

COLD STORAGE CONFERENCE.

The Hon. Mr. Laurier and His Colleagues Meet the Butters and Cheese Men.

Assurances Given that Cold Storage Will Be Provided at Once On the Atlantic.

Montreal, Aug. 13.—The conference which took place in the council room of the board of trade between the premier and his colleagues and the butter and cheese producers of the Dominion yesterday afternoon, discussed matters of the very greatest interest to the farming and dairying interests of the country.

The speeches of the delegates were, as a rule, short, and to the point. The gathering was a thoroughly representative one. In addition to the delegates from the Patrons of Industry, the butter and cheese association of the various dairymen's associations, the room was crowded to overflowing by many of Montreal's leading business men.

Mr. A. W. Grant, president of the Butters and Cheese Association, occupied the chair. On his right were seated Hon. Premier Laurier and Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of Agriculture. To his left were Hon. Sir Richard Cartwright, minister of trade and commerce, and Hon. R. B. Doherty. Speeches were made by A. W. Grant, David Rogers, M.P., G. S. McDonald, Sir Richard Cartwright, J. T. McNeil, Henry Wade, M.P., K. Everett, John Torrance, Hon. Sydney Fisher, Hon. W. Laurier and Hon. R. B. Doherty.

Mr. D. M. Macpherson, Lancaster, expressed pleasure at the changed order of things. Formerly deputations had to visit Ottawa and meet the government, but to-day the members of the government showed their interest in the welfare of the country by coming to meet the merchants. If the government gave present aid in the direction of cold storage, in a few years there would be no need for further government aid, as carrying competition would lead to all steamships being equipped with refrigerators or compartments.

The premier was received with hearty cheers. After thanking the delegation for the information which had been imparted, he said: "Before I proceed further, I must disclaim any of the compliments which have been so freely paid to me. We claim to be a government of practical men and we thought it more practical to inconvenience a few than the many (Hear, hear). The problem you have laid before us is: How the government can aid in the cheap, rapid and safe transportation of perishable products from this country to the English markets. What shall we do? Shall we investigate or give you cold storage? If I was longer in office I would tell you that it will be taken into serious consideration (laughter) but as I have not forgotten my days of grace in opposition I will say that we will deal with the subject immediately to the best of our judgment and ability. (Cheers). There is just one problem before us. Cold storage on land has been satisfactory and it is necessary by sea. The late government invited tender for the service. It is conceded on all hands that the service between Great Britain and Canada is not satisfactory and we have a question of great importance before us. We have to decide whether to go on with the scheme of the late government or discard it altogether and seek another service, or whether we can combine this service and cold storage. I can assure you that cold storage must have. Whether we can have it with the present line or not is a question, and as I cannot give the decision of the government, though it must be given at an early date. This I am sure you will leave to myself and my colleagues especially since we have found for my minister of agriculture, my old friend, Mr. Fisher. (Cheers). So far as agriculture is concerned, Mr. Fisher leads me. He has suffered with it and I am ready to abide by his decision in all matters of that kind. (Applause)."

The minister of agriculture, who was cheered on rising, said: "I sympathize fully with your demands and I am glad to say that as a result of several conversations as well as of the representations laid before me, Mr. Laurier and the promise he has just given you that on the earliest possible occasion we will provide cold storage for farm products. (Hear, hear). I fully endorse from the little practical knowledge I have of butter-making, the statement that in Canada to-day we can produce as fine a quality of butter, as well as the best cheese made in the world. It may not be within the knowledge of many of those present that the government has through Professor Robertson, the Dominion dairy commissioner, made arrangements for cold storage on certain vessels. The Elder Dempster line are to dispatch two vessels with mechanical cold storage this season, and will also provide a limited amount of insulated compartments to carry butter to Avonmouth. This morning I had an interview with the agents of that line, and arranged with them to provide additional space because I found the space arranged for was not enough to meet the demands of the trade. I think this will show you that I appreciate the needs of the work, and am ready at the earliest moment to meet the difficulties."

Sir Richard Cartwright was called for loudly, and in response made a brief speech. He said: "I think without claiming too much for the present government, that one of the chief objects they are about to set before themselves is to do what they can to lessen the disadvantages which, from no fault of their own, have weighed upon the agricultural community for many years. We are not able by act of parliament to raise the price of your produce, but to a large extent we have the power in lessening the rate of freight between our country and the great markets of the world, and especially in putting these products on the market in the best possible condition (Hear, hear). On the present occasion I shall say no more than deplore the painful fact evident to all Canadians, that for this many a day, all over the Dominion, and in the older provinces particularly, the farming population has come to a standstill. In Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec, and my own province, the farming population has not increased 1 per cent. in the last 15 years. It is time, if this country is to be what it ought to be, that the farming community should be aided and encouraged and anything we can do to make farming more profitable will command our earnest and unceasing attention. (Cheers)."

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Business men on Yates and Wharf streets are petitioning to the city council to place those thoroughfares in proper repair.

A Chinaman charged with indecent exposure was this morning sentenced to six months and a fine of \$50, or in default another three months.

Captain Holmes, of the Globe Hotel, Esquimaux, is at present on the Sound for the purpose of buying a naphtha launch to run in connection with the hotel.

The charge of carrying swill through the streets during prohibited hours, laid against W. Hansen, was dismissed this morning, the wrong man having been selected.

Telegraphic communication between Victoria and the Mainland has been cut off for the greater part of the day, and, therefore, the Times is without its usual full dispatches.

One of the members of the fire department spent nearly all day yesterday putting out grass fires at Benson Hill. The fire burnt the timbers of the old fort in the vicinity of Dallas road.

Captain Gaudin, agent of mine and fisheries, has received a letter from Duncan McCallum, of Cranee, Loch Ryan, Scotland, in which he asks for particulars known regarding the fate of the Cadzow Forest. Mr. McCallum is anxious to receive any information concerning the ill-fated vessel, as his son, 13 years of age, was an apprentice on board.

Major & Eldridge, pork packers and provision merchants of Vancouver, have failed. The firm did a large business upon a limited capital, and had times have caused difficulties which forced them to suspend.

Capt. Hughes, while walking down Yates street last night with Captain Mellon, of Vancouver, fell over a stick of timber in front of the new Leisler building. Capt. Hughes was stunned by the fall and had his face rather severely cut.

Ed. F. Meisner and George O. Miller of San Francisco, arrived in the city after having placed in position three miles of thirty-inch steel pipe on the Horsely mine. The C. P. R. Horsely had another wash-up a few days ago, resulting in the sum of \$8,500.

An eastern carriage company sends to its customers the following notice: "We are sorry to hear that the United States silver and silver certificates (bills) will not be accepted at all. Other American money will be accepted only at current rates of discount."

The provincial police are making an investigation into the report that human flesh and hair had come out of the water near Point Ellice bridge on a trolling hook. Hatcher and his friends are confident that it was human flesh that they found on the hooks, and the harbor in the vicinity will consequently be dragged.

It was expected that the Behring sea claims commission would sit in this city next month, but it looks now as though it would be in October before they commence their labor. The American commission is ready to start, but having already made arrangements for accommodations at the Driard during his stay in the city.

The action of Mayor Beaven in suspending Constable Cantrell from the police force was confirmed by the police commissioners yesterday. Dr. Helmcken voting with the mayor. Commissioner Macrae voted to reinstate Cantrell. Tomorrow the commissioners will consider the question of appointing a matron for the lockup.

The committee on labor day arrangements held a meeting last evening, when the different suggestions as to what form the celebration should take were discussed. It was decided to hold a meeting in Sir William Wallace hall on Broad street, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, when the final arrangements will be decided upon. All committees, delegates and others wishing to assist are requested to be present.

Professor Burnett has completed arrangements by which music-loving Victorians will be favored by one of Remenyi's grand concerts. The date has been fixed for Tuesday, September 3, and the concert will be given in the institute hall. Edward Remenyi, the famous violinist, will be assisted by the following artists: Miss Pauline Stein, Miss Louise Roman and Mr. Eugene R. Davis.

Mr. Justice Walkem yesterday made an order appointing Mr. S. Perry Miller administrator of the estate of Rosa Rossi, deceased. This was done in answer to a petition from the parties interested who asked for the appointment on the ground that Mr. F. W. Wall, the executor named in the will, was resident outside of the jurisdiction. Mr. Miller is required to give his personal bond for \$14,000.

The Arion Club concert at the Gorge last evening drew a large audience and the arrangements were most successful. Many were decorated with Chinese lanterns and these, with the illuminations on the shore made as pretty a scene as one could wish to see. The concert was fully up to the club's high standard, and much amusement was derived from the taken up in aid of the Jubilee Hospital.

A neighbor's quarrel was given an airing in the police court this morning. A. Adelman, of the West, charged with an infringement of the public morals by-law, and in his evidence stated that she spit in his face and called him abusive names. The evidence not being very clear, the case was dismissed. Mrs. Lester then charged Adelman with assault. This case was remanded until tomorrow, all the witnesses not being present.

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MISSIONARY WORK.

The Union Missionary Association are Holding a Three Days' Conference.

Interesting Papers Dealing With the Work Among the Indians and the Chinese.

There was a large attendance at the opening meeting of the Union missionary conference held last evening in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian church. Rev. Dr. Campbell presided, and there were addresses by Rev. Dr. McLaren, of Toronto, and Rev. R. P. McKay, secretary of the foreign missionary committee of the Presbyterian church of Canada.

This morning the conference opened in the Metropolitan Methodist church. After prayer meeting, conducted by Rev. P. H. McEwen, the following officers were elected: President, Rev. E. Robinson; vice-presidents, Rev. Drs. Wilson, Eby and Campbell and Rev. P. H. McEwen; secretary-treasurer, Rev. A. B. Winchester; committee on business and resolutions, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. J. P. Hicks, Rev. S. Cleaver, Rev. P. H. McEwen and Rev. A. B. Winchester. The rest of the programme as already published was then carried out.

The conference reassembled at two o'clock this afternoon. Rev. Robinson read an interesting and instructive paper on "The Boarding School: Its Relative Value," and a discussion followed in which Miss B. J. Johnson, matron of the Indian Home, Alberni, and others took part. A carefully prepared paper on Indian day schools and the relation of the government thereto, by Mr. Russell, of Aboussait, was read by Rev. Mr. Swartout, and was freely discussed by Rev. R. P. McKay and others interested in Indian work.

Rev. E. B. Gardiner and Mr. C. A. Coleman led the discussion on "Chinese Schools, Their Place and Value," while Rev. Barradough, B. A., read a paper on educational, medical and colportage work as evangelistic agencies.

The following is the programme for this evening's meeting at the Metropolitan church:

7.30, devotional; 8, the missionary, his qualifications, work and manner of life, Rev. R. P. McKay, B. A.; 8.30, foreign missions, Rev. Dr. Campbell, assisted by Rev. Dr. McLaren; and 9, the responsibilities of church members, Rev. Dr. Eby (Meth.), Vancouver.

WILLIAM BROWN DEAD.

The Well Known Railway Man Died at Portland Last Evening.

There are few railroad men in Canada or on the Pacific coast who would not feel a deep pang of regret when they hear of the death of William Brown, which occurred in Portland yesterday evening. Their grief is shared by everybody who had the pleasure of coming to the funeral, among them his friends or acquaintances. A distinction almost every business man in the Pacific Northwest boasted of.

Early yesterday afternoon a telegram was received from Portland stating that William Brown had died at his residence of his nephew, Allan Cameron, the Portland agent of the C.P.R. Later in the evening a second dispatch stated that there was no hope for his recovery. His more intimate friends in Victoria went at once to the city to wait for further news, but the wires were down and it was not until the Rosalie arrived this morning that it was learned that he was dead. Dysentery was the cause. This was his second severe illness this year.

William Brown was the associated general freight agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, and stood high in the estimation of the heads of that institution. He started in at the bottom of the ladder and by his sterling abilities worked his way to the responsible position which he held at the time of his death.

The only relatives he deceased had in the West were Allan Cameron, of Portland, a nephew, and Mrs. H. C. Macaulay of this city, a niece. He was a native of Owen Sound and was about 55 years of age.

Mrs. and Mrs. Macaulay leave this morning for Seattle to wait for the remains, which are to be taken to Vancouver.

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A THRILLING SPECTACLE.

A Waterspout Witnessed off the Atlantic Coast.

New York, Aug. 19.—As the steamer Australia from Naples, with 400 Italian immigrants on board, was nearing this port, a gigantic spout swept by the ship, while deafening thunder claps smote the ears of the terrified immigrants and flashes of lightning made the sky appear like a sheet of liquid flame. A terrific thunderstorm raged for an hour, and then, at 7 o'clock, there arose on the ocean's surface two miles west of the steamer, a big cone of water, with a mass of foam at its base, while the cone had formed directly beneath a black, overhanging cloud that seemed to reach down toward it like a huge finger.

No a drop of rain had fallen and not a breath rippled the ocean's surface. The passengers were stricken dumb with terror as they watched the cone reach upward and join the overhanging finger of black mist, forming a column of swirling, seething water, fully thirty yards in diameter at the base and four feet thick in the centre of the column. At the top it spread like an immense umbrella. Thus it came careening toward the Australia, and the fear-stricken passengers at last found voice in one great wail of despair. Many fell on their knees and prayed. Others fainted. Still the waterspout rushed forward with the noise of a million buzz saws. But as it neared the ship its course was changed slightly and the waterspout, seething and buzzing as it went, swept by not more than 200 yards off the starboard side.

The passengers screamed as the immense column passed by and then laughed and cried and hugged one another in joy when they realized the danger was past.

WANTS INFORMATION.

Ald. Partridge Gives Notice of an Important Resolution Regarding Waterworks.

What is Left of Waterworks Loan and How the Balance Expended?

Ald. Partridge has given notice of a motion which, if passed, will give the public considerable information about the water works contract. The notice follows:

I hereby give notice that at the next meeting of the municipal council I shall move the following resolution:

That the water commissioner be requested to give the board the following information:

1. The amount received from the water works loan by-law No. 236.

2. The amount of land purchased round and about the lakes and when bought.

3. The amount paid for such lands and to whom paid, give dates.

4. The amount paid to the arbitrators, give names and amount each received.

5. Were there any other sums paid payments to the contract, if so, for what purpose and to whom paid.

6. Was there any sum paid the contractors for extras, if so, by whose authority was the work ordered, give the names, work done, and the amount paid.

7. Has there been any change in the contract, if so, by whose authority and in what particular.

8. What is the amount claimed by the contractors for extras.

9. If the claim prove correct, what amount is left to complete the work.

10. What was the amount paid for cleaning round and about the lakes.

11. Was there any recommendations sent to the board by the engineer in charge, clerk of the works, or the water commissioner, that was not carried out by the council, if so, state them.

LAWYERS IN SESSION.

Convention of the American Bar Association This Morning.

Saratoga, N. Y., Aug. 19.—There was a large attendance at the convention held this morning at the opening of the 18th annual meeting of the American Bar Association. When Lord Russell, Sir Francis Lockwood, Montague Crankenthorpe, together with ladies entered the hall they were greeted with hearty applause. Judge Geo. S. Batchelor escorted them to seats at the front, near the platform. President of the Association Moorfield Storey conducted Lord Russell, Sir Francis Lockwood and Mr. Montague Crankenthorpe to seats on the platform. Among those honored with seats on the platform were J. Randolph Tucker, Edward J. Phelps, W. A. Albenbury, Henry Hitchcock, Austen G. Fox, Charles Claffin Allen, Francis Hawley and James C. Carter. President Storey at 10.40 a.m. called the association to order and began the delivery of the address.

President Storey concluded his address at noon. The executive committee reported the nomination for membership, and 88 new members were elected. The aggregate membership of the association is 1342. The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$4238.53. The law school curriculum or subjects which should be included in a law course and the order of their presentation were discussed by Chancellor McClain, of the State University, Iowa.

10 CENTS CURES CONSTIPATION AND LIVER ILLS.—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are the most perfect medicine and cure like magic, Sick Headache, Constipation, Bilelessness, Indigestion and all Liver Ills. 10 cents a trial—dozes.

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"Well, after awhile there won't be anything left but women and trolley cars."

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The large gentleman with the large diamond looked admiringly at the brunette lady in the cream-colored silk.

"Fine looking woman," he said, "telling with Brown, isn't she?" he said to the man nearest him. "Wonder if she's married?" he believed she was pregnant, and the lake breeze moaned softly.

THE ROW IN CRETE.

Statement That Europe is Paying far too Much Attention to the Cretans.

Withdrawal of All Consuls Would Probably Settle the Entire Difficulty.

London, Aug. 19.—The story of an engagement at Candia recently is condensed, but the report contained many gross exaggerations. For instance, it was reported that the Turks lost eight cannon, whereas they had none with them. The British warship will leave Crete on Sunday next for Malta, and be temporarily relieved by the Collingwood. The Russian gunboat Zaporozhze has arrived to relieve the Grosiastsky.

There are three cities of importance in Crete, Candia, Rethymno and Iraklio. The military government of all three were recently asked what they had to say in reply to the accusation of the Christians that the Turkish soldiers are unreluctant and given to pillaging. Abdullah Pasha, in Candia, indignantly denied that the Turkish soldiers so much as thought of pillaging. He would not hear even the possibility of such a thing. Hassan Pasha, governor of Candia, said: "