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## BLAME PLACED ON TRAINMEN

### Coroner's Jury Holds Them Responsible For Grand Trunk Wreck

Verdict was Unanimous—Warrants to be Issued For Conductor and Engineer.

(Canadian Press)  
Brantford, Ont., Feb. 9.—"The jury is unanimous that Conductor Wm. Meacham and engineer Robert Marith in charge of engine No. 629, were responsible for the wreck in collision with the regular train No. 39, which caused the death of Peter McFarlane and others."  
The above verdict was returned by the jury at the inquest held at Princeton yesterday afternoon touching the accident between Paris and Drumbo on the Buffalo and Goderich branch of the Grand Trunk last Saturday night. Warrants will probably be issued for the arrest of Conductor Meacham and Marith.  
Meacham was not at the inquest, it being reported he has fled to the States but Earith was in attendance although he had to be carried in on a stretcher. He admitted that he forgot all about the passenger train into which he crashed.

## MANY FISHERMEN HAVE BEEN DROWNED

Vibourg, Feb. 9.—An ice-floe, on which about 250 fishermen had established a village and which, after being swept out to sea on Friday last, became stranded near the Island of Seitskar, was partly destroyed by a gale last night. One hundred fishermen escaped to land while numbers are known to have been drowned. Ice-breakers have been sent to the rescue. Only two days ago the fishermen declined assistance offered them by two vessels, declaring that they were in no danger and refusing to be taken off.

## GERMAN EMPEROR IS INDISPOSED

Berlin, Feb. 9.—It was officially announced today that the cold from which Emperor William is suffering was taking an ordinary course and that His Majesty would remain in his room for several days. His indisposition made it impossible for him to attend the court ball at the palace last night, and he also cancelled the arrangements for the military ceremony which was to have taken place today in connection with the entry of his sixth son, Prince Joachim, into the army.

## C. P. R. EMPLOYEES UNDER ARREST

Windsor, Feb. 9.—With the arrest yesterday afternoon of the crew of the Canadian Pacific steamer ferry Ontario, the police have established the fact that for a period of years or more, freight cars crossing the international boundary have been systematically plundered while in transit across the river by a little band of car ferry employees who divided the spoils. Thousands of dollars worth of goods were taken if it is estimated.

## RADIUM WILL SUPERCEDE COAL

New York, Feb. 9.—Scientists will soon make the problem of the conservation of the World's Coal a dead issue, according to Dr. A. H. Bucherer, professor of physics in Germany who is in this country for a series of lectures before scientific bodies. Radium Dr. Bucher believes, will supercede coal as the source of the world's energy and heat.

Mr. W. N. Carter, of St. John, is at the Barker House.

## RECIPROcity AGREEMENT AND BRITISH PREFERENCE

Text of Hon. Mr. Fielding's Message to Lord Strathcona—Spoils Campaign of the Tories—Further Tariff Reductions May be Accorded Mother Country—Agreement Likely to be Ratified at Washington—Western Interests Opposed to It.

Wichita, Feb. 9.—Members of the southwestern Millers Association yesterday decided to oppose the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada on the ground that such a measure would be detrimental to milling interests.

Spokane, W., Feb. 9.—The Western Pine Manufacturers Association at its annual meeting yesterday adopted a resolution urging congressmen from the northwest to use their influence to have the reciprocity agreement with Canada referred to the tariff board for consideration before action is taken by Congress.

ENDORSED RECIPROcity  
Toronto, Feb. 8.—At a representative and largely attended meeting of the executive committee of the Toronto Reform Association last evening a resolution was passed expressing confidence in and appreciation of the work which has already been accomplished by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and his colleagues and also expressing strong approval of the reciprocity agreement.

B. C. LUMBERMEN'S VIEWS  
Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 9.—British Columbia lumber men will withdraw their opposition to the reciprocity agreement with the United States, according to a statement made by John Hendry, president of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association and of the Canadian Forestry Association. Mr. Hendry said that although British Columbia lumbermen believed that the United States should admit Canadian shingles free they regarded the reduction from 50 to 30 cents a thousand as a distinct gain.

WESTERN FRUIT GROWERS  
Nelson, B. C., Feb. 9.—Resolutions protesting that duties on ranch produce and fruits should not be removed unless the duties on articles used by the ranchers were also removed, were passed by a mass meeting of fruit growers here yesterday. The resolutions recite that the reciprocity agreement between the United States and Canada provides for free admission into Canada of fruits coming into competition with products of the ranchers, but makes no provision for a reduction of those things the ranchers buy. Speakers at the mass meeting said the competition of Washington and Oregon fruit growers would seriously affect the British Columbia fruit growers' interests if the reciprocity agreement were adopted.

Welland, Feb. 9.—The Welland Board of Trade at a special meeting last night withdrew a resolution opposing the ratification of the reciprocity agreement.

New York, Feb. 9.—The New York Board of Trade has given the Canadian reciprocity agreement its endorsement by a unanimous vote and a resolution adopted by the board "Respectfully petitions the United States Senate to approve such treaty and the Congress to enact such legislation as will promote reciprocal trade relations."

Quincy, Ill., Feb. 9.—The Quincy chamber of commerce yesterday voted an endorsement of the proposed reciprocity agreement with Canada.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Hon. W. S. Fielding made public this afternoon the text of his cable to Lord Strathcona on reciprocity. It reads:

"It is evident that some British journalists and public men have received entirely erroneous impressions concerning the reciprocity agreement. Reciprocal trade relations with the United States have been the policy of all parties in Canada for generations. Many efforts have been made to secure a treaty, but without success. Sir John Macdonald's policy tariff of 1879 contains a standing offer of reciprocity with the States, covering a large portion of the products included in the present arrangements. The unwillingness of the Americans to make any reasonable arrangement led to such disappointment in Canada Sir Wilfrid would not again take the initiative in negotiations. Now that the Americans have entirely changed their attitude and

have approached Canada with fair offers, our government takes the position that we should meet them fairly, and that in making such an arrangement as is now proposed we are realizing the desires of our people for a half century, and also that in promoting friendly relations with the neighboring republic, we are doing the best possible service to the empire.

"Canada is seeking markets everywhere for her surplus products subsidizing steamship lines and sending out commercial agents. Would it not be ridiculous in the pursuit of such a policy to refuse to avail herself of the great nation lying alongside? The expressed fear that it will seriously affect imports from Great Britain is groundless.

"The greater part of the agreement deals with natural products, which Great Britain does not send us. The range of manufacture affected is comparatively small and, in most cases, the reductions are small.

"It appears to be assumed in some quarters that the tariff rates agreed upon discriminate in favor of the United States, and against Great Britain. There is no foundation for this. In every case Great Britain will still have the same rate or a lower one.

"Canada's right to deal with the British preference as she pleases remains untouched by the agreement. The adoption of the agreement will probably lead to some further revision of the Canadian tariff in which the Canadian parliament will be entirely free to fix the British preference tariff at any rates that may be deemed proper.

"You are free to use this in any way you think best."

NO EXTRA SESSION.

Washington, Feb. 9.—The day of the big stick has passed, the weapon wielded by President Taft is a club and there will be no extra session of Congress, even if the reciprocity measure is not adopted at this session.

A leading member of Congress thus summed up today the general opinion held by the national legislators as to President Taft's so-called threat of an extra session.

It is hard to tell whether President Taft has helped the reciprocity plans by summoning Senators Carter and Crane to the White House, and telling them that he hoped to have the measure enacted.

Many of the senators do not like to have the White House interfere with legislative work and no appreciable increase of sentiment in favor of the agreement was expressed by its members. Those who have been opposing it, declare that even if an extra session were called, provided it failed to pass at this session, it will again be smothered. While the Democrats in the House are in favor of it, many in the Senate are against it, and are leagued with a powerful wing of protectionists and insurgents in the middle west in fighting it, and indications point to the fact that it will be impossible for President Taft to get his pet measure enacted into legislation.

BROWN HANDS CASH OVER TO HIS MOTHER

New York, Feb. 9.—Knockout Brown, who defeated Lightweight Champion Ad Wolgast at Philadelphia last night, returned to New York today and immediately turned over to his mother \$2,300 which he had received as his end of the purse.

He dumped the big pile of crisp bills into his mother's lap and she peeled off \$5 for him to keep as spending money until he boxes again. Ice cream and sodas are his sole disposition.

Dr. A. H. Prescott, of Woodstock, is at the Queen.

## UNKIND CUT FOR LADY TEACHERS

Mr. Langlois, M.L.A. Gives Important Evidence Before Commission

Thinks the Object of Many Female Teachers in Entering Profession is to Secure Husbands.

(Canadian Press)  
Quebec, Q., Feb. 9.—The Royal Commission on Industrial Training and Technical Training held its second session in Quebec yesterday afternoon at the Parliament Buildings. Mr. Godfrey Langlois, M.L.A., of Montreal, was one of the principal gentlemen who gave evidence. Mr. Langlois thought that teachers' diplomas ought to be awarded only after the recipient had successfully completed a course in the Normal school.

In regard to female teachers Mr. Langlois thought many of them only took up the profession temporarily, and for the purpose of social or material advantages.

"Many young men, especially in country places," he said, "prefer school teachers, so it happens that often women take to teaching merely for a good opportunity of getting a husband."

## LLOYD GEORGE IS SUFFERING FROM OVERWORK

(Canadian Press)  
Naples, Feb. 9.—David Lloyd George Chancellor of the Exchequer of England, may be compelled to be absent from parliament during the greater part of the debates over the questions in which he is vitally interested. He is suffering from a nervous ailment here and is constantly attended by his physicians. Overwork and worry over the political problems of England are responsible for the breakdown.

## OHIO DEFAULTER ESCAPES FROM JAIL

Marietta, Ohio, Feb. 9.—Edward Epler, alleged defaulting auditor of the Marietta, Columbus & Cleveland Railroad, escaped from the county jail early today. His trial was to have opened next Monday.

## MORE DEATH WARRANTS ISSUED AT HAITI

Cape Haiten, Gaiti, Feb. 9.—Five leaders and soldiers, have been issued new death warrants for revolutionary and signed by President Simeon General Duval, formerly of the army, at whose home a great amount of arms and ammunition was found, was said to be among the condemned men. General Memmon is under arrest and it is believed he will be shot within twenty-four hours.

General Clement Severa, another revolutionary leader, is said to be dying of torture inflicted upon him to make him confess the names of others. Leaders of the revolutionary propaganda who are still at large, appealed to the representatives of foreign governments today to protest against the carnival of blood which is attending the quelling of the uprising.

## STORM THOUGHT TO BE MOVING WESTWARD

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9.—There are indications that a disturbance will now develop over the Great Lakes. The weather is for the most part cloudy and comparatively mild, from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces, and moderately cold in the Western provinces.

Mr. J. C. Archibald, of Lawrence-town, is in the city.

## YORK'S SCANDALMONGER HAILED OVER THE COALS

Sharply Called Down by Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. in the Public Accounts Committee—Accused of Having Deliberately Misled the Committee in Regard to a North Shore Dredging Work—A Standard Falsehood Exposed—Little Business Transacted in the House.

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—There was a stirring scene at the public account committee today, just before its adjournment shortly after 1 o'clock, when F. B. Carvell, paid his compliments to the St. John Standard and to O. S. Crockett, of York.

Mr. Carvell charged the Standard with having printed a false report and declared that Mr. Crockett had deliberately deceived and misled the committee at a previous meeting.

The Conservative members tried to bluff Mr. Carvell, but he stood to his guns and proved his case.

The Standard on Saturday, he stated, published a report which declared that Hon. Mr. Pugsley had appointed as dredging inspector, Louis Allain, a man so ignorant that he could not write his reports. Mr. Carvell declared that if Allain chose to dictate his reports to some one else it was no one's business. The fact was that Allain read all the reports before he sent them in and signed them all. It was also a fact that he could write his reports. The proof of this was contained in the evidence of Chief Engineer Lafleur, who was on the stand. In his evidence, in answer to a question by Mr. Crockett, Engineer Lafleur declared under oath:

Mr. Crockett—"Do you know whether Mr. Allain made out his returns or whether he is able to?"

Mr. Lafleur—"Oh, all along he signs them. I do not think he has ever written out all of them. Oh, yes, in some cases, he has."

## ST. JOHN STANDARD SCORED

Mr. Carvell said that was the evidence from which the Standard correspondent had drawn his statement that Allain could not write. He declared that if the Standard had any sense of journalistic decency it would correct its statement of Saturday last and apologize to its readers.

Then Mr. Carvell declared that Mr. Crockett had deliberately misled the committee a week ago, when dealing with dredging at Dalhousie. He had got Chief Engineer Lafleur to admit that the dredge Hayward had a maximum capacity of 750 yards a day for ten hours. He had read from a return showing that the inspector had returned dredging done at Dalhousie at between 1,100 and 1,200 yards a day. The impression deliberately conveyed to the committee was that the dredge Hayward had been credited with the removal of more material than it was capable of moving and had been paid for. The plain inference was graft.

Mr. Carvell said that when Mr. Crockett, by his examination, was giving the committee the impression that this was a return of work done by the Hayward, he had in his hand a return showing that the dredge which had been working during the year in question was not the Hayward but a much more powerful dredge called the Reliance, which was perfectly capable of doing the work credited to it.

This piece of shady tactics Mr. Carvell resented on behalf of the committee, which he said, was appointed for the purpose of getting at the facts and not allowing Conservative members to misrepresent the government.

Notice was served on Mr. Crockett that hereafter he would be watched as he needed to be.

## OPPOSITION QUERIES

The orders of the day were reached seven minutes before the adjournment of the House of Commons today. Nearly the whole of the afternoon was occupied by the opposition on post-mortem on the proposed measure to grant damming privileges on the St. Lawrence River, near Long Sault, which was rejected by the United States House of Representatives yesterday.

The long-drawn-out discussion was precipitated by the motion of Mr. Borden calling for a copy of all correspondence or data in the possession of the government on the subject, a resolution to which the Prime minister promptly agreed.

Mr. Sparke wanted to know concerning the report in a Toronto paper that the minister of finance had been in conference with Premier Murray of Nova Scotia, E. M. McDonald President Plummer of the Steel Corporation, and others in Montreal. He wanted to know whether the government was changing its mind on the matter of the renewal of bounties on steel and whether the government was aware of a decided change in this course.

"Any change of views on the part of the government will be announced in parliament," was Mr. Fielding's assurance. "If there was any petitions in the matter the minister would be glad to bring them down on motion. The government is well aware," added the minister, "that there is divided opinion on nearly all fiscal questions."

## PLAGUE AMONG SOLDIERS

Pekin, Feb. 9.—Several cases of bubonic plague have been discovered in the northern district army barracks of the outer city. There are over 2,000 soldiers in the cantonments, and a sweep of the disease would bring death in appalling numbers. The plague germs are said to have been brought in by soldiers who were doing duty in Tien Tsin before the inspection of arrivals began.

## MANITOBA'S LEGISLATURE

Useful Legislation Outlined in Speech From Throne at Opening Today

A Scheme For Good Roads Development Announced—More Money For Education.

(Canadian Press)

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 9.—The thirtieth legislature of Manitoba opened today with the usual ceremony. The great questions to be considered are the regulation of the liquor traffic and extension of the system of public ownership of grain elevators and telephones. The speech from the throne expresses regret that no progress has been made in settlement of provincial boundaries refers to the government acquiring grain elevators, promises extensions to the government system of telephones, announces scheme of good roads development and a move for higher education and large grants for educational purposes.

## ANOTHER MOVE IN FARMERS' BANK

(Canadian Press)  
Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9.—An information was laid at noon against Hon. J. R. Stratton charging him with obtaining by false representation a charter for the Farmers Bank. He will be summoned to appear in the police court a week from tomorrow. The four provisional directors Dr. Ferguson, A. S. Town, A. A. Fraser and John Watson were committed for trial.

## PERPETUAL FRANCHISES FOR ONTARIO RAILWAYS

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9.—A deputation representing the owners of land on Dundas Street between Toronto and a point several miles west of the city are asking the government to grant a perpetual franchise to a railway to operate on Dundas Street. And virtually to grant perpetual franchises to all railways in the province.

They say that under the present railway act, the restrictions were so strict that no railways would build lines as the municipalities were given too much control over the lines.

## WALL ST. LOOKS FOR C. P. R. ISSUE

New York, Feb. 9.—Interests favorable to Canadian Pacific Railway in Wall street are circulating the report that a new stock issue by C.P. R. is about due, and that it will likely amount to \$20,000,000, the remaining common issue.

Wall street expects some announcement at the close of the C.P. R. directors' meeting in Montreal on Monday, Feb. 13, next.

## MRS. SHENCK BARRED FROM WHEELING HOTELS

Wheeling, W. Va., Feb. 9.—It became known today that Mrs. Laura Farnsworth Schenck, recently tried for attempting to poison her husband, had been barred from all the hotels in the city. She went to the principal hostelry in the city, but was told that the house was full, and at the next place she fared no better. When she tried to rent apartments in an apartment house she met with a similar answer.

## PERSONAL

Mr. W. J. Scott returned today from a business trip to the North Shore.