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HOW C.P.R. BUILT AND EQUIPPED LAKE LINER AT LOSS TO COUNTRY

Thomas Long Declares Collingwood Company Could Have Built the Steamer for Less, While Furnishings Escaped Duties.

STRONG ARGUMENT MADE FOR SYSTEM OF BOUNTIES.

COLLINGWOOD, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Everybody says that last night's banquet was the most important and most successful function ever organized here, and President Paton of the board of trade is receiving congratulations. The only criticism made of an adverse character is on the unaccountable omission to invite Maj. J. A. Currie, who was present, to speak. Some allege that political reasons were behind the omission, but if this were the case it was a shortsighted policy, as it has gained him sympathizers among his opponents. The proceedings were so late that some of the most valuable speeches and suggestions were made after the time for telegraph despatches had passed.

Thomas Long's address was one of the weightiest given, and when he broke off from his prepared remarks to describe how the C.P.R. had asked for plans and a tender for a steamer and afterwards went to England and used the information gained and had a vessel built there at a cheaper rate, and then had to cut her in two at Quebec and take the bulk thru the canals and piece the halves together again and repair damages sustained by the way, costing finally more than the Collingwood price, the audience applauded. But when he described how all the furniture and bedding and cutlery and other fittings were bought in England to the amount of \$50,000, and come in without paying a farthing of duty as part of the ship's equipment, the audience was even more stirred, and even Dr. Pugsley broke out in protest. That's not right. That's entirely wrong."

A Plea For a Bounty. "It is almost impossible," said Mr. Long, "no matter how much we desire to pay dividends to our stockholders on the excellent plant we have here to-day." His plea was for a bounty. He placed this at \$6 a ton, the same figure mentioned by Mr. Sinclair, M.P., but Capt. Scott pointed out that this would not be sufficient. A 3000-ton ship was only 1500 tons to the builder, and \$6 on this would only give \$9000, an inadequate amount. He advocated \$10 a ton. Capt. Bassett argued that the competition from England was in boats of a size to pass thru the canals, and \$10 a ton would be a larger bounty on the smaller vessels, as the larger ones would be protected by the necessity of having or quartering English vessels and the added expense. Grading the bounty by tonnage he would have less than \$8 or \$10 for small vessels.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley was free to admit that a great deal might be done in favor of a bounty. Beyond that, it was impossible for him to go. If the matter came up it would have to be considered by the council. It had not come up since he had been in office. He had not been long at Ottawa, before he knew that the Canadian navy was pressing the question of duty on repairs made in American yards. This matter was under consideration and he was prepared to give it attention. The United States charged 10 per cent. duty on repairs made in Canada, and there was a great deal to be said in favor of the view.

A Help For Mariners. Hon. Mr. Pugsley also promised that a suggestion of Capt. Bassett's to establish a whistling gas buoy five miles out in the lake off Cove Island would receive attention. He would see the minister of marine and have the improvement effected as speedily as possible. Harbor Master Foreman stated that the buoys generally were being reported upon. He also called attention to the 60c a ton freightage on coal and 6c duty, making 11 1/2 which Canadians had to meet in their coal bills above the cost to American shipbuilders.

J. G. Sing, government engineer for the district, stated that the minister of works had given him orders to make a survey for new works at Collingwood. This would be carried out at the earliest moment possible as soon as the ice was thick enough to enable proper soundings to be made. Mr. Sing also spoke of the necessity of elevators. Canals were very well, but were only open eight months of the year. "Any town or individual willing to hang up his coat and hat for four months every year must go out of business." Elevators should be filled by the last steamers coming down the river in the fall, and the grain should be carried during the winter by rail beyond this point. In the sixteenth century a son of France had traced the great waterway by the Ottawa, the Mattawa, Lake Nipissing, down the French River to Lake Huron. It remained to Hon. Dr. Pugsley to do it.

Twenty Years Hence. Capt. McDougall, by letter, and Captains Campbell, Frank Bassett, C. Bassett and Scott gave their views on the requirements of navigation. Capt. Campbell recalled the shipping tonnage of the United States twenty years ago, the same as Canada to-day. In twenty years more Canada would equal the United States of to-day in this respect.

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INDIA'S FAMINE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Replying to the message by cable enquiring as to actual famine conditions and tenders being desired, Lord Minto, Governor-General and Viceroy, has sent the following cable despatch to The Christian World of this city: "CALCUTTA, Jan. 24. "Most grateful for generous offer will distribute help. America sends, but distress not yet so acute as to appeal to her liberality. Letter follows. (Signed) Viceroy."

ART TREASURES FOR EMPEROR

Unique Exhibition Feature of Kaiser's Birthday Celebration.

BERLIN, Jan. 25.—Emperor William to-day inaugurated the celebration in connection with the beginning of his 50th year, which will take place next Monday, his birthday, by opening in this city a unique exhibition which has been arranged in his honor. This consists of a loan exhibition of 40 masterpieces of British art, with a total value of \$3,500,000, at the Prussian Royal Academy of Arts. The pictures were brought especially from England with the consent of the private owners. Among these are J. Pierpont Morgan, the Duke of Westminster, Charles Wetherill, Alfred Rothschild, Lord Swaythling, William Lockett Agnew and Henry Oppenheim. The collection comprises masterpieces by Romney, Lawrence, Raeburn, Reynolds, Gainsborough and Hoppener, and some of them never have been exhibited publicly before. The exhibition was originally arranged by Prof. Krafft, president of the Royal Academy, but it was only through Emperor William himself manifested an especial interest in the project that some of the owners consented to part with their treasures. The Duke of Westminster is reported to have declared: "I have never yet loaned my Gainsborough," the celebrated "Blue Boy," but Emperor William insisted my sending it as a compliment. I will gladly agree. When Mr. Morgan's London secretary was requested, Joan Reynolds's famous painting of Lady Betty Deane and her children, he replied that under no circumstances would this picture leave his custody. Prof. Krafft then asked Mr. Morgan, who promptly responded: "I willingly consent to my entire collection going to Berlin for the benefit of art lovers."

Detectives are watching the pictures night and day, and every precaution against fire and damage has been taken. The exhibition will last a month, and during this time the art treasures exhibited will be protected by insurance amounting to \$3,750,000.

FOR MONTREAL'S MAYORALTY

Lively Contest Between Ald. Payette and Speaker Roy. MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—(Special).—The respective mayoralty candidates are becoming exceedingly active as the day of polling approaches. On Monday week the 50,000 voters who have a right to cast their ballots will elect Ald. Payette or Hon. P. Roy shall be Montreal's next chief magistrate, while the 23,000 who have been disqualified by non-payment of water and other taxes will stay at home. Mr. Payette is the candidate of the trusts and big corporations, of the railways, the banks, and all the shipping companies. Speaker Roy appeals against these forces. He is supported by The Herald and may poll a good vote from the English middle classes, who are up in arms against the Light & Power Company.

Union Jacks For Toronto. PETERBORO, Jan. 25.—J. J. Turner and Sons to-day shipped 2000 Union Jacks to the education department, Toronto, being the first consignment of 6000 flags ordered by the government to supply to the schools of the province.

E. F. Henderson of Ottawa, one of the new K.C.'s, is the first to present himself at Osgoode Hall.

MUSTN'T DRINK AT ALL.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 25.—It is officially announced to-day that Druggist employees of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad having anything to do with the direction or running of trains will not be permitted to use intoxicants at any time, either when on or off duty, and no person using such beverage will be employed. This action has been taken by the officials of the railroad in an effort to reduce the number of accidents.

SENSATIONAL VET EMIGRATION AGENTS' MAD IN BRITAIN

Some Important Letters Are Expected to Bitterly Attack Jap Government Policy.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—The Druce case, which has been so prolific of sensations, to-day offered still another. The solicitor for George Hollamby Druce, who claimed to be the son of the Duke of Portland in the latter's dual personality of Thomas Charles Druce, and as such to be heir to the title and estate, to-day made public the correspondence he has had with the public prosecutor, in which he asks that official to assist him in finding the letters, as he says they are cataloguing letters offered him by Miss Mary Patterson of New York, but which have fallen into the hands of a man purporting to be the Duke of Portland. Miss Patterson said she had a number of letters written by T. C. Druce to her mother, in which Druce referred to himself as an emigrant from Portland, George Hollamby Druce sent Miss Patterson money to come to England, but, according to her letters, a man representing himself as an agent of George Hollamby Druce, called on her and got the letters. The solicitor is anxious to recover the letters, as he says they are necessary in the defence of Miss Robinson. Miss Mary Robinson is said to be an American woman, the daughter of a southern planter. She recently testified during the progress of the Druce case that she knew Druce as the Duke of Portland, and that Charles Dickens told her that Druce was the Duke of Portland and that Druce himself admitted this. Miss Robinson was arrested Jan. 17, on a warrant charging her with perjury and the case is on for trial to-day. Her attorney declared that he had been unable to get any coherent story from her, that he believed her of sound mind, but that the case was one for medical experts. The judge, however, decided that there was no evidence to bear on the trial to proceed, and he ordered the trial to proceed.

TOKIO, Jan. 25.—The program for to-day's session of the diet, including the speech of Foreign Minister Viscount Hayaashi, regarding the immigration question, was suddenly changed and the speech was postponed until Jan. 26, when it is expected that Viscount Hayaashi will outline definitely the plans of the government for the restriction of immigration to the United States and Canada. It is understood that the postponement was due to the fact that a reply from the U. S. government to the last memorandum from Japan was expected to be handed to the foreign office this afternoon. Evidence of the determination of the Japanese government is shown by an official order issued to immigration companies to-day, wherein all emigration to the Hawaiian Islands is absolutely prohibited, except in the case of relatives of Japanese already residing there. The order bearing on emigration to the Hawaiian Islands has created consternation among the immigration companies, who expected to institute a virulent attack upon the foreign office policy in this respect. Viscount Hayaashi, however, said that the Japanese government, having given a promise, will not renege from it, regardless of political pressure.

OLIVER SAID HE'D QUIT RATHER THAN PRODUCE

Sir Wilfrid Was Willing—What Will Monday Bring Forth?—Opposition Determined.

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—(Special).—On Monday Premier Laurier will make his promised statement bearing on the right of the opposition members to have access to original documents. It is expected that he will concede the extension, but will do it in such a way that his supporters will claim there has been no surrender. In this connection the story is being told that Sir Wilfrid himself has been anxious to produce the papers required by Mr. Ames, but that Mr. Oliver was obliged to threaten to resign, that there has been a great change in Sir Wilfrid's attitude, and he is willing to compromise, but the opposition caucus on Friday decided to refuse to vote a declaration for the King's ministers, and a complete backdown on this knotty question. At any rate, Monday will tell the tale. If Sir Wilfrid produces the original documents there will be no further obstruction, but the spectacle of parliament sitting in session from Tuesday afternoon till Saturday night may be repeated.

GUARD ONTARIO'S RIGHTS.

Mayor Oliver Says No Interference Must Be Allowed. "We must protect provincial rights." So says Mayor Oliver in the communications arising from the Hamilton Radial Railway bill, making the reservation, however, "if the question of provincial rights is involved."

RAILWAYS ARE RECOVERING.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 25.—That freight traffic conditions are recovering from financial stringency was the statement of several traffic managers and other high railway officials yesterday. The improvement is said to be particularly marked in the traffic of the railroads of the middle west, where heavy grain shipments, almost suspended while the height, now are being made. While the statistics of all roads throughout the country for the last week showed that freight cars in service throughout the country were standing idle and in consequence thousands of men had been thrown out of work, railroad officials expressed the belief that the crisis has passed, and that no further reductions of the number of workmen will be necessary.

Signs Which Point To Early Election

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—(Special).—Signs are multiplying that the country is on the eve of a general election. The announcement that the government has decided to advance four million dollars to the farmers of Saskatchewan and Alberta to finance their seeding operations is one of the largest indications. But there are others. The supplementary estimates, it is said, will bulk more largely than any previous work of Finance Minister Fielding, and the "interests" of the doubtful constituencies will be well looked after. On the east, the government has made a bid for the support of the shipping industries by rescinding the privileges of the Norwegian steamers to ply their coastwise trade between Canada ports. In British Columbia, the big fight will be on the immigration question, and the government will claim support by reason of the arrangement made with Viscount Hayaashi, Japanese foreign minister. What help the premier expects to get in Manitoba will depend upon the boundaries bill which is to come later in the session. Will he continue to oppose the claims of Premier Roblin? Quebec will not be forgotten when the anti-election favors are passed around. There may be more wharves where there is no water to float craft, bridges and docks and breakwaters, while Ontario will be promised postoffices, harbor improvements and other public works. Both sides expect an appeal soon after the session. Because of this the members are making preparations for a long siege. Opposition critics are busy digging material out of the blue books, and there will be no let-up to the assault that is to be made on the administration.

PAGET GETS \$2500 JUDGE SAYS PERJURY

Justice Britton in charging the jury said there had been false swearing, and that, in his opinion, those who swore falsely did so in full knowledge of the fact. The stories as told by both sides couldn't all be true. The judge questioned whether it was a case where the plaintiff, after being hurt thru his own actions, was seeking to recover from a company not responsible, or whether his injury was due to the wrong-doing of an officer of the company, and then trying to swear the officer and the company clear.

Contradictory Evidence Shows False Swearing by Some of the Witnesses.

Francis John Paget was awarded \$2500 damages by a jury in the assizes on Saturday afternoon in his suit against the street railway to recover that amount for injuries received in a fall from a car. The company will appeal. Justice Britton in charging the jury said there had been false swearing, and that, in his opinion, those who swore falsely did so in full knowledge of the fact. The stories as told by both sides couldn't all be true. The judge questioned whether it was a case where the plaintiff, after being hurt thru his own actions, was seeking to recover from a company not responsible, or whether his injury was due to the wrong-doing of an officer of the company, and then trying to swear the officer and the company clear.

NO ROOM FOR HIM.



Detroit Free Press.

HEAVY FINES FOR TWO FOR PAYING REBATES

Jail Sentences at First Imposed Are Remitted, Judge Believing That "Vicious Practices" Have Been Stopped.

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Jan. 25.—George L. Thomas, a freight broker of New York City, and L. B. Taggart, his clerk, pleaded guilty in the United States District Court here to-day to the charge of conspiracy to pay rebates to shippers. Judge Smith McPherson then fined Thomas \$7000 and Taggart \$4000. Judge McPherson, in passing sentence upon Thomas and Taggart, said: "In the full belief that the vicious practices of these defendants and the payments of rebates have been stopped, and in the belief that the practice of rebating generally over the country has been brought to an end and the vigorous action of the government stated thru the office of the United States attorney for this district, as well as other districts, there is no occasion for the order of imprisonment." The fines were paid.

WAITRESS FALLS HEIR TO \$200,000 ESTATE

Boston Girl is Descendant of Unrecognized Wife of King George IV.

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 25.—The Globe says that Miss Georgia A. Smythe, a waitress in a Cambridge-street lunch room, has received news from her home in New Brunswick, that she is undoubtedly entitled to a fortune of \$200,000 by virtue of being a great grand-daughter of Maria FitzHerbert, celebrated in history as having been married to King George IV, of England, although the marriage was never officially recognized. Miss Smythe's family had been landed proprietors in New Brunswick for four generations. Her father is dead and she and a sister are his only heirs. When Maria FitzHerbert died in 1837, her papers, including letters to King George IV, were sealed by her orders for seventy years. They were opened at Windsor Castle some time ago, by order of King Edward, and, according to advice, Miss Smythe received from home an advertisement has been published in New Brunswick papers calling for heirs of Miss FitzHerbert, who was wealthy in her own right in addition to receiving a princely income from the empire when George IV, espoused a German princess, to make themselves known with a view to receiving their shares in the distribution of a fortune aggregating something like \$12,000,000. Lawyers retained by Miss Smythe's great uncle believe her share figures out something like \$200,000.

ROYAL MINIATURES STOLEN.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—Three valuable miniatures of the Duchess of Pife, the Queen of Norway and Princess Cecilia, all belonging to Queen Alexandra, have been stolen by burglars from the studio of an engraver in London to which they had been sent for reproduction.

WILL LOAN TO SETTLERS.

Government to Assist Unfortunates to Get Seed Grain.

OTTAWA, Jan. 25.—The Dominion government has decided to advance to these settlers of Alberta and the Saskatchewan whose crops were a failure sufficient funds to enable them to purchase seed grain. These advances will be made by way of a loan. About \$4,000,000 is needed to finance the whole scheme. Seed oats will likely be purchased in Britain, and the government has decided to introduce diversified cereal crops in the western provinces.

HOOPER WITH MONTREAL.

MONTREAL, Jan. 25.—Tom Hooper will play with Montreal after all. The Wings' chief executive failed to connect with the team in the commencement of the season before the Wanderers had stepped in with their little proposition and had nearly introduced Hooper to the city without word or warning to anyone. Hooper's showing at cover-point for the Wanderers has not been altogether up to the mark. Hooper is not a defence player by practice or inclination. He made himself a name for himself when he played rover for the Thistles. At last night's league meeting it was decided to release Hooper, and he consented to Hooper's release. Montreal stepped in and immediately closed with Tom Phillips, old team mate. On the Montreal team Hooper will play in the rover position. He comes from the International League, and his name is Leach. Final arrangements with him have not been closed, but he is expected to figure on the team against Victorias on Wednesday next.

Fifty Per Cent. For Shareholders.

The outlook for holders of Sovereign Bank shares is gradually brightening, so that whereas apprehension was at first felt that the double liability obligations might have to be assumed, a more enlightened survey of the situation makes it appear probable that holders will realize between 50 and 60 per cent. of their investment. This view is being encouraged by officials of the bank, but it is also impressed that the estimate is based on an assumption that the assets will be liquidated so as to obtain the best results.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

Jan. 25 At From
Corinthian.....Halifax.....Glasgow
Fr. der Grosse.....New York.....Genoa
Astoria.....New York.....Glasgow
America.....New York.....Hamburg

Sunday Weather

Northerly Winds and Colder

Advertisement for shoes and boots. Includes text like 'shoe department', 'All the sizes', '3.95', '2.99', '3.95', 'E DISEASES', 'H. GRAHAM, Square, Cor. Spadina', 'CONSERVATIVES', 'Takes Place on Monday Afternoon'.