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WANT TARIFF READJUSTED

Dominion Grangers in Session at Toronto Favor Sweeping Changes

Would Decide Naval Question by a Referendum of the People of Canada

Toronto, Dec. 18.—Some sweeping changes were recommended in the resolutions passed by the Dominion Grange this afternoon. The subjects dealt with and the policies recommended were as follows:

Immediate readjustment of the tariff to remove the burden under which agriculture labors.

Gradual increase of the British preference to lead ultimately to free trade with the mother country.

Appointment of a committee with power to deal with the proposal of co-operation of farmers' organizations in all parts of Canada for interchange of products and elimination of middlemen's profits.

Good roads programme, based on municipal control, supported by increased railroad taxation and increased assessment on automobiles, any federal aid to public highways to be allotted to the municipalities on the basis of assessed value.

Tax reform by exempting improvements from taxation.

Development of parcels post system along lines that will facilitate the easy interchange of products between country and town.

Settlement of the navy question by direct referendum—submitting the propositions of money contributions Canadian navy, or remaining as at present—the will of the people are recorded to be followed by the government.

Sunstitute of initiative and referendum in the matter of important legislation for the present system of party government.

CITY LIBERALS HELD A MEETING

The Political Situation in York Discussed—Party Convention to be Held Soon

The meeting of Liberals of Fredericton and vicinity held last evening at the Queen Hotel to discuss the political situation in York, although called at short notice, was well attended. Dr. A. B. Atherton, president of the York Liberal Association, was chairman, and S. B. Hatheway acted as secretary. Organizer E. S. Carter was present and explained that the meeting was called to discuss the advisability of contesting the approaching by-election.

The whole matter was gone into thoroughly and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that as the election had been brought on during the busy holiday season, with the shortest possible notice, and in view of the likelihood of an independent candidate taking the field, it might not be good policy for the Liberal party to engage in a contest at the present time. The fierce faction fight now going on among the Conservatives was alluded to and the older heads of the party seemed to think that if left alone, they would eventually exterminate themselves.

As a result of the deliberations, it was decided to call a general meeting of the association for the election of officers and the transaction of other business which may properly be brought before it. A committee of seven was appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

Mr. Jack Millar left for his home in Moncton on Thursday, called there by the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. A. E. Hanson and daughter Marjorie are to leave tomorrow on a visit to St. Stephen.

20 active railways declined .10. American stocks in London firm, 1 to 1 1/2 higher.

Grain at Liverpool:—Wheat 1/2 lower, corn 1/2 lower. At 1.30 p.m. wheat 1/2 lower, corn unchanged to 1/2 lower.

Public Closing Exercises of the Schools of the City

Satisfactory Progress Made in all Departments During the Term ---Many Visitors Attended the Exercises and Were Delighted With the Showing Made---Lieutenant Governor's Medal Presented to Miss Helen Richardson---Chairman of School Board Made Presentation---The High School Closing

The public schools of the city and vicinity closed this morning with the usual exercises which attend the closing for the Christmas vacation. Many parents and other citizens visited the schools and the presentation of honor certificates as usual, was the feature of the exercises. The members of the School Board visited the various schools during the session, and presented the certificates and prizes.

Chancellor Jones of the U.N.B., presented the certificates at the Charlotte Street School. At the Model School they were presented by J. W. Spurden. Mrs. Lynch made the presentation at the Regent Street School, and Secretary Sampson at the York Street School.

PRESENTATION AT HIGH SCHOOL

There was no program followed at the High School, the various classes devoting their attention to the regular work of the school. At noon, the pupils of the school gathered in the main hall of the building, where the lieutenant governor's medal for highest standing in the High School Entrance Examination in 1913 was presented to Miss Helen Richardson, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Richardson. The presentation was made by Dr. G. C. VanWart, chairman of the School Board. His Honor the Lieutenant Governor not being able to attend to make the presentation.

Dr. VanWart made a brief address, in which he congratulated Miss Richardson upon winning the medal. His Lordship the Bishop also spoke briefly.

REGENT STREET SCHOOL.

In the department of Principal Hughes the session was devoted to the regular work of the term. A large number of visitors were present in this and the other departments of the Regent Street School. In the principal department twenty-one were never absent nor tardy during the term. Their names are:—Joseph Sears, Jack Lawlor, Murray Kane, Frances Carten, Margaret McCloskey, Mary Dinsmore, Laura Dever, Marcelline Burns, Cecilia Boyd, Dorothy Feeney, Percy Fraser, Kathleen Shea, Alice Toner, Anna Cain, Clara Crangle, Agnes Dooan, Paul Barry, Gerald Feeney, Fred Murphy, Tracey Carten, Ralph Brown. These pupils belong to Grade VII and VIII.

Miss Haggerty's (Sister Clarice) department, consisting of Grade V and VI, gave demonstrations of the ordinary school work. The blackboards of this department bore a number of drawings by the pupils. Those specially mentioned for perfect attendance were as follows:—Theodora Morris, Helen McGinnis, Rita McGinnis, Mary McLaren, Anna Dever, Mary McLaughlin, Gertrude Higgins, Walter Lawlor, Leo Cain, Walter Farrell, Walter Logue, Leo Carten, Harry Lifford, George Burns, Maurice Boyd, John Moore, Thomas McGinnis.

Miss McKenna (Sister Estelle) department, including Grades IV and V, had a display of blackboard drawings upon Christmas subjects. The artists were Lillian McLaughlin and Margaret Gallagher. The list of perfect attendance was as follows:—Frances McCarthy, Helen O'Connor, Margaret McLaren, Bertha Sears, Rita McCarthy, Lillian McLaughlin, Melrose Broderick, Margaret Murphy, Anna Dooan, Gertrude Farrell, Genevieve McGinn, Frank Hughes, Roger Dever, Joseph Lifford.

In Miss Davies' department the pupils of Grades II and III gave a number of recitations and sang songs appropriate to the Christmas season. The blackboards were adorned with drawings by Aureole Cormier, Harold Burns, Nora Coveney, Lois Dooan, Joseph Broderick, Edna McManiman and Joseph Hughes. Those in this department who were never absent were Clara Myshraill, Anna Colman, Mary McCarthy, Estelle O'Connor, Helen Hughes, Edith Dever, Mary Morris, Doris Joler, Laura Meehan, Agnes Cain, Joseph Broderick, Walter King, Harold Burns, Thomas Rowan, Jerry Myshraill, Frank Carten, David Lifford, Allen Ryan, Hector

Cormier, Gerald Higgins, Margaret Doherty, John Shannon, Helen Ryan and Nora O'Brien.

The primary department, presided over by Miss McDonough (Sister Augustine) attracted many visitors. The little ones were heard in a number of recitations and dialogues, the subject of which was Christmas. The perfect attendance record in this department was as follows:—Irene Foster, Mary Sears, Edna Rush, Helen Allen, Helen Meehan, Elizabeth Catter, Mona Murphy, Victor Burns, Austin Hughes, Brock Doherty, Charles Mackey, Ralph King, John O'Connor, Edith Keenan, Frederick McGinnis, Louis McGinn, William McLaughlin.

In addition to those who received certificates the following received honorable mention:—Irene Foster, Mary Sears, Mona Murphy, Joseph Murdoch, Frank O'Donnell, John O'Connor, William McLaughlin.

CHARLOTTE STREET SCHOOL.

At the Charlotte Street School combined exercises were performed by the advanced departments, the pupils of the departments of the principal, Miss Sarah Thompson, Miss Kinghorn, Miss Pinder and Miss Emily Thompson, uniting. A very interesting program was carried out. The exercises were largely attended by parents and by others interested in the work of the school. In the primary departments of this school Christmas songs and recitations were given a prominent place and the work of the term was also illustrated.

Of Grades VII and VIII in Miss Sarah Thompson's department, the following had a record of perfect attendance:—Murray McFarlane, Evelyn Scammell, Katie Harris, Freda Jago, Edith Jones, Tenah Clark, Walter Horncastle, Eddie Colwell, Laura Wilson. The blackboard drawings were by the following:—Allison Taylor, Noel Barbour, Dick Boyd, Willis Sloat, Annie Baird.

Grades V and VI, in Miss Kinghorn's department, had some excellent examples of blackboard drawings by Frank Osborne, d'Avray West, Sterling Barbour, Mary Jones, Georgeie Murchie and George Bliss. The roll of honor for perfect attendance was as follows:—Ralph Clewley, Douglas Thompson, Donald Millican, Gertrude Wandless, George Murchie, Alden Clark, Hazel Burden, Louise Carle, Mary Jones and Lorraine Ryan.

Miss Emily Thompson's department consisting of Grades III and IV, had the following who were never absent:—Grace Phillips, Alice Brooks, Isabel Babbitt, Myrtie Moffitt, Georgeie Pringle, Margaret Fowler, Gladys Lindsay, Alice Scott, Greta Brewer, George Lawrence, Geoffrey Randolph, Robin Gough, Harry Richards and Stanley Horncastle.

Grades II and III of Miss Pinder's department, had the following never absent:—Marguerite Merryweather, Roselle Little, Harold Simpson and Archie McQuarrie.

Grades I and II in Miss Boyd's department, had large numbers in the various honor lists. Those distinguished for perfect attendance were:—Helen Crowe, Walter Garvey, Dick Chestnut, Jack Babbitt, Harold Green, Marian Ryan, Cameron Sturgeon, Raymond Smith, Helen Grace, Pearson Fenety, Margaret McMurray, Margaret Jones. Highest standing was awarded to Minnie Black, Dick Chestnut, Jack Babbitt, Margaret McMurray, Margaret Jones, Dolly Harrison and Greame Taylor. Honorable mention was made of Helen Grace, Pearson Fenety, Margaret Hawkins, Fred Harris, Cameron Sturgeon, Raymond Smith, Gordon Crockett and Elizabeth Schofield.

The other primary grades, which form Miss Williams' department, gave some very pleasing recitations. The list of those in this department who were honored for perfect attendance was as follows:—Virginia Hazlett, Evelyn Foster, Velma Jones, Alberta Hazlett, Cleo Javobs, Eugene Howie, Walter McLenahan, Alice Murchie, Hazel Turner, Lista Parker, Frank Smith, Walter Haining, Francis Wandless, Tom Smith.

YORK STREET SCHOOL.

Many visitors attended the closing exercises in the various departments of the York Street School. The higher grades devoted themselves to the regular work of the term, while the younger pupils had very interesting programs composed of songs, dialogues, etc.

In Miss Taylor's department, composed of Grades VII and VIII, the attendance record was as follows:—Never Absent—Marion Flett, Hazel Harvey, Hazel Niles, Pearl Kitchen, Mildred Sharp, Chester Ryan, Ernest Gunter, Sterling McFarlane, Donald Forbes, Leland Lister, Edith McAdam, Leverett Humble, Murray Kierstead. Absent Only One-half Day—Willie Lounsbury, Edith Gatecombe, Ethel Crowley.

Grades V and VI in Miss O'Brien's department, devoted the greater part of the session to a review of the term's work. The blackboards bore a number of drawings by the pupils.

In Miss Betts' department, the pupils of Grades V and VI had decorated the blackboards with Christmas drawings and took part in a pleasing program of songs and recitations.

Grades III and IV of Miss Cadwallader's department had the following list of those never absent:—Janet Young, Helen Gorman, Fred Bailey, Nellie Winters, Lenta Everett, David Estabrooks, Albert McCollom, Miles Charters, Charlie Gregg, David McQuarrie, Frank Clark, Velma Estabrooke, Percy Baird, Thurston Foster, Kenneth Howard, Jens Kolding, Albert Purvis, Richard McDonald.

The perfect attendance record in Miss McCann's department, which includes Grades III and IV, was as follows:—Dorothy Burpee, Vera Jonah, Christine McCollom, Jennie McConaghey, Vera Smith, Laura Timmins, Rob Belyca, Osborne Brown, Anna Day, Hazen Fulton, Earle Hersey, Carrie Green, Eva Lilly, Ray Sharpe, Greta McLaughlin, Douglas Timms, Charles Todd, Vera Wright. The children gave an interesting entertainment after recess.

Grades I and II, which compose the departments of Misses Strong and Everett, united after recess and followed a program of songs, etc.

In Miss Strong's department the perfect attendance record was as follows:—Fred Everett, Helen Flemming, Hazen Hosncastle, Harold Bailey, Ryan.

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STOCK MARKET HOLDING UP

Canadian Pacific Appears to be the Only Weak Issue

The New Currency Bill Likely to Become Law in the Course of a Few Days

New York, Dec. 19.—The New York American this morning states that the Interstate Commerce Commission, acting virtually on the request of President Wilson, will permit the eastern railroads north of the Ohio River to advance freight rates 5 per cent. If this is true, the effect on the market should be very favorable. The new Currency Bill will very likely become a law within the next few days. The Stock Market as a whole, seems well liquidated and in a position to respond to bullish initiative, should such be forthcoming. The granting of increased freight rates in conjunction with the currency measure, would offer an opportunity to market operators to attack the short interest. On the whole the prospect favors an advancing Stock Market for the time being, at least unless the report from Washington should prove to be ill-founded.

A statement in The London Times, advising C.P.R. to go slower, was the cause of selling this stock in London and Paris.

(Quotations by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Bankers & Brokers, St. John, N.B.)

	Open.	Close.
Copper	70 1/2	70 1/2
Smelters	61 1/2	61 1/2
Brooklyn	86 1/2	86 1/2
C.P.R.	214	214 1/2
Great Northern	123 1/2	124 1/2
Lehigh	149 1/2	149 1/2
Northern Pacific	106 1/2	107 1/2
Pennsylvania	107 1/2	107 1/2
Reading	162 1/2	162 1/2
Union Pacific	152 1/2	152 1/2
U.S. Steel	56 1/2	56 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, St. John, N.B.)

Bank of N.S.—8 @ 270.
Bank of Commerce—45 @ 200 1/2.
Merchants Bank—10 @ 185.
Brazilian—25 @ 82 1/2, 75 @ 83 1/2.
C.P.R. Rights—390 @ 4 3/16.
C.P.R.—410 @ 214, 425 @ 214 1/2, 2001 @ 214 1/2, 35 @ 213 1/2, 25 @ 214 1/2.
Dominion Iron—25 @ 37 1/2, 45 @ 38.
Detroit—1 @ 70.
Power—165 @ 216, 2 @ 214 1/2, 20 @ 214 1/2.

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THE POTATO EMBARGO

Hearing on the Subject Took Place at Washington Yesterday

Representations of Foreign Governments Were Heard and Matter Was Taken Under Advisement

Washington, D. C., December 18.—Whether common Irish potatoes from Canada, Newfoundland, Great Britain, Ireland and Continental Europe shall be barred from the United States because of the danger of importation of dangerous plant diseases, or shall be admitted under the same restrictions as apply to nursery stock, was the subject of a hearing today before the federal horticultural board under the direction of Secretary Houston.

T. P. Gill, secretary of agriculture for Ireland; Dr. H. T. Gussow, an expert of the Canadian department of agriculture, and G. F. O'Halloran, deputy minister of agriculture of Canada were among those who spoke in favor of the admission of foreign potatoes. Representations have been made to the United States department of agriculture that in view of the short domestic potato crop caused by last summer's drought, the exclusion of foreign potatoes would go far toward raising prices in the United States.

At the outset Secretary Houston said the question under consideration was not the lifting of an embargo against diseased potatoes but whether a quarantine should be absolute or administered in such a way properly passed upon by government as to admit the entry of potatoes experts.

Dr. Cussow declared that United States experts had not made a sufficient investigation of the potato crop in Canada upon which to base a recommendation that the whole crop should be barred from the United States because of disease. He said American agents had gone into Canada to investigate potato disease conditions without co-operating with him.

The board listened to representatives of several foreign governments and to pathological experts of various states. It then took the question of enforcing the embargo on potato importation under advisement.

The state pathological experts urged a strict embargo for a period of years on the ground that potato diseases are known to exist in certain portions of every foreign country, included in the department of agriculture's notice on the subject.

Lord Eustace Percy, third secretary of the British Embassy, expressed regret that the United States should have suggested the embargo on English potatoes without co-operating with the agriculture experts of conditions. To suddenly impose an embargo, he said, would be a disturbing factor in the scientific work of the nations. Great Britain, he added, wished to co-operate with the United States and other nations in a general policy of agricultural education.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Dec. 19.—James J. Hill says he knows nothing of report that he would be made chairman of federal reserve board and that he has retired from all active business.

Vice-President Flagg of American Express Company says actual assets of company exceed par value of stock and there is no reason why any shareholder should sacrifice his stock in the present flurry.

Union Oil Company of California, passes January dividend.

Brooklyn Rapid Transit takes up \$22,000,000 fire insurance with Lloyds of London.

Chairman Elliott says earnings of New Haven in December continue to show a falling off.

President of American Steel Foundries says Granite City plant closed because of lack of orders.

N. Y. American says railways will be granted increase in rates.

12 industrials unchanged.

COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE HIGH COST OF LIVING

Ottawa, Dec. 18.—After three weeks of vacillation and cogitation as to what could be done to meet the popular demand for some government action towards providing a remedy for the steadily increasing cost of living, the government has decided to adopt the plan, already foreshadowed by your correspondent, and has appointed a commission to explain away.

The commission idea was at first scouted and was denied in the government press. Even Hon. Geo. E. Foster, speaking in South Lanark a few days ago, proclaimed the futility of commission as being only an obvious subterfuge of government to shelve embarrassing problems when courageous legislative action was not to be taken.

The commission appointed to inquire into the reasons for the increase in the cost of living consists of John McDougall, commissioner of customs; R. H. Coates, editor of the Labor Gazette, and C. C. James, advisory expert to the minister of agriculture in connection with the special federal vote of \$10,000,000 for the improvement of agriculture. The commission, as will be seen, is in the nature of a departmental inquiry under direct government control with the three departments most concerned represented, namely labor, customs and agriculture.

No public sittings are to be held. That might prove embarrassing to the government's fiscal policy of no tariff reduction, since if public hearings were granted there would undoubtedly be a rush of witnesses to declare that the first obvious relief for consumers was to reduce the burden of customs taxation.

The commission will gather data in regard to the co-related questions of agricultural production, the marketing of the products, the part played by middlemen, cold storage, warehouses, etc., increasing prices, competitive food prices in Canada and in foreign countries.

Their report to the government under the circumstances may be expected to be duly censored before it is given out for publication, and it is safe to say that anything likely to support the Liberal tariff policy as opposed to the Conservative policy of continued high protection all along the line will be carefully stimulated.