

Impressed With Need for Greater Facilities Here

Hon. J. A. Calder, minister of colonies and immigration, on his visit to the city yesterday in conference with Premier Foster and other members of the local government, showed unusual interest in looking over the local facilities in connection with export business. In the early afternoon Hon. Mr. Calder, accompanied by Premier Foster and Stanley K. Eldin, M. P., visited the C. P. R. terminals and the immigration facilities at West St. John. The Carleton heights were also visited to afford the minister a bird's eye view of the harbor, at which he expressed himself personally as being favorably impressed. In the city proper the intercolonial terminals were visited as well as the site of the new dry dock at Courtenay Bay.

Premier Foster took occasion to point out to the minister in view of the largely extended system of the government railways now known as the Canadian National Railway operated under the supervision of the board recently appointed, that an increasing amount of the export business contracted by the government would now be handled via Canadian ports. In this connection it was brought to the attention of Hon. Mr. Calder by the premier that he considered it necessary that increased facilities on a broad scale should be made at this port in keeping with the growing traffic as St. John is the nearest Canadian winter port to receive western products.

Mr. Calder expressed himself as being very much pleased with the outlook and advantages which St. John offered for development in this way. He felt that the new board would be kindly disposed towards providing facilities at the seaboard for Canadian exports.

During the afternoon Hon. Mr. Calder was in conference with several members of the provincial government including Premier Foster, Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture, Hon. Peter J. Veniot, minister of public works, and Hon. Dr. Smith, minister of lands and mines. At this conference the questions of land settlement, immigration and colonization schemes were discussed. Matters relative to these vital problems were more fully and thoroughly gone into than was otherwise convenient at the dominion conference recently held at Ottawa. Legislation covering these matters will be introduced at the coming session of the dominion parliament.

Premier Foster said that he was very much pleased with the manner in which the dominion government had co-operated with New Brunswick in respect to land settlement, immigration and colonization schemes which will prove of general advantage to the country.

Hon. Mr. Calder was entertained yesterday by Premier Foster and friends at luncheon. The minister left last evening for Quebec, where he will confer with the Gouin ministry on similar matters. He reached the city yesterday morning from Halifax.

At the time when representatives of the provinces conferred with the federal authorities at Ottawa three weeks ago, in connection with the settlement of the returned soldier on the land, several features were held in abeyance and Hon. Mr. Calder is clearing these matters up by meeting personally with the various local administrations. Additional legislation, both federal and provincial, will be necessary to give effect to the plan.

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upon the conclusion of the court-martial, but it was only Thursday that his sentence was officially confirmed by the Ottawa authorities.

The Pride of the Orchard.

(Toronto Globe).
The Hamilton Spectator complains of attacks on Hon. Robert Rogers by political opponents, but consoles itself with the reflection, not original with the Spectator, that most of the sticks are found under the best apple tree.

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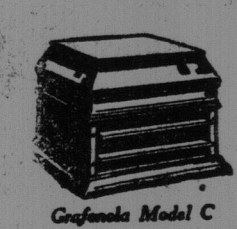
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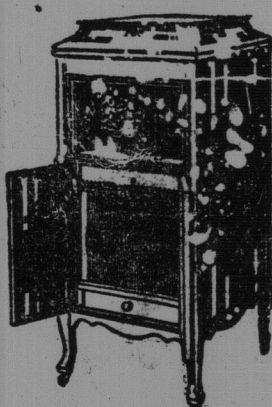
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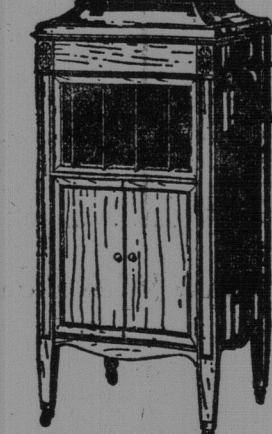
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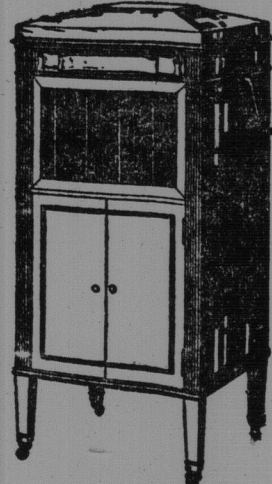
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