

BAXTER PRESSES FOR DEVELOPING CANADIAN PORTS

Former Minister of Customs Outlines Railway Claims of the Maritime Provinces.

DIFFICULTIES GREAT Are Striving For Secession.

Canadian Press Despatch. Ottawa, April 12.—"I am not a secessionist. I do not think anything could make me a secessionist, but there are people—and they are largely in the province of Nova Scotia—and there are some in New Brunswick, who are beginning to talk of getting out of confederation." The declaration was made by Hon. J. B. Baxter, minister of customs in the late government, in pressing railway claims of the Maritime Provinces in the House yesterday. Why should Canadian trade find its way to United States ports, Mr. Baxter asked. He would go to the extent of paying a differential on shipments to Portland, British preference he said, suggested, should be restricted to goods entering Canada via Canadian ports.

Encourage Ports. In reply Hon. G. P. Graham, acting minister of railways, intimated that Sir Henry Thornton and the National Railways Board had in mind the development of Canadian ports, but their difficulties were great. He announced further that he would later submit to parliament what was proposed for the encouragement of Canadian ports. Mr. Graham felt confident would be eminently satisfactory to the House and the country.

Mr. Baxter returned to the question of keeping the railways out of politics. In so far as policy was concerned, he believed it was impossible. Parliament must see that all parts of the country had fair treatment and that the C. N. R. would meet the aspirations and needs of every province. He asked if there was a national railway policy. A national railway could not be made of rails, ties and rolling stock alone. There must be a national spirit behind it.

Be Further Developed. There has been suggestions that expenditures were proposed at Providence, Rhode Island. This would indicate that the National Railways' business in the United States ports was to be further developed. He could not thus far secure any official information on this. But the people were entitled to information. They should be informed of whether the policy of these railways are national or international.

The national system reached only Halifax and St. John of the eastern Canadian ports during part of the year. If there was a national policy for this road it would be that everything possible was done to develop those ports instead of allowing traffic to be diverted to ports in another country.

Miss Important Point. A return brought down in the House had shown that the Canadian National did not handle a single bushel of grain into Halifax last year while it handled 17,000,000 bushels to Portland. Hon. W. S. Fielding said that he was largely in sympathy with the remarks of Mr. Baxter, but he felt that the member for St. John had missed an important point. By acquiring the Grand Trunk Railway, Canada had acquired another maritime port. Were the rails to Portland to be allowed to become rusty in order that Halifax and St. John



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TELLS DYSPEPTICS WHAT TO EAT

Avoid indigestion, Sour Acid Stomach, Heartburn, Gas On Stomach, Etc.
Indigestion and practically all forms of stomach trouble, say medical authorities, are due nine times out of ten to an excess of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. Chronic "acid stomach" is exceedingly dangerous and sufferers should do either one of two things. Either they can go on a limited and often disagreeable diet, avoiding foods that disagree with them, that irritate the stomach and lead to excess acid secretion or they can eat as they please in reason and make it a point to counteract the effect of the harmful acid and prevent the formation of gas, sourness or premature fermentation by the use of a little Bisulphate of Magnesia at their meals.
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CONGREGATIONALISTS' VOTE GREATLY FAVORS UNION

Secretary At Guelph Convention Reports Out of Eighty Churches Balloting, Seventy-Seven Have Expressed Willingness To Enter Affiliation With Other Institutions.

Special to The Advertiser. Guelph, April 12.—The morning session of the Western Association of the Congregational Churches opened with a quiet talk on "The Lord's Prayer," by Rev. G. A. MacKenzie, Stratford.

Rev. Frank Sanders, president, was in the chair. Committees were appointed as follows: Nominations, Rev. W. G. Martin, Rev. G. A. MacKenzie, Mr. W. T. Althoff; membership, Rev. J. W. Newberry; Rev. J. B. Mann, W. A. Hollinrake, K.C.; business, F. W. Robins, Rev. W. M. Cox. Resolutions were given by Rev. T. De Courcy Rayner, Rev. H. E. Storey, J. B. Waugh.

Freedom of Faith. Rev. Dr. W. T. Gunn, of Toronto, general secretary of the Congregational Union of Canada, addressed the association on the progress of church union. He said in part: "Jesus was more concerned about leaving behind Him on earth spiritual unity rather than ecclesiastical organization. There is no form of church government revealed in the New Testament as given by Jesus himself. The only foundation upon which spiritual unity can be built is freedom of individual faith and thought."

"As congregational union is a voluntary association of churches, it had no authority to act in the matter of church union until it was a fact. Individual churches expressed their desire, hence the present vote was being taken." Returns have been received from eighty churches, seventy-seven voting to enter the united church. Of the remaining three, two were Swedish churches and one was a Presbyterian church. The only church so far to vote against union was a small country church.

Election Officers. The election of officers then took place as follows: President, J. B. Waugh, Stratford; secretary, Rev. M. T. Walker, Hamilton; treasurer, W. A. Hollinrake, K.C., Brantford; registrar, Rev. A. J. MacKenzie, Stratford; home missionary representatives, Rev. Frank Sanders, Guelph, and J. C. Bale, Hamilton; credentials, Rev. H. E. Storey, Stratford; and Rev. Dr. H. E. Storey, of Montreal, was nominated as candidate for chairman of the Congregational Union of Canada.

Revs. J. L. Alexander, H. E. Storey and H. N. Jackson were re-elected as members of the association, and Rev. J. Murray was transferred to the Quebec Association. The afternoon session opened with the president in the chair. After devotional exercises, the membership should have business? When the government of that day acquired the Grand Trunk Railway, it acquired also a rail to St. John and Halifax. The house adjourned.

The amounts and valuation of the ammunition received from Great Britain after the war together with disposal of these shells came before the house again today when estimates of the department of national defence came before the committee of supply. The particular item was one of \$38,000 for the Dominion arsenal, Quebec.

W. A. Boys (Conservative, South-West) asked for a statement regarding the ammunition imported from England. Hon. G. P. Graham stated that a total of 169,000 rounds, valued at approximately \$3,000,000, had been brought to Canada. He had been advised by his chief of staff, however, that it was against the practice of war offices in a court-martial to state publicly what amount of ammunition was kept in the country and if he gave details as to how much this had been used he would be giving information.

Mr. Boys asked if all the imported ammunition would not be used before it became useless in 1925. "Not at the present rate of consumption," the minister replied. The member for South Simcoe asked if the amounts then left would not be negligible. Mr. Graham thought they probably would.

committee reported, recommending that licenses as pastoral supply for one year be granted to Messrs. W. Rayner of Listowel, and J. H. Williams of Bloomfield. The following resolution on church union was presented by Rev. T. De Courcy Rayner, for the resolution committee, and unanimously adopted: "Be it resolved that this Western Association of Congregational Churches place on record the profound sense of gratification that the report of our general secretary, Rev. Dr. W. T. Gunn, on the progress of church union revealed that returns thus far received from our churches indicate an almost unanimous vote to enter the proposed united church of Canada."

Further, that this association expresses its desire to see the proposed organic union of the Congregational, Methodist and Presbyterian Church proceed to its consummation without any undue delay."

Is Greatest Crisis. A powerful spiritual message was given in the address of the afternoon by H. W. Barker, Toronto, editor of the Canadian Congregationalist. Mr. Barker spoke of "The Personality and the Church." He said that this is the greatest crisis in our history as Congregationalists. The preparation for this is to go back to our churches and by waiting upon God, seek to keep the spiritual life at flood tide. At the tea-table session greetings from other churches were given by Rev. S. Abraham of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and Rev. H. E. Storey of St. John's Methodist Church. These fraternal greetings were responded to by J. B. Waugh of Stratford, president-elect of the association.

The closing session took the form of a special young people's session presided over by Rev. Frank Sanders. The address was given by Rev. J. Lambert Alexander, of Hamilton, chairman of the Congregational Union of Canada, and superintendent of the young people's department, who spoke on "The Child and the Church." Mr. Alexander rang out stirring challenge to the older people to be in earnest in winning the growing boys and girls for Christ and His church, and to stand by to guide them safely through the perplexing and trying period of 'teen age life.

A practical demonstration of young people's work was given by the boys' and girls' of the Guelph church, under the efficient leadership of Captain Helen Campbell and Assistant Scoutmaster James Ingraham. A resolution thanking the Guelph church for its generous hospitality was enthusiastically adopted, and the association, on the recommendation of the business committee, accepted the invitation of the church at Stratford, Ont., to hold its autumn meetings there.

owing to Great Britain which, however, was more than offset by interest charged in favor of Canada from Great Britain. There had been a statement on this recently. The item was to provide for pensions to dependants of sailors who lost their lives in the sinking of the Llandovery Castle. Canada did not admit responsibility for those pensions, but the government had thought it wise to make provision for them in the estimates in case they required to be paid.

There was an item of \$62,000 claimed by Vickers for cancellation of contracts for which the Vickers company had offered to accept \$45,000. This year the claim had been again reduced to \$35,000. The finance minister, when in London, had made a thorough investigation into the whole matter and was not prepared to admit that Canada owed anything to Vickers. Within the last few days, however, communications had been received from that company going back to the old demand of \$45,000.

Hon. Hugh Guthrie, former Minister of Militia explained that the claim was made because of the cancellation of war material contracts given to Vickers. Maxton by the Canadian government.

LAMBTON TUXIS SQUARES TO COMPETE FOR SHIELD
Special to The Advertiser. Petrolia, April 12.—At the weekly session of the Spartan Tuxis Boys held here Tuesday night in Methodist church, Fred Portsmouth, member of the provincial boys' cabinet, gave a report on the cabinet session held in Toronto last week, when the boys' cabinet under the leadership of Milton Walker of London met to discuss the different topics of Tuxis work.



FRANK OLDFIELD, popular actor, who is appearing this evening at the first annual concert of the Western University Glee Club and Little Theatre Orchestra in the Masonic Temple, Mr. Oldfield has won for himself scores of warm friends and admirers by his beautiful voice and the charm of his interpretations during previous visits to the city. His records are "household words."

MUST GO BACK BEFORE DRAMA LEAGUE PLAYS

Arthur Holman, Actor-Producer, Has One Regret, Visiting Home Town.

Mr. Arthur Holman, third generation of the famous Holman family to make a name for himself in the world of the stage, is spending a few days in town with his mother, Mrs. A. D. Holman.

Leaving the footlights to assume the role of producer of plays in New Haven, Conn., he laughingly remarked to The Advertiser that he is now strictly behind the scenes, no longer appearing in the limelight, no longer appearing in the letters on play-bills in stellar roles.

"My name comes in small print now as producer," he said. "There is just one big regret in connection with this visit to his old home town, where he spent his boyhood days. He cannot return to his duties the beginning of next week, and that will prevent him from staying to witness the London Drama League productions Monday and Tuesday evenings."

"My eye caught the ad in The London Advertiser on the way over, and I saw that it was for the production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest.'"

"A few years ago when I was here, at the time they used to have the Earl Grey competitions, I saw an advertisement for the production of 'The Importance of Being Earnest' in the Grand Opera House. I think, if I remember correctly, it was 'The Importance of Being Earnest.'"

"Naturally I was very much interested to see London had a Drama League production here. I've heard all kinds of fine things about the talent here, and extent of this talent here, and the splendid type of plays produced. It makes me proud that ever of my old home city. The program for these Drama League productions looks mighty interesting and ambitious."

LAMBETH EPWORTH CLUB APPOINTS NEW OFFICERS
Special to The Advertiser. Lambeth, April 11.—The local Epworth League held its annual election of officers Tuesday night. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. Holtby; first vice-president, Ross Sadler; second vice-president, Violet Trotter; third vice-president, Hilda Earle; fourth vice-president, Orville Earle; secretary, Mrs. M. J. Trotter; treasurer, Thomas Mickleborough; pianist, Thelma Vanstone; assistant pianist, Edna Routledge.

SASKATCHEWAN I.O.D.E. AGAINST IMMIGRATION

Will Not Encourage Bringing In of People Under Present Conditions.

Special to The Advertiser. Regina, Sask., April 11.—The provincial I. O. D. E. convention opened in Regina yesterday morning, with the president, Mrs. O. M. Balfour, in the chair. Fifty-two delegates are in attendance.

The activities of the order for the past year have been many and varied, including the raising of large sums of money. One chapter alone secured as much as \$9,600, the total for the province being \$62,998.

One thousand five hundred dollars has been given by the various chapters in aid of support of tubercular children in the Qu'Appelle Sanatorium. The next largest item was \$950 to fire relief in Northern Ontario. Considerable amount have also been donated to relief work in Russia, educational work in India, to the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and for aiding indigent tubercular mothers to secure treatment.

Four Canadian university scholarships have been established, and one overseas scholarship, 95 sets of historical pictures, of great educational value, are being distributed to various schools in the province, each set containing a book of the primary chapters to do the same.

They will not lend their support to the encouraging of immigration under present conditions.

FALL FROM FREIGHT CAR INJURES ST. THOMAS MAN
Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, April 12.—Slipping as he adjusted an air-brake on a freight car in the Pere Marquette yards Tuesday night, Norman Alexander, a yard conductor residing at 56 Chestnut street, fell from the top of the car to the ground, striking his back on a rail and suffering a severe shaking up. No bones were broken, but Mr. Alexander will be confined to his home for several days.

WILL PERMIT PEROXIDE SALE IN ALL STORES
Toronto, April 12.—After two hours' discussion the municipal committee of the legislature yesterday passed a bill whereby hydrogen peroxide may be sold at any store instead of the sale being confined to drug stores. The bill passed by a vote of 14 to 15. Opposition came from the druggists and drug manufacturers.

LAMBETH BROTHERHOOD RE-ELECT ALL OFFICERS
Special to The Advertiser. Lambeth, April 12.—At the annual banquet and election Monday night all the officers were re-elected. A lengthy address was given by Rev. Jefferson, and the Lambeth orchestra, assisted by Mr. Andrews of London, played several selections.

Mr. Andrews also favored with a vocal selection.

Ald. "Billy" Wants Taxes Increased

Ward Two Representative Asks Raise In His Assessment.

Ald. W. A. Wilson, ward two, is a real aspirant for the hall of fame. Listen to this: "How about the assessment department? Are they raising my tax this year?" he questioned at last night's session.

"We don't know," replied his conferees. "Well they raised it last year when I asked them and if they don't raise it this year again I'll ask them to as I am not assessed high enough." Curtain.

PUT LARGER FIRE HOSE ON M. C. R. YARD ENGINES
Special to The Advertiser. St. Thomas, April 12.—E. R. Webb, divisional master mechanic, stated today that the switch engines in the yard at St. Thomas have been equipped with more efficient fire-fighting devices.

A new fire hose, much larger than the one formerly in use, has been installed on each engine. The device, Mr. Webb said, was used to fight fires either in the shops, yards, or cars along the line.

ORGANIZED 41 YEARS. Special to The Advertiser. Chatham, April 12.—The annual Easter Thank Offering service of the W.M.S. of Park St. Methodist church was held this week.

Mrs. Crews, wife of the pastor of the church, gave one address and spoke on "The King's Highway." She referred chiefly to the work done by Park street W.M.S. organized 41 years ago, and paid tribute to the work of Miss Lora Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Clark of Chatham, who is a missionary at Kofu. The church was beautifully decorated with daffodils and ferns.

ECZEMA HANDS WERE RAW, WOULD CRACK AND BLEED
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