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WINDING LEDGES BILL IS PROBABLY KILLED.

MEASURE REFERRED TO SPECIAL COMMITTEE THURSDAY.

Budget Debate Resumed—Hon. Mr. Emmerson Asks What Efforts Are Being Made to Induce Immigration to Maritime Provinces.

Ottawa, April 23.—(Special)—The bill of Mr. Coogan regarding the Winding Ledges dam was disposed of in about a minute's time at the private bills committee today. It was the first order. Mr. Coogan appeared before the committee and said that the parties in favor of the scheme and those opposed to it were agreed that the bill should be referred to a special committee.

Hon. Mr. McKown, who was present with Mayor Wolfe and the other delegates, opposed to the bill, agreed to this, and de L. A. Riviere, the member for Providence, moved that the bill be referred to a special committee appointed by the chairman. This was carried, and closed the proceedings as far as this bill was concerned.

BRITISH GRAIN DUTIES ABOLISHED.

Income Tax Rate Reduced Four Pence—Sir Wm. Harcourt Denounces Government's Extravagance, and Says Canada Ought to Contribute to Navy.

London, April 23.—The budget, which was introduced today, shows an expenditure for 1904-5 of £719,700,000. Mr. Ritchie expects a surplus of £54,000,000. The main items of the budget include the abolition of duties on grain, and four pence is taken off income tax.

ENGLISH DOCK LABORERS COMING TO MONTREAL TO TAKE STRIKERS' PLACES.

Rev. Mr. Barr After London Newspaper for Libel—German Sugar-makers Say Canadian Surtax Will Hurt Them.

Montreal, April 23.—(Special)—A special London cable says: "An important weekly paper, the Critic, recently published an article calling Rev. Mr. Barr, of immigration fame, an 'Out of Work' man, and a 'Religious Tool,' and generally condemning his scheme. It is understood that Mr. Barr intends to enter an action for libel. This will mean that all the Canadian immigration officials will be called as witnesses."

PEVETY CRITICISM BY THE OPPOSITION

Mr. Flemming Makes a Small Man's Speech and is Smartly Brought to Book by Mr. Copp in a Strong and Dignified Defence of the Government.

GAMEY OFFERED \$5,000 TO BACK-UP HIS HOUSE STORY.

Fredericton, April 22.—The speaker took the chair at 9 o'clock. Mr. Copp, from the committee of standing rules, reported adversely on Mr. Osmann's motion of suspension of rules 78 and 79 to permit the introduction of a bill relating to the marsh lands of Albert county.

Hon. Mr. Danneberg presented the report of the Provincial Board of Health and return of the debenture indebtedness of Gloucester. Mr. Robertson introduced a bill to amend the building of structures on wharves in St. John, and to increase the pay of the St. John aldermen to \$200. Mr. Osmann presented a petition in favor of a subsidy for the steamer Beaver.

IN AWFUL EXPLOSION TEN ARE KILLED.

Men and Women Meet Fearful Death in Disaster at Oil Works.

Minneapolis, Minn., April 23.—Eight men and two women were killed by an explosion at the plant of the Northwestern Oil Company this morning.

DEAF MUTES ON STRIKE.

One Hundred and Fifty of Them in Chicago Ask for Shorter Hours, and Tie Up Plant Employing 1,000 Persons.

Chicago, April 23.—At a signal from their business agent 150 deaf mute electrical workers employed in the automatic electric company have inaugurated the first deaf mute strike on record. The plant, employing almost 1,000 persons, was closed down.

HIGH OFFICIAL'S WIFE PURLOINS DOCUMENTS.

U. S. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL A PARTY TO THE ACT.

Woman Gained Access to Her Husband's Private Office and Abstracted Papers from the Safe, and Refused to Return Them.

Washington, April 23.—A most sensational development of the investigation of post office department affairs occurred last before the department closed today, when Postmaster-General Payne announced the summary dismissal of James H. Tyner, assistant attorney-general for the post office department, coupling with the announcement the startling charge that all the papers and records in the safe of the latter's office had been abstracted by Mrs. Tyner, wife of the discharged officer, with the assistance of others.

Frank Sullivan Testified at Stratton Investigation Thursday to This Effect. "Gamey Was Trying to Play Me and I Was Trying to Play Gamey," Said the Witness—Member for Manitoulin Present With Private Counsel.

MONTREAL'S BIG STRIKE COMMENCES.

750 Carpenters Quit Work Thursday; 1200 More Will Stop Saturday—A Fight to a Finish.

Montreal, April 23.—(Special)—One of the biggest labor strikes in the history of Montreal commenced at noon today when 750 carpenters and joiners quit work to enforce their demands for an eight hour day with a minimum rate of 25¢ cents an hour. Unless the master builders grant the demands 1,200 more men will go out Saturday.

HERE ARE THE CUSTOMS REGULATIONS WHICH MADE THE GERMANS SO ANGRY.

Surtax Applies to Articles Produced in the Kaiser's Country or the Chief Value of Which is Produced There—Bay of Fundy Fishery Commission Named.

Ottawa, April 23.—(Special)—The customs department has prepared a circular for importers, to be distributed by the customs, containing full information regarding the regulation with reference to the surtax on German goods. Two certificates are required from importers, one of which is to be attached to goods entered under the British preferential tariff and the other in the following language: "Whereas, German goods are subject to a surtax in Canada, I certify that none of the articles contained in this package are produced in Germany, and that chief value of which is produced in Germany, although they have been improved or advanced in value by the manufacturer of another country. This applies to articles manufactured in Great Britain, the chief value of which was produced in Germany, notwithstanding the provisions of British preferential tariff."

CARLETON COUNTY MURDERER'S CASE UP.

True Bill Expected Against Melvine for Killing His Wife—Insanity the Defence.

Halifax, N.S., April 23.—The grand jury of the April term of the Supreme judicial court in session at Houlton has had under consideration the case of Charles F. Melvine, who killed his wife at Marshall Hill on April 2, and will make its report on Monday or Tuesday. It is understood that in case a true bill is returned Hon. Don A. Hooton, the well known criminal lawyer of Houlton, will defend the prisoner and that insanity will be the defence.

RAILWAY EMPLOYER ORGANIZER DEAD.

Winnipeg, April 23.—(Special)—Harold V. Poore, general organizer for Canada of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, died today in the general hospital here.

Wm. McCabe, Insurance Manager, Dead.

Toronto, April 23.—William McCabe, managing director of North American Life Assurance Company, died this evening at his residence here. Deceased was very prominent in insurance affairs and was a well known Mason. He was 68 years of age.