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Places of Birth and Religions

SIX ENGLISHMEN

Roman Catholics Are of the Same Force as in Old House

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—An analysis of the personnel of the new House of Commons with respect to places of birth and religions gives the following interesting figures:—

In the last parliament there were 200 native born Canadians; in the new house the native born number 204.

There are six English born as compared with four in the last house. Ireland sent four sons to the old house, but there are only two native Irishmen in the new house. In each house the membership included three men who were born in the United States. Scotland had three representatives in the last house; now it has only two. The new house also includes one member who was born in South America.

By religions the figures are equally interesting.

The Roman Catholics are of exactly the same force as in the old house, the figure in each case being 70. The Presbyterians number 46 in the new house; last year they had 47.

The Methodist Church is represented by 50 in the new house as against 49 in the last parliament. The Church of England has 41 as against 42. The Baptists numbered 8 in the former house; in this they are 6.

One addition to the religions is a Universalist. The Congregationalists are 2, the same as last year, and there is one Lutheran and one Farringdon Independent, just as there was in the last house.

BOSTON AND MAINE CUTS FREIGHT RATE

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 27.—The Boston and Maine Railroad sent to the Interstate Commerce Commission a statement that it should insist on a sixty cent a hundred freight rate to the west, the same as from Baltimore, although it agreed on January 1st to maintain a 80 cent rate for a month. Up to the first of the year the rate from Boston has been slightly higher than that from Baltimore, which has acted adversely, according to the Boston and Maine officials, to the business interests of this city and in favor of Baltimore.

It was the belief here today that the reduction by the Boston and Maine will be met by a further reduction by the railroads centering in Baltimore and may lead to a rate war.

WESCHESTER, Pa., Jan 27.—Henry James, aged 65 and his wife, aged 64, who lived on a farm at Berwick, near here, were brutally murdered some time last night at their homes. The bodies were found today by a nephew of the couple who went to the farm on an errand.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Right Hon. John Sinclear, who has been secretary for Scotland since 1905, has been raised by His Majesty to the peerage. The elevation is due primarily to Premier Asquith's desire to have member of the cabinet intimately connected with Scotland in the upper House.

SENATE'S BUDGET SPEECH IS MADE BY SIR RICHARD

Looks Optimistically at the Future

CANADA'S STRENGTH

Increase in Exports of Home Products Proves Canada's Impregnability

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—In the senate today, on the resumption of the debate on the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Sir Richard Cartwright, new government leader in the upper house, and who is also at present acting Minister of Finance, made what might be considered as the senate's budget speech.

In characteristically cogent and clear cut debating style he made a strong defense of the government's financial policy. Referring to the prophecy of Senator Lougheed, the opposition leader in the senate, that a deficit for the current fiscal year would be $15,000,000, Sir Richard said he looked for much better results. The total loss of revenue up to seven days ago had amounted to $12,038,000, as compared with the preceding year. But for the remaining two months of the fiscal year it was expected that there would be no further decrease and that there might be an increase.

Weathered the Storm

Canada had weathered the storm of financial depression much better than had the United States and exports of home produce during 1908 had increased by $11,000,000, as compared with 1907, a proof that the great sources of industry in Canada were not injured by the commercial calamity which had befallen other countries. Taking up the question of increased expenditures during the past twelve years, Sir Richard pointed out that careful analysis of these increases showed that at least half of the total amount consisted simply in change of bookkeeping methods, the money being simply taken out of one pocket and put into the other. The other half of the total increase was justified by the growth of the country and necessary extension of various departmental services and by increased provincial subsidies.

TRAINS CRASH IN SNOW STORM

HARTUSTON, Jan. 27.—In a blinding snow-storm, two freight trains crashed together near here at noon and two men, S. Root of Palmerston and H. Smith, were killed. One train was from Owen Sound and the other from Southampton. Both were on the G. T. R. and one of them, owing to the storm got on the wrong track. Three or four men were injured. The point of collision was Fulton's Mills siding between this place and Clifford. Much rolling stock was damaged or destroyed.

KENMARE, N. D., Jan. 27.—Fire today damaged a lumber yard at Portal, scorched the Soo R. R. roundhouse and did other mischief. The total loss is $75,000.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Cabling from Pekin, the correspondent of the Times says that the infant Chinese emperor is suffering from confluent smallpox.

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FOSTER DUMB, CROUCHES IN SEAT BEFORE VIGOROUS ONSLAUGHT OF PUGSLEY

Tory Scandal - Mongers Make Absurd Attempt to Discredit Minister

Rehash Mayes' Story, but Pugsley Makes Them Look Ridiculous

Shows the House That Tories are Absolutely at Sea

Foster, Sproule, Haggart et al Forced to Sit Down Badly Worsted

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—Gone from the House of Commons are the Bennetts, the Lefurgeys and the Fowlers, who lived on a diet of political misrepresentation and died from the effects of it—victims of their own cuisine—but the Conservative slander remains. Its personnel has changed somewhat, but judging from the debate which occupied the whole of this afternoon's session, its spirit and methods are, the general election and its lessons notwithstanding, unaltered.

HON. DR. PUGSLEY.

Among the muckrakers who did so much to prolong the last session to such an inordinate extent, one of the most persistent was Dr. Reid, of Grenville. In the work of tracking down imaginary scandals he revels. He lives in an atmosphere of suspicion and employed most of his time on the floor of the house and in the public accounts committee tilting at windmills of his own construction. Today he resumed the same old role and precipitated a discussion of a kind which last session made so familiar.

Despite the recent verdict of the people on the very issue Dr. Reid is still convinced or at least he says he is, that the administration of departments is corrupt and dishonest. In particular he affects to believe that responsible ministers and their deputies are not to be trusted in the matter of opening and awarding tenders for public works and supplies. He was made aware yesterday that the government had passed a regulation to the effect that all tenders on being received should be placed under lock and key and opened only in the presence of the Minister and another official of the department concerned, or in the absence of the Minister of two officials whom he should designate. But this did not satisfy Dr. Reid, who moved this afternoon a motion declaring that tenders should be opened in the presence of three officials of the department concerned and also in the presence of contractors and the public.

In the House of Commons yesterday the trend of discussion on the opposition side showed that the real object of the motive was to afford Mr. Foster and other conservative members an opportunity to attack Hon. Mr. Pugsley and to repeat insinuations and veiled charges which did duty before the election. From Mr. Monk, Dr. Sproule, Mr. Boyce, Hon. J. Haggart, Mr. Lake and Mr. Foster, among the old brigade, poured in a copious stream the same old denunciation of mal-administration of which not one could advance a single instance or an iota of proof. In chorus joined some of the recruits, among them Mr. Middlebro, of North Grey, and Mr. Crosby, of Halifx, who in innocence of experience calmly assumed that charges exploited in the Conservative campaign literature had all been proved. The Liberals, however, had no reason to regret the discussion if for no other reason than that it afforded Hon. Mr. Pugsley an opportunity to reply to his detractors of which he effectively availed himself.

Mr. Pugsley's reply was complete and unequivocal. "I challenge my hon. friend opposite," he said, "to move a motion in this house to bring down tenders with respect to any public work which has been affected since I have been Minister. I am quite willing that they shall be submitted to the closest scrutiny and I am prepared to stand by the result."

WITH TELLING EFFECT.

Taking up the Mayes and McAvity contract he remarked with telling effect that in view of what had taken place in New Brunswick at the election Mr. Foster would have been the last man to refer to that letter. "I ask my hon. friend," he continued, "whether he can vouch for the paper which he has read being an affidavit actually sworn to?"

Mr. Foster crouched in his chair and took no notice of the question. There were loud cries of "Rise and answer," whereupon Mr. Borden jumped to his feet with an explanation.

"It is my hon. friend from North Toronto whom I am addressing," calmly observed Mr. Pugsley, whereupon Mr. Borden subsided, and Mr. Foster still retaining his seat articulated: "When you have made your speech you will get your answer."

Mr. Pugsley then proceeded to recall circumstances under which so-caild Mayes bombshell was exploded. He reminded the house that the alleged affidavit was read at a Conservative meeting by Premier Hazen and that it charged him with having, while acting as Minister of the Crown received $2,000 from Mayes for advising him to have a friend at Ottawa. "A more infamous charge was never made against a public man," declared Mr. Pugsley. Then he explained how errors as to dates were discovered in the affidavit and commented on the fact that while the original charge had been published broadcast neither Mr. Hazen nor a large section of the Conservative press had retracted it.

HISTORY OF CONTRACT.

Going into the history of the Mayes contract, he stated that one of the conditions of the original tender which Mayes put in was that the work must be done by Canadian dredges. Mayes wanted that disability removed so that he might be enabled to employ a United States dredge, and, said Mr. Pugsley, "he came to me as his lawyer to ask me if I could suggest any business man in St. John who might become associated with him in his dredging operations. I mentioned Mr. McAvity, one of the leading business men of St. John, as one whom I thought might be willing to put in some capital. The records show that two or three tenders had been put in, one by Haney and Miller, Toronto, at $1.35 per cubic yard, the other by Mayes at 50 cents per cubic yard. Representations appeared to have been made to Hon. Mr. Hyman, who was Minister of Public Works at the time, to have the condition existing upon Canadian dredges withdrawn, and in exercise of his discretion that condition was withdrawn and new tenders were called for. Haney and Miller's second tender was $1.25 per cubic yard and Mayes was 55 cents per cubic yard, and the contract was awarded to the latter because it was the lowest tender."

Regarding Mr. Foster's demand that the government should take action to recover money paid, Mr. Pugsley pointed out that before such action could be taken it must be proved that the Ministers had colluded with Messrs. Mayes and McAvity, and no such suggestion have been made. "I can tell you," concluded the Minister of Public Works, "that since I became Minister Gershon Mayes has been persistent in his demand that I should increase his contract price to 90 cents per cubic yard, and I believe the principal reason why that attack was made by Mr. Mayes to destroy me politically was that I refused to yield to solicitations of Mayes. I held him to his bargain and forced him to carry out the contract which he had made with the department."

Six o'clock having been called by the Speaker the debate stood adjourned.

After Dr. Reid had moved his resolution and Hon. John Haggart had dipped back into history for a quarter of an hour and told how, when he was Minister, the principle of purchase by tender was not departed from even in the purchase of a single paint brush. Dr. Sproule made his sessional debut. The doctor, perhaps laboring under the impression that he was still on a campaign platform, where opposition charges of slander need not be too particular as to facts, proceeded to drag into the debate the issue of the Mayes' affidavit.

He gave the opening for Dr. Pugsley's clearing up of the charges when he proceeded to retail in parliament a one-sided statement of the incident as told in the opposition party press last October. He charged first that the Minister of Public Works had suggested to Mayes' raising of the original tender price on the dredging contract at St. John from 50 cents to 55 cents per cubic yard, and that the Minister had been party to the alteration of the contract.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley promptly challenged the truth of both statements. Dr. Sproule said he had seen the fact stated in newspapers.

"I defy him to produce any newspaper in which he saw that statement," said the Minister, who briefly recapitulated the facts of the case and noted that falsehoods without number had been circulated during the campaign with reference to alleged Mayes affidavit read by Premier Hazen. Moreover, he added, there was doubt as to whether said affidavit was a real affidavit at all, it being unsigned by Mayes and repeated requests for production of original having been always met with a refusal.

Dr. Sproule having been summarily tangled up in his facts at the very beginning of what might have otherwise developed into steady flow of Sproulesque eloquence sat down. Before he had gotten well "set" Mr. Boyce, of Algoma took up the tangled skein of the argument, being followed by other speakers of the day.

Dr. Pugsley wound up the debate with explanation of the whole case as summarized above.

CHAMBERLAIN'S DECISION DELIGHTS HIS MANY FRIENDS

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN
FROM THE SPHERE.

LONDON, Jan. 27.—Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, whose long illness has been a matter of grave concern to his thousands of friends and adherents, is undoubtedly regaining strength, so much so that he has created much rejoicing by an announcement that he means to stand for Parliament again at the next general election, now considered very likely to happen next June or July.

Both he and Mrs. Chamberlain are among the most interested patrons associated with the celebration in London of the Edgar Allan Poe centenary. Suitable congratulatory messages have been exchanged between the London Authors' Club, who have the matter in hand, and the University of Virginia.

RE-ELECT TEED PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY

Annual Meeting of Barristers' Society

TOPICS DISCUSSED

To Ask Government to Improve Law Library—The Judicature Act

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 27.—The annual meeting of the Barristers' Society of New Brunswick was held in the supreme court chambers this evening, with President M. G. Teed, K. C., in the chair. Others present included T. C. Allen, W. H. Barry, W. B. Wallace, J. D. Phinney, A. H. Hanington, A. B. Connell, W. P. Jones, K. C., Havelock Coy, J. W. McCready, H. G. Fenety, A. R. Slipp, W. H. Harrison, J. J. F. Winslow, J. B. M. Baxter and T. J. Carter.

Secretary Treasurer Allen reported that the committee appointed to ask the government for increased grant had performed that duty, but without success. Mr. Allen also submitted elaborate plans for the remodelling of the law library. He proposed among other things that the gallery should be established and the present wooden shelves replaced by steel. Plans had been placed before the commissioner of public works, who had approved of them and favored having the alterations made. The estimated cost is $4,800, which would have to be borne by the government.

Mr. Allen reported receipts for past year as $2,518.78 and expenditure of 1,993.70, leaving a balance of $525.08. During the year the sum of $913.16 had been paid out for books. Outstanding liabilities all paid, estimated receipts for next year set down at $1,700.

Supreme Court Rules

It was ordered that the new supreme court rules of the society be published in the next law report. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President, M. G. Teed; vice-president, J. H. Barry; members of council, R. W. Hewson, J. B. M. Baxter, J. D. Phinney, A. R. Slipp, A. B. Connell, J. W. McCready, Dr. Earle, president, vice-president and attorney general are members ex officio; secretary-treasurer, T. C. Allen.

In reference to the report submitted by Mr. Allen on the library a resolution was adopted instructing the council to interview the government and urge upon them the importance of increasing the library accommodations along the lines proposed.

Notice of Motion

Mr. Phinney gave notice of resolution for next meeting to provide for admission as students of those who pass the matriculation examination prescribed by the board of education. At present only university graduates and holders of superior school licenses are admitted without examination.

The Judicature Act passed by the legislature a few years ago, but never proclaimed, was brought up by R. W. Hewson, who stated that it was favored by the barristers of Westmorland, Kent and Albert counties. He moved, seconded by Mr. Baxter, that the government be asked to bring it into force. After several members had given expression to their views the resolution was put and unanimously adopted. At the close of the meeting President Teed entertained the members to an oyster supper.

CANADA'S CREDIT IS NOT IMPAIRED

Loan Issue of $30,000,000 Did Not Meet With Chilly Reception

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 27.—Sir Richard Cartwright, acting Minister of Finance, states that the cabled report from London published in the press today to the effect that the new Canadian loan issue of $30,000,000 on the London market has met with a chilling reception, was contrary to fact. Half the loan had been already subscribed by the public, which, considering all conditions of the money market at present and terms of the loan itself, was quite as good as could be expected. The result of the issue, he believed, would compare very favorably, all things being considered, with any recent loan issue in the London market. There would be little trouble, he said, in placing the part of the loan which still remained in the hands of the underwriters, and there was no sign of any impairment of Canada's credit in the foreign money markets.

UNITED STATES SENATOR FIGHTS THE NEW TREATY

Senator Smith Points Out Weaknesses

IS BACKED UP

Declares It Leaves Division of Vast Water Power Undetermined

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 27.—After devoting over four hours to the Canadian waterways treaty without having made any substantial progress in the ratification of the instrument, the senate adjourned.

The treaty probably will be considered daily until it is voted on. Most of the executive session was consumed by Senator Wm. Alden Smith, who insisted that the treaty should not be ratified without a provision fixing a division of the interests of Canada and the United States in the 6,203,000 tons horsepower provided by the rapids in the St. Mary's river.

He showed that only one per cent of the flow of the river is required to operate the locks at Saulte Ste. Marie, leaving the remainder of the vast flow to be utilized for power purposes. To leave this division of the waterpower undetermined, he declared, would be to leave a vexing question open for the future and he made plain his determination to fight the treaty.

Wanted It Specified

If, as a matter of right, he said, 50 per cent of this power belongs to the United States, as he was satisfied it did, he wanted that fact specified in the treaty.

In the development of the transmission of power, it said it would be possible to utilize all of this vast energy for mining and manufacturing purposes on the American side of the St. Mary's river and he did not wish to have the industries of his state crippled by failure in the treaty to conserve American interests.

Senator Lodge defended the treaty on the ground that the disposition of water rights related to questions of boundary and could be settled later. In this view Mr. Lodge was supported by Senator Carter of Montana.

Senator Teller of Colorado and Senator Heburn of Idaho sustained Mr. Smith.

ANOTHER ALASKAN RAILWAY FINISHED

Copper River Road is Owned Jointly by Morgan and the Guggenheims

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Announcement was made today of the completion of the Copper River Railway, which is jointly owned by J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Guggenheim interests, from Cordova to a point above the Abercrombie Rapids on the Copper River, in southwestern Alaska. The tidewater terminus of the railway is at Three Tree Point, just north of the town of Cordova, where the company has constructed wharves with a view to handling heavy materials, including ores. To add to the development of the upper Copper and Chitina Rivers the Copper River Railway Company has under way the building of five powerful steamers especially designed for navigating these rivers. Contracts have been awarded for the opening of the road up to the Copper River towards Fairbanks at an expenditure of $10,000,000.

COLONY WON'T AGREE TO IT

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., Jan. 27.—The Newfoundland cabinet has not accepted the draft of the proposed fisheries agreement arranged at Washington, but on the other hand has submitted a counter proposal for consideration.

The newspapers opposed to Sir Robert Bond's government express the opinion that the premier does not intend to accept the Washington agreement.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 27.—Edmund Lamy, of Saranac Lake, N. Y., amateur skating champion, outclassed all contestants in tonight's event of the National Skating Championship races at the Elyseum Rink. He won easily both the half mile and one and one half mile contests, but was not sufficiently pushed to break any records.