

5,000 LIBERALS ARE UP IN ARMS

MR. GERMAN TAKES HIS STAND

Announces That He Would Have Voted Against Reciprocity Proposals of Mr. Fielding.

Lively Session as Conservative Members Press Fielding for Information Not Supplied.

Ottawa, Mar. 9.—On the opening of the House W. M. German, of Welland, on a question of privilege, stated that he had been taken by surprise by last night's division and did not arrive in the House in time to record his vote.

If he had been present he would have voted for Mr. Borden's amendment to delay further consideration of the reciprocity agreement until the people had been given an opportunity of expressing their views on the subject. This announcement was received with opposition cheers.

Col. Sam Hughes asked if the government had made any inquiries as to the reported expression of opinion in the west by Mr. Armstrong, a member of the technical commission, that British songs, such as Rule Britannia, should not be sung in the schools which the children of United States settlers attended. He added that such a gentleman was not fit for a commission.

The premier said no inquiries had been made, and E. M. MacDonald remarked that the newspaper accounts of what Mr. Armstrong had said were incorrect.

Withholding Information.

There was a breeze over the question of information regarding the wages prices of commodities in Canada. Mr. Borden has repeatedly asked that information be given the members similar to that afforded the United States congress. He repeated that it was necessary in order to discuss the reciprocity agreement intelligently. Mr. Fielding said that the U. S. had a staff of experts to compile information and Canada had none.

Dr. Reid, of Grenville demanded that the members of the House be given full and definite information similar to congress. He declared that the minister of finance did not intend to give the information necessary for a proper understanding of the question. The different speakers were producing different statistics and they were all at sea. "Why should the minister try to blindfold the people?" he asked. "I demand a right that we should have this information."

Mr. Fielding wanted to get the resolution through the House in decent time. He continued he would find that he would get them through quicker by producing the information. "We are going to get this information," he declared, "if we can't get it one way, we'll get it in another. If he can't bring down a pamphlet, he'll have to give us the information in the House itself. It is his duty to do so. That's what he is paid to do."

The House then went into committee on the reciprocity resolution. H. H. Miller of South Grey spoke for the government and reiterated the arguments of the previous speakers. Mr. Goodve followed for the Conservative side.

Dr. Daniel Asks Questions.

On the orders of the day Dr. Daniel drew attention to a report in an Ottawa newspaper that a colored man who had passed high on the list in the competitive examinations for a post on the naval department had been refused employment there and sent to the experimental farm.

Mr. Brodeur promised to look into the matter.

D. D. McKenzie followed Mr. Goodve.

HALIFAX IS WAKING UP

Halifax, March 9.—The Halifax City Council tonight approved of legislation in regard to concessions from the city to the Nova Scotia Car Works and to Moirs, Limited.

The Nova Scotia Car Company, successors to the Silliker Company, get twenty years exemption from taxation, the loan made to the Silliker Company, five million gallons of water free annually, and the rest at the rate of 7 1/2 cents per thousand gallons, and less if the extra amount used is great enough to qualify for the lower rates.

Moirs, Limited, get twenty years exemption on their entire equipment over and above \$65,000. It is said to be the intention of this company to greatly increase its plant.

THE INITIATIVE REFERENDUM AND RECALL

Letter on Commission as it is in Cedar Rapids.

How the People Vote Away Their Own Rights—A Commissioner who Defaulted and How He Was Treated.

The Standard resumes publication today of the series of articles written by H. V. Mackinnon on the commission form of government, as he found it in operation in Cedar Rapids. The accompanying letter deals more especially with the initiative, referendum and recall. The referendum was put into effect twice and failed to arouse any popular interest, scarcely 25 per cent. of the citizens taking the trouble to vote.

A case in which one of the commissioners was a fit subject for recall is also cited, but his resignation when confronted with a charge of defalcation rendered it unnecessary. The readiness with which the people voted away their rights is the subject of some interesting comment. Mr. Mackinnon's letter follows:

Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Feb. 28.—It is a little difficult to express any definite opinion as to the value of the initiative, referendum and recall, although these features of the commission plan are all embodied in the Cedar Rapids charter, none of them have been sufficiently used to justify comment one way or the other.

The initiative has never been operated in Cedar Rapids because of the fact that the commission endeavoring to bring this city out of the hole into which it had fallen, has not failed to initiate of its own accord any of those things which the people deem necessary.

The referendum has been brought into effect twice within the past year and its value is a source of strong diversity of opinion, even among the commissioners themselves. Certainly it is a fact that this referendum has recalled and in each instance the referendum was brought into operation.

In cases such as these the companies desiring any concessions from the city and appealing to the people, must bear all the cost of the referendum. This polling is carried through without any expense to the city. On the last occasion when the matter before the people was an extension of the rights of the street railway, the company expended some \$1,200, or \$1,400 in conducting the voting.

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CHILDREN FOR CANADA HOMES

Allan Liner Sicilian Brought to Halifax 340 Little Ones Destined for Ontario Cities—Had Pleasant Trip.

Halifax, March 9.—The Allan liner Sicilian, which arrived today, after a passage of ten days from Liverpool, brought 311 passengers, of which 143 were for Halifax. She also had 340 Barnardo children for Peterboro and Toronto. The little ones had a good time on the voyage.

The children were landed at the immigration building and were inspected by the port physician, after which they returned on board the Sicilian which sailed for Portland at 6 o'clock. The children will land at Portland and enroute for Toronto and Peterboro.

CHOLERA IN HONOLULU.

Honolulu, March 9.—The twenty-fifth case of cholera, the first outside of quarantine since Sunday, was reported today. The total of deaths to date is twenty-one. Those afflicted have been twenty-four Hawaiians and one Portuguese baby.



SIR WILFRID'S SPEECH—The people be...

TORONTO LIBERALS DEMAND ELECTION

Monster Meeting in Massey Hall Sounds Death Knell of Reciprocity.

They Ask that Reciprocity Question Shall be Passed on by the People of Canada Before Any Agreement is Completed.

Toronto, Ont., March 9.—Five thousand persons packed Massey Hall to its utmost capacity this evening to protest against the reciprocity agreement arranged at Washington by Hon. Messrs. Fielding and Paterson. Fully the same number were turned away from the doors, the hall being filled long before the hour set for the opening.

The chair was occupied by Sir William Mortimer Clark, formerly lieutenant governor of Ontario, and a lifelong Liberal, and the meeting was arranged by a committee whose nucleus was composed of the 18 prominent Liberals, who, two weeks ago, denounced the agreement and declared that they could not follow their party leader in supporting the measure.

The meeting was announced as a non-partisan gathering intended to inaugurate a campaign of education and peaceful agitation against the reciprocity proposals of the Laurier government.

All But One Liberals. All the speakers with the exception of George Tate Blackstock, K. C., were Liberals and the sentiment of the meeting was overwhelmingly in accordance with the views presented by the opponents of reciprocity.

The resolution presented by Z. A. Lash, K. C., and seconded by W. T. White, managing director of the National Trust Company was passed without question.

After setting forth the same general arguments against reciprocity, contained in the protest of the aforementioned Liberals the resolution declared before the agreement went into effect it should be passed upon by the people, and that to prevent the continuance of the disturbance of trade already caused by the action of the government, the election should be held without delay.

Canada's Danger Shown. The hall was profusely decorated with Union Jacks, which the front gallery spectators waved enthusiastically when the speakers made telling points.

At the back of the platform was a huge map of the railway lines, on the side of the border showing the tentacles of the Hill lines stretching up to the Canadian line.

The meeting was in the main orderly, although a few dissentients in the crowd made frequent interruptions until sternly rebuked by Sir Mortimer Clark. The gathering was, on the whole, a most convincing expression of Toronto's opinion on the reciprocity proposals.

An Important Pronouncement. The full text of the resolution passed was as follows: "Moved by Z. A. Lash, seconded by W. T. White: "That this meeting protest against the adoption of reciprocity agreement with the United States of America, because: "1.—It would substantially reverse the policy which has brought Canada to her present prosperous and enviable position and cause widespread disturbance in her trade and injury to many interests, jeopardize the commercial and political status of the Dominion.

HECTOR IS CAPTURED

OPEN SWITCH PROVED GATE TO ETERNITY

Neglect Caused Fatal Wreck on I. C. R.

Harvey McDougall Instantly Killed and Several Others Injured in Wreck Near Newcastle—Inquiry to be Held

Special to The Standard. Chatham, March 9.—Through the neglect of some train hand in leaving open a switch today's Maritime express racing down by Derby Junction, in an effort to make up lost time, left the main line and crashed in upon the "Whooper," the Indiantown Branch train, standing on its own line, killed one man and severely injured five others.

The dead man is Harvey McDougall, aged 32 years, belonging to Indiantown. The injured include Harvey Atkinson, the young son of the station agent Atkinson, at the Junction, Conductor Dickie, George O'Brien and two lady passengers.

Engineers and Firemen Jumped. The engineers and firemen of both engines had time to jump, and thus saved their lives. There was no time for the brakes to work. The Maritime was almost rushing on to the Branch line before anyone realized the switch had been left open, and hardly forty feet up the track stood the doomed engine and train of unsuspecting passengers.

Fortunately the "Whooper" engine was not coupled to its cars, having just finished some shunting, and the force of the collision spent itself in a giant push upon the passenger cars which were sent careening up the track for 200 feet and were then derailed. The "Whooper" engine was almost brought to pieces under the big passenger mogul, and both in fact, were but battered hulks after the collision.

Hurled to Eternity. Beneath the wheels of the branch engine lay the mutilated remains of Harvey McDougall, who was hurled by the collision from the steps of the branch train car and almost instantly killed. It was some time before his body could be extricated from the wreck.

Harvey Atkinson who was handling baggage at the time, is not expected to recover. The passengers state that the semaphore was up, and the Maritime should not have come into the yard, though this probably does not lessen the blame for the open switch.

As soon as possible the passenger cars of the Maritime, which kept the track, were hauled back to the main line and ultimately sent on to Moncton, though the mails, baggage and express were all delayed.

Among the Chatham passengers was H. W. Steen, of Fredericton, who had his knee severely injured, and is now laid up in Chatham.

Remains Viewed by Jury. Newcastle, Mar. 9.—The collision of the Maritime express with the Blackville-Newcastle suburban at Derby Junction, today, remains the chief topic of interest. The remains of Harvey McDougall were brought to Maltby's undertaking rooms this afternoon and were viewed by the jury.

The Pier Damaged. The pier upon which the shed was built was almost totally destroyed, and for a period during the fire it was feared that the wharf would give way and cause the burning shed to collapse upon the firemen.

It was impossible at the time to estimate the total value of property destroyed by the fire this morning, the fire was still burning at the hour of going to press. It will, however, reach into the thousands.

D. ARNOLD FOX GIVES A RECITAL IN FREDERICTON. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 9.—D. Arnold Fox, of St. John, gave a much enjoyed and largely attended organ recital at Christ Church Cathedral this evening.

Hobbles and Harems do Not Appeal to Chicago Legislator who Would Impose Fine on Wearers.

Springfield, Ill., March 9.—Harem and hobble skirts were the subject of a bill presented in the house today by Representative Murphy, of Chicago, "Hobbles," measuring less than one and one-half yards, and not more than three yards at the bottom are prohibited.

An absolute ban is placed upon the "harem skirt" by the bill, which prohibits any woman appearing in public in the garb. Heavy fines for violation of the proposed law are provided.

Assailant of Mrs. Davidson Arrested Near Marsh Road & Brought to Central Station.

Aged Woman Resident of Willow Grove, Victim of Dastardly Crime—Fears that She will Die

With her throat cut, face slashed and with blood streaming from the wounds over her clothing Mrs. Annie Davidson, who is in the 76th year of her age, dragged herself in a dying condition from her home in Willow Grove a distance of about 600 yards, to the home of James Brothers, and on being admitted, fell to the floor unconscious.

George Hector, colored, aged 20 years, with a previous police record of the worst, was the aged woman's assailant and is now occupying a cell in the central station on the terrible charge of attempted murder.

As the result of the murderous assault Mrs. Davidson is not expected to live and in that event the young colored man will have to fight for his own life.

The murderous assault took place on Wednesday evening about 7:30 o'clock and while it is a fact that the police authorities did not start out on the case until late yesterday morning, Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen deserve great credit for the able manner in which they worked on the case untrigging and finally captured the young black man.

An Awful Crime. The crime was the chief topic about the city yesterday and the lynch cry was raised by a great many as the proper fate for the wretch who so badly treated the old woman.

Mrs. Davidson has for many years been a resident of Willow Grove and while in her home Wednesday evening she was visited by Hector.

Hector had been residing at the Grove for some time and it is said that after gaining an admittance into Mrs. Davidson's house, he stated that he was leaving for the city in the morning and wished to say "Good bye."

There was some conversation, and then the lonely old woman was attacked by the black. She had ordered him to leave the house and as she opened the door for him to depart, he attacked her.

A Fearful Struggle. He grappled with the aged woman and attempted to commit a criminal assault. Mrs. Davidson, who is 75 years of age, struggled hard and vigorously resisted. In the struggle her clothing was badly torn, and a lamp was upset.

After further struggling in the dark Hector drew a knife or some other sharp weapon and slashed the unfortunate woman across the throat.

As she fell helplessly to the floor the colored assailant made his escape from the house.

Weak from the loss of blood and with her life ebbing away, Mrs. Davidson struggled from her home to that of James Brothers, and after rattling at the door, fell exhausted.

The injured woman was placed on a bed where she fainted.

Measures For Help. One of the men in the Brothers home mounted a horse and rode to the Ben Leonard House, and a telephone message was sent to this city, informing Thomas Davidson, a son, of the injured woman.

Dr. G. Baxter of Union street, was also notified and with Mr. Baxter there was a lively drive to the bed side of the injured woman.

Dr. Baxter found that the wounds were so bad that eight stitches had to be used to close the gash in the throat, and two stitches in the almost severed wind pipe.

Hector's Capture. The capture of Hector was in a way spectacular. After his crime he spent the most of Wednesday night in the woods or on the road on his way to St. John. There is no definite knowledge of where he spent the day yesterday.

Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Killen went in search of the scoundrel and at 7 o'clock last evening were in the vicinity of Moosepath trotting park.

James Maguire, a resident of the vicinity, saw a colored man crossing back of the grandstand at the park. He called the attention of the officers to the fact and they started after him. He was captured as he was crossing a field on the Marsh road.

Prepared To Face Ghosts. There is an old stone house in the vicinity which has the reputation of being haunted, but this had no terrors for the desperate man, who was evidently prepared to spend the night there if he could by this means evade capture and punishment for his terrible crime.

The officers soon overhauled the feeling man and the detective with him. Continued on page 2.