

Maritime—Strong winds and gales, shifting to west and northwest becoming much colder. Friday, strong north-westerly winds and cold.

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DIAMONDS FOUND IN B. C.

Important Announcement Made by Director of the Geological Survey

Precious Stones Were Discovered by a Surveying Party in the Far West.

(Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, Ont. March 16.—The director of the Geological Survey announced that diamonds had been discovered by the survey in a British Columbia rock, the first recorded discovery of diamonds in Canada.

The rock carrying the crystals is a peridotite of the variety known as Dunite consisting of olivine and chromite. The rock specimens in which the diamonds were found were collected by Mr. Chas. Cammell, on Olivine Mountain where Mr. Cammell has been making geological examination on behalf of the survey. Samples of the rock were submitted to Mr. R. A. Johnston, mineralogist of the survey, to ascertain the nature of the chromian minerals. In the course of his examination Mr. Johnston secured some insoluble fragments of crystals which appeared to be diamonds. More of material was separated out and a series of tests conducted by Mr. Johnston establishes beyond doubt the nature of the material. The individual diamonds so far extracted from a number of samples, are small, none of them being larger than an ordinary pin head, but many appear under the microscope to be clear and bright and of good quality, though some are yellowish or brownish.

MANY MATTERS DISCOVERED BY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Agricultural Committee met this morning, Mr. Dickson in the chair. The matter of commercial fertilizer was first taken up for discussion. Mr. Hubbard reviewed the steps taken by the department with respect to this. He said that some encouragement had been given to a Scotch manufacturer of fertilizers and he had supplied considerable quantities to farmers and dealers at a saving of \$2 to \$4 per ton less than the rival products were sold. Mr. Leger (Westmorland) said that as a practical dealer in fertilizers he did not think it possible to effect a material reduction in the price at which it was sold to the consumers.

Secretary for Agriculture Hubbard gave an address on short horn beef cattle. He said that at the request of a number of farmers and agricultural societies, the department had appointed Geo. E. Fisher of Chatham to purchase a number of Ayrshire cattle in Ontario. The department had decided to hold provincial sales of live stock in order to assist breeders. The expense of these sales would be borne by the department. Mr. Leger (Westmorland) expressed approval of the idea.

Hon. Dr. Landry said if the sale proved successful several would be held finally.

Mr. LaBillette said he was pleased with the progressiveness of the department and heartily approved of the idea of provincial stock sales.

Mr. Dickson expressed pleasure at the great interest shown in the meetings of the committee and would like to see an even greater number of members present. He said that agricultural education in rural schools would be discussed at the next meeting and he expected the chief superintendent to address them.

Mr. Shipp said that although not a member of the committee he was keenly interested in the work it was transacting. He thought every member of the House would be bettered by attending.

CORPORATIONS COMMITTEE.

The Committee on Corporations met this morning, Mr. Shipp in the chair, and agreed to the bill to incorporate the St. Leonard's Electric Company. Also the bill to amend the act to incorporate the Carleton County Hospital.

The bill to amend the act to incorporate the Tabusintac Board Company was stood over until Tuesday next.

"DOWN WITH BLACKGUARDS"

Charge Against Women Students Makes Scenes in Russian Duma

Alleged That They Consorted With Drunken Sailors—Scene of Great Disorder Ensued.

(Canadian Press.)

St. Petersburg, March 16.—An extraordinary charge against women students caused a sensational scene in the Duma last evening. An interpellation of recent incident in the high schools was under discussion when deputy Ubrusoff alleged that female students during the revolutionary period consorted in hundreds with drunken sailors in order to carry on the revolutionary propaganda more successfully. Shouts of "down with the blackguards" and similar protests arose from the left benches and started a scene of uproar and great disorder. The chairman was unable to control the deputies. Ubrusoff tried to resume speaking but in vain, and the president was obliged to ask him to leave the tribune as the hour allowed the speakers had elapsed.

Ubrusoff supporters raised a great outcry and the president closed the sitting. The opposing factions rushed towards the tribune but the officials threw themselves between the two parties and prevented a collision. Only when the lights were turned out did the deputies slowly quit the hall.

MONTREAL POWER MARKET LEADER

Montreal, March 16.—Montreal Power was the market leader in the trading here today. C. P. R. stock fell off a point.

(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange)

| Open Noon | |
|-----------------------------|---------|
| Amalgamated, | 64 1/2 |
| Atchison, | 108 1/2 |
| Smelters, | 76 1/2 |
| Brooklyn, | 77 1/2 |
| Canadian Pacific, | 217 1/2 |
| Great Northern, Pfd., | 128 1/2 |
| Northern Pacific, | 125 1/2 |
| Pennsylvania, | 126 1/2 |
| Reading, | 157 1/2 |
| Soo, | 147 1/2 |
| Union Pacific, | 175 1/2 |
| U.S. Steel, com., | 78 1/2 |

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

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| Toronto Railway—40 @ 125 1/2; 7 @ 125 1/2; 50 @ 126. |
| Molson's Bank—1 @ 206. |
| Bank of Montreal—1 @ 250. |
| Iron Pfd.—75 @ 104; 5 @ 104 1/2. |
| Converters—25 @ 44. |
| Soo—200 @ 147. |
| Porto Rica—50 @ 58. |
| Crown Reserve—85 @ 259; 400 @ 257. |
| Rubber—50 @ 93. |
| Rio—50 @ 106 1/2. |
| R. & O.—155 @ 107. |
| Montreal Street—58 @ 232; 25 @ 232 1/2. |
| Iron, Com.—110 @ 59; 100 @ 58 1/2. |
| Cement, Com.—225 @ 23. |
| Cement, Pfd.—25 @ 86 1/2. |
| C. P. R.—75 @ 218; 25 @ 217 1/2. |
| Woods—25 @ 139 1/2. |
| Winnipeg—25 @ 198 1/2; 5 @ 198. |
| Twin City—10 @ 109. |
| Coal, Pfd.—25 @ 110. |
| Textile—2 @ 73 1/2. |
| Shawinigan—150 @ 112. |
| U. S. Steel, Pfd.—30 @ 97; 30 @ 96 1/2. |
| Eastern Canadian Pulp—25 @ 48. |
| Montreal Power—100 @ 150; 275 @ 50 1/2; 50 @ 50 1/2; 100 @ 50 1/2; 310 @ 50 1/2; 60 @ 50 1/2; 75 @ 151; 50 @ 151 1/2; 150 @ 151 1/2; 125 @ 151 1/2; 25 @ 151 1/2; 50 @ 151 1/2. |

THIEVES WOULD NOT TAKE S. S. COLLECTIONS

Lindsay, Ont. March 16.—Burglars broke into the Ferry Shoe Store last night and looted the safe securing about \$60. A bag containing a small sum of money labelled "Sunday School collections" was left untouched on the top of the safe.

GEORGE F. BURDEN LIBERAL NOMINEE

Selected This Afternoon By a Large and Representative Convention to Contest the County at the Approaching Bye-Election For the Legislature—Valley Railway Project Will be Important Issue—Able Speeches by Hon. C. W. Robinson, G. W. Upham, M. P. P. and Others—Reciprocity Agreement Heartily Endorsed.

Although the notice was necessarily short the Liberal convention held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall this afternoon to consider the advisability of nominating a candidate to contest the county. Most of the outlying parishes were represented by sturdy Liberals and great enthusiasm prevailed.

A graceful act of the convention was the adoption by a standing vote of a resolution of condolence on the death of our late member, Mr. Thos. Robison.

The convention by a unanimous vote endorsed the reciprocity agreement entered into between representatives of the Canadian and United States governments.

Resolutions expressing confidence in the Liberal leaders Right Hon. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. C. W. Robinson were adopted.

The committee which represented most of the parish and city wards reported in favor of putting up a candidate.

Mr. George McEwin called the meeting to order.

On motion, Mr. J. D. Phinney took the chair. He said that the hour had come when the party had to consider what action was to be taken in York. He was pleased to see a convention so well attended and so representative.

The action of the government in calling on a bye-election had forced the Opposition party to take some steps. The bye-election was made necessary by the death of a man whom all of both parties respected most highly. (Hear! Hear!) He hoped that before the convention closed steps would be taken to pass a resolution expressing to the widow and family of the late Thos. Robison the regret felt on account of his death.

Mr. Phinney said that a bye-election was not necessary at so early a date. The House was in session. York had three members, one of them in the cabinet, who should be able to look after the county's interests. However, the decision concerning the matter had been made by the provincial government. The Opposition had to abide by that decision.

The matter to be decided by the convention was whether or not it was advisable that a candidate be nominated to oppose that nominated by the government party. If it were decided to contest the bye-election, the next thing to do would be to select the man who would represent the party. After that there should be work done.

No man or no set of men controlled the convention (Applause). There was nothing cut and dried as there had been in that which had nominated Dr. O. E. Moorehouse, whose nomination had been rumored and foretold sometime before.

Mr. Phinney said he noticed Hon. Mr. Robinson was present (Hear! Hear!) A resolution expressing confidence in him and his policy would be in order (Applause).

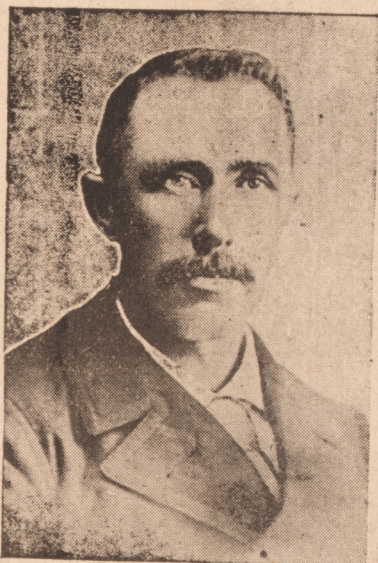
IMPORTANT OMISSION

He had noticed that the Conservative convention held Wednesday had not endorsed R. L. Borden and his policy. That had been because a Liberal Hon. John Morrissey had been on the platform. (Laughter and applause) Mr. Hazen could not well be double-faced there.

Mr. Phinney said the convention he was addressing was a Liberal one (Cheers) It could be nothing else. The line of demarcation had been drawn clearly. Hazen had got Liberal votes but he would get none in this bye-election (Applause)

On the motion of Mr. George McEwin seconded by Mr. W. A. B. McLellan, Mr. P. J. Hughes was appointed secretary.

Mr. N. W. Brown in a brief speech moved a resolution of condolence on the death of the late Thos. Robison. The latter he said was a friend although a political opponent. He was however an opponent not like others but one who had fought fairly, one to whom anyone could be a friend.



MR. GEORGE F. BURDEN,
Nominated This Afternoon as the
Liberal Standard Bearer.

MR. BURDEN CHOSEN
At four o'clock the convention nominated as the party standard bearer, Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M. P. P. of Pokiok, who accepted amidst great enthusiasm and promised to do his best to win a victory.

Mr. George Burden Ex-M. P. P., seconded the motion which was carried unanimously by a standing vote.

RESOLUTION OF CONFIDENCE

On the motion of Mr. Burden seconded by Coun. Sterling of Stanley a resolution expressing confidence in Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the Opposition was passed unanimously and was followed by three hearty cheers after which Mr. Robinson was called to the platform.

HON. C. W. ROBINSON

Hon. Mr. Robinson expressed his thanks for the heartiness of the reception accorded him. He was more than pleased and must say surprised at the number of men who had gathered there to represent the Liberal party in York in convention. He knew of no country in New Brunswick where a larger or more representative convention could be found. It was not for him to direct the conduct of the convention. As Mr. Phinney had said that was for each man to decide. It was unnecessary for him to tell how the present government had got into power. It had been through Liberal votes. Now that government was a mere appendage of the Conservative party at Ottawa.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY

Amid cheers Hon. Mr. Robinson stated that the subject which most interested the people of York was the construction of a line of railway down the St. John Valley. It had been impossible to get any information concerning that railway from the government, nevertheless Mr. Hazen had received on February 25th, a letter from Thomas Malcolm, offering to build the line. There were cries of "Read it," and Mr. Robinson complied.

Mr. Hazen's excuse concerning the letter had been that it was private. However he had received a second letter from Mr. Malcolm authorizing the use of the first letter. It was time Mr. Hazen did something and stopped sitting like a bump on a log. He was in a position where he should be leading and not waiting for the Dominion Government to act.

GEORGE W. UPHAM

At the request of the chairman Mr. George W. Upham, M. P. P., was heard on the Valley Railway. He gave a slight sketch of the steps that had led up to the agitation for the Railway. The project had excited the keenest interest in all parts of

the St. John Valley among people of all classes. Some information concerning the Railway had been obtained through the efforts of Mr. F. B. Jarvell, M. P., and Hon. Wm. Pugsley.

On going to the House at the present session the speaker had asked for information concerning offers to build the Valley Railway. He had been practically told it was none of his business.

Yesterday a letter had been read which showed that the Hazen government was not sincere in the matter of the Valley Railway and was endeavoring to deprive the St. John Valley of a competitive railroad and was playing into the hands of its godfather the C. P. R. (Applause).

RESOLUTION ON RECIPROCITY

Mr. Walter Limerick then introduced and moved the adoption of a resolution on reciprocity. Such a resolution he said had been introduced at the recent meeting of the Farmers' and Dairymen's Association, but through a disturbance created by members of the government party and office holders the mover had been induced to withdraw it.

Mr. S. B. Hatheway of Springhill seconded the motion.

In putting the motion Mr. Phinney said that mover and seconder were bright young Liberals and farmers. (Applause). They were successful farmers who were not pitchforked into the occupation.

The resolution which was carried unanimously was as follows:

"Resolved that during the past fifteen years Canada has enjoyed prosperity unparalleled in its history; that this prosperity inaugurated by the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, received its impetus in reduced and preferential tariffs by which the natural resources of Canada have been developed and its trade vastly increased; that we have a country of almost illimitable undeveloped wealth of agriculture, fisheries and forests awaiting the millions of population yet to inhabit the Dominion; that the policy of the government now before Parliament, proposed with a view of securing wider markets and lowering of tariffs between Canada and the United States, commends itself to our judgment as an act of wisest statesmanship, which will develop our country, particularly New Brunswick, on a vastly increased scale, will secure for our people new markets without impairing existing ones, and will result in greater prosperity to Canada than we have heretofore enjoyed; that we affirm our adherence to the policy of the government adopted in 1897, whereby a preference was given to the imports from the motherland and other parts of the empire, and that we note with satisfaction the declaration made by the government that the British preferential tariff shall be unimpaired and unaffected by the proposed tariff agreement with the United States."

Dr. Moore of Stanley moved the adoption of a resolution of confidence in the Liberal government at Ottawa, in Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his policy. The motion was seconded by Mr. Donald Fraser and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. Walter Limerick, parish delegates retired to a committee-room and discussed the advisability of contest.

STAR LINE AFFAIRS

St. John, March 16.—By order of Justice McLeod, J. W. Smith, president of the Star Line Steamship Co., was examined in chambers this morning as the result of a report of two auditors who examined the company's books and found them in a very unsatisfactory condition. The hearing is being continued this afternoon. F. R. Taylor represents the curator, and Dr. L. A. Curry and W. A. Ewing the shareholders.

Dr. H. Waterbury, inspector of Dominion public buildings, fell on King street this morning and broke his leg.

Mr. C. G. L. Jarvis of St. John, arrived in the city last night.

CAMORIST TRIAL ENLIVENED BY STRIKE OF THE JURORS

Jurors Entered a Protest Against Serving for Small Pay With the Prospects of a Long Trial Before Them—Prisoner Attacks a Newspaper Photographer While on His Way to Court—Actual Work of Trial Has Begun—A Lively Time is Expected.

(Canadian Press.)

Viterbo, Italy, March 16.—A brief strike of the jurymen who are to decide the fate of the Neapolitan Camorra slayers and thugs and an attack on a photographer by Alfano, alias "Erricone," the Camorra leader, enlivened the trial today.

As soon as court opened the foreman of the jury presented a protest from its members against serving for small pay in view of the prospect of a long trial. The jurors are to receive only ninety cents a day. Judge Bianchi promised to send the protest to the office of the minister of justice and the trial then proceeded.

The attack on the photographer came while the prisoners were on their way to court. Alfano recognized among the corps of newspaper camera men a representative of a Naples newspaper which had attacked the prisoners. The prisoner tried to break away from his guards but was

subdued after a short struggle.

Shrieking and cursing the Camorra leader was thrust into his cage after he had spat in the face of the photographer. The actual work of the trial today began when the chancellor read the act of accusation. It filled thirty full pages and was expected to occupy five hours.

The indictment described the murder of Cuccolo by three of the defendants Cennaro, Cerrato and Sorino. Thirty two wounds were found on his body and his head was battered almost to pulp.

At this point in the indictment Cennaro interrupted the court chancellor, rising in his steel cage and looking at his wife who sat among the spectators, he cried:

"I swear you will atone for this. I am innocent."

Then he burst into tears and resumed his seat in the cage while the trial proceeded.

MR. PINDER'S CHANCE TO MAKE AN EASY HUNDRED

This morning the sitting of the Public Accounts Committee, like that of yesterday, was rather quiet, but some interesting facts in regard to Crown Land matters were brought out. Hon. Mr. Robinson had under review some of the departmental returns in regard to lumber cut on Crown Lands. After a careful examination of these accounts and some discussion of them in the committee, Mr. Robinson said that as far as one could see there is apparently no definite rule in regard to the question of the collection of double stumpage on undersized timber that is cut. In some cases double stumpage is charged and in other cases single stumpage. He found returns that showed that spruce and pine, eighteen feet to the piece, had been cut, and no double stumpage charged. Fir, exactly thirty feet to the piece, was cut and stumpage of eighty cents per thousand charged.

There was some discussion in the committee in regard to whether or not fir logs of various small sizes could be up to the regulation. Mr. Robinson and the government members of the committee had some disagreement in regard to this matter, which finally led Mr. Robinson to say that all the ridicule that might be forthcoming would not affect the situation and if any one could find a broom of fir logs averaging thirty-four feet to the piece that would be up to regulation, he would be willing to pay \$100. Mr. Pinder, the chairman, said that in his opinion such a broom could be found. Mr. Robinson's reply was that he was offering a very easy way for Mr. Pinder or anyone else to make \$100.

In regard to some of the small spruce that was cut Mr. Jones suggested that perhaps it was swale spruce. Following up this suggestion came another suggestion that it would be well to have the Deputy Surveyor General appear before the committee to be heard in regard to this and perhaps some of the other matters which had been under discussion. The Deputy Surveyor came before the committee but he explained that the matters in question properly affect that branch of the Crown Land department, more particularly under the direction of Mr. W. H. Berry, the superintendent of scalers. As Mr. Berry is not in the city at the present time he will probably be asked to come before the committee later on.

Several pages were passed by the committee, page 17, however, on which there appears a statement on receipts from school book vendors, the Probate Court Fee Fund, and the Supreme Court Fee Fund was allowed to stand for further consideration. Passing to the expenditure side of the accounts the payments under the head of Administration of Justice,

HON. CLIFFORD SIFTON TALKS TO LAWYERS

Toronto, March 16.—"There is a call for independence in our public life today because the Canadian Nation has outgrown the names of its political parties. There is now no party which is distinctly the party of public rights, no dividing line of high principles. The past achievements of the great parties, while they are an honorable memory will not do for the future. We are not bound by any party name to vote for or to adopt any principle, the working out of which we regard as inimical to the best interests of the Dominion."

Hon. Clifford Sifton last night told the members of the Osgoode Literary and Legal Society that during his fifteen years at Ottawa, there had been falling off in the strength of lawyers in parliament. "It is becoming," said the speaker, "increasingly difficult to induce men of standing ability and power to become candidates for parliament. It will be a bad day for the Dominion of Canada when men who are fit to shine in courts, come to the conclusion that they have not the time nor the inclination to devote to the service of the country. The greatest lawyers of England have gone from the bar to Parliament and from Parliament to the bench, and it would not be a bad idea if preferment to the bench depended beside experience at the bar, on some sort of parliamentary service."

MAINE LEGISLATURE AND RECIPROCITY

Augusta, Me., March 16.—Reversing its action of last week on the Canadian reciprocity question, the House of Representatives of the Maine legislature voted 61 to 58 last night to postpone indefinitely a resolution endorsing the proposed agreement. The action apparently came as a great surprise to the friends of the agreement.

Last week the House adopted the resolution by a vote of 59 to 46.

Mr. Chas. E. Oak is at the Queen Hotel.

Messrs. G. W. Grant and N. W. Brown of Southampton, are at the Queen.

and some of the agricultural accounts, were allowed to stand. After passing two or three pages of other agricultural accounts, the committee adjourned until Friday.

Next Wednesday the committee is to take up the provincial hospital account. Dr. J. V. Anglin, the hospital superintendent, will be asked to attend that sitting.