

LAURIER OFFERS PLAN
FOR SENATE REFORMFavors American System of Election by the
Provincial LegislaturesBut Suggests Important Modifications — Will Submit
His Proposal to Provincial Conference—Opposition
Leader Disapproves Plan and Advises Non Partisan
Federal Appointments.

(Special to the Sun.)

OTTAWA, Ont., April 30.—Only the lower house of parliament was in session today and that devoted itself mainly to the discussion of the reform of the other chamber.

In reply to Dr. Stockton Hon. Mr. Emmerson said the elevator on the east side of St. John harbor had handled during the 1905 season 58,978 bushels of wheat and 15,735 bushels of barley. In the year 1906, to date, the elevator has handled 14,583 bushels of wheat, 41,833 of barley and 18,789 bushels of oats.

On orders of the day being called W. F. MacLean asked if the finance minister would demand the retirement of directors of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Co. in view of revelations be-

fore the insurance investigating commission.

In reply Hon. Mr. Fielding said the investigation had not progressed far and he did not think it would be well to take any step until further advised. The government would not fail to take the advantage of information obtained by the commission.

R. L. Borden complained that returns from the interior department some time ago had not been brought down. Mr. Oliver said that members had been asking for statements of an inordinate length. One return brought down this session had required the examination of a million documents. Ten stenographers had been working for days on another return. As soon as the ten typewriters could finish it the return would be brought down.

SIR WILFRID ONE OF THE FIVE GREATEST
MEN OF THE WORLD, SAYS CARNEGIEThe Steel Magnate Was in a Flattering Mood at the
Canadian Club Banquet.

OTTAWA, April 29.—At the Canadian Club banquet Saturday, Andrew Carnegie said, "is a great asset. He captured everyone on the occasion of his recent visit to the United States. If you ever want to win the United States government, send down the governor general and Sir Wilfrid Laurier and you do not know what you have done."

Sir Wilfrid in replying said: "The time is coming when all branches of the Anglo-Saxon race are bound to become united. He was as sure of this as of his own existence."

Mr. Carnegie will tomorrow open the library which he donated to Ottawa.

INTERCOLONIAL BUYS BIG TRACT OF
LAND AT MONCTON FOR NEW SHOPSPurchase Practically Closed on Saturday — Price Paid
Amounts to About \$75 per Acre.

MONCTON, N. B., April 28.—The Intercolonial Railway virtually closed the purchase today of a tract of land about one mile and a quarter long and one-third of a mile broad, along the northern track of the Intercolonial, just on the border of the city's most popular district, near the exhibition or trotting park, to the junction with the Mountain road, and on this land, in all probability, will be erected the new I. C. R. shops, plans for which are now under way at Ottawa. The whole bulk of land purchase amounts to about one hundred and eighty acres, and the average price paid was about \$75 per acre. One street runs through the centre of this land, and will require to be closed.

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REDUCE SENATORIAL TERM.

Mr. McIntyre of South Perth asked the house to endorse a resolution reducing the term of a senator from life to 15 years, and a regulation age limit of 80. He thought the senate was not living up to its pay or what the people expected of it. He favored a senate in which the majority were appointed by the federal government. The other senators should be appointed by provincial legislatures. There might be others such as retired lieutenant governors and men representing colleges and similar institutions. The senate had been apathetic when it should have been active. Occasionally it broke out of its apathy, but always to oppose the wish of the majority in the commons. He thought the senate had missed an opportunity for winning the approval of the people by not holding up the indemnity bill of last session for more mature consideration. He did not think the abolition of the senate would be a practicable thing at the present time. He did not think the resolution for that purpose would pass the house of the senate or the British parliament. The faults of the senate were found in particular feeling, lack of interest in public affairs, too much attention to private business and the inertia of age. He believed the carrying out of the principles of his resolution would do a long way toward remedying this and he thought the senators themselves would vote for it.

SENATE CAN BE MADE USEFUL.

Mr. Schell of Exford seconded the resolution, but said far from being in favor of abolishing the senate, he thought it a necessary part of parliament. He gave a statement of the bills considered and the work done by the senate to show that it was constantly performing useful work in reviewing and amending the acts which had been prepared in the lower chamber. Much of the senate's work was done in committee and much was done with acts which had been discussed in the lower house until the country was sick of hearing about them. He thought that in many ways the senate was not understood by the people. They did not do the work of the lower chamber, the senate is far from a useless body.

LAURIER'S REMEDY.

Sir Wilfrid said it was thirty-nine years since the confederation conference. Since that time there had been no serious attempt to reverse the work of that conference, which spoke well for the work of the fathers of confederation which had been the most discussed was the constitution of the senate. Sir Wilfrid recalled that there had been an elective upper chamber in Canada from 1867 to 1886 before confederation and that system had worked well. It had given the senate workmen as St. Juste Sanborn and others. From time to time there had been outbreaks chiefly in the Liberal party against the senate system of appointment and method of working. He was not surprised to hear it again from Liberal members.

DOES NOT FAVOR ABOLITION.

Sir Wilfrid said the best method of senate reform was a puzzle which had bothered more than one man. It had more than once bothered the members of the government. When it was considered there was always a line of cleavage encountered. This was whether the senate should be abolished or reformed. Generally speaking the people of Ontario favored abolition. Personally he could never be brought to this idea, for to him a grand change seemed necessary. He did not place much importance in the idea that the second chamber was useful as a check upon the hasty legislation of the first chamber. The work of the New Brunswick, Ontario, Manitoba and British Columbia legislatures did not indicate that this check of great necessity. What he regarded as the important function of the second chamber was its necessity to smaller provinces to prevent the larger provinces from being overruled by the States, where New York had 36 representatives and two senators, and Rhode Island had two senators and two representatives. Sir Wilfrid said he should not be adverse to having each province, without regard to population, represented by the same number of senators.

FAMOUS AMERICAN SYSTEM.

He agreed that Canada has enough elections and therefore did not favor an elective senate. The United States senate is elected by state legislatures. It was being criticized today, but he could not agree with all the criticism and thought no one could who had examined its records and had seen the amount of useful work it had done. In 1898, when in Washington, he had followed the proceedings of the senate for several weeks and had come to the conclusion that its business was conducted on a high plane and its members were men of high character and ability. There had been some scandals as the result of this choosing senators, notably one in Montana. However, these did not affect the principle of the system.

Sir Wilfrid thought the house and country should decide whether it should not find that choosing senators by provincial legislatures would be the best mode of providing a representative upper federal house. He thought if the system, one vote, one man, for the selection of senators by provincial legislatures, were adopted, it would provide proper representation. For instance, suppose three senators should be allowed to each province, and Ontario had to elect them. At present there were 39 Liberals and 69 conservatives in the Ontario house. With this system Ontario would return one Liberal and two conservative senators.

ators. In Quebec and some of the other provinces the result would be the other way. That would give a proper proportion of representatives of all parties in the federal senate.

Mr. MacLean asked if Sir Wilfrid had to appoint a Liberal senator every time there was a vacancy.

Sir Wilfrid said if he had to choose between the Liberal and a Conservative he would like to have opinions from all quarters, and he would welcome a solution of the problem from any quarter. The proposal of Mr. McIntyre to limit the term to fifteen years would not be a complete measure.

The senate was not criticized so much for what it had done as for what it had not done. It had done well, but the country felt it had not realized the high expectation of confederation.

PROVINCIAL CONFERENCE MAY DECIDE.

After the close of the session there was going to be a conference of provincial governments. He thought this question of senate reform was one that could well be held for an expression of opinion from that conference. In view of the fact that a discussion had taken place he suggested the resolution should not be pushed by Mr. McIntyre.

OPPOSITION LEADER DISAPPROVES.

R. L. Borden said the senate could formulate as good a debate on the shortcomings of the commons as the mover and seconder of this resolution had on the shortcomings of the senate. Sir Wilfrid had acknowledged that he had not been strong enough to reform the senate. When in opposition he had credited Sir Wilfrid with the intention of coming into power and after obtaining a working majority in the senate to thereafter appoint alternately Liberal and conservatives. He had not done so. So long as the senate was regarded as a refuge for Liberals who could not obtain election or re-election to the house, its composition was bound to be criticized. The senate had not received proper consideration from the hands of this or past administrations. After the date of prorogation was announced it had dumped upon it bills which had detained the house for months. Properly treated the senate should be as good, may better legislate a body than the commons. This was the time of the Nova Scotia upper chamber.

The remedy for the senate's weakness was in the hands of Sir Wilfrid and was the alternate appointments from either party that he had suggested. Hon. Mr. Patterson asked Mr. Borden if he came to power would he after obtaining a working majority in the senate appoint alternately a Liberal and Conservative. Mr. Borden said that when that happy time came he would be glad to consider from Mr. Patterson a proposal that he should enter the senate.

W. F. MacLean thought there was more need for reform of the house of commons than of the senate.

Mr. McIntyre closed the debate by pointing out that the people had the chance to reform the lower chamber, but under the present system they had no chance at the upper chamber. He withdrew his motion and the house adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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Provincial News

Sackville.

SACKVILLE, N. B., April 28.—The closing number of a series of successful concerts was held at Lingley hall last evening. These recitals were given by the violin class of Mount Allison Conservatory, under the direction of their efficient and painstaking instructor, Dr. R. C. Archibald. The recital last evening was the most genuine expectations. The orchestra was heard in five numbers, each of which the performers displayed great technical ability. The closing number, "William Tell," Rossini, was exceptional. The fine, Mr. MacLean, was a musical staff gave two vocal solos in a charming manner, receiving hearty applause. Miss Jennie Ridden rendered a violin solo very effectively. A should not be adverse to having each province, without regard to population, represented by the same number of senators.

St. Andrews.

ST. ANDREWS, N. B., April 28.—The sch. Helen, Rockland, Me., Charles Traynor, master, with cargo of 900 bbls. cement consigned to W. E. Spaulding, Caribou, Me., is being discharged at the C. P. R. wharf, and the cargo laden on the cars by James Cummings. The master Traynor, and First Officer John Ward are natives of Pennfield, Charlotte Co., N. B.

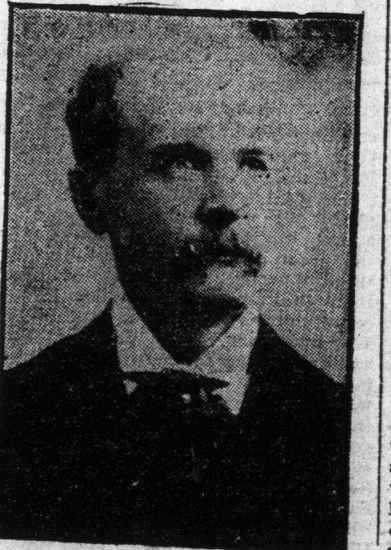
The government dredge New Dominion is taking in coal at the C. P. R. wharf. She will commence operations dredging the eastern and western entrances to the harbor next week.

Two wild geese during last night alighted in the yard of Mrs. H. Wiam in the church block, and took their departure at an early hour this morning.

13 PERSONS SHOT IN
ANTHRACITE REGIONSCHIEF JUSTICE
HAS RESIGNEDFitzpatrick May Succeed
Judge Taschereau

OTTAWA, Ont., April 30.—Chief Justice Taschereau, of the Supreme Court of Canada, has resigned. It is understood that Mr. Fitzpatrick, minister of justice, will be offered the appointment, though this may not be done until after the conclusion of the session.

Should Mr. Fitzpatrick go on the bench, Mr. Aylesworth will be transferred from the post office department to the justice portfolio.



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