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Mr. W. C. Milner, a prominent Conservative, writes of reciprocity: "The old generation who remember the splendid markets Boston and other New England ports afforded our producers in reciprocity days, hold up both hands for it. These provinces were never since so prosperous. There was no exodus, because there was plenty of employment and plenty of money at home."

THOS. A. EDISON HONORED BY BRITISH COMMONERS

Was Given a Seat in the Distinguished Strangers' Gallery by Special Order of the Speaker---Was Greatly Interested in the Proceedings---Asked to Invent some Plan to Get the Bills Through Parliament Quickly---Was Tendered a Reception

(Canadian Press.)
New York, Aug. 10.—A London cable to the World says: On reaching London by motor Tuesday evening, Thomas A. Edison was met by his European agent Sir Croyden Marks M. P., who after dinner escorted him to the House of Commons. By the special order of Speaker Lowther, Mr. Edison occupied a place in the distinguished strangers gallery where he witnessed the scene but could not hear the speeches made on the floor. Sir Croyden told the correspondent that the great inventor was intensely curious about the personality of the leaders on both sides. He declared the Unionist leaders, Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George and Home Secretary Churchill all have strikingly intellectual heads. He said the whole fight between the two houses is inexplicable to him and he thought it strange that some sort of arbitration committee or board could not be appointed to settle it. Evidently Mr. Edison is not much of a politician.
He felt the great heat greatly in the house and expressed surprise that some cooling invention had not been applied so that the members may work in comfort. When the cooling system in use was explained—sprays of icewater are played outside the

windows and iced air is forced up through the matting on the flooring. Mr. Edison opened his eyes in amazement exclaiming credulously: "Well, do you tell me so? I could not have believed anything so stupid." He was taken on the terrace, where several ministers and others seeking the refreshing light air and enjoyed hugely. There he met among other big men of Great Britain, Chancellor of the Exchequer Lloyd-George, who wished Mr. Edison would invent some plan for getting bills quickly through parliament.
T. P. O'Connor was one of those who met Mr. Edison, and afterwards said: "He is like a big unsophisticated farmer." Taking almost boyish interest in things familiar to ordinary men of the world. Indeed he is like a great school boy asking questions and looking delighted with the most commonplace answer. The simplicity of genius was never before so remarkably illustrated in my experience.
Mr. Edison held on the terrace, a regular reception when the house rose. He was presented with a copy of the parliament (Lords Veto) Bill, signed by Prime Minister Asquith, Lloyd-George, John Redmond, John Burns, T. P. O'Connor and others. He saw both divisions on the bill and was profoundly interested.

Kings-Albert Liberals Nominate Dr. McAllister

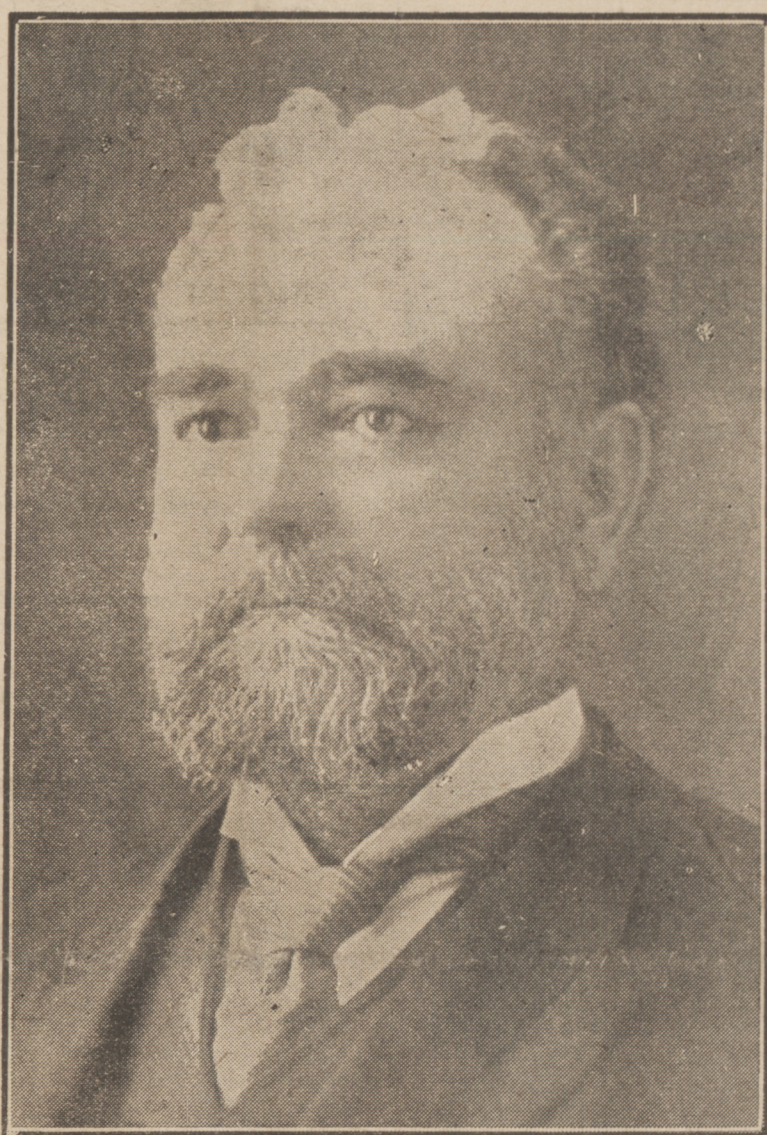
RecordBreaking convention held at Sussex Selects Present Member Amidst Great Enthusiasm---Speech by Hon. Dr. Pugsley---Local Government Must act on Valley Railway Question Strong Reasons why the People of New Brunswick Should Support Reciprocity---How Our Population Increased Under the old Treaty and Declined Under the National Policy---Great Liberal Victory Assured

Sussex, N. B., August 9.—At one of the largest and enthusiastic nominating conventions ever held in Kings-Albert, Dr. D. H. McAllister, who has so ably represented these counties since 1908, was renominated today to carry the Liberal standard once more to victory. Dr. McAllister was the unanimous choice of an open convention and so heartily was he received that there can be no doubt as to the outcome on September 21.
The convention was not only large but a representative one, delegates from every parish in Kings being present as well as between 150 and 200 from Albert County. The people of Sussex also turned out in strong numbers showing the esteem in which the Liberal candidate is held.
When the convention was called to order at 4.30 o'clock ex-Lieut.-Governor McClellan, on motion of Senator Domville, was chosen chairman. The Convention next proceeded to the election of a candidate and Hon. C. J. Osman of Hillsboro, moved that Dr. McAllister be the choice. In making his motion he referred to the able manner in which Dr. McAllister had represented the counties in the last three years and said that it was the wish of the people of Albert county that he should be continued as their representative.

Mr. Osman's motion was seconded by Councillor Freeze of Sussex and unanimously adopted.
The candidate being chosen, Hon. Wm. Pugsley, minister of public works, was called to address the assemblage.

STIRRING SPEECH BY MINISTER

On rising to speak Dr. Pugsley was cheered again and again and it was several minutes before he was able to make himself heard. "I can assure you," he said, "that you could not have done anything more pleasing to myself, to our Liberal chieftain, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and to all my colleagues in the house of commons than that which you have just done in selecting Dr. McAllister to again be your standard bearer. To say we appreciate him, indeed to say we love him, is not putting it too strong, and I can assure you that anything we can do to meet his wishes we will do it. In the past Dr. McAllister has been earnest in his endeavors to advance the interests of Kings and Albert counties and I know you will bear me out in



HON. WILLIAM PUGSLEY.

saying that his labors have been crowned with success.
"Through his efforts you have had many matters attended to your post offices, your rural mail service. In looking after your wharves and navigable waters Dr. McAllister has not been neglectful of his duties. This I know for I have had the pleasure of meeting him personally on these questions.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

Dr. Pugsley said there is another matter in which not only the people of Kings county, but of the whole province were interested—The St. John Valley Railway. He did not consider it necessary to go into the history of the road. He referred, however, to the fact that when the provincial government applied to him for a subsidy they said they could come to an agreement by which a company would build the road. He then told how that agreement, if allowed to be entered into, would result in the Valley Railroad connecting with the C.P.R., and he also touched on the history of the electric railroad proposition. The federal government, he said, declined to meet the wishes of the provincial government at that time for they considered it would be a fatal mistake to grant a subsidy for what would result in being merely a branch of the C.P.R.

"We felt," he said, "that we would not be giving the people what they wanted. We thought that no such subsidy should be given unless the railway should extend along the whole valley from Grand Falls to St. John and when built be taken over and operated by the Dominion government."

The minister said he wrote a letter to this effect to Mr. Flemming and he was glad to say that when the provincial government saw that they meant to stand firm they changed their position. As a result of this there was a draft contract entered into by which the Valley Railroad was to be built from Grand Falls to St. John. According to the agreement also the road as it was completed section by section was to be taken over by the Dominion government on a ninety-nine years lease. The road when built would either come right into Courtenay Bay and have its freight terminals there or

would join the I.C.R. at Rothesay and run into the city, over nine miles of I.C.R. roadbed.

RECIPROCITY.

"I now come to the question of reciprocity." (Applause.) Taking up this question the minister said that when the agreement was introduced in the House he was surprised to find opposition offered. When the matter was first taken up the only question was, could the Dominion government succeed in getting the United States market for our natural products. The Conservatives had tried before—the Liberals had tried before and they had both failed. The matter of opposition to the proposed agreement, if secured, was never dreamed of.

The minister next told how the government had received letters from people interested in different branches of Canadian industries urging them to secure the adoption of the agreement. He was pleased to state that so far as New Brunswick was concerned every request made to the government with the single exception of lime had been complied with.

He told how the lumbermen were anxious to have the duty on lumber removed. They complained that a duty of \$1.25 on sawn lumber and \$2 on plain lumber had been a great drawback to the industry. "We would like to get it off," the lumbermen cried. "We were successful," said the minister.
"Our fishermen said that great advantages would be derived in having the duty on fish removed. We had the duty removed. The farmers pressed strongly for the reduction of the duty upon farming implements. The government had it reduced. The shingle manufacturers complained that the duty of fifty cents on a thousand was not only burdensome but almost prohibitive. Mr. Scott, a prominent lumberman of York County, made this complaint to Mr. Crockett, the Conservative representative from York county."

The lumbermen of British Columbia, the minister said, made the same complaint notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Cowan of British Columbia, while in Sussex, had denied this. In substantiation of this the minister said that he had in his possession a letter from the Shingle Manufactur-

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MAY AMEND THE TREATY

U. S. Senate Finds Obstacle in Way of Ratifying Arbitration

Power Conferred on Joint Commission the Principal Stumbling Block--President's Attention to be Called

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, Aug. 10.—Friends of the British and French Arbitration treaties in the senate have reached the conclusion that it will be necessary to amend the conventions in order to get favorable action upon them. This conclusion is the result of the consideration of the documents by the senate committee on foreign relations which has taken them up in vigorous fashion.
After two prolonged sittings, the committee adjourned late yesterday to meet again Saturday.
No effort was made to have the treaties reported and it became extremely doubtful to some of the friends of the administration whether such a course would be wise at the present time, owing to objections to some features of the agreement as they now appear.
Special objections were made: at both sittings to the submitting of questions of difference to the joint high commission of enquiry but fault also was found with provisions in the French treaty authorizing ratification by that government in accordance with the procedure required by the laws of France and with the condition in the British treaty that matters affecting dependencies of Great Britain shall be submitted to the government's of such dependencies.
It was thought that the latter clause might lead to undesirable complications, while it was feared that the former might necessitate a change in the method of proceeding in this country.
Despite all these objections, it became evident however, that the power conferred upon the joint commission is the only real obstacle to early action. Several senators expressed unalterable opposition to this provision and more than one suggestion was made that the paragraph should be eliminated or at least materially modified. No motion was made to this effect but if there had been a vote it probably would have carried. The magnitude of the extent of this criticism will be brought to the president's attention and some senators will urge the cancellation of the provision.

TROOPS MAY BE CALLED UPON

London in the Vicinity of the Docks is Now Under Mob Rule

Strikers Threaten to Tie up Street Traffic--City is Perilously Close to Famine Conditions

(Canadian Press.)
London, Aug. 10.—The neighborhood of the docks was practically under mob rule today with the result that there was such a dwindling of food supplies that the metropolis experienced something akin to what might happen if a hostile foreign force should succeed in interrupting Great Britain trade routes. Unless great progress is made today in the negotiations looking to a settlement of the strike of dock workers, the troops will have to be called out, as the police are seriously outnumbered and unable to deal with the emergency.
The only quarter where relief was experienced was Billingsgate, where the striking fish porters obtained all they wished and returned to work. On the other hand, hundreds of railway car men quit this morning and several stations were practically in a state of siege, strike picket preventing by force all attempts to handle goods. It was in the interest of strikers to tie up all street traffic unless their demands were conceded in a few hours. Should they be successful London would be perilously near actual famine conditions. The stream of motor traction today was hardly half its usual proportion, so short was the supply of petrol that hundreds of motor busses and taxicabs were unable to turn a wheel. The only traffic passing without fear of interference was that of vans carrying hospital stores. These were labelled with big red cross signs with a permit from the strike committee explaining that they must not be interfered with. Until this system of identification was adopted this morning the hospitals felt a shortage of ice and other supplies. Thousands of tons of fruit, vegetables and provisions are rotting on the wharves and in the railway freight department. The central meat and provision market are short of supplies and prices have advanced alarmingly. Today the temper of the strikers appeared ugly and scenes of violence increased. Throughout the east end clashes were frequent wherever attempts were made to move wagons.

MIDSUMMER DECLINE IN THE PRICE OF STOCKS

New York, Aug. 10.—There was a further decline on the stock market today, all of the big issues dropping off from 1 to 3 points.

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

Amalgamated	64 1/2	62 1/2
Atchison	72 1/2	71 1/2
Smelters	76 1/2	76 1/2
Canadian Pacific	237	236
Great Northern Pfd	125 1/2	124 1/2
Reading	147 1/2	147 1/2
Southern Pacific	115	114 1/2
Union Pacific	178	176 1/2
U. S. Steel Com.	73 1/2	72 1/2
Virginia	55 1/2	54 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Montreal—5 @269, 48 @268 1/2.
Bank of Commerce—33 @209.
Detroit—25 @304, 25 @70, 20 @69 1/2, 550 @69 1/2.
Rio—150 @112 1/2, 195 @112 1/2 @112 1/2.
Soo—50 @135, 75 @134 1/2, 50 @134 1/2, 50 @132, 50 @133.
Crown Reserve—900 @320.
Coal pfd—5 @112 1/2.

Scotia—5 @127 1/2.
Twin City—10 @107.
Cement, com., 100 @21.
Bell Telephone, 5 @146.
Dominion Iron, 75 @51 1/2, 400 @51, 25 @50 1/2, 25 @51 1/2.
R. & O., 65 @119 1/2, 75 @120, 75 @119 1/2, 225 @119 1/2, 125 @119 1/2, 75 @118 1/2, 75 @118 1/2, 10 @118 1/2, 50 @118 1/2, 75 @118 1/2.
Power, 50 @162, 12 1/2 @161 1/2, 1 @162, 150 @160 1/2, 125 @160, 225 @160 1/2, 100 @160 1/2, 50 @159 1/2, 10 @160, 375 @159 1/2, 100 @159 1/2.
Shawinigan, 100 @113 1/2, 25 @116, N. S. Steel, 50 @95, 10 @96.
Woods, 100 @148, 75 @146 1/2, 25 @146 1/2.
Penman's—25 @56, 10 @56.
Quebec—50 @58, 100 @57 1/2.
Toronto—52 @159, 25 @158, 25 @157 1/2, 125 @157, 25 @157 1/2.
Cement pfd.—65 @80 1/2, 125 @80.
Ottawa Power—50 @142.
C. P. Rf—77 @236.
Montreal Street—25 @221, 25 @220 1/2, 25 @220 1/2, 150 @220, 75 @219 1/2.

THE POPE SHOWS LITTLE IMPROVEMENT

(Canadian Press.)
Rome, Aug. 10.—Dr. Petacci and Professor Marchia Fava visited Pope Pius early today and found his general condition improved. This was attributed to the removal of the patient from his small bed chamber to more spacious quarters which, according to the pontiff's own expression, affords him the feeling of being in the open air. The walls of the room are twenty feet high.
The Pope was somewhat worried today over the illness of his sister Rosa, who is suffering from the effects of the unusually hot weather. He asked Dr. Petacci to visit her. The other two sisters, Anna and Maria, and the Pope's niece, Gilda, are carrying for both patients and frequently went from one to the other throughout the day.
Cardinal Merry del Val, the papal secretary of state, went to his summer residence at Monte Marin late yesterday and returned today, not wishing to be long absent from the Vatican while the present condition of the Pope continues.

MARATHONS HERE.

The Marathon baseball team, which is playing at Scully's Grove this afternoon, arrived this morning, and is at the Queen Hotel. Bates is slated to pitch for Fredericton, and Sweet for the Marathons.

Mrs. A. G. Clarke and son and daughter, Henry and Lillian, are in the city, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clarke. Mr. Clarke will join them later in the week.

Mr. B. A. Clarke, of Toronto is at the Queen.

Mr. P. J. Cullen of Halifax is registered at the Queen.

REVOLUTION IS LIKELY IN SPAIN

(Canadian Press.)
Madrid, Aug. 10.—Reports that arms have been found on the seamen of the cruiser Cataluna and the gunboat Extremadura, lead to the belief that there is a widespread revolutionary plot against the government.
A note issued by the navy officials in reference to the mutiny on board the Numancia speaks of only one execution, which it says was carried out on the high seas.
Cadiz, Spain, Aug. 10.—In protest against the execution, the mutineers on board the battleship Numancia, the entire life of the city has been suspended. Stores and other business houses were closed yesterday, street car lines were stopped and streamers of mourning were draped on the balconies of houses. A procession of laborites marched to the palace of the governor and voiced their sentiments against the execution.

FREDERICTON LADIES SUFFERED DEFEAT

St. John, Aug. 10.—In the N. B. Tennis tournament here this morning Mrs. J. R. Thomson and Miss Thomson defeated Mrs. H. R. Babbitt and Miss Babbitt of Fredericton 6-4, 3-6, 6-1. This afternoon Mrs. Babbitt is playing against Miss Thomson.

Tour Yachts of the R. K. Y. Club, left for Digby this morning to witness the finish of the motor boat race which starts from here Saturday morning.