

C. P. R. MAY BE OCCUPY HOUSE

Mr. Borden Presses for Appointment of Public Prosecutor With Jurisdiction Over Railways

No Support for W. F. McLean's Motion to Ascertain Right of Public to Limit Tariff.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—The House had its annual Canadian Pacific afternoon today, with W. F. McLean as originator of the debate. There were three features of interest.

1.—Mr. Borden's announcement that if the government does not move this session to legislate to authorize the appointment of a public prosecutor, will such an officer would bring to the attention of the proper authorities overcharges by railways, abuses coming under the purview of the combines act.

2.—The new light which was thrown upon the origin of the famous 10 per cent. clause of the Canadian Pacific charter. This was not a concession made to the company by the government, but a concession by the company to the government. Other railways then had a 15 per cent. clause.

3.—The clearance with which it came out that the 10 per cent. clause is in a condition of practical if not technical desuetude.

Mr. MacLean's motion was: "That steps be at once taken to ascertain the rights of the public using the Canadian Pacific Railway to a reduced tariff."

The assents of the company, he contended were, "Anserate," to the reduction of rates, and he went on to speak of melons.

Praise From Minister.
Mr. Graham praised the Canadian Pacific as the greatest transportation company in the world, and expressed his pleasure that it was making money. It was a good thing for the country that it should do so.

At present Chairman Mabee treated the Canadian Pacific, exactly as he treated any other line. The railway commission he said, was the best board of its sort in the world. Canadians enjoyed lower freight rates than Americans did.

Mr. Borden said it should be the policy of the government to seek to make the temporary arrangement whereby the Canadian Pacific Railway submits rates to the railway commission absolutely permanent and definite. He advocated the appointment of a public prosecutor, who should act with regard to railways and also with regard to the combines act. He gave notice that if the government did not introduce legislation to this effect this session, he will move it.

After short speeches by E. M. MacDonald and Mr. Emmerson the debate collapsed. Mr. MacLean not being able to obtain sufficient support to obtain a division. Then the House went into supply.

Printing Bureau Scandal.
The opposition drew first blood in the printing bureau inquiry before the public accounts committee. When Mr. Patenaude, assistant to Goldthrie, was under examination today, he admitted that he had told a friend of his outside the bureau that there was something wrong, and that supplies were being piled up at an enormous rate.

This friend, Boudreau by name, told the Secretary of State, Hon. Chas. Murphy, of the condition of things. That was in 1909, but it was not until the summer of 1910 that Mr. Murphy stirred himself.

Mr. Patenaude admitted that in the interval supplies were being purchased at an extraordinary rate and at an extravagant price. When this evidence was brought out Mr. Murphy never uttered a word.

SUSPICIOUS FIRE AT YARMOUTH, N. S.

Halifax, Jan. 17.—Yarmouth had a three alarm fire tonight in the heart of the town, but it was reached in time and the damage will not amount to more than two thousand dollars. It was in the large building formerly the Yarmouth Hotel, which is now occupied by Jews. At the time of the fire most of the Jews were attending a Jewish wedding.

Flames were first noticed in the rooms of Samuel Lynch. When the fire was out, it was found his stock valued at \$2000 had disappeared, and that the fire had started in a case containing rags saturated with kerosene. The police are still there. A child and a young Jewess were taken out by the firemen almost suffocated.

FALSE LABELS.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 17.—Valentine Landry, restaurant keeper, was arrested here tonight charged with putting false labels on bottles. It is alleged Havelock Mineral Water was put on bottles containing gin.

ROBBERY AT CAMPBELLTON

Burglars Get Away With \$400 From Office of Wm. Richards And Co.—Outbreak Of Hydrophobia.

Special to The Standard.
Campbellton, N. B., Jan. 17.—The office of Wm. Richards and Company at Richfieldville, was broken into last night, and a strong box containing about \$400 was stolen. The burglars left no clue and are still at liberty. Entrance was effected through a window on the lower flat of the building.

The Richards concern have been using the upstairs portion of their store at Richfieldville as an office since the fire, and indications would implicate somebody in close touch with the office routine and methods. From the window on the lower floor there was easy access to the office above. There were two iron boxes, one of which contained cash, and strange to say this was the only one which was taken.

The till in the store was also rifled. The burglars also thoughtfully took an axe along with them with the intention of breaking open the box.

Chief Hughes, who had returned from St. John by the morning train was early upon the scene and is working upon the case, but so far has unearthed no satisfactory clue.

It is said that hydrophobia has broken out among the dogs at Flatlands about ten miles above here and that several canines have had to be destroyed. One case has been reported in town. It is thought that the extremely cold weather of the past few days is responsible for the outbreak.

GOLD WAVE AT HALIFAX SEVERE

Steamer Royal Edward Delayed With No Word Of Her Since Afternoon—Worst In 35 Years.

Halifax, Jan. 17.—Not for 35 years when Halifax harbor was frozen over, and the mail boat from England had to force her way through ice inches thick, has Halifax experienced such bitter weather as has held the city and province in its grasp for the past 48 hours.

During the past two days the thermometer has not been above the zero mark and during most of the time has registered 10 degrees below, and this morning thermometers in the business section registered 13 degrees below, while on the Citadel hill, 200 feet above the sea level, where the soldiers are stationed, the thermometer this morning registered 22 degrees below zero, which is unprecedented in the history of the city.

An indication of the cold the police department has ordered double relief for the men on duty and if present conditions continue the men may only make two hours stands.

All incoming vessels from along the shore and steamers from trans-Atlantic ports are badly iceed up and the members of the crews suffered considerably from the cold.

The Royal Line steamer Royal Edward, from Bristol with the Canadian mails and a large passenger list, is somewhere off the Nova Scotia coast, in the grip of the storm king. The steamer passed Cape Race at 1 o'clock Monday afternoon, and was due here this afternoon, but there was no sign of her up to midnight. A wireless message from the liner this afternoon, reported that she was laboring along in a heavy sea and dense fog. The wireless operator reported that he was sick and could not send or answer any more messages and since that time there has been no report of the Royal Edward.

FINE ADDRESSES AT QUEBEC CONVENTION

Quebec, Jan. 17.—Hon. Clifford Sifton presided at the evening session of the conservation commission meeting. It was well attended. Mr. James, deputy minister of agriculture of Ontario, made an address on "What Ontario is doing for improvement of agriculture."

Speaking of the Ontario college of agriculture, he referred to good results attained by its policy of reaching the farmers and establishing farmers' clubs, where instruction was given by graduates.

Dr. Hodgett gave an interesting lecture on Unsanitary Housing, referring to the slum population of the other countries and the lesson which was provided for the younger. He contended that the slum made for inertia, drunkenness and criminality.

UTTER LACK OF INTEREST IN RECIPROCITY TREATY

\$50,000 ONLY FOR STEEL HEAD



Salary Cut In Half On Appointment Of James Farrell, Aged 32, To Presidency Of Steel Trust.

New York, Jan. 17.—The U. S. Steel Corporation has cut the salary of its president to \$50,000 a year. Although Charles M. Schwab and William Corey as presidents received \$100,000 a year, James A. Farrell will receive only \$50,000.

He was recently selected for the position by the finance committee, but will assume his duties on February 1st.

Farrall owes his promotion more to the fact that he knows how to sell the product rather than how to make it. He is 32, married, the father of several children; lives in Brooklyn; has been in the steel business since he was sixteen and has been president of the United States Steel Products Export Company since 1903.

POLICE CALLED INTO HOUSE

Strenuous Opposition Of Labor Members In Australian Parliament To Redistribution Bill Leads To Fight.

Melbourne, Australia, Jan. 17.—Extraordinary scenes were marked today in the state parliament of Victoria in the discussion of a redistribution bill introduced in the state parliament of West Australia. The measure incurred the hostility of the labor members of the house, and they resorted to obstructive tactics. For 29 hours they kept the house sitting, delivering speech after speech, and argument after argument, until from sheer exhaustion they were obliged to give up.

During the progress of the sitting six members of the labor party were ejected from the house. One of the laborites showed fight and the services of the police was requisitioned. Finally the labor party withdrew in a body, and progress having been made with the redistribution bill the assembly rose.

The bill will be enacted into law in spite of the opposition of the labor members.

TORONTO INDICTED FOR UNCLEAN CELLS

Toronto, Jan. 17.—The city of Toronto was indicted by the grand jury in the assizes today for maintaining a common nuisance in the shape of unsanitary cells at No. 1 police station in the centre of the city.

The matter was brought before the police court by A. R. Hassard, barrister, who complained that a prisoner had been detained 19 hours in a cell 4 feet wide by 6 feet long. A peculiar feature of the case was that L. Drayton as Crown counsel for the assizes had to sign the true bill, while as corporation counsel he will have to defend the city when the case is called in April.

ITALIAN KILLED; SHERIFF WOUNDED

Topham, Maine, Jan. 17.—One man was shot and killed and another seriously wounded during a fight between county officers and Italian laborers at a construction camp near here today. John Parri, a laborer, was mortally wounded. Deputy Sheriff John Ballou of Bath, was shot in the head by Parri, but may recover.

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REDMOND RE-ELECTED.

Dublin, Jan. 17.—At a private meeting today, the Irish parliamentary party re-elected John E. Redmond, chairman. The other officers were also re-elected and the resolutions governing the party were affirmed.

Special Correspondent at Washington Writes That Only Politicians and Manufacturers Are Interested.

Montreal, Jan. 17.—The Washington correspondent of The Star says: "The most astonishing thing about the reciprocity negotiations here so far, has been the utter lack of interest shown in them by the general public. Beyond a few paragraphs at the opening of the negotiations the local papers have not even mentioned the subject. Neither in the hotels, on the streets, nor in the senate or house of representatives is the subject discussed or even alluded to, unless some politician who in the past has been identified with it, be button-holed and quickly questioned."

A message of reciprocity, so far as can be learned, is looked upon here merely as a matter of political expediency.

"The fact is," said one political authority today, "The Republicans are committed to reciprocity with Canada. It was one of the great planks in their platform, and they have to do something in the matter to save their faces. I don't say the outcome may not be beneficial to both countries, but remember the American people entertain no delusions on the subject. Canada is prospering, too well under its present system for us to expect that there will be any wholesale lowering of her barriers. We don't expect much in a general way from these negotiations, hence we are not interested in anything like such a degree as Canada appears to be."

The above is a typical representation of the point of view of the average American citizen so far as he is represented in the inhabitants of Washington.

An Airy Dream.
It may be said, and of course it is true, that Washington is not a typical city of the United States. The tariff relations appears to come from the crowded industrial centres, where the high cost of living is pressing hard upon the wage earners. They are crying out for reciprocity, but it is too airy a dream, pleasing though it be to them, but for such a lowering of the duty as would permit of the importation of such a greater quantity of food products from her neighbors and from agricultural Canada in particular than at present. This, of course, is the great milling interests of Minneapolis want No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat to mix with their own American wheat so as to grade it up and also to get a greater quantity of wheat for export, while the big western packing houses want cattle free of duty from Canadian ranches.

These various demands, making some kind of tariff revision an economic necessity for the United States are being seized upon and utilized by the politician and the manufacturer to obtain from the Canadian farmer, the great milling interests of Minneapolis want No. 1 Manitoba hard wheat to mix with their own American wheat so as to grade it up and also to get a greater quantity of wheat for export, while the big western packing houses want cattle free of duty from Canadian ranches.

It is an interesting situation and it will be instructive to see how it will work out in the treaty that is now being prepared at the state department. According to Sir Wilfrid Laurier it is to be a measure of reciprocity which will benefit the Canadian farmer on the one hand, nor the Canadian manufacturers on the other.

This much it is possible to state that Messrs. Fielding and Paterson are finding the preparation of such a treaty a ticklish job and many a long and weary session are they having between themselves in discussing the details of the treaty. The daily meetings with Secretary Knox and his officials.

Today, owing to the weekly cabinet payments of the approaching session at the state department, but the negotiations will be resumed tomorrow. Secretary Knox is so hard pressed with many other important matters that he is anxious to get the treaty signed as soon as possible, but he is sure to get through with the business by Saturday though at present it is very problematical whether they will finish on that day.

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—There was no meeting today of the American and Canadian reciprocity commissioners owing to other engagements of Secretary Knox, but there is little doubt that they will be prepared to sign a treaty some time next week.

The commissioners are disinclined to speak for publication regarding the details of the approaching agreement for a double reason; in the first place the mere intimation that a reduction of duty is in contemplation on a certain line of products is certain to bring down on the commissioners all sorts of appeals and protests from interests affected.

In the second place it is a fact that the agreement so far reached as to changes in existing duties are purely tentative and consequently are not to be regarded as the final decision of the commissioners.

C. N. R. PROMOTION.

Toronto Ont., Jan. 17.—Geo. H. Shaw, former traffic manager of the Canadian Northern at Winnipeg, has been appointed general traffic manager with headquarters at Toronto. He will have charge of all traffic on the railway.

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Quebec, Jan. 17.—In a closely played game tonight for the branch trophy, Quebec curlers defeated Victoria by five shots. Quebec will play in Montreal in the semi-finals.

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Waterville Barrister Elected Without Opposition To Fill Seat Vacated By Eugene Hale—Only One Nominated.

Augusta, Me., Jan. 17.—The election by the Maine legislature today of a senator to succeed Eugene Hale, Republican, whose term expires next March, was hardly more than a formality, as the Democrats have an unquestioned majority in both branches and there was no opposition in the ranks of that party to the caucus nominee, Charles F. Johnson, of Waterville.

In addition to the warrants for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, warrants are also out for John Lindsay, who was associated with Travers in securing subscriptions for the bank stock and for William Nesbitt's whereabouts are yet unknown. It is reported that the detectives' trip to Muskoka was a "wild goose chase, and that the fugitive was not there at all last week. He is reported to have been seen in Toronto on Saturday and later at Buffalo.

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SCOTT ACT IN YORK COUNTY

Semi-Annual Report To Council Shows Decline In Surplus Of \$1,000—Cold At Fredericton.

Fredericton, Jan. 17.—At the annual meeting of the York county council, Councillor H. Rogers, Douglas, was elected warden. Secretary Treasurer submitted his book of account showing a surplus of \$1,000. The total receipts from Nov. 30th last to Jan. 14th, 1911, including the balance on hand on the first named date, amounted to \$13,713.13, and the total payments during the period were \$2,838.81, making a balance including the road tax funds accounts, of \$10,918.68 on Jan. 14th, 1911.

The council heard the semi-annual report of Scott Act Inspector W. L. McFarlane, showing a balance of \$26 to the credit of the county.

The report was discussed at some length particularly the turning over to St. John wholesalers of a large quantity of liquor seized at St. Croix and settlement of the case against James Tague.

There was a general discussion of Scott act matters and it came out that the surplus to the credit of the Scott act fund had declined from over \$1,000 to about \$100.

The cold here is most severe this winter and tonight is one of the coldest in years. At 9 o'clock this evening the city thermometer registered 20 below zero.

SWEDEN HAS GOOD YEAR

Stockholm, Jan. 17.—King Gustave opened the Riksdag today. In a speech from the throne His Majesty congratulated the country upon the economic improvement which had obviated the necessity of increased taxation.

The estimates for 1910, he said, balanced 257,000,000 crowns. The proposed expenditure for the army and navy was 6,000,000 crowns greater than for the preceding year. A Swedish crown is equivalent in the money of Canada to 27 cents.

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MEETINGS OF FARMERS' BANK

Directors Plead Ignorance Of Travers Investing In Mine Stock—J. R. Clarkson Permanent Liquidator.

Toronto, Jan. 17.—Two important meetings were held today in connection with the Farmers Bank failure. In the morning the creditors assembled and after hearing Curator Clarkson's statement of the bank's affairs, nominated Mr. Clarkson as permanent liquidator. A petition was forwarded to the Dominion government praying for a royal commission to investigate the bank's collapse and a resolution was passed approving of government inspection of all banks.

Burge Gundy, a Halton county farmer, who is one of the directors, declared that the Keeley mine stock was put through by Travers without his knowledge. In the course of his statement Mr. Clarkson expressed his opinion that the directors had been unfit to serve because of their inexperience. There were about 75 creditors present, but many of them represented whole neighborhoods.

The shareholders' meeting in the afternoon was largely a repetition of that of the morning. Mr. Clarkson repeated his statement and was nominated as a permanent liquidator, while a number of signatures were added to the petition for a royal commission of inquiry. The majority of the shareholders seemed to be in favor of holding and operating the Keeley mine in the hope that it will yield enough to pay a large proportion of the bank's liabilities.

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Quartermaster Sergeant Robert M. Langille was well known in St. John, having visited the city several times in connection with the formation of teachers' classes and also as military instructor. He was a native of Springfield, N. S., and was about 45 years of age. He was stationed in the Yukon in 1898. He saw service in South Africa with the Canadian Mounted Rifles. Since 1906 when H. Company, R. C. R., came to Fredericton, from St. Johns, Que., he has been stationed at the provincial capital. The deceased leaves a wife and five children who are living at Fredericton. His wife is a native of the Gaspé coast.

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At about 11 o'clock this morning, he telephoned Principal McFarlane that he would be on hand to take the class at four o'clock. He did not appear and Mr. McFarlane went to the Essex House where he was boarding to investigate. There he was found in his room lying on his back and cold in death. Dr. J. D. Lawson, the coroner, was summoned but examination showed that no inquest was necessary.

Sergt. Langille had shot himself through the head. The revolver, a 45 calibre Colt, was still clasped in his hand, which had fallen to his breast. The bullet had been fired through the roof of the mouth and had come out through the top of the head and entered the wall at the head of his iron bed.

Very little is known here of the deceased, but he had made a favorable impression during his brief residence. No cause is known for the rash act. The body was placed in charge of Undertaker Sederquist and will be forwarded to Fredericton tomorrow evening.

N. B. POSTMASTERS AFTER BETTER PAY

Annual Meeting Of Provincial Organization Held At Moncton Yesterday—To Send Delegation To Government.

Moncton, Jan. 17.—The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Association of Post Masters was held here today, about thirty being present, including Messrs. Secord, of Apohaqui; Tilton, of Fairville, and Kinnear, Sussex.

Officers were elected as follows: J. F. Kinnear, Sussex, president; J. M. Troy, Newcastle, vice president; J. V. Bourque, Shediac, secretary; Executive, Geo. H. Secord, Apohaqui; William Wilson, Chatham; J. F. Allison, Sackville; William Gagnon, Salisbury, and D. S. Mann, Peticodiac.

The affairs of the association were discussed and an effort will be made to embrace all postmasters in the province. A delegation will go to Ottawa shortly to interview the government in regard to better salaries on account of the increased cost of living, and also the improvement of the service generally, especially in regard to rural mails.

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