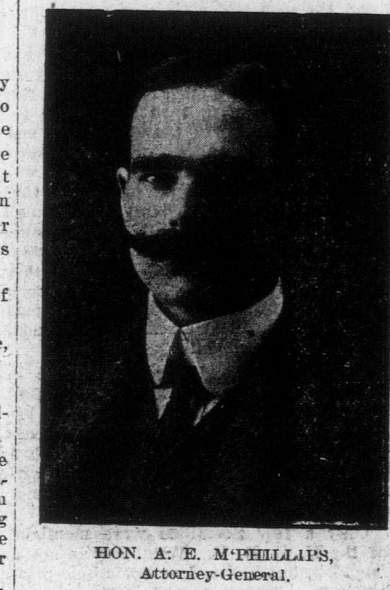
THEY TOOK OATH OF OFFICE LAST NIGHT

Charles Wilson Will Be Sworn in President of Council a Little Later.

Shortly after the House rose Thursday afternoon Premier McBride submitted to His Honor the Lieut.-Governor the names of his new cabinet in as far as the ministry will be filled for a few days at least. These were accordingly sworn in as heads of the several departments over which they will preside. The cabinet as it stands is as follows: Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works, Hon. R. McBride. Minister of Finance and Agriculture, Hon. R. G. Tatlow. Minister of Mines, Hon. R. Green. Attorney-General, Hon. A. E. McPhillips.

Later Charles Wilson, K. C., will be given the post of President of the Council. It is understood that the delay in his being sworn in is due to his having some cases in hand against the province which necessitates his remaining clear.

Commissioner of Lands and Works, is a native son, having been born in New Westminster in 1876. He was educated at the public and the high school of the city and at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he was graduated as an L. L. B. In 1892 he was called to the British Columbia bar. In 1896 he contested New Westminster for Dominion honors, being defeated by Anlay Morrison. In 1898 he was elected for Dewdney in the legislature as a supporter of the Turner government. In 1900 he joined the Dunsmuir government as Minister of Mines. On September 3rd, 1901, he severed his connection with that administration. He led the opposition in the House until the defeat of the

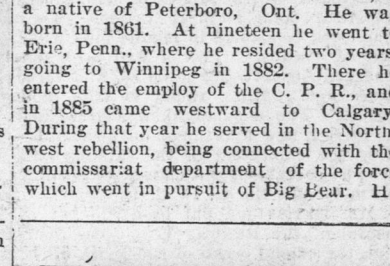


HON. A. E. McPHILLIPS, Attorney-General.

Prior government a few days ago, and on Monday was called upon by the Lieut.-Governor to form the ministry.

Hon. R. G. Tatlow, Minister of Finance and Agriculture, was born in Seawa, County Down, Ireland, in 1855. He was educated at Cheltenham, England, and came to Montreal in 1871. Serving as a subaltern in B Battery, R. C. A., he came to British Columbia with Col. Strange to inspect the defences in 1879. He decided to remain in this country after his work was completed. He became private secretary to Governor Richards, and served in the same capacity with Governor Cornwall. In 1886 Mr. Tatlow took up his residence in Vancouver. In the campaigns of 1890 and 1894 he was an unsuccessful candidate for the legislature, but in 1900 succeeded in winning a seat.

Hon. R. Green, Minister of Mines, is a native of Peterboro, Ont. He was born in 1861. At nineteen he went to Erie, Penn., where he resided two years, going to Winnipeg in 1882. There he entered the employ of the C. P. R., and in 1885 came westward to Calgary. During that year he served in the North-west rebellion, being connected with the commissariat department of the force which went in pursuit of Big Bear. It



HON. R. McBRIDE, Premier and Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works.

for the present. He will probably transfer the cases to some other legal firm and be sworn in Monday.

The Provincial Secretaryship remains unfilled also. It is presumed that that post has been left vacant in order to bring some of the recalcitrant members of the Conservative party into line. Messrs. Clifford and Elison are mentioned in connection with this portfolio.

The time of dissolution has not yet been decided upon by the executive. It will, however, be delayed for some weeks at least. This is done in order to straighten up the business of the departments before bringing on the election. The proclamation therefore is not expected for some little time.

Friday the new ministers entered upon their duties. They were the recipients of many congratulations by their friends, who kept breaking in upon them as they endeavored to become acquainted with the run of their offices.

A few small deputations with requests of various kinds took occasion also to visit the ministers this morning and make early requisitions.

Most of the members of the House remained over until Friday.

AFTER TWO YEARS.

Trouble Between Boiler-makers and Shipbuilders' Union and Moran Bros. Adjusted.

Seattle, June 5.—The Boiler-makers and Shipbuilders' Union yesterday adjusted its differences with Moran Bros., and the strike which has lasted for two years has been declared off. Originally all the unions represented at the big shipyard went out on a strike for more pay and shorter hours, but with the exception of the union named, they went back to work after being out about nine months. Yesterday, however, an amicable settlement was reached in which both sides conceded something, and the end was happy.

Certain clauses in the original agreement are omitted altogether and others are modified, but on the whole it represents a compromise of the matters in dispute. The chief difference in the two agreements was in the rate of pay. The men wanted a minimum wage of \$3.50 per day, which works out at the rate of 38.8 cents per hour, while the rate of 37 cents was finally accepted.

The great bone of contention in the original strike was the demand for a nine-hour day, and as a nine-hour day has now been introduced into the shipyards for some months, there remained but little to prevent the two parties agreeing there. The settlement will not let the strikers back at work en masse, but they are now eligible for jobs wherever there are vacancies, and it is understood that the yard is short of boiler-makers at the present time.

which he has in the courts and in which the province is concerned are disposed of. He is a native of London, Eng., having been born there in 1841. In 1862, Royal City and at Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, where he was graduated as an L. L. B. In 1892 he was called to the British Columbia bar. In 1896 he contested New Westminster for Dominion honors, being defeated by Anlay Morrison. In 1898 he was elected for Dewdney in the legislature as a supporter of the Turner government. In 1900 he joined the Dunsmuir government as Minister of Mines. On September 3rd, 1901, he severed his connection with that administration. He led the opposition in the House until the defeat of the

THE CANADA SOUTHERN.

Merger With the Michigan Central Railway Company.

New York, June 4.—According to the Herald, a complete merger of the Canada Southern railway with the Michigan Central was effected yesterday at the special stockholders' meeting held in St. Thomas, Ontario. It is said to have been effected by a lease of the Canada Southern to the Michigan Central for 990 years.

There was some opposition among minority stockholders, but the Vanderbilt interests were able to carry the meeting.

The new lease schedules a former, which expires on December 31st. Its life was 21 years, and provided for the operation of the company's lines in connection with the Michigan Central, the gross earnings of the whole system to be applied first to the payment of the operating expenses and fixed charges of the companies and the net surplus to be then divided in proportion to one-third to the Michigan Central and one-third to the Canada Southern.

Under the new lease the Michigan Central, it is said, will guarantee 23 on Canada Southern stock until 1910 and 3 per cent. after that date. Directors of the Canada Southern will be vested with power to issue bonds, to retire first and second mortgage bonds maturing in 1908 and 1913.

LIBERALS OF SOUTH VICTORIA HELD MEETING AT ROYAL OAKS LAST EVENING.

A well attended and enthusiastic meeting of the South Victoria Liberal Association was held in the school house, Royal Oaks, last evening. A number of new members were enrolled. The officers and executive for the ensuing year were elected. Mr. Chandler, the former president, was re-elected, and Mr. Thayer, the former secretary, was also again chosen to fill that office. John Piery, president of the Victoria Liberal Association, was present as a visitor, also Mr. White, of the North Victoria Liberal Association. It was decided to hold meetings in all parts of the district, and use every endeavor to insure the success of the Liberal cause at the coming provincial elections. Among the pleasant features of the evening was a generous donation to the association in the shape of cash from the president of the Victoria Liberal Association.

POST OFFICE SCANDAL.

Further Arrests of United States Officials at Washington.

Washington, June 5.—The grand jury today reported an indictment against August M. Machen, former superintendent of the free delivery service of the post office department, who was arrested several days ago charged with sharing profits on government contracts for letter box fasteners. The penalty is "a fine of not more than three times the amount asked, or accepted, or received, and by imprisonment not more than three years." The amount which the indictment states he received illegally is \$18,987.

Mr. Machen was in court with his attorneys when the grand jury reported, and immediately gave bond in the sum of \$20,000 for his appearance in court. His sureties were C. G. Staples, and Maurice F. M. Criswell and Emanuel Speth, of this city. The trial will occur in October.

As a result of the sweeping investigation of affairs at the post office department, Thomas W. McGregor, clerk of the Baltimore office, was charged with the purchase of the rubber pouches furnished the rural carriers throughout the country. Their cases make seven in all since the investigation began. Other arrests are expected later.

Russian newspapers claim that a man in the hospital at Toska is 200 years old. They say this statement is supported by documents. The man has been a widower 123 years. He had a son, who died in 1824, aged 90 years. He remembered seeing Peter the Great. He is bedridden, but mentally sound.