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Nova Scotia and P. E. Island Retailers Open Conference Here

Representative Attendance from Many Parts of Dominion. Important Resolutions Discussed and Passed.

The two-day convention of the Nova Scotia and P. E. Island branches of the Retail Merchants Association of Canada opened yesterday morning with a very representative attendance in the Legislative building.

President A. J. Reid, of the Nova Scotia Board, in opening the convention, expressed his pleasure at the privilege of welcoming the assembled delegates to the sixth annual meeting of the Nova Scotia and P. E. Island Retail Merchants. He referred in complimentary terms to the island, and to the part played by this province from Confederation, but stressed also the fact that the provincial outlook should give way to the nation-wide outlook and the welfare of Canada as a whole. Towards the betterment of the nation-wide outlook and the welfare of Canada as a whole, he stressed the importance of the Association to work.

His Honor Lieutenant Governor MacKinnon extended a warm welcome of conditions generally come from the province to the delegates. The Retail Merchants Association is in very close touch with the country and no organized body is more deserving of a welcome to the city. His Honor referred to the serious decline in population in this province, which necessarily affects very materially the retail trade.

Premier Bell, welcoming the delegates on behalf of the government, said he hoped they would be able to remain long enough to taste the full beauty of the province and the hospitality of its people. It is, he understood, the desire of the Association to extend trade relations between the provinces to a greater extent and incidentally to lessen the cost to the consumer. Lower freight rates from this province to the heart of the Dominion, the speaker emphasized as an essential and urgent step. Adequate trade facilities for the outlying provinces were promised at Confederation and yet last year island potatoes rotted in the open because of the high freight rates over to Halifax and St. John were prohibitive.

His Worship Mayor Jenkins extended the freedom of the city in a very cordial address, and expressed the optimistic belief that the business tide has turned for the better and that the coming years are rich in possibilities.

President A. J. Reid responded to the address of welcome. Cheap transportation is a very serious problem, indeed, and one which touches very closely the retail trade. Distribution of merchandise is an exceedingly difficult matter under present conditions, and today our farmers are not receiving anything like a fair return for their labor owing to the high cost of production and transportation.

President G. H. Chandler, of the local association, aided his welcome to the visiting members. The retailers are, as has been said, an important body; they have their fingers on the business pulse of the country, and their success or failure is bound up in the destinies of the country. When the farmers' cellars are full of potatoes the retailer's books are full of bills.

Mr. Watson, of the Dominion executive, in a brief address, expressed the hope that the Nova Scotia and P. E. Island branches are a vital part of the Dominion Association, and that the executive are present to receive instructions and suggestions for the betterment of conditions and to help carry them out.

Mr. E. M. Trover, secretary of the Dominion board, said it was the first time his experience at a convention opening when there were present all the leaders of a province, from the Lieutenant Governor to the City Mayor. This is significant of the age, when the leaders of the people must meet with the people. This convention is important because it concerns the betterment of the retail trade, and consequently the welfare of the country as a whole. When all classes would meet together in working harmony and then the world will see a real League of Nations. He was not in favor of class government, but of a government that had a sympathetic understanding with every class. Retail merchants are a peculiar class. They are a group of small business, with their own names over their own shops. They have more money invested than all other classes together, and what affects the country as a whole necessarily affects their business.

Mr. Sausregret, Quebec, expressed great pleasure upon his first visit to the island. The more he studied the problems of trade relations between the various provinces the more he was convinced of the value of the Retail Merchants' Association, and the great results that may be achieved by its co-operation.

Mr. J. H. Curie, secretary of the Manitoba branch, voiced his belief in the real value of the Association. It is easy indeed for retailers as a class to be misunderstood. In a Montreal paper recently a manufacturer lays the blame of bad business conditions largely upon the retail trade. But this could not justly be done.

Secretary J. C. Doyle, of the Nova Scotia branch, emphasized the great advantages of membership in the Association, apart altogether from monetary remuneration to the members, but in solid value to the consuming public. The speaker had had the honor of establishing the Association in this province, and Nova Scotia, and it was a great pleasure to hear the words of appreciation expressed today. Brief remarks were then made by Mr. Hoggood and Mr. Bentley, of Halifax. Mr. S. A. McDonald, of P. E. Island, Mr. W. LePage, City, Mr. F. E. Harris, Annapolis Valley, Mr. Murray, Cape Breton, and Mr. Grant, New Glasgow.

Secretary Doyle read a telegram expressing the good wishes of the Ontario provincial board of the association.

Afternoon Session

After roll call and the reading of the minutes of last meeting by Secretary Doyle, President Reid of the Nova Scotia board and President Chandler of the local board briefly addressed the meeting.

President Reid referred to the great difference in business methods and modern trade requirements of today and in past times. Demands hitherto unknown have been created, by modern life and the supplying of these demands has opened up new lines of business activity. The growth of business requires greater union and co-operation and the retail organization has learned the vital importance of working together to achieve results. At the present time the farmers, as a class are not receiving any more for their labor, in the net results, at any rate so far as the eastern provinces are concerned as they did before the war. Between union and non-union labor there is a great inequality, and before business conditions can get regulated this inequality must go down away with them. There must be a great leveling up or leveling down. In the adjusting of this important matter the Retailers' Association may do a great deal.

President Chandler, of the local board, spoke of the present trade conditions and the depressing influence of the present high freight rates. There should be a better understanding between the farmer and the retailer and the farmer should remember that the business man who makes profit in the city very often comes from the farm. The early closing of city

C.N. Railways Make Big Cut In Wages

(Special to The Guardian.)
MONTREAL, Aug. 15—Canadian railways today slashed some \$200,000 from the semi-monthly wage bill to their shop employees despite the overwhelming strike ball for which union leaders held in their hands from about 37,000 men employed from coast to coast.

Former President of Bank of Montreal Seriously Ill

(Special to The Guardian.)
MONTREAL, Aug. 15—R. B. Angus, a director and former president of the Bank of Montreal, and a director of the Canadian Pacific is seriously ill here.

Strike of N.S. Miners Assumes Serious Aspect

(Special to The Guardian.)
SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 15—The strike of Nova Scotia miners is now said to be one hundred per cent. All mine employees in Cape Breton are now out including pumpmen and safety apparatus in pits is being operated by mine officials and clerical staff.

Alleged Revelations Cause Dismissal of Employees

(Special to The Guardian.)
WINNIPEG, Man., Aug. 15—Following alleged startling revelations by an auditing firm over the bookkeeping of the city employees of Boniface adjoining this city have been given notice to leave.

Sir William L. Allardy Governor of N'land

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Aug. 15—The Colonial Office announces the following appointments, Sir William Lamond Allardy C. E., former governor of Tasmania to be governor of Newfoundland.

Former Residents of Island Meet With Tragic Bereavement

M. Caleb Jordan of Murray Harbor arrived in city Monday night. His visit to Charlottetown is connected with very sad circumstances, as he came to meet Mrs. L. O. Stevenson, 38, a moving picture actress, plunged to the street, fracturing his skull and suffering internal injuries. He was taken to the hospital in a critical condition. Stevenson dressed as a woman, was said to be impersonating Pearl White in a scene of "plunder" a motion picture play.

Several other members of the cast were also on the bus, which had been chartered for the occasion.

Mr. Fraser who was a butcher, was employed with the firm of P. Burns and Co. of Kamloops, B. C. He was a native of Black Rock, Nova Scotia.

Thousands of Miners on Strike in Nova Scotia

6,000 Miners in Glace Bay Idle Besides Thousands in Other Mines. Ships Lying Idle in Ports Accumulating Demurrage.

(Special to The Guardian.)
SYDNEY, N. S., Aug. 15—Every-thing is quiet and lonely through out the colliery district this morning. The miners are not working at any of the collieries. Since midnight last night the strike for the 1921 rates became effective and every miner in District 26 with the exception of the pumpmen, firemen and other protective men have been idle.

Resolutions Adopted by Ass. Boards of Trade

Following is the text of the resolutions, briefly referred to yesterday's Guardian discussed and adopted at the meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade of the province held on Monday at Souris:

Immigration and Publicity
Whereas—in the opinion of the Associated Boards of Trade of Prince Edward Island in an annual session at Souris, this fourteenth day of August, 1922, the present time is considered opportune for an aggressive and progressive policy for Colonization and development of the national resources of Canada in order to help solve our complex railway and financial problems.

And whereas it is generally conceded that in the past other parts of the Dominion have been hoisted and favored largely at the expense and neglect of Maritime Province interests.

And Whereas The population in Prince Edward Island has dwindled from 109,078 in 1891 to 88,536 in 1921, or a loss of over 20,000 in 30 years, largely on account of the lack of transportation facilities and non-fulfillment of the terms of Confederation, for many years past, leaving our Province in such a position that she could not take advantage of the transportation facilities available to citizens of the mainland, and thus debarred

Lord Northcliffe's Brother to Administer Estate

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Aug. 15—Lord Rothermere, brother of Northcliffe, probably will be named administrator of the publishers vast estate.

Former Residents of Island Meet With Tragic Bereavement

The son was sixteen years of age and the daughter thirteen—two very bright and promising young people. An account of the terrible accident is given as follows:

The girl went to bathing about noon on July 30th. She had not been in very long when it was evident something was the matter. After sinking twice, she called for help. Her brother who was standing nearby, hearing her cry rushed to her rescue fully dressed in boots and overalls. The current was very swift at this point and it drew both of them under. The father who was shaving at the time just happened to come out of the house took off his slippers and jacket and hastened to the scene only to share the same fate as his children. A man nearby by the name of Ernest Hodges also went to the help of the drowning people but only succeeded in getting the girl's bathing cap. He came ashore and rushed to the nearest telephone which happened

Irish Republicans Have Captured Dundalk, Surprising the Garrison

Number of Valuable Foxes Are Poisoned

(Special to The Guardian.)
KINGSTON, Aug. 15—About twenty valuable foxes in Frontenac County have been poisoned and detectives are investigating.

Funeral Service for Lord Northcliffe in Westminster Abbey

(Special to The Guardian.)
LONDON, Aug. 15—Lord Northcliffe's body will be buried Thursday in the St. Mary Lebow Cemetery, Finchley.

French Cabinet To Hold Important Meeting

(Special to The Guardian.)
PARIS, Aug. 15—Premier Poincaré has called a meeting of the French Cabinet for Wednesday morning to consider the international situation, it was announced tonight.

Operators and Mine Leaders to Settle Their Differences

(Special to The Guardian.)
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 15—9-n-tractive operators and union mine leaders will gather tomorrow morning to negotiate broken off nearly three months ago and an early settlement of differences is expected.

Monument Unveiled At Bloomfield Yesterday

An impressive ceremony took place yesterday at Bloomfield, where a beautiful monument erected to the memory of the heroes of the parish who fell in the Great War was unveiled. Appropriate addresses were delivered and in the afternoon a programme of sports and amusements suitable to the occasion were carried out.

Berlin is Scared By Rumors of French Activity

BERLIN, Aug. 15—Anxiety is felt here following unconfirmed rumors that French colonial cavalry is advancing toward Trier and Frankfurt.

Smashes Skull In Movie Stunt

(Special to The Guardian.)
NEW YORK, Aug. 15.—Mistaking his distance when he attempted to leap from the top of a "bus" to catch a string-piece under the elevated structure at 72nd and Columbus avenue today, John Stevenson, 38, a moving picture actor, plunged to the street, fracturing his skull and suffering internal injuries. He was taken to the hospital in a critical condition. Stevenson dressed as a woman, was said to be impersonating Pearl White in a scene of "plunder" a motion picture play.

Several other members of the cast were also on the bus, which had been chartered for the occasion.

Raided Jail, Released and Armed Republican Prisoners, Seized Post Office and Looted Banks Taking Large Sums of Money.

(Special to The Guardian.)
BURLINGTON, Aug. 15—The irregulars captured Dundalk yesterday morning. They surprised the garrison headquarters, marched on the jail, released and armed the prisoners and joined the forces and with bombs and rifles, putting the Nationals to flight.

The attackers captured the post office and railway station, blocking the line by running engines to destruction.

Citizens are fleeing in terror from the Republicans who are now patrolling the town. The Free State troops captured in Dundalk have been lodged in prison.

The irregulars raided all the banks, purloining huge sums. The irregulars have moved south and are blowing up bridges behind them, and they are reported to have captured Drogheda.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15—The latest news received here concerning the situation at Drogheda is to the effect that the town hall is still held by the nationals who have lifted the rails on the viaduct north of the town to prevent a train with irregulars getting through from Dundalk, where the irregulars are now in control.

In Dundalk Queen's Hotel was destroyed and the Anne street barracks blown up. The irregulars captured the workshops of the Great Northern Railway. At Kellystown the irregulars left the train to march on Drogheda. Reinforcements are being sent to the aid of the nationals.

BURLINGTON, Aug. 15—Commandant McKenna, leader of the Irish insurgents in County Louth, and five other Republicans were killed during the fighting which resulted in the capture of Dundalk by the irregulars, says a report from that town late this afternoon. McKenna was captured by national forces during the Four Courts Battle in Dublin, but he later escaped.

Cleveland Coal Strike Has Been Settled

(Special to The Guardian.)
CLEVELAND, Aug. 15—The striking soft coal miners and mine owners whose representatives here have been in conference this afternoon, ratified the new wage agreement and work in the soft coal mines will be resumed almost at once.

President Harding To Propose Methods To Deal With Strike

WASHINGTON, Aug. 15—President Harding will appear before Congress within the next forty-eight hours to deliver a message on the rail strike situation, it was announced at the White House today.

It was officially stated that the President plans to place the entire strike situation before Congress, and at the same time it is expected that he will suggest the next move that must be made by the government to relieve the situation.

Just what recommendations the executive will make have not been determined upon. It was stated at the White House, but it was apparent that the executive has few alternatives left other than to ask approval for seizure of the railroads in the event of a more serious breakdown in the transportation system.

Final hearing on the application of the city of Buffalo for a stay of the order of Justice Pooley that the jitneys in Buffalo must be discontinued will be held this afternoon.

Western Wheat Board Has Collapsed

OTTAWA, Aug. 15—In view of the difficulty which has been experienced by the western provinces in getting any qualified men to serve on it, the collapse of the Wheat Board idea does not come as any surprise to Ottawa.

In the opinion of many the proposition was doomed from the start.

Its advocates always went on the theory that the success of the war time organization could be repeated in time of peace, disregarding the fact that what was authorized as a war measure finds little constitutional warrant at the present time.

The legislation on the subject was necessarily a piece of patch work, the federal parliament going a certain distance and the provinces amplifying its authority.

When the milling industry was excluded from the operation of the board, any power of the millers to exercise was weakened for the milling part was a vital feature of the former method. While no official statement is available today from the fact that those most interested in the matter are out of town, the collapse of the plan is neither a surprise nor a disappointment.

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*Taxi service stand day, J. S. Wedlock, night—Ernest McCarey 88 Sydney St., James Power. 699-17

*COME TO THE ICE CREAM Social in Summerfield Hall, Thursday evening, August 17. If stormy first fine night, following. 1000-16-21

*COME TO THE LONG CREEK Baptist Sunday School Picnic on Thursday, Aug. 17. Visitors' table and refreshments provided. 1004-16-21

*Owing to the conflicting dates the Tryon Horse Breeders Association Races are postponed until further notice. 983-15-21.

*Remember the sale of W. H. Collett Victoria, Friday 18th. stock, implements, and some household furniture. See handbills for full particulars. 988-15-31.

*Change of date owing to the Scottish Gathering taking place on August 23rd, the picnic at Corran Ban will be held on Saturday Aug. 19th. If not fine on Saturday will be held on Monday. 14-31