

of any definite agreement on so complex and intricate subject as proposals for mutual international tariff changes involving the consideration of a multitude of varying industrial and commercial interests and political exigencies on both sides of the line must be a matter of very cautious and deliberate negotiation. It was understood from the first that the Ottawa conference just closed could not accomplish much more at first enable both sides to express their views to the tentative basis of an agreement. This is practically what has been done.

Secure Views of Members

The general ideas of each government as to ways and means of promoting freer trade have been presented, difficulties have been pointed out on each side, and each administration now has a clearer view as to the general limits of any trade agreement that is practically. Between now and January, 1 there will be time for the government here to sound the members of parliament as to how far Canada should go in accepting or rejecting the American proposals. Similarly at Washington the government can ascertain the probability of securing the agreement of congress and the senate to the proposals for a lowering of the tariff against Canadian products. Then when the conference resumes at Washington, in January, the negotiators will be in a position to take up the question in detail and with a well-established understanding of the conditions.

Meanwhile Canada at any rate has nothing to lose by the delay since the political winds across the border all seem to be blowing in the direction of a voluntary lowering of the tariff in the interests of the consumers. It is probable that Hon. Mr. Fielding will arrange to take a short holiday as soon as he can clear up the numerous pressing duties now pressing on his attention in preparation for the opening of parliament. When he and Mr. Peterson go to Washington it is understood they will confer directly with Pres. Taft and Secretary Knox as well as with Messrs. Hoyt, Pepper and Foster.

Dominion Crop Report

The Dominion census office has issued a bulletin on the crops of Canada as prepared from reports made up to the end of October. The closing months of the year give good reports for nearly all of the field crops of the Dominion. Potatoes alone indicate a partial failure as in all the provinces there are complaints of rot in the fields and in heaps for winter storage. The area is 503,454 acres and the stimulated yield 74,048,000 bushels, being an average of about 147 bushels per acre.

Hay and clover are computed for 8,515,100 acres and a yield per acre of 1.82 tons. The quality is 90.45 per cent., and the total yield 15,497,000 tons. Fodder corn has an estimated yield per acre of 9.38 tons which, upon an area of 271,960 acres, gives a product of 2,531,000 tons. Sugar beets are grown most extensively in Ontario and Alberta where they supply roots for three sugar factories. The area in crop this year is 16,000 acres which is a substantial increase upon last year. The yield per acre is 9.69 tons, the total yield 155,000 tons and the quality 93.15 per cent.

Computed at an average of local prices, the market value of potatoes this year is \$33,446,000; turnips and other roots \$21,444,000; hay and clover \$149,16,000; fodder corn \$11,937,000; and sugar beets \$807,000.

The report on fall wheat sown this year shows an area of 790,300 acres whereas 682,500 are in Ontario and 107,800 acres in Alberta. Last year the area was 603,200 acres for Ontario and 98,000 in Alberta. The condition of the crop is reported at 98.40 per cent. as compared with 93.60 last year.

The per cent. of fall plowing completed this year compared with the area planted is less than last year but the report is made for a period one month earlier. The per cent. of summer following compared in the same way is somewhat lower, but increases are shown for Saskatchewan and Alberta.

NEW FLYING FEAT

Fort Monroe, Va., Nov. 14.—Aerial navigation proved today that it is a factor which must be dealt with in the naval tactics. From Hampton Roads, the scene 43 years ago of another epoch in the history of naval warfare, Eugene Fly, in a Curtiss biplane, flew from the deck of a cruiser across the lower end

of Chesapeake Bay and landed on the shore opposite the fort.

With a broken propeller the daring birdman glided from the platform, erected on the foot of the big black cruiser, swooped down like an immense bird of prey until he touched the water, then rose rapidly into the misty air of the lower bay and was off in the direction of the broad Atlantic. Four minutes after having taken his sudden farewell of the Birmingham, he was a lost speck on the eastern horizon, and a short time later he landed safely on Willoughby Spit.

Ely proved that it is possible to fly safely from a ship, and after having done this, asserted with emphasis that it would be an easy matter for an aeroplane to alight on a vessel, either while the latter was moving or standing still. Naval experts who witnessed the flight expressed their belief that the navies of the world in the future must take the aeroplane into consideration when mapping out plans of action.

DELEGATES FOR OTTAWA

This column will be the directory of delegates appointed by the various Western associations. Each branch will be entered here and the name of the delegates if given:

- Hanley, Sask., 3 delegates, Thos. Lawrence, M. Malcolm, D. M. Dilley.
- Greenwood, Sask., 1 delegate, Stanley Rackham.
- Cartwright, Man., 2 delegates.
- Beaver, Man., 1 delegate.
- Ituna-Hubbard, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Douglas, Man., 1 delegate, Alec. Mitchell.
- Minitonas, Man., 1 delegate.
- Roleau, Sask., several delegates.
- Carnduff, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Oliver, Sask., 1 delegate, I. W. Tinkess.
- Franklin, Man., 1 delegate, President James Murdock.
- Springside, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Emerson, Man., 1 delegate.
- Cowley, Alta., 1 delegate.
- Red Lake / Camlachie, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Catarogin / Star City, Sask., 1 delegate, J. N. Fitzpatrick.
- Disley, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Marquis, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Lenore, Man., 1 delegate.
- Emerson, Man., 1 delegate.
- Pine Creek, Man., 1 delegate.
- Cypress River, Man., 1 delegate.
- Keffer, Man., 1 delegate.
- Springhill, Man., 1 delegate.
- Gilbert Plains, Man., 1 delegate, J. B. Parker; alternate, J. R. Dutton.
- Sheal Lake, Man., 1 delegate, W. J. Short.
- Dundurn, Sask., 1 delegate, T. W. Richardson.
- Milden, Sask., 2 delegates.
- Kempton, 1 delegate.
- Greenwood / Fairville, Sask., 2 delegates.
- Regina, Sask., 1 delegate, Thos. S. Stebbing.
- Cantal, Sask., 4 delegates, Adolphe Semey, David Cardin, Ulderick Cardin, Mallus Lachine.
- Bethune, Sask., 1 delegate, T. M. Eddy.
- Arlington Beach, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Waldeck, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Oxbow, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Grand Coulee, Sask., 3 delegates.
- R. Roe, Wm. Niblock, B. S. Keene.
- Moore Park, Man., 3 delegates.
- Chas. Meadows, R. T. Armstrong.
- (one to be appointed later).
- Birnie, Man., 2 delegates, Wm. Denoon, Wm. Cation.
- Griswold, Man., 1 delegate.
- Pine Creek, Man., 1 delegate, E. Stewart.
- Neshitt, Man., 1 delegate.
- Ashville, Man., 1 delegate, S. E. Lang.
- Berton, Man., 1 delegate.
- Thornfield, Sask., 1 delegate.
- Lyleton, Man., 2 delegates, R. J. Tooke, A. M. Lyle.
- Hamlet, Man., 1 delegate.
- Kelson Station, Man., 1 delegate, A. McVirar.

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G. T. P. ELEVATOR TAX

Fort William, Ont., Nov. 14.—The outstanding feature at the court of revision was the appeal of the Grand Trunk Pacific Elevator company, lessees of the property generally known locally as the G. T. P. elevator, from the Grand Trunk Pacific Terminal Elevator company which in turn springs from the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company. The claimants appealed against the company being taxed on the land on which the elevator stands, on the ground that the land is the property of the G. T. P. Terminal Elevator company, and exemption from the 25 per cent business tax, claiming that under the act of 1904 an elevator is not liable to this tax. The decision of the court confirmed the assessment rated by the commissioner, and the whole of the taxation for the building, land and the business tax, amounting to almost \$25,000, will have to be borne by the G. T. P. elevator company.

A startling feature of the appeal was the establishment of the fact that the G. T. P. Railway company is no longer owner of the property nor did it build the elevator, although it claimed \$200,000 of the bonus given by the city on the ground that it had spent \$600,000 on the elevator, which it now states was built by another company.

ROOSEVELT TALKS

New York, Nov. 14.—The following is a statement by Theodore Roosevelt, his first comment since the recent elections:

"On every hand, personally and by correspondents, I have been asked to make a statement regarding the election. So far as I am concerned, I have nothing whatever to add to or take away from the declaration of principles which I have made in the Osawatimie speech and elsewhere, east or west, during the past three months. The fight for progressive popular government has merely begun, and will certainly go on to a triumphant conclusion in spite of initial checks and irrespective of the personal success or failure of individual leaders."

ENGLISH ELECTIONS EXPECTED

It is expected that the British parliament will dissolve on Nov. 28 and a general election be held before Christmas. Since the veto negotiations fell through Premier Asquith has visited King George for consultation and it is claimed has demanded the fulfillment of his father's promise to create sufficient new peers to pass veto legislation. The King, it is expected, will agree to this as he must act on the advice of his ministers. The impending election will be fought almost entirely on the question of the lord's veto as the other questions of the last budget have pretty well all been settled.

The Irish party is very strong and will probably hold the balance of power no matter which may the election goes. The Liberal party state they are glad to go to the country and already election manifestoes are being issued. If the election is held next month and gives a big Liberal majority on the veto question the power of the British House of Lords will be forever broken. Never in the last century have the people of Great Britain been so generally aroused of national questions.

FATAL POLITICAL RIOTS

Managua, Nicaragua, Nov. 14.—Twelve persons are dead at Leon and a great many wounded as the result of a political demonstration there yesterday. The gov-

ernment issued orders prohibiting a Liberal manifestation, and when the Liberals and their adherents gathered in the streets to carry out their plans, troops were sent against them. Charles Teller, an American, was among the wounded.

FARMERS ARRESTED

Dauphin, Man., Nov. 14.—Much excitement was caused here today by the arrests of John Boyd, Jacob Cathers and Sam'l J. Boyd, by Staff Sergeant Dular, and Constable Keyes, of the Mounted Police. The persons arrested are all old-timers and many of their friends were at the station to see them off. They were taken to Prince Albert to stand trial on charges brought against them, it being alleged that they entered for more homesteads than the law entitled them.

CRUISER RAINBOW ARRIVES

A Victoria wire of November 7 said: "The Canadian cruiser Rainbow steamed into Esquimalt harbor at 10.10 this morning, the hour Commander Stewart had been instructed by wireless to arrive, and five minutes later she dropped her anchor two cables off the coaling wharf. A salute of 21 guns from the cruiser was answered by a similar one from H.M.S. Shearwater. As the Rainbow's first gun boomed out a line of bunting from stern to stern was run up, and the ensign was hoisted to the masthead. A large number of citizens had assembled to witness the arrival, and favorable comments were heard regarding Canada's first Pacific vessel, which is a very trim one indeed. She shows little trace of her long voyage. "There was a representative gathering of citizens on board the Rainbow this afternoon when a hearty welcome to Canada was extended to Commander Stewart and his officers and men."

The Saskatchewan legislature has been called to meet Thursday, December 12. The House will immediately adjourn to reconvene early in the year to transact the work of the session. The regular session of the legislature will be held in the new legislative buildings.

Count Leo Tolstoy, the great Russian writer, is very ill. He is now 82 years of age, and a few days ago left the peasant hut in which he lives and declared that he would spend the remainder of his life in solitude.

Winnipeg is now in the middle of a ten days' campaign to raise \$330,000 to build a new Y. M. C. A. building.

There have been many anti-American riots in Mexico, the result of the lynching of a Mexican in Texas.

The French coast was devastated by a severe storm. Besides a heavy property loss twenty-one lives were lost.

The budget speech at Ottawa will probably not be delivered until January, as Mr. Fielding is absent in the South.

The annual synod of the Presbyterian church of Saskatchewan was held at Prince Albert last week.

Fling those hot, filthy, sweaty collared in the ditch and let the horses' shoulders work against a firm, smooth collar that you can keep clean and cool. That means, of course, a collar that fits right.

One or two more hogs in the pen this year will buy all the Christmas presents next December.