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## DAMAGE AT ZEEBRUGGE FROM BRITISH SHELLS WAS SERIOUS; CZAR'S TROOPS ARE BEING STEADILY FORCED BACK

### PREMIER CLARKE'S VIEWS ON ROAD WORK

Tells the Municipalities Convention That People Must Pull Together if the Highways Are to be Improved---Commissioner Potts the New President of the Union---Many Interesting Papers Read at the Closing Session.

The Union of New Brunswick Municipalities completed its tenth annual convention yesterday afternoon and last night they wound up the proceedings by being the guests of the City of Fredericton and County of York at a sail on the river. Yesterday afternoon Premier Clarke addressed the convention dwelling particularly on the operation of the Highway Act. Secretary Treasurer F. St. John Bliss of York County gave a brief sketch of the organization of New Brunswick by Governor Carleton and the subsequent development of municipal government.

During the afternoon several papers were heard. A. M. Belding of St. John read one upon the Municipality and Welfare Work. This was referred to a special committee which brought in a resolution that the provincial government be urged upon to appoint a superintendent of dependent and neglected children for the province and also in favor of the establishment of an industrial farm for juvenile delinquents.

J. B. Daggett, secretary for agriculture for New Brunswick, gave an address on the agricultural possibilities in the province.

G. G. Murdoch, of St. John read a paper on Sanitation Drainage, and Dr. B. M. Mullin of St. Mary's one upon Medical Inspection in Schools. Dr. George G. Melvin of St. John, read a paper on Water Supply and Its Relation to Public Health which was of such excellence that it was referred to the executive for special consideration.

#### PREMIER CLARKE'S ADDRESS

Hon. George Clarke, premier of the province in his address touched particularly upon the Highway Act. He said that cooperation of the people is necessary. The enforcement of any law rests with the people. You may have all the wisdom of experience and of legislation but unless the people are behind we can't get good roads. This cooperation may not be so necessary in regard to state roads but we in New Brunswick have been unable to do anything in the way of a state road owing to our limited revenue. So long as the present road system is in vogue we cannot have good roads unless people back it up and back it up strongly. The Province of New Brunswick devotes enough money annually, if properly expended to give good roads. The constant waste, I don't say wilfully is one reason why we don't have better roads. I am satisfied in my own mind that the roads in the province are as a whole in better condition this year despite unfavorable weather conditions than they have been for years. There is no doubt that the history of road-making in New Brunswick during the past series of years has resulted in an improvement in the roads of the province. But again I want to point out clearly that we can't have on half of a community working with any government or municipality and the other half working against them if we are to obtain the best results.

Speaking of conditions in Charlotte County the premier said, "Some people will leave a large hole in the road in front of their residences for months and suffer all discomforts in order to talk of bad roads. If we could get together and work in harmony the amount spent from year to year will result in good roads and we will hear no more complaints that are so often published in the newspapers without foundation."

"Take the Canada Temperance Act for instance. There is no reason why it cannot be enforced to the letter. You know this act is not enforced in many places simply because it is not backed up by public sentiment. This is not the fault of the law. In New Brunswick we have as good a temperance law as any province of Canada but no matter how good a law may be placed on the statute-book if it is not backed up by public sentiment it will be a failure."

I believe we have too much politics in the province both in provincial and municipal affairs and until we do away with politics in the things that effect public welfare we will not get good results. I therefore appeal to the people of New Brunswick to unite in a movement to enforce legislation for the benefit of their respective communities and see that the laws passed are enforced. When that is done the great difficulties confronting the province will disappear.

Premier Clarke referred to the construction of the St. John & Quebec Railway. He claimed that there should be no politics in this matter and stated that the way in which to solve problems is to unite and support any administration that is endeavoring to carry on the public business in a way to benefit the people.

#### OFFICER'S ELECTED

Commissioner F. L. Potts of St. John, is the new president. Warden A. W. Ridgwell, of Victoria County, was selected by the nominating committee but withdrew in favor of Commissioner Potts. The other officers are: Vice-president, Ald. F. C. Robinson, Moncton; honorary secretary-treasurer, City clerk J. W. McCready, Fredericton; executive committee, Commissioner F. L. Potts, St. John; Mayor G. G. Stothart, Newcastle; Mayor Moses Mitchell, Fredericton; Mayor F. Parker Grimmer, St. Stephen; county secretary-treasurer, Chas. L. Peck, Albert county; Ald. C. A. Alexander, Campbellton; Warden Harry Smith, Fredericton; county secretary J. King Kelley, St. John; Mayor F. W. Wallace, Sussex; Coun. C. C. Campbell, Sackville; Coun. H. D. Patterson, Lincoln, Sunbury county.

The closing hours of the convention were so crowded that consideration could not be given all items. In view of this it was decided, on the motion of Warden Smith of York to limit the number of papers to be read at future conventions of the union.

On invitation of Mayor Grimmer, of St. Stephen, that town was selected as the next place of meeting.

#### REPORT ON PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The report of the special committee on the report of the president was adopted as follows:

That they recommend the appointment of a provincial engineer on highways; the application of the patrol system as far as possible and the removal of the Highways act from politics; the appointment of a permanent secretary and that the selection and remuneration to be left with the executive.

They congratulate the city and county of St. John on the setting into operation of the Children's Protection Act and trust that the cities

### PIRATICAL HUNS TO BE CALLED OFF

Washington, Aug. 26--Two important developments today in the relations between the United States and Germany further reduced the tensivity of the situation, and were taken to foreshadow a declaration from Berlin on the subject of submarine warfare which would eliminate that source of discord between the two countries.

Count Von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, called upon Secretary Lansing and informed him that the statement presented Tuesday, by direction of the Berlin foreign office, saying there was no intent to cause loss of American lives when the White Star liner Arabic was destroyed, was intended to imply that German submarine commanders had been ordered to attack no more merchantmen without warning.

Ambassador Gerard, reporting from Berlin the substance of a conference with Foreign Minister Von Jagow, confirmed the Associated Press despatches of earlier in the day that Germany, even before the sinking of the Arabic, had adopted a policy designed to settle completely the whole submarine problem. The state department did not make public Ambassador Gerard's despatch, but the optimism immediately reflected at the state department and the White House was taken as convicting proof that the situation, once threatening a break in the friendly relations between the two countries, was on the way to a settlement.

One fact was outstanding in the whole situation. It was that a further communication is coming from Germany outlining a policy, which it is said, is expected to be satisfactory to the United States. It is understood that Germany will announce a suspension of her submarine warfare on passenger-carrying ships, and that submarine commanders will be instructed not to sink any merchant ship without warning, pending a diplomatic discussion or appeal for a modus vivendi for relations of the British blockade against neutral commerce.

### NORTH SHORE TRIBUTE TO MARTIN BUTLER

(Chatham World.)

A Fredericton report mentions the death of Martin Butler at the Victoria Hospital after a long illness. Martin was a poet, without the necessary culture; a philanthropist, without money to bestow; a political and social reformer who raged against his environment and was helpless to effect any change. His really interesting contributions to his paper, Butler's Journal, were his personal and family revelations, in which he spoke of 'our wife taking in washing,' and told of snubs and welcomes received in his peddling trips through the country. Poor Martin! His age is given as fifty-seven in the announcement of his death, but he looked many years older--worn out, feeble, despondent. Vex not his ghost: O let him pass! he hates him who would upon the rack of this rough world stretch him out longer.

of the province will make full use of this splendid piece of legislation.

The committee also recommended the appointment of a permanent committee to consider the establishment of a pension fund for civic employees.

#### RESOLUTIONS GO OVER

Important resolutions from the municipal councils of York and Victoria were not considered on account of lack of time and go over until the next session.

London, Aug. 27--The Austro-German invaders have not only pressed their opponents into Russia beyond the political borders of ancient Poland, but have penetrated well beyond the district of Russia proper inhabited by Poles. This enormous advance with the evacuation of Brest-Litovsk has reached a stage in which troops of Emperor Nicholas are fighting for their existence on the soil of White Russia which for the first time during the war is feeling the effects of the invasion.

### DAMAGE WAS SERIOUS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Aug. 27--Although admiralty thus far has not issued a report of the recent bombardment of Zeebrugge on the Belgian coast, additional details of the damage inflicted continue to reach London. The latest despatch states that the harbor defences were damaged seriously and several submarines were destroyed.

### MORE MINES ON STRIKE

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

Newport, Eng. Aug. 27--Twenty thousand miners struck in Monmouthshire today. It is reported that the government will nationalize the coal mines if a satisfactory agreement cannot be reached.

### HUNS MOVING TROOPS

(SPECIAL CABLE TO THE MAIL.)

London, Aug. 27--The Transference of considerable bodies of German troops from the eastern to the western front is reported in press despatches today.

### A RAID ON ENGLAND

Amsterdam, Aug. 27--According to the Helvoik, a Zeppelin passed this morning over the Dutch island of Vlieland, flying from the east to the northwest in the direction of the English coast. This is the second time in two days that a Zeppelin has been seen over this island travelling toward England.

London, Aug. 27--Recent operations on the Gallipoli peninsula have enabled the British troops to extend materially the area in their possession, and to connect their lines along a front of more than twelve miles, according to an official statement issued here tonight. The statement indicates also that additional troops have been landed on the peninsula, although no details are given on this point.