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TARIFF ON LUMBER.

The Committee on Ways and Means at Washington in planning the new tariff bill, which will be presented to Congress when it meets in March, have finished the lumber schedule, which is similar to the old McKinley tariff. It is as follows:

White pine, sawed, is made dutiable at \$2 per 1,000 feet, an advance of \$1 per 1,000 feet over the law of 1890; pine clapped boards are raised from \$1 per 1,000 feet to \$1.50 per 1,000 to equal spruce; white pine shingles are raised to 30 cents per thousand, on a par with spruce; timber squared or sided, made dutiable at one half cent per cubic foot; sawed boards, planks, deals and all other timber of hemlock, white wood, sycamore and basswood, \$1 per 1,000; sawed timber not especially provided for \$2 per 1,000 feet; and on timber, planed or finished, an additional 50 cents per 1,000 feet is to be added for each side planed or finished; also 50 cents per 1,000 feet tongued or grooved; cedar posts, ties, telegraph and telephone poles, 20 per cent. ad valorem; sawed boards and plank deals, and all forms of sawed cedar, lancewood, ebony, mahogany and other cabinet woods not further manufactured than sowed, 20 per cent ad valorem; casks and barrels, empty packing boxes, etc., 330 per cent. ad valorem; house and cabinet furniture of which wood is the chief material, not otherwise provided for, 35 per cent ad valorem.

The correspondents are telling us many things about Greece, but none of them have explained the extraordinary activity of the European powers and the apparently perfect agreement that exists among them. These many months they have been watching the massacres in Armenia in a helpless sort of way, each afraid to stir because of the rest, all paralyzed by strained relations and conflicting interests. Now they are apparently acting like one man. One does not know whether to admire most their perfect harmony or the fearlessness with which they are confronting the mighty power of Greece. Fancy Prince George being told, right to his face, that if he interfered with Crete the navies of Europe would blockade the Piræus! So sonorous a threat has not been heard in Europe for many a long day. "Blockade the Piræus!" The very words sound like the blast of a trumpet or the roar of the cannon of the united navies of Europe. In all seriousness, however, the situation seems to indicate, first, there is something graver expected than the transfer of Crete from Turkey; and second, that the trouble has been anticipated, and that the European powers have been prepared for it. So far the despatches have thrown very little light upon the affair.

American newspapers are enlarging on the demolition of trusts without statutory restrictions. The collapse of an agreement among lumbermen some time ago may be repeated in modern experience. An output of 2,000,000 feet was found too great to maintain high prices, and the ten leading firms agreed to restrict their output to 100,000 feet each, thus making a total of 1,000,000 feet for the next year. Each member of the combine thought it an excellent chance to unload a large output on a favorable market, and each faithfully broke through the agreement. The result was a total output of 2,500,000 feet coming on the surplus from the previous year and swamping the market. It is scarcely necessary to add that the combine broke.

Killed on the Track.

MONCTON, Feb. 16.—There was another fatality at Palmer's Pond curve, on the I. C. R., this afternoon, at the very spot where the C. P. R. express recently ran off the track.

William Dixon, a deaf mute, was walking along the track going towards Dorchester station. He naturally could not hear the train, nor could the engineer see him until too late. Henderson's special, which was immediately behind, struck the unfortunate man and instantly killed him. Deceased was a bachelor and about 50 years of age. An inquest will be held tomorrow morning.

The driver is Mr. Jack Stewart. The official report says that Dixon, when seen, was walking outside the track close to the rail. The train was close upon him when first seen. The deceased's back was broken by the blow, and his skull was crushed in. He lived at Middleton, near Dorchester.

Legislature of N. B.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 16.—House resumed committee of supply and remained in session till after midnight.

At half-past twelve this (Tuesday) morning, every item of supply had passed.

On motion of Mr. Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Emmerson, further consideration of supply was made the order of the day for Tuesday, the twenty-third inst. Adjourned.

A lengthy discussion took place today as to the powers of the public accounts committee. The opposition contended that any member of that committee at its meetings had a right to call for and get copies of all contracts, tenders and other papers. The government members, while willing to furnish the committee with all accounts in reference to any item of expenditure, argued that the papers referred to could only be produced in the usual way after notice of motion in the house. Messrs. Osman and Killam supported the government view and Mr. Sumner the opposition.

Dr. Stockton committed a bill further amending the practise and proceedings of the supreme court in equity, Richard chairman. Agreed to.

Tweedie committed a bill to continue the act consolidating and amending the acts relating to the south west boom company and all amendments thereto, Richard chairman. Agreed to.

Alward committed a bill incorporating the seaman's mission society of the port of St. John, Richard chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Killam committed a bill relating to the Young Men's Christian Association of Moncton, Richard chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 19.—Mr. Dibblee said he wished to refer to a question of privilege. He desired to call attention to the Frederickton correspondent of the St. John Globe in which it is stated that seven members representing the counties of Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska had had a conference with Mr. Sumner, representing the opposition. Mr. Dibblee read portions of the correspondence and said that the statements made therein were not true. It was true that hon. members representing the up-river counties had had a meeting but it was not upon matters relating to their own local affairs. Mr. Sumner happened to drop in but no such overtures or representations were made, either from Mr. Sumner or the hon. members representing these counties as was stated in the Globe. He could say for himself and also for the members from the up-river counties that they stood true to the government.

Dr. Stockton—I see; but that is not a question of privilege. Hon. Mr. Emmerson—You are sorry to hear that. Mr. Dibblee—If the government continues to use us as well in the future as it has in the past, we will continue to support them.

Dr. Stockton—Do you speak for them all? Mr. Dibblee—Not all; the rest of the gentlemen are here and can speak for themselves.

Mr. Smith said that explanations seemed to be the order of the day and he did not want to be behind the others. He had been asked to meet with the other members of the three up river counties to discuss matters pertaining to such counties. The hon. member for Westmoreland (Sumner) came into the room and he (Smith) said that it would be a bad piece of business to get into the Gleaser. Mr. Sivewright—When Mr. Sumner left, what did he state was his object on going? Mr. Smith—I don't know, but the hon. member certainly held out some very tempting offers. The bait was good, but not good enough for the fish to bite. With respect to the Moncton taxation bill, he had voted the way he did because he thought he was right and he would always vote that way if he had to vote against every member of the house. He had no intention at present of opposing the government.

Mr. Beveridge said he did not wish it to go abroad that the members of the up river counties were all in union or that they were opposed to the government. He claimed to be a free man. The government had always treated him well and his county well, and why should he go against them? It might be thought from the article in the Globe that some underground movement had been taking place against the government, but such was not the case.

Mr. Porter said that he had been invited to attend the meeting in question and did not know what the object was all he got there. It was not safe to contradict the newspapers. The meeting was very informal. The hon. member for Westmoreland was there but he made no proposals. When he left the room he (Porter) had suggested that he had better send in Dr. Stockton. The only idea advanced by the hon. member for Carleton (Dibblee) who had invited him was that the up river members should be united as to the interests of their counties. He (Porter) was willing to endorse that idea.

Dr. Stockton—It was the hon. member for Carleton (Dibblee) who called the meeting. Mr. Porter—Well, he called me. I would say that we did not pass any resolution for or against the government, nor do I think we anticipated forming any government just then, but we wanted to see how strong we were and what we might do in the future.

Mr. Sumner said he happened to be going upstairs and saw these gentlemen from the up-river counties there and he had walked in and said to Mr. Dibblee, "If you are looking for an office in the government you can get one in our government. I told him the chances were good and I would like to say that they are good. I say now for the benefit of all concerned that the chances are good for offices on this side and all the offices."

Hon. Mr. Tweedie—That is according to your notion of chances. Mr. Sumner—No, I mean it. The Globe may have been misled a little but it is not entirely wrong. We were all there that is sure. The question is, How did we get there? Well, I can assure the House that I did not go there with any

bad motive. I saw the hon. members there and went in out of good fellowship. I don't know what the deliberations of the hon. members were but if it is to join the opposition, I can tell them that they could not go to any place where they would receive such a hearty welcome. Mr. Lockhart said the other day he had suggested that the Chief Commissioner might be a stock holder in the Moncton Transcript. He had since read a communication from Mr. Hawke wherein he stated that his suggestion might be prejudicial to his business and that he was the sole owner and proprietor of the paper.

Press Opinions.

We have received the first number of the Queens County Gazette, published at Gagetown by Messrs. Lockett & Stewart. It is a most creditable issue, and is well filled with local, provincial and foreign news. It has a large advertising patronage from the merchants of Fredericton. It starts off well and if it is kept up to its present standard it ought to receive a generous support from the people of Queens and adjoining counties.—Fredericton Farmer.

The Queens County Gazette, the first newspaper ever published within the limits of that New Brunswick county, has made its appearance. The Gazette is an eight-page paper independent politically, and the first number is a very creditable one. The publishers are Messrs. Lockett & Stewart. The first named gentleman is Mr. Edwin Lockett, formerly of Bridgetown. The Gazette has a monopoly of the newspaper business in Queens, and the Monitor wishes it abundant success.—Bridgetown N. S. Monitor.

The first issue of the Queens County Gazette, appeared on Feb. 10. It is a bright, newy and well printed six column eight page sheet and reflects much credit on the publishers Lockett & Stewart. It starts with good advertising patronage, and being the first and only paper in the county will no doubt have a large subscription list both in Queens and Sunbury counties.—Albert Maple Leaf.

The Queens County Gazette, published at Gagetown by Mr. Jas. A. Stewart and Mr. Lockett, has been received. It is non-political.—Chatham World.

Queens County now sports a weekly paper published at Gagetown, the shine town. The first issue came to hand last week. It is called the Queens County Gazette, and the issue to hand is certainly a creditable one. It will be a good thing for Queens County if the publishers can continue to give the people as good a paper every week.—Fredericton Reporter.

The Queens County Gazette, Gagetown's new paper, has made its appearance. Its typographical appearance is fine and it contains a thorough supply of local, district and general news. In politics the Gazette is strictly neutral. This new journal is published by Messrs. Lockett & Stewart, the latter of whom recently published the Chatham Herald.—Moncton Transcript.

Five Persons Will Die.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 19.—The family of Jacob Cielez, of 663 Canal street, was almost completely wiped out of existence this morning by a holocaust of flames. Eight people were burned in the fire; of these it is thought five will die. The injured ones are at the Cleveland General Hospital. Jacob Cielez, his wife and three children, aged three, two and one year, were in bed. John Cielez a brother of Jacob, arose about five o'clock to light the fire. He took what he thought was the kerosene can. Instead he got hold of the gasoline can. He poured the gasoline on the kindling and touched a match to the stuff. In an instant there was an explosion. John Cielez was hurled to the end of the room, his clothing on fire. The fire communicated to the feather bed in which were Mrs. Jacob Cielez, three children and another woman. Jacob Cielez was also in the same room at the time of the explosion. With their clothing all ablaze the father, mother, and the other woman seized the three children and ran out into the yard. Passing workmen rushed to the rescue. They took off their coats and heroically did all they could to extinguish the flames that were consuming the people. It is thought at the hospital that at least five of the unfortunate people will die.

Open Air Celebration.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The Queen has decided, in connection with the celebrations in June in honor of the sixtieth anniversary of her reign, that a thanksgiving service shall be held in the open air outside the west front of Saint Paul's Cathedral. The reason for holding the service out doors is that Her Majesty is too rheumatic to ascend the stairs of the Cathedral, and does not wish to be carried.

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