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## THE COST OF LIVING MUST BE REDUCED

**Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Great speech at Hamilton Has Made a Marked Impression on the Country---Even Tory Politicians Admit It was a Bold and Popular Stroke---Borden Government Bound Hand and Foot to the Big Interests and Are Powerless to Act**

Ottawa, Nov. 27.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier's pronouncement at Hamilton last night on the Liberal party's policy declaring for free foodstuffs, and a general revision of the tariff with a view to reducing, on sound economic lines, the cost of living in Canada, is frankly admitted by the Conservative politicians in the capital to be a bold and popular stroke, adding greatly to the increasing troubles of the government in regard to their trade and defence policies.

From the Liberal standpoint, the announcement of the policy is received at the capital with general declarations of satisfaction. It was announced, after careful consideration by the party leaders here, as to the whole problem of tariff revision, it was inevitable that such an announcement should be made. It is consistent with the attitude taken by the Laurier government in 1911, consistent with the fundamental principles of Liberalism, and consistent with sound economics.

From the government standpoint, the popularity and economic soundness of policy of free foodstuffs is fully recognized, but the Borden cabinet is confronted with the embarrassment and the stand taken in 1911 against a reduction of the tariff on foodstuffs. The Conservative argument, used then, opposed in principle and in detail the policy now enunciated by Sir Wilfrid.

### "INTERESTS" CONTROL GOVERNMENT

The government has been urged by many of its advisers to proceed along the very line advocated by Sir Wilfrid as being the only hope of securing popular support for its tariff policy at the next general election. But the alliance with the protected interests and the stand taken in the

past makes it practically impossible for the government to come out now for tariff reduction even on foodstuffs. Political expediency, it is admitted, suggests the absolute necessity of doing something along the lines advocated by Sir Wilfrid to reduce the cost of living, but the trouble is that the alliance necessitated by the temporary political expediency of two years ago, now practically compels the government to oppose the tariff reform downwards or to go in for free trade in foodstuffs.

### WOULD REDUCE COST OF LIVING

An indication of what the removal of the duty on foodstuffs would mean to the people in regard to reducing the cost of living is given by the trade and customs figures for the last fiscal year. Despite Conservative argument that the United States would, under the Underwood tariff, continue to absorb Canadian surplus products of the farm, dairy, garden and orchard, and that there would be no real reduction in the cost of living by removing the Canadian protective duties and allowing free importation of these products, the fact remains that last year the Canadian consumers actually paid in duty more than \$10,000,000 on foodstuffs imported for consumption in Canada, where the duties were removed this amount at least would go directly towards relieving the cost of living.

As a matter of fact there would probably be at least two or three times that amount, since the enhancement of prices through restriction of imports, in actual practice work out amounts much more than the duty collected. Restricted importations mean greater opportunities to the middlemen and the food combines to hold up the consumer. Here (Continued on page five.)

## WALL STREET PESSIMISTIC

**No Favorable Developments to effect The Financial Situation**

**The Market is Pretty Well Sold Out and Further Liquidation is Not Looked For**

New York, Nov. 28.—There has been no developments over the holiday to affect the financial situation and outlook, nor is there anything to be added by way of comment upon the general prospect.

As a whole the Wall Street community is pessimistic, as is not infrequently the case when speculation is at a low ebb. The market however has given repeated evidence of the unfavorable developments in politics or business may cause liquidation, further selling in any volume must come largely from investment holdings, a very remote contingency. From both a technical and a fundamental standpoint the general list is in a position to respond to any definitely favorable developments.

Montreal, Nov. 28.—Stocks sold on the exchange here today as follows:

C. P. R. 225; McDonald 17; Power 212 to 213; Brazilian 86; Bridge 116; Telephone 140; Spanish 104; Cement 32; Iron 40; Toronto street 139; Bank of Commerce 201; Merchants Bank 187.

## MARYSVILLE

**A Quiet Wedding at the Baptist Parsonage Knights of Pythias Meet**

Marysville, Nov. 28.—A quiet but very pretty wedding took place at the Olivet Baptist Church Parsonage on Wednesday evening when the pastor, Rev. K. C. McLennan, united in marriage Miss Ruby Lyons and Mr. Bruce Cameron, both of Marysville. The young couple are very popular and have a great many friends.

Misses Alice Hanson and Bessie Gailley, who have been visiting friends in Marysville the past few weeks, returned last night to resume their duties at the Dr. Morrissey Hospital in New Hampshire. Both young ladies have had very successful careers as nurses.

At the regular meeting of Marysville Lodge, No. 18, Knights of Pythias, last evening a large number of the members were present and a good time enjoyed by all. It looks now as if Marysville Lodge was going to boom this winter as the boys are taking a great interest in its welfare. The prospects for the future are of the brightest.

Workmen are getting along nicely with the Methodist Church. The prospects are that it will be ready for service early in the new year.

Mr. George Pryor is making a great success of the picture house, of which he is proprietor since John Hatt left town.

## SCOTS TO CELEBRATE ST. ANDREW'S DAY

Chicago Ill., Nov. 28.—Arrangements concluded today for the annual banquet of the St. Andrews Society of Chicago promises the most notable Caledonian Day celebration ever held in this city. The banquet is to be given tomorrow night at the Hotel Pa Salle. Sir Richard McBride, premier of British Columbia, is to be the guest of honor and principal speaker. Other invited guests include Governor Dunne of Illinois, ex-Speaker Joseph G. Cannon, President James of the University of Illinois and Mayor Carter H. Harrison.

### PERSONAL

Mrs. W. J. Osborne will leave this evening for Belleville, Ont., to spend some weeks.

Mr. N. W. Brown of Middle Southampton is among the guests at the Queen.

## Mr. W. T. Whitehead Passes Away After Lingered Illness

**Fredericton Called Upon to Mourn the Death of One of Its Most Esteemed and Public Spirited Citizens---The End Came Peacefully at Nine O'clock---Had Been Unconscious for Nearly a Week---Had a Successful Business Career---For Thirty Eight Years Manager of N. B. Railway Lands**

After an illness extending over a period of nearly six years, Mr. W. T. Whitehead, ex-M.P.P., and one of Fredericton's foremost citizens passed away at his residence on Church street at nine o'clock this morning. For nearly a week he has been unconscious and while the news of the fatal termination of his illness did not create surprise, it was received on all sides with expressions of deep regret. The general verdict is that in his taking off Fredericton has lost one of its most popular and public spirited citizens and the Province of New Brunswick has been made poorer by the death of one of its noblest sons.

### A LONG ILLNESS.

Mr. Whitehead's illness dates from the month of June, 1908, when he was stricken down while at work in his office on Queen street. He rallied soon afterwards but never regained his hitherto robust health. A man of great will power and indomitable courage and a believer in hard work, it was difficult for him to go upon the retired list but he finally yielded and in the spring of 1910 resigned his position as manager of the New Brunswick Railway Company after many years of honorable service. He spent the summer of 1910 on the Pacific Coast, returning in the fall little benefited by the change. He made another trip to the west during the present year, returning home in September last. About a month ago his appetite began to fail and it became apparent to members of his household that the long and gallant fight against ill health must soon terminate with death the victor. The end came peacefully at nine o'clock this morning.

### NATIVE OF DUMFRIES.

The late Mr. Whitehead was born in the Parish of Dumfries, York County, on January 1, 1852, and was therefore in his sixty-second year. His father was the late Mr. Alfred Whitehead, a well known land surveyor, who resided here for a number of years before his death. Mr. Whitehead removed to Fredericton in 1872 and has since made his home here. In 1877 he was married to Miss Frances C. Crawford, daughter of the late George Crawford of Kings county, and sister of the late Hon. J. H. Crawford, at one time solicitor general. By this union there are four children, viz., Mrs. A. H. McKee of Ottawa, Mr. Guy B. Whitehead, C.E., now in Alaska; Mrs.

Frank S. Shute of Yarmouth, and Mr. G. Stephen Whitehead of Vancouver. Mrs. Shute was with her father when the end came and Mr. G. S. Whitehead is now on his way east in response to a telegram. Mr. Whitehead is survived by two sisters, Mrs. George A. Burkhart and Miss Alfaratta Whitehead, who lately removed to San Diego, California.

The funeral will be held from the home at Monday afternoon at three o'clock. It is expected that Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell of Sackville, a close friend of the family, will take part in the service.

### HIS BUSINESS CAREER.

The Mail of August 6th, 1910, in noting Mr. Whitehead's retirement from the management of the New Brunswick Railway Company, published the following account of his work:

To manage a tract of over sixteen hundred thousand acres of timberland, to see that it is protected from the fire scourge, to arrange leases and collect stumpage from numerous operators on millions of feet of lumber each year, is no easy task, yet it is part of the work which our respected townsman, Mr. W. T. Whitehead, ex-M.P.P., faithfully performed for the long period of thirty-eight years in his capacity as manager of the New Brunswick Railway Company. Mr. Whitehead entered the employ of the company in 1872, and ill health brought about his retirement in February of this year. He is still a director of the company, however, and was recently honored by election to the office of vice-president. This week he was called to Montreal to attend the annual meeting of the directorate.

### THE ORIGINAL COMPANY.

Mr. Alexander Gibson, Sr., of Marysville, was the president of the original New Brunswick Railway Company, which concern in the early seventies constructed a narrow gauge railway from Gibson to Edmundston. The railway was 167 miles long and the company received from the New Brunswick government as a subsidy 10,000 acres of land per mile, a total of 1,670,000 acres. They were given their choice of all the ungranted crown lands in the counties of York, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska.

### MET MR. GIBSON.

Shortly after the company came into possession of the land, Mr.

Whitehead, tiring of the simple life he was living in the Parish of Dumfries, his birthplace, concluded to start out into the world to seek his fortune. He had previously toiled on the farm and in the lumber woods and best of all, had acquired a good practical knowledge of land surveying from his father, the late Mr. Alfred Whitehead, who was an expert in that line. He journeyed to Fredericton and was fortunate enough soon after he arrived here to make the acquaintance of Mr. Gibson, then the biggest and most forceful man in the commercial life of the province.

At that time Mr. Gibson was looking for a suitable man to go up river and survey and block out the lands which had been granted to the New Brunswick Railway Company. He was favorably impressed by Mr. Whitehead and submitted a proposition to him which was readily accepted. A week later Mr. Whitehead was on his way to the Tobique with a crew of twenty men. He was not long in becoming cognizant of the fact that he had tackled a pretty stiff proposition but he took hold with determination and did not let up in his efforts until he had selected and completed a survey of the entire 1,670,000 acres. The fact that the company's lands today are considered to be the finest in the province furnishes proof of the professional knowledge and wise judgment displayed by Mr. Whitehead.

### PROPERTY CHANGED HANDS.

Mr. Whitehead continued to act as forest inspector and surveyor for the company till 1880, in which year Mr. Gibson sold out his railway and land properties to a syndicate composed of Lord Elphinstone of Scotland, Sir Donald A. Smith (now Lord Strathcona), Sir George Stephen (now Lord Mount Stephen), John S. Kennedy, Samuel Thorne, D. Willis James and others, who have since acquired fame as railway builders and financiers. They secured incorporation as the New Brunswick Land and Development Company, with Lord Elphinstone as president. Mr. Whitehead was appointed manager, and assumed control of the company's lands and continued to administer them down to February of this year. He was the organizer of the present system of collecting stumpage in the early seventies and soon afterwards saw it adopted by the provincial government. Under his management the company's revenues from stumpage steadily increased and it is now said to be almost equal to that collected by the province from its vast domain.

Mr. Whitehead has long been a recognized authority on timber lands and his advice has been much sought after by lumbermen and limit-holders. On several occasions he has been commissioned to go to the United States and prepare an estimate on the value of timber lands and report on the facilities for getting out the lumber. Only recently he was obliged to decline a generous offer to go to the State of Wisconsin and act in an advisory capacity to a big lumbering syndicate.

In 1885 the railway owned and operated by the New Brunswick Railway Company was leased to the Canadian Pacific, the company retaining control of the lands and dropping the corporate name of the New Brunswick Land and Lumber Company. Mr. Robert Meighen of Montreal has been the president for twenty years.

Mr. Whitehead was for some years a director of the Willard Kitchen Company, contractors, and for a time acted as secretary to the company.

### HIS POLITICAL CAREER.

Mr. Whitehead was for over thirty years a close personal and political friend of the late Hon. A. G. Blair and it was at the earnest solicitation of the latter that he entered public life in 1895, by contesting York for the local legislature as a supporter of the Blair government.

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## WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, Nov. 28.—Absorption of General Petroleum by British Company provides for exchange of 6 per cent bonds for 7 per cent preferred stock and exchange of General Petroleum stock on basis of three new one pound shares for each \$100 share.

State Labor commissioner will today endeavor to end strike at Gen. Elec. Schenectady works.

Penna. railroad reported to have purchased 50,000 acres of coal lands in Penna.

W. P. Brown of New Orleans estimates cotton crop at 14,100,000 bales.

Greater confidence is evident in London stock exchange circles.

Lacawanna calls for 50 per cent payment Jan. 5th of balance on subscriptions to \$12,000,000 new stock.

President Mabon of the Stock Exchange will shortly appoint committee to make special study for safety of investments.

Bank of England rate unchanged at 5 per cent.

Kansas crop value estimated at \$95,000,000 decrease under that of 1912.

20 active rails declined 45.

## MAN AND WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

Mayfield, Ky., Nov. 28.—The case of Lucian Turk and May Codeland, indicted for first degree murder, was called for trial in the Graves county court today. They are charged with the murder of Hugh Atchinson at Baswell last August. The case was brought to this county on a change of venue.

## THREE ABOVE ZERO REGISTERED LAST NIGHT

**Coldest of Season---Ice Formed in River From Shore to Shore But Ran Out**

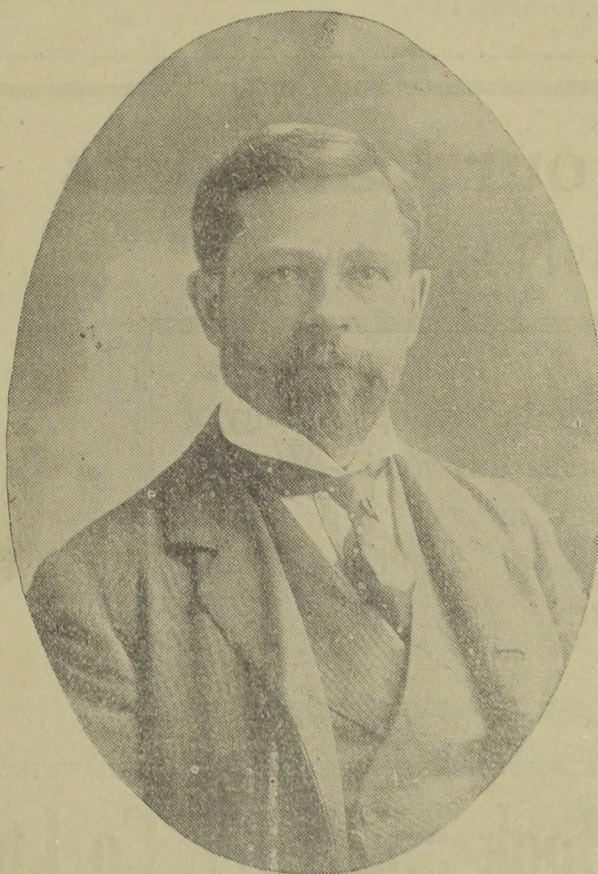
The temperature last night dropped to three above zero, the lowest recorded this autumn. It was cold enough to freeze the St. John River from shore to shore but this morning the thin ice broke and ran out. A heavy white frost, which appeared this morning, was the foundation of a forecast by the weatherwise that there would be mild weather with rain in the near future.

The last trips of the steamers Hampstead and D. J. Purdy were made yesterday but the river is not yet closed. Ice closed the river on November 29 last year but the season of navigation will be longer this year.

The absence of snow is being felt by both lumbermen and farmers but it is to the advantage of those engaged in railroad construction and building operations.

## TO CLEAR UP A MURDER MYSTERY

Woodstock, Vt., Nov. 20.—Great interest is manifested in the session of the Grand Jury beginning next week owing to the fact that the jury will consider the case of George W. Briggs formerly of Lima, O., who is now in jail here on the charge of having murdered and robbed Frank J. Tolby about a mile from here some time in September last. It is claimed that Briggs has made a full confession of his crime to State Attorney Raymond Trainor.



THE LATE W. T. WHITEHEAD