

EXTENSION TO ANDOVER WAS URGED

BIG DELEGATION HEARD BY THE GOVERNMENT

Premier Foster Made a Statement Explaining Situation—Answer from Dom. Govt. First.

The extension of the St. John & Quebec Railway from Centreville to its present northern terminus to Andover was strongly urged upon the Provincial Government this morning by a delegation which was composed of men of both political parties in the counties of Carleton and Victoria.

R. W. Demmings of Aroostook Jct. was the first speaker. He was followed by J. E. Porter of Andover, J. W. Niles of Perth, and James Scott of Andover. A.D. McCann of Florenceville and Messrs Smith and Sutton representatives of Carleton County in the legislature also spoke in favor of the extension.

Premier Foster's Reply

Premier Foster replying to the delegation expressed the earnest wish of his government to complete the railway not only as far as Andover but as far as Grand Falls. He gave the delegation information concerning the finances of the railway showing that the bond proceeds of little more than twelve miles were left to pay for the proposed extension and that that amount was not immediately available because it had been invested by the Prudential Trust Company in a business on the Pacific coast and could not be returned for some five years. To make the required extension the province would have to issue bonds to the value of \$1,500,000. It would be impossible for him to give a definite answer until the views of the Federal government with regard to the railway were made known.

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale spoke taking a line similar to that followed by the Premier.

The Sugar Season

Farmers from Queensbury in the city this week said that preparations are being made for maple sugar making and that a good run of sap was expected if the mild weather continued they expected sap to be flowing this week.

Purchased Bungalow

Prof. Frank H. Harrison has purchased the Scammell bungalow on University Avenue and will take up his residence there on May 1st. The house being occupied by Prof. Harrison at the present time will be occupied by his sister Miss Mary E. Harrison.

To Attend Conference

Five delegates from the U. N. B. will attend the College Y. M. C. A. convention at Hindsor, N. S., which will be held from this evening until Sunday evening. The delegates to the convention from the U. N. B. are: Harold Seeley, Ernest Gunter, Donald Porter, Fred Patterson and Prof. Blampin.

Made Some Sport

The reply given by Hon. Mr. Murray in the House Wednesday to a question by Mr. Dickson as to the disposition of liquors seized under the Intoxicating Liquor Act created considerable merriment among the members. The list as read over showed an attractive assortment, the bulk of which had been placed with hospitals. The nature of the stuff ran up into thousands of dollars.

Case Dismissed With Costs

Police Magistrate Limerick this morning dismissed the case against R. T. Mack, licensed vendor, who was charged with violation of the Intoxicating Liquor Act 1916, by selling liquor to a policeman on duty through the filing of a prescription. The Magistrate summing up the case dismissed it with costs, on the ground that the Act made no distinction between a policeman and any other person in the matter of filing a prescription.

Dalhousie Won Game

In an exciting basketball game last evening the Dalhousie University of Halifax won from the U. N. B. team by a total score of 22 to 17. Early in the game Kuhring was placed at a disadvantage when he strained his back. Both teams showed good swift team work but the Dalhousie team showed superiority in their team work and control of the ball. The line up was Dalhousie, forwards, Carter, Baird, centre, Marsters, defence, Laing, Ross; U. N. B. forwards, Webb, Willet, centre, Kuhring, defence, Gibson, Seeley.

Mr. P. L. Logan of Montreal is at the Barker House today.

INDEPENDENT LABOR PARTY IS ENDORSED

LABOR FEDERATION TO CALL CONVENTION SOON

Platform of Fourteen Planks Adopted—Delegation Before the Government ment Today.

The Thursday evening program for the N. B. Federation of Labor consisted of a banquet and entertainment for the delegates by Fredericton labor men. A program of songs, readings and speeches was carried out with a very interesting address by it. A. Filmore on the "Menace of Bolshevism."

Factory Act Changes

Delegate McGinnis chairman of the Factory Act Committee read the report of that committee recommending that the minimum age in the Act be changed from fourteen to sixteen years, that a working-day be changed from ten to eight hours, that forty-five minutes for meals be changed to one hour.

Delegate Sharpe chairman of the Committee on the Housing Act reported the word "individual" in the act was recommended to mean a person whose income shall not exceed \$3,000 a year and that the wages and hours under this act be those prevailing in the locality affected.

A communication from J. Hunter White of St. John on Daylight Saving was read and on motion was laid on the table for further consideration.

To Form Labor Party

A resolution was passed supporting the formation of an Independent Labor Party for the Province of New Brunswick per the instructions of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada. A platform of fourteen planks was drawn up and submitted reading as follows:

- 1st. Provincial eight hour work-day
- 2nd. Free and compulsory education. Free in all institutions supported by the government. Free text books.
- 3rd. Minimum wage for all workers.
- 4th. Equal pay for equal work for women and men.
- 5th. Abolition of all election deposits.
- 6th. The conservation of all mines, forests and water powers for the people.
- 7th. Public ownership of all public utilities.
- 8th. Abolition of exemptions on all corporations, banks and stocks.
- 9th. Prohibition of child labor under sixteen years.
- 10th. The inauguration of a system of public works and improvements for the employment of the unemployed.

EXPROPRIATION RUMORS ARE NOT BASED ON FACT

EXPERT WILL INSPECT PRESENT R'WAY BRIDGE

Site of Existing Structure Expected to Be Used With Widening of Right-of-Way.

Reports of extensive expropriation of land and dwellings in the eastern part of the city on account of the building of a new railway bridge across the St. John River at this point, are not considered to be based on anything more than talk. The soundings and borings for the new bridge have been taken but no appropriation has been made for it and nothing will be done toward erecting a new bridge in the present year. It is expected that within the next two years a double-tracked bridge will be built practically on the same site as the existing structure.

Expert to Inspect Structure

Mr. Montserat of Montreal who was concerned in the building of the Quebec Bridge and who has been retained by the Canadian National Railways board as an expert, will inspect the present bridge early in the spring. Upon his report much will depend the nature of the structure to be built. The general belief is that the new bridge will necessitate the widening of the C. N. R. right-of-way immediately south of the station which will make necessary the removal of the dwelling now occupied by Mr. John G. Boyd. Half a million dollars is the amount of the appropriation for improvement of the C. N. R. line between McGivney and Devon during the present year. None of this amount is for the bridge.

the public credit to be utilized for this purpose.

11th. Payment of weekly wages in lawful money and the abolition of truck, scrip and check pay.

12th. The use of halls in all Municipal buildings to be granted free of charge to the citizens for the discussion of public questions.

13th. Labor disputes occurring with any corporation holding a franchise from the Provincial or municipal government to be settled by a board of conciliation.

14th. That all Government printing bear the Union Label.

Waited Upon Government

The delegation selected by the Federation headed by Pres. C.A. Melanson waited upon the Provincial Government this morning and presented the resolutions concerning legislation which had been passed during the session.

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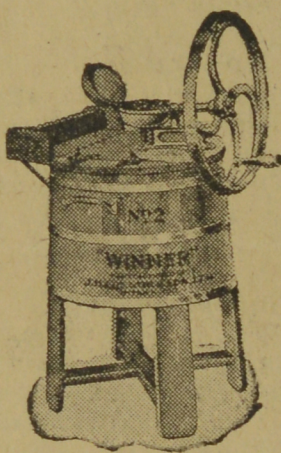
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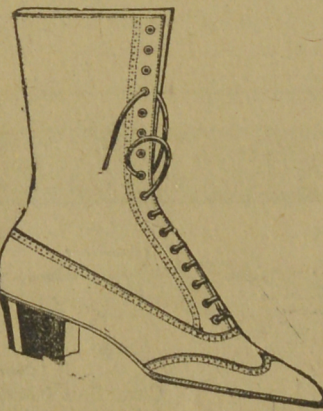
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