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PRESSING CLAIMS.

St. John Delegates Urge on Federal Government Its Duty Towards Winter Port.

Premier Promised Careful and Earnest Attention.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(Special)—The St. John delegation waited on Hon. Sydney Fisher, acting minister of public works at 10 o'clock this morning in his office in the Public Works department.

Mr. Emmerson introduced the delegation to the minister.

Mayor Sears was first heard on behalf of the city council. He spoke of what St. John had already accomplished in building up its port, and how it was necessary that in this instance the government should lend an assisting hand. He pointed to what was urgently wanted.

Mr. W. H. Thorne, for the Board of Trade went over the harbor on the map with the minister and presented his views.

Hon. Mr. Fisher showed that he was perfectly familiar with all the berths in the harbor, their location, the work done by the government, and the work now in hand, and what the delegates desired.

Mr. Emmerson said that the delegates should see first as to what was urgently needed, and then future improvements would follow.

Mr. Thorne said that the difficulty was there being no government dredge for the harbor.

Mr. Fisher said that the W. S. Fielding was had for this purpose but it could not work in berth, the six hundred feet which was now asked for. What was wanted there was a spoon dredge. The W. S. Fielding was a hydraulic dredge, and could dredge the channel. Mr. Mayes now had seven and a half months' work to complete his first contract.

There was no extension of the contract given him, but he was told that to proceed with, and what was most urgent. It would be very difficult to give out a contract for the 600 foot berth which lay alongside Mr. Mayes' contract without interfering with his work. One contract, would do both or two friendly contractors could get along. Otherwise he saw a good deal of difficulty in the way.

The view of the delegation was that the interests of contractors, if it could be prevented should not stand in the way.

There was no definite arrangement made with Mr. Fisher largely on account of the way in which Mayes' work seems to be delayed, but Mayor Sears pressed upon the minister not to let anything of this kind stand in the way. What was wanted was the

government to get a dredge and do the work.

Mr. Fisher said that he would discuss the matter with the colleagues. At 11 o'clock the delegation waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier accompanied by the members and senators from the province of New Brunswick.

Mr. Emmerson introduced the delegation, but as the railway committee was sitting, he had not time to wait.

Mr. W. H. Thorne who was the first speaker, reviewed the needs of the port, and spoke of the closing of the western channel.

Col. McLean elaborated this view, and asked that the government give a small loan to the city to enable it to build its wharves. This was his own view.

Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P. said that it was in the best interests of Canada as well as the best interests of the province that the government should do what it could to improve the harbor facilities at St. John. He spoke along the lines of nationalizing the port.

Alderman Baxter suggested that the government appoint a small commission to enquire into harbor matters so that the work now being done would be along proper lines for the future.

He was glad to see that the representatives of St. John were not forcing the hands of the government in the work of nationalizing. It was well known that was a work which would take time and would have to be applied to all harbors mentioned by the transportation commission. What St. John needed was some urgent and necessary work to meet existing conditions.

Dr. Daniel, M. P., spoke of the immediate needs of the harbor in this connection. He said that a dredge would always be required to be on the spot. This should be supplied by the government, St. John was no different from other harbors in this regard. All harbors at the mouth of a river required steady attention. It was thus with Liverpool, just as well as St. John.

He pressed strongly upon the doing of what was urgent and discussing the large questions afterwards. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he took a great interest in all that pertained to the trade interests of the Dominion, and the improvement of the St. John harbor was one of these interests.

He had been looking into that matter and the delegation might rely upon it that what they were pressing for would get the very earnest and careful consideration of the government as soon as Mr. Fisher laid the matter before the cabinet.

SIR WM. HINGSTON DEAD.

Eminent Montreal Medical Man and Senator Passed Away This Morning.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—(Special)—Sir William Hingston, Senator, probably one of the best known medical men in Canada, died suddenly at 9 o'clock this morning.

Sir William was a son of the late Col. Hingston, of H. M.'s 100th regiment, and was born at Hinchbrook, Quebec, June 20, 1829. On receiving his medical education at home and abroad he established an extensive practice at Montreal, and gained a

great reputation in his profession. He was Mayor of Montreal in 1877, and was twice re-elected. He received the honor of Knighthood in 1895, and was called to the Senate in 1899, holding his seat until his death.

In religion he was a Roman Catholic, and in politics, a Conservative. His wife, who survives him, is a daughter of the late Hon. D. A. Macdonald, governor of Ontario.

QUESTIONS SETTLED.

Japanese Children Will Again be Admitted Into San Francisco Public Schools.

Washington, Feb. 19.—The San Francisco school controversy, growing out of the segregation of the Japanese school children in that city, has been settled. The basis of the agreement reached at the White House conference yesterday is that Mayor Schmitz and the members of the School Board shall immediately after the passage of the Immigration bill, as reported by the conference in Congress, abolish the Oriental schools and again admit Japanese children into the white schools. President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root gave the San Franciscans assurance that if the bill is not passed at this session of Congress, an ex-

tra session will be called immediately after the adjournment on March 4. The abolition of the Oriental schools applies, of course, only to the use of them by the Japanese. Their maintenance for the Chinese will be continued.

Mayor Schmitz issued the following statement last night:

"We have come to a satisfactory understanding upon the assumption that Congress will pass the amendment to the Immigration bill, introduced February 12. Until the amendment is enacted into a law, we shall make no statement as to what the agreement is."

PRODUCE MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 19.—(Special)—Cheese market steady 13½ for all kinds.

Butter market was unchanged 25 to 25½ for choicest, and 24 to 25 for medium.

DISPUTE SETTLED.

Toronto Telephone Girls and Company Reach a Settlement.

Toronto, Feb. 19.—The telephone inquiry came to an unexpected ending yesterday.

After refusing to accept the verdict of any board of medical men who might investigate the working conditions of operators, the officials of the Bell Company put forward a new working system, and after a lengthy consultation the girls' committee decided the new system was more in the interests of their health than working five hours a day with no regular relief. Seeing that the girls agreed to accept the system, though they still contended these hours were too long, the commission decided not to hear any more evidence, and adjourned sine die.

The new proposal provides that the operators work steadily for two hours, then have half hour relief, work another hour and a half, then an hour for lunch, and the same hours in the afternoon. By this system no girl will work longer than two hours continuously. Though the hours to be spent at the switch-number seven, the girls will be required to spend nine hours each day at work. The company and long distance operators will make special arrangements among themselves.

LUMBER PRICES UP.

English Dealers Make Contracts Ten to Twenty Per. Cent More Than Last Season.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The price of lumber this year will see an increase, in Ottawa as elsewhere, in all lines. A conservative estimate places the increase at from ten to fifteen per cent over the figures of last year, and this will mean a corresponding increase in the expense of building operations.

The English dealers completed their purchases for the year last week. The contracts were mostly made in Ottawa, and the prices asked were well in excess of last year's figures. It is understood that as high as twenty per cent. more was paid by the English dealers for some lines of lumber.

MARTINEAU CASE.

Government Wins Case Against Bank of Montreal.

Ottawa, Feb. 19.—(Special)—In the Martineau case, in which the Bank of Montreal wanted to be relieved of the amount of losses in connection with Martineau's defalcation in the militia department amounting to about \$70,000 the supreme court today gave judgment against the bank, and in favor of the Dominion government.

MRS. THAW RECALLED.

Prisoner's Wife Will Resume Story of Her Life.

New York, Feb. 19.—(Special)—Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was recalled to the stand this morning. She will carry her life story on from the point where she told of White's conduct to her, down to the time of his shooting.

CONVENTION BECAME FIGHT.

Ink Bottles and Paperweights Called Into Play.

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 19.—The lie was passed today between Delegates Baker and Haskell, causing a personal encounter between the two members on the floor of the Constitutional Convention.

In the debate over the adoption of the railroad report Delegate Baker accused Haskell of being a railroad representative.

"You're a contemptible liar," shouted Haskell.

"You're a liar, too," retorted Baker.

Haskell hurled a heavy paper weight at Baker, who dodged it and replied with an ink stand. Instantly there was an uproar on the floor and in the galleries, and it was necessary for the sergeant-at-arms and his assistants to interfere to restore order.

RULE BY DOMESTICS.

London, Feb. 19.—The Times has received the following cable despatch from its correspondent at Wellington, New Zealand:—Domestic servants here have formed a union under the arbitration act. Their demands include preference for unionists, a stilling an hour for all work on holidays, work on Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays to cease at 7.20 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and on Wednesdays at 10 p.m., all domestics to be home by 10 p.m. except Thursday, when they may stay out till midnight. Many mistresses object to the demands and are threatened with citation before the arbitration court.

IMPORTANT GATHERING.

Eminent Men Will Take Part in Forestry Convention--Official Programme.

The New Brunswick Forestry convention, which opens in the assembly chamber at eleven o'clock tomorrow morning, promises to be one of the most important gatherings of the kind ever held in the Dominion. The kind ever held in the Dominion. The members of the executive government have been preparing for it for weeks, and if it is not a grand success in every way, and if great and lasting benefit to the province, it will be no fault of theirs.

Many prominent experts on subjects pertaining to forestry, from different parts of Canada and the United States, will attend and take part in the deliberations; and the chances are that the lumbering interests of the province will be well represented. The full program as given out at noon today, is as follows, being, of course, subject to some slight changes:

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20.

Opening by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor.
Address of welcome, by Premier Tweedie.
Address, by J. D. Hazen, M. P. P.

Address, Elihu Stewart, President of Canadian Forestry Association, and chief of Dominion Forestry Bureau, on The General Need of Forest Preservation.

WEDNESDAY, 2.30 p. m.

Address, Dr. C. C. Jones, Chancellor of the U. N. B., on attitude of Educational Institutions Towards Forestry.

Address, Dr. J. R. Inch on the Relation of Forestry to our Public Schools.

Address, T. B. Kidner, on What the Manual Training Schools can do in Arousing Interest in Trees and Their Preservation.

Address, Lieut. Col. Loggie of the Crown Land Department on Forest Reservation.

Address, Prof. H. R. McMillan, of the Yale Forest School, on Economic Forestry Methods.

WEDNESDAY, 8 p. m.

Dr. L. W. Bailey, of the U. N. B., General discussion.

THURSDAY, 10 a. m.

Address, Hon. C. W. Robinson, on Lumbering Methods.
Address, H. M. Price, of Quebec, Vice-president of Canadian Forestry Association, on The Lumbermen's Interest.

Address, James Beveridge of Chatham, on Dependence of Business Interests on Forests.
Address, W. B. Snowball of Chatham, on the Value and Importance of Lumbering Business to New Brunswick.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Address, Prof. Austin Cary of Harvard, on Forestry Policy in United States and other Countries.

Paper by Hon. F. J. Sweeney, Surveyor General, on The Public Domain Act.

Address, C. E. Fish of Newcastle, on The Protection of Forests from Fires.

Address, C. E. Land, D. L. S., of Sackville, on Forest Fire Law of Westmorland County.

Address, John Robinson, jr., of Newcastle, on Forest Fire Burning.

Address, Charles E. Oak, M. P. M. Lumber Company, to be read by Hon. L. J. Tweedie.

THURSDAY EVENING.

Reception by the Lieutenant Governor and members of the Executive Government in the assembly chamber from 9 to 12 o'clock.

It is likely that either Premier Tweedie or Surveyor General Sweeney will preside over the gathering.

THE THAW MURDER TRIAL.

Prisoner in His Will Set Aside Large Sum to Prosecute White.

New York, Feb. 19.—"I never wanted to shoot the creature. I never wanted to kill him. I knew he was a foul creature, destroying the mothers and daughters of America, but I wanted through legal means to bring him to trial. I wanted to get him into court—to bring him to justice. But Providence took charge of it, it was an act of Providence."

This is Harry K. Thaw's own story of the killing of Stanford White. It was told by him to Dr. Britton D. Evans, the alienist, last August in the Tombs. Yesterday Dr. Evans repeated the prisoner's words to the jury which is trying Thaw for his life.

District Attorney Jerome fought hard last week against the introduction of this evidence, which the defence believes is conclusive proof that Thaw did not know his act was wrong. Only the testifying physicians had declared that, in their opinion, Thaw was insane at the time he made the statements to them, however, the rules of evidence permitted the introduction of the prisoner's words.

In further bulwarking their contention that Thaw was insane when he killed Stanford White, the defendant's counsel succeeded yesterday in placing before the jury the will executed by Thaw the night of his marriage in April, 1905, and a codicil to the will executed at the same time. Again Mr. Jerome fought the evidence, but he significantly withdrew his objections after Dr. Evans had given it, as his expert opinion that Thaw was insane at the time he executed the will. The fact that the district attorney seems disposed to let in testimony of every character, provided there is a preliminary opinion from the witness that the man was of unsound mind at the time to which the testimony refers, was taken today as further indicating that Mr. Jerome may, at the psychological moment, if he deems his ground strong enough, demand the appointment of a commission to pass upon Thaw's state of mind at the present time.

STRANGE REQUESTS.

The will and the codicil as read to the jurors, were offered in evidence as cumulative evidence of Thaw's mental unsoundness prior to the killing of White.

OUT OF DANGER.

St. John, Feb. 19.—(Special)—D. J. Purdy, M. P. P. who has been critically ill for two weeks, from pneumonia, is today reported practically out of danger.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Edgecombe spent Sunday at Forest City, Maine, visiting the latter's father Mr. C. H. Eaton.

The cheapest charity of all is that "we would have given if we only had known."