

WOULD BROADEN SCOPE OF THE COMPENSATION LAW

Amendments Would Include Occupational Diseases—Seeks to Give Legislative Power to Regulate Industries in Tenements and Dwelling Houses.

Albany, July 20.—The Committee on Industrial Relations at the Constitutional Convention in session here reported favorably upon three proposed amendments to the State Constitution, one of which would greatly broaden the scope of the workmen's compensation law.

An amendment introduced by Mr. Alfred E. Smith, Democratic leader in the Assembly, would permit the Legislature to extend the workmen's compensation law to include compensation for injuries to workmen who contract occupational diseases, while another would recognize as constitutional the work of the present State Industrial Commission in dealing with labor problems.

One of the amendments by Mr. Smith would provide that the Legislature may delegate to any board of commission the power to make rules or regulations supplementing or amplifying laws passed for the protection of the life, health or safety of workmen.

The second amendment which was also favorably reported by the committee, would provide that nothing contained in the new constitution shall limit the power of the Legislature to enact laws prohibiting the manufacture of goods in dwelling houses or tenements.

The committee also endorsed a proposal to place occupational diseases under the operation of the workmen's compensation law. The three amendments were reported favorably, while Vice President Jacob Gould Schurman of Cornell University, was acting as chairman in the absence of Elihu Root, who missed the first session of the convention since the gathering met on April 6.

The committee of which President Schurman is chairman, unanimously agreed to report favorably an amendment to the common schools section of the constitution. This amendment would settle the New York city school controversy against the city authorities and in favor of the Board of Education to provide for a 4 mill tax annually for schools instead of a 3 mill tax as now provided in the charter, while at the same time it would result, in the discretion of the Legislature, in a board of nine members or less instead of forty-six members, as at present.

RAND GOLD OUTPUT.

Table showing Rand gold output in ounces for various months from 1913 to 1915, with values in dollars and cents.

MIRAMICHI PULP MILL BURNED.

St. John, N.B., July 20.—Fire destroyed the Miramichi pulp mill property at Chatham last yesterday. Only the office building remains.

INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER.

The International Harvester Co. has declared its regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4 per cent. on preferred, payable September 1 to stock of record Aug. 10.

PERSONALS

- Mr. G. Hyland, of Toronto, is at the Windsor. Mr. J. W. Sifton, of Ottawa, is at the Ritz-Carlton. Mr. J. A. McLaren, of Toronto, is at the Place Viger.

REAL ESTATE

Ferdinand Fontaine sold to Moses Hootner lots 399-207, Longue Pointe Ward, with buildings on Souigny street, corner of Axilda street, for \$2,500.

LIEUTENANT TALBOT M. PAPINEAU

Who has been promoted to a captaincy. He has done very effective work with the Princess Patricia's, and won the D. S. O.

JUNE TRANSFERS TOTALLED \$4,257,949

Principal Characteristic is Continued Dullness but Comparison With 1907 is Encouraging

NO FORCED ACTIVITY

Attention of Owners, Operators and Brokers Might Better Be Given to Civic Affairs, Says Real Estate Record.

It seems hardly necessary to state that the realty market is restricted and that its principal characteristic is continued dullness, says the Cradock Simpson Real Estate Record in its monthly review for June.

LOSS BY FIRE.

North Bay, Ont., July 20.—The loss by fire of the Gordon Lumber Company's sawmill at Cache Bay yesterday amounted to \$150,000, of which \$75,000 is covered by insurance.

BLAZE WAS STARTED BY EXPLOSION OF OIL LAMP

The explosion of a coal oil lamp in the kitchen was the cause of the blaze which gutted the home of M. Duchesne, 2276 Chabot Street, on July 8th, at 11.58 p. m.

CAMBRIA STEEL NOT SOLD.

New York, July 20.—The reports that H. C. Frick had obtained control of Cambria Steel and that Cambria Steel and Penna. Steel Companies would be consolidated have brought forth from the Penna. R. Co. the following statement.

"It can be authoritatively stated that the Penna. R. R. has not given an option on its Cambria Steel Co. stock to Mr. Frick, nor is there any basis for consolidation of Cambria and Penna. Steel companies.

BRITAIN PAYS FOR COTTON.

London, July 20.—The British government since March 11 has paid \$700,000 (\$2,500,000) on cotton cargoes, 25 shipments of which have been purchased in pursuance of the arrangement with American cotton shippers.

PREMIER BORDEN TO RECEIVE FREEDOM OF CITY OF LONDON.

London, July 20.—Premier Borden is to receive the Freedom of the City of London "in appreciation of his services to the Empire, and in grateful recognition of the splendid part taken by the Dominion of Canada during the present war, and the invaluable assistance rendered by the officers and men of the Canadian contingent on the battlefields of Europe."

MARITIME PROVINCE SECURITIES

(Quotations furnished by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., members Montreal Stock Exchange, 166 Hollis Street, Halifax, N.S.)

Table listing securities for Maritime Province, including Eastern Canada Savings & Loan, Eastern Trust Company, etc., with prices and dividends.

REAL ESTATE

Louis Girard sold to Asarie Girard lots 299-318, 319, Longue Pointe Ward, with buildings civic Nos. 4311 to 4313 Tanguay street, for \$2,300.

CONTINENTAL AND FIDELITY PHENIX REPORT BIG GAINS

The Continental and Fidelity-Phenix Insurance companies report large gains for the first half of 1915.

The Continental now has total assets of \$28,380,392.85, or about \$175,000 more than January 1 last. A comparative table of the important items in the Continental's statement is as follows, in comparison with January 1:

Table comparing Continental and Fidelity-Phenix assets and liabilities for Jan 1, 1915 and July 1, 1915.

NORTHERN STATES POWER.

Northern States Power Co. and its affiliated corporations are continuing to show large gains in earnings, and reports from the various operated properties indicate that there is no sign of cessation of the demands being made on the companies for light and power service.

In Minneapolis the Minneapolis General Electric Co. is securing much new power business and in addition there is a steady increase in the taking of power by companies already connected.

NATIONAL STEEL CAR COMPANY NOT EMPLOYING ALIEN ENEMIES.

Mr. Basil Magor, the general manager of the National Steel Car Company, of Hamilton, says that there is no foundation for the allegation made in the British House of Commons that this concern is employing Germans and Austrians in the manufacture of munitions.

"Why," he remarked, "we keep sixteen watchmen at our plant for the purpose of keeping foreigners away from here. What would we be paying them for if we were employing Germans and Austrians? As far as the scale of wages being paid by us is concerned, the best answer to this is that our workmen are sticking with us. It seems to me as if the British members of Parliament would do well to ascertain the facts in any case before discussing it. They have a lot to do to concern themselves as to what is taking place at the National Steel Car Company. We're not employing alien enemies in the manufacture of munitions, and anyone with sense would realize that, without having to ask such questions in Parliament."

WASHINGTON HEARS THAT CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS MAY GROW OUT OF THE I. C. COMMISSION INVESTIGATION OF ROCK ISLAND.

Washington hears that criminal proceedings may grow out of the I. C. Commission investigation of Rock Island.

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