

## EDUCATION OF A TECHNICAL NATURE

Subject Discussed in Commons  
GUTHRIE'S RESOLUTION  
Assistance Asked in Establishing Service Between Canada and the Antipodes

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 6.—The subject of technical education, or rather, the subject of lack of technical education in Canada, was the chief subject of debate in the Commons to-day. Hugh Guthrie (South Wellington) raised the question in moving a resolution providing for the appointment of a Royal Commission of inquiry to investigate the needs of Canada in respect to technical education, and to report on ways and means by which these needs may best be met.

Mr. Guthrie, in his speech, pointed out the need for more adequate training of artisans, but splitting on the question, practically all agreeing as to the advantages that would accrue to the industrial and economic welfare of the country from following the example of Germany and other European countries in giving greater encouragement to more adequate training of artisans, but splitting on the question as to the wisdom of the Federal Government interfering in education which came exclusively within the jurisdiction of provinces.

Hon. McKenzie King, in an effective and well-received maiden speech, pointed out the need for more adequate system of technical education, but at the same time, on behalf of the Government, said that action in the matter should be left to the provinces.

## SIX NURSES GRADUATE FROM TRAINING SCHOOL

Receive Diplomas at Public Exercises This Evening—An Interesting Program.

Six young ladies will graduate this evening from the training school of the St. John Hospital and will receive their diplomas with appropriate ceremonies.

The graduates are: Misses Blanche Gregory, George Collins, Margaret Murdoch, Blanche McDonald, Grace Truman, and Estelle Fowler. They have completed three years of arduous training and are fully qualified for their chosen profession.

At the exercises this evening the President, Dr. Thos. Walker, will occupy the chair, and will present the diplomas. Rev. G. M. Plagden and Fred McKean, and refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the programme.

## WINTER PORT NEWS

The steamer Montrose of the C. P. R. line will leave port at daybreak tomorrow. The steamer will carry a large general cargo.

This morning application was made to the Board of Health for a death certificate of the late Stanley Riddell. The certificate is desired in order that it may be presented to relatives in England.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba will reach port tomorrow from Liverpool. She is bringing 88 cabin and 188 steerage passengers.

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## NEW FLEET OF BIG STEAMERS

Ocean Highway Between Canada and England Gets New Line

MacKenzie and Mann Purchase Two Twenty-Knot Steamers

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Sir Montagu Allan Hopes for Steamers to Compete With Lusitania

MONTREAL, QUE., Dec. 6.—Mr. William MacKenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, who has just returned from a trip to England, has purchased two first-class steamers to form the nucleus of a fleet for the Atlantic trade to be run in connection with the C.N.R. lines.

The new departure which this acquisition indicates is of the greatest significance as far as the purpose and destiny of the Canadian Northern is concerned, as it means that the far-reaching heads of the company mean to be prepared with their fleets as soon as they get their transcontinental line in which there are still some pretty big gaps linked together.

President William MacKenzie was here on Saturday, and it is understood that the principal object of his visit was the organization of a steamship department at the present time the company has no special steamship agents at this port, but have distributed their export business over several lines. By organizing a steamship department of its own, therefore, there will be no rupture of existing ties on the part of the Canadian Northern.

It is reported that the Cairo and the Heliopolis are practically 20-knot steamers on the Mediterranean, but it is doubtful if they would make so high an average speed on the Atlantic. Their passenger accommodation is of the highest order, and they are graceful and elegant, of the best French build.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, will leave this evening for New York to sail on the Lusitania on Wednesday for England. It is understood his journey is partly for a rest, but that while in England he will look into the ordering of new steamships for the Atlantic service.

Sir Montagu Allan, who returned to Montreal from Europe this morning, stated that when the Allan Line mail contract expired in 1911, he hoped the Government of Canada would see its way to call for 21 knot steamships to compete with the Lusitania and Mauritania. These vessels the Allan Line were ready to furnish.

He denied absolutely having accepted the high commissionership, and was surprised at mention of the rumour.

## PROPOSITION TO RUN G.T.P. BY ELECTRICITY

Through Forest Lands of N. B. and Quebec—Gathering at Ottawa Will Discuss Proposal.

On December 15th there will be a meeting in Ottawa for the purpose of discussing a proposal that the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company should operate the road through New Brunswick with electricity, in order to protect the forest lands from fires. There will be at the meeting representatives of the provincial, Quebec and federal governments, the commissioners of the G.T.P., the railway commissioner and private companies. The local government will be represented by three members of the executive, and Hon. J. P. Bouchill and Mr. J. P. Byrne, the mover and seconder of the resolution.

Mr. E. B. Ryan, secretary of the Transcontinental Railway, will be present on behalf of his company. The Montreal Lumber Company, the Alexander Lumber Company, the N. B. Lumber and Manufacturing Company, and the Grand Falls Power Company are among the private corporations that will be represented. The chairman of the Railway Commission will represent that body, while Sir Wilfrid Laurier and members of his cabinet will represent the federal government. As the new railway also runs through valuable forest lands in the province of Quebec Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec or a member of his cabinet, will be present to submit the views of his province upon the matter.

## PEAK OF TROUBLE IN STORE FOR PHOENIX COMPANY

Grave Charges Laid by Superintendent of New York State Insurance Department

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—The Phoenix Insurance Company of Brooklyn is under investigation for irregularities which, it is believed, have impaired its surplus at least \$1,000,000 and have resulted in conditions which Superintendent Hotchkiss of the State Insurance Department laid before the district attorney today for possible criminal action. It is charged that the president has overdrawn his salary; that he has unloaded doubtful securities on the company, and that he has used the company's assets as collateral to secure his own personal speculative accounts. Nor do the directors escape their share of censure.

In a formal statement issued tonight Mr. Hotchkiss says he does not believe the capital of the company is impaired, and that thus far there is no evidence that its securities are not intact, but he admits that the present investigation is still uncompleted. George P. Sheldon, a member of many clubs and, as chairman of the laws and legal committee of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, one of the best known insurance men in the country, has been president of the Phoenix since 1887, and it is charged that under his administration the insurance department is required to examine all life insurance companies at least once in every three years, but until the present investigation, Mr. Hotchkiss says the Phoenix has not been examined for nearly twenty years, or since Mr. Sheldon became president. The insurance department finds that questionable securities "originally sold to the company by Mr. Sheldon have year after year passed through "wash sales" by which they have been concealed in the annual report. Speculative accounts have been maintained by President Sheldon, according to Mr. Hotchkiss, in at least one brokerage house and the assets of the Phoenix have been put up as collateral to cover his operations. For some years the president's salary account has been overdrawn and is now paid up in full to October 1, 1910.

## NO POLITICS IN L.R.C. DISMISSALS

Board of Conciliation Makes Public Its Report

Exhausted Every Means of Ascertaining the Facts

Political Interference and Preference Had No Part

TORONTO, Dec. 6.—That political interference or preference had no part whatever in the late wholesale dismissal of employees from the Intercolonial Railway was one of the findings of the Board of Conciliation and Investigation created on October 18 for the purpose of investigating and reporting on the claims of unjust treatment of the three hundred and fifty men who were dismissed with. The board was composed of Judge J. A. Barron of Stratford, Chairman, Mr. J. H. Gilmour of Brockville for the Intercolonial Railway, and Mr. J. G. O'Donoghue of Toronto, for the men. It held a series of sittings in Montreal, Ottawa, Moncton, Halifax, and Quebec and has now completed its report which has been forwarded to Ottawa.

The question of the entering of politics into the dismissals was not directly referred to the board, but as such a suggestion was made the members of the board exhausted every means to ascertain what the facts were and they unanimously found that "evidence establishes that political interference or political preference had no part whatever in the dismissals the board were called upon to consider. The board feels it due to Mr. Butler, Mr. Brady and Mr. Joughins to say that their instructions in every case with regard to the dismissals were that politics were not to have any part in the matter."

In regard to the claims that the large reduction in the staff was contrary to the signed agreement between the Intercolonial and the men the board has found that such a reduction in the staff was to an extent justified in the pursuance of a policy of retrenchment.

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## EARL GREY OPENS FAIR

Maritime Winter Fair Has Most Auspicious Opening

Canadian Farmers Can Give a Few "Wrinkles" to Those in England

Governor General Delivers Happy Address at Opening

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 6.—The ninth Maritime Winter Fair opened here today under the most favorable auspices. The weather was far from being ideal, but the entries in all classes far surpassed those of any previous year. In the poultry department there are over a thousand entries and the judges declare that the poultry show is the largest ever held in the Maritimes. There is also a marked increase in the dairy and stock classes, and the quality of animals shown are of a high standard. The fair is expected to attract thousands of visitors to Amherst, and tonight sleeping accommodations are at a premium. The committee in charge is doing its best to solve the problem.

Earl Grey, accompanied by Lord Locelles, A.D.C., arrived in town shortly after one o'clock, his car, the Cornwall, being attached to the Maritime Express. He was met at the railway station by Premier Murray, Lieut. Governor Fraser, President Elderkin of the Maritime Fair committee, Mayor Lowther and members of the town council and a number of representative citizens. His excellency spent some hours at the fair in the afternoon and was afterwards driven to several points of interest. At six o'clock he was entertained at a banquet given by the Maritime Fair committee. The dinner was given in the town hall and was a most successful affair. The guests included the Premier, Lieut. Governor Fraser, President Elderkin, Mayor Lowther, and a number of other local representatives. After the dinner the toast list was taken up. The Governor General, proposed by the chairman, was responded to by His Excellency, who received a most enthusiastic greeting when he rose to speak. He thanked the assembled company for the kindly manner in which they received him at the fair in the afternoon and opened the fair, both by the Hon. Mr. Fraser and President Elderkin, and he deemed it his duty to come.

He was delighted to meet so many representative men representing the brawn and brain of the Maritime Provinces. He had always taken a deep interest in agriculture. A few years ago it was his pleasing duty to open the winter fair at Guelph. He had visited other agricultural exhibitions while in Canada, and had learned that the Canadian agriculturist could give a few "wrinkles" to the farmers of Great Britain. Canadians should have confidence in themselves, if the self-confidence did not take the form of knowing so much that more could not be learned. Canada had vast possibilities. Her people should have confidence in the future, but should be continually striving to improve. Other short addresses were given by Lieut. Governor Fraser, Sydney Fisher and Lieut. Governor McKinnon.

Rev. J. H. A. Anderson seconded the amendment, which was adopted. Rev. E. C. Ford, Rev. J. C. Milberry and Rev. F. H. Wentworth were introduced to the alliance. These gentlemen made brief remarks.

The report of the services at the Industrial Alliance was submitted by Rev. J. J. McCall. He told of the interview between the committee and Superintendent McDonald. There seemed to be little difficulty in completing arrangements to bring the boys to the city on Sunday to attend church. The committee recommended that steps be taken to secure permission from the Board of Governors to have the boys attend the city churches. He moved the appointment of a committee to meet the Board of Governors in the matter. The motion was adopted.

Rev. J. J. McCall stated that the Peace society had advocated the setting aside of Sunday, prior to Christmas, as sermons on the subject of Peace.

Rev. W. O. Raymond said that the committee should consider the matter of the methods for the Sunday services.

3 KILLED IN CAPE BRETON

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 6.—About 5.30 this evening, William Broughton, a 32-year-old man, was killed by a train at No. 3 gate of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, was struck by a train at McQuarrie's crossing and was instantly killed. Broughton was in his 37th year and leaves a wife and several children.

This afternoon a man named James Costello, employed at the blast furnace of the Steel Company, was overcome by fumes of gas and while unconscious fell into one of the large hoppers. When assistance arrived it was found that he was dead.

While playing the yard at Dominion No. 2 yesterday a young lad named Max Seaman was electrocuted by catching hold of a telephone wire which was in contact with the company's large live wire which runs along the fence. The wire contained a current of 550 volts.

## REV. A. B. COHOE READS A PAPER

Interesting Discussion on Immigration

ALLIANCE MEETS Several Matters Dealt With Yesterday by City Clergymen

The monthly meeting of the Evangelical Alliance took place this morning in the parlors of St. Andrew's church. There were several lengthy discussions. Of first importance was the reading of a paper by Rev. A. B. Cohoe on the question of making Canadians of the newcomers.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. James Crisp. The Scripture was read by Rev. J. C. B. Appel, followed by prayer by Rev. Mr. Milberry.

The secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as of the two special meetings in connection with the simultaneous campaign. In motion the minutes were adopted as recorded.

Rev. J. C. Appel reported that a committee had been appointed to further the evangelistic campaign and were proceeding with the work. The committee was acting entirely independent of the alliance.

Rev. Jacob Heaney advocated more prayer and less preaching in connection with the week of prayer services. The West Side preachers had decided to unite and would conduct the services on each evening during the week. Rev. David Lang stated that the city churches had not as yet completed their plans. Two suggestions had been offered. One was to consider holding the week of prayer services should be preparatory to the simultaneous campaign services. He moved that the churches keep the peace, and works in the advancement of the country, and not of European interests. Canadians should work for Canada first. He seconded the motion of Rev. Mr. Heaney.

Dr. W. O. Raymond, Rev. W. Camp, Rev. Gordon Dickie and Rev. David Hutchison also endorsed the motion. A proposition was made by H. Curvey, of the German Street Baptist Church, that the Alliance assist in the establishment of a mission on Prince William street. A committee consisting of Revs. James Crisp, A. B. Cohoe, Gordon Dickie, S. W. Anthony and W. R. Robinson were appointed to consider the matter and report.

"Don't you believe," queried the advocate of woman's rights, "that men live faster than women?" "I sure do," replied the mere man. "It was just a month older than my wife when we married; now I am 43 and she was 30 last week."

"How did you happen to get married?" we asked of the ex-bachelor, who was on the verge of a fit of the blues. "It wasn't a case of happen," he explained. "An acquaintance introduced me to a young widow—and she did the rest."

"Miss A—I shall never marry. Miss B—I shouldn't if I were you. Miss A—But why are you going to do it, as it is?" "Miss B—Oh, I was asked."

"Tambo—Can you tell me, do difference 'twixt an egg and a cabbage, Mistah Bones?" "Bones—Ah sure can, Mistah Tambo. Ah ain't done bin on de stage fourteen years for nothin'."

"Your son is college bred, isn't he?" "Yes, and in his case should define college bred as a four years' loaf."

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