

TOWNS MAY NOT GIVE EXEMPTION ON BONDS

New Towns Bill Has Exemption and Bonds Clause Eliminated—Government is to Create New Departments—Will Be for Railways and Telephones and Municipal Affairs.

Towns of Alberta in future will not be given power to grant exemption from taxation or to give bonuses or loans to persons or corporations that may seek such assistance. This was the decision arrived at by the Legislature yesterday without division in discussing the Towns Bill in committee of the whole.

With the object of getting through the Towns Bill and several other bills of an urgent nature before Christmas adjournment, the Legislature had two lengthy sittings yesterday, most of the time being taken up in committee of the whole on the Towns Bill. Essential progress was made but little of general interest devolved, the greater part of the time being taken up in passing sections of the bill providing machinery for carrying on the work of town administration.

New Departments. Premier Sifton introduced two government measures. One was to provide a department of municipal affairs, the other for a department of railways and telephones. The former will be in charge of the provincial secretary, Hon. A. J. McLean, while the second will be administered by the new minister of the cabinet soon to be chosen.

A bill respecting the Lethbridge Exhibition was read a first time on motion of Dr. Stewart, Lethbridge. A bill to incorporate the Commercial Travellers' Association of Alberta was given a second reading and at the request of its sponsor, Mr. Roberts, will be taken up by committee of the whole instead of by the private bills committee, to whom it would ordinarily go by the rules of the House. Mr. Roberts pointed out that unless this bill was got through before the 30th, the reduced railway rates according to commercial men could not be secured for the first of the year.

A bill respecting the town of Macleod also given a second reading. Harold Jolley gave notice that he would ask today if one F. W. Brown is in the employ of the government; if so, at what salary and what are his duties?

The Gopher Bill. Bramley Moore, Lloydminster, in moving the second reading of his bill respecting gophers and the great damage that was frequently done by this plague. His bill enabled districts to tax unoccupied lands in order to provide funds for destruction of gophers. It also enabled local improvement districts to contract for the destruction of gophers and thus relieve the absentee owners of their portion of responsibility.

First readings were given to bills respecting Kneehill Railway Co. (Stauffer), respecting agreement between Edmonton and the G.T.P. Development Co. (McDougall); Edmonton Interurban Railway Co. (Boudreau); validation of Carmangy by-law (McKenzie); amendments to Edmonton charter (McDougall); incorporating the Alberta Methodist Church Missionary Society (McDougall).

Towns Bill in Committee. The House then went into committee of the whole on the Towns Bill. J. H. Boyle in speaking on the clause providing for the election of mayor and council urged that the mayor be chosen by the municipal council from among its members. This was discussed at some length, but the opinion of the majority was in favor of the holding the elections as in the past.

On the term to which franchises should be limited, Mr. Michener was in favor of cutting down the specified term of twenty years to ten years. R. Boyle suggested fifteen years and this Mr. Michener accepted. After consideration for some time the members decided to accept the twenty year term.

Classes Were Cut Out. The committee made short work of the clauses providing for exemption from taxation for a longer period than one year except to railway companies and for making loans or grants of bonuses. Both were struck out, members being of opinion that towns should not be subject to corporations in this regard.

The Evening Session. The amalgamation bill, as amended, was finally approved by the Legislature in committee of the whole last evening and will receive its third reading today.

The only amendment added to the bill was considered by the committee on the morning of the 21st, which provided for the inclusion within the area of the united cities of the Highlands subdivision. This subdivision is included unconditionally, the owners having agreed to waive the conditions upon which they insisted when the bill was considered by the municipal law committee. Apart from the inclusion of the Highlands the amendments of the bill will take effect on February 1st.

On that date the Strathcona council will go out of office and the affairs of the two cities will be administered by the Edmonton council until March 1st, when the council of the united city will take office.

Medical Profession Bill. The bill to amend the Medical Profession Act received brief consideration and will be taken up in committee again today, when a bill in amended form, representing a compromise between the medical profession and the osteopaths, will be introduced. The amended bill provides that all medical examinations shall be conducted by the University of Alberta on behalf of the medical council. The council will have representation

on the university senate and that body will appoint an osteopath to set papers and examine candidates for entrance to this profession. There were indications that the bill in its amended form would meet with some opposition, an attempt was made to consider it in committee today. J. K. Cornwall contending that its introduction was an attempt to "railroad" the bill through without giving the osteopaths an opportunity to consider its provisions.

The Towns Bill. Some time was devoted to the further consideration of the Towns Bill in committee. While there were under discussion the somewhat naive suggestion that towns be given the power to appropriate franchises given by them when the privilege granted under them were not exercised in the interests of the municipality.

John R. Boyle complimented the leader of the opposition on the originality of his suggestion, but expressed his opinion that when towns had given a franchise it should "stay with it."

Could Not Protect Councils. Premier Sifton remarked that it had been the endeavor of the legislature as far as possible to prevent the towns from making mistakes, but that this body could hardly be expected to protect the councils from mistakes they had made in the past.

On the suggestion of Bramley Moore, the section dealing with taxation was so amended as to provide that franchises should be assessed at their actual value exclusive of the value of improvements.

The committee rose at 10:45 to report progress and will consider the remaining clauses of the bill today. This morning the committee on municipal law will meet for the purpose of considering a bill to amend the Medicine Hat Charter.

TURKS AND ARABS ARE IN HILLS NEAR TRIPOLI

Italian Troops are Meeting With Very Slight Resistance—Is Kept in Egypt Entirely Neutral—No Plans to Prevent Italian Occupation of Annexed Territory.

London, Dec. 18.—The continued advance of the Italian troops towards the interior of Tripoli and away from the environs of the coast towns without any appreciable resistance, has proved the correctness of recent information that the Turkish troops and their Arab allies had withdrawn from the interior of the province.

They are practically without ammunition. Their only chance of resistance has been afforded by Viscount Kitchener's action in sending up all the possible points of landing, franchises have been granted by Viscount Kitchener in order to keep Egypt entirely neutral.

Transport has been perfected there will be apparently nothing to prevent the effecting occupation of the annexed territory by the expeditionary force. The Italians are said to be assisting the Albanians to revolt with the object of occupying Turkey's attention at home and preventing her giving any assistance to her forces in Tripoli.

GERMAN WAR FUNDS BORROWED IN NEW YORK

New York Banks Supplied \$75,000,000 Last Summer to Germany—When It Became Known That German Government Found It Necessary to Turn to America.

London, Dec. 18.—The correspondent of The London Daily Mail, describing his paper from Berlin, says that the total of the sums borrowed by the German government in New York last summer and fall, at a conservative estimate, will reach 75 million dollars.

This resort to American financial aid, which the correspondent describes as unprecedented, was due, he says, to military and naval preparations which might have been precipitated by the German government's policy in Morocco.

The money was advanced in part to the Prussian government, and in part to the German National Bank. The direct transactions with the Prussian government involved 50 million dollars. There were issued Prussian treasury notes to that amount, redeemable in Berlin. It was then decided that it would be undesirable for the treasury to deplete itself, as would have been necessary in the redemption of the notes, so it was arranged to borrow in New York and deposit new treasury notes there as security.

Borden to Retire and Rogers is to Be Next Premier, Says This Report.

Winnipeg, Dec. 18.—At the annual meeting of the Winnipeg Conservative Association, last night, George H. Bradbury, member for Selkirk, made the very important announcement, which in effect declared that Premier Borden was shortly to retire to be succeeded by Hon. Robert Rogers.

This report appeared in the official paper of the Dominion government in Winnipeg, which is controlled by Hon. Robert Rogers. An excerpt from the report is as follows: "Going further, Mr. Bradbury predicted that ere long the Manitoba would be premier of Canada, if all went well. 'Believe the man is in Ottawa today who will be that next premier,' he said, amid the rousing cheers of the meeting."

A DOUBLE BARRELLED NAVAL POLICY HE SAYS

Thus Does Hon. R. Lemieux Describe Government Policy—ins No Approval or Disapproval—Trains Given by Was a Triumph of Fear Over Self-Respect.

Montreal, Dec. 17.—"We, however, accept the verdict that has been rendered as the people's choice, but we make no apology for the stand taken on the question of reciprocity by the late administration at Ottawa."

Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the ex-minister of marine, was the guest of honor last evening at the Montreal Reform Club and most of the statements of the party were present to meet the leader of the Liberal party in the district of Montreal. Reviewing the achievements of the Laurier administration, Mr. Lemieux contended the right of the present postmaster-general to claim credit for the reduction in the cable rates, when, as a matter of fact, he himself had brought about the reduction.

The speaker then referred to the speech of the president of the Bank of Montreal, R. E. Angus, whose address, he said, was a tribute to the policy of the country which had been fostered and prompted by the late government. He attributed to the Fielding tariff of 1897 the greater part of this prosperity. Reciprocity, Hon. Mr. Lemieux declared, was not a triumph of sentiment over self-interest but of fear over self-respect.

POWERS URGE PARTIES TO REACH AGREEMENT

Ministers of All Powers in Peking Send Messages to Imperial and Revolutionary Commissioners Urging Necessity of Agreement for Good of China and Powers.

London, Dec. 18.—In addition to the proposed mediation by the British and Japanese governments through the medium of their consuls general at Shanghai, where the peace conference between the representatives of the imperial government and the republicans was opened on Monday, the ministers of all the powers in Peking have sent through their consuls at Shanghai a message to the imperial and revolutionary commissioners there, urging the necessity of coming to an agreement, before the peace conference of the powers is opened.

Neither the British-Japanese conversation nor the messages sent by the ministers of the powers, the object of which is similar, contain any threat of intervention.

The foreign office assures the Association of French Chambers of Commerce at present time consider that it would be unwise to contemplate any such action.

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—According to present arrangements the consuls of the United States, Great Britain, Japan, Germany, France, and Russia, will present an individual note at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning, first to Tang Shao Yi, Premier Yuan's representative and then to Wu Ting Fang, of the provisional government. This step is especially pleasing to the adherents of the revolution, who regard it as the first official recognition of their status as belligerents.

WILL BE BANNER YEAR

Vancouver, B.C., Dec. 18.—A. D. Motte, of the Canadian Northern Railway, says that from advice received by his company's land department he believes that the country will settle in Canada in 1912. Mr. Motte declares that the wheat crop, the excellent lumber trade and general conditions, convince the leading Canadian bankers that the country is on the threshold of a banner year.

SIR WILLIAM IS AFTER EIGHTY MILLIONS MORE

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 18.—Sir William MacKenzie, president of the Canadian Northern Railway, who has been in the city last week, ostensibly to spend the Christmas holidays with his family, according to reports from York despatch, will negotiate negotiations with a Paris syndicate for eighty million dollars to complete the road from ocean to ocean.

EDUCATION BULLETIN AT FORT MCMURRAY

Northern Development Company Have Sunk Well Said To Be 1200 Feet Deep—Passed Through Salt and Oil Bearing Strata.

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PRES. GOMPERTS ISSUES APPEAL TO UNION LABOR

Calls Upon Organized Labor to Stand Firm Against Attacks of Foes Who Seek to Crush Labor by Defaming Character of Its Officers and Members.

Toronto, Dec. 18.—The following circular issued by President Gomperts was received today by an international officer of the trades union movement in this city, urging him to see to it that every member of the movement in Canada receives a copy.

"To organized labor, greetings: In the present hour the good name and high ideal of our great labor movement, its men, and the cause of justice and humanity which it and they represent, have been assailed by a new and more insidious enemy than before. Every enemy, every interest allied against the organized workers have howled like devils. They have sought to bring our movement, our faithful men into disrepute, to destroy your confidence in their integrity and thereby weaken and finally crush the organization.

"Every union member deplores violence and crime, whether committed by an ordinary outlaw, or by a director of a so-called union man. Labor resents the insinuation that because one or two union members become fanatics or rascals, that the whole body of labor is thereby criminally, that the rank and file and the officers of the labor movement are responsible either legally or morally.

CHINESE PEACE CONFERENCE OPENS

Shanghai, Dec. 18.—The peace conference between Wu Ting Fang, the foreign secretary in the revolutionary cabinet, and Tang Shao Yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and five delegates selected by each side, opened in the town hall here at 2:30 this afternoon.

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