

FIRST SOD WAS TURNED

Premier Flemming Handled the Board of Works at the Important Ceremony

Tory Convention held in the Evening—Liberals to Meet on May 31 to Select a Ticket

Woodstock, N.B., May 22—A cloudless sky and genial sunshine was nature's contribution to the ceremonies today, attending the turning of the first sod of the Valley railway. A large number of people were present from the surrounding country and the affair passed off pleasantly.

Premier Flemming handled the spade cleverly and the first important move on the Valley Railway was made when the sod was turned. Mayor Ketchum of Woodstock, H. S. Scott, president of the Meductic Board of Trade, and J. T. A. Dible, president of the Woodstock Board of Trade, spoke briefly.

Mr. Flemming spoke at some length, assuring the people that the Valley Railway would be built and that it would also be built north of Centerville. The Sixty-seventh Battalion Band furnished music and added to the pleasure of the occasion. The details of the ceremony were under the direction of the Quebec Contracting Company.

OPPOSITION CONVENTION MAY 31

The executive of the local opposition met today and decided to hold a convention at Hartland for the nomination of candidates for the coming election. The convention will meet in Foresters Hall on Friday, May 31, at two o'clock. A. B. Copp, M.P.P., and other leaders will be present and a public meeting will be held at Woodstock in the evening.

The Tory convention tonight was well attended. The faithful were gathered by music, free lunches and other forms of attractions.

The opposition turned down the proposals of the government party to have the three present members returned by acclamation. The prestige of Mr. Flemming is badly weakened by the repeated efforts to avoid a contest in his own county and it is very uneasy over the situation. The rumor is revived that he will run in York County.

Much difficulty was experienced in getting a third man for the ticket. The place was offered to several and finally Fred Squires was induced to accept the nomination, and the ticket is Flemming, Munro and Squires. The last named is at present a Harvard law student.

The Liberals are jubilant over the outlook, and with the ticket they will put in the field on May 31 will win easily. Mr. Flemming made a long, labored speech, and plainly showed the great strain under which he labored. His railway policy and suspected close relations with the C.P.R. mean his downfall.

WANTED TO BE BURIED AMONG THE POOR

(Canadian Press.) Stockholm, May 23—The will of Auguste Strindberg, the Swedish author and novelist, who died, declared "I want to be taken straight to the churchyard and buried, not in the section allotted to the wealthy, but among the poor. There must be no music or songs, no panegyric is to be spoken, only the prayers of the clergyman."

ST. JOHN HEARS AN ELECTION RUMOR

(Special to The Mail.) St. John, May 23—It is persistently rumored about the city today that the provincial elections will be brought on about June 20th.

POLICE COURT

Two drunks were called at the police court this morning. One was let go on promise of better behavior and one paid the usual fine.

COL. ROOSEVELT A MENACE TO THE AMERICAN NATION

Ex-President Unmercifully Flayed by Col. Henry Watterson, the Noted Journalist—Declares his Candidature is an Invitation to Civil War—A Madman Followed by Crazy Mobs—Regrets very much that President Taft has been Drawn into the Cesspool

New York, May 23—A despatch from Louisville, Ky., says:—

"Under the Caption an invocation to civil war, Col. Henry Watterson, says in the Courier Journal this morning. The result in Ohio makes it certain that the voters of the United States will have to reckon with Theodore Roosevelt, next November at the polls. It will matter not whether he appears under the emblem of a regular party nominated or as an uncommitted candidate to all parties. Unless he breaks down under the strain, and is taken to a Luntic Asylum, he will be a candidate for President.

There can be in his name and person, but one issue: Life Tenure in the executive and a civil fabric imperial in everything except its nomenclature.

This our system of representative government having achieved the battle for independent existence, and survived the several ordeals of foreign invasion and internal conflict must face the final and yet greater period of mad ambition, supported by corrupt and corrupting millions playing upon the restless, the unknowing and thinking, the purchasable, the brutal and the still. The hideous spectacle of an ex-president bawling like a drunken person from one end of the land to the other, dragging republicanism through an ocean of filth to the horror of all Americans having any sense of decency, and to the alternate delight and disgust of the enemies of Republicism all over the world, gives us a foretaste of the inflames before us. There is nothing which this madman will not dare, to attempt under the

excitement and the passion of the state of war he has carried up in his own mind, and in the minds of the crazy mobs who follow and applaud. That he was able to draw a man like Taft into the Cesspool, is the cruel injury and wrong a man armed to the teeth, may accomplish, for Taft is not only the President of the United States but he is a gentleman of upright, self respecting character. Being such, he has proved unequal to the bloody fray and the dishonorable warfare forced upon him. It is clear now that he had better remain in the White House, leaving the frenzied Paranoic the field to himself.

The country has reached another Parting of the ways. From the exit of Washington to the death of McKinley, the citizens selected the President of the United States, more live headed and well balanced men, about whose mental integrity there has never been the slightest question.

At length this nation is a world power. The issue precipitated by Theodore Roosevelt, is to decide whether that sublime decision of the sword with all that went before it and all that it carried with it shall be nullified.

Whether having become a world power this nation shall proclaim to mankind its own failure by the abandonment of its constitution and the overthrow of its safeguards, and the naming of a dictator. He who says this is not the issue little reck what he is saying, he who thinks it is not, it were prudent to question his sanity. In its ultimate analysis and its last word, the Roosevelt propaganda is the invocation of a madman to civil war.

PALMER-McLELLAN CO. GETS TWENTY-ONE YEAR CONCESSIONS

The Palmer-McLellan Shoeback Company last night was granted a free site, exemption from the payment of water and sewerage rates and city taxation. All these concessions including free site, are to continue for a period of twenty-one years. They were granted in the form mentioned only after a lively tilt between Ald. Calder and Ald. Guthrie. The former presented the report of the special committee appointed to consider the matter, the report recommending a free site at the corner of Argyle and Westmorland streets, that and the other concessions to be given for a period of ten years. Ald. Calder's motion to adopt the report was defeated and an amendment moved by Ald. Ryan was carried. The amendment, together with other concessions for twenty-one years, provided for a free site on the city lot on York street, without any term of years being mentioned. On the objection of Ald. Kitchen, the amendment was changed to provide for a free site for a period of twenty-one years.

CONDITIONS IMPOSED.

The concessions are to be granted on condition that the Palmer-McLellan Shoeback Company obtain incorporation with a capital of \$75,000, of which at least \$25,000 is subscribed, that it erect tannery, factory and other buildings, that at the end of three years' operation the annual value of output be at least \$100,000, and of payroll at least \$25,000, that at the end of the first year's operation at least forty hands be employed and at the end of the third year at least seventy-five. The company is to agree to have the sewage from its factory subject to whatever treatment the city engineer may deem advisable before it shall enter the city sewers and also to pay five per cent. interest charges on the cost of the extension of water and sewerage mains made necessary by the erection

of the company's factory, until they shall become self-sustaining.

YORK STREET LOT.

The site which the Palmer-McLellan Shoeback Company has been given has a frontage of 100 feet on York street and extends 460 feet toward Regent street. A lot under lease to Mr. Walter W. Boyce is not included, however. The lot for some years past has been used by the Roads and Streets Department for crushing and storing stone. In the early days of the only absentees when the City Council met, but since that time has been under lease for commercial purposes.

Ald. O'Neill and Ald. Farrell were the only absentees when the City Council met last night. Ald. Calder presented the report of the special committee and Ald. Ryan followed with the amendment.

ALD. CALDER'S STATEMENT.

Speaking to the amendment, Ald. Calder stated that he thought the report of the committee would be received without opposition but opposition had developed. This was a new company. The city was not in a position to give citizens' money to enterprises in an experimental stage. The John Palmer Company had been beyond that stage. The committee had felt ready to assist the new company as requested for a period of ten years but not for twenty-one. Again ample provision should be made for the treatment of the sewage of the proposed factory in accordance to regulations made by the city engineer. In the matter of site, one similar to that occupied by the John Palmer Company, said Ald. Calder, had been offered the new company and should have been sufficient. The new company also should have presented to the Council a list of its stock subscribers. He had been informed that some of the latter had put their

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CONDITIONS IN ENGLAND

Disquieting Movements Combine to Render Outlook Gloomy

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New York, May 23—A London Cable to the New York Times, this morning says, fresh industrial disturbances, sagging markets, with rumors of probable failures and the exception of enforced reductions of Railroad dividends, and an international situation which while not critical, contains obscure and disquieting movements all combined to render the outlook in England gloomy. The most serious question is the industrial unrest. London's food supply is again menaced. Fifteen thousand workers at the port of London are on strike, and unless a committee of inquiry appointed by the government discovers a solution of the quarrel, it is feared that 100,000 men connected with the London docks, will be idle, by the end of the week.

The spectre of another national coal strike has not been removed. Indeed it gains greater consistency by a resolution of the miners federation passed at a meeting in London yesterday indicating profound dissatisfaction with the awards made by the district boards created under the minimum wage.

The federation declares that Premier Asquith promised a reasonable living wage, and that the awards do not give it. The federation calls upon the government to take immediate action.

The deputations is speaking an interesting with the premier.

MISS MALECKAS NATIONALITY UNCERTAIN

(Canadian Press.)

London, May 23—Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, said that the report of the trial of Miss Malecka at Warsaw, went to show that, considering the character of the evidence and the security of the senate, there was ground for a petition for mitigation.

The young woman, about whose English nationality there is some question, is sentenced to life exile in Siberia and four years at hard labor for alleged Polish sympathies.

The question of the young woman's nationality, said Sir Edward, would be brought up before the cabinet.

TRANSPORT WORKERS ARE OUT ON STRIKE

London, May 23—The national executive committee of the Transport Workers' Federation, has decided upon a general strike commencing tonight, in support of the Thames lightermen in their dispute with their employers, and also to enable the federation to endeavor to adjust its own grievances the original cause of the trouble between the riverside workmen of London and their employers, was a dispute concerning the employment of a non-unionist workman.

The man was a foreman named Jas. Thomas, a Scotchman, who refused to join the Journeymen's Union. The men refused to work under his orders, and several thousand of them were locked out upon which the committee of the union ordered several thousand more to strike.

It is estimated that over 100,000 transport workers, will be affected by the decision reached this morning, and this will bring virtually the whole trade of the port of London to a standstill.

THURSDAY HALF HOLIDAY

The clerks and others interested in the Thursday half holiday movement will meet at the K. P. Hall York Street, at eight o'clock this evening to consider the advisability of putting the proposition before the merchants.—d.

LIBERALS OF MONCTON NAME STRONG CANDIDATE

Mayor Frank C. Robinson will Carry the Standard to Victory--Large and Enthusiastic Convention Held Last Evening--Resolution of Confidence in the Opposition Leader--Convention Pays a Graceful Tribute to Mr. John T. Hawke of the Transcript

Moncton, N. B., May 22—Mayor Frank C. Robinson, brother of Hon. C. W. Robinson, was the unanimous choice of a largely attended convention in the Liberal Club rooms tonight, to contest Moncton City in opposition to the Flemming government, and he accepted.

H. C. Charters occupied the chair, and prominent among those present were A. B. Copp, leader of the opposition; Senator McSweeney, Hon. C. W. Robinson, Hon. F. J. Sweeney, and James McQueen, of Shediac. Mayor Robinson, in a short speech, accepted the nomination unanimously tendered him, amid much enthusiasm. A number of resolutions were passed. Dr. Murray moved the following, seconded by Dr. Purdy, and it was unanimously adopted.

"Be it resolved, that this meeting express the regret of the Liberals of Moncton on the retirement of Hon. Clifford W. Robinson from the leadership of the Liberal party in provincial politics, and for the present, at least, from active participation in the politics of the country, and we hope that in the not far distant future he may see his way clear to re-enter public life and take that position in the Liberal party to which his abilities and his clean record entitle him."

Senator McSweeney moved the following:

"Be it resolved, that this convention extend to John T. Hawke, editor and proprietor of the Moncton Transcript, on this twenty-fifth anniversary of his ownership of that paper, its hearty congratulations, and

on behalf of all the Liberals of the city of Moncton voice the satisfaction they feel at the success which under his able management had editorship of a largely attended convention in the Liberal Club rooms tonight, to contest Moncton City in opposition to the Flemming government, and he accepted.

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NO LIBERALS NEED APPLY FOR JOBS ON VALLEY RY.

Premier Flemming has repeatedly put forward the claim that his government is non-partizan, that it knows neither Liberal nor Conservative in its administration of affairs, but an incident which occurred in this city last week shows quite conclusively that the government has no claim on the support of Liberals.

A young man who through his own unaided efforts had put himself through the U.N.B. and had qualified as a civil engineer was told by a friend who had interceded for him that there was a good chance for him to secure a position on the Valley Railway. Being anxious to remain in New Brunswick he sought out the engineer who is looking after the work for the government and applied for the position. The engineer was favorably impressed with the young man and inquired as to his experience at practical work. He was told by the applicant that he had worked in the west during vacations and knew something about Railway construction. "You are just the man we want," said the engineer. "We will give you \$100 a month." The college graduate intimated that the offer was satisfactory and stated that he was ready to begin work at once.

"By the way," said the engineer, "are you related to W.B. Dickson the member for Albert?" "No sir," came the prompt reply. "But," said the engineer, "you come from the same county."

"Yes," said the applicant, "but we are no relation."

"Of course," said the engineer "you vote as he does."

"I guess not," came the rejoinder. "I am a Liberal in politics."

There is no precedent for the shabby treatment meted out to this deserving young man by the Flemming government. We do not blame the engineer, he was only carrying out his orders, but we do blame the government of which he is an official. Everybody knows that when the Transcontinental Railway was under construction, Conservatives as well as Liberals were employed on the engineering staff, and all were placed on an equal footing. Why it is a well known fact that Mr. D. F. Maxwell, the head engineer of the Valley Railway was for several years employed on the G.T.P. staff. It is only small bore, petty, narrow minded, two cent politicians of the Flemming-McLeod type who introduce party politics into matters of this kind. Happily the day of deliverance from their rule is near at hand.

STRIKERS AND POLICE CLASH

Sharp Battles have been Frequent in Streets of Budapest

Fifty Thousand Workmen Protested against Election of Count Tisa as Speaker of House

Budapest, Hungary, May 23—Sharp battles between the police and strikers have been frequent all over the city throughout the morning. Two strikers have been killed and many of the police and strikers were wounded. Twenty-five of the latter very severely. Practically all the trade unionist workmen in Budapest with the exception of municipal employees struck as a result of a resolution passed last night by the Socialist Union, which proclaimed a general strike as a protest against the election of Count Tisa as speaker of the lower house.

Count Tisa is a strong opponent of a universal suffrage. Fifty thousand workmen, finding their efforts to obtain possession of parliament unavailing started wrecking windows and street lamps and destroying goods displayed in the shop windows.

Then they began stoning the police, who drove them off repeatedly by charging them with their clubs.

The most serious encounter occurred on outer Wigner Street, where the strikers took possession of a big building, from which they fired at the police with revolvers, several of the policemen were hit with bullets, and the officer in charge ordered the men to return the fire.

Several volleys were fired into the crowd and two strikers fell dead while a dozen were wounded.

MARITIME YOUNG LADIES INTERESTED IN MATRIMONY

(Canadian Press.)

Montreal, Q., May 23—Young ladies of the Maritime Provinces are willing to pay for information as to their matrimonial future. Several hundred dollars were found in the fifteen hundred letters forwarded to the dead letter office, Montreal, after having in vain tried to connect with Professor George Millott, alias Jean Dion, alias LeRoy, and were from eastern young women waiting to know what were their chances to achieve marriage.

He had been conducting a business at Coaticook under the name of A. LeRoy and also at Longueuil, Itherville, St. Laurent and other places. His business resulted mainly from advertisements in the United States, British Columbia and other places far away. When investigations were started he disappeared.

MINERS MASSACRED BY RUSSIAN TROOPS

Victoria, B. C., May 23—Details of the massacre of nearly two hundred miners mostly Chinese by Russian troops at Bedaibe, Siberia, last month, were received by the steamship Asa Naru, the miners were employed by the Russian corporation to work in the Lime Mine. They had been discontented for months because of unfair treatment and wretched working conditions. When a meeting of the miners was called, hundreds of men gathered about the general offices, which was occupied by Russian soldiers. The miners were about 150 yards from the building, when the troops fired killing 507 and wounding 83, most of them fatally.

PORTUGAL TO ABOLISH VATICAN LEGATION

Lisbon, May 23—The chamber of deputies by a vote of 50 against 45 decided today to abolish the Portuguese legation at the vatican. This is sequel to the law of separation of the Church and State.