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ST. JOHN EXHIBITION PROVING A REAL WINNER; BANNER ATTRACTIONS PLEASING TO EVERYONE; LIVE STOCK AND FARM EXHIBITS BEST EVER

MAN. LIBERAL WILL SUPPORT THE FARMERS

Premier Norris Prepared to Take Platform to Help Farmer Candidates.

QUESTION DISCUSSED BY NORRIS CABINET

This Move on Political Chess Board Sets Quebec Liberals to Thinking.

Ottawa, Sept. 5—The Liberal Government of Manitoba is reported as having decided to support the Farmer candidates at the next Federal election. Our source of information is the "Winnipeg Free Press Bulletin" which says:

"The Norris Party of Manitoba will support the National Progressive Party in the next Federal election, according to best informed circles at the legislative buildings.

"Premier Norris and his ministers are prepared to take the platform in support of the Federal Farmer candidates during the campaign. It is expected the majority of the followers of the Government in the Legislature will support the actions of their leaders. The impending Federal election is a topic of much interest here.

"The matter of the Norris Cabinet going out in support of the Federal Farmer candidates during the election campaign apparently has been discussed in Cabinet several times. The ministers are not at all reticent to talk on the subject. Hon. George H. Malcom, Premier Norris, Hon. C. D. McPherson, Hon. Dr. J. W. Armstrong and Hon R. S. Thornton probably will be the most active in support of the Farmers during the campaign. Whether Hon. Edward Brown and Hon. Thomas Johnson will take the platform actively to support the Farmers is not definite, but from current talk they are in favor of extension of support to the Farmers."

This, if true, (and the "Manitoba Free Press" is the most important organ supporting the Government) constitutes a virtual abandonment by Mr. Norris and his colleagues of the Liberal cause, an avowal that Manitoba has no use for the Liberal Party. Apparently, Premier Norris and his friends have got cold feet as a result of the fate which befell the Liberal Party in Alberta.

We wonder what the Quebec Liberal politicians, who are scared to death of the Farmer movement and are fighting it tooth and nail will think of this move on the political chess board? We wonder how they will like being knifed in the house of their friends? We venture to suggest that many of them will commence to realize in earnest that outside of Quebec the Liberal Party is practically non-existent. The logic of events irresistibly points to a union of the forces in Ontario and Quebec who believe in protection to oppose the western free trade onslaught.

100th Anniversary of Meeting House

At Moncton, When Special Addresses of Historic Interest Will be Given.

Moncton, Sept. 5.—In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the erection of the Free Meeting House on Steadman street, a service will be held in that historic place on Wednesday evening, September 7th, at 7.45 o'clock.

A choir of 50 voices under the leadership of Prof. Ball will render anthems from Handel's oratorio "The Messiah." Mrs. Geo. O. Spencer will sing the solo, "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" by Handel, and Mr. Walter Neale will be heard in the solo "My Hope is in the Everlasting" by Stainer.

The choir and congregation will unite in singing familiar hymns, and other devotional exercises will be included in .

Addresses of historic interest will be made, among the speakers being Dr. J. Clarence Webster, of Shediac.

In connection with the anniversary a marble tablet inscribed with the date of the opening of the church, its name and the purpose of the erection will be placed in a suitable position upon its outer walls.

QUEBEC TO REDUCE STUMPAGE RATES

Quebec, Sept. 2.—As a result of the action of the provincial governments in reducing the stumpage rates on timber cut on the public lands by at least 25 p. c. lumbermen will, it is reported, carry operations this winter on a scale which will materially relieve the unemployed situation.

PART OF LONDON BORDERING ON COMMUNISM

Jailing of Officials for Refusing to Levy Taxes Reveals Amazing Status.

SOCIALIST ELEMENT CLOSE TO WAGE DOLE

Idlers Insist on Being Paid and Fed—Some Make Raids on Work Houses.

London, Sept. 5.—Is London already communistic? The question is being seriously asked in view of the recent developments in the doles for the unemployed. The poor law guardians have certain free powers to give what relief they deem wise and local authorities must than levy taxes to meet the demands. Some of the poor law guardians in districts where there is a labor, and possibly a Communist majority, are coming, just as near as they dare, to the principle that the community must pay full wages whether the people work or not.

As a result one set of local authorities—the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors—of Poplar were put in jail yesterday because they refused to levy the rates required by the general London county authorities for asylums, police, &c., while in half a dozen other boroughs—Hammersmith, Stratford, Leyton, Walthemstow, Shoreditch, Holborn and Islington—the unemployed, under suspiciously efficient organizations, are demanding an unprecedented scale of doles and the local authorities are on the verge of granting them.

Aside from indirect excises and national income and other national taxes there are taxes for local purposes, such as fire protection, police, school, charity and health, raised by the assessment of so many pence per pound sterling of annual rental value of property rather than on the fixed capital value as in the United States.

Typical Case at Islington.

A typical instance of what the rent payers are facing is in Islington, where the unemployed are demanding and the guardians are preparing to grant, under certain reservations, the following scale of relief for the unemployed.

Twelve shillings six pence for a married man, the same for his wife, and five shillings for each child under 16 years of age, and also a hundredweight of coal and rent. For unmarried men and women one pound each. The first payment under this scale began today and the disbursing officers were unable to handle all the cases presented. They admit that they paid many cases without investigation, declaring that they will investigate next week. When asked what he thought the new policy would cost the borough one official replied:

"I cannot say yet, but it will evidently be 2,000 pounds the first week." What this means will be understood when it is stated that an assessment of one penny for every one pound of rent paid at Islington brings in only 7,000 pounds a year.

Since the labor party took control of Islington borough the council's expenditures increased from 104,864 pounds to 261,861 pounds, and the rates from five shillings and six pence a pound to nine shillings and ten pence. The latter rate means that local renters must pay nearly 50 per cent. of their rent in local taxes in addition to income taxes and all general taxes. It must be said that the property owning and renting community showed every willingness to bear the burden during the times of depression through which England has passed recently, but now that there are signs of revival of industry there are also signs that some people would rather enjoy this simple relief and not work than work for reduced wages.

NINE KILLED IN TRAIN COLLISION

Pittsburg, Sept. 2.—Nine persons were slightly injured when Pennsylvania passenger train No. 24, New York bound from Chicago and Cincinnati, was derailed two miles west of Cadiscion, Ohio, just before last midnight. The tender and eleven coaches left the track.

TO INVESTIGATE SPRUCE BUD WORM

Fredericton, Sept. 5.—Dr. J. M. Swaine, F. C. Craighead and H. B. Dunn, of the Dominion Entomological Bureau, Ottawa, were in the city Saturday in conference with J. D. Tothill, the entomologist in connection with a proposed trip to the Tobique and Upsalquitch rivers to investigate the damage done by the spruce bud worm and to see what necessary steps are being taken to exterminate the pest.

Thousands Crowd Into Exhibition Grounds for the Great Event of the Year—Speeches by Pres. Terry, Mayor Schofield and Lieut.-Governor Pugsley Set the Wheels in Motion on Opening Day—Record Attendance Labor Day.

Exhibition Hall More Attractive Than Ever Before With Tasty Displays by the Merchants—Live Stock Department Holds the Best With Hundreds of Entries—Agricultural Hall An Inviting Spot With Its Layout of Farm Products—Midway Full of Life, and Vaudeville Stunts of the Dazzling Variety.

St. John's big exhibition, the first of the proposed annual shows, was formally opened on Saturday by His Honor Lieut.-Governor Pugsley, and can safely be claimed as one of the best, if not the best of the many fine fairs which have been held in this city. The industrial exhibits are of a exceptionally high class, the different booths being specially decorated for the occasion in an attractive manner. Several new exhibitors are showing this year and have expressed their intention to be on hand every year, one of these has spent over $2,000 in fitting up their booth. The live stock show is the biggest in the history of the fair, and the visitor will find something of interest in every department. For those who come to be amused the management have made elaborate preparations, and the pike along with the free shows in front of the grand stand are more than worth the full price of admission. All that is needed is fine weather and good patronage by the people of the city and province, and the faith and vision of the directors in deciding to make the fair an annual event will have been justified. The show is worth while, and the citizens of this city, especially should prove by their patronage that they appreciate the enterprise shown in taking the step which the association directorate did when they arranged for a yearly exhibition.

The Opening.

The City Cornet Band provided the music for the opening ceremonies and all that is necessary to say in this connection is that they gave their usual finished production, which was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience who gathered in the grand stand to hear the addresses by the speakers.

E. J. Terry, president of the association, was in the chair, and delivered a welcome to the people. Mayor Schofield welcomed the audience on behalf of the city, and Governor Pugsley welcomed them on behalf of the province and formally declared the big fair open. A solo by Mr. Appleton was a feature of the opening exercises, which the crowd seemed to like very much. Among those seated on the platform were: Lieut.-Governor Pugsley, Mayor Schofield, Commissioners Thornton and Jones, Hon. W. F. Roberts, R. T. Hayes, M. L. A.; Hon. L. P. Farris, Judge Ritchie and a number of the directors of the association

In his opening remarks Mr. Terry said the directors at a meeting held at the close of the 1920 fair had decided to try the experiment of holding an annual fair and preparations for the 1921 show had been going on since that time. So far their decision had been warranted by the support received from exhibitors and all that was needed to make the 1921 show the biggest success of any fair ever held here was a generous patronage by the people. He extended a welcome on behalf of the executive and thanks for the splendid co-operation shown so far.

Mayor Schofield.

His Worship Mayor Schofield was the next speaker. He said inpart:

"I am indeed delighted to welcome you to this opening of the 1921 exhibition. I think you will all agree with me that it reflects a considerable amount of credit on the manager, the president and his assistants who have succeeded in bringing this exhibition together and presenting it to you as they have done today. It is an exhibit that I feel is well worthy of the patronage of yourself and your friends, and I do hope that every one present will make an effort to patronize the exhibit throughout the coming week and to pass the word on to their friends that it is a creditable show and well worth their seeing.

"Some of the exhibits are well in advance of previous years, and particularly is this noticeable among the live stock where there is, I understand, some 500 cattle, 400 sheep, 100 hogs and 1,000 head of poultry. This is an exceedingly creditable showing and principally when one reviews what it means for a live stock man to prepare their stock for an affair of this kind. As one having considerable knowledge of this part of the work, I can assure you it is a no mean proposition to undertake to get the stock ready, and knowing as you all must know, what the men on the farm are up against this season with the extreme dry weather, the shortage in crops and the very, very low prices at which any farm products are being offered, it bespeaks a very desirable feeling of co-operation among these men to see them showing in such large numbers, for, of course, every one cannot win, and someone must lose, and it is hard some times to be as good a loser as it is to be a successful winner. However, I hope these men will all look upon it in the right light, and we must surely thank them for their co-operation.

Industrial Exhibits.

"As to the industrial exhibits, we must thank the many exhibitors for their interest shown in their various exhibits. This is the first time we hav attempted to make this an annual affair, and from present appearances it would seem as though we were on the right lines at least, for I think the majority of the industrial exhibitors seems to feel that it is much easier to get up their exhibits, and their booth and apparatus yearly than it is to let it go into decay for one or more years at a period. All of these industrial exhibits are certainly attractive and show a most hearty co-operation, and it is to be hoped that the annual exhibition will become a realization and that we will be able to keep it up for the benefit of all concerned.

"So far as the outside attractions are concerned, the management, I believe, should have your sincere thanks on the work they have done in this connection also. They have attempted to present nothing but a clean and healthy amusement, such as that are worthy your patronage. There has, of course, got to be a certain amount of this sort of attraction in order to please everyone, and we are in hopes that what they have presented to you in this line will be appealing to you.

Appreciate Criticism.

"There may be various items that come to your attention throughout the exhibition that you would be tempted to criticise, and I think I am speaking on behalf of the management when I say that we will surely appreciate any fair criticism, but would refrain from making it to others and simply use your best endeavors to praise the show to your friends and neighbors. Think particularly of the good we are trying to do, and the work we are trying to accomplish, and let us have your co-operation to that end, as it is only by working together that we will put the old town in the proper place in which it belongs. We are progressing here more than we sometimes realize, and when you stop to look back, it is only about 150 years since the first white trader took up his life's work in this city, and it started to expand from that day with a very meagre population, and very few facilities that were afforded the early pioneers. Then we realize we have progressed from that day to this, and the whole period only covers some 150 years. I think you will agree with me that we have certainly made some progress and have a record to be proud of, and all we need to do is to work together more and more and think a little of the good things we have, and forget about some of the knocks that are sometimes aimed at us. I have a little clipping from a paper entitled "How to Treat Your City," which is as follows:

Praise it.
Improve it.
Talk about it.
Trade at home.
Be public-spirited.
Tell of its business men.
Take a home pride in it.
Remember it is your home.
Tell of its natural advantages.
Trade and induce others to trade there.
When strangers come to town use them well.
Don't call your best citizens frauds and impostors.
Support your local institutions that benefit your town.
Look ahead of self when all the town is to be considered.
Help the public officers do the most good for the most people.

"There is one other feature to which I should like to call your attention, which I think is worthy of mention, that is that in a year when there is a great deal of unemployment the decision to hold a yearly show has provided a large amount of work which would not have otherwise been done. There has been required to get ready for the show 5,000 days' work for one man in addition to the work done by the various exhibitors, and this means a great deal in a year like the present where so many men are idle.

"I sincerely hope the show will meet the expectations of all those concerned, and I again extend a very cordial welcome to all to the 1921 exhibition."

Lieut.-Governor Pugsley

The chairman next called on Lieut.-Governor Pugsley to formally open the show. His Honor on rising was greeted with cheers. He expressed his pleasure at being present to open the exhibition, and congratulated the association on being ahead with this year's show despite the fact that no grant o fany kind, city or government, was available, trusting to the citizens of the city in particular, to give a liberal patronage, and said he believed their faith in the people would be justified and the patronage would be forthcoming.

"I understand," he said, "that in horned cattle, pigs and poultry, the entries are in excess of any previous year, and that while in number the horses are not as great, in quality they are just as good as ever. The entries in the agricultural section also are numerous, and this I think speaks well for the prosperity of the farmers and country generally, for when the farmers are prosperous the rest of the country reflects that prosperity. It also shows that the farmers are taking an interest in their profession and striving to make life on the farm more attractive to the young men and women who in former years have been in the habit of running off to the city as soon as they could. And the city dwellers should appreciate this fact and do all they could to foster such a spirit, for after all the farmer is the back bone of the national prosperity, and anything which makes life more bearable for the farmer is a benefit both to him and to the city man.

Educational Exhibits.

"The educational exhibits in connection with public health are worthy of more than passing notice. The Child Welfare department, in the conduct of which the health department has the assistance of the Women's organizations of the city, bears testimony to the splendid work of that department under the minister of health, Hon. Dr. Roberts. Visitors to this department will learn much that should make it easier to combat and prevent much of the prevailing disease among the children of the country.

"The natural resources of the province are set forth in an attractive and instructive exhibit p repared under the direction of Dr. McIntosh, curator of Natural History Museum, and tell a wonderful story of the boundless possibilities of the province. We should be greatly encouraged by the facts learned about both the agricultural and mineral possibilities of the province and go ahead to develop them with full faith in the future of this part of the Dominion.

"The pure milk supply exhibit arranged by Dr. Warwick, and the fish exhibit arranged by Mr. Calder, are both worthy of more than a passing notice, and both should be visited by every one attending the exhibition.

"The industrial exhibits are of a very high order, and the different exhibitors are deserving of great credit for the pains they have taken to fit up their booths in such an attractive manner.

Hydro-Electric Development.

"Going back for a minute to the farmer and the desirability of making life easier on the farm, I would like to say a few words about hydro-electric development now taking place in the province at Musquash, and from which I am informed there will be current turned on in five months. This will provide cheap light and power for St. John, but hydro development must not stop there. I look forward to the time when every water power in the province will be harnessed and the farms of this fair province will be supplied with cheap electric light and power, and thousands will take advantage of it to make life easier and more pleasant on the farm, and the young man and woman will be better satisfied to remain there instead of leaving for the city.

St. John Bound to Grow.

"His Worship the Mayor referred to what the city had done in the past, and I would like to say a few words in that connection. At a recent meeting in East St. John somebody had said the city citizens were pessimistic. Now I do not see any reason for pessimism on the part of any person. St. John is bound to grow and become one of the great ports of the Dominion; it is already the second port in point of export trade, and the future looks rosy to me. Today I was over to East St. John and I am where the great dry dock which will soon be ready for business and capable of handling the largest steamers afloat. I also saw the foundations for a huge oil tank which will hold 55,000 barrels of oil, and was informed that three others of like capacity were to be erected, and this will place the city in a position to supply fuel oil to any steamers coming here.

"Some people have the idea that because the government has bought the Grand Trunk the traffic from the west will go to Portland, Maine instead of through maritime ports. I do not think there is any justification for that idea, for we have on the statute books of Canada two laws which provide that Canadian freight must pass through Canadian ports. This policy was inaugurated by Sir John A. Macdonald and endorsed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who passed an act providing that all freight originating on the Grand Trunk Pacific, not otherwise routed, must pass through Canadian ports, and by Sir Robert Borden, who had legislation passed on the taking over of the Canadian Northern providing that all overseas freight originating on the C. N. R. must, no matter what the preference of the shipper, pass through Canadian ports. These two acts are the law of the country, and even if the railways are administered by a commission they cannot go contrary to them. In view of these facts I do not see where a pessimistic view of the future is justified.

"And now, Mr. Chairman, having wandered, perhaps, somewhat from the subject of the exhibition, my excuse being that the subject is one of vital importance to every citizen, I have very great pleasure in declaring the 1921 exhibition formally opened."

Following the address of the Governor "Aerial Perris" gave an exhibition of dare devil stunts on the high trapeze and Prof. Bonnette made his hundred yard dash on roller skates.

LABOR GETTING READY FOR THE DOM. ELECTIONS

Call Sent Out to Members to Line Up for Coming Contest.

INITIATIVE PLATFORM OUT FOR CONSIDERATION

Demands Complete Social and Economic Change to Meet "Present Pressing Needs."

Toronto, Sept. 5—Preparing for the coming Federal election, Secretary James Simpson has issued to the organization affiliated with the Dominion Labor Party, which was recently formed in Winnipeg, the platform of the party, and has sent a call to the members of the executive committee of the provincial organization to meet in Ottawa next Saturday.

While the objective of the party is a complete social and economic change to meet "present pressing needs," it offers to the members of the affiliated organizations for their approval the following platform:

State inurance against unemployment; public ownership and democratic control of public utilities; proportional representation and extension of voting facilities; old age pensions and health disability insurance; abolition of non-elective legislative bodies, international disarmament; direction legislation; enactment of recommendations of Washington labor conference; repeal of amendment to Immigration Act providing for the deportation of British subjects; removal of the taxation on the necessities of life; taxation on land values, and abolition of fiscal legislation which leads to class privileges; the nationalization of the banking system and a capital levy for the reduction of the war debt.

Two Clergymen In Altercation

Each Disputes the Other's Right to Perform Burial Service Over Corpse.

Digby, Sept. 5.—Recently an altercation arose between two ministers of the gospel as to which one should perform the burial service over a corpse. The dispute waxed heated and was finally ended by the interposition of the undertaker. A similar dispute was in prospect at Clementsport a few days ago, when one of the ministers got possession of the body, either late at night or early the following morning and forestalled opposition by a hasty burial.

SCHR. BARABARA W. REFLOATED SAT.

Block Island, N. Y., Sept. 3.—The three-masted schooner Barbara W., which went ashore in a fog at Sandy Point, on the west side of the island yesterday, was floated undamaged today by the coastguard cutter Acushnet, and a tug. The Barbara was bound from Port Reading, N. J., for St. John, N. B.

THE WAGES OF INDUSTRIAL WORKERS

Those Paid to German Textile Laborers Lowest Among Nations.

JAPAN STANDS NEXT TO GERMANY

These Facts Give Cause for Much Anxiety Regarding Foreign Competition.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 5.—The reason for so much anxiety regarding foreign competition is well given in a press despatch emanating from Berlin and stating the wages paid to textile workers in Germany and Japan. The despatch says:

"The wages of German textile workers are the lowest among manufacturing nations. Recent statistics show that German wages for cotton spinning average $4.26 a week, for wool spinning $4.75, and for wool weaving $4.85, while in the United States the average wages for the same classes of workers respectively, are $20.80, $39 and $38.60.

"Next to Germany as the lowest wage paying nation in this industry is Japan, with an average of $4.50.

It would not be a good thing socially or economically for laborers in Canada or the United States to be paid such a ridiculously low wage, but there should be some common meeting ground between these poverty producing wages and the one dollar per hour for a 44-hour week which printers are striking for in Canada and the United States.

There is another important factor which is having a very threatening influence on international trade and that is the fact that the German population is working and working hard. On this continent the general mass are taking things comparatively easy and demanding high wages. That is why our manufacturers and governments are obliged to erect tariff barriers, enact anti-dumping laws and are constantly at their wits' ends to discover ways and means of keeping foreign countries from dumping goods in Canada and United States for less than it actually costs to produce similar articles on this continent. One cannot check trade by artificial means; there must be clean, healthy, honest competition, and to get this a better balance between the cost of raw material and labor will have to be restored.

LIGHTNING STRIKES COVERDALE CHURCH

Moncton, Sept. 5—During a heavy electrical storm at noon on Saturday the Methodist church at Lower Coverdale was struck by lightning and the steeple took fire. As the blaze was near the top of the steeple men from the neighboring farms started in to save the main part of the building by cutting away the steeple and using the limited quantity of water at their command. They succeeded in saving the main part of the structure. The damage, however, to the building is considerable, probably $600 or $800.

NO MORE SUNDAY "GAS"

Moncton, Sept. 5—Car-owners are advised that according to the Lord's Day Alliance Act, no gasoline can be purchased on Sundays. The police department state they will strictly enforce all provisions of the law here in the future. Car owners must take a hint from the above and procure their gasolene supplies in advance. That projected trip for Sunday will require a store laid in ahead of time.

Election Probable On November 28th

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Sept. 5—It is quite generally believed here in government circles that Monday, November 28th, will be the date for the general elections. The actual date will not be determined, however, until Parliament is formally dissolved and writs are issued for the election of a new house. Every effort will be made to have the campaign well over for Christmas tide.