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GIVE INDUSTRY HERE A CHANCE

Maritime Board and Lower Railway Rates.

Address of President H. J. Logan at Charlottetown—Restore I. C. R. to Its Old Status—St. John Men Among Officers.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Sept. 15.—Lower railway rates in order that maritime industry might compete in the markets of the upper provinces, and the diversion of the former I. C. R. system from the N. E. R., with restoration of management at Moncton, were the outstanding points which H. J. Logan, president of the Maritime Board of Trade, stressed as measures of relief for the present conditions of maritime industry, in his presidential address, delivered before the annual meeting of the board here yesterday.

"We are finding ourselves shut out from the United States market by a high tariff," said Mr. Logan, "and from the upper provinces of Canada by the freight tariff wall of the Canadian National Railways."

Continuing, he said: "Since the merger of the I. C. R. with the Canadian Northern, the rates have been increased 150 per cent. on coal and not a ton is now shipped out of the maritime provinces by rail."

A resolution was moved by J. E. Masters of Moncton and seconded by W. F. Burditt of St. John, urging that the C. N. R. should be operated so that all parts of Canada would get the benefit of government ownership.

It recommended the appointment of a committee of five, one representative from each province and two from the Maritime Board of Trade, to investigate the best methods of securing for the maritime provinces the traffic originating on the C. N. R. destined for Europe and the Near East, and by tariff concessions to foster carriage through Canadian ports and over Canadian railways inland bound passengers and freight destined to all parts of Canada.

Officers elected last night for the coming year were: President, J. LeRoy Holman, Summerside; first vice-president, Capt. J. E. Masters, Moncton; second vice-president, R. R. Chappell, Sydney; secretary-treasurer, pro tem, R. E. Armstrong, St. John; executive, H. J. Logan, C. A. Lushy, Amherst; W. F. Burditt, St. John; E. A. Saunders, Halifax; A. A. Poweroy, W. L. Higgins, Charlottetown; H. Bernan, Sackville, and E. W. Jarvis, Chatham.

STUMPAGE IS REDUCED ON SOME TIMBER

It Applies Only to That Injured by Budworm or Other Cause.

Fredericton, N. B., Sept. 15.—The provincial government in session this morning gave lengthy consideration to the matter of the stumpage rate, particularly as the lumbering interests of the province had requested a substantial reduction in the rate of crown lands because of the depressed condition of the lumber market.

Premier Foster announced at noon that a recommendation would be made to the department of lands and mines, touching upon the matter, and that an announcement would be made to the legislature by that department when details had been worked out. The object was to encourage the cutting of timber injured by the bud-worm and in other ways, and to protect the growing timber.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, minister of lands and mines, said on behalf of his department that the rate on timber injured by the bud-worm and in other ways would be cut in half, being reduced from \$5 to \$2.50. Upon standing timber there would be no reduction. The reduced rate of stumpage would be upon spruce and fir and would hold only for the current year, which includes the logging season of 1921-22. Pulpwood is classed the same as other timber in regard to the reduced stumpage. There is no reduction in the rate on ties.

Hon. Mr. Robinson, when asked concerning the condition of the lumber market at present, said that there was an encouraging sign in the American market, where a gradual improvement was observable, and was expected to continue. A revival in building operations was believed to be the cause of that improvement.

ELEVEN DEAD IN EXPLOSION IN PHILADELPHIA Philadelphia, Sept. 15.—Investigation of an explosion and fire yesterday at the plant of the Atlantic Refining Company, which resulted in the death of eleven workmen and the injury of a score of others, was ordered today by the director of the department of public safety.

Dissolution of Parliament Very Soon, Says Premier

Cabinet Announcements Early Next Week—Balfour Still in Government—Fortier Will Not Go in—Election News of Dominion.

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—The premier announced to a Canadian Press representative today that cabinet reconstruction would be announced in all probability at the beginning of next week; that dissolution would take place very soon; that there would be no by-election in West York and that the resignation of Hon. C. C. Balfour, as minister of marine and fisheries had not been accepted.

Mr. Meighen said that the present ministers had pushed their resignation in his hands that he might be quite free in the consummation of his present task. No resignation had been accepted as yet. Mr. Balfour, as minister of administration, business capacity and integrity had done excellent work for the country. The fact," added Mr. Meighen, "that he offered his services merely because of the extraordinary circumstances of four years ago, and for a temporary period only, doubtless accounts for the reports of his resignation."

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press)—That Right Hon. Arthur Meighen, premier, will not announce his cabinet before the end of the week, or the first of next week, was rumored today in semi-official circles. It was said that several of the senatorial vacancies had been tentatively filled by confirmation of this rumor was lacking.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 15.—The Daily Province says: here is a strong belief in local political circles that Hon. Mrs. Ralph Smith will not enter the federal light, but will remain in the Oliver cabinet, and it is also believed in that event she will be given greater recognition, or in other words, a portfolio.

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 15.—John Oliver yesterday summoned members of the British Columbia legislature to a special fall session, to open on October 15. The call for an early opening the premier explained is made so that there will be little conflict as possible between the sitting of the legislature and the activities accompanying the dominion election campaign. The chief matters to be considered are the tariff, the constitution and passing of the 1922-23 budget.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—Major J. B. L. Streight was the unanimous choice of the West York Liberals in party convention yesterday to elect a candidate for the House of Commons. He served in the Boer war and was with the first soldiers who went to Valcartier in 1914. A. J. Anderson is also in the field as the Conservative candidate.

Montreal, Sept. 15.—H. Fortier of Quebec, whose name has been mentioned as a possible member of the federal cabinet, said today that he had no intention whatever of entering into politics in any way or form, and that his business enterprises were taking all his time.

Bellefleur, Ont., Sept. 15.—Declaring that never had democracy a heavier burden of responsibility resting on its shoulders, Right Hon. Sir George E. Foster, speaking at Gus Porter's third annual picnic at Trenton, yesterday afternoon, urged overwhelming support at the polls in the forthcoming election for Premier Meighen, whose natural capacity, principles and experience in public life, he said, best fitted him to be premier of Canada.

Turning to the tariff issue, Sir George said the government had come into power by an overwhelming majority on the fiscal issue. "Are you going to wipe the face of the past?" he said. He declared that the Meighen tariff average was 23 per cent, as against 29.9 per cent, during the regime of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. What the Conservative party wanted was adequate protection of industries and labor. Since the armistice, Sir George said, there was not a country that had not increased its protection.

So, Ont., Sept. 15.—Major H. S. Hamilton was unanimously chosen Liberal candidate for the coming federal election in West Algona, at a convention here yesterday. Mr. Hamilton declared himself in favor of adequate protection but maintained that the tariff should be carefully revised from time to time.

HARBOR WATER CHARGES. Commissioner Bullock has received a communication from a steamer agent stating that he was informed that it would cost \$1,000 to take on fresh water at this port for an ocean voyage. On investigation he found that the charge was \$5 for the first 5,000 gallons and five cents a hundred for all in excess of that quantity. The average cost to freighters was \$15, and the charge to large passenger lines ran only as high as \$130. Mr. Bullock is ascertaining the charges at other ports, as there is a possibility that the cost here is too low. He was able to advise the shipping man in question that the charge of \$1,000 was out of the question here.

BANK CLEARINGS. St. John bank clearings this week were \$3,261,721; last year \$3,049,621; in 1919, \$3,067,742. In Halifax this week they were \$3,261,731; in Moncton, \$905,263.

Bermudas In Grip of Hurricane; The Damage Likely Great

Hamilton, Bermuda, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press).—The Bermudas have been in the grip of a hurricane since midnight last night, the wind shifting from southwest to due south to south-southwest, from which direction it was blowing with unprecedented fury late this morning. Telephone and electric light wires are down everywhere, and the property damage, it is believed, will be considerable. The hurricane gave no sign of moderating at a late hour today.

As Hiram Sees It

"Seems to me," said Mr. Hiram Hornbeam to the Times reporter, "we never had so many crimes as we're reading about lately. One old fellow from the settlement says the world is goin' plumb to the devil."

"That reminds me," said the reporter. "Away back when I was a cub reporter I remember the editor running his hand through his hair one day. He thought the whole shop must be going to the devil. Old John Berlyon had been around for some days and his responsibilities of life sat very lightly upon the whole staff. The paper appeared every day, but that it did so savored somewhat of the miraculous. Those were thrilling days, Hiram—but the time to make 'em better. And that's the only way it'll ever be done—By Hen!"

IRISH REPLY TO LLOYD GEORGE

Accepts Invitation, But Re-asserts Demand.

Dublin, Sept. 15.—Eamonn De Valera, in his reply to Premier Lloyd George's acceptance of an invitation to the proposed Laverne conference in the terms of the final paragraph of Lloyd George's last letter, but reasserts the Sinn Fein demand for Ireland's independence as a sovereign state, and declares that only a representative of such have the Sinn Fein negotiators any authority.

The text of Mr. De Valera's reply says: "In this final note we deem it our duty to re-affirm that our position, as we have defined it through this correspondence. The principle of government by consent of the governed must be the basis of any agreement which will achieve a final reconciliation."

"We hope that these representatives (the Sinn Fein negotiators) will find it possible to act in accordance with the principle of government by consent of the governed, and to recognize the accessibility of the present local areas as well as those which are yet undeveloped. It is learned that the C. N. R. board of directors have also passed favorably on the project, the suggestion being that the C. N. R. provide a bridge span and other necessary used material from its reserve supply and the provincial government provide for the construction work under an arrangement with the mine owners."

Construction of the short line of railway—about six miles—will give a competitive outlet for the coal mines in the Minto district and will, it is also urged, result in not less than 10,000 tons of coal annually being used on the C. N. R. lines in New Brunswick from the mines at Minto, with a considerable saving to the railway.

NEARING COMPLETION. Three-quarters of the new reinforced concrete main from Spruce Lake to the west side has been completed and laid, C. J. Bruce, manager of the Canada Loco Joint Pipe Co., said this morning. With fine weather the manufacture of pipe will be completed for the whole job in three weeks, he said, and the laying will be finished soon afterwards. Only three or four days have been lost through bad weather since the work commenced in the spring. Motion pictures of the work will be taken later in the week and it is intended to show them locally.

Phelix and Ferdinand WEATHER REPORT

issued by authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, R. F. Stupart, director of meteorological service.

Synopsis—An area of high pressure covers Manitoba and the northwest states and a disturbance of unknown intensity is centred not far from Bermuda.

Mostly Fair. Maritime—Moderate southwest and west winds, mostly fair today and on Friday. Gulf and North Shore—Moderate to fresh westerly winds, partly cloudy with a few local showers. Friday west to northwest winds, fair and cool.

New England—Partly cloudy tonight and Friday. Little change in temperature; moderate variable winds, mostly west and northwest.

Table with columns: Location, Highest during, Lowest during, Yesterday night. Includes entries for Prince Rupert, Victoria, Kamloops, Calgary, South St. Marie, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., Halifax, St. John, Nfld., Detroit, New York.

Dr. Michael Clark, M.P., Will Not Link up With National Progressives

Definite Split is Feature of Conference in Edmonton.

Idea of Group Government is Distasteful to Man from Red Deer—They Cannot Count on Him as a Candidate in Forthcoming Election.

Edmonton, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press).—The outstanding event of the national progressive conference in Edmonton yesterday, attended by Premier Greenfield, Hon. T. A. Crerar, H. W. Wood, president of the U. P. of A., and other heads of the former movement, is the definite split between the Agrarians and Dr. Michael Clark, M. P. for Red Deer. Dr. Clark declares that the idea of group government is distasteful to him and that he will not stand for dictation.

Dr. Clark's letter to Mr. Crerar follows: "After our recent conversations it will not greatly surprise you to learn that you cannot count on me as a candidate in Alberta in the forthcoming dominion election."

"Mr. Wood, whose organizing ability is great and admirable, seems to think he has found something new in the idea of group government. It is as old as the hills. True Liberals fought it in British and Canada alike, under restricted franchise, and, as a people, rightly struggled to be free. The House of Lords, the family compact, the Manufacturers' Association, and the junkers and militarists of Germany are each and all examples of group government, and the progress of humanity has been proportional to its ability to free itself from the domination of these groups. Class consciousness is gone, the less class selfishness, and there are no more class wars, and the class is doomed to die because it suddenly appears in farmer and labor parties."

"After all, there seems to be only one method of working out human affairs in the political sphere. The apostles of progress must unite upon common principles, sincerely held, to resist the whole church. The rate per family for the whole church is \$5.34, while in this year it stands at \$6.97."

(1) Accept the allocation for the 1922 budget of \$10,000, to be appropriated among the presbyteries as follows: Sydney, \$27,500; Inverness, \$7,500; Pictou, \$37,500; Wallace, \$9,000; Tyrro, \$15,000; Hali, \$86,500; Lunenburg and Yarmouth, \$6,500; St. John, \$27,500; Miramichi, \$18,500; and Prince Edward Island, \$24,500.

(2) Urge on the presbyteries, sessions and people to strive after the attainment, in their giving per family and communicant, of the average of the whole church. The rate per family for the whole church is \$5.34, while in this year it stands at \$6.97.

(3) Appreciate generous peace thanks offering subscriptions and hope for complete payment this year.

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(5) Women's mission society name their own representatives on the general interests committee.

(6) Urge on the Presbytery Witness as the weekly church paper.

SOME FEAR OF DECISION FOR A GREAT STRIKE

Chicago, Sept. 15.—Decision as to whether the United States will face a general railroad strike may result from two important meetings to be held here today. On Sunday the representatives of 500,000 railroad shop men will meet here to determine what action to take regarding the wage cut and changes in working rules, effective July 1. A country wide ballot, taken some time ago, is said to have resulted overwhelmingly in favor of a strike.

On September 22, the heads of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Order of Railway Conductors and Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will meet here to announce the result of a ballot now being taken in these organizations. Unofficial reports from some of these organizations indicate a large majority of the members favor a strike.

MORE GREEKS ARE CALLED TO FIGHT Athens, Sept. 15.—Recruits of the class of 1922 were called to the colors by a royal decree, issued yesterday. All those who have acquired Greek citizenship since 1921 and have passed the age of forty, were also directed to report for military duty.

BURIED TODAY The funeral of Michael Ronan took place this morning from the Mt. Misericordiae Home to the Cathedral for high mass of requiem by Rev. H. Milligan. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Lydia A. Herington was held today afternoon from her late residence at Milford to Cedar Hill. Rev. C. T. Clarke of Fairville, conducted the service.

The funeral of Mrs. R. M. Hazen was held today from St. Paul's church to Fernhill. Very Archdeacon Crowfoot conducted the service.

Commission Report Favors Admission of Canadian Cattle

London, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press).—The British cattle embargo commission report is entirely favorable to the admission of Canadian cattle. It rejects the disease theory but admits that the removal of the embargo would have a certain prejudicial effect on Scottish and Irish farming interests.

CONCILIATION BOARD TO SIT

Labor Minister Grants Railway Men's Petition.

Announcement Following the Failure of Negotiations on Matter of Wages Cut on Canadian Lines—Sittings to be Begun Soon.

Toronto, Sept. 15.—All negotiations having failed, Hon. Gladstone Robertson, minister of labor, has finally agreed to the petition of the five big railway brotherhoods for a board of conciliation to hear the protest of the men against the wage cut, recently put into effect on the Canadian lines.

The minister of labor some three weeks ago granted the applications for a board, but later held up the matter, "in the expectation and hope that the board would not be needed."

The men named D. W. Campbell of Winnipeg, as their man, and the companies, failing to make their choice, the minister of labor has named I. Pihlalo, K. C., also of Winnipeg. These two were directed to choose the chairman, and if they failed to agree the minister will on Monday complete the board.

Sittings are expected to begin in Montreal about September 26. The final conference between the men and the companies was held yesterday afternoon, when the men told that the wage cut would remain in force.

Members of the brotherhoods, in Toronto today, said that they believed the decision of the dominion railway board in freight rates would greatly help their cause. It would be used as a strong argument. At the time the wages were increased the size of the pay sheets was given as the biggest reason for the advance in the freight rates.

FORECASTS A BIGGER CROP THAN IN 1915

Ottawa, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press).—That the great wheat harvest of 1915 will probably be exceeded by the harvest this year is forecast in a report issued by the agricultural branch of the dominion bureau of statistics.

According to the report, which covers the conditions of the crops up to date, the average yields in bushels per acre for the principal grain crops will be as follows: Fall wheat 21.3-4, as against 24 last year.

Spring wheat 15.1-2, as against 14. All wheat 16.8-4, as against 14.1-2. Oats 30.1-4, as against 33.1-2. Barley 22.3-4, as against 24.3-1. Rye 16.1-4, as against 17.1-2. Flax seed 9.10, as against 5.60.

Upon the areas sown, as estimated on June 30 last, these averages represent total yields as follows: Fall wheat 15,473,000 bushels, as against 19,469,200 bushels last year. Spring wheat 27,914,800, as against 24,720,100. All wheat 294,387,900, as against 263,189,900. Oats 466,303,100, as against 530,709,700. Barley 57,607,800, as against 63,610,530.

Rye 11,847,500, as against 11,806,400. Flax seed 7,166,200, as against 7,997,700. These are preliminary estimates, subject to revision upon completion of threshing, the prevalence of rust, both black and red, in the Province of Saskatchewan occasioning difficulty in preliminary estimation of average yields.

LIKELY DEMAND RECONSIDERATION

Business Organizations and Freight Rates—Orders Held Up May Now Move.

Winnipeg, Sept. 15.—(Canadian Press).—Immediate reconsideration of yesterday's majority report of the board of railway commissioners declaring for "no reduction" in freight rates, will be asked by boards of trade and other business organizations in the dominion, according to opinions expressed by prominent local business men, who were greatly disappointed with the decision.

There is only one thing good about it, and that is, it clears the air and lets people know where they are," said R. G. Persch, chairman of the transportation committee of the Winnipeg board of trade.

Many fall orders from country buyers, it is said, were held up pending a decision on freight rates and it is now expected that these shipments will go forward promptly.

GREAT FIRE AT BEACH RESORT

New York, Sept. 15.—A block of hotel bath houses and amusement places on the boardwalk of Rockaway Beach, on the ocean side of Long Island, was destroyed by fire today, some estimates placing the loss at \$500,000. The hotels were practically closed for the season and only a few employees were in them. Two men were missing from one of them after the flames were under control.