

FOREIGN TRADE CONVENTION AT WASHINGTON

Delegates From all Sections of the Country Assemble at Washington--Manufacturing, Commercial and Transportation Interests are Well Represented--President Farrell of the U. S. Steel Corporation Among the Speakers--Important Matters to be Discussed

Washington, D.C., May 27--Several hundred delegates filled the assembly room of the Hotel Raleigh when the national foreign trade convention was called to order at ten o'clock this morning by Lloyd C. Griscom of New York. The delegates came from all sections of the country and represented a wide variety of manufacturing, commercial, transportation and exporting interests.

The purpose of the convention, which will continue in session two days, is to give expression to the views of men representing the productive activities of the country in regard to the more effective promotion of American commerce in the markets of the world.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield delivered the opening address at the session of the convention this morning. Another notable speaker was President James A. Farrell of the United States Steel Corporation. Secretary Redfield explained to the convention his plans to reorganize the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, so that the bureau may become the basis for productive effort in developing American industries in every field which is open to them and abroad.

One feature of the proposed reorganization is the provision for commercial attaches at each of fourteen designated foreign capitals and whose business it will be to study commerce and industries of the countries in which they live. The carrying out of these plans, it

C.P.R. STRONG FEATURE

Had an Over Night Gain of Three Points in New York

Market Had a Decided Healthier Tone Today--Dominion Iron Still Very Weak

New York, May 28--Although prices were much higher at the opening the volume of business was small.

The demand for stocks not being greatly stimulated by the favorable news regarding the Mexican situation, or the better tendency which developed in London. The market showed considerable strength during the first hour and sentiment was better although so far there was no manifestation of any activity.

C.P.R. was strong feature, responding to the reports that the liquidation of an embarrassed London account taken over some time ago had been completed.

THE MONTREAL MARKET

Montreal, May 27--The market showed a little more activity this morning and better prices all around in sympathy with the better New York market.

Brazilian was a very strong feature, showing a full point gain over last night's close. Opening at 78 and quickly selling at 78½ and holding well around 78½. This strength is in sympathy with C. P. R. which was strong this morning around 193½, over a three point gain.

Dom. Iron was an exception to the better market, opening and holding around 22½ with the preferred selling at 70. Laurentide was strong opening up two points from last night and quickly adding another point to that, being well taken around 180. Power was very strong opening at 22½ and quickly selling up to 22½ R. & O. was about unchanged from yesterday, selling at 96½. Shaw's was also unchanged at 132. Market looks to us like a purchase at this level and better tone of news.

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	Open	Noon
Copper	78½	78½
Smelters	63½	63½
C.P.R.	196½	196½
Lehigh	140½	140½
Northern Pacific	110½	110½
Pennsylvania	112½	112½
Reading	166½	166½
Soo	125	125
Union Pacific	158½	158½
U.S. Steel	63½	63½

POLICE COMMISSION TO CONTINUE INVESTIGATION

Police Magistrate Made Statement In Court This Morning

The Police Commission will meet tomorrow afternoon to continue the investigation of the matter in dispute between the Chief of Police and the Police Magistrate with regard to two five dollar fines which the chief says were imposed and paid and the magistrate says were not imposed.

In the police court this morning the magistrate made a statement with regard to the matter. He characterized the charge that he had not made proper returns to the city for two five dollar fines as absolutely false and said he was prepared to prove them false. He repeated his former statement that the fines had not been imposed and said that P. A. Guthrie who had been cited by the Chief of Police to prove his statement had authorized him to state that he (Guthrie) was not in court when the matter came up. The Police Commission had constituted itself a court to inquire into the matter although having no right to do so and had witnesses examined without putting them on oath. That feature of the affair was laughable to him.

NO OUTBREAK YET IN IRELAND

Belfast is as Quiet as as a Well Ordered Sewing Meeting

John E. Redmond the Nationalist Leader is Being Overwhelmed With Congratulations

London, May 26--The passage of the home rule bill has not yet led to the breaking of a single head in Ireland. The predictions made so freely by certain Unionists that its final adoption by the house of commons would be followed by fierce outbreaks in Ulster and sanguinary conflicts between the Orangemen and the Nationalists have proved to be untrue up to the present.

"Belfast is as quiet as a well-ordered sewing meeting," is the admission of one of the Unionist newspapers.

The authorities, civil and military, are said to be keeping a careful watch and trains are held at stations with steam up in readiness to rush troops or armed police to wherever they might be needed to suppress riots which nearly everybody thought were bound to occur, but so far the only conflicts have been verbal ones.

Meanwhile many Unionists declare that it is only the calm which predicts a fierce storm and that, failing the defeat of the government at a general election, civil war looms ahead, not as a contingency but a certainty.

A curious feature of the situation is that the Unionist leaders are now settling up the claim that the Ulster volunteers are preserving peace in Ulster.

John E. Redmond, the Nationalist leader, is being inundated with telegrams of congratulation from the United States and all parts of the world on the passage of the bill.

"SECOND BIRTH" OF IRELAND.

London, May 27--Freeman's Journal, John Redmond's organ, in an editorial headed "Ireland's Day," says that the feelings that will be stirred throughout the Irish world by this great event will not be sentiments of a vulgar triumph in a petty political conflict, but the generous sentiments of an ancient nation to which has come a second spring and the second birth of a liberation won by moral force.

"The Ulster leader has challenged us. The Irish must begin today by showing that the cause whose victory they celebrate is no party cause. That it is Ireland, all Ireland, that has come into her own. That the day won will yet be blessed by Orange as well as by the Green."

While further expressing the belief that statesmanship of the Irish leaders will achieve the best possible reconciliation, The Freeman's Journal adds significantly that should they fail to convince Ulster of the hollowness of her fears or find a formula that will preserve her self-respect and save her wounded pride, the work already accomplished cannot be undone.

Everybody is pleased at the quiet way in which the third reading of the fateful bill was taken in the north of Ireland. Quiet marked the attitude of both parties. The Nationalists seemed to receive the news with a subdued spirit while the Ulster Unionists did not appear to realize that the dreaded legislation had, to all intents and purposes, been accomplished. In parliamentary quarters and about the London clubs one gathers that those who prophesied the worst things still look hopefully for some way out. The hope is expressed that a fortnight's recess away from party strife will result in a more conciliatory spirit on each side.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE.

The residents of Cork, with commendable enterprise, have lately completed a telephone line for their own use. Sufficient money was subscribed to purchase the material and the people turned out and erected the line. A number of telephones have been installed and more will be put in in the near future. The line is connected with the local line at Harvey and also with the New Brunswick telephone system.

WOULD SAFEGUARD PUBLIC INTERESTS

Hon. Dr. Pugsley Gives Notice of Important Amendment to the Canadian Northern Bill--Would Provide for a Straight Relationship of Creditor and Debtor and Squeeze the Water Out of the Stock--Will Bar Hindus From British Columbia

Ottawa, May 26--Some of the Liberal criticisms of the government's jug-handled deal with Mackenzie & Mann took concrete form tonight in an amendment of which Hon. Dr. Pugsley gave notice. This amendment will be moved in the concurrent stage of the resolution which has now been under discussion in the house for two weeks.

Instead of a junior partnership with Mackenzie & Mann, the Liberal amendment proposed by Dr. Pugsley provides for a straight relationship of creditor and debtor with the country in the capacity of debtor holding all the stock in trust for the next five years and able to purchase at any time in case of default.

Instead of allowing a capital stock of \$100,000,000 which represents not a single dollar of actual investment, the amendment proposes to squeeze out several millions of water and thus relieve the people for all time to come of the necessity of paying high freight rates in order to allow dividends on this watered stock. At six per cent. this means an annual saving of \$4,200,000 per year to the general public.

By the amendment of Dr. Pugsley, it is proposed that instead of the government taking an additional \$33,000,000 of stock in the company, the whole \$100,000,000 of stock be reduced to \$300,000,000, that this be placed in the hands of the receiver general to be held by him for a period of five years, that the government shall have the option at a time during that period of taking over the stock and the system, with its subsidiary companies at a price to be fixed by arbitration, but not to exceed the par value of the stock, and that in case there is no default the stock shall be transferred back at the end of the five years to Mackenzie & Mann.

FIVE YEARS' TEST SUFFICIENT.

Five years, Dr. Pugsley explained, was sufficient time to test the enterprise. If there was no default then at the end of that time Mackenzie & Mann would have the road and the stock.

Throughout several hours of discussion of somewhat technical points the Liberals today continued to press for some satisfactory government declaration as to the personal liability of Mackenzie & Mann.

"These men should become personally liable for every cent of the \$45,000,000," Mr. Carvell asserted. "Why shouldn't they? We are putting up the money to protect their property."

Eventually Premier Borden made the definite statement that under certain sections of the agreement the government had power to compel Mackenzie & Mann to become personally responsible and added:

"We shall certainly do so unless they offer as good or better security."

TAKE UP DUGAL CHARGES ON THURSDAY, JUNE 4

St. John, May 27--The first session of the Royal Commission to investigate the Dugal charges will be held in the circuit court room of the St. John court house on Thursday June 4, at 2.30 o'clock, p.m. This announcement was made today by Mr. Justice McKeown, chairman of the commission. The first meeting will be devoted to organization and all those who have business with the commission in connection with the matters to be investigated will be expected to be present at this session.

Judge McKeown has received word from Judge Wells, who has been residing in Ottawa lately that he has accepted the appointment and will be in St. John in a few days to confer with the other commissioners regarding the preliminary arrangements.

WILL BAR HINDUS.

Before getting back to the Canadian Northern debate, the few members who were in the commons this morning, after the holiday, briefly discussed the Hindu immigration question, which has now reached a critical stage in British Columbia.

Hon. Frank Oliver asked for information as to whether the government would invoke the clauses of the new regulations setting aside the authority of the courts to prevent the actual landing of the Hindus now in port at Victoria.

Hon. Dr. Roche replied that the government certainly intended to enforce the provisions of the new regulations and the Hindus would be kept out, unless they could show that they were neither artisans or laborers, or otherwise came within the exemption clause.

F. B. McCurdy of Queens-Shelburne asked the postmaster general if any steps would be taken to censor mail matter dealing with the selling of oil stocks in connection with the present Alberta boom.

Mr. Pelletier said he would look into the matter.

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GREAT DECLINE IN IMMIGRATION

Ottawa, May 26--The flow of immigration, from which Canada derived such great prosperity during the fifteen years of the late government, is rapidly drying up. April has always been a great month for immigration, as people who are making new homes, when possible, start in the spring for new lands.

During last April the volume of immigration fell off fifty-two per cent. Never has there been such a tremendous decline. During the month 37,853 fewer strangers and home-makers entered our gates than during the same month the year before. The arrivals last April numbered 35,432, while during April the year before 73,285 people came in.

There is a change in the character of the immigration. Immigrants speaking foreign languages now outnumber those from Great Britain. During April last British immigrants numbered 10,032, while those from European countries totalled 13,652. The arrival of 11,748 Americans during the month preserved the majority for the English tongue.

It is calculated that the decline in immigration will considerably accentuate hard times. It is recognized that immigration brought Canada prosperity and that prosperity will depart with the decline of immigration.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTES IN ANNUAL CONVENTION

The Second Annual Convention of New Brunswick Women's Institutes opened last night in the Assembly Hall of the Provincial Normal School with a large attendance of delegates. The remaining sessions are to be held in the Y.M.C.A. Hall.

THIS MORNING'S SESSION.

This morning Mrs. A. E. Kilburn, president of the Fredericton Institute, presided. Reports from the various institutes were very encouraging. The reports were read by the following:--Port Elgin, Mrs. Charles Mitton; Markhamville, Mrs. Proctor; Oak Bay, Mrs. Ptacek; Upper Sackville, Mrs. A. R. Fawcett; Bayfield, Mrs. Percy Allen; Ford's Mills and Beersville, Miss Beers; Hoyt Station Mrs. W. D. Smith; Buctouche, Mrs. O. J. LeBlanc; Blackville, Mrs. Justus Underhill.

A paper upon "The duties and Opportunities of Our Officers and Members" was read by Mrs. H. M. Steeves.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT.

The supervisor, Miss Hazel E. Winter of this city, was then presented. The report referred to the fact that in the time elapsed since the last meeting, one year and three months, the membership in the institutes had doubled and interest increased greatly. The course in Household Science held at Sussex had attracted a total membership of 236. The librarians had also proven a good feature and should be extended.

Mrs. S. B. Wass of Fredericton, followed with a paper on "A Delegate's Duty."

NOVA SCOTIA REPRESENTED.

The total registration of delegates this morning was seventy-three, but others are still to register. Among those in attendance are three from

Nova Scotia. They are Miss Jennie Fraser of New Glasgow, superintendent of the Nova Scotia Women's Institutes; Miss Graham and Miss Florence Brown.

OPENING SESSION.

At the opening session last night Secretary J. B. Daggett of the department of agriculture presided and after devotional exercises had been conducted by Rev. Neil McLaughlan an address of welcome was delivered by Mr. Daggett who expressed the regret which Hon. James A. Murray minister for agriculture felt at his inability to be present.

Hon. Mr. Murray will return to Fredericton on Wednesday evening and will speak before the convention on Thursday.

Mr. Daggett is his remarks referred to the success which had attended the formation of women's institutes in New Brunswick and the important work which their functions would call upon organizations to perform, declaring that in agricultural developments of the country no organization could do more effect work than women's institutes which he felt were already accomplishing a great deal.

Miss Bessie Fraser of Grand Falls on behalf of the delegates expressed the thanks of various institutes throughout the province for assistance and encouragement which the department of agriculture had given in work, personally thanking Secretary Daggett as well as the supervisor, Miss Hazel Winter, who has proven both a competent and energetic executive head.

Before the evening session closed R. P. Steeves director of elementary agricultural education discussed "How Women's Institutes Can Aid Our Public Schools System."

J. F. Willis of St. John, is at the Queen.

Dr. S. A. Ellis of Boston, is registered at the Queen.