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THE MARITIME CONFERENCE.

As a result of the meeting in Moncton yesterday under the auspices of the Moncton Board of Trade, at which President Higgins of the Maritime board and Mr. Belding, representing The Times-Star and The Telegraph-Journal, were present, another definite step was taken in the campaign for Maritime betterment. A letter to Maritime Boards of Trade and to other organizations interested is going out at once from the Maritime board, calling representatives to a conference to be held in Moncton on June 24-25, at which will be considered proposals on behalf of the Maritimes in preparation for a conference of Dominion representatives to be held in the early autumn.

The national conference will represent business, agriculture and industry throughout Canada, and its purpose will be to devise an improved economic policy designed to do justice to every part of Canada. The letter which will be sent out to various organizations as a result of yesterday's conference suggests seven questions for consideration, but it is to be understood that this list is not necessarily complete and that other suggestions are invited, and expected. This preliminary list includes as among Maritime necessities the better equipment and greater use of our national ports; the adjustment of freight rates so that justice may be done to the Maritimes; a policy that will make possible the sale of Maritime coal in the Central Province markets; the development of trade with the West Indies and South America, including improved steamship service and the appointment of more trade agents; additional research work to develop Maritime fisheries, and, with respect to the tariff, "recognition of the principle that if Canada is to have a high tariff there shall be compensation for those portions of the country which do not derive as much benefit therefrom as would the Central Provinces."

The aim is to decide definitely upon plans of betterment which shall be not merely of local interest but that will reasonably commend themselves to a Dominion conference as acceptable from the standpoint of the national interest. It is fortunate that the Moncton meeting was held on the same day on which Mr. Forke and the Progressive members of Parliament were in Moncton. Mr. Forke gave gratifying assurances that he and his fellow Progressives might be depended upon to endorse all reasonable measures which would be of benefit to the Maritime Union, and the Progressive leader said these provinces have every right to demand justice.

A HOLIDAY WARNING.

All who contemplate going to the lakes and streams to-morrow or on Monday to fish, indeed all who contemplate a holiday outing of any sort which will take them in or near the woods, should, as good citizens, give earnest attention to the grave statement issued by the Provincial Department of Lands and Mines regarding the extremely dangerous situation existing at this hour with relation to forest fires.

The department officials say that owing to the early warm weather, followed by a long period without much rain and frequent high winds, conditions with respect to forest fires are to-day very similar to those which preceded the disastrous series of fires in 1923, which did damage beyond computation in the Crown forests in this province and on private holdings as well. Several fires were raging yesterday, the worst in Kent County, where heavy losses were certain.

No New Brunswicker should fail to realize his personal responsibility in connection with the warning issued by the Crown Land officials. It is unfortunately the rule that May 24 is usually followed by the outbreak of many bush fires. Sometimes, largely through luck, few of them gain great headway, but with conditions as they are at the present time, the hazard is extreme. Those who smoke, or who find it necessary to kindle cooking fires, can easily exercise the care which ordinary prudence and common sense suggest. Those who fail to do so are taking risks which are criminal.

tion from abroad in both home and foreign markets, and "whatever may happen in the near future the return of Britain to a gold basis can only mean another long step forward in the return of the whole world to a pre-war basis."

A tax rate of \$3.10, six cents higher than last year, will give the citizens cause for thought. There could be no sharper or more impressive proof of the need for stringent civic economy.

Sir George Foster is speaking in Halifax to-day on Canadian problems. He is the guest of Hon. F. B. McCurdy, who says Nova Scotia must have the freedom to make its own trading and tariff arrangements with countries other than Canada. The chief Canadian problem to-day is that of promoting unity, property and contentment from coast to coast.

"Fight for rights," says Mr. Robert Forke, leader of the Progressives, "but fight within the Dominion of Canada. I don't think there is any great idea of secession throughout Canada." He recognizes that it is not possible to have free trade in practice, and he does not believe protection will solve our problems.

The Empire Day exercises in the schools to-day are of more than ordinary interest. It is interesting that year by year on this day the young folk are having their attention concentrated more and more upon the Empire, its history, its extent, its value to civilization, and the place our own great Canada occupies in the wonderful British family.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends."—From "Notes by a Warbler."

"The Wife of the Traitor."

Gamaliel Bradford, who has become known as a "psychographer," analyzes the wife of Benedict Arnold in the June issue of Harper's. He sums up his study of the delicately nurtured to the middle-aged soldier, as follows: "She loved him through it all, there is no doubt about that. But the question that teases me is, what she, the Einstein theory, and similar problems, we submit the following puzzling phenomena: A farmer of this district took a five-quart pail full of buttermilk to feed a small pig he was raising. The pig drank the entire contents of the pail (five quarts). The farmer, astonished at the capacity of the small animal, picked up the pail, put him in the pail, and replaced the lid. A solution of this problem would be gratefully received. Yours truly, ROBERT CATHCART, Orono, May 18.

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In the shadow of towering skyscrapers, and with but a narrow wall separating them from Fifth Avenue, New York's great shopping and most exclusive residential street, these sheep placidly graze in the meadows of Central Park.

and kneeling he kissed Alla Nazimov's hand. He was rather a lovable, childish person. "I took them to Tree and we fixed up a benefit performance for them at the Haymarket," afterwards I got Frohman interested and he fathered them into America. For some reason the boy went back to Russia and was killed in a program. The first person she asked me about when I saw her in New York was 'Madame Needles,' as she had always called a small fox-terrier of ours. They had been great friends and had played 'hunt the slipper' together. Madame Needles would go outside the room while Madame Nazimov would hide one of her shoes and then open the door. Only once Needles failed to find it, and that was when Alla had sprinkled scent upon it."

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