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CANADIANS WON.

GLASGOW, Feb. 2.—The second test match against Scotland was played at Crossmyloof yesterday and resulted in another victory for the Canadian curlers, the score being 100 to 77. The third and final match of the series for the Strathcona trophy will be played on February 8.

GLASGOW, Feb. 3.—The Canadian curlers scored another victory yesterday defeating twelve rinks from Stirlingshire and Forth and Endrick provinces. The Canadians had a total of 211 at the end of the contest and the Scotchmen 155.

THE WEATHER.

Fresh northwest winds, fair and cold today and tomorrow.

Foul tactics, declared the half-back What's the trouble now? demanded the referee.

I tried a kick for the stomach, but this fellow blocked it with his head.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE.

Question of Shipping Grain via St. John or Vancouver under Consideration of Western Millers, Farmers and Shippers.

MONTREAL, Feb. 3.—(Special)—Today at Calgary, opened the most important conference which has taken place in years, and the subject under discussion is whether winter shipments of Alberta wheat shall go in future by St. John or by Vancouver.

The rate by St. John is 25 cents a hundred from Alberta to Fort William; 25 cents from there to the Atlantic, and about five cents to Liverpool, about 55 cents in all.

The rates via Vancouver are 22 1/2 to Vancouver, and the Chargeurs Unis de Paris quotes a rate of 22 1/2 to St. John which causes the great expense.

the Suez Canal, and calling at Hong Kong.

The conference is called by Premier Rutherford and includes shippers of grain, millers, farmers, and all interested in transportation questions. The only difficulty at present is the lack of terminal facilities at Vancouver, and the wheat has all to be sacked, and this cuts up all saved in rates. It will not effect Montreal as in summer the rates via the St. Lawrence are smaller than they can be by the Pacific. It is the long haul from Calgary and west of that to St. John which causes the great expense.

COUNCIL RATIFIED

Resolution of Committee Condemning Recent Methods of Procuring Evidence for Scott Act Enforcement

Scott Act matters engaged attention of the council last evening, and after the considerable discussion of a lively kind, the important resolution adopted the previous evening was ratified by a vote of 6 to 4. Aids. Weddall and Walker, who voted for the resolution on Monday evening, voted against it last evening, and explained to the council why they did so.

Mr. W. A. Lindsay, restaurant keeper, who was lately fined for selling schenck beer, petitioned the council to have the fine remitted, and after some discussion the matter was referred to the administration of justice committee.

cil for ratification, and the city clerk was sent after the minute book.

THE CHIEF SCORED

Ald. Walker presented the petition from Mr. W. A. Lindsay, which asked for the remission of a fine of \$50 and costs for selling schenck beer, contrary to the provision of the C. T. Act. The petitioner claimed that he did not know at the time he sold the beer that his action was illegal, as it was sold in other places in the city.

Ald. Walker moved that the petition be referred to the administration of justice committee.

Ald. Winslow said that it had never been proposed that the administration of justice committee should have power to overrule the decision of the police magistrate. All that he had asked for was that the committee should have authority to withdraw cases where the evidence for the prosecution was obtained by falsehood and deceit, and the council had already given him such authority. Acting upon the resolution adopted by the council he had instructed the city clerk to withdraw the information in cases against Alonzo Staples and Arthur Ryan. He had it on good authority that the chief of police had assisted Spotter Belyea to escape arrest on a charge of perjury. If this was true it was certainly not creditable to the chief of police. He intended having the matter investigated, and if the facts warranted it he would ask the police commission to make an investigation. Only a few days ago one of the spotters swore on the witness stand that he was to be paid \$3 a day for his services, yet the chief of police afterwards told him (Winslow) that it was not true. If the chief knew that the man was telling a falsehood why didn't he have him arrested for perjury. It was certainly a most disgraceful state of affairs for a city like Fredericton. He had been informed that Belyea was at McFarlane's home at Nashwaaksis, and an officer had been sent after him. If he was captured they would find out who assisted him to escape.

Ald. Winslow said that the case was a somewhat peculiar one. Mr. Lindsay was a respectable citizen, and did not know at the time that he was violating the law. He thought that Mr. Lindsay should be relieved of paying the amount of the fine, and he made a motion to that effect, which Ald. Hooper seconded.

The mayor suggested that it might be advisable to consult with the police magistrate in regard to the matter.

Ald. Winslow said that the fine had not yet been paid, and he believed that it should be allowed to stand pending future good behavior.

Ald. Walker said he thought that the matter was one worthy of the favorable consideration of the council, although he did not think the committee should be given power to act.

Ald. Clark said he was not surprised by the motion by Ald. Winslow. In view of the action taken by the council in committee Monday evening, they had given authority to Ald. Winslow to withdraw informations in Scott Act cases. He went on to say that Mr. Lindsay had not rested with the decision of the police magistrate, but he had appealed the case to the Supreme court without success. He did not think the prayer of the petition should be granted.

Ald. Winslow took Ald. Clark sharply to task for his remarks about the action of the committee on Monday evening, and claimed that he had misrepresented the situation. He thought that Ald. Clark owed him an apology.

The discussion between the two aldermen for Kings ward became quite animated and the relations between them might have been strained had not Ald. Hooper called attention to the fact that they were wandering from the subject.

Ald. Farrell thought it well that the petition of Mr. Lindsay should be given some consideration before action was taken. He was not familiar with the facts of the case, and therefore was not in a position to say that the council would be justified in remitting the fine. He would second Ald. Walker's resolution.

Ald. Walker's resolution was carried on the following division:

Nays—Aids. Hooper, Winslow, Clark—3.

Yeas—Aids. Mitchell, Walker, Weddall, Kitchen, Farrell, Jewett, and Crowe—7.

Ald. Mitchell said that there was a good deal of dissatisfaction over the enforcement of the Scott Act by the aid of spotters. He was personally opposed to the principle of enforcing any law by means of deceit. He did not think, however, that the council had acted properly in empowering the administration of justice committee to overrule the police magistrate. He closed by moving a resolution condemning the employment of spotters in connection with Scott Act enforcement, and declaring that it was inexpedient for the council to interfere with the enforcement of the act.

Ald. Clark seconded the motion.

Ald. Farrell suggested that the minutes of the committee meeting should be brought before the council

for ratification, and the city clerk was sent after the minute book.

Ald. Winslow said that Ald. Clark had no proof that any witness had been paid to leave the city.

Ald. Farrell remarked that it was a very clever move on the part of Aids. Mitchell and Clark to endeavor to get a resolution through the council which would destroy the effect of the resolution adopted at Monday night's meeting. He (Farrell) read the resolution adopted at the committee meeting authorizing Ald. Winslow to withdraw Scott Act cases where the evidence was obtained by deceit, and moved that it be adopted as an amendment to Ald. Mitchell's motion.

Ald. Crowe, after expressing his views on the question in a clear and unequivocal manner, remarked that he thought the resolution adopted in committee should stand for a month anyway. If the incoming council wanted to change it they could do so. He would support the amendment as he had no use for spotters.

Ald. Weddall said that he had always been a friend of the Scott Act, but he did not believe in enforcing one law by breaking another. He wanted the Scott Act enforced in a fair, straightforward manner. He was opposed to lying and sneaking in enforcing the Scott Act, and would support any movement to stamp out perjury. He was not quite sure how much authority was vested in the administration of justice committee, so he would vote to leave Scott Act prosecutions in the hands of the police magistrate.

Ald. Walker denounced Scott Act spotters in all the moods and tenses, and thought that such men should be sent off to the South Sea Islands, where they could harm nobody. He had every confidence in Ald. Winslow and felt that he had been justified in withdrawing the Scott Act cases in which spotters were employed. He was in favor of the enforcement of all laws, particularly the Scott Act. He was so amazed at Ald. Weddall's action in seconding Ald. Hooper's resolution on Monday night that he (Walker) had not felt it necessary to make any remarks upon it. He had since thought the matter over and

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INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Fisher, Sifton and Beland will be Canada's Representatives at Washington gathering to Conserve National Resources.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3.—(Special)—Canada's representatives at the International Congress on the Conservation of National Resources to be held at Washington on the 18th inst., will be Hon. Sydney Fisher, Minister of Agriculture, Hon. Clifford Sifton and Dr. Beland, M. P.

The secretary of the Canada section of the congress will be Mr. R. E. Young, of the lands branch of the Interior department.

The Minister of Agriculture and the ex-Minister of the Interior, are, by position and experience, well qualified to speak with authority on Canadian aspects of questions to be considered at the conference.

Dr. Beland had always shown in the Commons a most active interest in subjects that will come up for discussion at Washington, and he was last session a strong advocate of the prohibition of export of pulp wood.

SEMPLER'S TRAGIC FATE.

Fredericton Man Undoubtedly Perished in Lake near Vanceboro, three of his horses found Drowned and one alive—Evidences of a Struggle.

The Herald yesterday reported that James Semple of Fredericton, who had started from a lumber camp near Vanceboro with a four horse team, was missing and it was feared he had perished in the blizzard of Saturday night.

A correspondent sends to The Telegraph confirmation of the story with thrilling accounts of the discoveries of rescue parties which started out in search of Mr. Semple. The result of their search points to the sad conclusion that Semple was drowned in Spednik Lake, but not until he had made a fearful struggle for life.

Semple, who was a teamster for Steen Bros., started up the lake for their lumber camp on Saturday morning with a four horse team and a load of lumbermen's supplies for the camp. He was expected to return the same night. No uneasiness was felt, however, when he did not put in an appearance as it was believed he sought shelter somewhere during the storm which commenced about noon.

On Monday morning, however, as Semple was still missing search parties were organized to look for the missing man and team. They had only proceeded a few miles when they found one of the horses and the sled. The animal was loose and wandering aimlessly over the ice.

Made more anxious by this the searchers kept up their work all Monday night, and on Tuesday the other three horses were found drowned, having broken through the ice. No trace has yet been found of Semple and it is supposed that he wandered away in the storm and perished after the horses were lost, and

probably went through the ice and was drowned.

The searches found abundant evidence of the terrible experience that Semple had undergone in a vain attempt to save himself and his team. The tracks in the snow running in all directions told a tale how when lost in the blizzard, the man had striven again and again to find a way to safety. A break in the ice showed where one of the horses had fallen through and had been recovered. Further on other breaks indicated that the same thing had happened and that the driver and his team had had a long and terrible struggle before death finally overtook them.

Two of the horses were found drowned in one spot, while a third was discovered some distance away, from which it would appear that Semple had separated the leaders from the others before they plunged through the ice for the last time.

Search is still being made in the faint hope that Semple succeeded in reaching the shore and found shelter. It is, however, all too probable that numbed by the cold and blinded by the storm he stumbled into one of the holes in the ice which proved death traps for his team, and was drowned.

(The news of the tragic death of Jas Semple of this city in the woods near Vanceboro seems to have been confirmed. The deceased was a native of Tay Settlement and had been a resident of this city for a good many years. He worked about the city as a truckman and laborer and was widely known. He was about sixty years of age and leaves a widow and one daughter. At last accounts the body had not been recovered.)