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GERMANY NEGOTIATING FOR CLOSER TRADE WITH CANADA

Trade Arrangement of Far-
Reaching Importance May
Be Outcome of Overtures
From Kaiser's Country—
Would Open Big Market
For Canadian Foodstuffs.

OTTAWA, March 28.—(Special).—The most important proposal for the changing of Canada's trade relations with foreign countries since the United States' reciprocity agreement, has just come from Germany.

Germany wants closer trade relations with the Dominion of Canada, and your correspondent can state authoritatively that overtures have been made to the Borden Government on behalf of the fatherland by Dr. Karl Lang, imperial German consul for Canada, with headquarters in Montreal. During the past few weeks Dr. Lang has made no less than three visits to Ottawa on this mission, and has called on Premier Borden, and interviewed a number of the cabinet ministers as well as many of the members.

Altho the surtax against Canada has been removed, the maximum tariff is still in force against the Dominion. In a word, Dr. Lang proposes that Canada be placed on the minimum tariff schedule, on the understanding that concessions be made to Germany. Coming from a protectionist country, Dr. Lang appreciates the fact that Canada must protect its manufacturing interests, but he claims that there are hundreds of articles which Canada does not manufacture at all, or very little, which could be placed on a low tariff basis.

Market for Natural Products.
He points out that there is a wonderful opportunity for Canada's agricultural products on the German market, as last year they imported no less than \$500,000,000 worth. Canada now practically supplies none of this. The total exports to Germany were only a little over two millions. The imports of wheat alone into Germany reach one hundred million dollars a year.

At the present time, Great Britain and all her other colonies are on the minimum tariff list, so that the concession Germany proposes would only

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MR. MILLER IS ELUSIVE

But Parliament Will See That He Explains Peculiar Transactions.

OTTAWA, March 28.—(Special).—An unlooked-for development has occurred in the enquiry of the public accounts committee concerning payments made to the Dominion Light and Heating Company of Montreal for light fixtures furnished to the marine department.

R. C. Miller, one of the chief witnesses and former president of the company, failed yesterday to appear before the committee and instructions have been given to the authorities in Montreal to find him.

It has come to the knowledge of the committee that the telegram calling Mr. Miller to appear before the committee, and the registered letter sent afterwards, have been delivered to him.

Mr. Miller does not appear before the committee at its next sitting on Saturday morning he will be arrested and brought forcibly before that body by order of the Dominion Parliament.

The enquiry was brought up in the first case by the statements of Mr. Miller, that he had to pay heavy commissions to obtain government orders.



Hon. Richard McBride, who again has won a sweeping victory in British Columbia.

WOMEN'S VOTES REJECTED BY COMMONS

British Parliament, Which Formerly Was Willing to Concede Franchise to Million Woman, Reverses Attitude Because of Window-Smashing Tactics.

LONDON, March 28.—(Can. Press).—By a vote of 222 to 208 the house of commons to-night rejected the conciliation bill, which was before the house on its second reading. This measure aimed at conferring the right to vote upon every woman possessed of the household qualification and would enfranchise 1,000,000 women.

The announcement of the result was received with deafening cheers. Last year a similar bill, introduced by Sir George Kemp, passed the second reading stage by a vote of 255 to 88 on a non-party division and was referred to a committee of the whole house, making no further progress. The astounding reversal in the views of the members which has since taken place is attributed to the strong resentment aroused by the window-smashing tactics of the militant suffragists.

The bill is a private measure, not backed by the government, and in recording their votes the members were not restrained by party considerations. Cabinet Was Split.

The debate presented the novel spectacle of members of the cabinet taking opposite sides. The prime minister strongly opposed the bill on the ground that there was no evidence that it was desired by a majority of either the men or the women of the country, and in his opinion the proposed change would be injurious to the best interests of women and fraught with the gravest consequences to future good government.

Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, on the other hand, gave it his opinion that the enfranchisement of women would neither injure the state nor the home, but would benefit both, as had been proved in all countries where it had been tried.

Crowds of suffragettes were awaiting the result of the vote outside the house and strong forces of police were held in readiness for emergencies.

No Nationalists in Favor.
Altho there is no doubt that resentment over the window-smashing resulted in the transfer of many votes which otherwise would have been given in favor of the conciliation bill, an analysis of the voting shows that its defeat in the final instance was directly due to the attitude of the Nationalists, not one of whom voted in its favor. Forty-one of the Nationalists voted against the bill and ten abstained from voting.

McBRIDE SWEEPS B. C. ON RAILWAY POLICY

Returns Indicate That Meagre Opposition Has Been Wiped Out Altogether—Only Few Ridings Remain to be Heard From.

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 28.—Premier "Dick" McBride has swept British Columbia again. Just from complete the Conservative victory is cannot be determined to-night, but the returns received indicate that the opposition, which at dissolution consisted of one Liberal and two Socialists in a house of 42 seats, will be wiped out. All seats thus far heard from have gone Conservative on McBride's popular railway policy.

In Vancouver the five Conservatives lead by 1000. The year W. J. Bowser, A. H. B. MacCowan, Dr. M. A. McGuire, Harry Watson and C. E. Tidale.

In New Westminster final returns give Gifford, Conservative, 1010, and Kennedy, Liberal, 355.

Others elected:
Nelson—McLean, Con., 528; Wright, Ind., 196; Harrod, Socialist, 177.
Rossland—Campbell, Con., 336; Taylor, Lib., 168; Casey, Socialist, 96.

AN AWFUL MISTAKE



FARMER BORDEN: Here, by jing, I be'n sellin' eggs for \$4,000,000 to Uncle Sam when I should have put 'em under the hen and raised chicks that would have been worth \$46,000,000 to me.

CHILDREN STOLE MORE THAN \$100

Eighteen Youngsters Picked Pockets, Snatched Purse and Robbed a Drunken Man.

In connection with the juvenile court school teachers are sometimes the detectives who gather in the grist for the mill. Yesterday there were 18 children before Commissioner Starr to answer charges of what would be termed picking pockets, purse-snatching and highway robbery among adult offenders. The charges involved the theft of over \$100 and the pocket-picking and purse-snatching were all done in the Eaton store Saturday last. The highway robbery occurred before a moving picture theatre near the big store.

Two of the youngsters had escorted an intoxicated adult into a side street and there, each had relieved him of a five-dollar bill which was sticking out of his pocket. In the purse-snatching, one woman lost \$28 and another \$24; others lost \$18, \$15 and \$14, respectively.

The thefts were discovered when a party attending the public school pulled out a bunch of money when looking for a pencil. The teacher saw it and called up Commissioner Starr. The result was a corral of the 18 kids. They acknowledged the thefts and all but three were put upon a daily probation with the promise that they would help the kids' judge from looking sly by living up to their promise of reformation. The other three were committed to the Children's Shelter pending a further investigation.

MAY ADJOURN ON SATURDAY

OTTAWA, March 28.—(Special).—If it is possible now that parliament may adjourn by Saturday night. Splendid progress is being made in the house, and only a few bills remain to be disposed of. The senate, by dint of working morning, noon and night, have succeeded in catching up with the commons, and this afternoon, with the passing of the Grain Act, cleared their slate, and are waiting for more bills from the house.

Fernie—Rosa (Con.).
Comox—M. Malson (Con.).
Cowichan—W. H. Hayward (Con.).
Delta—A. J. Mackenzie (Con.).
Dewdney—W. J. Manson (Con.).
Greenwood—J. R. Jackson (Con.).
Islands—A. E. McPhillips (Con.).
Kamloops—J. P. Shaw (Con.).
Lillooet—A. Macdonald (Con.).
Saanich—B. M. Eberts (Con.).
Slocan—Wm. Hunter (Con.).
Ymir—J. R. Schofield (Con.).

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 28.—(Later).—With news from Columbia. Esquimalt and Newcastle yet to hear from. Conservatives are elected in all other ridings. Pooley, a Conservative, is leading in Esquimalt. No Liberal has apparently been elected anywhere.

GET BUSY, OH YOU ALDERMEN!

The city council in its wisdom, perhaps in its lack of information, saw fit the other day to refuse to the mayor the power to employ a traffic expert to advise Toronto how to deal with her local street railway problems, including tunnels and the entrance of radials—in fact, with any question dealing with passenger service, local or general. We believe if the matter had been fully explained to the council, authority would have been given. Why the case was not better presented to the council we do not know. We prefer, however, to say that it was a case of lack of information rather than any disposition to play the game of the traction interests. But The World wishes to tell the city council that the local traction problem is one of the most important before the city, and that it cannot be handled thru other than experts. We are now spending a lot of money in a municipal system of surface lines in the outlying sections of the city, and these outlying lines must be connected up—perhaps by a tunnel. We have also to find means for the entrance of the various radials. We are also asking for legislation up at the Queen's Park in regard to radials and surface lines and our representations have largely failed because we had no expert evidence to offer. As a consequence the city has been thrown out of court three or four times this session already.

BISHOP STRACHAN SCHOOL SOLD

Report of Purchase Yesterday Comes From Authoritative Source—Price Mentioned is \$400,000.

Negotiations are now on, or have more probably been successfully consummated for the purchase of the Bishop Strachan School property at a price of \$400,000.

Both the school authorities and their agent are averse from talking about the sale. They, heretofore, have been quick to deny any stories which have been many, regarding the property. Elmes Henderson, the agent, said last night: "We have nothing to report."

The identity of the parties buying has not been disclosed, but there is considerable reason to believe that they are acting for one of the big merchants.

The property has a frontage on College-st. of 402 feet and extends down Teraulty 270 feet. Stories have been whispered about town that somebody had options or had otherwise tied down all the property in the block surrounded by Yonge, Teraulty, College and Buchanan-sts., and this purchase may be part of a large project.

The college, in any event, will demand a three years' further occupation of the school and grounds.

The University of Toronto have control of one foot strip along both sides of College-st. and this gives rise to some conjecture as to whether the university will exercise the power to prevent the Strachan property being used for certain purposes.

BAPTISTS WANT TO PAY TAXES

"Refuse to Take Money From the Coffers of the State," Says an Official.

Why are the Baptists opposed to the church union? Rev. John McIntosh says: "We believe in taxation of church property. The union does not."

"We are totally opposed to external courts of whatever nature, whether presbyteries, synods or conferences. We never will surrender the autonomy of the local church to these so-called higher courts."

"We do not believe in denominationalism, which means the creation of one big territorial church covering a whole nation."

"We don't believe in the church in Canada, but in the churches in Canada."

"The Baptists and church union are diametrically opposite as to subjects of baptism."

CONDITIONS AT MIMICO NOT TO BE TOLERATED

SUPERINTENDENT MAY SOON RETIRE

Report on Mimico School Enquiry, It is Understood, Will Suggest That Many Radical Changes Be Made, Including Segregation of Feeble-minded and New Parole System.

Altho the report of the commission which was appointed to investigate the system of management of the Victoria Industrial School at Mimico, and specific charges of cruelty made by the mother of a boy who was confined there, has not been presented, it is understood by The World that it will be in the course of the next few days. It is understood also that one of the suggestions to be made is that Chester Ferrier, the superintendent of the school, be allowed to retire. It will be suggested that all delinquent boys at the school be placed in separate cottages, with special attendants and treatment, so that they will not mingle with the other boys. A different system of parole may be proposed, and it is understood also, that Commissioner J. E. Starr of the Juvenile Court will be asked to take an interest in the school and the boys confined there.

R. C. Harris, who was a member of the commission, will go to New York State to look over some of the model industrial schools there, and from his inspection will, it is understood, make some radical suggestions as to the accommodation and treatment of boys sent to Mimico.

ITALIAN HELD AS A WITNESS

Man Who Answers Description of Ward Murderer is Detained for Identification.

Hoping to be able to locate the murderer of Mrs. Cooper, who was shot in front of her home at 180 Chestnut-st. on Monday night, the police are searching every house in the "Ward," where the least suspicion lies. Yesterday afternoon Detective Tipton came across an Italian, named Raffaele Verina, at 88 Louise-st., who answers the description given by the woman of the house, and who is being held as a material witness.

Verina had a thirty-two calibre revolver, the same size as the one which discharged the fatal bullet. A deadly looking stiletto was also found in the same house.

This morning the Berger woman will be brought from the jail to identify the man.

MUST USE HYDRO TO GET SUBSIDY

OTTAWA, March 28.—(Special).—The Dominion Government has taken a line in regard to subsidies to electric railways in the Province of Ontario, which will prove of the utmost importance to all users of hydro-electric power.

Under the conditions of subsidies granted to a number of these lines the companies have agreed to use exclusively electric power supplied by the hydro-electric commission of Ontario. This means that at least one new sub-station in western Ontario will have to be erected, and a general reduction will result to power users over the entire provincial system.

The new arrangement is reported to have been concluded at a conference attended by Prime Minister Borden and Hon. Mr. Cochrane, representing the federal government, and Hon. Adam Beck, representing the provincial government, at the beginning of the week.

Hon. W. J. Hanna Recognizes Good Side of Mr. Ferrier, But Says That Nothing Can Justify Treatment and Physical Restraint of Boys As Was Brought Out at Recent Investigation.

"In this modern day, in these times, nothing can justify such treatment—such physical restraint of the inmates of the Victoria Industrial School, as was brought out in the investigation."

This was the statement of Hon. W. J. Hanna, provincial secretary, in the legislature last night in reference to the condition of affairs, the use of bracelets, shackles, manacles and bread and water diet, in Mimico Industrial School.

It was subsequent to a speech by Dr. Forbes Godfrey, who delivered many laudatory comments on the ability, character and humanitarianism of Supt. Ferrier, that the provincial secretary gave his views on the treatment of inmates in the institution. "I agree with all that the member for West York has said regarding Mr. Ferrier as superintendent of Victoria Industrial School and principal of a Toronto school, and I agree with those responsible for the management of the school, who hold the superintendent in high regard, but I do not think the treatment of the inmates was justifiable. Many great mistakes have been made by him, and I hope they will not be repeated."

A Deteriorating Effect.

Dr. Godfrey introduced a bill respecting the restriction of probation, and, incidentally, mentioned conditions in the Mimico School. He had sincere sympathy with the officials of the institution. He deplored that there was no classification of the inmates because of some being more vicious than others. This had a deteriorating effect on those not very deficient mentally.

"I did not wish to mention Victoria Industrial School during the course of my remarks," said the member for West York, "but I think I should say something in regard to Supt. Ferrier, whom I have known intimately for 16 years."

"I have watched carefully his handling of the boys. I would be false to my duty as member for West York and physician for the Victoria Industrial School if I did not say something that would show you the character of the man at the head of affairs out there. Mr. Ferrier is a man the Industrial School Association cannot replace. It would be hard to find his equal in Ontario. Some of his actions may have been wrong, but I believe he has treated his charges fairly."

"I would like to make a statement to the hon. members of this house which is based on facts. It is in regard to this Spain boy, from whom the investigation arose. For two years he was learning the printing trade, but he went wrong thru evil companions. He lived in an impossible home. He came to the school and Mr. Ferrier treated him in a fatherly, kindly way. He ran away. When he returned he was told if he would stay a few months he would be liberated. But he slipped again and took with him a companion. He was brought back and admonished again."

Here Dr. Godfrey gave a clear demonstration on how to use a strap and clear idea as to what one looked at. This caused a ripple of laughter among the members. "This is the kind of a"

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WHERE THE DOCTOR WILL BE!

All Etobicoke has its eyes on Doctor Godfrey, M.L.A., and the noble fight he is putting up in the legislature in support of joint public ownership of the Lake shore line in that township and in the city. The doctor will be with voters and their rights every time as The Telegram will certainly find out. Watch the doctor make good!

THE FIRST MAPLE SYRUP.

The Donlands sugar maples were copiously dripping sap yesterday and the big evaporator in the boiling house was giving off syrup in the evening, by which time the pails and tanks were filled again; and the boiling will continue this morning. It promises a fine yield. Twelve gallons of sap will make one gallon of syrup. A good tree is good for a good quart.

The flavor of the maple as it comes off in vapor from the boiling pans, or in the fresh made syrup, is something absolutely distinct from anything else, and is as uniquely American as the birch canoe or the snowshoes of the Indian. Perhaps if you phone in an order Michie's will be able to keep you a bottle for delivery this evening or to-morrow. Mr. Jaff has ordered a bottle to express to his friend John down in Florida!

EASTER HATS.

It's all the talk of the town is Easter and Easter Hats for men and women, but principally men. The Dinesen Company are showing some of the newest designs by the world's best makers in stiff and soft felt and these are now on sale. Ask to see the new blocks by Henry Heath, maker to His Majesty the King, and by Dunlap of New York.