

## Farmers And Dairymen In Annual Convention

Large Gathering of Representatives From all Parts of the Province---President Smith Wants the Highways Taken Out of Politics---An Address of Welcome by Mayor Hooper---Bishop Richardson Heard From in Pleasing Speech---Mr. C. N. Vroom Talks on Fruit Growing

The thirty seventh annual convention of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association of New Brunswick is now in full swing having been opened under most favorable auspices in the City Council Chamber last night. This morning Dr. J. Standish, V. S. of Truro, conducted a class in the judging of heavy horses at the exhibition building, the horses being brought from the experimental farm and this afternoon Prof. Stephenson of the Nova Scotian Agricultural College is conducting a class in judging dairy cattle.

The annual meeting of the N. B. Fruit Growers' Association is also being held this afternoon. Dr. Standish, Prof. Stephenson and Mr. S. L. Peters will address the convention to-night. The attendance of delegates is the most successful on record.

Last night the convention was opened by President L. H. Smith, of Coverdale, Albert County. An address of welcome by Mayor W. S. Hooper was replied to by Vice-President Ashley George, of Upper Sackville. Bishop Richardson made a short address and Hon. D. V. Landry, commissioner of agriculture, delivered an address in which he reviewed the work of his department since 1908 and made some forecast concerning the future. There was also an address by C. N. Vroom, of St. Stephen, president of the New Brunswick Fruit Growers' Association.

Pres. L. H. Smith of Lower Coverdale, Albert County, opened the session with a brief address. He expressed his pleasure at the large and representative attendance. During the year considerable advancement had been made in regard to agriculture through the establishment of an experimental farm in a central location. The necessity for adequate agricultural education had been recognized and it was pleasing to note that two agricultural schools were to be established.

Dealing with the question of highways, he expressed the wish that politics would be kept out of both farming and highway construction. New Brunswick was advancing and its advantages were just beginning to

be realized. Optimism was the great necessity and he hoped that all would endeavor to advance the interest of the province.

### MAYOR HOOPER

Mayor Hooper followed Pres Smith with an address of welcome. Fredericton he stated being situated in the midst of an agricultural country was closely connected with the farmer and the farming industries. It gave him great pleasure to bid the delegates to the convention welcome to the city. Fredericton had been heard from and would continue to be heard from in the general boosting movement which was observable all over the world and particularly in Canada.

His Worship referred in terms of appreciation to the founding of the federal experimental farm at Fredericton.

The speaker also dealt with the railway development which had taken place near the provincial capital. The construction of the St. John and Quebec Railway would afford transportation facilities to the St. John Valley the finest farming district in the Maritime Provinces and the Fredericton Grand Lake Railway by connecting Fredericton with Minto would give the capital easy access to cheap coal.

Mayor Hooper who is also manager of the Fredericton Exhibition pointed out that two thirds of the prizes at the fair are captured by Nova Scotia farmers. That was a state of affairs that should not be permitted to continue. On behalf of the exhibition directors he warmly welcomed the delegates.

Vice-President Ashley George of Upper Sackville, replied to the address of welcome, stating that all felt that they were welcome to the City of Fredericton. As far as the Fredericton exhibition was concerned he was pleased to state that he had attended it on two different years and could say that it gave evidence of skillful management and contained an excellent display of agricultural products of the province.

Dealing with the common statement that the selling price of farm

produce was out of proportion to the cost of production, Mr. George stated that such was not the case on account of the tremendous increase in the cost of labor. As far as agricultural education was concerned, he approved of the establishment of central experimental farms and agricultural schools but also strongly advocated the establishment of at least one demonstration farm in each county and the teaching of elementary agriculture in the common schools not only in the country but in village and town and in High Schools. (Applause.)

Dealing with the question of good roads Vice-President George spoke strongly against the proposal to spend money upon great trunk roads which would parallel the railways. Such trunk roads would be more in the interests of the owners of motor-cars than of the farmers. The speaker favored rather improvement of roads which would enable the farmer to more easily transport his products to a point of shipment. (Applause.)

### HON. D. V. LANDRY.

Hon. D. V. Landry, M.L.A., commissioner of agriculture, was the next speaker. He welcomed the delegates to the convention and expressed the belief that New Brunswick was on the eve of tremendous development, not only agricultural but in other lines.

Dr. Landry claimed that since 1907 great agricultural advances had been made in the province and cited an increase in the number of agricultural societies. He forecasted the appointment of a superintendent of agricultural societies whose duty it would be to visit the various centres with the purpose of promoting the formation of such societies. He strongly urged the formation of provincial associations by the breeders of horses, sheep, cattle, etc., in order that they might be in a better position to lay proposals before his department.

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## PONICAIRE IS PRESIDENT

New Head of French Republic Enters Upon His Duties

The Ceremony of Transferring the Office Only Consumed a Few Minutes

Paris, Feb. 18.—Raimond Poincare today assumed the duties of President of the Republic, while former President Fallieres passed into private life. The transfer of office took place in the Elysee Palace this afternoon. The ceremony did not differ in any material feature from the program followed at previous inaugurations. But, aside from the formal ceremony, the popularity of M. Poincare was evidenced by popular rejoicings throughout the country the demonstrations being more general and more enthusiastic than were ever before known to mark the advent of a new President in France. The entire country kept a holiday in honor of the occasion. The government offices, the schools and many places of business remained closed for the day.

In Paris many buildings were decorated with flags and bunting, while pictures of the new President were displayed in countless windows. As the hour for the ceremony approached the streets in the vicinity of the Elysee Palace became alive with people. The scene as the President-elect drove within the courtyard of the

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## TORY POLITICIANS ON THE ANXIOUS SEAT

Long Drawn Out Caucus of Members Held Last Night--Still After Honest John's Scalp

The Government supporters in the Legislature held another caucus last evening, the second in less than a week. It was called ostensibly to deal with the sessional program and considering the fact that it convened at 8.30 o'clock p. m. and did not separate until one o'clock a. m., it is to be presumed that the program is a lengthy one.

Commodore Stewart and Mr. F. D. Swim, the independent members for Northumberland who are supporters of the government, Chief Commissioner Morrissey expected were right on hand with the goods. They related their tale of woe to the Caucus, and intimated that they were up to willing to give the Government a thick and thin support providing they were given some say in the distribution of patronage in Northumberland. So far they had been entirely ignored by the Chief Commissioner and his henchmen, with the result that certain wicked grinds get more than their share of the spoils in Northumberland.

Mr. Swim attributed his defeat in the bye-election of 1908 to the hostility of the Chief Commissioner and he intimated that the electors had righted this wrong at the first opportunity and had incidentally given the Honorable John a well-deserved snub.

Provincial Secretary McLeod was conveniently absent and perhaps it was just as well in the interests of decorum that this was the case. Chairman Pinder made a few observations during the evening which must have caused a burning sensation in the Provincial Secretary's ears.

One or two of the more courageous of Mr. Flemmings followers referred to the increased cost of living and intimated that an increased indemnity was about due.

Premier Flemming was called upon to make a number of explanations during the evening. He said that there has been talk of dissensions among his followers, and he sincerely hoped they would be good boys and not add to his troubles.

He was anxious to do his best for all of them and hoped they

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## R & O STOCK INCREASE RATIFIED AT OTTAWA

Sir Rodolph Forget's Company Will be Allowed to Increase It's Capital Stock by Five Million Dollars---Mr. W. F. McLean Tory M. P., Moves an Amendment Which is Heartily Supported by the Liberals---Hon. Mr. Emmerson After the Express Companies

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—That Liberals and Conservatives are as definitely parted upon the most serious economic and industrial problems in their own country as they are over naval questions, which have imperial significance was evidenced in the strict party vote which this evening livided the house of commons.

The division came on W. F. MacLean's amendment to the third reading of the bill to permit the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Company to increase its capitalization by \$5,000,000 and give the directors power to apply the proceeds of the increase in any way they might see fit.

Mr. MacLean moved in amendment that before such permission be granted the railway commission be asked to investigate and report upon the bona fides of the application.

This amendment the Liberals headed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, supported to a man, while the Conservatives, led by Premier Borden and rounded up by Hon. W. T. White, solidly voted against the proposal of their South York colleague. The vote was 75 to 36 a government majority of 29.

"It is time to make a start somewhere in securing parliamentary regulation of the over-capitalization of public service corporations," declared Mr. Carvell.

"Legislation must come gradually" was the defense of Hon. Mr. White who sought to rally the government forces to the support of Sir Rodolphe Forget on the project.

### PUGSLEY RAPS FINANCE MINISTER

Hon. Dr. Pugsley handled the loquacious minister of finance gently, but firmly. He pointed out that the main complaint was that the public service transportation company in

question had been devoting its surplus to the acquisition of other companies, thereby lessening competition and contributing towards a monopoly and consequent increase of rates. "We understand," he observed, "that during the past year this company has gone into the merger business, and we recognize that the trust and merger business is a business the minister of finance much admires. There is less competition and more opportunity to squeeze the public."

Hon. Dr. Pugsley regretted that throughout the finance minister had endeavored to impart a party tone to the debate. It should have been the desire of all to approach the matter solely from the standpoint of the public interest apart from party bias. It demonstrated how far Hon. Mr. White was prepared to go in an appeal to the government supporters to give their aid to the voting down of an amendment calculated to give the public some control of corporation capitalization and the regulation of rates in transportation.

Major Currie, from the Conservative benches, confessed that he did not like the look of the thing.

Hon. Geo. P. Graham announced that he would refrain from voting owing to the fact that he held some stock in the company. The division resulted in a straight party vote, with the exception of Mr. MacLean, who voted with the Liberals.

### WITNESS SUMMONED FOR CONTEMPT

At the opening of the House, on motion of Messrs. Middleboro and Meighen, a resolution was passed summoning R. C. Miller, formerly president of the Diamond Light & Heat Company, of Montreal, to appear before the bar of the House tomorrow to give reasons for refusing (Continued on page 4)

## FIREMEN'S CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

New York, Feb. 18.—Fire department heads from a number of cities of the United States and Canada met in New York today for a conference of the board of directors of the International Association of Fire Engineers, of which E. F. Magee, fire chief of Dallas, Texas, is the president. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss arrangements for the annual convention of the association, which is to be held in this city next September and which it is purposed to make the largest and most notable gathering of fire fighters ever held in America. One of the features of the gathering will be the unveiling of a magnificent monument to be erected in Riverside Drive in memory of the heroes of the New York fire department.

## CHINAMEN IN BAD WITH UNCLE SAM

Providence, R. I., Feb. 18.—Five Chinamen, alleged by the federal officers to be the ring-leaders of the most gigantic opium smuggling plot ever unearthed in this part of the country, were arraigned for trial today before United States Commissioner Cross in this city. The accused Chinamen were arrested a week ago in a raid made on their establishments in this city. The discovery of \$12,500 worth of opium in their possession has led to the belief that the accused are the leaders of a band of Chinamen who have been supplying the entire east with the illicit drug.

Mr. J. A. Bernier of Edmundston is in the city.

## STOCK MARKET

New York, Feb. 18.—Trading was rather dull on the stock exchange this morning and there were few changes in prices. Stocks showed a little more strength than was manifested at yesterday's closing.

Copper.....	69½	69½
Smelters.....	69½	69½
Brooklyn.....	88½	88½
C. P. R.....	229½	230
Great Northern.....	127½	127
Lehigh Valley.....	156	157½
Northern Pacific.....	116½	116½
Penna.....	118	118½
Reading.....	159½	159½
Union Pacific.....	156½	156½
U. S. Steel.....	61½	62½

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

### MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Bank of N.S., 9 @ 263.
Merchants Bank, 15 @ 201½.
Union Bank, 10 @ 151.
Molson's Bank, 15 @ 201½.
Bank of Montreal, 29 @ 243.
Royal Bank, 13 @ 223.
Brazilian, 367 @ 95, 20 @ 95½.
Price Bros., 50 @ 73.
Ottawa Power, 10 @ 187½.
Juebec Rails, 370 @ 19.
C.P.R., 200 @ 229½, 175 @ 229½, 150 @ 230, 50 @ 239½.
Cottons Ltd., 30 @ 42½.
Cannars, 50 @ 79½.
Steel Corporation, 280 @ 55.
Detroit, 210 @ 75½.
Iron Pld., 10 @ 102½, 14 @ 102.
Cottons Pld., 14 @ 78.
Toronto Rails, 141 @ 138.
Winnipeg Rails, 71 @ 198.
Shawinigan Rights, 125 @ 75 cash.
Crown Reserve, 125 @ 50.
Bell Telephone, 117 @ 8.
Spanish River, 25 @ 68.
U. S. Steel, 21 @ 82, 10 @ 81½.
R. & O., 25 @ 115½.
Power, 230 @ 223, 100 @ 224½, 50 @ 225½, 90 @ 226, 50 @ 225½.
Cement, 4 @ 91½, 28 @ 92, 10 @ 91½.
Illinois, 10 @ 92, 1 @ 91½.

## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE OPENED THIS MORNING

First Session of Recently Formed Organization Held--Large Number In Attendance

The Women's Institute, the recently organized body the sessions of which are to parallel to some extent those of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association opened its first convention in the Y.M.C.A. Hall at ten o'clock this morning. There was a very large attendance and a very interesting session was held. About one hundred were present at the opening session and subsequent sessions are expected to be more largely attended.

Mr. J. E. Wilson opened the session with a brief invocation. Mr. J. B. Daggett, secretary of agriculture for the province presided this morning. Mrs. H. F. McLeod of this city was to deliver an address of welcome but was prevented by sickness from being present. Mr. Daggett delivered the opening address in which he briefly outlined the objects of the organization.

Mayor Hooper also delivered an address of welcome in which he expressed the feelings of hearty cheer

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## J. PIERPONT MORGAN

### IS IMPROVING

New York, Feb. 18.—The latest advice received by J. P. Morgan & Co. from Cairo state that Mr. Morgan is showing still further improvement.

## LITTLE BUSINESS TRANSACTED IN THE HOUSE ON MONDAY

Fredericton, Feb. 17.—There was a slim attendance Monday afternoon at the Legislature and but little business of importance was transacted.

The sessions of the farmers and dairymen will interfere more or less with the work of the legislators for a few days but the real business of the House is hardly ready yet. Some delegations regarding railway projects are expected within a few days.

There is some talk of a railway from Norton to St. John, via Loch Lomond. Petitions have been circulated urging the construction of this line and there may be an application for a charter.

Rumor says today that those who advocated the route of the Valley Road via Welsford have not lost hope yet and will urge that the change be made, if at all possible.

The same authority says that several of the M.P.P.'s would not refuse federal offices and the superannuation of two important officials in St. John, one in the customs house and the other in the post office, is said to be on the tapis to make places for them.

The House met at three o'clock. Mr. Stewart, Northumberland, presented a petition of the trustees and session of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, Chatham, in favor of a bill to amend Act 53 Vic., Chap. 415, Me. Melanson asked leave of absence for Mr. Humphrey until Monday next on account of urgent private business.

Hon. Mr. Flemming submitted the annual report of the crown land department.

Hon. Mr. McLeod submitted the annual report of the superintendent of the provincial hospital, St. John. Hon. Mr. McLeod presented statements of the bonded indebtedness and real estate of the city of St. John, real estate valuation of the municipality of Charlotte and the bonded indebtedness of the town of St. Andrews and city of Moncton board of school trustees.

The House went into committee with Mr. Young in the chair and took up consideration of a bill to amend the act relating to rates and taxes.

The amendment was carried. Hon. Mr. Grimmer said there had been no changes made in this bill from former acts, this being a consolidation.

Mr. Slipp, when section four was taken up, asked if there was any provision for having real and personal property rated at its full cash value, as stated in the section. This provision was at present generally disregarded and he would like to see something done to cause the law to be carried out in this respect.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer said that the carrying out of this section rested with the assessors and his hon. friend had not suggested any method for improving the present situation. He believed, however, that the assessors would be doing a greater service if they were to assess properties up to their full value and thus give a larger valuation and a smaller tax rate. A valuation up to full

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