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FAVORS COMMISSION TO LOOK AFTER TREES

Interesting Discussion at the Board of Trade Meeting Last Evening—Shade Trees a Valuable Asset to the City—Some Good Suggestions From Prof. Miller of the U. N. B.—Corporations Have no Right to Mutilate Trees

The Board of Trade last night passed a resolution in favor of the care of the trees of the city being placed under a competent commission. A copy of this resolution is to be forwarded to the mayor and city council.

The resolution was passed after the meeting had listened with pleasure to the paper of Prof. R. B. Miller of the Forestry Department of the U.N.B., on the subject, "Shade trees and their relation to town-planning." The subject is one of great interest to citizens of Fredericton and was followed by discussion, in which several took part. Robt. FitzRandolph was in the chair.

PROF. MILLER'S ADDRESS.

Prof. Miller, in his address, spoke of the care which was being taken of trees in many of the larger cities, referring particularly to Paris, which city devotes a sum of about 180,000 annually, exclusively for the purpose of caring for the trees.

As to what might be done in Fredericton, Prof. Miller stated that some might say that it would be impossible to improve conditions to any great extent. There were three things that could be done in the city. The first was more careful pruning of the trees performed by men well informed in the work; second, better tree guards—good tree guards which would not only protect the tree but would also straighten it up, could be procured for a small sum; third, the proper planting of trees along new streets—good trees should be selected and planted.

Prof. Miller stated that should the city plant any trees on new streets he would be only too willing to superintend the planting. He stated the planting should not be confined to the elm, as there were many other beautiful varieties which could be used.

DISCUSSION.

Several took part in the discussion

CANCELLED THE CONTRACT

Postmaster General Will Not Buy Padlocks From Ontario Co.

Liberal Criticism of Notorious Deal Last Session Has Had Beneficial Results

Ottawa, May 11.—Although the postmaster general, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, claimed last session that he had entered into a splendid contract with the Ontario Equipment Company, for the supply of 350,000 mail-bag locks and keys at \$1 a piece for each outfit it now transpires that he has been obliged to cancel the contract. In a letter written to the company on November 18th last, Mr. Pelletier says:

"Your company has not lived up to its contract in any way, shape or form. The contract has been cancelled on the advice of my officers and it will stay cancelled."

This is apparently very firm and harsh dealing with the company. But it has been followed by a new agreement, cutting down the price by seven cents and omitting the quantity which the department had agreed to take.

It will be remembered that Mr. Pelletier came in for strong criticism last session for entering into a contract without calling for tenders to accept enough locks to last for a generation. A new arrangement has now been made by which the company agreed to substitute a new lock at seventy-five cents apiece, instead of eighty cents as under the original contract, with keys at eighteen cents apiece instead of twenty cents apiece.

Correspondence tabled in the house today dealing with the matter showed that a consignment of ten thousand locks was sent to the government last year by the company and were found unsatisfactory. The company was notified that they would have to be taken back and that the contract would be cancelled. The reply from the company was that the locks submitted were in every way the same as the sample on which the contract was based.

It will be remembered that Mr. Pelletier put up a strong defence for the lock for which he contracted. The result is sufficient commentary upon this defence and on the justification for the Liberal criticism of last session.

The exposure of the transaction made last session by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux in the Commons, has evidently had its effect.

Southampton Railway Enquiry Fixed For July 7th

Mr. R. A. Pringle K. C., of Ottawa, Who Will Conduct the Investigation Held First Session of His Court This Morning—Explains That Enquiry is the Outcome of Statements Made in Parliament by Messrs Carvell and McLeod—Has Read Evidence in Stewart Case

R. A. Pringle, of Ottawa, commissioner appointed by the Dominion Government to conduct the investigation into the cost of the Southampton Railway held the first session of his court this morning. After some formalities and a review of the circumstances Mr. Pringle adjourned the hearing until Tuesday July 6.

James K. Pinder, M. P. P. contractor, on the railway and Dr. H. H. McNally, president of the company were present this morning with C. D. Richards K.C., as counsel. T. J. Carter, M.P.P., of Andover appeared as counsel for the Federal Government. There were a few spectators present. S. Dow Simmons was official reporter.

REVIEWED CIRCUMSTANCES

Mr. Pringle opened the proceedings with a review of the circumstances which led up to the appointment of the commission. He said that upon March 9 the attention of the Federal Government was called to the construction of this railway, by a speech made by F. B. Carvell, M.P., for Carleton who in the course of his remarks said: "A great wrong has been done" in the matter of waste of public money. This speech had been followed by one by H. F. McLeod, M.P., for York, who said: among other things: "I am in a position to know that these items are padded" as a result of which the charges made by Mr. Carvell and supported to some extent by Mr. McLeod the government had ordered an investigation.

"I find by record" said Mr. Pringle "that E. B. Johnson, departmental engineer reported to the government that the railway had cost \$291,517 or \$22,954 per mile on a mileage of 12.7 and \$81,280 had been received by the company."

"I have had an opportunity of going over the evidence in the suit of Stewart vs The Southampton Railway. I find there are great discrepancies between the values certified by Mr. Johnson and those given by various witnesses. Mr. Pringle proceeded to quote

from the evidence of Robert McDonald, Henry Maxwell, D. V. Brown, James K. Pinder and to mention several items to show the discrepancies.

"I am mentioning these for a reason" he said. "My endeavor will be to get at the cost of the railway and the amount required to complete it. There are thirty-four items in the report of Engineer Johnson and it will be necessary that there be evidence on all of these, for me to form an opinion."

BOOKS AND VOUCHERS WANTED

In response to Mr. Pringle's request for books and vouchers, Mr. Richards said that a considerable time would be required to produce them as one engineer who had been engaged on the work had gone away and could not be communicated with. Another who had been engaged on the preliminary survey was also away. He thought that if sufficient time were allowed he could produce them and where possible would forward copies to Mr. Carter.

MR. RICHARDS PROTESTS.

Continuing, Mr. Pringle said: "This is an awkward situation. The department always had confidence in Mr. Johnson, who was an old and tried employee. It was a shock when it was found the cost of the line was less than \$15,000 per mile."

"That was the evidence as presented by Mr. Carvell," protested Mr. Richards.

Mr. Pringle—"That is the record in the suit of Stewart vs The Southampton Railway."

Mr. Richards—"Only one side was brought out in that suit." Mr. Pringle—"Of course that is true. I am not stating any opinion but I am taking things as I find them. It will be necessary for us to fix a date for further hearing and a date is necessary which will permit of several days' sessions."

July 7 was then mutually agreed upon.

STOCK MARKET SHOWING UP BETTER TODAY

New York, May 12.—There was a moderate amount of activity at the opening of the market and prices were higher all around notwithstanding that an unfavorable view of the situation was taken in nearly all quarters. It was contended that general market was liquidated and that stocks would respond to favorable developments.

Union Pac. was again a strong feature at the opening, showing a gain overnight of nearly half a point while C.P.R. opened up $\frac{3}{4}$ of a point on better cable advices from London. At the directors' meeting yesterday the regular quarterly dividend of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent was declared payable June 30th.

MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, Q., May 12.—The market was very dull this morning with price changes small and a little lower. C.P.R. was the exception, opening at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$, showing an overnight gain of over half a point, and better cables from London seemed to be the cause. Brazilian was another strong feature, being well taken at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$. Cement was steady at 28 $\frac{1}{2}$. Iron was the weak feature of the session, opening at 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ and selling down with apparent ease to 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ in large blocks. SLUG ONE.

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper	72 $\frac{1}{2}$	72 $\frac{1}{2}$
C. P. R.	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Great Northern ..	123 $\frac{1}{2}$	123 $\frac{1}{2}$
Penna	110 $\frac{1}{2}$	110 $\frac{1}{2}$
Northern Pacific ..	110	110
Lehigh	139 $\frac{1}{2}$	139 $\frac{1}{2}$
Union Pacific	156	156 $\frac{1}{2}$
U. S. Steel	59 $\frac{1}{2}$	59 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sales to 11 o'clock, 46,000, shares.		

HANDSOME DONATION BY DONALD FRASER & SONS

One Thousand Dollars Given by Members of Local Lumber Firm

The local committee in charge of the fund for a new laboratory building at the University of New Brunswick yesterday were assured of a handsome donation from Donald Fraser & Sons, Donald Fraser Jr. and Archibald Fraser of the well known lumber firm of Fraser Limited. These three gentlemen have pledged one thousand dollars, an amount which is very gratifying to the members of the committee and heads the list of amounts subscribed in Fredericton.

The committee intends to secure \$20,000. The balance of the \$28,000 which will be the cost of the building is to come from the Fisher Bequest. The senate of the university will hold its regular meeting Thursday morning, at which the matter of building the new laboratory will be discussed.

TO DISCUSS LIQUOR LEGISLATION

Washington, D. C., May 12.—At joint annual convention of the National Wholesale Liquor Dealers' Association and the National Distillers' Association met at the New Willard Hotel today for a three days' session. National and state legislation affecting the liquor traffic is to be the principal subject of discussion.

GLETRIC ELEVATOR

Colwell and Jennings, the house furnishers have installed in their place of business an electric elevator the first of its kind in Fredericton. It can be used for both passenger and goods. This enterprising firm are bound to keep abreast of the times.

GOVERNOR GENERAL VISITS HAMILTON

Hamilton, Ont., May 12.—The governor general, accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and the members of his staff, paid a visit to Hamilton today and was accorded a patriotic welcome, in which practically the whole city and surrounding country participated. Following the public reception the Duke attended the formal commencement of work on the construction of the new Royal Connaught hotel. The entire city was resplendent in its decorations for the visit of the viceregal party.

PROMINENT BANKERS ON PROGRAM

Decatur, Ill., May 12.—Several hundred well known bankers and financiers were in attendance here today when the twenty-second annual convention of the Alabama Bankers' Association was called to order by President Michael Coffey of Montgomery. The exchange of greetings and the reports of officers and committees occupied the opening session. At the subsequent sessions, which will continue over tomorrow and Thursday, the association will listen to addresses by prominent bankers of New York, New Orleans and several other cities.

T. Kilburn of Ottawa are registered at the Barker House. A. T. LeBlanc of Moncton is at Queen.

FOR HYGIENE AND PUBLIC BATHS

Newark, N. J., May 12.—Municipal officials and other delegates representing a number of the leading cities of the United States and Canada, came to Newark today to attend the convention of the American Association for Promoting Hygiene and Public Baths. An attractive program of papers and addresses has been prepared for the meeting, which will continue in session three days.

CLUB WOMEN MEET IN SPARTANBURG

Spartanburg, S. C., May 12.—Spartanburg capitulated today to an invading army of club women who arrived in legions to attend the annual convention of their state federation. Today was devoted to the reception of the visitors and meetings of committees. Beginning with a welcome demonstration tonight the sessions will be continued until Friday noon. The convention has as its guest of honor Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

PERSONAL

F. A. Hollingsworth at Stratford, Ont., is at the Barker House. J. A. Gird of Quebec is in the City. T. V. Holdaway and C. W. Starkey of Houlton registered at the Barker House last night. A. London of Ottawa is in the City.

SILVER SERVICE PRESENTED TO MRS. NEIL McLAUCHLAN

Ladies of Methodist Church Accompanied Gift With Poem By Miss Charlotte Perley

Last night over a hundred of the ladies of the Methodist Church met at the parsonage and surprised Mrs. McLauchlan by presenting her with an illuminated address in the form of a poem composed by Miss Charlotte Perley. They also presented her with a very handsome and costly silver tea service of seven pieces with her name engraved on each piece. Mrs. Wm. McLauchlan very feelingly and appropriately replied to the address and presentation. The evening was pleasantly spent in partaking of refreshments and enjoying a short musical program. Solos were sung by Misses Josephine Virdenburgh, Violet Dennison and Lucy Inch.

Rev. Mr. McLauchlan and his family will remove from Fredericton at the last of June. He will proceed to Bermuda to take up his duties as Methodist pastor there. Mrs. McLauchlan and her children will go to Epworth Park, a summer resort on the lower river and will remain there till autumn when they will join Rev. Mr. McLauchlan.

A. G. Gould of Presque Isle is in the City. Judge Landry is in the City. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pringle and D. E. J. Avery of Monreal is registered at the Queen.

MERCHANT ACCUSED OF WHITE SLAVERY

Des Moines, Ia., May 12.—The federal grand jury, which convened here today, is expected to take up the case of G. H. York, a prominent merchant of the town of Colfax, who was arrested last January on a charge of violating the Mann white slave act. It is alleged by the authorities that York transported Mrs. O. E. Jackson, a dressmaker, from Kansas City to Des Moines for immoral purposes.

KANSAS DRUGGISTS IN SESSION

Hutchinson, Kas., May 12.—Several hundred druggists were present here today at the opening of the annual convention of the Kansas Pharmaceutical Association. President C. C. Reed of Salina, presided at the opening session this morning and Mayor Fred W. Cook greeted the visitors. An address by Thomas H. Potts of New York, secretary of the National Association of Retail Druggists, was the feature of the afternoon session.

EXAMS FINISHED

The final examinations at the U.N.B. were finished this afternoon and a meeting of the faculty will be held this evening to arrange the order of graduation and compete a list of the winners of prizes and class distinctions. The Lieutenant Governor will preside at the ceremonial exercises on Thursday afternoon.

WRITER OF LETTER MAKES APOLOGY

Halifax, N. S. May 11.—J. McL. Fraser, assistant agent of the marine and fisheries department appeared before the special committee of the legislature tonight and admitted that he wrote the famous "Ian McLean" letter that appeared in the Evening Mail, attacking the Nova Scotia legislature. In addition he stated that when the committee opened the investigation he went twice to W. R. McCurdy, news editor of the Herald and said he intended to acknowledge that he was the writer but McCurdy told him to keep "mum". Mr. Fraser humbly apologized for any insult to the legislature, which he said was not intended.

DIPLOMAS FOR WAR TIME STUDENTS

Tuscaloosa, Ala., May 12.—In connection with the annual commencement at the University of Alabama tomorrow honorary diplomas will be given to a number of war time students who left the university to fight for the confederacy and were thereby prevented from completing their course. At the same time there will be unveiled a boulder monument set up by the Daughters of the Confederacy in memory of the university students in the war.

Mr. and Mrs. E. London and daughter of Canterbury registered at the Queen last night.