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BUDGET SPEECH CONCLUDED; PROVINCIAL EXPENDITURE RECORDS ARE ALL BROKEN

FREDERICTON, N.B., May 15.—The business of the legislature is now in full swing. All the committees are organized and at work. Something under fifty bills have already been introduced and the most of these have passed the committee stage. The budget speech has been made and on Monday Mr. Robinson will make his reply to Mr. Flemming's strictures on the late government. Whether the debate will end here remains to be seen. The opposition has evinced no desire to prolong the session by unnecessary rebate and has criticised only two of the measures so far brought down by the government.

Suggestions have been made in the direction of improving the audit act to make it genuinely effective and one of these suggestions is being seriously entertained by the government. So far as the highway act is concerned all the debate that has taken place on that measure has been on two sections, the one constituting highway boards, which was demonstrated to be a distinct violation of the pledge of the government to turn over the management of the highways and the appointment of all officials thereunder to the municipal councils, and the other regarding the taxation to be imposed under the act. No one can say that these are not fair matters of debate, or that the time so far given to the consideration of this important measure has been wasted.

It would be doing Mr. Flemming an injustice to assert that his speech of yesterday was a budget speech at all. It was simply a campaign oration and as such it will most likely be dealt with by the opposition.

In his speech today, Mr. Flemming was much more mild in his utterances than yesterday. He dealt with the subject under consideration and explained the various estimates clearly. Dealing with educational grant he explained that it was larger because of the legislation that was introduced last session. He did not say that this legislation to increase the salaries of school teachers was promoted by the late government, as was also the increased grant to the university which he so strongly favored. Neither did he give any indication that the government would consider the question of pensions for school teachers. He had no word of praise for the good work the late government had done for education. But when he came to the item of interest he had much to say in condemnation of the policy of his predecessors. The item for interest is increased $40,000. Of this amount $10,000 is transferred from the public works department to the consolidated revenue account to give a larger appropriation for roads and bridges. Had the late government attempted such a financial trick no one would have condemned it more hastily than Mr. Flemming.

Bonds to Pay Floating Debt

Before concluding his speech, Mr. Flemming took the house into his confidence and told him they were keeping tab on the accounts of the late government and proposed to fund all the over-expenditure they found during the year, as they did not propose to be hampered in this work by a large floating debt. In doing this they were, he said, following the precedent established by Mr. Blair, who had done what they proposed doing. In this statement Mr. Flemming was hardly correct. Mr. Blair found a floating debt of $321,000 when he came into power and of this he funded $250,000 and paid off $71,000 out of current revenue. But Mr. Blair also reduced the salaries of the executive, while Mr. Flemming retains practically the same grant for executive government as did the late government. He also announced that the government would issue bonds for permanent works, but would endeavor to live within the estimates and thereby husband the resources of the province.

Mr. Robinson moved the adjournment of the debate and on Monday he will be heard in reply to Mr. Flemming's charges of extravagance and misgovernment.

After the house adourned Urbain Johnson, ex-M. P. P. for Kent, which county he served for 39 years in the legislature, and who has been visiting the scene of his former triumphs, was summoned to the bar of the house where the speaker read to him a most complimentary address, at the close of which he presented him with a substantial token of the esteem in which he is held by the members of the present house, to all of which Mr. Johnson fittingly and feelingly replied.

OPPOSITION UNCERTAIN AS TO FEELING OF COUNTRY

The parliamentary situation at Ottawa today is unparalleled in the history of British institutions. Never before has any party deliberately set itself to the robbery of the country's creditors and the injury of the country's financial standing by deliberately refusing, on selfish partisan grounds, to vote money to carry on current business. The situation is different entirely from that of 1896 when the Liberals were fighting against the oppressive principle of the Remedial Bill. Then supply was refused for the following year when the existing fiscal year had three months to run. The life of parliament then expired before the end of the fiscal year. This parliament has over seven months to run and we are now over a month and half on a new fiscal year. And estimates are being held up now not for any principle, for the government has conceded the point upon which the obstruction was orginally based, but solely for party advantage. For whatever can be gained politically by this show of fight and by the retention of Conservative control of the Manitoba voting lists, the Conservative opposition is deliberately imperilling the public welfare. It is well that the people should understand that under the existing system of parliamentary practice a minority has this power, and that the present opposition is willing to use it.

Allowed Number of Public Works Items to Pass House Last Night

Western Members Afraid to Oppose Items for Their Constituencies--Seeking Advice from Manitoba

OTTAWA, May 15.—Parliament today presented an interesting spectacle of superficial tranquility. The government gave the opposition an opportunity to show the country their intentions and demonstrate whether they propose to criticise the work of the administration or to block the business of the country. This was done by moving the House into committee of supply to vote money necessary to carry on public affairs.

At a caucus in the morning the Liberals discussed the situation and decided the government had made a fair offer of compromise and had gone as far as it could to meet the wishes of the opposition, and at the same time preserve its own dignity.

Efforts to obtain supply in the afternoon were not absolutely barren of results. Votes for public buildings in Manitoba and the West were asked from the house, and while the opposition allowed some votes to go through they showed the greatest reluctance and kept the drag on throughout the sitting.

It was evident that they felt their case over the election bill was too impossible to allow the attention of the country to be challenged by an absolute block of business. They adopted tactics of limited obstruction to save their face before the country, but which would show the government at the same time they could not expect the business of this session to be finished before it was time to hold another.

The items offered for consideration were peculiarly fitted to embarrass their campaign. They were Manitoba items and the Conservative members from that province appreciated the fact that they would not please the electors of Brandon or Winnipeg if they refused to vote money to build a post office there on the ground that they wanted to retain the Roblin-Rogers election lists. Therefore they allowed some votes to go through.

In the meantime, while the government has made up its mind, the opposition are thinking and wondering what the opinion of the country is.

Uy to Opposition

On Monday the Minister of Justice will present a draft amendment of the election bill embodying the compromise which the Prime Minister offered in his speech early in the week. It will then be up to the opposition to finally declare its purpose.

It is pointed out here that the position of the Liberals in 1896 was entirely different from that of the opposition today. In 1896 the Liberals were fighting for a much larger principle than the present issue.

Then the constitutional position of the whole country was effected. In spite of that and the fact that the Conservative government was discredited the Liberal opposition agreed to the passage of three months' supply to keep the country running until a new parliament could be returned.

Premiers Roblin and Bob Rogers have been telegraphed for and are on the way to Ottawa to give the Conservative members expert advice. They will be here by Monday.

Before orders of the day were called Mr. Borden asked when treaties between Great Britain and United States affecting Canada would be laid on the table.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said they would be laid on the table on Monday.

Mr Borden wanted to know when the civil service bill would be introduced.

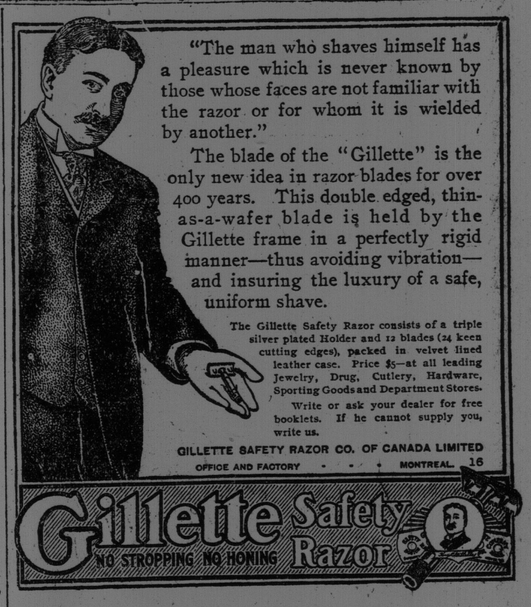
Hon. Mr. Fielding—I am unable to give any answer at present. Replying to another question by Mr. Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he would have no objection to evidence in Cassels' inquiry being laid on the table.

Estimates of the Minister of Public Works were then taken up. There was a long discussion by opposition members chiefly on the item of $20,000 for Brandon drill hall. The item was finally passed. A number of other items were allowed to pass after a long discussion.

Mr. Bennett complained of the extravagance of the Minister of Public Works, and referred to a statement said to have been made by the Hon. Mr. Flemming in the New Brunswick Legislature that a bill for over $17,000 had just been presented by the I. C. R for rails supplied in 1902. "Evidently," said Mr. Bennett, "the minister had left the financial affairs of New Brunswick in a bad mess."

Hon. Mr. Pugsley said these statements were made in his absence, and were absolutely false and misleading.

Votes were passed to the amount of $645,000, and the House adjourned at midnight.



WHITE GIRL, 13; ELOPES WITH NEGRO; CAUGHT

He Helps Her From House With a Ladder, Steals Team and Runs Away.

BELLE MEAD, N. J., May 1-3.—Bertha Miller, a pretty 13 year old white girl, who eloped on Monday with James Wilson, a negro, 19 years old, was arrested today in New Brunswick and both she and Wilson were placed in the Somerville jail.

Bertha was living with the family of T. B. Griggs, where she had made her home from the time she was taken from an orphan asylum. Wilson had also been employed there at odd time and fell in love with the girl, although warned by Griggs to keep away.

The negro went to the Griggs home at this place late Monday night, stole a team from the stable, placed a ladder against the girl's window and helped her to the ground. Bertha took along a bundle of clothing.

Yesterday when the Grigg family discovered that the girl was gone, Detective Togger of Somerville, was notified. He traced the pair and the team to New Brunswick.

HOW ALLIGATORS TRAVEL.

LONDON, May 16.—Twenty-one alligators from Florida reached Tilbury Docks yesterday on their way to the Hungarian Exposition at Earl's Court. They were packed in coffin-shaped boxes with slits down the middle to admit air and were fed through a hole with fish and meat. The largest weighed nearly half a ton.

ENGLISH CATTLE FOR JAPAN.

LIVERPOOL, May 16—The agent-general of the Japanese government wrote yesterday to the Devon Cattle Breeders' Society stating that a number of cattle experts would arrive in England from Tokio in June for the purchase of buying representatives of the most noted breed of English cattle for the Japanese government.

TREE ON TRACK; GIVES ALARM; IT'S A SNAKE

Young Woman, Hoping to Save Passengers, Leads Crew to Reptile.

ALTOONA, Pa., May 13—Miss Emily A. Liddle a music teacher of Williamsburg, Blair county, was on her way to Mount Etna, when on passing through the Pennsylvania Railroad cut near Mount Etna she saw what she supposed to be a fair-sized tree trunk, which had fallen across the track.

Fearing the passenger train, about due, would be ditched, she ran half a mile back to the station to notify the trackmen.

They arrived with sledges and crowbars, and were horrified to find the trunk was a snake.

In its state of semi-coma it was quickly killed.

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GORDON BENNETT CO. OPENS ON MONDAY

While many plays have had longer runs, probably there is none that have pleased more people than "Under Southern Skies," one of the greatest successes of recent years. Every one enjoys the drama of the Sunny South, the life, the scenery and the manners are restful as well as pleasing. While entirely different in theme and action, "For Hearth and Home," dramatized from Mrs. Mary J. Holmes' popular novel of Southern life, has almost the same local setting as "Under Southern Skies." The same chivalry and beauty, the same refinement and repose characterize the play. However, there is no similarity beyond this of "locale." Mrs. Holmes' novel was being read to our grandmothers almost before Mrs. Parker, who wrote "Under Southern Skies," was born. The Gordon Bennett Company will present "For Hearth and Home" on Monday night and Wednesday matinee.

Probably no stronger or closer art bund exists this side of the ocean than the circle of scenic artists of the metropolis. Generous and ever ready to give credit where it is due, they have unanimously pronounced the great scene the deck of the Admiral's flagship in "Under the North Star," the finest stage ship ever launched in this country, and the fine vision scene of Craton Park by moonlight, the best thing in its line ever sent out of New York. They also set the seal of perfection on the fine Arctic scenes and the wonderful reproduction of St. John's harbor, Newfoundland, one of the loveliest scenes in the world. "Under the North Star" will be presented Tuesday and Wednesday evening, by the Gordon Bennett Company.

HOOLIGAN IN NEW YORK.

"Hooligan in New York" which comes here for three nights, commencing Thursday, May 21, can truthfully be termed the quintessence of fun. Unlike most comedies it has a plot, and this plot is in the main responsible for the many ludicrous mishaps and complications that round out a solid three hours of fun. The company that will present "Hooligan in New York" has been carefully selected. The audience has yet to be met which has not been captivated by this mirthful comedy, and its many special features. Not a little of the fun is furnished by Flip, Hooligan's dog, which has been trained and drilled by one of the best animal trainers in America.

At the Palace

This theatre has one of the best shows yet produced in St. John, being very entertaining, especially to the ladies and children. Harrison and Moffatt gave their audience a rare treat, especially in songs and musical acts, they sang See Saw with all proper effects and were encored many times.

These clever people have won much favor and are well deserving of the encores they receive, they try their every effort to give a highly entertaining performance.

The pictures were exceptional good, being very clear and distinct, especially Uncle Tom's Cabin, also Monto Cristo.

Mr. Wallace was encored several times when he sang, Let me write what I never dared to tell. You should not miss the opportunity of witnessing this great show.

VANCOUVER BAR WANTS TO IMPEACH JUDGE MARTIN

VANCOUVER, May 15.—A singular deadlock exists with regard to the efforts of the City Bar Asociation to impeach Justice Martin for refusing to perform official duties. Every member of parliament and senator in British Columbia has been asked to present a petition for the purpose, and every one has refused. The bar will bring the matter to the attention of the government in some way before long.

APPOINTED DEPUTY CLERK OF CROWN IN CHANCERY

OTTAWA, May 15.—Francis Chadwick of Ottawa has been appointed deputy clerk of the crown in chancery, in succession to J. G. Foley, who was promoted after the death of the late clerk, Mr. Lamothe.

DANCING CAUSES DEATH OF GIRL

MARSEILLES, May 16—A passion for dancing has led to the death of a girl named Valentine Taravel, belonging to a wealthy family in the south of France. She began to dance at the age of 4. All through dancing was her chief interest in life, and she grew to translate her every sentiment by rhythmical movements of body.

For years her parents attached no particular importance to her passion, but at length it become such an obsession that a doctor was consulted. He prescribed a rest from dancing and a long holiday in a quiet country place. The girl was taken away for two months and came back no better. She was found waltzing one night in her bedroom and was taken to a specialist who gave her sedatives, but could not effect a cure.

The other night the girl rose, and, going to an attic, began waltzing, and continued to dance for hours. Toward 2 o'clock in the morning the servants were aroused by a loud noise in the attic. The girl was found dead on the floor, having literally danced herself to death, syncope following her tremendous exertions.

MAN RIDES BICYCLE INSIDE CATHEDRAL.

MILAN, May 16—A strange scene was witnessed at Milan Cathedral yesterday. A jealous husband, who had been tracking his young wife through the city on a bicycle, overtook her in the cathedral square. Terrified by his threats, the young woman took refuge in the building.

The husband, dismounting, ran up the steps with his machine under his arm, and, once inside, began bicycling furiously all over the sacred edifice in quest of his wife, spreading terror among the peaceful worshippers by his violent language.

After a struggle he was secured and hurried off with his wife to the police station, where the authorities decided to detain him for forty-eight hours, in order to give his wrath ample time to cool.

ELECTION WITH FOURTEEN VOTERS.

LONDON, May 16.—Twyford Abbey, Middlesex, where a by-election takes place next Saturday for a seat on the Greenford Urban Council is one of the smallest polling districts in England. There are two candidates and eighteen voters, not more than fourteen of whom are expected to go to the poll.

TOO INDUSTRIOUS.

LONDON, May 16.—A charwoman, who sought to recover compensation under the workmen's compensation act at Southwark, yesterday, lost her cause because she injured her hand while doing work for her mistress that she had not been asked to do, and after her ordinary work was completed.

NOT MUSIC LOVERS.

MUNICH, May 16.—While burglars were attempting to break open an automatic piano and extract the coins at a Munich inn, it suddenly burst forth into a popular tune and caused them to be arrested.

WEDDING PARTY PREDICAMENT.

PARIS, May 16.— The mayor of Cassagnes Begonlies was unable to perform a marriage ceremony yesterday because at the last moment he discovered that his secretary who was away on his holidays had taken the key of the office with him.

BURGLARS STEAL A HINT

BUDAPEST, May 16.—Some time ago burglars broke into the house of a man named Denkash, at Bapst, Hungary and a local newspaper in reporting the incident mentioned that a number of valuables had been overlooked. Next day these disappeared. The editor has now challenged Denkash to fight a duel for saying that his paper has its largest circulation among thieves and robbers.

PENNY-IN-THE-SLOT BANKS.

BERLIN, May 16.—Automatic savings banks on the principle of the penny-in-the-slot machines have been installed in all the Berlin schools. The children receive numbered counters in return for coins drooped in. When they take them to the schoolmaster who presents them with savings bank books in which the amounts are entered.

$80,000 BRIBE FOR HIS VOTE; SAID NO!

New York Preacher Lauds Senator Who Turned Gamblers Down.

NEW YORK, May 13—Who is the senator of the State of New York, or rather Brooklyn, to whom $80,000 was offered if he would vote against the Hart-Agnew anti-racetrack gambling bills in the Legislature of this state?

These questions are being asked in Brooklyn, as well as elsewhere, as a result of a statement in the Central Congregational Church, of Brooklyn, made by the Rev. Dr. James O. Wilson.

Dr. Wilson's statement was made publicly, though he did not mention the identity of the senator.

Dr. Wilson said that word had come to him that one senator had been tempted with an offer of $80,000 if he would help to defeat the anti-betting bills, and the reverend doctor added thanks to God that there had been found at least one man who had the strength to say "no" to such a temptation.

Dr. Wilson refused today to name the senator.

FIREBUG'S THREAT TO BURN PALACE

COPENHAGEN, May 16.—An incendiary has for the last two months terrorized Copenhagen by setting fire to roofs. His method is to send blackmailing letters before beginning operations. Detectives are then posted at the house, but as soon as they, after some days' vain watching, are removed to other houses in which threatening letters have been found, the incendiary does his work. The damage hitherto caused by the criminal is $200,000, and large rewards have been offered by fire insurance companies for his apprehension.

On Friday a letter arrived at King Frederick's residence at Amalienborg Castle. It was from the incentiary, informing the court that he would pay a visit to the castle, and was signed "Pyroman," which is his usual signature. The letter caused a great deal of uneasiness in view of King Edward's visit, and the Danish police watched the castle all day and night.

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BROTHER AND SISTER COMMIT FIA BCIDE

Young Peasant Poisoned for Wealth He Had Accumulated in America

MILAN, May 16—A blood-curdling crime is reported from Ardenno, a mountain village near Brescia.

A young peasant named Giovanni Mescia lately returned home with a goodly hoard of savings from the United States, where for several years he had been employed as a restaurant waiter. Observing that he was deeply in love with a village girl, his brother, Charles, and his sister, Adelaide, exerted themselves to break off the match, fearing that if he were married they would not reap the benefit of his hoard. Matters, however, went so far that arrangements were made to have the bans published.

The brother and sister thereupon appear to have resolved to remove Giovanni. By Palm Sunday he had mysteriously disappeared.

One day the police caught a middle-aged servant of the Mescia family, named Maddalena Bianchini, in the act of posting a letter to Milan beseeching a friend to send from that city an inclosed missive which was addressed to the parish priest Ardennio. This purported to be in Giovanni's handwriting and informed the priest that he (Giovanni) lay ill at Milan under medical treatment, and that, as his doctor has sternly counseled him to abandon the idea of matrimony, he begged the priest to discontinue the publication of the bans. On being arrested, Bianchini admitted having procured quantities of strychnine, with which Charles and Adelaide had poisoned their brother. Thereupon the police arrested the brother and sister.

Yesterday Bianchini made further revelations, which resulted in the discovery of the murdered man's body buried nine feet deep in a vineyard belonging to the Mescia family. The brother and sister have now confessed to poisoning Giovanni, who, they says, expired in agonies due to big doses of strychnine, early on Palm Sunday. Assisted by Bianchini, they despoiled the victim of all save his shirt, and shrouded the body in a couple of sheets tightly bound with rope.

Charles occupied the whole day on Monday in Holy Week digging the victim's grave. When midnight had sounded he shouldered the corpse, and, followed by his sister and the servant, went across the fields to the vineyard, and descended the grave by means of a ladder, while the two women helped to lower the body. They then half filled the grave with earth, over which they heaped basketfuls of stones.

The young girl to whom the victim was to have been married is prostrated with grief.

RACE FOR LIFE ON SKIS.

ROME, May 16 — Two Austrain brothers, named Schlenig, who crossed the Italian frontier from the Engadine on skis in order to catch a train, were fired at by custom guards in mistake for smugglers. Shot after shot followed them as they skied down the mountain side at a great pace, one bullet grazing the younger brother's knapsack, but they soon outdistanced their pursuers.

Miss Catherine Chalie ... ody with the Gordon Bennett Co.

SHAVED MOUSTACHE FOR PROMISED KISS

BERLIN, May 16—The importance of the moustache question in Germany will shortly be manifested in a trial in the Rhine province, in which a wealthy silk manufacturer is suing an actress for damages in connection with the loss of his luxuriant facial adornment.

The manufacturer made the acquaintance of the actress, a young and beautiful comedy artist, socially. Meeting her at a dinner party a few weeks later, he extracted from her a promise to give him a kiss.

She said that she would if he promised to shave off his moustache. That was a heavy forfeit, as his moustache—one of the approved Kaiser type—was loudly famous and gave its possessor a reputation for masculine beauty, of which he was exceedingly proud.

Eventually he brought himself, however, to visit the barber, and had his moustache shaved off, He informed the actress that her condition had been fulfilled, and that he was ready for the kiss; but to his consternation, he was notified that she had meantime became engaged, and could not, therefore, keep the bargain.

The disappointed cavalier has taken his case to court, and demands that the actress either be compelled to kiss him or be ordered to pay $375 for breach of contract.

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