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## PROPOSAL TO MOVE CAR FERRY ROUSES GENERAL INDIGNATION

### Hastily Called Meeting of Board of Trade Vigorously Protests Against Taking Car Ferry Steamer Off Route to Go to Relief of Ice-Bound Trader in St. Lawrence.

A largely attended meeting of the Charlottetown Board of Trade was held yesterday morning, under the presidency of Mr. R. E. Mutch, to consider the proposal to take the Car Ferry steamer off her route and send her to the relief of the C. M. D. steamer Canadian Spinner which has got caught in the ice in the St. Lawrence, near Ann-de-Montes. It was ascertained that the lives of the crew were not in danger and that the vessel had plenty food and coal on board.

After considerable discussion in which the unanimous opinion was expressed that it would be an outrage to take the Car Ferry steamer off the route at this season, endangering our whole winter communication and practically putting the province out of business, the following resolution, moved by Mr. E. H. Iler and seconded by Mr. A. A. Pomeroy, was unanimously agreed to, and copies ordered to be telegraphed to the Prime Minister, Minister of Railways, Ottawa, Mr. D. B. Hanna, Mr. C. M. Hayes, Toronto, and Mr. L. S. Brown, Moncton:

#### RESOLUTION

"Inhabitants of P. E. I. are in consternation at suggestion to take Car Ferry steamer from service to relieve Spinner. Under favorable conditions and no accident this would take at least seven days. The whole Province must suffer during the additional time it will require to relieve the further freight congestion which must accrue. Should accident happen Car Ferry or she be hemmed in by ice this province would be absolutely without any means of communication. The large quantities of eggs, potatoes, live stock, dressed meats and other perishable freight delayed would positively put Prince Edward Island out of business, to say nothing of passengers and mail services which would be interrupted indefinitely, and possibly all winter. This Province is also dependent upon the Car Ferry for its coal supply. This Board and Province protest against the removal of the Car Ferry now or at any further time where, any possibility of delay to our service is involved. Should lives of crew of Spinner be in danger suggest you order ice boats from Cape Tormentine by rail to nearest port to Spinner. If it is a question of abandoning the steamer Spinner or this Province we insist we should be considered first."

It was ascertained that owing to contrary winds the Car Ferry steamer could not go out that day, and every endeavour was made to get the authorities to countermand the order at once.

Premier Bell, who was present by invitation, said the Government was meeting in the forenoon and it would send a telegram endorsing the stand taken by the board.

A telephone communication from Summerside indicated that the Board there was likewise in action. The shippers also joined in sending a strongly worded protest, and intimated to the Government that it was responsible for any loss sustained by the proposed interruption or delay of the service.

His Worship Mayor Wright telegraphed as follows:—  
To Hon. D. B. Hanna, Chairman National Railways, Toronto.  
The City Council and Citizens of

## THE WEATHER TEMPERATURE TIDE, MOON ETC.

TORONTO, Jan. 1.—Fresh north-west and west winds, mostly fair and cold.

The tide will be high this evening at 6.06, tomorrow at 6.09 and Saturday at 7.03; it will be high tomorrow morning at 7.35, Saturday at 8.41 and Tuesday at 9.40.

Sun sets this afternoon at 4.26 tomorrow at 4.27 and Saturday at 4.28; it rises tomorrow morning, Saturday and Sunday at 7.42.

First quarter moon, December 30th 12.25 a. m.  
Full moon Monday, January 5th 5.05 a. m.

The lowest temperature during Tuesday night was 9 above zero. At 9 a. m. yesterday it was 24 above—the highest during the day. At 6 p. m. it was 10 above.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMING EVENTS, MEETINGS, ETC.

\*A Concert and Pie Social will be held in Rose Valley hall on January 2nd. If unfavorable Monday January 5th. 5996-1-1ME311

## LONG TOUR FOR PRINCE OF WALES

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Prince of Wales starts his journey to New Zealand and Australia and India on March 1. He will be away until Christmas.

## ALLIES WANT U.S. RATIFICATION

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Times says editorially, the Allies want America to ratify the treaty for many reasons of the highest moment. They want her to ratify now; they want her ratification to have the American people behind it. They would greatly prefer that she should ratify the treaty as her President and the other representatives helped to mould it and as president Wilson signed it.

## GERMAN TOLL 1,500,000 MEN

(Special to The Guardian.)  
BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Official statistics made public today place the number of Germans killed in battle at 1,500,000. These figures do not include those who died in prison camps.

## Winnipeg Jews Leaving for Palestine

(Special to The Guardian.)  
WINNIPEG, Dec. 31.—At least 150 Jewish citizens of Winnipeg have completed arrangements to return to Palestine at an early date, and it is expected that more will do likewise. The Zionists have formed a co-operative society known as the "Okear," and will live together in Palestine as co-workers and co-beneficiaries in a co-operative colony.

## Sir Adam Beck Seriously Ill

(Special to The Guardian.)  
MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—The Montreal Gazette has received the following cable from its London correspondent:—  
Sir Adam Beck is ill at a nursing home here. He became ill during the voyage, pneumonia followed and he is now approaching the crisis. Lady Beck, who is with her husband, said he came over on a surprise Christmas visit.

## Sir George Foster Acting Premier

(Special to The Guardian.)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—While no official statement has yet been made by Sir Robert Borden naming an acting Premier to take the leadership during his absence it was stated last evening that Sir George Foster would be probably the acting Premier, at least until the opening of the House and then a House leader would be chosen by a caucus of the Unionist Members. During the special session of the Parliament last summer a similar course was followed.

## CONDENSED SPECIALS

\*WANTED EXPERIENCED COOK. Apply Mrs. R. R. Fitzgerald, 21 Water Street. 5673-12-31M31pd

\*WANTED—A GIRL FOR GENERAL housework. No washing. Apply Mrs. J. C. Sims, 249 Prince Street. 3015-12-16M1f.

\*TEACHER WANTED FOR EAST Baltic school No. 42. Salary \$60.00. Apply to Patrick Grady, Secretary. 5956-12-31M31pd

\*FOUND—MAN'S GREY ANgora glove, with tan binding. Owner can have same by applying at this office and paying for ad. M1f.

WANTED TEACHER FOR WOOD Islands East School No. 137. Supplement \$60 for remainder of term. A. M. McLennan, Secretary. 5995-1-1ME31pd.

WANTED IN A GOOD HOME without children for light work, a middle aged lady, reference required. For particulars address W. H. McEwen, Kinross. 5992-1-1ME21pd.

WANTED TEACHER FOR FORTUNE Head School No. 128. Supplement \$65 per annum. Brecken McDonald, Secretary, Red House B. R. No. 4. 5991-1-1ME31pd

## THE YEAR THAT IS GONE

The year 1919, now a closed volume, will be historic as one of the years of the Great War. The roar of guns had ceased before the birth of the year, but the echoes were still reverberating, the shadows had not all departed. The boys were returning in groups and were being welcomed home with a warmth and enthusiasm that compensated largely for the hardships endured on the battlefields. But the returning ranks were broken. Some five hundred in all from our province had been left to sleep "over there," and the memory of the sacrifice saddened the welcome home.

For this province the year was a prosperous one. Crops were abundant, and well harvested; prices were high and farmers, merchants and indeed the whole community shared in the distribution. Nevertheless, the general unrest throughout the world left its impress upon our people. Conditions were, and still are, abnormal. The high prices for produce were discounted by the abnormally high prices for commodities purchased. The margin of profit seemed out of proportion to the receipts and the general unrest manifested itself, here as elsewhere, in a desire for change. The provincial election, held in July, gave the first opportunity to manifest this unrest and the Arsenal Government, to the surprise of both victor and vanquished, went down to defeat, giving place to the Bell Administration.

In September, Hon. Murdoch McKinnon was appointed to the Governorship of the province, in succession to the late Hon. A. MacDonaid, his first official act being the swearing in of the new Cabinet under the Bell Administration.

An outstanding event of the year was the visit of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, an event which afforded our people an agreeable opportunity to express their loyalty to the British throne and to their future sovereign. The visit of His Royal Highness, although but for an afternoon, was sufficiently long to create a most favorable impression upon all who had the privilege of seeing and hearing him, his charming and unaffected manner winning the hearts of all.

The general health of the province was good, and the death rate, in comparison with that of the previous year, was low. Nevertheless, in the toll of the Grim Reaper, there were included a number of outstanding figures in the social and political life and many homes were saddened and the province made the poorer by their passing. No statistics are available to show the total deaths and births, as these are compiled at the end of the year. For the third quarter, ending September 30th, the births and deaths officially reported, numbered respectively about 400. These figures, however, are not complete as in too many instances the returns are not as promptly forwarded to the Registrar as they should be.

With respect to the various industries The Guardian is indebted to

## TO OUR READERS EVERYWHERE

May You All be Filled with the  
Joy and Happiness You Wish for  
Others.

And May Your Gifts of Good Will  
to Others Return to You in Blessings  
During the Coming Year.

Mr. W. H. Aitken of the firm of Carvell Brothers; Mr. H. V. Buntain of the firm of Buntain and Bell; Mr. W. F. Tidmarsh; Mr. William Kerr, Agricultural Organizer; Mr. Chester McClure; Messrs. Chappell and Hunter; Lowe Brothers; A. H. McDougall; His Honor, Lieutenant Governor McKinnon, and others, for valuable information on the general business, shipping trade, fisheries, agriculture, etc., which is briefly summarized as follows:—

#### GENERAL BUSINESS

Business during the year has been fairly satisfactory, and conditions have been similar to those which have obtained during several years of the immediate past.

Farm products have shown good yields and everything in that line has been in good demand at high prices, and shipments have gone forward to market quite freely.

In regard to potatoes, some varieties showed considerable disease, but this was discovered in the early fall and shippers who took note of it and exercised proper care guarded against what might otherwise have caused them serious trouble.

The prices ruling in the province for oats have been too high to allow of successful competition with the western product, and only our nearness to the provincial markets and the prompt delivery we were able to make against the slow transportation from the West gave us an opportunity to keep this product moving. Newfoundland has not taken as much oats from the Island as in former years, dealers there having purchased Western oats at very much less than ours.

General wholesale supplies keep on a very high level, and it is apparently a difficult matter to predict when any relief is likely to come. It is impossible to realize the extent of the destruction of the world's goods during the last four years. Immense steamers and ships, with their valuable cargoes, have been sunk daily. In former years marine disasters occurring from ordinary storms had their effect on the market, but how small were those accidents compared with the world war's destruction! It will require much time and increased production in every line to bring things back to a normal state again.

#### SHIPPING TRADE.

One of the outstanding features of the shipping trade during the year has been the large increase in the quantity of coal that has been moving by the Car Ferry, about 75 per cent. of the coal that came to the province having been imported by rail. Practically all the hard coal imported came by way of the Car Ferry, and although a large number of schooners have been used during the season in the coal trade, the merchants have made use of the Ferry to a considerable extent. One important advantage of the Car Ferry is the fact that coal merchants in Prince Edward Island are no longer under the necessity of stocking up, as they were bound to do before the inauguration of the service at the Capes. By reason of the excellent service which is given

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## CLEMENCEAU TO BE OPPOSED

PARIS, Dec. 31.—Political circles believe that the name of Premier Clemenceau will be the only one submitted to Parliament when the election for President of the French Republic takes place according to the Echo De Paris.

## NO PASSPORTS TO RUSSIA

(Special to The Guardian.)  
LONDON, Dec. 31.—The Parliamentary Commission of the Trades Union Congress today applied for passports for a delegation of the congress to visit Soviet Russia there to investigate prevailing conditions. The Government replied that it could not grant passports to a country with which it had not diplomatic relations.

## JELICOE LEAVES FOR NEW YORK

(Special to The Guardian.)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—Admiral Jellicoe having completed his report and recommendations with regard to the Canadian Naval policy will leave for New York tomorrow afternoon. It is understood that the report will be placed in the hands of Mr. C. C. Ballantyne, Minister of Marine and Naval Affairs tomorrow but its contents are still a profound secret.

## Canada Bans U. S. Whiskey

(Special to The Guardian.)  
OTTAWA, Dec. 31.—An Order in Council has been passed banning the importation of American whiskey into Canada to be held in bonded warehouses or to be exported. Heretofore bonding privileges were allowed where the provincial authorities consented.

## Internationalization Of Constantinople

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, Dec. 31.—Internationalization of Constantinople and the Straits of Dardanelles has been decided upon, along the lines laid down by Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain in a recent speech, according to the Matin.

It seems certain, the newspaper says, that the seat of the Turkish government will be transferred to Asia Minor, and be located either at Brusa or Konieh.

Details of the form of internal control which will be established over Constantinople have not as yet become known.

## Canadian Spinner A drift Two Weeks

(Special to The Guardian.)  
QUEBEC, Dec. 31.—Grave fears are entertained here for the steamer Canadian Spinner, which has been drifting in the ice for upwards of two weeks in the vicinity of Matane. The greatest danger which menaces the vessel is, should she drift down to Cape Chatte, she might be wrecked there before assistance could reach her.

The Quebec Board of Trade after a meeting today sent a telegram to the Minister of Marine and Fishery suggesting that the steamer Lady Grey be loaded with coal to her full capacity and make another attempt to reach the steamer.

## OLD MAN SLUSH HASN'T GOT A FRIEND IN THE WORLD



## GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO DELEGATION

### Owing to Straitened Financial Circumstances Government Say They Cannot Extend Necessary Invitation for Empire Press Union Which Would Involve an Outlay of \$3,000.

The Government have forwarded the following reply, in the form of an extract from minutes of Council, to the delegation that waited upon them this week requesting that an invitation be extended to the members of the Empire Press Union to visit P. E. Island in July:—

"The Government, after careful consideration of the facts as presented, conclude that it would comply with the request and for the following among other reasons:

1. The present state of our finances would hardly permit or justify such a large expenditure.
2. The Government had received no official communication on the subject.
3. On behalf of all the Provinces the Federal Government had contributed \$50,000 and the National Railways free transportation. Yet this province was not included in the original itinerary.
4. The people of Summerside had generously offered to enter the visitors and supply them with luncheon.
5. The Auto Association had so generously offered, free of charge, to convey the visitors to Borden to Summerside and then to Charlottetown through the most beautiful sections.
6. The visitors were to land Borden about 10 a. m. proceed to Summerside, have luncheon, visit the fox ranches, leave about 2.30 p. m. reach Charlottetown about p. m. and leave for Borden about 7.
7. The Government had previously offered to contribute towards the expense and appropriate literature.

This offer the government declines and under the circumstances all that it is justified making.

## TREATY OF VERSAILLES WILL BE RATIFIED JANUARY

### German Delegates Will be Given Letter Agreeing to Reduce Allies' Demands to 400,000 Tons if Available Tonnage is Inadequate Diplomatic Relations With Germany Will Resume on Following Day.

(Special to The Guardian.)  
PARIS, Dec. 31.—Exchange of ratifications of the Treaty of Versailles will take place January 6 at the Quai D'Orsay. Baron Von Lersner head of the German delegation and Paul Dutasta, Secretary of the Peace Conference, tonight settled all points in connection with the signature except that relating to naval material which it is expected will be solved shortly.

The Germans will sign the protocol and at the same time the Allies will hand a letter to them agreeing to reduce their demands to 400,000 tons if the total available tonnage has been over-estimated or Germany is gravely menaced economically. In any case after their signature the Allies will get 424,000 tons of material and the balance, based on the report of experts who are now checking up at Danzig, Hamburg, and Bremen.

The British Prime Minister Lloyd George will be present at the ceremony which will be carried out without any display. Diplomatic relations with Germany will be resumed the following day when the French Charge Affairs will go to Berlin and French consuls will remain at their posts.

Allied troops will proceed on January 12 to the territories which must be evacuated by the German or where plebiscites are to be held. It is estimated that 100 trains will be needed for this purpose.

## A GOOD PLAY WELL ACTED

### The Popular Young-Adams Company Staged "The Gamblers" at the Prince Edward Last Night and Gave a Splendid Performance, Two Popular Plays for Today.

Chas. Klein's famous play "The Gamblers" received its introduction to a local audience last night. The play was made famous by William Faversham. The plot centres on the ambition of a rising attorney Mr. Davison and an energetic banker whose business executive is greatly admired by his father, the president of the Emmerson Banking Co., who trusts his son implicitly. The son, a marry fellow desirous of gaining control of a chain of Banks uses the funds and by so doing breaks a technical law. The bigger interests who have been closely watching the smaller concern, set the government machinery to work. It is then the struggle begins between an ambitious lawyer who sacrifices all and every big for success and a promising young Banker who in his earlier days loved Kate Davison the lawyer's wife. A strong friendship still exists between these two and it is by that friendship that the young banker is able to save his friends who have been betrayed by one of their directorate. A sworn statement by Conper is taken to Darwin's home and handed to a servant. It is the anxiety of the banker to secure this and the fact that he goes to Darwin's home and tries to steal back this document at one o'clock in the morning in which act he is discovered by his former sweetheart.

The second act ends by the banker leaving in charge of a detective. The third and last act end well but none too happily. A divorce is assured and the wife promises to wait for the return of the Banker.

Mr. H. Wilmot Young, as the rising young banker gave an excellent portrayal of a manly character, perhaps one of the best performers seen here for some time. Miss Marjorie Adams as Kate Davison was very pleasing and added to her many admirers. Mr. Peter Norman as James Darwin, the lawyer gave an excellent portrayal of a difficult part. Mr. Richard Carhart as John Emerson and H. Harry Hoy as Conper gave excellent support.

The remaining members all good and the pieces were the best performance present engagement as were good and their pleasing.

The play for today's matinee "All of a sudden" is a matinee tonight. "The Young Man" and "The Company" are the two popular plays for today.