

LUMBERMAN TO ORGANIZE

Will Ask for Better Terms for Renewal of Lumber Leases

Prominent Operators Meet in St. John and Decide to Form an Association

St. John, June 17—The Lumbermen & Limit Holders' Association of New Brunswick is to be revived if the plan outlined at a meeting of provincial lumbermen at the Royal Hotel yesterday are carried out. A committee will arrange the details and the re-organization meeting will likely take place in Newcastle during the last week in June.

Hon. John P. Burchill of Nelson, who was president of the organization several years ago, told The Telegraph last evening that timber limit leases were discussed but no action will be taken until after the meeting of the association.

The visiting lumbermen did not remain over to present their case to the government today as was expected might be done, but after the organization meeting the government may be approached at their July meeting. The chief object of the association is understood to be the securing of better terms for renewal of crown land leases, which expire in 1918, than those outlined in the recent act by which a bonus for renewal is required.

Among the outside lumbermen attending the meeting yesterday were Hon. John P. Burchill of Nelson, R. A. Lawlor of Chatham, Allan Ritchie, William M. Sinclair, A. Kulinder, James A. Rundle and David J. Buckley of Newcastle, Angus McLean of Bathurst, F. D. Swim of Doaktown, C. S. Hickman of Dorchester, Sheriff John O'Brien of Nelson, James Robinson of Miramichi, J. W. Brankley of Chatham, C. L. Fenderson of Jacques River and John Kilburn of Fredericton. In addition to these gentlemen local lumbermen were also present.

WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METER

New York, June 17—Jas. J. Hill says indications point to good fall crops.

Underwood doubts the passage of the currency bill.

Tennessee offers today for the second time \$11,458,000 of bonds.

France is to take approximately \$14,230,000 of \$30,000,000 Mexican notes.

Graduated tobacco tax amendment voted down in Senate finance committee.

President Wilson again tenders William F. McCoombs post of Ambassador to France.

Extraordinary session of the New York Legislature convenes to enact a state wide primary law.

Twelve industries declined .94; 20 active railways declined .90.

American stock's in London weak.

BANKERS DISCUSS CURRENCY LEGISLATION

Atlantic City, N. J., June 17—Great interest is attached in banking and financial circles to the meeting of the currency commission of the American Bankers' Association which began here today with Chairman A. Barton Hepburn presiding. Nominally the meeting was called to consider and complete business of a routine character, but it is believed to be the real purpose of the meeting to debate the currency and bank program of the Wilson administration. It is expected there will be a general exchange of views on the subject of currency legislation, the results of which will be submitted to the United States senate.

GOING WEST

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Thorburn of Stanley leave tomorrow evening on a trip to British Columbia. They have four sons in that province and Mr. Thorburn has two brothers on the coast, whom they will visit.

FIERCE STORM IN QUEBEC

Militia Camp, Three Rivers, was Put Out of Business

Building Blown Down at Montreal Causing One Death—Roof of Convent Was Blown Off

Montreal, June 16—Harold Lindsay, 21 years old, was crushed to death early tonight, when a wooden shed three hundred and fifty feet long and twenty feet high was blown from its foundations during a fierce wind and hail storm.

The storm lasted for half an hour and was one of the most severe in recent years, but the damage done to poles and wires was comparatively small. Along the lake and river shore the threatening signals drove all craft in shelter, and no loss of life is reported. The ferryboat plying between the Indian town of Caughnawaga and Lachine was caught in the middle of the river and had to anchor until the storm abated.

Three Rivers, Que., June 16—The city of Three Rivers and the military camp of the Montreal infantry regiments here were visited by the worst thunderstorm in years late this afternoon. More than half the camps were levelled to the ground. Supplies and bedding were strewn about and thoroughly water-soaked.

In the town, the power wires were down and no light is promised for two days. The roof of the Dominican convent was blown off and many houses suffered similar treatment from the wind, which blew with hurricane velocity.

In the camp the evening meal had been spread out on the tables in the mess tent. Almost with the first full blast of wind the tent pegs responded to the strain on the canvas and ridge poles snapped like matches. The tent collapsed, burying everything underneath it. Although efforts were made to stem the tide of destruction, the storm had practically spent itself before an organized effort in this direction could be made. The officers suffered most and were obliged to come to Three Rivers for their evening meal. No injuries of a serious character were reported, although several of the men were bruised when caught beneath falling tents.

INDIANA SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Evansville, June 17—Nearly one thousand Sunday School workers and teachers are gathered here for the annual convention of the Indiana Sunday School Association, which opened here today at the Trinity Methodist Church. The program for the three days of the convention includes daily general meetings at Trinity Church, departmental conferences and committee meetings at the Walnut Street Presbyterian, the First Baptist and the Grace Memorial Presbyterian churches, with numerous addresses by noted speakers and interesting discussions by experts in the Sunday School field. Among the features will be a dinner for county presidents, secretaries and treasurers and another for elementary teachers and teachers training graduates and a number of rallies and receptions.

POLICE COURT.

One drunk was called in the police court this morning and failing to appear, forfeited deposit.

BICYCLISTS FINED.

Fines of two dollars each were imposed in the police court today on bicyclists charged with riding on the sidewalks.

DIED AT HOSPITAL

Sterling, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Briggs of Victoria Mills, died last night at the Victoria Public Hospital aged nine months. The parents and one sister Inez Madeline survive. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon with service at Christ-church Parish Church at two o'clock by Rev. Canon Cowie. Interment will be made at the Rural Cemetery.

METHODIST CONFERENCE CONCLUDES ITS LABORS

A Lot of Important Business Disposed of at the Closing Session—Rev. R. G. Fulton Extends an Invitation to Meet at Chatham Next Year—Discussion Over Billeting of Delegates—Gambling and Boxing Bouts Strongly Condemned

Charlottetown, June 16—The Methodist conference closed tonight with public meeting addressed by Rev. S. T. Bartlett, of Toronto, general Sunday school secretary, and J. W. Annet, of Toronto, secretary of the laymen's missionary movement.

The feature of the morning session was an address by Rev. J. W. Aikens, of Toronto, general secretary of the Temperance and Moral Reform Committee for Canada. He dealt with the measures taken to fight intemperance, the white slave traffic and other social evils and emphasized the need of co-operation between philanthropic and official forces. The conference passed a resolution of appreciation of his work.

President Dawson, in replying to words of congratulations from Rev. Dr. Fullerton, G. C. Taylor, and T. C. James, representing the P. E. I. Presbytery, and Revs. J. F. Floyd and Z. L. Flash representing the ministerial association, spoke of the success of the Presbyterian assembly in Toronto and the high tide of enthusiasm respecting the prohibition law.

The report of the enrollment committee showed eighty-three ministers, four general conference officers, and four laymen in attendance.

The following laymen were appointed on the special conference committee for the year: W. D. Baskin, G. A. Henderson, J. J. Weddall, E. R. Machum, F. O'Sullivan, J. A. Lindsay.

The amended resolution passed re the class meetings, stated that the latter have proved to be the best means of growth and grace on the part of the membership of the church and recommended the restoration of these meetings to their original place of honor and usefulness.

MANY PHYSICIANS ATTEND MEETING

Minneapolis, Minn., June 17—With clinics arranged for every department of medicine and surgery and with daily sessions planned for many departments or sections the annual convention of the American Medical Association was opened here today with several thousand physicians and surgeons in attendance from the United States and Canada and some from other countries. The convention will continue until the end of the week. Its work is divided among the house of delegates, which transacts the business of the association, and the daily sessions of various departments at which will be read many papers on subjects of medical and surgical interest. The opening general meeting of the association was held in the Auditorium this afternoon and was presided over by Dr. Abraham Jacobi of New York.

JOURNALISTIC VISITOR

Mr. R. O. Thompson, representing the Financial Post of Canada, is here in the interests of his publication and is a guest at Windsor Hall. Mr. Thompson has recently returned from an extended trip to Europe.

COURT OF INQUIRY

A court of inquiry is to be held Thursday morning on reported loss of equipment from the armory of 'D' Company, 71st York Regt. The court will be composed of Major A.B.C. Hamilton-Gray, R.C.R., Lieut. M. E. Roscoe, R.C.R. and Lieut. C. W. Clark, 71st York Regt.

SUDDEN DEATH.

Mrs. McDonald, wife of Dr. D. D. McDonald, surgeon to the Dorchester penitentiary, died suddenly on Tuesday while visiting at the home of Mr. A. E. Killam of Moncton. She was formerly Miss Laura Moore, daughter of the late Thomas Moore, barrister, of Moncton, and was a cousin of Mrs. R. P. Allen of this city.

A resolution was passed expressing confidence in the bookroom steward, F. W. Mosher, and regretting his temporary retirement owing to ill-health.

The conference was asked to give authority for the employment by the superintendent of missions of Rev. R. A. Kirby, now a member of the Wesleyan Methodist conference in the West Indies.

Rev. R. G. Fulton, of Chatham, intimated and invitation would be extended to the conference to meet there next year, but owing to difficulty in billeting it was suggested that the assessment per delegate be raised from \$1 to \$3. This provoked considerable discussion in which many members took part. Opinion was divided as to whether ministers should pay their own travelling expenses and their board or not. Some maintained that the change would mean a loss of the social element of the conference, others a loss of self-respect in accepting entertainment. The matter was settled by referring the whole question as to place and conditions to the conference special committee. This committee will also deal with a proposal to change the date of the conference meeting to the third Tuesday in June, as the Nova Scotia conference meets on this date. The committee will confer with the latter with a view of avoiding a clash.

The report for the temperance and moral reform committee was then presented. This committee commended the action of the Prince Edward Island government at its last session in granting nearly all the amendments to the prohibition act which were asked for by the provincial alliance, including the forbidding

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STOCK MARKET IS WEAKER

C. P. R., Southern Pacific and U. S. Steel, Leaders in Decline

The Balkan Situation is Reported to Have an Ugly Look Once More

New York, June 17—The early prices in London for Americans were with a very few exceptions very low. So. Pac., U. S. Steel and Canadian Pacific are the leaders in the decline. Practically all these stocks were also among the heaviest losers in the decline in our own market yesterday. The foreign situation has been intensified again by London despatches stating the Balkan situation looks ugly again. One or two of the powers having caused trouble by refusing to take further action in a peaceful settlement. If this state of affairs is to influence speculation here we may look for a continuance of the market we had yesterday. Undoubtedly there was some disappointment to the speculative element but favored still lower prices when the sudden halt appeared. The selling was not so aggressive. There were chances for profit taking and some short selling. A batch of decisions favoring the states in railroad matters brought to mind the Minnesota rate decision and caught the market at a dull period and in a receptive condition for any kind of an incentive. This was supplied by the court decisions and until their effects are worn off, the market will, more or less, be influenced by them.

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, St. John, N. B.)

Royal Bank—6 @ 215½.
Merchants Bank—4 @ 187½; 1 @ 187.
Brazilian—110 @ 80; 100 @ 80½.
C. P. R.—25 @ 216½; 50 @ 216½; 25 @ 217½; 25 @ 218; 25 @ 218½; 100 @ 218½.
Ottawa Power—38 @ 177; 25 @ 176.
Crown Reserve—1000 @ 351; 300 @ 35.
Ogilvy's—4 @ 116½.
Cement—175 @ 28½; 200 @ 27.
Iron Com.—110 @ 44½; 50 @ 45.
Detroit—90 @ 67.
Laurentide—50 @ 193; 10 @ 193½.
Montreal Power—25 @ 211; 25 @ 210; 5 @ 209; 200 @ 212; 75 @ 211½.
R. & O.—25 @ 101½.
Winnipeg—10 @ 197.
Toronto St.—35 @ 136½; 25 @ 136½.
Cement Pfd.—50 @ 88½; 100 @ 88½.

ARGENTINE UNIVERSITY 300 YEARS OLD

Buenos Ayres, June 16—The celebration of the tri-centennial of the University of Cordoba, the oldest in the western hemisphere, began at Cordoba today with a great gathering of delegates from famous institutions of learning throughout the world. Founded by Fray Tejo de Sanabria in 1613, the University of Cordoba is twenty-three years older than Harvard, the oldest university in North America. Many of Argentina's most distinguished men have been graduated from Cordoba, including President Avellaneda.

TO ATTEND WEDDING.

Dr. Ryerson Long of Woodstock, and his mother, Mrs. Wm. Long of this city, have gone to St. John to attend the MacKay-Hazen wedding.

OFFENCE ACKNOWLEDGED

A local hotel keeper acknowledged a first offence against the Canada Temperance Act in the police court this morning. The usual fine was imposed.

COMPLETED HIS COURSE

Mr. Ralph Sherman, Rhodes Scholar from the University of New Brunswick, has completed his course at Oxford and will arrive home in a few days to visit his mother, Mrs. L. W. Sherman St. John Street. Mr. Sherman was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal church in London last year and it is his intention to return to that city in October next to be ordained to the priesthood.

SEARCHING FOR NEW OIL FIELDS

Operations Now Being Carried on in the Southern States

Great Pool of Petroleum Said to Exist Beneath the Gulf of Mexico

New Orleans, La., June 17—With oil wells now well under way at three points on the Gulf Coast east of the Mississippi an interesting development in the extension of petroleum territory is a possibility. That there is a great parent pool of oil under the Gulf of Mexico from which tributaries extend into the mainland is a theory accepted by many. Great gushers have been found around the perimeter of the Gulf from Tabasco to Terrebonne parish, Louisiana, but from the Mississippi River eastward to Florida and south to the Keys there has been no important find of oil.

Owing to the importance of the development of the oil fields in Mexico, in Texas and Louisiana prospecting east of the river has been neglected. Some drilling has been done in Mississippi but it has been in the hands of inexperienced operators. Moreover there are certain to be long stretches of barren soil as is the case in the oil districts further westward.

Acting on the theory that money spent in prospecting in eastern Gulf coastal plains is bound to prove of great service to the petroleum industry whether oil is found or not is leading experienced oil men to undertake the wild-catting now in progress.

Another inducement to stimulate the interest in attempting to get at this great store of wealth, thought to be locked up under the American Mediterranean, is the increasing price of oil and the desirability of getting the supply as near the seaboard as possible in view of the increasing use of the fluid as a marine fuel.

FIRST BASEMAN SULLIVAN LEAVES FREDERICTON

Was Refused His Release and Left For Home Without It—Still Belongs to Local Club

George Sullivan of Dochester, Mass who has been playing first-base for Fredericton this season in the N.B.—Maine Baseball League took French leave this morning and beat it for the "land of the free." Last night he asked Manager Bob Ganley for his release and was refused. He was asked why he was leaving and stated that he understood that some other player was coming to take his place. Manager Ganley's reply was that even if such were the case Sullivan should have back-bone enough to fight it out with the newcomer for the position.

The general opinion is that Sullivan believed he could not hold a place with the team and wanted to be in a position to say that he had asked for his release and had been refused.

"I'm not worrying much about the matter," said Manager Ganley at noon today. "I have lines out for two or three men and anyway, we have a first-class first-base man in Duggan."

Sullivan is the property of the Fredericton Club and until he is released will be barred from organized baseball everywhere.

The meeting of the executive of the N. B.—Maine League to consider the protest entered by Fredericton against the game awarded to the Marathons at St. John last Friday, probably will be held here. Mayor Hooper, league president, says that had McCann been a properly appointed umpire he would have suspended Ganley for his part in the trouble in that game but as McCann had been dismissed Thursday he was not an umpire of the league.

Dr. W. T. Ryan of Doaktown is in the city today.