

R. L. BORDEN CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

Imperialistic Naval Policy of Conservative Leader Endorsed in Annual Report.

F. R. Fairweather Re-elected President, and Strong Executive Chosen—Much Enthusiasm.

The R. L. Borden Club held their annual meeting at 12 Canterbury street, last night at eight o'clock. The meeting was well attended and much important business was transacted.

Membership Growing.

During the year your committee have pleasure in reporting that the club has grown in membership and influence. At a smoker held in the Nickel Assembly rooms on November 18th last, which was attended by over 300 members of the club, over 25 new members were added to the ranks of the Junior Conservative party of this constituency.

Your committee are pleased to report that the moonlight excursion held on July 22nd last, under the auspices of the club, was a great success. Hon. Geo. Foster, M. P., Hon. J. D. Hazen, F. C., M. P., Dr. J. W. Daniel, M. P., John E. Wilson, M. P. P., Hon. Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., and Miles Agar, delivered fighting speeches.

Naval Policy.

Your committee are pleased to note that the Liberal Conservative party at Ottawa, under the leadership of our distinguished and able leader, Mr. Borden, have taken an imperialistic stand with regard to the navy policy of the present administration.

Your committee believe that the sentiments contained in the speeches of these two eminent statesmen are the sentiments upon which the policy of the great Conservative party is founded—loyalty to Great Britain and the unity of the empire.

Your committee urge upon the party the need of immediate organization if we hope to carry the province at the next election.

Officers Chosen.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Hon. President—R. L. Borden, M. P. President—Frank R. Fairweather. First Vice-pres.—J. S. Tait. Second Vice-pres.—E. Allen Agar. Third Vice-pres.—Chris Spilane. Treasurer—Charles Robinson. Secretary—G. Earle Logan. The following were elected the

BIRDMEN TO BATTLE TODAY IN NEW YORK-CHICAGO RACE



Table with 2 columns: Mode of transport, Distance. Rows: By Railroad (N.Y. Central) 960m, Road (approximately) 1040, Air Line 900.

Map of the great race in which 13 aviators have entered and probable course they will take from Chicago to New York.



J. A. D. McCURDY, Canadian Representative in the Race.

Chicago, Oct. 7.—The Chicago-New York aeroplane race which is scheduled to start tomorrow, will be one long battle with the fall winds.

Glenn Curtiss says so, and Curtiss ought to know, for he has seen more of the course to be covered than any other aviator competing, and already holds two previous long distance flight records—from Albany to New York, and from Cleveland to Cedar Point.

The Chicago-New York flight will be a good deal of a gamble with the varying winds, said Curtiss today. "That's the uncertain quantity. The aviators know their own physical qualities and the lasting qualities of their motors."

"But not one aviator, regardless of his ability, experience, the reliability of his motor and the strength of his aeroplane, can presume to foretell, with any degree of certainty, the conditions of the air which he will encounter on this thousand-mile trip."

FATHER DUFOUR BADLY HURT

Kent County Priest Fell in His Barn and Broke a Leg—Nurses Graduate from Moncton Hospital.

Moncton, N. B., Oct. 7.—Father Dufour, of Notre Dame, Kent county, while in his barn today with his hired man, was with a serious accident. He was climbing in the loft when the rafter he had hold of gave way and he fell a distance of several feet. One of his legs was badly broken below the knee.

Doctors were summoned from Moncton and Shediac and the necessary surgical attendance given. Father Dufour will be laid up for a couple of months, but no more serious consequences are looked for.

The graduating exercises of the nurses home in connection with the Moncton hospital took place this evening in the Y. M. C. A. Hall before a large audience. The graduating class was composed of five young ladies, Misses Graham, Smallwood, McConnell, Scott and Fraser, who were presented with diplomas and class pins.

Each young lady was also presented with a bouquet from the ladies' aid, represented by Hon. C. W. Robinson and J. H. Harris. P. W. Stamer, president, and Dr. McCully delivered addresses to the graduating class. Address was also delivered by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton, Mayor, Reilly, Ald. Whelpley and Mr. Robinson.

BARN AND GARAGE BURNED AT LIVERPOOL

Liverpool, Oct. 7.—At 6.30 today a fire destroyed the barn and garage of Drs. Triton and Ford, together with carriages, harness, etc.

A new 16 HP. Maxwell automobile purchased this spring was a total loss. The cause of the fire is unknown. The building was insured for \$200 in the Sun.

Jesuits Use Rifles To Defend Convent

Republican Troops Attack Monastery at Lisbon and Carry Building by Storm, the Friars Escaping by Underground Passage—Provisional Government Not Yet Recognized by Other Nations

Lisbon, Oct. 8, 1.30 a. m.—On account of reports that some of the troops of the province have not yet declared their adherence to the republican provisional government is exercising the greatest vigilance.

The encamped forces of the provisional government have delegated 200 soldiers and armed civilians to police duty in guarding public and other buildings, especially the banks of the city. All carriages passing through the streets are closely inspected.

The attackers then withdrew for a conference. Shortly they returned to the attack, assailing the heavy doors with the aid of battering rams. When the door yielded the soldiers and people rushed in and searched every nook and corner of the edifice but not a friar was to be found.

A cabinet council was convened today and discussed at length the weighty questions surrounding the administration of the affairs of the nation. At its conclusion, an official note was given out declaring that the republic was firmly established.

President Braga issued a statement today vouching the satisfaction of the government of the republic in the departure of the royal family from Portugal had been carried out without any untoward incident.

The officers of the new provisional government of Portugal, constituted with the late Prof. Bombarda, the republican representation for Lisbon, in the recent cortes, which was adjourned soon after it had assembled, for the reason that the government lacked sufficient strength to face the opposition.

New York, Oct. 7.—The Associated Press today received direct from Lisbon a despatch from Senor Bernardino Machado, the minister of foreign affairs in the newly constituted provisional government in Portugal, in which the republican leader sets forth the purposes and aims of the present government.

Senor Machado, who speaks at the request and for Theophile Braga, the provisional president of the new republic, called as follows: "Concerning our programme I can say that we will endeavor to put in operation the programme of the republican party. This includes a policy of decent realization, both in the local administration and in the government of the colonies. The financial budget is to be equalized in the general interests of the country and will be made up with honesty and fairness. The national alliance now existing will be respected and friendly relations with other states are still desired. Public instruction will be completely secularized and relieved from religious control and the religious congregations will be suppressed. We plan the establishment of a broad system of public instruction both primary and advanced, under government endowment."

Paris, Oct. 7.—The question of the formal recognition of the Portuguese republic already is the subject of exchange of views between the powers. So far as France and Spain are concerned, it is understood they undoubtedly follow the lead of Great Britain whose century old alliance with the Portuguese monarchy and her important commercial relations give her a position of pre-eminence. From the standpoint of pure diplomacy, it is understood that the Portuguese flight of Manuel from Portugal as the first great fact making possible the recognition of the republic as the flight per se is considered a tacit admission that he abandoned the struggle to retain the crown. The intention seems here to be to await the certainty that the republic is securely founded. Advice received in France led to the belief that for the present the people of Portugal generally are likely to adhere to the republic proclaimed in the capital, and that the nation will be spared the horrors of civil war.

ROBERT N. VENNING HAS DISAPPEARED

Police of Two Continents Searching for Former St. John Man Lost at The Hague.

Attended Tribunal in Official Capacity as Canadian Superintendent of Fisheries—Now Missing

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Oct. 6.—The officials of two continents are at present engaged in a search for Robert N. Venning, Canadian superintendent of fisheries, who has been mysteriously missing for the past month.

The gravest anxiety is felt by his family in this city and other officials at the department of marine and fisheries regarding his well being, as since the conclusion of the fisheries case between the Canadian and American governments at The Hague, he has not been seen.

With the Canadian delegation composed of Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, minister of justice; J. S. Ewart, K. C., Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, and others, Mr. Venning left several months ago for The Hague to attend in his official capacity, the sessions of the tribunal sitting in the inquiry. Mr. Venning was present at all the sessions and was apparently in his usual good health, remaining until the conclusion of the arguments.

Since that time however, he has disappeared and the most thorough and urgent inquiries by officials of the department, the Dominion police, Scotland Yard and the state department of Holland, have failed to reveal his whereabouts.

Mr. Venning is a native of the Maritime Provinces, having been born at St. John, N. B., on Feb. 14, 1854. He entered the department of marine and fisheries in 1889.

G. H. PERLEY CHIEF WHIP

Member for Argenteuil Accepts Position Offered by Mr. Borden and Will Succeed Geo. Taylor who Resigned.

Ottawa, Oct. 7.—Several months ago George H. Perley, M. P., for Argenteuil was offered the position of chief Conservative whip by R. L. Borden, the Opposition leader, but asked for some time to consider the matter.

Today he formally intimated his acceptance of the position, and thus becomes the successor of George Taylor, who has resigned. Mr. Perley is a millionaire lumberman who has proven himself a great political campaigner and captured for his party a Quebec constituency, almost entirely French Canadian in character.

MILLION ADDED TO DEBT IN SEPTEMBER

Unprecedented Increase in Revenue but National Liability Has Now Reached Alarming Proportions.

Ottawa, Ont., Oct. 7.—The revenue of the Dominion for September amounted to \$10,317,223. This is a million and a half increase over September last year. For the six months just ended, the total revenue amounted to \$56,148,193, as against \$47,353,819 during the same period last year.

HEAD CUT OFF IN MAINE CENTRAL YARDS

Portland, Me., Oct. 7.—An unknown man had his head cut off in the Maine Central yards this afternoon by a freight car. The man had been seen about the yards a short time previous to the accident and it is supposed crawled under the cars to get out of the yard and fell asleep.

DEMONSTRATION FOR LAURIER LIKE A FROST

Desperate Effort Being Made to Secure Large Attendance—Bourassa's Influence is Feared—Leaders Apathetic.

Montreal, Oct. 7.—Considerable difficulty is being experienced by the organizers of the demonstration in honor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, fixed for Monday night. Laurier worship in Montreal has apparently diminished to such an extent that the price of even torch bearers has come up to \$1.50 per torch and the various clubs are finding it a hard and expensive business to create the necessary force to boom the "grand chief."

This has caused a good deal of uneasiness, as the party leaders fear that Bourassa has replaced Laurier as the hero of at least the younger French Canadians. In fact so great is the fear that supporters of Bourassa will back the meeting that admission to the Monument National will be by card only, an unheard of thing at any previous Laurier hurrahfest here.

Another difficulty is the apathy of the ex-aldermen, who in times past have been a tower of strength on such occasions. Laurier and Lemieux both came out strongly during the recent municipal reform movement, denouncing the old administration. Most of the old aldermen were turned out and most of these were Liberals. Now they say if they are unfit to sit at the city hall they are equally unable to join in welcoming the premier who aided in their undoing, and both their money and work are lacking in the movement.

All these difficulties are causing sleepless nights and large expense to the organizers of the demonstration since if it is not a huge hurrah, it will be taken as another victory for Bourassa. It is understood that Sir Wilfrid has been pressed to make a strong plea for the naval bill, so as to rally the wavering Quebec support to that measure and persuade his country patriots that Bourassa's opposition is all wrong.

So far the Quebec deputies have kept quiet on this subject while the Bourassa cohorts have held many impromptu demonstrations against it. Now they are awaiting an authoritative pronouncement from Laurier so as to follow suit throughout the province.

Sir Lomer Gouin will take the chair and it is expected that 500 people will come from Quebec under the stimulus of a \$1.50 rate on the government road for the 350 mile run.

TONIGHT SEES END OF CONTEST

You May be Glad of Those Few Extra Votes Which You Poll- ed During Dying Hours.

Tonight will see the close of the great New York city and Bermuda contest, and all thoughts are centred on the probable winners. Eight weeks will take place. The judges will open the ballot box and its final secret will be revealed. All the contestants and no one would like to predict the winners, even those not acquainted with the developments of the last few days.

Ten o'clock tonight the last subscription will be handed in, and after the last coupon is issued the count will take place. The judges will open the ballot box and its final secret will be revealed. All the contestants and their friends are invited to be present and it is hoped that shortly after 10 o'clock the result will be known. As no single coupons will be accepted, the count will be simplified and the results should be known soon.

All contestants should examine this morning's issue and see if their standing is correct, as that with the added vote of today will be the total. The contest manager wants to know if any printer's errors exist in today's issue, so that the correction, if any, may be made. As the ballot box is now sealed, the candidates can deposit their special ballots any time, and subscriptions may be taken out in exchange for special coupons any time today or tonight until 10 o'clock.

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