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THE TECHNICAL EDUCATION COMMISSION

The various industries interested and the people of Fredericton generally have acted wisely in arranging for a strong attendance of persons willing and qualified to give useful information to the Royal Commission on Technical Education and Manual Training, which is to meet in this city a fortnight hence. It has been recognized that the work of the Commission is so broad in its scope—and it may even be said so indefinite—that the larger and more varied the nature of the evidence brought before it, the better. No doubt, however, the aim of the Commission will gain definiteness as it proceeds. At present it appears to this effect. The progress of a country depends upon the development of the natural resources. If those resources are developed in a careless and unscientific manner, they will largely be wasted, and used up in a comparatively short time and with the most serious consequences to the nation. On the other hand, if those unreplaceable are to be made to last as long as possible, and those which are replaced to be properly conserved for the far future, the utmost care and scientific skill are requisite in the exploiting of the time. Not only must the time consideration be kept in view, but the precautions against the waste of by-products must also be borne in mind. The lumberman must be taught to refrain from destroying a single tree more than is absolutely necessary. The carpenter must learn to get the best out of his materials with the smallest margin of waste. The miner must learn to dig out and bring his product to the surface without the unnecessary loss of a single pound of ore. Hence mining methods must be vastly changed and improved so that the treasures hidden below the soil will last as long and be as completely utilized as possible. The smelter must learn to get the last possible grain of mineral from his raw ore, and see to it that there is no waste of the by-products. The farmer needs to be acquainted with the best methods of getting the largest crop from his soil, while at the same time conserving its fertility and handing it down unimpaired to his descendants, and to make one acre bear the crop now produced by two. The tailor must learn to get the best out of his cloth. The fisherman must use the most effective means of catching his fish without the unnecessary destruction of a single denizen of the deep, and it is equally incumbent upon him to cure and preserve his catches in a manner to demand the highest prices in the world's markets. The skill which makes the most of its materials, and the intelligent economy which preserves while it utilizes, these are the things to be aimed at in all those pursuits by which a nation's natural resources are developed and upon which its greatness among the nations must depend.

A TRIUMPH OF CONCILIATION

The settlement of the Grand Trunk strike is another distinct personal triumph for Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. What labor legislation failed to accomplish the Minister of Labor has done by persistent personal effort aided, as he remarks, by Sir Frederick Borden.

The strike had been on less than a week when the men practically admitted defeat, by asking for the arbitration which they had previously refused to consider. Naturally, the Company, having the whip hand was not inclined to make any concessions, and the pride of the men would probably have kept them out much longer in preference to absolute

surrender.

Mr. King's problem was to induce the victorious company to yield sufficiently to permit the men to "save their face." The points which the Company has conceded are that they will take back all strikers who have not been violent or disorderly, and that they will put into effect the standard scale in 1912, instead of a year later as they had previously offered. As the latter point is a distinct concession the men can point to it as something gained by their strike, and as the Company yielded to the Government, rather than to the men it may be presumed that both parties are satisfied and ready to resume relations on a friendly basis.

FOOLS IN UNIFORM

The superlative of fool is fool-in-uniform. The assiduous nuisance that some men can make of themselves when dressed in a little brief authority almost passes belief. The most notable and irritating instance of recent record is the treatment accorded by the American immigration officials at New York to the Halifax girl who returned home, after being exposed to the humiliation of being deported as an undesirable visitor.

The girl had money. She was going on a brief visit to friends who were at the wharf to meet her. She and they could have furnished any required guarantee that she was only to be a temporary resident and could by no reasonable possibility become a public charge. But because she was not in the best of health, being a recent sufferer from nervous trouble, these incredibly stupid and viciously arrogant officials held her up, herded her with a room full of black and white scum on Ellis Island for a couple of days and then deported her.

It is said that her parents propose to take strong action in resentment of the brutal treatment of a Canadian girl at the hands of representatives of the land of the free and the home of the brave. Their just grievance should be pressed home to the United States government, that the offending officials may be punished and more decent and courteous treatment ensured for Canadian travellers in the future.

Telegraph: Sir Wilfrid's western tour is proving picturesque and successful beyond all expectations. The new half of the Dominion recognizes the worth of this country's great leader. The Liberal chieftain has no peer, no rival. His opponents mutter, but well they know, even the most partizan of them, that the Liberal Premier is today at the height of his power. The great mass of Canadians desire and expect many more golden years of progress under Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

From advance notices appearing in Opposition papers, we gather that Mr. Borden has concluded that it would be unwise to bring Premier Hazen to his "real big Tory picnic," at Truro next week. That leaves the way open for Hon. George Eulas Foster who is near at hand. Besides Mr. Foster is one of the idols of the Truro Tories. Give the First Lieutenant, that is to say, the man who used to be First Lieutenant, a chance for his life.—Halifax Chronicle.

Beacon—Sir Wilfrid Laurier struck a strong note of Canadianism in his address at Saskatoon. He welcomed the new settlers to Canada in behalf of the Canadian people, and said: "We do not ask what is any man's race or religion. We judge each man on his merits, and we welcome you all to our country. We only ask that as you receive many privileges here, you accept also the duties which citizenship carries."

GOVERNMENT FORBIDS SPECIAL TRAINS

Bilbao, Spain, Aug. 5.—Since the government has ordered the railroad companies not to furnish special trains for the proposed demonstration at San Sebastian Sunday, the Catholic adherents are already commencing to leave for the summer capital upon the ordinary trains.

PULP MEN PAID

Chatham World: The workmen of the Miramichi Pulp & Paper Co. have at last been paid. Many of them had sold their claims at a big discount in order to live. The mill will resume operations as soon as the pulp market is satisfactory.

CANADIAN NAVAL PLANS ADVANCING RAPIDLY TENDERS CALLED FOR

English Authorities Favor Halifax for Ship-Building Site but Montreal Seems to Lead—Admiralty will Send Men and Officers for Niobe and Rainbow and will Assist in Other Ways.

London, Aug. 4.—Rear-Admiral Kingsmill, Director of the Naval Service of Canada, who is in England on a special mission connected with the new Dominion Navy, will probably return to Canada this week. During his discussions with the Admiralty he has met with the greatest courtesy, and the authorities have in every case displayed an earnest desire to assist the Dominion Government. The Admiralty has agreed to make some alterations in the cruiser Niobe suggested by Canada, and these alterations (says Reuter's Agency), will necessitate the departure of that vessel across the Atlantic being postponed until September. The Niobe will be used for training purposes, with headquarters at Halifax. She will be employed in cruising among the various Canadian Atlantic ports.

ENGLAND WILL LEND MEN.

The Admiralty, says The London Standard, has agreed to lend Canada certain acting service ratings, including skilled higher ratings, instructional staff, and the necessary of ficers for the safe conduct of the ship. The remainder of her complement will be made up of fleet reservists, who, with the approval of the Admiralty, have volunteered for Can-

being made in the matter of other ships for the Canadian Navy. Admiral Kingsmill explained that as Canada is going to build her own ships, the first step is necessarily the laying-down of a plant for that purpose. In this connection the Dominion government is taking all necessary steps so as to avoid unnecessary delay in having an effective naval force as early as possible. Inquiries are now in progress among the shipbuilding firms on the Admiralty list for tenders for the construction of four cruisers of an improved Bristol class, and of six destroyers.

When the Niobe has served her period of usefulness as a training vessel on the Atlantic she will become the parent ship of the destroyers. The Rainbow, as already explained, is outside the ordinary naval program, being primarily intended for fishery service, but at the same time she will serve as a training vessel on the Pacific coast, and no doubt later on will become parent ship to the destroyers, which will subsequently be built on the Pacific.

... HALIFAX FAVORED.

It is not intended at first to divide the destroyer force, but to keep it together on the Atlantic coast. The cruiser squadron, however, will be divided between the Pacific and Atlantic seaboard. At least a year must be allowed for the erection of a shipbuilding plant in Canada. It is probable that the first yards will be constructed at Montreal, and that a floating dock will also be built there. Docks are also to be made at Quebec, and shipbuilding firms who will obtain orders for part of the new Navy are making inquiries for convenient centres elsewhere. It is to be hoped, however, that Halifax, which is strategically the most important port in Canada, will not be neglected. There can be no doubt that it is highly necessary to have there a shipbuilding yard as well as a properly equipped repairing plant.

As soon as the Niobe and Rainbow arrive on their stations, recruiting will commence. It is hoped that the Admiralty will take over a sufficient number of men when they have received partial training on these ships, and as in the case of the Australian navy put them through special gunnery and torpedo courses here. With regard to officers, cadets will be sent to the temporary college at Halifax pending the erection of the extensive training college to be established there for which the Admiralty is lending the necessary officers as instructors. It is hoped that by the time the cruisers and destroyers are built, a fair percentage of those to be trained will be available for service, and that, with the assistance of the Admiralty, the force will be kept up to its necessary strength until Canada is able to supply her own officers and men for her Canadian-built Navy, of which the cruisers and destroyers now to be built are only the preliminary instalment.



REAL-ADMIRAL KINGSMILL

adian service for a period of three to five years. Similar steps have been taken with regard to the cruiser Rainbow, which has been refitted and was handed over to the Dominion Government yesterday. This vessel will probably leave for Esquimaux this week. She will be stationed in British Columbian waters, and take part in the fisheries protection service. In the case of both these ships, which have been purchased by Canada the Imperial Government has afforded great facilities in lending officers and getting the crews together.

SHIPBUILDING PLANT.

With regard to the progress that is

PRESIDENT OF RUSSIAN DUMA GOES TO PRISON

St. Petersburg, Aug. 3.—Alexander Guchkoff, president of the Imperial Duma, who temporarily resigned his functions as president in order to serve a sentence of four weeks' imprisonment for fighting a duel with Count Uvaroff, a rival leader in parliament, entered the fortress of Peter and Paul today to fulfil the penalty inflicted by the court. In the duel which was fought Nov. 30, M. Guchkoff, then a private member of the Duma, wounded Count Uvaroff slightly in the shoulder. The duel resulted from a controversy in which M. Guchkoff gave the Count the lie. M. Guchkoff occupies the same casemate in the fortress in which General Stessel served his sentence for surrendering Port Arthur to the Japanese.

SHEEP BOARDS AN AUTO

Chatham World: Mr. M. S. Stewart, with Mr. Anthony Adams as a guest, drove his new auto from Chatham to Richibucto, on Tuesday, in two and a half hours. A frightened sheep jumped into the back seat on the way. The return trip, in the rain, was unpleasant and dangerous, as the wheels skidded on the muddy hillsides.

CHICAGO CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Chicago, Aug. 5.—The program for the Cricket Tournament as announced is as follows:

It will last all next week. The first feature will be between Minnesota and the Wanderers, the others being as follows:

Monday, Toronto and Minnesota.
Tuesday, Toronto and Winnipeg.
Wednesday, Winnipeg and Minnesota.
Thursday, Wanderers and Toronto.
Friday, Canada and United States.
Saturday, Winnipeg and Wanderers.

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