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FAVOR LOWERING
OF FREIGHT
RATES

West India Commission at
 Montreal Yesterday Dis-
 cussed Questions of Prefer-
 ence By Witnesses

MONTREAL, Oct. 6.—From March to September, 1908, Holland exported to the West Indies 1,561,180 pounds of oats. During the same period Canada only exported 223,206 pounds. That all this trade was diverted from Canada as a result of advantage in freight rates from Holland over those from Canada, by way of Halifax and St. John, was the statement made by R. E. Calder, of Crooks and Co., flour and grain exporters, before the West Indian trade commission yesterday morning. While the rates are almost the same now, Mr. Calder claimed that it was of no avail, because the trade had gone. Mr. Calder also said that because there was continual fluctuation in the flour market in Barbadoes, Demerara, and Trinidad, there must be quicker cable service and more reasonable rates if trade is to be successfully carried on. Lord Balfour Burrell, who commented on the fact that this was the first time the trade commission had been asked to compare Canadian rates with those of European countries.

Mr. Calder thought an increase in trade could be brought about, first by preference in the West Indies in favor of Canadian goods; secondly, by direct steamship service from Montreal; and thirdly, by an improved cable service. Robert Munro, of the Canada Paint Co., said importations from the West Indies to Canada, now coming mostly by way of New York, would be sufficient in themselves to warrant a fortnightly service between Canada and the West Indies.

D. W. Campbell, representing the Elder Dempster Steamship company, said he thought preference would result in a great increase in trade. The local sugar refiners are opposed to the West Indian sugar preference, complaining that its effect is to tie their hands and prevent them going in to the world's markets for sugar, while the West Indies would gobble up all the benefit of the preference. They candidly admitted that what would be a good thing for the country as a whole might not be a good thing for the refiners. They were also agreed that a combine existed among the West Indian planters, and recognized the incidence of this in the fact that where once they could get quotations from a number of brokers they were now compelled to deal with one. Robert Calder added an interesting touch to his evidence by declaring that the Intercolonial railway should have its head office in Montreal. Its location in the city, he said, dealing with the road difficult.

Mr. Fleming suggested that other cities might find it desirable to have a desirable, to which Mr. Calder replied that Montreal had a right to the head office. He also thought the Pickford and Black line to the West Indies could do more towards meeting the competition of the New York lines running to the West Indies. It required better boats.

FIVE DROWNED

HALIFAX, Oct. 6.—Robert Martin, Mrs. Martin, Percy Martin, aged 14, Hattie Martin, aged 16, all members of one family, and Gertrude Stivers, aged 3, were all drowned by the upsetting of a boat on Sunday night in Minas basin. Two others occupants, Mr. and Mrs. Stivers, were found clinging to the upturned boat, which had drifted ashore at Boat Island. The boat capsized in a sudden squall.

VENEZUELA UNREST

WILLEMSTAD, Oct. 6.—According to the latest reports received here from Venezuela, that republic is in a condition of considerable unrest. A number of prominent men have been arrested and imprisoned in the fortress of San Carlos, and others are political offenders, near Maracaibo.

A story is current in Venezuela to the effect that Great Britain may aid a revolutionary movement headed by Castro, because of the refusal last month of the Venezuelan government to abolish the differential duty collected on goods sent into the republic from West Indian ports, and has found certain credence with the lower classes.

Theodore Hauer, the Mormon who was expelled from Venezuela last year on the charge of being a secret agent of Castro, is still here.

COTTON CONFERENCE

FRANKFURT, Germany, Oct. 6.—The international conference of cotton spinners, in which both the United States and Great Britain are strongly represented, opened here yesterday. The discussion will relate wholly to the crisis in the cotton and textile trades brought about through over-production and the necessity of its limitation by means of an international agreement as to the shortening of workingmen's hours. The definite proposals will be taken up at tomorrow's session only the general outlines of the situation were under consideration today.

The conference adopted a resolution expressing their pleasure over the news that the American cotton spinners were limiting the hours of work and the production, and that further imitations in America were in prospect, by which the crisis will be terminated. Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Belgium, Portugal and Holland are well represented.

For Stealing Fish.

VANCOUVER, Oct. 6.—One year in the penitentiary was the sentence meted out to Fred Kline by Judge McLennan in the county court Tuesday for stealing 470 fish from the Gulf of Georgia cannery at Westport. Kline caught the fish and sold them to the cannery and then stole them back again. He tried to resist them to another cannery, but the Gulf of Georgia men knew of the trick and Kline was arrested. Kline, the police say, has quite a criminal record.

MOTION TO QUASH CONFERENCE NEXT
ALBERTA CASE
YESTERDAY

Action to Recover Damages on
 Appeal From Judge Irving's
 Decision at Fernie Not Con-
 cluded

OTTAWA, Oct. 6.—In the Supreme court, in the case of St. Hillar vs. Lambert, yesterday, an appeal from the Supreme court of Alberta, a motion to quash for want of jurisdiction was made on the ground that the superior jurisdiction, but that the "original summons" was given by Judge Beck merely a personal non-motor curia designata under the Liquor License act. Judgment was rendered, C. A. Grant for the motion, Chrysler, K. C. contra.

The western provinces appeal list was then taken up, Laidlaw vs. Crow's Nest Pass Railway being the first heard. The action was to recover damages for the destruction of timber limits by a fire started in rubbish on the company's right-of-way, which was ignited by sparks of passing locomotives.

At the trial at Fernie, D. C. Judge Irving dismissed the action on the conclusion of the plaintiff's evidence, finding that no negligence had been proved against the company nor that the fire had been started by them. The plaintiff now appeals from the judgment of the Supreme court of B. C., affirming the decision of the trial judge. S. S. Taylor, K. C. for appellant; A. H. McNeill, K. C. for respondents. The arguments will be continued tomorrow.

MAKE CHARGE OF CONSPIRACY NOW

Mine Workers in Nova Scotia Lay Informations Against Coal Magnates Alleging a Frame-Up

HALIFAX, N.S., Oct. 6.—The U. M. W. ignited the fuse of the bombshell which has been preparing to throw into the company's ranks here yesterday, when an information was laid before Stipendiary Magistrate Fielding of this city against three leading coal magnates of the province, charging them along with others, with conspiring and arranging to unduly limit the facilities for the mining and supplying of coal in the province.

The information says they have been continuing such conspiracy, etc., at divers times from January 1st, 1902, to the laying of the information, and was sworn out by James B. McLachlan, secretary and treasurer of the Mine Workers Association in Nova Scotia.

Love Will Find a Way

BOSTON, Oct. 6.—Chloroforming his sweetheart's mother, Mrs. Florence V. Higgins, while she was asleep, lifting the 18-year-old girl bodily from her bed and carrying her off and taking from the house \$320 in cash, are the charges which the police are making against John H. Burnham, 23 years old. Neither Burnham nor the young woman has yet been located. He has known her for some time, but had been forbidden by her parents to visit their home in the Jamaica Plain district.

FORMING WOMEN'S INSTITUTES ON ISLAND

During the fall of 1908 the services of a lady speaker from Ontario were secured to visit the various institute districts and speak before the women of the work of women's institutes, and had work being attained by them in some of the eastern provinces and states. This lecturing tour was most successful, and so many women became interested in the movement that the Government was again requested this fall to secure the services of another lady speaker to visit the districts with the idea of organizing women's institutes. On Monday evening, Miss Rose, who is lecturing on this work, addressed a farmers' institute meeting at Gordon Head, where the first women's institute in the province was organized. On Wednesday evening, Miss Rose spoke before a most enthusiastic audience, which met in the building of the Progress Fruit Packing Co. Here the second women's institute was organized.

The object of the women's institute is similar to that of the farmers' institute, viz., educational, while the social end is also fostered. The women's institutes aim to hold monthly meetings in one of the member's homes, in a hall, or at any point which may be convenient for all the members. At these meetings one of the members may read a paper on some timely subject, another member who is a good cook may demonstrate the best method of canning fruit. At another meeting a doctor or a nurse may be invited to attend, to give an address on home nursing, after which one of the members or a visitor may speak on the care of house plants, or some other interesting subject.

Canadian Representatives of the Methodist Church Will Assemble in the Capital City in 1910

The general Canadian Methodist conference of 1910. This decision was reached yesterday by the special committee on arrangements at a meeting held at Toronto, Ont.

All day the clergymen of Victoria were busy in the endeavor to persuade those charged with the making of a choice to pick on British Columbia's capital. Telegrams were despatched to Rev. J. W. Sparling, D. D., Rev. T. Albert Moore, Rev. N. Burwash, L.L.D., Rev. Solomon Cleaver, D.D., Rev. C. W. Kerby, G. N. Lake, Newton Wesley Rowell, K.C., and John George. In addition, Mayor Hall wired extending, on behalf of the city, the warmest possible invitation. The members of the Canadian Methodist church, who constitute the committee, which will have charge of the G. C. Conference of 1910, are as follows: Rev. E. B. Ryckman, Rev. J. W. Sparling, Rev. S. Cleaver, Rev. W. Griggs, D. D., Rev. W. H. Hearts, D. D., Rev. J. A. Rankin, Rev. R. N. Burns, D. D., Rev. G. W. Kerby, Principal D. Allison, L.L.D., H. F. Moore, A. D. Watson, M. D., W. J. Willmott, Rev. H. Sprague, D. D., Rev. N. Burwash, L.L.D., Rev. T. A. Moore, J. Lake, C. B. Keenleyside, John George, Hon. Justice MacLaren, Thomas Hillard, Prof. W. F. Osborne, H. H. Puffer, Cyrus A. Birge, and Newton Wesley Rowell, K. C.

BADE-POWELL BOY
SCOUTS FOR
TORONTO

Full Troop, the First in Canada, Organized Following British Officer's Scheme—Scout Council Elected

TORONTO, Oct. 6.—The second meeting in the history of the Baden-Powell Scout movement was held last night and a scout council composed of gentlemen interested in the movement, and representatives of other organizations for boys in the city, formed. The duties of the scout council are to advise the local committee, and to be responsible for the commission, who is appointed by the chief scout and the council, as honorary secretary of the scout council and inspecting, in turn, being responsible to headquarters for movements in his area.

C. J. Corliss, of the 48th Highlanders signal corps, was appointed scout master of Toronto troop No. 1. He is the first scout master, and his troop the first troop of boy scouts in Canada.

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Lake of the Woods, a bag	2.00
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Willow Lake, a bag	2.00
Robin Hood, per sack	2.00
Calumet, per sack	2.00
Snowflake, a bag	1.50
Orford Star, per sack	1.50
Three star, per sack	1.50
Scott's Star, per sack	1.50
Feedstuffs	
Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.40
Oats, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Midgillins, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Feed, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Crushed Oats, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Crushed Barley, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Whole Corn, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Cracked Corn, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Feed Cornmeal, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Green Corn, per 100 lbs.	1.30
Hay, prairie, per ton	15.00
Dairy Produce	
Eggs—	
Fresh Island, per doz.	.45
Eastern Eggs, per dozen	.45
Canadian, per lb.	.35
Neufchatel, each	.10
Cream, local, each	.10
Butter—	
Best Dairy, per lb.	.35
Victoria, per lb.	.35
Cowichan Creamery, per lb.	.35
Comox Creamery, per lb.	.35
Milliwack Creamery, per lb.	.35
Salt Spring Island Creamery, lb	.35
Vegetables	
Tomatoes, per lb.	.10
Beans, Wax, per lb.	.10
Beans, per lb.	.10
Carrots, per lb.	.05
Fennel, per bunch	.05
Mint, per bunch	.05
Peas, per lb.	.05
Cucumbers, per lb.	.05
Potatoes, per sack	1.00
Cauliflower, each	.10
Cabbages, new, per lb.	.10
Lettuce, a head	.10
Garlic, per lb.	.10
Onions, per lb.	.10
Sweet Potatoes, 3 lbs.	.10
Rhubarb, lb.	.10
Green Corn, per lb.	.10
Fruit	
Lemons, per dozen	.25
Pine, cooking, per lb.	.05
Apples, Cal. 1 lb.	.25
Apples, Oregon, per lb.	.25
Bananas, per dozen	.25
Pine, table, per lb.	.10
Pineapples, each	.25
Strawberries, per lb.	.10
Pineapple, Cal., 3 lbs.	.40
Pineapple, local, per basket	.40
Pineapple, per lb.	.10
Peaches, Cal., 3 lbs.	.40
Beef, per lb.	.10
Veal, dressed, per lb.	.10
Beef, dressed, per lb.	.10
Chicken, per lb.	.10
Chicken, per lb.	.10
Ducks, dressed, per lb.	.10
Green Corn, per lb.	.10
Flax	
Halibut, fresh, per lb.	.05
Halibut, smoked, per lb.	.05
Cod, fresh, per lb.	.05
Chickens, per lb.	.10
Crabs, 2 for	.10
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