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### A PAGE OF NEWS ABOUT THE MARITIME

#### FARMERS MAY HOLD NEXT CONVENTION IN MONCTON; DECIDE QUESTION TODAY

Large Attendance of Delegates at Fredericton for the 45th Annual Meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Convention of New Brunswick—Addresses on Many Phases of Rural Activities.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 8.—At the evening session of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Convention the roll number of delegates were on hand for the address of welcome by Mayor Reid of this city, which was preceded by the address of the President, H. H. Magee, of Quispamsis. The civic address of welcome was followed by the address by A. J. Gaudet, first vice-president of the association, and then Mayor Reid followed in a short address in French to the French delegates at the convention, of whom there were some seventy-five in attendance.

Moncton Suggested. President Magee then introduced the matter of the farm products warehouse, which the Kings County United Farmers were seeking to establish in St. John city. A motion to hold the annual meeting of the association at Moncton next year was stood over until tomorrow afternoon for a further discussion. The session was pleasantly passed, music being supplied by a quartette of A. L. L. Cooper, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, and Mrs. F. A. Good, with Miss Alice Harrison presiding at the piano. A. C. Gorman, of Sussex, also furnished several selections, the music being supplied by Miss Hazel McCain.

Mayor Reid's Address. Mayor Reid in presenting the civic address of welcome said: "It affords me great pleasure to welcome you again this year on behalf of the citizens of Fredericton. I hope your work here will be beneficial both to yourselves and to others of the province."

"You no doubt have your troubles as well as the rest of us, but as a manufacturer I hope, you will not have as many troubles as we, but will take your time to steer over all obstacles looking with confidence to the future."

Vice-President's Reply. A. J. Gaudet, first vice-president of the association, replied to the address of welcome as follows: "Our association has grown to manhood and is now in its 45th year, and I do not think from the various important problems discussed here and the explanations listened to, from experience, that your Worship could have placed the keys of your city in better hands."

"The day when farming can be followed by indifference is a thing of the past, and we learn that we are called upon to meet a competition of which our fathers know nothing of. The modern farmer is not only learning how to make two blades of grass grow where but one grew before, but is also learning how to do so at half the previous cost. Today a man following an agricultural life must be enterprising, energetic and businesslike in all phases of his work, as in all others."

Industries, if he wishes to be a success. He should be governed by the same rules which govern trade generally. Lessening the cost of production and improving the quality of the product in agriculture as in every other business, must be the leading principle.

"Our mission to this farmers parliament," he stated, "is to seriously discuss the problems confronting the farmers of the province and to press our resolution, framed here, to the powers that be."

"This association, comprised of 55 French-speaking and 75 English-speaking delegates cautions not to race, religion or party. In our private lives we hold our individual convictions on these matters, but as an association we refrain from discussing controversial questions of this kind and therein lies our strength."

Many French Delegates. "In reply to Mr. Gaudet's address, Mayor Reid expressed surprise at the presence of so many French-speaking delegates, and asked the privilege of addressing them in French."

President Magee stated that the Kings County United Farmers Association had become dissatisfied with the treatment given its members by dealers in St. John, and had begun a movement to establish a great farm products warehouse in St. John city on a co-operative plan, and that a committee had been appointed to push the matter forward. The suggested departments of the warehouse were dairy produce and milk, vegetables, meat and butter, eggs, cold storage and distribution.

The Milk Distribution. Trouble had been experienced in regard to milk distribution which in Canada. Mr. Magee outlined the scheme finally decided upon. He claimed both producer and consumer would benefit. Milk would be purchased entirely on the butter test basis. Vegetables would be graded so that the consumer could be sure of what he was buying. Meats and poultry also would be graded, three classes being employed. Eggs also would be graded, a candling plant being used for that. The basis of grading dairy butter was not yet decided upon. The cold storage department would not be used to influence prices artificially.

The distributing agency warehouse for general merchandise would be just what the name meant. Stocks of groceries and other commodities would be carried and the profit sharing would be co-operative. The warehouse would be operated under the Farmers' Co-operative, Limited, of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Mersereau. Hon. D. W. Mersereau, minister of agriculture said he recognized the delegates present as being members



The opening of the marble season on our block was marked by considerable excitement.

#### Concrete Vessel Abandoned At Sea

Crew Reaches St. Pierre, Miq., After Hard Battle to Save Their Lives.

St. Pierre, Miq., March 8.—The crew of mine of the Nova Scotia concrete schooner *Permanencia*, arrived here today after abandoning their vessel. The schooner, bound from Belle Orom, Nfld., for Boston, with a cargo of frozen herring, put in here for harbor in a storm ten days ago and left for her destination last Sunday morning. A few hours later she stranded on Platte Point, at the southwestern extremity of Little Miquelon Island. The vessel is owned in North Sydney, C. B.

#### WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

Halifax, N. S., March 8.—Habeas corpus application on behalf of John Jenkins, wanted at New Bedford, Mass., on a charge of theft and ordered by County Court Judge Wallace to be extradited, was granted today by the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia. The court ordered the writ returnable Saturday next when the case will be argued.

of Canada's greatest industry. He was a strong believer in governments made for the people, and stated he was on the platform to convince the farmers that the department of agriculture would do its utmost to carry out the wishes of these representatives from every county of the province.

The country needed home builders and men to help the youths and keep them from striking out for the cities, the centres of the country. He would be only too glad to have the convention reference resolutions passed by County Court Judge Wallace and would attempt to carry out their wishes. On behalf of the department he stated the members were anxious to assist the farmers in any way they could, and all had had several years of experience in their own branches. It was the intention of the department to boom the drying industry in the province, and this had already been done in Madawaska county to some extent, and would be carried on in the remainder of the province. He was glad to be able to endorse the time crushing plant at Brookville, and referred to the good work it had done.

President Magee expressed appreciation at Hon. Mr. Mersereau's address and said it was not made for the purpose of help in election times from the farmers, but to furnish the farmers with any assistance he could.

#### DIED.

HARRISON—Suddenly, on March 4, 1921, Mrs. Elizabeth, beloved wife of George Harrison, leaving her husband, one son, one daughter and six grandchildren to mourn. Funeral will take place on Wednesday at 2 o'clock. Service in Trinity church.

McLEOD—At Los Angeles, California, on March 5th, 1921, after a lingering illness, S. Augusta, widow of the late Howard D. McLeod, formerly of St. John, N. B.

#### GRAND FALLS IN REVOLT AGAINST POWER PROPOSAL

Mass Meeting of Citizens Tonight to Plan Fight to Save Falls.

#### BIG DELEGATION TO VISIT PREMIER

Town Tired of Enormous Power Locked up in Company Doing Nothing.

Special to The Standard. Grand Falls, N. B., Mar. 8.—There will be something doing in this town tomorrow; in fact there will be a "hot time in the old town," with everybody out to fight, protesting the continuing in force of the franchise on privilege granted the International Paper Company for developing the power now running over the Falls here.

The Grand Falls Power Company, subsidiary to the International Paper Company, an American millionaire corporation, has come to be regarded by the citizens here as a joke. It is a serious joke, however, and not the kind that causes a smile, but rather gives cause for a series of uncompromising words when ever its name is mentioned.

#### Nothing Done Yet

For several years the company has had locked up in its safety vaults the rights and privileges of New Brunswick's great water falls. They have repeatedly promised development but each year has gone by with nothing done, and no move made that would indicate the company had any intention of ever developing their opportunities here.

The citizens are in revolt and at tomorrow night's mass meeting they will give expression to their feelings and the ringing note of protest against the further delay or extension of time to the Grand Falls Power Company will be heard in St. John. With the whole province crying out for hydro-electric development, the great and only power of the province located here, admirably designed by nature for quick and easy development, the people think they have been patient long enough and now demand a show down or some quick action.

What Premier Said. They recall with pleasure the ringing speech of their adopted son, Premier Foster, in the last legislature, when he described the dilatory tactics of the American monopolists in their development of the Falls. He then thought it was time to choke off American millionaires from gripping the resources and privileges of the province and hold them for speculative purposes. It is recalled he asked authority from the Legislature to cancel the privileges of the Grand Falls Power Company, unless they showed some move towards immediate development. That authority was granted.

Where Protest Comes. Instead of choking them off it is the Premier has granted of

agreed at heart to give the company a two-years' extension of time dating from May 1st, 1921. The citizens here have further been informed that the North Shore is opposed to the development of the power and knowing the North Shore is the Government, it is felt they have a hard row to follow.

The whole St. John Valley is with Grand Falls in its protest. From Woodstock up have come letters to the Board of Trade here asking what they could do to help them gain their objective.

It is well known there are those waiting to take up the development of the Falls if they had the opportunity.

Going to Fredericton. A delegation three hundred strong, is ready to proceed to Fredericton when the Legislative session opens, to make their protest and make it emphatic. They will place their cards on the table face up and ask the Government to do likewise.

Every place of business will be

#### Dr. A. B. Atherton Dies in California

For Many Years He Was a Physician in Fredericton—Went South in 1916.

Fredericton, N. B., March 8.—Dr. A. B. Atherton, for many years a practicing physician and surgeon in Fredericton, died yesterday at San Diego, Calif., where he had been residing for the past five years.

The late Dr. Atherton, who was 75 years old, was born at Queensbury, York County. For some years after completing his education, he practiced in Fredericton and then in the latter '80s removed to Toronto where he practised for eleven years before returning to Fredericton to resume practice here. In 1911 he unsuccessfully contested York County in the federal general elections in the liberal interests.

#### Potatoes Jump 25 Cents Per Barrel

Half of Last Year's Crop is Still in Storage in Grand Falls District.

Special to The Standard. Grand Falls, N. B., March 8.—The farmers here were given a little cheer today when prices went from seventy-five cents to one dollar per barrel.

Many thought it indicated that the promised advance in spots had arrived, and that they would keep advancing until the price reached a figure that would pay for hauling to market.

Over half of the crop harvested last fall is still in storage here and a rally in the market would be hailed with delight.

#### Two Injured in Charlottetown Mill

Montreal Promoter, Representing Group, Offered \$700,000 for Big Fight.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 8.—Benjamin Compton, of Belle River, while at work in his mill yesterday, was struck in the face by a breaking belt and one eye destroyed. Today, Fred Hale, an employe in the machine shops here lost an arm which was crushed beneath the engine tender when the hoisting chain slipped.

closed tomorrow night so all people will have a chance to attend the mass meeting. It will be a patriotic holiday affair with the brass band in attendance and all orators primed for the event.

#### SPEAKER ISSUES HIS WARRANT TO HOLD ELECTIONS

Instructions Given to Issue Writs for Contest in York-Sunbury.

#### TWO OTHERS LIKELY ON THE SAME DAY

Yamaska, Que., and West York, Ont., Are the Other Vacancies.

Ottawa, March 8.—When the House opened this afternoon Speaker Rhodes announced that he had received notifications of the vacancies occurring in the representation of the constituencies of Yamaska, Que., through the death of Oscar Gladu; York-Sunbury, through the death of Col. H. F. McLeod, and West York, through the death of Captain T. G. Wallace. The Speaker announced that he had issued his warrants to the clerk with the necessary instructions for the issuing of writs.

#### ASSEMBLY OPENS TOMORROW

Halifax, Mar. 8.—Major Welsford J. McDonald, M. C., Pictou and Adam Borealis, Halifax, will make their maiden speeches in the local House of Assembly when they respectively move and second the reply to the Speech from the Throne at opening of the Legislature tomorrow.

#### ASKING ABOUT TREATY

Ottawa, Ont., March 8.—J. H. Sinclair, Antigonish and Guysboro, is asking the government if notice has been received that the government of the United States intends to abrogate an existing treaty which restricts the right of the United States to impose discriminatory tonnage dues on Canadian vessels.

Mr. Sinclair wants the government to announce its plan in regard to the matter.

#### CODFISH PRICES DOWN.

St. John's, Nfld., March 8.—Exporters here agreed today to reduce prices \$40 a ton on codfish for sale in Brazil. The action was taken to meet competition and in view of the small sales recorded in that market recently.

#### KILLED AT WESTVILLE.

New Glasgow, N. S., March 8.—Robert Muir, one of Westville's best known citizens, was instantly killed by a fall of coal at noon today in the old Acadia mine at Westville. He is survived by his wife and six children. He was a brother of Mayor Hugh Muir of Westville.

Port Arthur, Ont., March 8.—Laura, three year old daughter of Oscar Leach, fell into a barrel, and striking her head was rendered unconscious so that she was drowned in three inches of water.

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