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COURTNEY BAY WILL BE SIGNED WITHOUT DELAY

Hon. Mr. Monk Says It Only Remains to Arrange Details.

DISCUSSED IN HOUSE.

Tenderer Obligated to Build Dry Dock Under Terms of Subsidy Act—Will Mean Great Increase in Shipping of Port.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The contract for the development of Courtney Bay will be signed as soon as the details which necessarily attach to such an important document have been arranged. There will be no delay. This information was given to The Standard's correspondent by Mr. Monk tonight.

The interview was sought because the minister of public works had just previously used the expression in the House, that the contract was not awarded.

"By that I mean," explained Mr. Monk, "that the contract is not actually signed. But I have full authority to complete it when all the details are settled with Norton Griffiths and Co., who submitted the lowest tender."

Mr. Monk added that there should be no misunderstanding on that point. He did not anticipate that there would be any delay.

The Courtney Bay contract was brought up in the House by Mr. Emmerson who was in search of information. He understood, he said, that tenders were invited for construction of a dry dock, wharves, terminals and breakwater and for dredging that portion of St. John harbor. Tenders were called for in block. He was not criticizing the present or proposed arrangement.

Under the present arrangement, tenders construct the dry dock, would the work be done under the subsidy act or would it be carried out and paid for by the government and owned and operated by the government, when completed entirely apart from the subsidy act?

Mr. Monk replied that a tenderer for the work was obliged to build the dry dock under the terms of the subsidy act of 1910. The government would not own the dock. It would be the property of the party constructing it.

Mr. Emmerson then asked if when the contract with Norton Griffiths for the other works was completed the government would have paid for the dry dock.

Mr. Monk said it was not a block contract such as Mr. Emmerson supposed. There was no contract as yet. But it was contemplated to make a contract with Norton Griffiths and Company with unit prices and details.

Mr. Emmerson went on to discuss the form of the tender. He was not criticizing he said but he wanted to know.

"The situation," replied Mr. Monk, "is this it is deemed impossible owing to the harbor being unimproved to induce anyone to undertake the construction of a dry dock in Courtney Bay, but when these important works are carried out the shipping will undoubtedly greatly increase and when the harbor is properly equipped under the terms of this arrangement, there will be good prospects for a dry dock."

Mr. Monk added that every care would be taken to determine what subsidies would be paid to the company. Mr. Emmerson said he thought the way the arrangement was made prevented competition on account of the dry dock.

Mr. Monk reminded Mr. Emmerson that the form of the tender was established before the present government took office. He also stated that he had examined that proposed contract very carefully. There had been a considerable reduction in the cost.

Mr. Lemieux said he understood that the part tendered for by Norton Griffiths & Co. had been awarded.

Mr. Monk replied that it was not a partial tender. So far the contract had not been awarded, but the whole work would be undertaken "en bloc."

SUCCESS OF PROVINCE IS ASSURED

New Brunswick Has Every Natural Advantage for Horticulture Says Dominion Government Expert in Report.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—With cheap and rapid transportation by water, with an overseas market very close at hand, with plenty of suitable land at a very moderate cost, with the knowledge that has been secured as to the proper varieties, and with the active co-operation of the government, the success of New Brunswick as a fruit producing area seems assured.

The foregoing is an extract from the report of W. H. Banting, who was appointed last year by the Dominion government to investigate the fruit growing possibilities of all the provinces. It was read today at the annual meeting of the Fruit Growers' Association.

In the course of his review of the fruit raising advantages of New Brunswick Mr. Banting declares that no finer strawberries, raspberries or other small fruits are grown anywhere in the Dominion.

The list of apples recommended for New Brunswick covers the season and provides a class well suited for export shipment, as well as for supplying the local markets.

Mr. Banting emphasizes the fact that it is only within recent years that definite data regarding the possibilities of apple growing in the province have been secured and pays a warm tribute to the work of the provincial government for its active co-operation.

"The provincial government," he says through the secretary, W. H. Hubbard and the provincial horticulturist, A. G. Turner, both of them active men, "has put new life into the New Brunswick fruit industry, and this province is now taking active steps to fill its proper place as an important fruit producing section."

WOOD SUPPLY IS PROBLEM FOR THE U. S. AND CANADA

Canadian M. P. Speaking in New York States Reasons Why U. S. Should be Interested in Canadian Forests.

Special to The Standard.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—A despatch from New York states that at the annual banquet of the American Paper and Pulp Association last night at the Waldorf Astoria one of the speakers was F. B. McCurdy, M. P. for Queens-Shelburne.

Mr. McCurdy alluded to the fact that the supply of wood was the serious problem confronting paper and pulp manufacturers in the United States, that thirty per cent of the pulp wood consumed there came from Canada. He said that Canadians were desirous that all raw materials including pulpwood should be manufactured in this country. That was what the national policy established in 1878 aimed at and the result of the elections last September stripped of all side issues was a pronouncement against changing the protective policy under which the Dominion had achieved remarkable prosperity.

Canadians, he said, have become much interested in the conservation of their supply of wood, and already American pulp and paper manufacturers have purchased large pulp wood areas in Canada. He bespoke the co-operation of Americans with the Canadian authorities in the protection of wood supply.

American commissioner and pulp manufacturers had already established substantial manufacturing enterprises at the Canadian Soo, the Rivers and La Tuque.

"Under conditions as they exist," said Mr. McCurdy, "I look forward with confidence to seeing the movement for the conservation of wood lands and manufacturing by Americans in Canada continue with increasing volume."

INLAND REVENUE RECEIPTS.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The receipts of the Inland Revenue Department during January were \$1,585,568, as compared with \$1,379,662 in January, 1911. Tax on spirits were \$595,559, on tobacco \$679,746 and on malt \$190,759.

In Charge of Work on the Panama Canal

COL. GEORGE W. COETHALS.

Chief Engineer of the Panama Canal. The magnitude of Uncle Sam's greatest engineering undertaking, the Panama canal, is daily becoming more fully appreciated. No pains are being spared to make the work a success, and elaborate defences are to be constructed both at the Atlantic and the Pacific entrances to the canal to safeguard it from possible attack by a hostile fleet.

Col. George W. Coethals, chief engineer in charge of the construction of the canal, has proven his ability to grapple with the knottiest of engineering problems by the masterly manner in which he has supervised the present work.

PERMISSION WILL BE GIVEN STREET RAILWAY TO CROSS

Delegation from Local Concern in Ottawa Receives Assurance that End of Deadlock is in View.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—F. E. Sayre, director, and H. M. Hopper, representing the St. John Railway Company, had a satisfactory interview here today with Mr. Cochrane, Minister of Railways, with reference to the deadlock at the I. C. R. crossing in Haymarket Square.

The matter came up in the House some time ago and Mr. Hazen, realizing the importance of having the tracks extended, has interested himself in getting the difficulty between the Department of Railways and the company straightened out.

At the meeting today the objections raised by the company to the proposed agreement were discussed, and the street railway delegation received the assurance of Mr. Cochrane that the agreement would be modified to meet the difficulty and that permission would be given to cross the track.

FOLICE CHIEFS WANT CHANGES IN CRIMINAL CODE

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—At the last annual convention of Chiefs of Police of Canada, a number of suggestions of changes in the criminal code with a view to facilitating the administration of justice were formulated, and a delegation appointed to present these proposals to the Minister of Justice.

The delegates came to Ottawa today and were introduced to Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, by Col. A. P. Sherwood, C. M. G., Commissioner of Dominion Police.

The improvements suggested by the police chiefs related to more stringent restrictions in regard to the sale and carrying of fire arms, also amendments to the code in reference to the fixing of bail under conviction or appeal, as well as suggestions respecting improvements in extradition procedure.

PAY OF MEMBERS OF NAVAL BANDS IS ESTABLISHED

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—An order in council has been issued establishing band ratings in the Canadian navy and prescribing rates of pay. The pay for bandmen ranges from 70 cents to \$1 a day and that of bandmaster from \$1.75 to \$3.29 a day.

QUIET DAY SPENT IN THE HOUSE

Discussion on New Departmental Buildings Only Enlivening Feature—Debate on Cable Rates was Postponed.

MACDONALD CHOOSES TO DISREGARD RULES.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—This has been another quiet working day. For a moment at the outset it looked as if there was to be a debate on cable rates. Within ten minutes of Mr. Speaker's taking the chair, the House resolved themselves into a series of disconnected episodes.

There was a discussion on the new departmental buildings in Ottawa. The Laurier government, it will be remembered, paid \$700,000 for a long narrow site between Major's Hill Park and Sussex street, and then concluded that it was too cramped. Mr. Monk dropped some remarks about purchasing a block which lies east of the present eastern block and the supposed court building. He also remarked on a project to install telephone exchanges in the different blocks.

The Liberals once more took up the matter of dismissals, and complaining loudly. Once more Mr. Monk stated his attitude. He would not undertake to hold an inquiry in every case; he must be allowed to use his discretion, it being impossible for him to investigate every case he had before a commissioner to do the work.

The discussion took a very wide range and the deputy speaker, Mr. Blondin, drew attention to the fact that debate must be relevant.

E. M. MacDonald angrily declared that he would say what he chose.

Mr. Borden replied that there were rules, and that the rules should be obeyed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier observed that any discussion in the public works department were relevant.

The mishap of the Niobe was recalled by B. B. Law. There is an appropriation of \$100,000 for improvements to Yarmouth harbor and Mr. Law made an outcry that this was insufficient.

Thereupon Mr. Davidson, of Annapolis, remarked that the harbor needed improving, as the Niobe had been shipwrecked in.

Loud vituperations from Mr. Law. He had to be called to order, but he made it clear that the Niobe had met her misfortune some miles away from Yarmouth harbor.

He was reminded, of course, that it was at his instance and insistence that the Niobe was sent to Yarmouth.

FIVE PAID EXTREME PENALTY YESTERDAY ON CHICAGO GALLOWES

Counsel Vainly Protested Four of Condemned Men Insane—Fifth Convicted on Finger-Print Evidence.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Five murderers were hanged in the county jail today, four of whom were executed. The counsel were vainly trying to obtain a stay order on the ground that their clients were insane, and one after another corpus proceedings in the federal court had been denied. The four were Frank S. Shillblawski, E. Wald Shillblawski, his brother, Phillip Sommerling and Thomas Schultz, slayers of Fred W. Gurelson, jr., a truck farmer who was robbed and murdered in the outskirts of the city last October.

The fifth was Thomas Jennings, a negro, who was convicted on finger print evidence of the murder of Clarence Miller, a railway official, whose home he attempted to rob in September, 1910. Jennings was the only one of the five who required assistance to mount the scaffold.

WANTS TO KNOW BEST HORSES FOR MOUNTED SERVICE

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, Feb. 16.—In view of the conference today between the board of fire writers and the city council, the latter body at special meeting tonight decided to ask the tramways, electric and gas company for a statement of the course it intended to pursue in the installation of natural gas. When this is obtained the information will be forwarded to the underwriters.

NEW YORK HAS SERIES OF WILD WEST HOLD-UPS

Bandits Operate in Most Crowded Section of City.

STILL AT LARGE.

Diamond Merchant Relieved of Wares to Value of \$1000 Within Block of Waldorf Astoria—Messengers Carry Arms

Special to The Standard.

New York, N. Y., Feb. 16.—The series of recent highway robberies in crowded New York streets of which yesterday's wild west hold up of a taxicab and the robbery of two bank messengers of \$25,000 in cash was the most sensational in years, was followed today and tonight by other hold-ups. George Horth, a dealer in diamonds with offices in the Maiden Lane jewelry district was robbed of a wallet containing \$1000 worth of diamonds by two men who jumped from a taxicab at the corner of 34th street and Fifth Ave.

Scores of vehicles were passing up and down the brilliantly lighted avenue at the time and within a block of the scene stood the Waldorf Astoria. Horth was beaten over the head by one of the men, while the other snatched the wallet from his inside coat pocket. The men then jumped back into the taxicab which disappeared in the maze of the Fifth Avenue traffic. The earlier robbery occurred in the Bronx in broad daylight, when William Dougherty, messenger for a business firm, was attacked and robbed of \$349, his firm's payroll which he was bringing from a branch of the Corn Exchange Bank. The robbery took place in a vacant lot and Dougherty's assailant escaped.

Scores of business men and bankers made application at police headquarters today for permission to carry revolvers, expressing their fear that they were not safe on the street with valuable in their possession.

The appearance in the Wall street district today of messengers accompanied by guards was an unusual sight as in recent years crooks have seldom if ever been known to attempt robberies beyond the imaginary dead line fixed by the police at Fulton street. Arrest on sight for the penalty for any crook known to the police who was seen below that street.

BRITISH PROPOSAL APPROVED BY SPAIN IN FRENCH DISPUTE

Madrid, Feb. 16.—A most important step in advance has been taken in the negotiations between Spain and France on the subject of Morocco. The Spanish government today accepted the British proposition in regard to the collecting of customs, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the liquidation of the Moroccan loans from 1904-1910.

Spain had entered a decided objection to the collection of the customs by the French acting as the representatives of the holders of the loans.

The British proposal provides for the appointment of a Franco-Spanish commission composed of six experts and this body is to be empowered to settle all questions relative to the Moroccan customs.

The only remaining question of importance between France and Spain with regard to Morocco is that of the territorial relations which are to be made.

LIKELY COUNCIL IN FARMERS' BANK CASE

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—The impression prevails here that Frank E. Cochrane, K. C., of Toronto, will be retained as government counsel in the proceedings before Sir William Meredith with regard to the Farmers Bank.

ANNUAL SOCIAL EVENT AT U.N.B.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Feb. 16.—The annual conversation at the University of New Brunswick is being held this evening and is proving one of the most brilliant social functions of the year. Upwards of 300 people are present and dancing is the principal amusement, there being eighteen dances and three extras on programmes. The chaperones are Messdames C. C. Jones, L. W. Bailey, F. P. Day, and John Stephens.

FRUIT MEN CONCLUDE SESSION

Several Important Resolutions Mark Sitzings of Third Dominion Conference of Horticulturists in Ottawa.

SUGGEST APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—With the passing of a number of important resolutions of concern to those engaged in the fruit growing industry throughout the country, the third Dominion conference of fruit growers came to a close in St. Patrick's hall this afternoon.

The chief resolutions passed were substantially as follows: That a board of three fruit dealers in each province be formed as a committee to advise in the appointment of inspectors; That \$10,000 be voted by the government as a grant to the next national apple show; provided that the promoters of the show are willing to offer \$20,000; That the government be requested to raise the tariff on peaches; That an apple box with a capacity of 2,300 cubic inches be made the legal standard throughout Canada, to come into effect within two years.

The question of most suitable shapes for fruit packages be left over to the next conference, with the understanding that in the meantime an investigation shall be made, preferably by the government.

That certificates be given fruit inspectors on the payment of a reasonable fee; that the government be urged to inspect as much as possible at the point of shipment and that the government have jolly market prices for the construction of three important bridges in Queens county. The tenders will be opened on March 4th, and the contract signed and the work proceeded with as soon as possible.

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HOPE TO SETTLE DISPUTE OF ATLANTIC FISHERIES

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Accompanied by Deputy Minister of Justice, Will Visit Washington to Discuss Question of Regulation of Atlantic Fisheries—Considered Likely Understanding is in View.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Hon. J. D. Hazen, minister of marine and fisheries and E. L. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, will leave tomorrow for Washington where they will confer with Right Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador, and the United States authorities on fishery matters. The principal subject to be discussed will be the questions of regulations for the Atlantic fisheries which is raised by The Hague tribunal award.

It will be remembered that the award provided that in case of difference of opinion rising as to the stability of these regulations, a mixed tribunal of experts should be convened. There have been differences, the United States objecting to the draft regulations submitted by Canada, the Laurier government, however, was disposed to favor the waiving of the mixed tribunal and trust to direct conference. Mr. Hazen goes to Washington in connection with this affair, his visit following upon a voluminous correspondence upon the subject.

DEFENDANTS READY TO TELL ALL THEY KNOW

Government Learns that Such is the Intention of Some of Those Arrested on Dynamite Charges.

LETTERS NOT WRITTEN TO PROMOTE CRIME.

Indianapolis, Feb. 16.—Intimations were said to have been received by the government today that some of the defendants in the dynamite conspiracy cases were preparing "to tell all they know." The statements followed the government's charges that 49,000 letters and telegrams taken from the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers showed that Frank M. Ryan, the president; Herbert S. Hocken, the second vice-president, and members of the executive board and business agents conducted the dynamite plots through the mail, pointed out "jobs" to be blown up, and maintained a system of destruction against non-union iron and steel contractors.

Asked if any negotiations had been opened with Hill concerning the defendants, United States District Attorney Charles Miller said, "I would not be surprised if it is shown soon that something like that had happened."

W. N. Harding, counsel for Ryan and International officials of the Iron Workers, held a long conference with Mr. Miller today, but it was not disclosed what was considered.

Between now and the arraignment before Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson here on March 15, the government will proceed with preparations for the trials which probably will be early in May. Some of the defendants reported in various cities as unable to secure bond, may be brought here within a week. It is said the government will question as many as possible. The federal grand jury which returned the indictments has not been dismissed and it is said if any information warrants it, the jury will be re-called.

In this connection it is stated that while the government brought indictments only in instances where it expected conviction to follow, many men were mentioned in the testimony who escaped indictment because of lack of evidence which later the government may come into possession of.

Concerning the letters quoted in the indictment Mr. Ryan said today: "It is unfair for the government to draw conclusions that these letters were written to promote crime. If any person reads all them he will see that they refer only to legitimate means of inducing contractors to unionize their work."

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THE PRESENT TRIP OF THE MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES AND THAT OF THE CANADIAN AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS HAVE AT LAST COME CLOSE ENOUGH TO A DEFINITE UNDERSTANDING IN REGARD TO THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS TO WARRANT A PERSONAL INTERVIEW BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO COUNTRIES.

At this interview, or at perhaps a series of interviews which will take place next week in Washington, it is expected that a final and satisfactory arrangement will be made. Draft regulations as suggested by the Canadian government, and by the United States governments, have been exchanged through Right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador at Washington, and the governments have arrived at something like common grounds.

During his stay in the United States capital the Minister of Marine and Fisheries will likely go over with the Ambassador such international fishery matters as still remain outstanding.

MARITIME CO. LTD. IS INCORPORATED

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Feb. 16.—Letters patent have been issued incorporating S. E. Elkin, F. E. Marvin, E. C. Elkin, H. A. Marvin and C. P. Nixon as the Maritime Co., Ltd., with a capital stock of \$25,000 and head office at St. John.

CONDITION OF MRS. MULLIN IMPROVING.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, Feb. 16.—The many friends of Mrs. M. Mullin, of St. Mary's, who underwent an operation at the Victoria hospital several days ago for internal troubles will be pleased to learn that the operation proved successful and her condition is slowly improving.