

STRONG FAVOR FOR BRITISH PREFERENCE

Limit It, Though, to Imports Through Canadian Ports

Hardware Men, Manufacturers' Association and W. F. Hatheway Put Forward This Idea--New Bonded Warehouse Regulations Likely to Stand--Cigarmakers' Union Propose Lower Duty on American Leaf--Dry Goods Men and Others Heard--Bonus on Steel Shipbuilding.

The tariff commission had two busy sessions here Jan. 8, and much interest in the work on hand was shown by the city's business men. The commission heard varied interests in the commercial life of the community and from several canners. At the morning session, W. F. Hatheway said the maritime provinces people would prefer to see the preferential tariff apply only to goods coming through Canadian ports.

Hardware Men.

The minister of customs said the department had received a letter from the Hardware Importers' Association, in which it was stated that the present arrangement was on the most equitable basis. There was considerable discussion on the subject.

James Pender's Views.

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Canners Want Free Tin.

J. Stilton Clark, of St. George, asked that tin plates be left on the free list. He called attention to the fact that Welsh tin was much superior to the American article and spoke of the large quantity used in Canada in the various canning factories.

Lumber Matters.

Jos. A. Likely spoke of a communication received by the board of trade from the American Board of Trade regarding duty on American lumber. They had asked for the support of the St. John board.

The Grocers.

Messrs. Malcolm, Peters and White, representing the wholesale grocers, came up to the table. They said there was a class of molasses classed as a syrup which they were imported in Barbados.

Dry Goods Men.

Wm. C. McFarlane, representing the dry goods men, was the next speaker. He said that the duty on American goods was not a serious objection.

Afternoon Session.

At the afternoon session, W. E. McIntyre spoke strongly against the new bonded warehouse regulations. Taking up the matter of the proposed refund on the duty paid, it often, he said, amounted to a big thing on a case. He also referred to the matter of a refund on the duty paid.

Enquiry Under Oath Into the Ludlow Accident.

Alderman Frink Decides Upon This Course and Will Ask Council for Authority

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Mr. Fleming Says Boat is Not Damaged Very Much, and Repairs Will Be Finished Before Floats Are Ready.

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WOULD SWAP WITH UNCLE SAM

F. LaForest Proposes Way to Get Straight G. T. P. Line from Quebec to New Brunswick.

In conversation with a Telegraph reporter Fred LaForest, of Edinstown, who is at the Victoria, said Wednesday that it seemed to him the government were making a mistake in taking the G. T. P. around the piece of land which the Americans own between New Brunswick and Quebec.

FOR THEIR LAND GRANTS

Military Veterans to Ask New Brunswick M. P. S. to Look After Their Interests.

The annual meeting of the New Brunswick Military Veteran Association was held Thursday in the Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street.

Harvey Station Items.

Harvey Station, Jan. 11--Miss Emma G. Smith went to Amesbury (Mass.) on Monday to visit relatives there.

\$7,000 Cape Breton Fire.

Sydney, Jan. 9. (Special)--Early this morning the warehouse of the Dominion Coal Co. at Caledonia Mines, containing a large quantity of mining supplies, was destroyed by fire with all its contents.

Wonderful Effect of Fruit.

"Fruit-a-tives" (Fruit Liver Tablets) are concentrated fruit juices that cure Constipation, Biliousness, Headaches, Indigestion, Palpitation of the Heart and all Troubles of the Stomach and Kidneys.

Funeral of Mrs. Wm. Robinson.

Sussex, Jan. 11--The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Robinson, who died at the residence of her father, Thos. Riley, School street, on Tuesday last, took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

LOCAL

Rothsey E. McLaughlin has been appointed to a position in the St. John's Police Force.

Richard O'Brien has been re-elected chairman of the Free Public Library, board, with J. B. M. Baxter secretary, and Dr. James Christie treasurer.

Charles Morrison, formerly of the North Shore and Miss Margaret C. Madell, formerly of St. John, were married in Boston, Jan. 1.

J. M. Scott, broker, of Winnipeg, is at the Royal. Mr. Scott was formerly a resident of St. John, but left here for the west about twenty-three years ago.

Electrician Sprout, of the C. P. R., is installing an automatic lamp on top of the crossing gables at Millford to warn passengers of the approach of trains after dark.

Miss M. Travers has been appointed treasurer of the new kindergarten, Miss Belle Miller has been appointed assistant to Miss Morton, R. P. W. F. Starr have supplied the free kindergarten with coal and R. P. Craig has patented the school room.

J. Royden Thomson, vice-consul for Sweden, has received advice from the Swedish consular general at Quebec that the government has consented to the request of the royal Norwegian government that the Swedish consular officials shall also attend to the Norwegian consular affairs in Canada.

A very pretty church wedding took place Wednesday morning at St. Rose's church, Fairville, when Miss Grace Gifford, of Millford, was united in marriage to James Goldie, of Fairville. Miss Minnie McQuinn acted as bridesmaid and James Dowling supported the groom.

The death of Miss Helen Davies took place suddenly Thursday at her father's home, 55 Spring street. The young lady attended the concert in York Theatre on Wednesday evening but was subsequently taken ill with appendicitis and passed away before any operation could be performed.

The death of Edwin B. Givan, 8 King street, occurred Thursday. Mr. Givan was a C. P. R. car man at the depot, had been sick only a few days. He was fifty-four years of age and twice married. His first wife was Miss Moore and his second Mrs. J. Doherty, who survives. He also leaves five daughters.

Frank White, of London, found dead in the woods back of Fairville last week. The cause of death was believed to be poisoning. The autopsy suggests, and it is supported by a final made Wednesday by Coroner MacFarsland of Fairville, who, in searching the body, found a quantity of that poison.

Although the civic elections are some months away considerable interest is being taken in possible candidates which may come forward, especially for the majority. The latest development is a well founded report that the Orange Order will have a candidate in the field.

At the annual meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Exhibition Association, held Wednesday evening in the room of the board of trade, suggestion to hold a house show in connection with the exhibition next fall was put forward, but action was withheld, especially as a committee would meet the local government this morning in connection with the annual grant. A report from the caretaker showed the buildings to be in a really condition and badly in need of repairs.

Hibernian Lodge, No. 37, & A. M. has installed John Cook as its W. M.; W. A. Porter, P. M.; J. P. M. M.; Fred D. Miles, S. W.; T. Campbell, D. K.; W. W. Fred W. Thomson, P. M.; chaplain; Herman Hamilton, M. I. secretary; Joseph A. Magilton, P. M.; secretary; Jas. Vernon McLellan, S. D.; T. Fred Powers, J. D.; Wallace A. Emery, S. Stewart; Harry M. Hopper, D. T.; D. Arnold Fox, organist; Fred G. Crites, I. G.; Robert Clerk, P. M.; Tyler.

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"IT'S ONLY A COLD, A TRIFLING COUGH"

Thousands have said this when they caught cold. Thousands have neglected to cure the cold. Thousands have filed a Complaints grave through neglect, but one result. It leaves the throat weak, or lost.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup

It is the main thing you need. It strikes at the source of the trouble. It relieves the throat and lung complaint, relieves the cough, cures Croup, Sore Throat, and all other troubles connected with the throat and lungs.

It has stood the test for many years, and is now more generally used than ever. It contains the best of the healing virtues of the pine tree combined with Wild Cherry Bark and other natural remedies. It stimulates the weakened bronchial organs, soothes and soothes the inflamed, swollen and irritated parts, loosens the phlegm, and mucous, and induces the cough, which assumed such a persistent character. Don't be humbugged into accepting an imitation of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. It is put up in a yellow wrapper, and bears the trade mark, and price 25 cts.

Mr. Julian J. LeBlanc, Belle Cote, N. S., writes: "I was troubled with a bad cough and severe cold, which assumed such an attitude as to keep me confined to my house. I tried several remedies advertised in the papers, but to no avail. As a last resort I tried Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and one bottle cured me completely."