

# NO OPPOSITION TO COMMISSION

### Board of Trade Suggestion That Plebiscite be Authorized Adopted by Common Council.

### Vote for New Policemen Struck from Safety Board Estimates—Clerk Dunham Reappointed

The meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon was a rather extraordinary one. After listening to a two minute address from Ald. Hayes, the city fathers voted, apparently unanimously, in favor of a plebiscite on the question of abolishing themselves and instituting the commission form of government. By a vote of 11 to 5 they decided to reinstate Mr. Dunham as clerk of the market. The estimate for the police department was cut down from \$51,000 to \$47,000, but the other appropriations recommended by the treasury board were approved.

Ald. Potts in introducing a resolution requiring the city fathers to send in their resignation 30 days before applying for a position in the city's employ, said Mr. Wigmore had been canvassing for Director Wisely's position while bringing in as a member of the market investigation committee a report condemning Director Wisely. Ald. Sprout on behalf of Ald. Wigmore, who is out of the city, said this was not the truth. Ald. Vanwart said Ald. Wigmore had canvassed him for the director's job, and added that Ald. Sprout had approached him with the same end in view. Ald. Sprout characterized this statement as a lie.

The limit of expenditures for the year of the various departments were fixed as follows:

Street fund . . . . .	\$75,000
Sewerage maintenance fund . . . . .	15,000
Fire hydrants fund . . . . .	4,000
Fire department fund . . . . .	64,878
Light fund . . . . .	26,450
Police fund . . . . .	47,500

**Tax Motion Defeated.**

Ald. Potts' motion to revise the civic taxation system putting the tax on land values, was thrown out. A great deal of other business was transacted. There were a large number of spectators present, principally market people, and members of the board of trade.

Those present were: The mayor, Aldermen McDougall, Potts, Jones, Vanwart, Likely, Scully, Hayes, Russell, White, Smith, McLeod, Sprout, Elkin, Holder, Willet, Christie, with the common clerk, the recorder, the city engineer, Director Wisely and Ferry Supl. Waring.

After the adoption of the minutes the report of the treasury board was taken up section by section. When that relating to the grants to various institutions was taken up, Ald. Hayes read a letter from Col. Geo. West Jones, asking for \$400 or \$500 for the Arboricultural Society. He moved that a grant of \$300 be made to this society. Ald. Potts moved that \$250 be given the Every Day Club.

Ald. Scully wanted to know why there was no grant for the squares on the West Side? He moved that \$250 be voted for the squares on the West Side.

Ald. Jones said some of the grants should be cut out. If they were to give grants to everybody, he wanted trees for the boulevard along Broad street.

The mayor said the proper way to look after the streets and squares was to appoint a committee to handle the money voted, as in other cities.

In reply to a question Ald. McDougall said the board of works devoted a small portion of its appropriations to work on the public parks.

Ald. Scully said he was surprised that the recorder had not taken steps to provide that the Horticultural Society.

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# LIVELY ROW EXPECTED OVER LIBERAL TRICK

### Gilbert Appears in Official Returns as Conservative—Borden Met With Great Reception—Incorrectly Reported

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 9.—A lively row is anticipated when Parliament reassembles, because of the fact that in the official resume of the general election and the bye-elections since 1908, which has just been published, the record of the Drummond-Arthabaska bye-election is as follows:—Liberal votes 3,244; Conservative votes 3,451. Majority for Conservatives 207.

It is pointed out by the Conservative members in the city that Mr. Gilbert, who won the bye-election, ran as a Liberal-Nationalist, and had no affiliation with the Conservatives. The attention of R. L. Borden, leader of the Conservative party was drawn today to a despatch from Toronto, which has been sent broadcast over Canada and which represents Mr. Borden as having declared while in Toronto, that the future of the Liberal party in Canada depended to a great extent if not completely, upon the success or failure of the reciprocity negotiations at Washington.

Incorrectly Reported.

Mr. Borden replied:—"This is not an accurate report of my remarks. I said that a commercial treaty must necessarily be subject to parliament for ratification and that the fate of such a treaty involves the fate of the Government which has negotiated it; that for this reason supporters of the ministry are not to be blamed if they did not approve it."

"I said for this reason, the Government ought to submit to parliament a clear statement of the principles upon which they propose to negotiate, and of the basis upon which they intend to act so that the country and parliament may have an opportunity of expressing their opinion before it is too late."

Mr. Borden expresses himself as especially delighted with his visit to Toronto, and says the Conservative party in the city was never more united, determined and confident. His reception by the executive committees and by the officers and members of the ward associations, he says, was all that could be desired. He had a better opportunity than ever before of meeting a large number of the active workers and he feels that it was a great advantage to himself thus to come into personal touch with the great body of the party in that city.

# SIFTON SPEAKS STRONGLY AGAINST RECIPROCITY



UNCLE SAM:—Those Canadians Have been Using that Imperial Preference Road too Much for good of this one.

# FARMERS NOT PLEASED WITH GOVERNMENT

### Western Member Brings Back Word of Dissatisfaction—Not Too Much to Expect Definite Reply

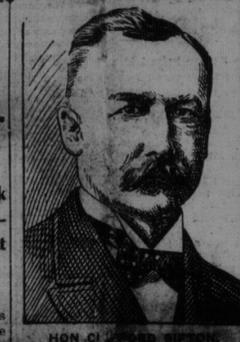
Ottawa, Jan. 9.—That the farmers of the west are dissatisfied with the outcome of their demonstration force at Ottawa, is the word which Geo. H. Bradbury, M. P. brings back to the capital after a fortnight's co-mingling with his constituents of Selkirk, Man., during the parliamentary vacation.

"Did the farmers expect definite promises from Sir Wilfrid Laurier in response to their demands?" was asked.

"Certainly they did," replied the M. P., "what they asked was nothing new; the government was not taken unawares. They only requested that a Liberal administration give practical effect to the pledges upon which it appealed to the farmers for their votes. Was it too much for these men who had come all the way to Ottawa to expect a straight answer under such conditions? They are disappointed not only with the way in which they were put off as regards the tariff but also with what they gathered as to Sir Wilfrid's attitude upon the Hudson Bay railway question."

"Take it from me that the farmers of the west want government ownership of that line and won't be satisfied with anything short of it."

In the course of further discussion of the delegation, Mr. Bradbury repeated what he had said of it in the west, namely, that it was the "great" west which had ever visited Ottawa.



HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON

# Head of Conservation Commission Says Political Union May be Outcome of Present Negotiations.

Montreal, Jan. 9.—That the present is not the time to let down the bars of trade and turn Canada's natural resources over to the United States, was the opinion expressed at the weekly luncheon of the Canadian Club today by the Hon. Clifford Sifton, chairman of the Dominion conservation commission and a former member of the Laurier government.

His audience was composed of the leading bankers and business men of Montreal, as well as senators and members of parliament, and they cheered the sentiment to the echo.

Mr. Sifton was careful to state that his own, quite apart from political affiliations and possibly out of harmony with the views of many of both parties.

"If it is true," he declared, "that it is essential in the interests of this Dominion of Canada, that we should conserve our resources and work out carefully, painfully and perhaps slowly, the best method of making them available in order that we may have a strong, virile and well nourished population, it must be clear that this is not the time to take down the bars and turn these resources over to the United States. It would be all together apart from my duty to discuss the political or national aspects of this question, but perhaps you will pardon me if I express my own convictions."

Political Union in Sight.

"If we enter upon trade relations of an extensive character with the United States, and if the most favorable anticipations which can be entertained turn out to be well-founded and our friends south of the line use us well and give us nearly every thing we ask for, what is the inevitable conclusion?"

"Must not our trade and business and very life become mixed? Become increasingly dependent on them, with the ultimate end of political union? And if these favorable anticipations are not realized and they will not treat us well and want to grab and quibble on the interpretation of any reciprocity treaty what will that mean?"

"It will simply mean that 10 or 15 years from now we shall have to begin all over again just where we are now and start once again to put ourselves right. I do not hold with those who say that those who are opposed to a trade treaty between Canada and the United States are opposed to good relations between the two countries. On the contrary, my view is that the best way of continuing good relations between Canada and the United States is that each should do its own business independently and have no entanglements, nothing in the way of quarrel about."

# C. P. R. ADDS ONE PER CENT TO DIVIDEND

### Satisfactory Condition of Land Sales and Extraneous Accounts Render Possible Increase in Common Stock

Montreal, Jan. 9.—At the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, held in Montreal today, it was decided that in view of the position of the land account and of the other extraneous assets of the company, the distribution from these sources, commencing with the payment of the next quarterly dividend, will be at the rate of three per cent, per annum instead of one per cent, as heretofore.

The regular dividend on the C. P. R. common stock has been at the rate of 7 per cent, per annum, and an extra payment of one per cent, has been made out of the land account, making a total of 8 per cent.

# NEWFOUNDLAND NOT SATISFIED

# FREDERICTON BOARD OF TRADE ELECT OFFICERS

### J. T. Jennings Chosen as President—To Interview Minister With Regard to I.C.R. Station—U.N.B. Opens

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Jan. 9.—The Board of Trade held their annual meeting to-night when officers were elected as follows:

President, J. T. Jennings; vice-president, A. R. Slipp, M. P.; secretary, H. S. Campbell; treasurer, Matthew Tennant.

The council were appointed as follows: C. W. Hodge, F. B. Edgecombe, W. E. Farrell, C. F. Chestnut, J. J. Weddall, J. W. McCready, W. G. Clark, R. F. Randolph, John Palmer, J. S. Neill and J. D. Palmer.

Transportation committee: Geo. Y. Diblee, F. B. Edgecombe, John T. Jennings, C. F. Chestnut, J. W. McCready.

Tourist committee: J. W. McCready, A. A. Shute, A. R. Slipp, F. B. Edgecombe and T. V. Monahan.

The board will take action immediately to press for definite announcement from the minister of railways as to the proposed new I. C. R. station here. It is reported that \$50,000 is to be expended here.

A resolution carried condemning opposition of the investigation into the charges against a city official of acting as agent for an Ontario mail order house.

U. N. B. Re-Opening.

Lectures were resumed at the U. N. B. today and nearly all the students were on hand. Among those present, who were not in attendance last term were Archie F. Babbitt, B. Sec. who is to take a post graduate course in engineering. In the junior class J. T. Jewett and Fred Vanwart, in the sophomore class: Jack McKay and Norman Foster, in the freshman class; Jas. E. Palmer and Jack Lamb.

Rev. Dean Schofield will go to St. John tomorrow morning to attend the quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Church of England Synod.

The death occurred at Marysville before noon today of Miss Mabel May Burns, aged 38 years, after a lingering illness from tuberculosis.

The January session of the York County Court will open tomorrow, Judge Wilson presiding. There will be a light docket and no criminal matters.

Miss Mary Ann Lynch, a well known local character, known as Annie Black, died at the Victoria Hospital this morning. She was 55 years of age.

# Conference for Working Out Details of Hague Award Expected to be Tedious.

### Restrictions Imposed by Island Legislature Obnoxious to Gloucester Fishermen Suspended

Washington, Jan. 9.—The first conference on the fisheries last night about two hours and was only sufficient to open up for detailed consideration the complex subjects covered by the Newfoundland regulations. As Chandler Anderson, the counselor for the state department, who heads the American delegation in the fisheries conference, is also one of the United States commissioners in the pending reciprocity negotiations, it has been found necessary to alternate the hours of meeting, and consequently a second session of the fishery conference was held in the state department at a late hour today.

It is apparent that a number of sessions will be required to reach an agreement upon the issues presented. The fact that the people of Newfoundland are reluctant to permit the special board of experts created under the Hague award in the fisheries cases, to pass upon the legality of the acts of the Newfoundland legislature, is, however, basis for the expectation that they are prepared to recognize a very liberal construction of the existing laws concerning American fishing rights in Canadian waters.

Act of 1906.

One question to be settled at the outset is the application of the foreign Fishing Vessel Act of 1906, which imposes on American fishing vessels, certain restrictions in addition to those that were imposed by the old act of 1905. There is also a question of the right of the Newfoundlanders to board American vessels and bring them into port under certain conditions.

The Newfoundland law prohibits the shipment of Newfoundlanders as members of the crews of American fishing vessels plying their vocation in Newfoundland waters. It also prohibits Sunday fishing, and the use of purse seines.

All of these prohibitions are obnoxious to the Gloucester fisherman with the possible exception of the Sunday law, and indeed they are not now in effect, their operation having been suspended by the modus vivendi which was reached last year between the British Foreign Office, and Ambassador Reid as a preliminary to the adjustment of the fisheries dispute by the Hague tribunal. But as the decision of that tribunal has now been rendered, the modus vivendi, which served its purpose, and the old fishing regulations would apply in full force unless something is done by the present conference to reach a better understanding.

Request Turned Down.

St. John's, N.F., Jan. 9.—The Newfoundland government tonight refused American fishing interests the first concession asked of it since the recent award by the Hague tribunal.

The poor results of the season's fisheries on the west coast left the American dealers at a loss to supply contracted orders of frozen herring, and a large Gloucester concern today petitioned the colonial government for permission to purchase several cargoes of herring from Newfoundlanders in Placentia Bay, on the southeast coast.

Under the recent award the American fishermen were given no right to fish in Placentia Bay, and are forbidden also from entering its waters. The application today of the agent for the Gloucester company was placed before the colonial cabinet at a meeting held here tonight. The decision was that it is not advisable to grant the Americans rights beyond those accorded them under the provisions of the recent award, and the cabinet declined to consider the request. There is no appeal from this decision.

# LABOR MEN OPPOSE EIGHT-HOUR BILL

### T. and L. Congress Request Withdrawal of Mr. Verville's Measure Because it Provides Only for Building Trades

Toronto, Jan. 9.—William Gloecking president of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, has gone to Ottawa on behalf of the unions to request the withdrawal of the bill introduced by Alphonse Verville, the French Canadian labor member, designed to regulate the hours of labor on public works.

The unions object to the bill because it provides only for building trades, and takes no account of tailors, printers, paper makers, makers of arms, and other workmen employed by the government.

Justice Riddell in his charge said that the accommodation provided for the public should be "such accommodation as a decent Canadian man would demand for his Canadian wife and children." The case will be cited on Wednesday.

# INDICTED FOR OVERCROWDING

Toronto, Jan. 9.—The Grand Jury in the jury assizes brought in a true bill this afternoon against the Toronto Street Railway for maintaining a common nuisance.

The nuisance consists in the overcrowding of cars and the inadequacy of fenders and other guards. The jury was out one hour and twelve minutes.

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# QUEBEC PARLIAMENT OPENS SESSION TODAY

Quebec, Jan. 9.—The third session of the twelfth parliament of the Province of Quebec opens tomorrow afternoon. In the absence of Lieut. Governor Pelletier, the administrator of the province, Sir L. A. Jette, will read the address from the throne, and instead of the military escort going to Spencer Wood, it will escort the administrator from his residence in Dauteriville street.

A meeting of the cabinet was held this morning, when the final touches were placed upon the programme for the session. The work is well advanced, and the reports of the various departments will be placed on the table in the early days of the session.

# 30 MEN SALVAGE BALLOON DUSSELDORF

Quebec, Que., Jan. 9.—The balloon, Dusseldorf II, one of the competitors in the big race which descended near Lake Kaskaskia, will, after two months in the wilds of Lake St. John, be despatched to the United States from Roberval.

Theophile Boivin, who was entrusted with the task of recovering the balloon, has with the assistance of thirty men and one horse, finally managed to bring the balloon to a point from which it can be shipped by the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway.

# DEATH OF WELL KNOWN MILITARY OFFICER

Quebec, Jan. 9.—Lt. Col. T. J. Duchesnay, a well known military man and for many years commanding officer of the Quebec district, died today after a long illness.

Col. Duchesnay was a well known officer and came from a distinguished

# OPERATION ON BOARD SHIP

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 9.—Eleven days from Rotterdam, the steamer Uranium, of the Uranium SS Co., Capt. Agassie, arrived this morning. The Uranium left Rotterdam on Dec. 29, meeting with fairly good weather all the way across. She brought 412 passengers most of whom proceed with her to New York.

One day out from Rotterdam an operation for appendicitis was successfully performed on Gertra Gerber, 30 years old, of New York, by the ship's physician, Dr. J. E. Connolly. The operation was performed under great difficulties.

Although the physician was not equipped with the proper appliances, he undertook the operation, for it was necessary in order to save the life of the patient. So successfully was the operation performed that the patient will not need to be treated at the hospital here, but will be able to proceed on the steamer to New York.

This is, perhaps, the first time that an operation for appendicitis has been performed on the Atlantic without the ship being stopped.

# MUSKIE MILE LONG ON TRANSCONTINENTAL

### Frozen Weather All That Has Relieved Situation at Swamp One Hundred Miles West of Cochrane

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—News has been received here of a bad muskie along the line of the National Transcontinental Railway. It is about a hundred miles west of Cochrane, on the section under contract to the G. T. P. Company, and subject to the P. O. Company.

The muskie is about a mile long, and much difficulty has been experienced with it. The frozen weather has considerably relieved the situation and by using all kinds of filling it is hoped to rebuild by spring.

# NO MORMON PROSELYTING IN LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, Jan. 9.—A strong movement, supported by the Bishop of Liverpool and prominent churchmen, has been started against Mormon activity here.

At a meeting, which was attended by many influential people, resolutions were adopted asking Home Secretary Winston Spencer Churchill to take action against Mormon proselyting, as already has been done in Germany.

# PUBLIC TRUSTEES PROPOSED IN ONTARIO

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9.—A bill will be introduced at the approaching session of the Ontario legislature providing for the creation of the office of public trustee on similar lines to that adopted in England in 1908.

The public trustee would not only administer estates and trusts in actual trust, but would have power to step in where private executors or trust companies were suspected of mismanagement or maladministration of trusts. The bill will be introduced by a private member but the government will be urged to accept it as a government measure.

# SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTE OVER LIBERIA

London, Jan. 10.—The Times announces that the Liberian minister is authorized to sign the boundary treaty with France, thus clearing the way for the United States in the loan negotiations.

A Paris despatch on Oct. 25, said that it was understood that France had withdrawn its objection to the American plan for the re-establishment of the finances of Liberia, provided the latter country signed an agreement approving the present frontier delineation with France. The United States had already urged Liberia to agree to this proviso.

It was understood that France had military family. He had been president of the Garrison club of Quebec and had held many other important offices in the military service.

# RIDICULE STORY OF LIVERPOOL ELEVATORS

Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 9.—An analysis of the inland department of 211 samples of butter shows 195 to have been genuine, and 4 partly adulterated. The rest were below the government standard.

**TORONTO BOARD OF TRADE.**

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 9.—The following officers of the Toronto Board of Trade were elected by acclamation today:—President, R. S. Gourlay, first vice president, G. S. Somers, second vice president, Henry Brock, treasurer, John F. Ellis.

**MAJOR J. L. BITTINGER.**

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 9.—Major John Lawrence Bittinger, prominent in Missouri public life, for many years editor of the St. Joseph Herald, died to-night, aged 77 years. He was consular general to Montreal, Canada, from 1897 to 1903.