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HON. GEO. F. GREGORY

By the death of the Hon. George F. Gregory this morning, Fredericton loses one of her oldest and best known citizens. Born in the city in the year 1839, the late Judge spent his whole life here, and ever took a prominent interest in all matters pertaining to the welfare and advancement of the community. He has been actively identified with civic life having served as Mayor on two different occasions, once for a period of four years and subsequently again for a further period of three years; an honor never shared by any other citizen. As a lawyer the late Judge acquired a reputation for legal acumen and sound business ability which was by no means confined to this active province, and it was generally felt that his elevation to the bench of New Brunswick was a well deserved honor and subsequent events have shown that no mistake was made on his appointment. In private life the late Mr. Gregory was an estimable citizen, and one who did a great amount of good in an unostentatious manner. Fredericton is the poorer by his death.

FOOLISH AND INJUSTIFIABLE CRITICISM

Nothing could better illustrate the famous policy of the Opposition than their attitude of unreasoning hostility to the National Transcontinental Railway. They have fought against this great national work at every stage since the inception of the project in 1903, and even now, when it is nearing completion and its need and prospective benefit to the whole Dominion are apparent to everybody, they are trying to discredit it, and the Government which had the courage and the enterprise to build it, by reckless vaporing about "graft."

As The Halifax Chronicle remarks, Sir Wilfrid Laurier's recent statement in Winnipeg, to the effect that the Government challenged investigation of the expenditure on the N. T. R., has stirred the more partisan organs to a fine frenzy, and some of them, in an attempt to discredit the Prime Minister's statement, have had the temerity to revive the Hodgins and Lumsden fizzes as proof of their wild assertions. The outcome of the Lumsden charges against certain district engineers is still fresh in public memory. Mr. Lumsden not only failed to establish any wrongdoing against the engineers, but he admitted that he had no charge of any sort to make against the Commission or the Government. The affair proved such a fiasco that the Opposition members of the committee ran away from the inquiry. Moreover, the independent tribunal constituted under the terms of the contract have since adjudicated upon the questions of overclassification and have found that the sum in dispute was a mere trifle against the payment of which the Government is fully protected by reason of the amount of money withheld on each contract. The Lumsden charges, in short, vanished into thin air.

With respect to the famous Major Hodgins' fizzle of 1908 an Opposition organ makes bold to say:

"The public know too well how Engineer Hodgins, who first exposed the public robbery on the Transcontinental, was treated as though he had been a criminal, and was refused counsel, and was wounded half to death by Sir Wilfrid's 'dark lantern brigade.'"

The foregoing is a fair sample of what may be fittingly described as unblushing mendacity. The truth is that Major Hodgins was treated with every courtesy by the Parliamentary committee which investigated his

"brain-storm," he had as counsel his cousin, Mr. Frank E. Hodgins, K. C., of Toronto, and he was given every facility to establish his accusations. His appearance before the committee was a bitter disappointment to the Opposition scandal-hunters. The evidence established that his charges were absolutely without foundation. Major Hodgins not only failed to prove the charges but specifically withdrew them and unqualifiedly exonerated the Commissioners and their engineers from any improper conduct whatsoever.

These are the only charges which have been made in connection with the construction of the National Transcontinental Railway, and in both cases investigation proved that there was not the shadow of suspicion of wrongdoing or impropriety attaching to the Commission or the Government. In the light of these known facts, the Oppositionists are wasting their wind in trying to persuade the public that the work of building the road is not being honestly done. The fact that the cost of the road is exceeding the tentative estimates originally given is due wholly to the higher standard of the road and the increased cost of labor and materials. The people of Canada have voted overwhelmingly for the N. T. R. at two general elections, and the verdict of the country today is that the money put into the road will be a splendid investment for the Dominion.

If the Oppositionists are foolish enough to persist in their insane hostility to this great national enterprise, which has rolled back the map of Canada hundreds of miles, is opening up a vast domain for settlement and is providing a new highway from ocean to ocean, so much the worse for them. The country wants the N. T. R. and is going to give the Laurier Government credit for building it. And Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no hesitation in challenging investigation.

MACKENZIE KING

ASKS FOR DEFINITE ANSWER TO ENQUIRY

Ottawa, July 22.—The following letter has been despatched by Hon. W. L. M. King to the officials of the Company and the leader of the striking men.

"Referring further to my letter of the 20th inst and the replies received I would respectfully point out that neither the reply from the president of the Company, nor the reply from the representative of the general committee of the employees, answers the question it asks, and which is, whether as representing one of the parties to the present dispute you will now be willing to refer the existing difference to arbitration, provided the board of arbitrators, mutually acceptable can be secured and the necessary expenses incidental to such a board met by the government. This is a question to which the people of Canada who at the present are being more largely affected by the existing dispute than either of the parties have a right to expect a definite reply and which as a minister responsible to them I feel it my duty to ask on their behalf will you kindly give a direct answer to this question at your earliest convenience, that the public may be able to judge for itself of the present position and attitude of the parties on the matter which so vitally affects its interests."

NEW PITCHER FOR HIGHLANDERS

New York, July 23.—Another new pitcher will be received into the fold of the New York Americans if negotiations now under way are successful. It is understood that the Yankees intend to buy Dick Rudolph, the star twirler of the Toronto Club of the Eastern League. Rudolph is a Bronx boy and was formerly a member of the Fordham University nine. He has been pitching winning ball for the Toronto team for several seasons.

TROUBLE IN NICARAGUA

San Juan Del Sur, Nicaragua, July 23.—The towns of Nadaime, 35 miles to the south, and Camoapa, 50 miles to the east of Managua, were attacked simultaneously by the insurgents on Thursday. Each attacking force numbered about 400,000. The revolutionists were repulsed. General Valdez, the government commander at Camoapa was seriously wounded in the fight there and only the opportune arrival of reinforcements at Nadaime saved the day for the government.

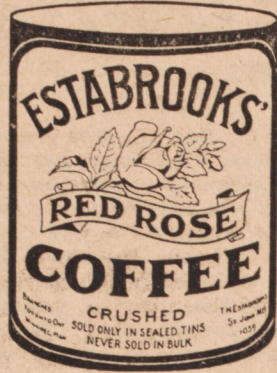
LABOR FEDERATION CONVENTION

St. Louis, Mo., July 22.—The date for the annual convention of American Federation of Labor has been announced as Monday, Nov. 15.

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J. M. ROBINSON & SONS WEEKLY STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Further weakness has developed in the several stock exchanges during this week, weakness due apparently to no better cause than a condition following the nervousness which prevades the country.

For the most part of the current week prices held pretty firm, in fact showed a slight tendency to advance particularly among such leading stocks as Union Pacific and United States Steel, the developments of the week, however, particularly the strike by the trainmen of the Grand Trunk Railway and later the drastic cut in dividend by National Lead from 5 per cent. to 3 per cent. so upset confidence that prices began to crumble and the financial markets are once more in that state of nervous anticipation which prevailed through June and the early part of the present month.

A calm survey of the situation reveals nothing of real moment to account for this. It is true that the agricultural returns of the country will not be as large this year as was at first thought probable, this situation, however, appears to have been amply discounted, labor troubles with the one exception of the Grand Trunk strike referred to above are not predominant, on the other hand so far as labor is concerned conditions are fairly normal. Money is easy and in the large markets of the world is in plentiful supply. Business has declined somewhat but it has been declining slowly for some months and it would certainly appear that the market has nearly discounted this feature as well as crops; possibly the worst condition of all is the adverse foreign trade balance of the United States which naturally presupposed higher rates in money unless the general business of the country declines to such an extent as to offset this, as it appears probable that this will be the case there does not seem to be any reason to expect materially higher rates.

Generally it is supposed by those who study the fundamental conditions governing the wide swings of securities prices that this decline which has already continued for twelve months will be followed by advancing market during the fall though it is not expected that this advance will be carried very far and these critics claim that when the advance has run its course there will succeed a further decline which will carry security very much lower than

they are at the present time. Whether this prophecy will prove true or not time alone will tell, in the meantime, and judged by present conditions it would appear that the present prices of all the stable dividend paying stocks has declined on such adverse conditions as exist, it is however quite probable that among the industrial stocks there will be further reductions in dividends and that these will show still further decline before any real recovery takes place.

CROPS

Nothing particularly new has developed during the week in regard to the grain crops of this continent. The latest news from the Canadian Wheat Fields indicate that in the older fields of Southern Manitoba the crop will be poor, this condition will probably to a large extent exist through all of the Canadian Wheat Fields. So far as the American Wheat Fields are concerned, rains during the last few days have materially aided the situation and it is entirely probable that the yield will turn out better than it was anticipated at the beginning of the month though it is not likely that anything like a full crop will be harvested.

While the natural consequence would be that the price of wheat will remain high still it is not likely that it will remain at exorbitant figures as the slowing up of business generally already noted above will have an effect in reducing the price of commodities.

COTTON

The Cotton market is still subject to highly speculative influences. Spot cotton running from 16 to 16.25 cents a pound places the commodity on a basis of 12 cent cotton. A larger acreage was planted this year than last which providing conditions were the same would give a larger yield but the reports from the cotton fields are fairly encouraging and the latest estimate that of Miss Giles places the estimate at 81 as against 73 for the same period last year, as this indicates a much larger yield of cotton than last year it seems more than probable that within a short time there will be a decided break in the market for cotton futures and that in all probability that when the full weight of the new crop is felt the price of spot cotton will decline to a normal figure.

IN 1920

In 1920—"Do you" said the minister "take this woman to be your wedded wife? Will you love and comfort her? Will you do the cooking, the housekeeping? Will you allow her to remain in bed as long as she chooses? Do you promise to regard her word as law, never to speak back to her, and to provide her with funds to procure six new hats and dresses annually; to be her obedient servant and slave, ever ready to do her bidding?" And the mere man answered—"I do."

AMATEUR BOXERS

London, July 23.—In a six round boxing bout for amateurs held here last night, Mr. Alder, a London stock broker, won from Ivan Kahn of Los Angeles, Cal.

TO WED NEXT WEEK

Miss Fanny Tibbits Vanwart daughter of Sheriff Vanwart of Calgary who has been visiting relatives here for several weeks, accompanied her aunt Miss Frankie Tibbite to New York on Friday. On Wednesday next she will be led to the matrimonial altar by Mr. Hugh Reed of St. John.

CANNIBALISM NOT DEAD IN WEST INDIES

New York, July 22.—A revolting tale of cannibalism has reached here by mail from Santa Domingo City, Hayti. The account is certified by an European resident for many years in Hayti, who in commenting on it writes:

"Cannibalism exists to a much greater degree in Hayti and on the Dominican border than even the civilized people of these two countries are aware. The news is absolutely exact."

The account from which the reports were published on July 17, in a newspaper of Santo Domingo and read:

A Haytian woman accused of having committed repeated acts of cannibalism has been captured and sent to justice. The said woman confesses to having eaten parts of three male children, one adult and one female child. The accused was brought to this town today and interrupted. The impression of horror and indignation which this savagery has caused here is indescribable.

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