

MANY MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED

Delegates of B. C. Municipalities Go Through Heavy Day's Work

TALK ON LORD'S DAY ACT

That and Other Questions to Be Laid Before the Government

Nanaimo, Feb. 27.—The representatives of British Columbia municipalities met this morning to tackle the tremendous amount of work ahead of them for the day. The first business of the session was the amendment of the constitution in several minor particulars. The convention took up consideration of the recommendations from different municipalities, which work was unfinished last night.

The first recommendation was that corporations should be authorized to apply to Indians particularly should go to municipalities and not to the government. In the discussion that followed it was introduced by Mayor Vancouver delegates. The idea of the move is that there will be a home to which each municipality could send its destitute. The matter has been brought to the attention of the government several times by Vancouver. The old men's home at Kamloops does not include women and it is thought that there must have been residents of the province for fifteen years.

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Home for Destitute.

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Kent's Requests

From Kent council—A. To increase qualifications of Reeves from \$500 to \$1,000. Three out of once. B. For regulation of saloons and taverns, that all liquor sold in them be consumed on premises. Promptly referred to executive. C. To charge license fees on automobiles from \$5 to \$100 on grounds of the destruction of roads by motor cars. On motion referred to the executive. Rural delegates spoke very strongly in favor of reducing the speed limit and to increase taxation on account of the great destruction of roads. Several more clauses in Kent's recommendations were referred to the executive.

Sunday Observance

From Coquitlam—Sunday observance in this municipality was brought up by Councillor Cameron with reference to logging camps operating on that day, and no law to deal with it. Councillor Cameron wished to impress on the convention the idea of having the Sabbath day observed so that others not working on that day would not be annoyed. A motion to refer it to the executive was defeated.

Ald. Glover spoke strongly favoring that it be dealt with in convention. He said it was a shame that the Lord's Day was workable in some provinces and not here. He wanted a recommendation to go to the attorney-general asking legislation so that it could be worked. Mayor Robinson declared it was political and he for one refused to deal with it.

Ald. Glover: "It is a moral question."

Ald. Irving: "We are treading on dangerous ground. For harmony of this convention refer it to the executive."

Mayor Lindmark: "It is not a political question. We are the only province not enforcing it. We are not heathens here. It is a disgrace the way the matter now rests."

Councillor Barclay: "Our Sundays are a disgrace. Hindus, Japanese and Americans are debauching our Sundays. They ought to be taught that we have laws that are to be observed."

An amendment was moved favoring that this convention go on record as asking the attorney-general and the government to consent to the enforcement of the Lord's Day act.

Mayor Planta strongly favored the amendment, favoring the Lord's Day act being enforced.

The amendment was carried by an overwhelming majority amidst applause. A copy of the resolution was ordered placed in the hands of the delegation going to Victoria tomorrow to be presented to the government. Mayor Robinson stated that if the resolution was presented by the delegation he would withdraw from the delegation when it came up.

Mayor Kearney: "That is a very extraordinary position for you to take."

Mayor Lindmark: "That will be all right."

On the suggestion of Mayor Planta the resolution was ordered sent by mail to the attorney-general, which will answer the same purpose.

Public Health

Dr. Underhill, medical health officer of Vancouver, spoke at some length deploring the appallingly gross neglect of municipalities in regard to health matters. He recommended more strict enforcement of the provincial health act. In some provinces he carried on an education from house to house in regard to sanitary and other health matters. In British Columbia much more could be done on these lines than has been done. He said there should be a provincial law in regard to plumbing. Have no plumbing at all unless you can have the best a post-septic tank is worse than none at all.

Mayor Robinson said he hoped to have a chance to amend the constitution so that health officers, city engineers, city engineers and municipal clerks would be entitled to attend conventions.

Various Recommendations

Following the reading of the paper, recommendations from municipalities were again taken up. New Westminster's recommendation re conveying authority to cities to conduct an assessment committee for the whole year was referred to the executive.

From North Cowichan, that municipalities have the right of impounding personal property tax as well as the government. Laid on the table.

From Summerland, re disallowing a discount of ten per cent on taxes. Eliminated. That ward system be abolished, but a ward nomination system be maintained. Thrown out. That more time be allowed between nomination and election. Eliminated. That the limit on the number of candidates as the municipality year. Eliminated.

Mayor Robinson, of Kamloops, moved on the act referring to school taxes in which the words "five mills" occur, be amended to read "ten." At present most small cities are paying more than five but all over five mills are taken care of. He said he thought the public do not know really how much school rate they are paying.

Mayor Kearney moved that the rate on automobiles be reduced from fifteen miles to ten. Lost.

Mayor Robinson's motion to amend the constitution allowing municipal health officers, city engineers, etc., to attend the conventions and have a vote was lost.

To Meet Ministers

At the concluding session of the meeting the following telegram was received and read: "The Hon. J. H. Keay, Will be pleased to meet your executive on Friday afternoon at fifteen minutes to two, (Signed) R. McBride." Mayor Kearney, the chairman, stated that he would be unable to be present at the meeting, and recommended that Reeve Byrne, of Burnaby, be appointed chairman of the committee. He was unable to attend before it went to Victoria. On motion Mayor Kearney's recommendation was adopted.

Vernon Next Year

The next business was the selection of the place for next year's meeting. The motion was carried in favor of place among delegates from Revelstoke, Vernon, Nelson, Victoria and North Vancouver. The various delegates pressed their claims for the respective cities, and on a vote being taken it resulted as follows: Vernon, 12; Revelstoke, 6. As neither town had received a majority vote a second ballot was taken. The result was as follows: Vernon 21; Nelson 14. The choice of Vernon was thus made unanimous.

Union of Canadian Municipalities

The question of federation with the union of Canadian municipalities was discussed, the secretary reading a communique from the secretary of the federal municipal union asking the B. C. union to join the federal body. This was received and general opinion was possible to join under the present financial conditions.

Ald. Wilson (Nanaimo) read a lengthy and able paper on municipal insurance. Mayor Bell, seconded by Mayor Timms of Vernon, moved that the fee for continuing a serving warrants be increased from 10 to 15 cents per mile. This concluded the meeting of the city of Vernon, which extended all round. Tonight the delegates are being banqueted by the local delegates.

HINDUS APPLY FOR HABEAS CORPUS WRIT

Fight Deportation on Ground That They Are British Subjects

Vancouver, Feb. 27.—Three Hindus who arrived two weeks ago from Suva, Fiji Islands, and were ordered deported under the federal law, had successfully brought into court today through habeas corpus proceedings.

As the case stands the Hindus have gained a respite for the case will not be heard till next Tuesday, and their steamer must sail without them tomorrow.

The Hindus base their application to remain here on the ground that they are subjects of King Edward, and of the British Empire, and that a law against aliens cannot possibly apply to them.

Senator Lovitt Ill.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Senator Lovitt of Yarmouth, N. S., was taken to the hospital today to undergo an operation. It is said that he is suffering from cancer.

Possible Railway Commissioners.

Winnipeg, Feb. 27.—The names of Ed Martin, of the Martin, Bole & Wynne Co., wholesale druggists, and Andrew Strang, wholesale liquor merchant, are mentioned in connection with the vacancy in the railway commission.

Alleged Murderer Arrested.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—Victor Nicolli, charged with the murder of Antonio DiLuca, who was stabbed through the heart on Cadieux street last Friday night, is arrested in Stranville, N. Y., and will be held to await extradition proceedings.

Rev. Dr. McLaren Coming West

Toronto, Feb. 27.—Rev. E. J. McLaren, Presbyterian of home missions of the Presbyterian church of Canada, left yesterday for Western Canada.

Paardeberg Day.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The governor-general tonight gave a dinner at Rideau hall to the veterans of the South African war, in honor of Paardeberg day.

Will Sell to Provinces.

Montreal, Feb. 27.—At the annual meeting of the Bell Telephone company today, President Sise said the lines to be sold to the provinces in Saskatchewan and Alberta to the provincial governments, the same as it had done in Manitoba.

DELEGATES BACK FROM LIVE STOCK MEETING

Interesting Report of Three Days' Meeting at Ottawa National Convention

(From Friday's Daily)

J. E. Smart, secretary of the B. C. Agricultural association of this city; Dr. S. F. Tolmie, chief veterinarian, agricultural and livestock commissioner for British Columbia, and president of the British Columbia Agricultural association; and F. M. Logan, secretary of the livestock association and dairy commissioner for British Columbia have returned from their four weeks' trip to eastern Canadian points where they attended the Canadian National Livestock convention at Ottawa, Feb. 5, 6 and 7 and also made investigations with a view to the improvement of the stock raising industry. They also attended meetings in Toronto of the Holstein-Friesian association, the Canadian Clydesdale association, Canadian Hackney association, and the Canadian Short-horn associations, and the annual meeting of the Dominion Cattle Breeders association. The latter meeting was held on Feb. 3 and 4.

Mr. Smart states that the impression left on the trade unimpaired. They were present from all portions of the Dominion by the representatives of Victoria and as to the peculiar adaptability of the stock to the conditions of the country that it would be possible in case of crooked dealing by men selling stallions to have the matter rectified. A. B. McLeod spoke "On British Columbia as a Market for Pure Bred Stock." Mr. Logan spoke on "The Best Means for Retaining the Canadian Market in Pure Bred Stock." Debates, addresses and papers on the various subjects of the livestock industry were heard at the convention.

The delegates inspected the Ottawa experimental farm and fair grounds and the view to securing information relative to the latest and best equipped structures for fair purposes and brought back with them voluminous plans and proposals for the use in the reconstruction of the exhibition buildings in this city. Victoria will not be overlooked in the future in the offering of prizes by breeders' associations and through the perseverance of Mr. Smart it is probable that the majority of them will offer cash prizes this year.

The outstanding work of the Dominion Livestock association in the past was the consummation of the project to nationalize the live stock records, a desideratum that has been of vast benefit to the pure bred stock man of Canada. The Ontario and Quebec departments of agriculture and thus demonstrating beyond cavil their authority and responsibility in reducing the cost of the various societies in keeping records, editing and publishing herd books as well as in other ways.

The gathering at Ottawa on this occasion was a notable one, but it was felt by many among them the British Columbia delegates, that the system of representation is by no means perfect, but needs to be improved. It should have been justice and fair representation to each province according to the magnitude of its live stock interests.

British Columbia Grant

The most lively discussion at the meeting was that of the Dominion Breeders' association related to British Columbia. After a motion had been passed granting \$200 to New Westminster fair, the chairman of the National Livestock Convention, Mr. Smart after pointing out that this city had been the cradle of the Shorthorn business in British Columbia, stated that the live stock industry of the province today, three were owned by Victoria men. Victoria put up the best Shorthorn display of any Pacific province exhibition, published a catalogue and ran its exhibition on strictly up-to-date lines. J. M. Gardhouse testified that Victoria had the best exhibition of the breed and favored giving the grant.

Another resolution was intended to call attention to, and remedy the abuses now existing in several of the breed societies, which have been made to give representation due to different sections of breeders located in various parts of Canada. It reads as follows: "In view of the fact that the last year the Dominion Livestock Convention was held in Victoria, and the N.L.S. association here assembled would recommend that only the certificate issued by the Canadian National Livestock Convention be accepted for the purpose of securing reduced transportation, except that this recommendation shall not be applicable to direct import shipments from abroad."

Another resolution which was carried reads as follows: "Whereas it is important that the cattle exported to Great Britain from Canada be landed in the best possible condition, and that the amount of space occupied by the cattle in their stalls they suffer great hardships from being abused by their companions, we think that it is a profitable investigation were made by the department of marine and fisheries, that a safer and more humane way could be found of securing these cattle in their stalls, and giving to each the amount of space allowed to it." This resolution was passed and will be submitted to the department referred to above, which has control of that matter.

Several other important resolutions were passed, such as the eradication of mange, it being the consensus of opinion of the western men that all possible means should be taken to stamp out this disease. It was also recommended that the live stock trade of Canada be improved.

A resolution was presented with regard to grazing leases, but it was not adopted. The resolution was that it would be better for the western ranchers to memorialize on their own account the department which had to do with such matters.

Resolutions congratulating the meeting closed in harmony and such other matters as were brought up, but before doing so passed resolutions of thanks to the minister of agriculture for his hearty sympathy with the work, and to the national director and live stock commissioner for the great work they had done for the live stock interests of Canada.

Waitford, Ont., Feb. 27.—H. J. Pethy, vice, ex-M. P., has declined the Liberal nomination for East Lambton on account of business.

SEALING CASE IN PARLIAMENT

Mr. Sloan Brings Up Seizure of Schooner Carlotta G. Cox

DR. THOMPSON'S REMARKS

Bill to Increase Railway Commission Read the First Time

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—Before the house went into supply today, Mr. Sloan, of Comox-Atlin, brought up the matter of seizure of the Canadian schooner Carlotta G. Cox on May 29, 1907, for sealing in the North Pacific ocean. The charge against the Carlotta G. Cox was that she was sealing in violation of the Paris Treaty. At the time she was seized she was carrying Japanese sealers. She was made five Japanese sealers were sealing in the vicinity. They were not under the treaty, and could ply their trade unmolested. He did not think that the United States desired to discriminate against Canada in favor of the Japanese. He thought the Hague tribunal should deal with the question.

Dr. Thompson, of the Yukon, objected to Canada being laid on the dissecting table whenever the United States desired. Great Britain was always willing to be fatted calf for the United States. The only thing that bound Canada to Great Britain was the thin skin of loyalty. Canada should talk of Great Britain's army and navy protecting Canada. Canada's protection was the Monroe doctrine. England today was not the England of 1814, but the England of the present, frigid, radical and laborite. It was a man's with England to consider the States as against Canada. Canada was not a part of the empire and was not agreed with Dr. Thompson that Sir Wilfrid gently took the member to task. He admitted that there were certain inconsistencies, but Canada's position on the whole was satisfactory and she had no grievances with the mother country. He was not in agreement with Dr. Thompson that as far as treaty-making power was concerned Canada's position was one of subservience. This treaty-making power must remain with Great Britain, as Canada was not yet a sovereign nation. The diplomacy of Great Britain was a far-reaching one, and the question of the English and Caucasian races would resolve itself in a system satisfactory to all.

Mr. Fielding said there was a danger of Dr. Thompson's speech being misunderstood abroad. Canada was not a part of the empire and would continue to remain so. With this Dr. Sprole heartily agreed.

There was considerable talk about Mr. Graham's resolution to increase the railway commission, which was proposed by Mr. Graham. He said that he hoped in a few days to introduce another bill dealing with the powers of the commission. It was proposed that the commission be made up of three members, one of whom would be a railway man. Mr. Graham stated that the personnel of the new appointments had not yet been considered. The bill would be done in due course without delay. The resolution was reported and the bill dealing therewith introduced and read a first time.

RESTRICTION FOR THE LIQUOR TRADE

British Government Proposes Heavy Reduction in Licenses

London, Feb. 27.—Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith introduced the licensing bill in the House of Commons this afternoon. This is the principal government measure for the present session of parliament. The capital invested in licensed property in this country is about \$1,200,000,000, while over 2,000,000 people are employed in the traffic.

Briefly, the bill provides for the licensing reduction within a specified period, and on a uniform scale, of the number of saloons licensed throughout the country. In cities it is proposed to allow one saloon for every 175 persons, and in country districts one saloon for every 400 persons. This regulation, it is estimated, would result in the closing of 50,000 licenses, or about one-third of the present total.

The bill proposes that this reduction be effected in three years. Local option is to govern the issuance of new licenses, and a majority of the parishes in the district are to prohibit the granting of a license.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Asquith expressed the opinion that England was not yet ripe for compulsory Sunday closing, but he said that outside the metropolis no saloons would be allowed to open on Sunday for more than two hours in the evening. In conclusion, the Chancellor declared that the bill adopted the state in twenty years would obtain unfettered control of the license system.

The system of compensating those entirely deprived of their licenses is to be done after a period of 14 years from the commencement of the act, and will thus be put to the vested interest in all licenses.

Want New Registry Office.

New Westminster, Feb. 27.—G. E. Corbould, T. J. Trapp, J. A. Lee and W. F. Hansford have gone to Victoria to renew the request for a new land registry office in this city to relieve the pressure in the present one. Some time ago consideration was promised to the request by the government, but the estimate has been brought down without provision being made for it.

Insurance Requests.

Ottawa, Feb. 27.—E. F. Heaton, secretary of the fire insurance department of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, was heard before the Commons banking and commerce committee today. He asked that a new section should be added to the insurance act dealing exclusively with Montreal companies, and that the basis

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