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FORMAL OPENING OF ANNUAL CONVENTION OF N. B. FARMERS' & DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Mayor Reid Officially Welcomed the Delegates and Was Replied to by H. H. Smith—President C. F. Alward Made Strong Plea For Co-operation—Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture, Outlined What Had Been Accomplished By His Department.

The formal opening of the forty-fourth annual meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick took place last night in the Assembly Hall of the Normal School. There was a large attendance of delegates and the general public. Many delegates who did not arrive for the first business session of the convention reached Fredericton yesterday and last night. The chief speakers were President C. F. Alward who made his annual address, His Worship Mayor Reid who welcomed the visitors, H. H. Smith who replied to the address of welcome and Hon. J. F. Tweeddale who outlined what the Department of Agriculture of which he is the head, had done during the past year.

President C. F. Alward

President Alward in his address devoted considerable time to the problem of keeping rural population on the farm. There was little use clamoring for increased production would not solve the problem of the high cost of living unless the boys and girls would stay on the farms. Better social conditions were needed in the country and improved rural schools would be a great benefit. The school system was all right but better salaries for teachers in those schools was a pressing problem.

President Alward also made a strong plea for cooperation on the part of the farmers. During the war cooperation between Federal and Provincial departments had shown good results in the way of increased production of food stuffs and praise should be given where it was due. In dairying however there was room for still greater expansion. The advance had not been what the province deserved and every effort should be bent toward making that industry one of the great ones. Stockyards and abattoirs for the Maritime Provinces was an urgent consideration.

In poultry raising New Brunswick was measuring up well and the government had made a wise choice in selecting the head of the Poultry Division. More attention was being devoted to sheep-raising with marked results and the cooperative marketing of wool had been one of the best object lessons the farmer ever had. Pork production was a profitable sideline in price had frightened many out of the business. Bee culture on account of the rapid advance in the price of sugar deserved every support.

Mayor's Address

At the close of the president's address, His Worship Mayor J. A. Reid welcomed the delegates to the city. He said that united action by both the farmers and city residents was necessary in order to restore conditions to normal. He had been brought up on a farm and knew what farm life was like and in order to keep the boys on the farm he felt that the farmers should take the trouble to provide more diversion for them. As a means of encouraging their interest in farm life, he suggested annual conventions for the boys similar to those held for their parents.

H. H. Smith of Hoyt Station, treasurer of the association, replied to the

GOVERNMENT MAY GO SLOW ON NAVAL POLICY

Ottawa, March 16.—In today's Unionist caucus, senators and members of parliament from all sections of the dominion, with few exceptions, advised the government that Canadian sentiment is utterly opposed to embarking on a naval policy of any magnitude at the present time, even though the members were informed that the British government was prepared to donate cruisers, submarines, torpedo boats and destroyers, to the value of \$16,500,000, they were unwilling to accept a gift which would entail an annual naval expenditure of at least five million dollars. It was said that when the government was trying to economize in other directions there would be great unrest among returned soldiers as well as among other sections of the population at not having their demands met when the country could find money for such a purpose.

address of welcome.

Minister of Agriculture

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Minister of Agriculture addressed the gathering and urged careful consideration of the matters dealt with in the president's address. He said that the farmers were doing more than any other class to straighten out the tangle which had resulted from the war. While many city men were striking for shorter hours and higher pay, they were working from dawn to dark. They had the satisfaction of knowing that they received the profit for the work they did. That the province was so prosperous was due in a great measure to the farmers. While conditions here were not so favorable as in some other provinces, New Brunswick had led the Dominion in increases in live stock. In several departments the increases were greater than in all the rest of Canada. This had been due to co-operative efforts, the work of his department and the agricultural societies as well as to the initiative of the farmer.

In the administration of his department the Minister said he had made it his policy to know no man by his politics, his creed or his race, but had striven to give every farmer in the province an equal share in the benefits to be derived from the department.

Sheep Importation

He referred with deep appreciation to the efforts of the farmers to meet the demand for food and other farm products during the war and during the present period of scarcity. One of the methods by which the government had helped had been the appropriation of \$500,000 to aid in the importation of pure-bred sheep. They had also made it possible to raise sheep by amending the law relating to the protection of sheep from dogs the effectiveness of which had been demonstrated last year. In twelve months the sheep in the province had been increased by 72,000 but there still was room for a vast increase and the sheep industry should be one of the most profitable in the province. In the government campaign to sell imported

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PREMIER FOSTER FLAYS THE OPPOSITION IN A GREAT SPEECH IN LEGISLATURE

Carried the War Into Africa and Did Not Leave Leader Murray and His Followers a Leg to Stand On—Better Pay for School Teachers Assured—Some Sidelights on the Valley Railway—The Stumpage Question.

In the Legislature yesterday afternoon Premier Foster resumed the debate on the address and made a most effective reply to the diatribes of Hon. J. A. Murray, the leader of the opposition. The premier held the floor for the best part of two hours, and delivered one of the most telling speeches that the House has listened to for many a day. While he lays no pretense at oratory the leader of the government is a most interesting speaker and is always listened to with close attention by both sides of the House. His speech of yesterday was not only a brilliant defence of the government which he so ably administered the affairs of the province for the past three years, but as the press gallery humorist of the Standard would say it was a "solar plexus blow" for the aggregation of political has-beens and malcontents who sit at the left of the Speaker and style themselves His Majesty's Loyal Opposition. The Premier carried the war right into Africa and did not leave Leader Murray and his band of followers a leg on which to stand.

VALLEY RAILWAY RUNNING RIGHTS.

The Premier devoted some attention to Valley Railway matters and had no difficulty in satisfactorily explaining to the House the reason for delay in securing running rights over C. P. R. from Westfield to St. John. He was able to show from the official debates that Mr. Murray when introducing the bill to change the route of the lower section of the railway, had given the House to understand that the Federal government in lieu of having been relieved of the obligation of building the bridges, had agreed to defray the cost of running rights over the C. P. R.

THE STUMPAGE QUESTION.

The Premier got back at the opposition leader with telling effect on the stumpage question. He showed that the old government in April, 1916 had passed an order-in-council fixing the rate of stumpage at \$1.50 per thousand for ten years and he declared that but for the Dugal charges that rate would have been in force today. He said that the present rate of stumpage would stand until Aug. 1st next, when if conditions continued as they are at present there would be an increase. He called upon his followers to vote down the want of confidence motion of the leader of the opposition.

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STUMPAGE RATE WILL BE INCREASED

Premier Foster Deals With Subject in the House—Old Government's Record Exposed.

In discussing the opposition leaders amendment for an increase in the rate of stumpage in the House yesterday Premier Foster announced that the present rate would continue in force until August 1st, and if conditions at that time remained as they are now there would be an increase. His statement as embodied in the official report is as follows:

The hon. leader of the opposition had thought it good tactics in view of that convention, to come to this House and propose an amendment to the Address, hoping that it would bring all his followers into line and enable him to tell the country that the party was reunited. The wonderful effect which that amendment had had upon the House was shown by a report which appeared in the St. John Standard. The Speaker proceeded to quote that in full.

The Stumpage Question

If the Hon. member who moved the amendment had really desired to increase the revenue and benefit the Province instead of embarrassing the administration he would have chosen some other time during the session when it would be possible for hon. members to vote without prejudice. Nobody knew better than the hon. member if that amendment to the address was adopted, it would be an expression of want of confidence in the government, and no matter how meritorious the principle of the amendment may be its adoption was not possible. The question of stumpage having been introduced into the debate it might be well to recall a certain dark page of the history of the Province placed upon record by a report of a Royal Commission appointed by the Government in which the hon. member held office in 1924 it was surprising to note that the hon. leader of the opposition was proposing a 57 rate of stumpage although in the spring of 1914 he was one of the Executive Council which completed a

LUMBERMEN TO MEET HERE ON THURSDAY

Delegation Will Go Before the Government—Caucuses Last Night—Debate Continued Today.

The New Brunswick Lumbermen's Association which was organized in this city last year for the purpose of enabling the lumber operators of the province to act together in various matters of common interest, will meet here in annual session Thursday. Its members will gather at the Parliament Buildings and meet and later will wait upon the Provincial Government in connection with a number of matters.

In Caucus Last Night

Government and Opposition members were in caucus last night. Little was announced afterward concerning the business transacted but both parties expressed satisfaction with conditions.

Debate Continues

Mr. Smith of Carleton moved the adjournment of the debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne yesterday afternoon and resumed the debate at three o'clock this afternoon. It is not known now whether the debate will be prolonged or not. It had been hoped that it would be shorter than usual thus expediting business.

deal whereby in return for some \$100,000 paid into a campaign fund, an order in council was passed which gave the right to cut lumber on Crown Lands for ten years at a stated rate of stumpage of \$1.50 per year. That order in council was passed April 2nd 1914 and was not rescinded until June 1, 1915. Had it not been for the charges preferred by his hon. friend the senior member from Madawaska that order in council would have never

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THE CITY OF HAMBURG AND ITS SUBURBS NOW HELD BY THE FOLLOWERS OF EBERT GOVT.

Serious Clashes of Troops Supporting the Two Factions are Reported from Many German Towns—Now Feared That There May be a Revival of the Spartacan Movement—The Casualty List Said to be Among the Hundreds—Machine Gun Firing Heard in Berlin.

WARSHIPS OF THE ALLIES ARE IN READINESS

(Special to the Mail.)

London, March 17.—Reports received here from Constantinople say that Allied troops have occupied Constantinople and that the British dreadnought "Benbow" and other Allied warships are at anchor in the Golden Horn. Every ship is cleared for action.

GIRLS FROM OLD COUNTRY AT ST. JOHN

St. John, March 17.—The Metagama brought a large party of British women immigrants under the charge of the conductress, Miss Biden. Only two of the party stopped off at St. John and enjoyed the hospitality of the Welcome Hostel in Britain street. These two, as well as the rest of the party, were ex-service women. They leave this morning for Nova Scotia, where they intend to take up fruit farming. The larger number went through to Ontario to train as nurses. Fourteen had come to Canada to be married and thirty-four were rejoining relatives in this country. Those coming as household workers included sixteen, who went to the hostel in Winnipeg. All were pleased with their cheery welcome from the port workers in St. John.

CREDITABLE WAR RECORD

(Special to the Mail.)

Regina, Sask., March 17.—Saskatchewan school cadets established a wonderful war record. Figures available now show that 1,620 cadets enlisted during the war, of whom 178 were killed and 205 wounded. Members were awarded 52 decorations, including one Victoria Cross.

9-YEAR-OLD'S LONG JOURNEY

(Special to the Mail.)

Winnipeg, March 17.—Arthur George Glazebrook, a sturdy youngster of 9 years old, arrived here after travelling from Godalming, England alone. This young gentleman adventurer was put on the boat by his parents and is travelling to British Columbia, where he will visit his grandfather at Chilliwack.

MUST HAVE PORT FACILITIES

Ottawa, March 16.—On their arrival in Ottawa today, members of the parliamentary party who have been inspecting the port of St. John, announced their full concurrence in the plea that the extension of the Negro Point breakwater is a work of immediate national necessity. All agreed that the Canadian National must be provided with the best facilities at this great seaport.

FLOODS IN ANNAPOLIS VALLEY ARE BEGINNING TO SUBSIDE

Halifax, March, 17.—Traffic conditions in the Annapolis Valley, completely disrupted by the recent unprecedented flood are gradually being restored to normal and by the end of the week it is expected that the through train service between Halifax and Yarmouth will be restored. It was announced this afternoon that commencing tomorrow, a train service between Middleton and Halifax will be operated. This leaves a gap of thirty-five miles between Annapolis and Middleton upon which wrecking crews are still working. Reports from points through the valley are to the effect that the waters are rapidly subsiding.

(Special to the Mail.)
Paris, March 17.—Hamburg and its western suburb, Allena, are now definitely in the hands of the followers of the Ebert Government of Germany, according to despatches received here this morning. General Von Wangenheim, who was defeated and captured in Allena, has joined the troops loyal to the Ebert regime.

Clashes Reported.

London, March 17.—News that came from Berlin and other German points tells of clashes at Brunswick, Essen, Mannheim, Frankfurt, Dortmund and Leipzig, together with a report that a council of workmen had assumed power at Chemnitz, has given the impression here that there is more to be feared from a revival of the Spartacan movement than from the activities of the new Kapp government in Berlin.

Machine gun firing was heard in Berlin last night, says a message to the Exchange Telegraph Company today from the German capital.

Bloodshed Reported.

According to the latest despatches, the military movement has resulted in bloodshed in twenty-four German centres. The Spartacans are reported to have risen in Dresden, where a clash with troops is declared to have resulted in a casualty list around 200 dead and 300 wounded.

STOCK MARKET PRICES TODAY

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New York.	
American Wool	134
Bethel Steel B.	91½
C. P. R.	123½
Crucible	237
General Motors	325
Mexican Pete.	188½
Studebaker	101½
United States Steel	99½
Union Pacific	121½
Sterling, 374.	
N. Y. Exchange 12½.	

Montreal.	
Brazilian	48½
Canada Car pfd.	101
Dom. Iron and Steel	70
Montreal Power	88
Victory Bond, 1937	100—101
" " 1933	99—100
" " 1927	99—100
" " 1923	98—99
" " 1922	98—99
" " 1924	96½
" " 1934	96—97

QUARANTINE LIFTED SOON

(Special to the Mail.)

Calgary, Alta., March 17.—The hope was expressed by W. F. Stevens, the newly appointed secretary of the Western Canada Stock Growers' Protective Association, that the blanket quarantine in connection with the mange areas in the province would be lifted this summer.

NEWSPAPERS OF AUSTRALIA TO BE WELL REPRESENTED

Vancouver, B. C., March 17.—A Sydney, N. S., cable to a local newspaper says that the following will represent Australian newspapers at the Empire press conference to be held next August in Canada H. R. Dennison of the Sydney Sun; D. D. Braham, Sydney Telegraph; J. O. Fairfax, Sydney Herald; Theodore Fink, Melbourne Herald; Wm. Wright, Bendigo Advertiser; Geoffrey Syme, Melbourne Age; Chas. Davis, Hobart Mercury; J. J. Knight, Brisbane Courier; Norman White, Brisbane Daily Mail; Sir Langdon Bonython, Adelaide, and G. H. Varley, Grafton Examiner.