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Ontario Government Intends to Enter the Fish Business U.S. May Sign Agreement

GOVERNMENT TO FISHERIES PACT ENTER THE FISH BUSINESS MAY YET BE ARRANGED

Export of Fish Caught in Ontario Waters Will Be Prohibited, Government Will Manage the Business and Sell Direct to Consumers at Reasonable Prices.

The proper control of the fishing industry in Ontario waters is understood to be gaining the immediate consideration of the provincial government. The address of Hon. W. J. Hanna at Guelph last week foreshadowed the possibility of the administration taking a hand in the supply of this edible to the people at large as well as to those in the different provincial institutions. It would appear that the whole control of the fresh-water fish may be reserved to the crown, and that licenses will be issued to any who desire either to angle in sport or to develop the industry. The very first move would forbid the export of fish to markets outside the Dominion.

The attitude of the government is not disclosed by the ministers at the present time, but a suggestion has come before them to assume the managerial capacity of the business, and by placing a competent man in charge, to supply regularly the different fish markets of the province. The expenses of the undertaking would be met by the government and after the first stages were passed the enterprise would become self-supporting. The advantages of the proposed system would include a marked reduction in the price of the commodity to the consumer, and the supply of the provincial breakfast table with a food that belongs peculiarly to the province.

Basis of Charges.
It has been estimated that the prices charged would be based upon the cost of catching, the expense of administration and the delivery charges. There would be no company dividends to pay.

The right of prohibiting export is now possessed by the government by the same ruling as that affecting the export of sawlogs. Legislation might

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Dr. Hugh Smith, U.S. Chief Commissioner, is in Ottawa to Reopen Negotiations for Regulation of Inland Waters — President Wilson Anxious to Break Deadlock.

(Special to The Toronto World).
OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—What may be regarded as the final effort of Canada and the United States to reach an amicable and mutually satisfactory agreement as to the regulations for the future government of international inland fisheries, commenced here today, with the arrival in Ottawa of Dr. Hugh M. Smith, chief commissioner of United States fisheries. If the present negotiations fail, then each country will just have to get along as best it can under the present friction-creating conditions.

The question of international inland fisheries has been hanging fire for a number of years, much to the material inconvenience and annoyance of the Canadian interests concerned. Some three years ago the Washington authorities appointed Prof. David Starr Jordan as a commissioner to open negotiations with Ottawa, with a view to finding some satisfactory basis of agreement.

Previously in Deadlock.
After a series of conferences an agreement or treaty was reached, and submitted to the two governments for consideration and ratification. The Canadian Government was quite satisfied with the provisions, but the United States Congress, apparently influenced by representations of the Puget Sound fishing interests, refused to have anything to do with the agreement unless it of the most important clauses were practically slaughtered. This amended, however, the Canadian Government refused to put thru the measure, and the negotiations for the time being were called off.

Holds Out Olive Branch.
Another effort to settle the question was made two years ago by President Taft, who sent to Ottawa Hon. Job Hedges to reopen negotiations. Mr. Hedges and Prof. Prince, commissioner

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Rights of Labor Unions to Be Protected—Grain Growers Demand Free Wheat

MANITOBA MAY COPY ONTARIO IN ADOPTION OF HYDRO POLICY WATER POWERS REPORT READY

Churchill to Visit Germany

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, will spend a three-weeks' Christmas vacation in Germany, on what is described as a private visit. On the way to Germany he will spend two or three days in Paris, presumably to become acquainted with the new ministers.

Much curiosity has been aroused as to whether Mr. Churchill's visit is connected in any way with his recent proposals for a "naval holiday."

Engineers, After Six Months' Investigation, Have Presented Statement to Justice Robson, Special Commissioner—Transmission and Commercial Feasibility Will Be Dealt With.

(Special to The Toronto World).
OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The water power branch of the interior department has just completed a report on the extensive water power potentialities of Manitoba based on the work of a staff of engineers who have been engaged on the investigation for the past six months and closely surveyed the streams in all parts of the province. The object of the report is to help the government of Manitoba to decide whether it is wise for it to follow Ontario in the working out of a big public ownership hydro-electric scheme.

Mr. Justice Robson was appointed a commission to report on the whole problem, and it was at his request that the interior department sent out its engineers to report on the question of available water power. He will also deal with the question of transmission and the commercial feasibility of the whole scheme.

The report of the engineers with all the data and plans has been sent to Mr. Justice Robson, and pending his receipt of it no information can be obtained from the department here.

CURRENCY BILL GIVEN SUPPORT

Wilson Forces Showed Strength in Test Vote — Owen Plan's Adoption Foreshadowed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Victory for the administration forces in the first test of strength on the currency reform bill marked today's session of the senate. The vote, 40 to 35, tabled a substitute offered by Senator Hitchcock for section two of the administration bill proposing a system of four regional banks, with a possible increase to eight, the regional bank stock to be owned by the public.

The defeat of this amendment practically insured the adoption of the Owen plan, which provides for from eight to twelve regional banks, with the stock owned by the national banks that become members of the respective regional banks. The Democratic leaders claimed that the result of the test vote, involving one of the most important features of the bill, indicated the complete success of the administration measure.

Efforts to get an agreement for a time to begin final voting on the bill were not successful today, but leaders on both sides of the chamber looked forward to an early termination of the debate and for final action before the end of the week.

PRICE BUREAU PROBE BEGINS JANUARY FIFTH

Judge Denton and Eric Armour Will Conduct Enquiry Into Architect's Department.

Judicial investigation of the charges of Ald. Wanless against the efficiency of the city architect's department is to commence on Jan. 5, at 2 p.m., before Judge Denton. This date has been agreed upon by Judge Denton and Eric Armour, counsel for the city.

Ald. Wanless has had his case ready for several weeks. It was considered advisable to wait until the Christmas holidays and the municipal elections were over before opening the investigation.

APPEAL SENTENCE ON FORMER MEAFORD MAN

Affidavits of Sensational Character in Behalf of Milton Meyers.

MOOSE JAW, Sask., Dec. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Judge J. Newlands this afternoon granted O. R. Regan permission to appeal to the court en banc at Regina against the sentence of five years for manslaughter imposed upon Milton Meyers, formerly of Meaford, Ont., in connection with the death of Sarah McKean who died following a criminal operation. Affidavits have been secured by Mr. Regan of a most sensational character which, it is stated, throw an entirely new light upon the case.

GERMAN STEAMER LOST THIRTY MEN DROWNED

Iron Vessel Found Floating Bottom Up Believed to Be Narvik.

EMDEN, Germany, Dec. 15.—(Can. Press.)—An iron vessel floating bottom up off Schiermonnikoog, an island in the North Sea, is believed to be the German steamer Narvik from Lubeck. The pilot's body has been found, but there is no trace of the crew of thirty. The Narvik was built in 1905. Its owners are L. Fossell & Co. She is of 3575 tons, and her home port is Lubeck.

WOMEN WILL ASK EVERY CITY TO VOTE

Referendum on Franchise Extension to Be Taken Next Year in Every Ontario City is Dr. Margaret Gordon's Announcement—Association Hall Meeting a Pre-Celebration.

"A referendum on the extension of the franchise to married women will next year be taken in every city in Ontario," declared Dr. Margaret Gordon, president of the Toronto Suffrage Association, before a mass meeting held in Association Hall last night, in favor of the referendum to be voted on in Toronto on Jan. 1.

With the mayor and two of the controllers asserting that the referendum would carry by a large majority, the meeting might be described as a pre-celebration of the victory to come. Dr. James L. Hughes, as representative of the Men's Equal Suffrage League, was chairman.

"In asking the same rights as the widows and spinsters, the married women are but asking a small instalment of what they would get, and it is what they should have had long ago," said Mayor Hooken. "I hope the citizens will vote so overwhelmingly in favor of this that our friends in Queen's Park will be forced to withdraw all opposition to it."

Practical to do everything in his power, Controller Foster said that the fact that the referendum would carry

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FINES FOR DISCRIMINATION AGAINST TRADES UNIONISTS

Minister of Labor Proposes to Penalize Employers Who Blacklist Union Members—Intimidation by Strikers to Be Made Offence Against Law.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—To prohibit under penalty of a heavy fine any employer dismissing from employment or refusing employment to any workman by reason of his holding office or being directly interested in a labor union or organization, is the effect of an amendment which, it is understood, will be made to the Industrial Disputes Act by the government during the coming session of parliament.

But from the point of view of the men, the act will also be amended to make it unlawful to practice any kind of intimidation, abuse or insult, even to the shouting of "scab" and "blackleg," in connection with any strike or labor dispute.

In other words, a man should be allowed by an employer to be a member of a union, but the men should allow a fellow-workman to work whether he is a member of a union or not. There should be perfect freedom of action.

The minister of labor believes strongly that legislation on these lines is necessary. The recommendations were made by Samuel Price, K.C., who investigated the Vancouver Island strikes.

The request of the Trades and Labor Congress that dismissed labor men should be regarded as employees of the company and so be entitled to a board of conciliation, will be granted, and this will form part of the amended act.

MANY VILLAGES SWEEP BY LAVA

Heavy Loss of Life Reported in Ambrim Island of New Hebrides Group.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Dec. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Despatches from Noumea, capital of the French Colony of New Caledonia, report that great destruction has been wrought by a volcanic eruption in Ambrim Island, of the New Hebrides group. Six new craters were formed on the west coast Dec. 5. The following day Mount Minnie collapsed and many villages were overwhelmed by streams of molten lava. The majority of the inhabitants sought refuge in canoes and boats, and a steamer rescued 500 of them.

No casualties are reported among the white population, whose numbers are small, but it is feared that many natives have perished.

Ambrim Island is about 50 miles in circumference and is somewhat sparsely inhabited.

Give Furs for Christmas.

It is the desire of everyone giving a present to have it appreciated. For a lady it is safe to count on furs creating the utmost joy. The luxury, comfort and style that go with a set of rich furs such as are being offered at greatly reduced prices at Dinsens, 140 Yonge street, are ample recompense to any giver.

A visit to this old-established house will solve the "present" problem quickly and profitably. A call before the extra busy days is advised.

VIOLENT SHOCK FELT IN TOKIO

Earthquake Covered Large Area and Created Great Alarm—No Known Casualties.

TOKIO, Dec. 15.—(Can. Press.)—The strongest earthquake in several years occurred here today and was felt over an extensive area. Houses in Tokio and Yokohama were violently rocked and the people were greatly alarmed. So far as can be learned there were no casualties, and the damage was confined to windows and brick-a-brac.

The yearly average earthquake record for Tokio is 96, according to the result of observations extending over 255 years. During the last 52 years only two severe shocks have been experienced, one in 1884 and the other ten years later.

PERUGIA'S EXAMINATION RATHER DIFFICULT TASK

FLORENCE, Dec. 15.—(Can. Press.)—Two officials of the Paris department of police arrived here today to investigate the circumstances surrounding the discovery of "Mona Lisa." Difficulties are arising with reference to the procedure in the examination of Vincenzo Peruggia, because the crime was committed outside of Italian territory. The French police officials can neither interrogate Peruggia nor be present at his examination.

GRAIN GROWERS WILL APPEAL FOR FREE WHEAT AND FLOUR BEFORE BORDEN CABINET TODAY

Ottawa to Be City Beautiful

(Special to The Toronto World).
OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Work has started on the reorganization of the federal capital. The surveys are covering a radius of fifteen miles from Parliament Hill. The new federal district will include Hull.

SAYS HE WOULD NOT PAY GRAFT

Chinaman Asserts That He Was Promised Protection From Police by Freemasons.

Called in his own defence, when charged yesterday afternoon before Judge Denton with stealing money during the progress of a fan game in the Oriental Club in October, Lee Den declared that he was the victim of the vengeance of the Chinese Freemasons, 192 York street. He told the court that he was being persecuted because he had refused to pay "hush" money to the Freemasons, and not because he stole the \$20. During his testimony Lee Den swore that the Freemasons had told him that they could give him police protection while running fan games at the Oriental Club at 10 1/2 Elizabeth street, and that if he paid them \$1.25 for every table used for fan tan in the club he would be exempt from police interference.

The case is a complicated one, and it will be some time before it is concluded. Hartley H. Dewar, K.C., and W. A. Henderson, K.C., are appearing for Lee Den, while Crown Attorney Greer is prosecuting. Ing Loi is the complainant.

VILLAGE CLERK DROPPED DEAD

James Gough of Port Stanley Died Suddenly as He Was Reading Council Minutes.

(Special to The Toronto World).
PORT STANLEY, Ont., Dec. 15.—Death came with awful suddenness this evening to James Gough, a highly respected citizen of this village. Mr. Gough had been clerk of the village for 20 years, and this evening, while reading the minutes at the meeting of the council, he dropped to the floor and expired before any of the councilmen could render him assistance. He leaves a widow, five sons and two daughters.

EXAGGERATED EGO IS PRINCE ALBERT'S FAULT

Little Western Town Rather High Roller, Says London 'Change.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(C.A.P.)—Commenting on poor public response to the million dollar City of Prince Albert issue 6 1/2 per cent, of which has been left in underwriters' hands The Daily Mail says: "Explanation is to be found largely in the criticism directed against the loan in stock exchange, it being contended that Prince Albert is borrowing too freely in proportion to its size and importance."

BRIEF SHUTDOWN AT CANADIAN CAR PLANT

Orders Have Slacked and Opportunity for Repairs is Thus Afforded.

IMPROVEMENT SLATE ALREADY IS CRACKED

Some "Candidates" Will Not Run, While Others Still Are Undecided.

The effort of the Civic Improvement Association to put men into the aldermanic field has not been very successful so far. Harry Ryle, A. R. Clarke and William Stone have refused a nomination, and Walter Harland Smith, H. F. Gooderham and W. D. Lummis have not yet made up their minds to run.

George H. Gooderham, M.L.A., steadily refuses to declare himself a candidate for the majority.

Duty-Free Agricultural Imple-

ments and Increase in British Preference Among Other Requests — Want Railway Rates Referred to Parliament for Quick Action.

(Special to The Toronto World).
OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—Representatives of the western grain growers, together with Ontario delegates to the national council of agriculture, arrived today and will be received tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock by the prime minister and the cabinet. They are here to demand the removal of the duties upon wheat, flour and wheat products, free agricultural implements; a sweeping reduction in, or removal of the duties upon farm products, lumber and cement, and an immediate increase in the British preference.

The western men are unanimous in saying that the free wheat and freer trade generally between Canada and the United States will afford some immediate relief from the present exorbitant freight rates thru American railway competition.

Parliament Must Act.
As to the railway situation generally, the opinion is freely expressed that the equality of rates between eastern and western Canada can only be secured by parliamentary action. It is now pretty well understood that whatever order may be made by the railway commission in the western freight rates enquiry will be taken on appeal for review by the governor-general-in-council.

It is therefore thought that the government should deal with the situation at once by a reference to parliament. The deputation will also strongly protest against the granting of further railway subsidies.

Free Trade With Britain.
A number of the matters to be dealt with tomorrow in respect of the tariff are to be found in the resolutions passed by the Western Grain Growers at Brandon last October, which declared as follows:

"1. That we urge the parliament of Canada to increase at its first session, the British preference to at least 50 per cent, and to provide for gradual increase from year to year until we have free trade with Great Britain in five years.

"2. That parliament accept the offer of the United States of a free interchange of all agricultural and animal products between Canada and the United States.

"3. That all foodstuffs be provided for in the above offer of the United States be transferred to the free list.

"4. That agricultural implements, lumber and cement be transferred to the free list.

"5. That, pending the passage of legislation asked for herein, any duties now imposed under the Canadian customs tariff, which are the means of countervailing duties being imposed against any food products of Great Britain by any foreign country, be immediately removed.

"6. That any tariff or trade concession granted to any other country be immediately extended to Great Britain."

Representative Gathering.
Among the delegates are: C. E. Platt, Tantallon, Sask.; J. A. Maharg, Moose Jaw, and F. W. Green, Moose Jaw, representing the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association; E. Carwell, Red Deer; Rice Sheppard, Edmonton, representing the United Farmers of Alberta; R. C. Henderson, Culross, Roderick MacKenzie, Winnipeg, representing the Manitoba Grain Growers' Association; James McEwen, Crayton, and W. S. Good, Brantford, representing the Ontario Grange.

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