

RECIPROCIITY GETS FEATH BLOW

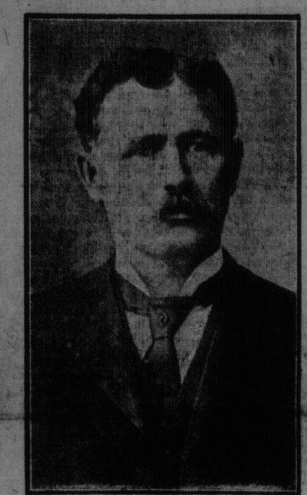
MR. HARTT TO MOVE ADDRESS

Arrangements Being Made For Opening Of Legislature On Thursday — Government Meets Day Before.

Fredericton, Feb. 23.—Premier Hazen arrived from St. John this morning and is a guest at the Barker House. His visit is in connection with the preliminary arrangements for the opening of the session of the New Brunswick Legislature a week from today.

The Premier will return to St. John this evening, but will be back in Fredericton early next week to remain for the session. The Provincial Government will meet on Wednesday next to consider the legislative programme for the session and take up other matters of routine business.

Mr. Hartt To Move Address. It is understood that T. A. Hartt, member for Charlotte County, has been asked to move the address in reply to the speech from the Throne at the opening of the Legislature and that he has accepted. Mr. Hartt is



MR. T. A. HARTT, M. P. P. He will move the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne in Legislature.

a forceful and interesting speaker and will, no doubt, discharge the duties in an excellent manner.

No announcement has been made as yet as to who will second the address in reply to the Speech from the Throne.

Captain P. A. Guthrie has been appointed by Lt. Col. the Hon. H. F. McLeod to command the Guard of Honor at the opening of the Legislature.

The guard will be furnished by H. Company of the Royal Canadian Regiment about forty strong, with a number to be selected from the 71st Regiment to complete the guard.

The 71st Regiment Band will furnish music. The substitutes will be Lieut. Benjamin H. Wade, of a Company, and Lieut. Horace Vanart, of the Signal Corps. The adjutant has not yet been selected but may be Major Sansom, of Stanley.

ANOTHER RESOLUTION BY MEDICOTIC BOARD

Start Movement To Have Representatives Attend Political Conventions And Secure Pledge For Valley Railway.

Medicott, N. B., Feb. 23.—A largely attended meeting of the Medicott Board of Trade was held this evening when, after an address by W. S. Tompkins, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That this Board of Trade appoint a committee to confer with other Boards of Trade along the St. John Valley for the purpose of appointing delegates to attend political conventions when provincial and federal candidates are nominated."

The following committee was appointed: Allan Dow, Farris Dickinson, Milne Dow, Horace Johnston, Arvid Tompkins, Hartley London, Burden E. Dow, Judson Hillman, J. D. Porter, Arnold Dickinson, R. E. Patterson and George Simms.

The committee was appointed with the idea that concerted action may be taken by the Boards of Trade along the St. John Valley in the direction of urging the claims of the residents of that section of the province in favor of a St. John Valley Railway. If the two political parties in the province do not pledge their candidates to support the St. John Valley Railway, it is possible that the advocates of the railway may nominate independent candidates. This is left, however, to the discretion of the committee.

A committee was also appointed to correspond with A. B. Wilmut with the view to having more of the many immigrants being brought to the province settled in this section of the province.

TROUBLE OVER APPOINTMENT

French Canadians Demand To Be Represented Among Commanding Officers On Coronation Trip.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—A protest against the appointment of Lieut. Col. James W. Woods as second in command of the Canadian militia contingent to the coronation has been laid by several members of parliament, chiefly French Canadians, who demand that a French Canadian officer be given one at least of the leading appointments in the corps.

The name of Col. Landry, a son of Senator Landry and an excellent officer, is mentioned as one who should be given the position of second in command under Col. McLean.

Whether the appointment of Col. Woods will be upset or not remains to be seen, but if not it is said that there will be wigs on the green.

Col. Woods has only been two years in the militia and his name is connected with some unsavory deals entered into by Hon. Wm. Pugsley and the public works department which have been aired in the public accounts committee and the House.

SENATORS TALK ON GRAIN BILL

Senator Lougheed Believes Drastic Legislation Is Necessary—Reciprocity Would Give Trade To Port Arthur.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—In the Senate today Senator Lougheed resumed the debate on the grain bill. An examination of the bill showed that a commission was to be appointed to deal with the grain question.

The government had given much attention to grain inspection, but had not succeeded so far in checking irregular practices of mixing in terminal elevators. He read an article which stated that 70 inspectors had failed for years to stop a practice which took money from the pockets of the farmers for the benefit of elevator men and to the detriment of the reputation in Liverpool of Canada's wheat if the law had been properly administered in the past he thought such extensive frauds as had been alleged could not have been practiced.

The new bill proposed to remedy this and though the plan was somewhat paternal, he in view of the frauds which had been reported, thought the legislation was justified.

In the opinion of Senator Lougheed the proposed reciprocity agreement would result in the bulk of Canadian wheat being taken out of the country at points west of the great lakes and it would not pass through the Port William and Port Arthur elevators at key.

How did the government propose to protect the standard of the Canadian wheat which went out of the country by this route? The bill was premature, it should follow the reciprocity decision, and if reciprocity was agreed upon, there should be protection of standards for grain crossing the boundary west.

CANADIAN MURDERED IN BOSNIA, AUSTRIA

James McGarvey Killed And His Wife Badly Wounded In Conflict At Crosseby—Oil Operator.

Toronto, Feb. 23.—A cablegram received today stated that James McGarvey, one of the best known oil operators in Canada, was murdered, and his wife, Julia, badly wounded today at Crosseby, Bosnia. No details were given.

McGarvey is 45 years old, and had been connected with the oil business in all parts of Canada and the United States. His brother, Albert McGarvey, is with him.

Bosnia is one of the two provinces of Turkey annexed by Austria two years ago.

RAINBOW ARRIVES WITH HER PRIZE

Vancouver, Feb. 23.—The Canadian cruiser Rainbow arrived here today with the captured American gasoline schooner Edrie, in tow. The Edrie is owned by the Cloupeck Fish Company, of Seattle, and valued at \$25,000. It was seized on a charge of poaching in Canadian waters in the neighborhood of Heckate Strait.

OPPOSITION LEADER SHOWS ADOPTION OF AGREEMENT WILL MEAN FARMERS' RUIN

Twelve Favored Nations Can Rush Products Into Canada with No Reciprocal Proviso -- Danish Butter Would Swamp Market and Put Dairies Out of Business--Wormed Out of Mr. Fielding.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 23.—What is regarded by the enemies of the reciprocity agreement as its deathblow, was dealt today by R. L. Borden. He proved from the Danish butter receipts that the farmers of Canada would be delivered into the hands of their trade rivals of many countries, that they have been sold, not only to the United States, but to twelve other nations under the favored nation treaties.

The scene in the House was at times wild and turbulent, and it was always seething with excitement. The members had expected a quiet academic debate like the battle of yesterday, but the string and rapidly bequeathed it became evident that there would be doings.

Dr. Reid questioned Mr. Fielding regarding the effect of the agreement upon the favored nations.

Forced To Answer. The finance minister would give no satisfaction, but finally Mr. Borden forced him to give the House and the country a definite understanding where Canada really stood. Mr. Fielding for a while was evasive in his answers, but the opposition leader pinned him down to direct questions. He asked if each of the twelve favored nations would be able to send their produce into the Dominion on the same terms as the United States, that is if they would be able to send it in free.

Mr. Fielding was compelled to answer "Yes."

HE ADMITTED ALSO INDIRECTLY THAT CANADA WOULD NOT ENJOY THE EQUAL PRIVILEGE OF RECEIVING HER PRODUCE FREE INTO THESE COUNTRIES. IN SCATHING LANGUAGE THE CONSERVATIVE LEADER DENOUNCED THIS AS BETRAYAL OF THE CANADIAN FARMER AND DR. REID SHOWED THAT MR. FIELDING HAD MADE A COMPACT WHEREBY THE DANISH BUTTER MAKERS, THE FINEST BUTTER MAKERS IN THE WORLD, WOULD BE ABLE TO CORNER THE CANADIAN MARKET WITH THEIR BUTTER, AND SELLING AT A LOWER PRICE THAN CANADIAN BUTTER, SWEEP THE CANADIAN FARMER OUT OF HIS OWN NATURAL MARKET.

In return for the favor of getting butter into Canada free, the Canadian farmer would get nothing free into Denmark. Danish produce going into that country would still be subject to the high duties. And so with the Argentine and all the other favored nations. Their produce would come in free.

The Canadian farmer would have to compete on his native heath not only with the United States, but with all the great producing countries while these would still keep their doors barred against him.

C. L. Owen, East Northumberland, read a telegram from Washington stating that Senator Cummings had moved that the reciprocity agreement be amended so as to admit into the United States the manufactured products of Canada. He asked if this was done at Washington would the Canadian government take similar action.

Mr. Fielding replied that such action on the part of the United States would not affect the agreement because the United States was at perfect liberty to make additional concessions. As to what Canada would do he thought it would be well to receive such a proposition before replying to it.

Presentation of Memorials. Mr. Foster asked for copies of all the memorials in regard to the agreement so far brought down. "It is getting quite interesting," he said, "and we should have them all."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—"Hear, Hear." For over an hour the House did nothing but listen to the presentation of memorials and resolutions passed by various bodies in regard to the tariff agreement.

Gus Porter, East Hastings, started the ball rolling by presenting a statement on behalf of the Straw Board manufacturers who claim that they will suffer on account of the provision that paper which sells for four cents or less will be duty free.

Mr. Knowles presented a resolution passed by the Swift Current Board of Trade averring that the agreement had met with the approval of the people of Saskatchewan and that freer trade relations with the United States would not affect the loyalty of the people of that part of the Dominion.

A. S. Goodlove followed with a number of petitions from the fruit growers of the Kootenay district.

W. S. Middlebroth then drew the attention of the government to the resolution passed by the Associated Boards of Trade of Ontario against the agreement, noting that it was moved by a Liberal and seconded by Hon. E. J. Davies, at one time a member of an Ontario Liberal government.

Mr. Fielding said that the only new point in Mr. Middlebroth's remarks was his appreciation of Mr. Davies. He was glad to see he had changed his opinion of him.

Winnipeg Against. F. R. Lafer, of Haldimand came next with the resolution of the Winnipeg board of trade, which he noted had been seconded by D. C. Cameron, the Liberal candidate at the last general election. It declared against reciprocity.

E. B. Law, of Yarmouth, followed with the unanimous resolution of the Farmers' association of Yarmouth, which, he said, consisted of both Liberals and Conservatives. It favored reciprocity.

David Henderson, of Halton, retorted by reading a resolution passed by the fruit growers of Burlington district protesting against the removal of the duty on fruit.

REVENUE LEADER SHOWS SALARIES TOO LOW UNDER PLAN OF COMMISSION

Cedar Rapids Representatives Find They Lose Money By Serving City—Best Men Do Not Offer.

In the following article by H. V. Mackinnon, The Standard's representative who is investigating commission government in Cedar Rapids, several of the commissioners are interviewed and important points relating to the salaries paid, the class of men who are elected and their individual opinions on civic government, are brought out.

Personnel of Council. Cedar Rapids, Feb. 16. Matt. J. Miles, mayor, real estate broker.

Henry Bennett, Commissioner of Public Safety, fire underwriter.

Percy Smith, Commissioner of Public Improvements, civil engineer.

Wm. H. Stepanek, Commissioner of Finance, hardware merchant.

A. S. Reid, Commissioner of Parks, life insurance agent.

The above five men form the commission now governing Cedar Rapids. The question has often been asked: "Are the best men brought out under the commission plan? Perhaps not always, but at any rate the people of Cedar Rapids look upon their present commissioners as fairly good men."

The great secret, however, is that the people of Cedar Rapids, sick, sore and tired of former conditions are almost without exception, boosting their new scheme, boasting their commissioners, praising everything that is done, backing the efforts of their officials for good government and taking a deep personal interest in the welfare of the city.

With such a feeling as now prevails here an absolutely autocratic government could not be other than a pronounced success.

Of the present commission, the mayor is an Irish Catholic, the financial man is a Bohemian, two are Democrats, three are Republicans and two belong to the Masonic Order. It took a considerable amount of enquiry to elicit these facts. The Parks Commissioner did not know that the mayor was a Catholic. The engineer believed the Democratic finance man was a staunch Republican. So glad are the people to have a change from the old political regime that they have completely eliminated all class and religious feeling. This is a real advance, so real as to be almost unnoticed.

The mayor receives a salary of \$2,500, the others \$1,800 each. Does this pay them? No! Most decidedly it does not. The city solicitor, who receives a salary of \$2,500, is an appointed official and has no election expenses. While he is permitted to continue his private practice, it is found that city affairs occupy practically his entire time.

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TO CARRY OUT REPORT OF GENERAL FRENCH

Sir Fred Borden Tells Artillery Officers He Was Pleased With Comment Of Inspector General On Their Branch.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—"We intend to carry out Sir John French's report so far as the whole force in Canada is concerned, perhaps not as rapidly as we would like, but not less rapidly than we have been progressing in this department in the last seven or eight years. The artillery will be recruited and increased to the strength it should have and the cavalry and infantry also."

This announcement was made by Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia and defence, to the annual meeting of the Canadian Artillery Association in the railway committee rooms of the House of Commons.

This afternoon Sir Frederick stated that the report had been eminently pleasant reading to him in so far as the artillery of Canada was concerned and he thought it should be very satisfactory to the militia as a whole. General French had not considered in his report and had not been expected to do so, the difficulties existing in Canada as regards the forming of regiments.

He has been expected to report on the force as he found it, as a unit ready to take the field, and he had done so.

Col. Benoit, of Montreal, was elected president of the association; C. H. L. Sherman, of Ottawa, secretary, and Lt. Col. Hurdman, Ottawa, treasurer.

REV. Z. B. GRASS UNDER ARREST

Minister At Moncton Charged With Setting Fire To His Residence Sunday Evening — Street Railway Work.

Moncton, Feb. 23.—Rev. Z. B. Grass, Reformed Baptist minister, was arraigned in the police court here this afternoon, charged with setting fire to his residence on Robinson street, last Sunday evening. It appears from the evidence that Mr. Grass was left alone in his house on Sunday evening, other members of the household going to the Central Methodist church, where the accused appeared later.

The fire was discovered in the attic where kindlings, partly burned paper, and a torch were found. The case was adjourned until Friday morning at the request of the counsel for the accused.

The complaint was laid by Chief of Police Rideout. Mr. Grass has not had any settled pastorate of late. He owned the house in which he lived, but is said to have been somewhat in debt.

Street Railway Plans. The city council tonight met in conference with officials of the Moncton Tramway, Electricity and Gas Co. and approved of their plans. The officials stated that work would commence at once on the installation of natural gas and construction of the street railway.

Electric Shock. A Rankine Smith, a nephew of Mrs. W. S. Fielding, of Ottawa, while splicing electric wires at the L. C. R. shops this afternoon, received a severe shock, from which he was unconscious for some hours. He was taken to the hospital for treatment, but his condition tonight is not regarded as serious.

NO INCREASE IN R. R. RATES

Decision Of Interstate Commerce Commission Goes Against Both Eastern And Western Lines.

Washington, Feb. 23.—The Interstate Commerce Commission decides against the railroads in both the "eastern" and "western" cases. The decision eagerly awaited by railroads and shippers alike, was handed down late this afternoon.

The cases are the most important that have ever come before the commission. The decisions were in the nature of a surprise to railroad officials and other exporters, who had followed closely the proceedings, a majority of whom believed the commission would grant some increase to the western lines if not to the eastern.

After considering exhaustively the whole subject, however, from every view point, the commission could not see its way clear to grant any advance in rates, although it concedes that in the case of some of the roads an increased revenue is needed. In what is known as the Eastern case, the commission was embarrassed by the admitted fact that several of the lines in the territory were paying good dividends upon existing rates, while other carriers in the same territory were barely able to make both ends meet—a few of them scarcely that.

SIR EDWARD GREY FAVORS PEAGE BOARD

British Foreign Minister Approves American Suggestion For Arbitration Commission, And Will Consider Resol'n.

London, Feb. 23.—The American suggestion for the appointment of a British peace commission to act with similar commissions of other countries in the furtherance of the principle of arbitration and international concord, is again brought to the front in a letter written by Sir Edward Grey in reply to an inquiry on the subject from Duncan Varon Pierie, M.P., a member of the council of the Inter-parliamentary Union.

The British foreign secretary says that Mr. Reid conferred with him on the matter in December when he informed the American ambassador that this government had the deepest interest in the plan for an international agreement and for this purpose would be prepared to enter upon a frank and full exchange of views with the United States government on the subject and to lend support to any well considered and practical proposition that might be put forward by the American government.

Sir Edward added that the British government would welcome the joint resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives and would look forward with sympathetic interest to the conclusions arrived at by the proposed commission. If the latter were able to formulate a plan on definite lines the same would receive most friendly consideration by the British government.

FREIGHT SHEDS BURNED. Gloucester, Ont., Feb. 23.—At four o'clock this afternoon the Grand Trunk freight sheds here were burned to the ground with heavy loss, the building being well filled with goods. A spark from an engine is believed to be the cause.

NEW COINAGE. Ottawa, Feb. 23.—The first of the new George V. coinage to be turned out in Canada, was struck off at the Ottawa branch of the royal mint today. They are gold English sovereigns for which the dies were received from England a few days ago.

ACCIDENT TO N. S. GOVERNOR

Opening Of Legislature Delayed While Repairs To Windsor Uniform Are Being Effected — Speech From Throne.

Halifax, Feb. 23.—The Nova Scotia legislature was opened this afternoon by Governor Macgregor, who was received with a salute from the Citadel and a guard of honor at the legislative building. The speech referred with satisfaction to the settlement by the Hague tribunal of the long standing controversy between Great Britain and the United States in reference to the fisheries in Canadian and Newfoundland waters.

His Honor referred to the advertising programme of the provincial government in Great Britain, which had been carried on with vigor, the information disseminated regarding Nova Scotia having the effect of making the resources of Nova Scotia more widely known.

"It afforded me much pleasure," the governor said, "as my first official act, to welcome the advent to our shores of His Majesty's Canadian ship Niobe."

The opening of the Canadian naval college in Halifax was a matter of interest as a part of the establishment of a Canadian naval service. He was hopeful that one of the direct results of this policy would be the revival of the shipbuilding industry, which in former years afforded employment to such large numbers.

His Honor said the provincial government was represented at the provincial conference in Ottawa to consider the expediency of suggesting amendments to the act of the British parliament which fixes the number of representatives of each province in the federal parliament. The conference adjourned without coming to a decision but he felt confident that the justice of the contention put forth by this government will receive full recognition.

EMBARRASSING ACCIDENT

A remarkable incident occurred as Governor Macgregor was about leaving Government house to open the legislature. In some way he fell on the sword of one of his aides de camp. The sudden movement to attempt to avoid an accident or minimize its consequences was so great that the breeches of His Honor's new Windsor uniform were ripped from the knee to the thigh.

It was only a minute or two of the time for the Governor's appearance at the legislative hall, but there had to be delay to give time to effect temporary repairs, and the crowd of spectators at the legislative chamber had quite a long wait. The governor sustained no personal injury.

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