

CONFERENCE ON POWER BILL IS ARRANGED

CORPORATIONS COM.
IN PRIVATE SESSION

Sub-Committee Composed of
Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. C.
W. Robinson and J. A.
Murray Appointed.

The Corporations Committee of the Legislative Assembly met this morning in private session in consideration of the bill relating to the New Brunswick Power Company on which large delegations were heard earlier in the session. Private consideration was given to the bill for some time and a sub-committee was appointed for the purpose of arranging a joint conference between the representatives of the parties concerned in the bill—the Power Company and the citizens of St. John.

The belief is that a temporary arrangement can be made to tide the matter over the period prior to the creation of a commission or the taking of other definite steps.

It is expected that the conference will take place today or tonight and the sub-committee be in a position to report back to the Corporations Committee at a time not later than tomorrow. The sub-committee is composed of Hon. P. J. Veniot, Hon. C. W. Robinson and Mr. J. A. Murray.



April 16, 1918.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Pugsley will not receive on Wednesday afternoon of this week, but will receive on Wednesday afternoon of the following week from 4 to 6. This will be the last reception they will hold during this Session.

R. S. BARKER,
Official Secretary.

Appointed Provincial Constable.
Beverly Coates of Coates Hill, Kent county, has been appointed a provincial constable.

At Home.

Mrs. Byrne, Mrs. Hetherington and Mrs. Roberts will be at home at the Queen Hotel on the afternoon of Saturday, the 20th inst., from 4 to 6. 2ms

Form Partnership.

William Pirie and Frederick W. Pirie of Grand Falls, have formed a partnership under the name of William Pirie, Son & Company, to carry on a business as hotel keepers, automobile dealers and farm produce dealers.

New Chairman Appointed.

The resignation of Mr. H. H. Gilbert as chairman of the local board of health for the county of Queens has been accepted by His Honor the Lieut. Governor, and Mr. Harold O. Branscombe of Cumberland Bay, has been appointed in his place.

Partnership Dissolved.

Harvey Welton and John D. Morrison of South Minto, Queen's county, who have been doing business under the name of Welton & Morrison, at that place, have dissolved partnership. The business will be continued under the name of Harvey Welton & Company.

New Company.

The United Farmers' Co-operative Company of New Brunswick, Limited, has been incorporated under provincial charter with head office at Woodstock and capital stock of \$9,000. Those incorporated are Charles L. Smith of Woodstock, C. Gordon Sharp of Northampton and Thomas W. Caldwell of Wicklow.

Gaspereaux Fishing.

St. John Globe: Comparatively good gaspereaux fishing in weirs is reported for the past two days, and it is expected that as soon as the run of ice in the harbor ceases seiners will take good catches. On Monday the Rapids weir caught 14,000 fish, and Tuesday night the Belyea weir No. 2, garnered 16,000. Gaspereaux are wholesaling at \$2.75 per hundred, which is regarded at a good price at this time of year. (The gaspereaux run in the St. John river and tributaries in this vicinity will be on in a few days.)

Imports Half Consumption.

Farnworth & Jardine's monthly wood circular, dated Liverpool, April 1, has the following concerning New Brunswick and Nova Scotia spruce and pine deals: "The import to the Mersey, including the Manchester Canal, amounted to 590 standards; the consumption accounted for about double this quantity, reducing stocks to 8,740 standards, being much below those held this time last year, viz.—18,180 standards. There is no change in the position. Pine deals—stocks very light."

Wants Carpenters.

Mayor Hanson is in receipt of a telegram from Mr. H. S. Low, who is in charge of reconstruction work in Halifax, stating that there is a big demand for carpenters in the Nova Scotia capital. The rate of wages is 40 cents per hour and board can be obtained for \$4 per week. Transportation charges will be refunded if the parties remain for a period of six months and are able properly to perform their duties. In this connection it is suggested that when purchasing tickets they procure a receipt from the ticket agent.

ST. JOHN RIVER LOG DRIVING CO. BILL CONSIDERED

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
COMPANY AND OPERATORS

An Increase in Rates Asked—
The Division of Unmarked
Logs Caused a Dis-
cussion.

The bill relating to the application of the St. John River Log Driving Company to increase its rates for rafting and booming logs was before the Corporations Committee of the House of Assembly this morning. A lengthy discussion took place, the views of the company and of the lumbermen interested being presented fully. A conference between representatives of the company and of the lumbermen was held in private following the committee meeting and it was reported that an agreement was reached upon certain matters in dispute and will be reported to the committee later.

Delegates Present.

Representatives of the interests concerned who were present were Mr. J. J. F. Winslow, solicitor for the company, Mr. R. B. Hanson, solicitor for Fraser Companies, Limited, Mr. J. Fraser Gregory of Murray & Gregory, St. John, Mr. F. C. Beateay of Stetson, Cutler & Co., St. John, Mr. A. H. FitzRandolph of Randolph & Baker, St. John.

Company's Proposition.

The proposition of the company was that on account of the heavy increase in the cost of rafting and the marked decrease in the quantity of logs handled at its booms an increase should be made in the rates. It is proposed that the company shall create an operating fund each year in advance of the drives, the amount to be estimated from the charges for rafting and booming, an adjustment to be made after the logs have been counted. The sum of \$15,000 was first suggested but later it was reduced to \$12,000, that being the figure which is not to be exceeded. This fund is to be raised by an assessment. Operators who may not take part in the formation of the fund, by paying in advance on fifteen per cent. of their cut may have their logs which get into the booms of the company by accident, handled by the company. Other operators who may not take advantage of either arrangement are to pay \$2.50 per thousand extra on their logs handled in the company's booms. It was reported that the Nashwaak Pulp & Paper Company, the York & Sunbury Milling Company and other companies had offered no objection to the proposals of the company.

Matter of Unmarked Logs.

The question of unmarked logs created some discussion. It was suggested that operators taking unmarked logs from the river or its tributaries

GRAND LODGE WILL MEET IN ST. JOHN IN 1919

GRAND MASTER WADMAN
RE-ELECTED LAST NIGHT

Committee to Co-operate with
Anglicans and Other Pro-
testants re Scriptural
Instruction.

The annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick came to a close at an early hour this morning, the delegates making the last session a lengthy one in order to finish business. The majority of visiting delegates left for their homes this morning. The next annual meeting will be held in St. John in April next.

Plea for Y. M. C. A.

Shortly before noon yesterday the meeting adjourned to listen to Mr. A. S. McAllister of Halifax and Mr. C. D. Richards, who addressed the Grand Lodge at length on the work the Y. M. C. A. is doing in the present war in caring for the boys at the front, and on the amount of money needed to carry on its operations, also in regard to the Y.M.C.A. drive for \$100,000 which is to be launched in a short time all over New Brunswick. The addresses were interesting and made a deep impression on the members.

At the afternoon session a committee was appointed to present to His Lordship Bishop Richardson and the different denominations of the province the Grand Lodge's views upon and sympathy with instruction in the Bible in the public schools. Those appointed on the committee were: Rev. Mr. Penwarden, Dr. W. B. Wallace, and Past Grand Masters A. D. Thomas and David Hipwell.

Refreshments Served.

At about midnight the members of Graham L. O. L. No. 20, in this city, entertained the members of the Grand Lodge, serving refreshments, which were much appreciated. The Grand Lodge then resumed deliberations and many matters were taken up and discussed.

To Meet in St. John.

Invitations were received from St. John, Sussex and Woodstock, asking them to meet at those places at

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be barred from sharing in the division of unmarked logs at the booms. Mr. Gregory said that at Van Buren unmarked logs were taken out of the river and the people who take them also demand a share in the unmarked logs at the booms. Mr. Hanson objected to the suggestion because Fraser Companies, Limited, on the Tobique also took unmarked logs. This matter was one of those considered at the private meeting of the representatives of the company and the lumbermen.

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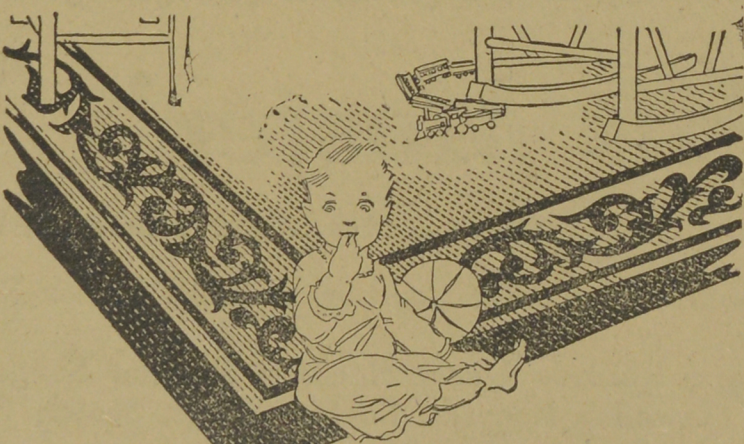
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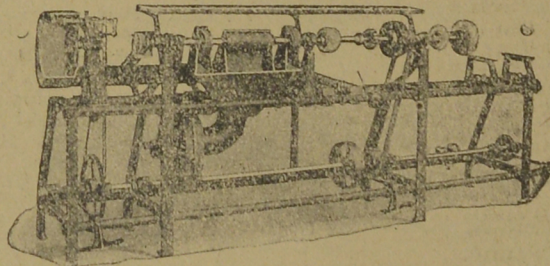
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