

THREE BODIES OF METHODISTS VOTE FOR UNION

London, July 17—The Wesleyan Methodists today passed a resolution in favor of union with the Primitive Methodists and the United Methodists and now the way is cleared for the union of these three bodies, the Primitives and United Methodists having recently voted for union.

The Wesleyans made their decision in favor of union at a conference at Lincoln. The vote was 397 against 126. Both the other Methodist bodies voted overwhelmingly in favor of the union of British Methodism.

The Misses Jane and Bessie Strong of this city are spending a few weeks in Saint John visiting friends.

N.S. MINES COULD BE WORKED AT SHORT NOTICE

Glace Bay, N. S. July 17—Maintenance work is progressing at all collieries in the Cape Breton coal mining areas and it is understood that in most of the pits coal could be hoisted with very short notice.

Three small fires were reported in the Glace Bay district during the past 24 hours, but all were extinguished before doing any damage. The company store at New Waterford was said to have been entered yesterday morning and some goods stolen.

Mrs.—Gracious, John! The baby's chewing one of your collars.

Mr.—I know it. I gave it to him; the doctor said he had to have more starch in his diet.

LABOR MINISTER SAYS THAT CORRESPONDENCE RE THE POTATO COMBINE IS PUBLIC PROPERTY

The following is a copy of a communication forwarded by Hon. James Murdock to the Secretary of the St. John Board of Trade:

Ottawa, July 15, 1925.

Dear Sir,—

I am in receipt of yours of July 7 quoting the following cable received by your Board on June 25th from "Association of Representatives of Foreign Firms, Havana":

"Several members of this Association have filed at this office strong protest against publication of private personal and confidential correspondence mailed to their respective New Brunswick principals and being used as evidence by the Canadian Government in attempt to prove existence of New Brunswick Potato Combine. Such correspondence is being published in 'Telegraph-Journal, Saint John', and our Association considers that while Government may have right to see such correspondence, newspapers have no right to publish private, personal and confidential letters. We appeal to your high business principles and commercial courtesy to prevent it. Will highly appreciate attention to matter",

and stating that your "Board sympathizes with the attitude of these Havana representatives" and is of opinion that "confidential correspondence required by the Government for purposes of investigation should not be passed to the press for publication".

I can appreciate the anxiety of the Havana Association (some of whose members are no doubt implicated in the alleged combine in the marketing of New Brunswick potatoes), not to have the details of certain of their activities published, but in view of the fact that D. W. Ledingham, Manager of Furness Withy and Company, Ltd., of Saint John, (a firm which is likewise implicated in the alleged combine), was, and possibly is, a member of the Saint John Board of Trade, I am inclined to the view that the matter is one which your Board should have considered more carefully before expressing an opinion on the matter.

You are in error in suggesting that confidential correspondence was "passed to the press for publication", the fact being that newspapers have reprinted, as they have a right to do, extracts from a report laid on the table of the House of Commons and which the intent of the statute necessitated printing as a public document.

You are apparently going outside the bounds of the representations you have quoted as being received from Havana, for while the "Havana Association of Representatives of Foreign Firms" protests against publication of correspondence mailed to their New Brunswick principals, you suggest in effect that in defiance of the intent of the Combines Investigation Act, 1923, the report should not have been published at all.

The interim report of June 9th of the investigation into an alleged combine limiting competition in the marketing of New Brunswick potatoes was prepared with care, and reproduced only such documents as were deemed necessary, and I am of the opinion that the public have a right to be informed of the activities of those responsible in any way for the conditions existing in the potato growing industry, conditions which are driving some farmers off the land and penalizing those who stay. Your communication of July 7th does not give any reason why your Board is influenced by representations made by Havana merchants, some of whom are probably involved in the matters at issue, and it seems hardly possible that it can be aware of certain incontrovertible facts set forth in the report above referred to: for instance, the arrangements outlined in the letter of Paco Suris, Havana, to Guy G. Porter, Perth, N. B., of February 2, 1924:

"We confirm our wire of the 28th of January reading: 'Confidential Palacio Armand demand five cents package all future shipments to compensate their private disbursements and propaganda writing fully.'"

We were called by Messrs. Palacio & Armand, at a private meeting where they demanded the above allowance. They explained strictly confidential that during this strong campaign against Manzer & Southgate, they have been paying \$125 to an employee of Mr. Manzer's office staff, and \$200 to one at Southgate office, as well as \$50—at the office of the Railroad Company, to be acquainted with every thing concerning the above two, and to know from the latter where Southgate was shipping to the outports."

Do you not think the farmers of New Brunswick are entitled to know

of this toll levied on their product by Cuban merchants?

When a Canadian citizen endeavoring to establish business relations in Cuba is told—

"The potato combine at both Saint John and Havana have the potato situation from New Brunswick pretty well bottled up, and looks now that we will not be able to do any business with you, their having the boats under such supervision to prevent we independents from obtaining decent bookings".

do you think the public is entitled to be informed?

When cable messages are intercepted so that they may be read and acted upon to the detriment of business rivals, as shown by correspondence reproduced in the report referred to, do you consider that "as a matter of principle" such activities should not be disclosed for the benefit of the public?

The people of New Brunswick and particularly of Saint John may well ponder over the actions of those who have striven to eliminate the Canadian Government Mercantile Marine from the St. John-Havana business

and instead of complaining to the Government of the day regarding Canadian Government Mercantile Marine deficits, determine whether it is not more appropriate to condemn the principles actuating those who have intrigued to shut out the Canadian Government Mercantile Marine rather than object "as a matter of principle" to the enlightenment of the public on those important matters.

In a letter dated April 1, 1922, copy of which was filed as an exhibit in the investigation, it is stated:—

"In connection with Mr. Caldwell's move for frost-proof warehouse in Saint John to be built by the Government, I discussed the matter with Mr. Ledingham this morning, and he said there was no possible chance of this project going further at this time, and he advised letting the matter rest where it was, as any opposition would just bring the matter to the front, and aggravate the situation."

He will see that the Saint John Board of Trade makes no recommendation in the matter."

Mr. Ledingham may or may not influence the Saint John Board of Trade in certain matters, but I hope and believe that on consideration your Board will agree that it is in the public interest that such reports as that made to the undersigned in accordance with the Combines Investigation Act, 1923, should not be suppressed.

So firmly convinced am I that publicity will assist in correcting some of the misfortunes of the ordinary people, producers and consumers, in coping with some present day business methods and ethics, that I regard it as proper to let the press have a copy of your communication of July 7 and this reply thereto, and I hope in so doing it may not be regarded as unfairly interfering with the proper interests of the members of the Saint John Board of Trade, or the Havana Association of Representatives of Foreign Firms.

Yours truly,

(Sgd.) JAMES MURDOCK,
Minister of Labour.

Mr. F. Maclure Scanders,
Com. Saint John Board of Trade,
Saint John, N. B.

Saint John Board of Trade,
Saint John, New Brunswick,
7th July, 1925.

Honourable James Murdock,
Minister of Labour,
Ottawa.

Dear Mr. Murdock,—

I am instructed by our Council, to say that the undated cable was received by this Board on 25th instant:

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Association of Representatives of Foreign Firms,
Havana."

I am asked to say that, wholly apart from the matter involved in the present investigation of your Government, this Board sympathizes with the atti-

RUM FLEET OF NEW YORK IS DISPERSED

Washington, July 17—The Treasury feels that that part of the rum fleet off New York has been dispersed. In announcing today the transfer to Washington of Capt. W. J. Wheeler, commander of the coast guard's offensive squadron in that area, the department declared he "has accomplished the job he was assigned to."

The drive off New York, however it was added, will be continued under the direction of regional officials and by the individual commanders of cutters stationed between Atlantic City and Cape Cod.

It is the plan to withdraw what is known as the special service squadron and to employ its cutters in the hazardous work of extending aid to maritime shipping. There will be sufficient boats still available it was declared to carry on the work of guarding the sector over which Capt. Wheeler had control. These boats will be based at New York, New London and Bar Harbor.

During the concentration of forces against the Atlantic rum fleet, Capt. Wheeler was given a free hand.

ONTARIO AND QUEBEC SWEEP BY FIERCE STORM

Montreal, July 17—A terrific storm swept the city yesterday, rain falling in such torrents that the streets in the low lying districts in many cases were knee deep in water. Women and children had to be carried to safety. The storm, which broke in the noon hour, drove thousands of city workers to seek shelter, while umbrellas were torn to shreds, street cars stalled and motor trucks used as ferries. No casualties have been reported.

In Quebec city the storm was accompanied by a 45 miles an hour gale. Windows were smashed, trees uprooted and horses, running terrified through the streets, were blown off their feet.

In Ontario, Kingston, St. Catharines, Hamilton and London suffered considerable property damage but no loss of life.

PARIS WAITERS BLAME YANKS FOR GRAY HAIR

Paris, July 17—Many French head waiters blame their premature gray hair on the exercise by American visitors of their prerogative of eating what they like, when they like and where they like. One of the waiters was dumfounded by the order of a trans-Atlantic visitor during the hot spell that marked the end of May. The American asked the world famed restaurant to provide for his dinner, first, strawberries, then cheese with a pot of tea and salad to finish.

That Frenchmen, too, are capable of gastronomic sins is evidenced by the action of a man at Lyons, which is the home of good feeding. He was seen to sprinkle mineral water on a kidney cooked with the finest liquor and brandy. Another drank Burgundy of the vintage of 1904 with tripe and sausage.

A New Yorker mistook a jug of sulphuric acid for moonshine, but unless one is a connoisseur these small errors make little practical difference.

tude of these Havana representatives. Its respectful opinion is that, as a matter of principle, confidential correspondence required by the Government for purposes of investigation should not be passed to the press for publication. Otherwise, there would seem to be a breach of confidence calculated to impress outsiders somewhat unfavorably.

May we especially impress that our respectfully tendered views are solely and wholly restricted to the principle involved. We advocate enquiries in the proper protection of the public interests when such enquiries seem necessary; but, we feel that confidential correspondence required by the Government for the proper prosecution of such enquiries should not be given for publication by the press.

Feeling quite confident that you will neither misinterpret nor misunderstand our respectfully tendered views,

We are,
Yours faithfully,
(Sgd.) F. MACLURE SCLANDERS,
Commissioners.

When The Babies
Are Cutting Teeth
THE MOTHER SHOULD USE



During baby's teething time, the bowels become loose and diarrhoea, dysentery, colic, cramps, etc., manifest themselves; the gums become swollen, and cankers form in the mouth. This is the time when the mother should use "Dr. Fowler's," and, perhaps, save the baby's life.

Will List Country Homes For Tourists

People having desirable homes in country districts, or at seaside places who are offering accommodation for Summer visitors or tourists, are asked to send in their names to the General Passenger Dept. of the Canadian National Railways at Moncton. It is the wish of the Railway that a full list of such places be kept on hand for the information of travellers and they are asking the co-operation of the public, especially those who desire Summer boarders. It is felt that throughout the Maritime Provinces there are many houses where very desirable board could be secured and there is an ever growing patronage awaiting for the farmer who can offer such accommodation. Those interested are invited to send in their names along with some particulars of the accommodation offered, such as location, number of rooms, rates, etc., to the Railway and they will list systematically for the hotel and boarding house guide books published by the Railway.

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