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PREMIER

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resulting from the Tariff Bill and similar enactments, factories had been opened in Canada, an unfavorable trade balance changed to a favorable one, and employment afforded for Canadians.

Canada was expanding her trade, Premier Bennett emphasized. This country stood fifth among the trading countries of the world and second among the countries of the world in per capita export. Treaties had been made by the present government with Australia and Brazil and a new trade agreement was being made with New Zealand. No nation could stand still; but the best security in the way of an outlet was within the Empire "among our own kith and kin"; but, obviously did not exclude all others.

"We believe," he exclaimed in referring to the coming Imperial Economic Conference, "that the courage, determination, statescraft and vision of all parts of the Empire will evolve conclusions and agreements which will prevent us from being subject to depression like the present."

SCORES KING'S VOLTE FACE

The Prime Minister scored the Liberal leader for his criticism that meetings of the Transportation Commission were being held in camera. When the Liberal party was in office, Mr. Bennett said, information had been refused on the floor of the House of Commons regarding the Canadian National Railway on the ground it would disclose business to a competitor. Yet, when this sort of information had been denied by the Liberal party when in office Mr. King now says "this sort of Star Chamber method should be denounced."

Mr. Bennett continued: "I leave it to you whether this course is that of a demagogue or a statesman, of one who prefers temporary cheers rather than the plaudits of history."

Words of praise for Hon. Howard Ferguson, Canadian High Commissioner to Great Britain, were uttered by the Prime Minister. "I would like," Mr. Bennett said, "to bear testimony to the fact that he holds a place such as no High Commissioner has ever held in recent times."

The banquet hall in which the Prime Minister spoke, was crowded.

200 DELEGATES

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for your products, or are you going to be content to continue to see returns per man in New Brunswick lower than for most provinces of Canada?" he asked. "Are you going to continue to take a lower standard of living as a result?"

Hon. Lewis Smith, New Brunswick Minister of Agriculture, and Dr. J. H. Grisdale, Deputy Minister of Agriculture in the Dominion Government, planned to address the convention tonight but were unable to be present.

Poultry and pasturage were among subjects discussed at morning and afternoon sessions.

"Canada consumes more eggs per year, per capita, than any other country," it was said by Leslie Wood, provincial poultry superintendent.

C. F. Bailey, Superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Farm at Fredericton, urged the farmers to build up their pastures in the spring, instead of trying to stimulate grass growth from time to time.

"There is not a shadow of doubt in my mind but that the rotation system of pasture is the best," he remarked.

Humus and its relation to crop production were discussed. Farmers were urged to use more lime on their land.

YOUNG GANDHI

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an end as a result of a decision by the company to continue with a schedule of one holiday a week instead of two.

On January 6 the 500 employees went on strike because working hours had been curtailed, and two days later the company declared a lockout.

Nineteen prisoners who had been arrested for picketing at the government mint, were convicted today and sentenced to six months' prison terms. They had been attempting to stop the shipment of gold from India.

Classified Advertisements

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CENTRAL GUARDIAN

ANNUAL BALL of the Labourers' Protective Union, Thursday, Jan. 21. All old time dances. 167-10-1-21

TOXIC CLINIC at Provincial Sanatorium Saturday, January 16th 10 to 12. 60-1-13-wed-sat-then every Fri. 11.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Red Cross Society will be held in St. Paul's Hall, Friday, January 22nd, at 8 o'clock. 178-1-20-31.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The Vague requests an immediate settlement of bills just issued. Closing our books Over due accounts handed to Lawyer for collection. 157-1-19-tue-wed-fri-31.

COUNCILLOR E. A. Foster, will be a candidate for the Mayoralty at the coming civic election, and his card will appear at an early date. 187-11

THE SOCIAL SERVICE meeting called for tomorrow night in the City Council Chambers is postponed for one month. 186-11

PAINFUL INJURY—Mrs. George Warburton of this city had the misfortune to break her left arm Monday, as the result of a fall on the icy sidewalk. 187-11

B. I. S.—Only three more social evenings, the big auction game, musical programme followed by old time dancing, city's best orchestra. 189-11

ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERY CHURCH, Belfast, Sunday, January 24th. Morning service 11 o'clock, evening service 7 o'clock. Rev. George C. Kincaid, Ross Bay, N. S. will preach at both services.

PETERS ROAD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Sunday Jan. 24th. A joint service of Murray Harbor North and Peters Road congregations will be held in Peters Road Church Sunday afternoon at 2.30.

P. S. S. LITERARY SOCIETY—At the regular fortnightly meeting of the Prince Street School Literary Club yesterday Miss Lillian McKennie spoke to a large group of interested members on English Cathedral Towns. Miss McKennie prefaced her remarks with an account of her visit to the war area in France and in her main talk delighted her listeners with her enthusiastic comments on several of the Cathedrals visited. A pleasant social time was spent afterwards during which tea was served by the staff of the School to their guests.

CELEBRATE FOUNDER'S BIRTHDAY—The Oddfellows and Rebekahs of this city celebrated the birthday of Thomas Wildley, the founder of Oddfellowship in America last evening in the I. O. O. F. Hall. Bro. Vernon Howatt, Chairman of the committee, presided, and a very pleasing programme was rendered consisting of an address on the life of Wildley by Bro. Past Grand Master, John McNair. Solo, by Sister Reta Howatt and a reading by Sister Ruby Houle, also on the work of the Order, and a reading by Bro. Tarbush. A sing-song added to the enjoyment of the programme, and at the close, cards were played in the social hall and refreshments served. Everyone had a pleasant evening.

BIRTHS

HUGHES—At the City Hospital, January, 16, 1932, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hughes, Corran Ban, a son.

DEATHS

CHIPMAN—At Dromore on Jan. 7, 1932, William J. Chipman, aged 78.

COLE—At Stanley Bridge, Jan. 19th, Lillian Cole, aged 14 years. Funeral Thursday at 1 o'clock.

WHELAN—At her home in Fairville, on January 19th, Mrs. Wm. Whelan aged 67 years, funeral Thursday morning to St. Joachim's Church, Vernon River.

HAMBLY—At Winsloe, Monday, Jan. 18th, Eunice Marion Hambly, aged 5 months, 15 days, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Hambly. Funeral from her parents' residence Wednesday, Jan. 20th, service starting at 2 o'clock. Interment Winsloe Cemetery.

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REMARKABLE RECORD—With one exception, this year is the latest the S. S. Hillsboro has continued to run. In 1892, 40 years ago she ran to Southport until February 4. However the last trip to Rocky Point that year was on January 24. Last year, the only other year that a remarkable performance was set up, the ferry stopped on January 15. If the Hillsboro remains running until Sunday next she will have set up an unprecedented record for winter travel.

PERSONALS

Mr. James F. Roper of Princeport, N. S., has arrived in the city.

The serious illness of Mrs. John B. Roper, Sherwood, is deeply regretted.

Hon. Lewis Smith, Minister of Agriculture for the Province of New Brunswick, arrived in the city last evening. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Turner, Prince Street.

Mr. Euclid Gaudet, who spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gaudet, City, has returned to resume his studies at the Grand Seminary, Quebec. He was accompanied as far as Moncton by his sister, Wilhelmina, who is visiting her brother, Eugene, Asst. Manager of the Provincial Bank of that city.

It has Many Qualities—The man who possesses a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil is armed against many ills. It will relieve a cough, break a cold, prevent sore throat; it will reduce the swelling from a sprain, relieve the most persistent sores and will speedily heal cuts and contusions. It is a medicine chest in itself.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Jan. 19.—A. A. Pothier, who represented Yarmouth county in the Nova Scotia Legislature from 1894 to 1898, died at Comma's Hill today. A war veteran, he served for several years as fishery officer at Guysboro, N. S.

WESTERN GUARDIAN

—HOCKEY MATCH at Bedouque rink Wednesday night. Summer-side Hockey Club vs. Bedouque. One hour's skating after match. 188-11

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The following is a revised schedule which will be effective until further notice:

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Arrive Summerside 11.15.
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MANSLAUGHTER CASE RESUMED

The Supreme Court resumed session yesterday morning at 10.30 on the case of the King versus Charles MacDonald. Six more witnesses for the Crown namely: William Dickson, Stanford Dickson, Forrest MacDonald, Francis Kent, Dr. Dewar, Dr. Yeo were heard. The defense case was then opened by Mr. J. J. Johnston, K. C., and two of the defense witnesses namely Charles MacDonald (the prisoner) and Harry MacDonald were heard. At five o'clock the Court adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

William Dickson (sworn), stated he is a resident of Gaytown, he knew John Casford. Casford was at witness' home the evening of the 22nd of August. He had a bicycle. Shortly after the boy left witness heard a peculiar horn, he thought it was the fire engine. Witness walked up the highway nearly to the side road leading west. He did not see or hear anything unusual. He turned back. He saw a bicycle lying near the pavement on the east side of the road. It was about one and one half telephone lengths from the road leading to the Experimental Farm. He also saw some marks on the pavement. The bicycle was exhibited in Court and identified by the witness as the one he saw. Cross-examined by Mr. James B. Johnston, witness stated he did not know if there was a light or bell on the bicycle. Questioned by Mr. Justice Arsenault witness said he did not get there until the whole thing was over.

Stanford Dickson, son of the previous witness gave evidence under oath but under instruction from the bench to tell the truth. He stated Casford had been at the Dickson home on the evening of August 22. He left on his bicycle about 25 minutes to nine. Casford had a bicycle a little over a year, he was a good driver. Witness identified bicycle in court as Casford's wheel. Witness went up the road after Casford left and saw a crowd of people and the broken bicycle. Witness stated there were brakes on the bicycle, he had driven it that morning, there was nothing wrong with it. Cross-examined by Mr. Johnston he stated there was no bell or light on the bicycle.

Forrest MacDonald (sworn), met Charles MacDonald on Market Square on evening of 22nd, witness' brother Harry, was with him. The three went for a drive in MacDonald's car. Witness sat in front seat with MacDonald who was driving. They drove out the McIntyre Highway, witness was sitting sideways facing the driver. Witness said he remembered the accident in which Casford was killed by Charles MacDonald's car. First he knew of accident piece of glass of windshield hit him on the face. He did not know what broke the windshield. They were travelling on the right side of the road, their lights were all right.

Witness stated Charles MacDonald said he thought he hit something. He stopped car. Witness got out and went across the road to his aunt's, there was no one home. When he came back a car was just driving away. He was at the house about two or three minutes. Car had stopped about 150 yards from place where crash occurred. Witness walked in to town, he did not see MacDonald or his car any more that night. He saw a crowd of people on road by Experimental Farm, did not see anything to lead him to believe there had been an accident. Witness stated he had not seen anything in front of the car before accident, he was not looking in that direction. They met a car just as the crash occurred. Witness had been drinking that day but not after he left the Exhibition at five o'clock.

Cross-examined by Mr. Johnston witness stated that Charles MacDonald was sober, no liquor was drunk in the car. They were going about 20 or 25 miles an hour at the time of the accident. The lights of the car they met were pretty bright. He only remembered meeting one car. Mr. Justice Arsenault asked the witness if he was not watching the road how he knew the lights of the car they met were glary. Witness replied he saw lights through side windows of car.

Francis Kent, officer steward on the H. M. S. Delhi (sworn) remembered going for a walk with a friend on Saturday evening in August last. Between 8.30 and 8.45 they were about half a mile north of the City. Witness heard a crash, he looked around and saw a bicycle on the front of a car going north on the road, he saw bicycle drop off, about twenty yards from where the accident occurred. They crossed the road and found a boy lying there. Witness thought the boy was dead.

The car had stopped some distance up the road. Witness stopped a car that was coming in the road two men got out, one man assisted to put the boy in the car. Witness went up road to get number of car. Met man who said he had got it. Witness thought car was travelling about forty miles an hour. It slowed up after accident and speeded up again.

The Court then had recess for lunch until 2.30. At that time it was asked by the Attorney General and agreed to by the court and defense counsel that Dr. Dewar be allowed to give evidence before the cross examination of Francis Kent as Dr. Dewar wished to leave town.

Dr. George Dewar (sworn) stated on the 23rd day of August last he assisted by Dr. Yeo, performed an autopsy on the body of John Casford. They found a wound about two inches in length extending almost to the bone on the right hand side of the forehead, also a wound on the upper lip. There was a fracture of the bone of the head above the right ear. In the witness' opinion the cause of death was a fracture of the skull and injury to underlying parts.

Francis Kent, cross examined stated the car was still behind him at the time of the crash. He estimated the speed between thirty and forty miles an hour.

Dr. L. J. Yeo (sworn) confirmed Dr. Dewar's opinion as to the cause of death.

Mr. J. J. Johnston addressed the jury in opening the case for the defense. He urged the jury to disassociate their minds from all outside feelings and consider only the evidence submitted. No one saw the boy killed, no one knows just how the accident happened. We will produce as witness the third occupant of the car. The evidence will show why the car went on and stopped up the road. It will show that all three occupants got out of the car. Nothing was found wrong and they drove on.

Charles MacDonald (sworn) stated he had been driving a car since 013. Between 7 and 8 o'clock on the evening of the 22nd he drove up to the Market Square, he met the MacDonald boys. They went for a drive. They went out the Malpeque road. The car was working all right. Their lights were on before they left Charlottetown. Opposite the Experimental Farm they met a car going fast. It had bright lights. Witness lights were dimmed but did not think other car lights were dimmed. Just as car passed witness heard a crash; the windshield was broken. He slowed down, but did not stop at the time. He heard a rattling noise, thought something was wrong and stopped about two or three telephone poles from place of accident.

They were not going over twenty five miles an hour at the time of crash. When he stopped witness got out and told Harry MacDonald to go back and see what happened. Witness examined front of car found right hand light and cross-bar joining lights broken. Witness did not know where Forrest MacDonald went. The car was stopped about ten minutes. Harry MacDonald came back and made a report. They drove to end of pavement, turned around and came back saw no sign of accident. Witness saw nothing in front of car before accident, did not see bicycle in front of car.

Questioned by the Court, witness stated the front windows were open and the windshield closed. They returned to town. He left Harry MacDonald at Longworth Avenue. Up to this time witness had no idea of what had struck a person. He first learned it from the police. Witness was sober, he had had no liquor. Cross examined, witness said he felt a slight jar at the time of the crash. He slowed down immediately, but did not stop. He looked around for Forrest before leaving and asked Harry MacDonald where he went.

Harry MacDonald (sworn) knew Charles MacDonald four or five years ago. Met him this night on the market square. They drove around town and out the Malpeque Road. They were all sober, witness did not see any liquor drunk. They met a car and at the same time the glass of the windshield came in, a piece struck witness on the arm. He heard Charles say he thought he hit something. They were travelling about twenty five miles an hour at the time. They went a couple of hundred yards before stopping. Charles told witness to go back and see what happened. He went back about fifteen yards and saw nothing, returned to car and told Charles everything was all right. Witness did not see where Forrest MacDonald went. They got in car, drove to end of pavement, turned around and came back to town. Witness got out at Longworth Avenue, Forrest heard of the accident was downtown that night. Court adjourned until 10.30 this morning.

British officials asserted that the present was no time to be sounding out the Washington government on such an issue as war debts. If Germany were granted a respite on reparations payments for a few months, overtures on the question of war debts could be made to Washington, it was said, with a far greater chance of success than at present.

Old Time Songs A Feature Of Fine Recital

A large audience in the James Church Hall last evening heard with keenest pleasure an appreciation recital, the vocal part of which consisted of old time songs by Mrs. Kenneth Richards whose fine voice was superbly fitted to express the charm and sentiment of those enduring national melodies which, familiar to all, are ever fresh and new.

Mrs. Richards was capably assisted by Mr. Horace McEwen, brilliant young pianist, whose part in the programme was enthusiastically endorsed, and by Mrs. Keith Rogers, accompanist.

The entertainment was introduced in a few fitting words by the Rev. R. Moorhead Legate, pastor of St. James Church.

Atmosphere appropriate to the rendering of the romantic old-time songs was created by stage settings and costumes.

Mrs. Richards' first numbers were old English songs. These included: "Love Has Eyes," "Lovely Celia," "Phyllis Has Such Charming Graces," "Billy Boy," and "Grandfather's Clock." Her second selection comprised the Irish songs: "Danny Boy," "Love is Kind," "Last Rose of Summer," "The Kerry Dance," and "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms." For her third and concluding selection she chose the endearing songs of Scotland, rendering with touching effect "Come Under My Plaidie," "Mary of Argyle," "Charlie is My Darling," "Flow Gently Sweet Afton," "Comin' Through the Rye," "Now I lay me down to Sleep," and "Annie Laurie."

Encores were graciously responded to, and added overflowing measure to the enjoyment of the audience.

A beautiful bouquet of roses was presented to Mrs. Richards by little Miss Margaret Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Martin. Mrs. Richards acknowledged the tribute by singing "Drink To Me Only With Thine Eyes."

Mr. Horace McEwen, who appeared on two occasions during the entertainment, delighted the audience with his mastery of several difficult piano compositions, outstanding among which were Beethoven's beautiful Moonlight Sonata and a remarkable composition by Liszt representing "St. Francis walking on the waves," in which the full power of the instrument was called masterfully into play. Mr. McEwen's technique in both these and encore pieces was superb. Another much appreciated selection was a variation on the theme of old Scottish songs, especially delightful being the musician's rendering of variations to the familiar melody of "Annie Laurie."

POSTPONEMENT

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The Premier, appearing before the Chamber for the first time with his new government, flatly declared that France will not forego her right to reparations from Germany. He spoke after Fernand Bouisson, President of the Chamber had said that unless the creditors of France remitted a corresponding portion of the French debts, Paris would refuse to give up any of the reparations due her. The United States is the principal creditor involved.

The Premier's parliamentary bow with his third government was marked by scorching criticism from the left for what speakers called "dropping Briand"—a reference to the fact that in the new Cabinet lineup the "apote of peace" who was Foreign Minister for seven years has no place. M. Briand was not in his chamber seat.

LONDON, Jan. 19.—(A.P.)—Satisfaction was expressed in British political circles today over reports that an inquiry addressed by Premier Laval of France to the United States regarding the possibility of extending the Hoover moratorium with the answer that European statesmen themselves must settle the problems now facing them.

EASTERN GUARDIAN

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WEDNESDAY

3.30—Mission Band regular meeting—Social Hall.
7.30—Weekly Prayer Service—Visitors welcome—Heartz Memorial Hall. 172-1-20-1.
8.30—Women's Missionary Society, postponed meeting of executive—Ladies Parlour.

STEWART GOVT.

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ish potato embargo. This matter has already been under negotiation by the Dominion Government. Pressing the claims of the Canadian potato growers at London are the Hon. G. Howard Ferguson, Canadian High Commissioner and Mr. T. W. Caldwell, of Florenceville, N. B., representing the New Brunswick potato growers. Mr. Arthur Gibson, chief of the Entomological Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, has left for England and will arrive there on January 24 with data to show that shipments of Canadian potatoes contain no trace of the Colorado beetle and there is therefore no justification for the embargo which was allegedly put into effect on this account.

Interviewed last evening, Hon. Mr. Smith said the mission of the Maritime delegates would probably take about a month. It was supposed to get in touch with the Canadian High Commissioner and potato dealers and others, emphasizing the importance of a removal of the embargo.

Asked if he entertained any definite hope of changing the attitude of the British Government after representations had already been made through the Dominion Government, Mr. Smith was non-committal. He believed a Maritime delegation would be more familiar with the circumstances and could cooperate effectively with the High Commissioner and the Federal department representatives in seeking action as early a date as possible.

If removed, the embargo would open the British market for about three months of the present season. New Brunswick potato growers Mr. Smith states, are badly in need of an export market. Prices are down to 25 cents a barrel. The New Brunswick Government has endeavored to meet the situation by assistance to the starch industry. They have guaranteed bonds of the starch factories amounting to \$15,000 and have also guaranteed their account to the same amount. The starch factories have been paying about 30 cents a barrel for the field run. This is not a profitable price but it gives an opening to unload somewhat inferior potatoes. The factories are running night and day and a good quality of starch and potato flour is being manufactured.

Unless the British potato market is made available Mr. Smith believes a large quantity of New Brunswick potatoes will have to be dumped. "The difficulty," he said, "is to get our farmers to understand why Great Britain should purchase potatoes from France and Germany so many of them on our hands."

The Maritime delegation will sail on Saturday on board the C. P. R. liner Montcalm.

Living Cost Drops 15 P. C.

OTTAWA, Jan. 19.—Cost of living in Canada has dropped by over 15 per cent, during the past two years, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics reports. This is the second largest decrease among leading nations, the United States leading, with a drop of 16.5 per cent.

Germany ranks third with a 12.9 per cent. drop, Great Britain fourth with 9.9 per cent, and France fifth with 8.9 per cent. One of the reasons Canada, the United States and France rank so high is the extensive agricultural development of these countries. The drop in wholesale prices in these three countries has been about 26.5 per cent. In Great Britain, this figure was 16.7 per cent, and in Germany 19.3.

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Great Britain has not been officially informed that M. Laval sought information regarding the United States attitude toward a moratorium extension. It was understood there had been no discussion of this plan by French and British representatives in their recent negotiations.