

THE WEATHER

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, B. C., at 8 p. m., April 15.

The weather has been fair in this vicinity, with a light breeze from the west, and a few clouds in the afternoon. The temperature has been in the 50s and 60s, with a slight rise in the evening. The wind has been light and variable, with a few showers of rain in the morning.

Station	Min.	Max.
Vancouver	46	56
Seattle	44	54
Portland	44	54
San Francisco	44	54
San Diego	44	54
Los Angeles	44	54
San Jose	44	54
San Antonio	44	54
San Luis Obispo	44	54
San Bernardino	44	54
San Francisco	44	54

Forecast for the 24 hours from 5 a. m. (Pacific time) to 5 a. m. (Pacific time) on April 16, 1907.
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CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.
New York Stocks.
Montreal Stocks.
Victoria Tide Table.

(April, 1907.)
The Department of Marine and Fisheries,
Ottawa.

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RETIREMENT OF INSPECTOR-GENERAL

Implied Insult to Lord Aylmer
Excites Indignation in
Militia Circles

THE CASE OF HON. MR. EMMERSON

Assertion Levelled at Opposition Yet
To Be Dealt With—Cruiser Sup-
plies Ventilated

Ottawa, April 15.—A number of gentlemen of sporting proclivities have had to pay up their wagers during the past two days. Many parliamentarians have contended and staked money on the result that the session would be terminated before Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for England. The premier is at the present time on the broad Atlantic and parliament is still in session. There is every hope that the prorogation will take place so as to enable Mr. Fielding and Mr. Patterson to depart for England on the 15th, but one can never tell what a day may bring forth.

For instance, Sir Frederick Borden had not left Ottawa more than a couple of hours before it became known that one of the worst jobs perpetrated by this government has just been consummated. It is impossible to describe the intensity of feeling which exists over the compulsory retirement of Lord Aylmer from the position of inspector-general of militia.

There is no man better qualified to discharge the duties of inspector-general than the gentleman who has just been side-tracked. He is a man in the prime of life, and was certainly good for ten years further active service. And yet because social influence, or backstairs influence desires to secure an increased pension, other officer, Lord Aylmer is put out in order to qualify this particular officer for increased emolument from the country.

The feeling over this latest deal is just as keen amongst Liberals as it is amongst Conservatives. Although it has been steadfastly denied that politics has anything to do with the administration of the militia, it looks as if a small coterie of Ottawa politicians, who are top-dancers in the Hill swim have invoked the whole strength of the Liberal party locally to retire Lord Aylmer.

The curious thing about the pensioning of the inspector-general is that it is alleged as a reason for so doing that he has reached the age limit. It is quite true that Lord Aylmer is one year older than the gentlemen who succeed him, Colonel Vidal, but the latter is senior in the service, and it cannot be many months before he must step out, if the reason alleged for Lord Aylmer's retirement is to be applied all round.

What Liberals of parliament fear is that the militia of Canada generally will be a worse one than the best and most popular officers who have ever worn a uniform in the Canadian militia. It was obviously certain that had the government's intentions been known before Sir Frederick Borden left for England, that that gentleman would be continuing the parliamentary grind at this moment. Instead of being on the broad Atlantic. The opposition showed great consideration towards the minister and permitted his estimates to go through at the one sitting, whereas in the past it has generally taken two or three sittings, and yet when the Conservatives do assist in facilitating business one of the most important changes in the militia force in recent years is held back until the minister has got out of town safely.

Mr. Emerson's Case.
The feature of the week has been the resignation of Mr. Emerson. And here again the ministry does not shine in resplendent glory. Reference was made last week to the charge made by the Frederick Glenister that the minister of railways some time ago was expelled from a Montreal hotel. The very thing that was foreshadowed by your correspondent has come about. To vindicate his character Mr. Emerson has entered action not only against the Glenister, but also against the Halifax Herald, and the Toronto World, and in order to free his colleagues from any responsibility he has resigned his portfolio as minister of railways and canals. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's letter of acceptance is conceded to be one of the most cold-blooded documents ever laid before parliament.

It is commented Mr. Emerson for his contemplated action, but not a word of regret was expressed at his going. And there was not a single suggestion that he should remain. Only a week before Sir Wilfrid Laurier had informed the house that he had accepted Mr. Hyman's emphatic denial of certain scandalous charges which had been brought against him, and for this reason he had determined to retain him in the ministry. As emphatic as Mr. Hyman in denying the charges, he is permitted to retain him. The cases of Sir Charles Dill and Mr. Parnell, which were mentioned by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in justification of his action in retaining Mr. Hyman are equally as applicable in Mr. Emerson's case, but Sir Wilfrid had realized that some sacrifice had to be made, the one who is offered up on the altar of his party is the minister of railways. Great sympathy is felt for Mr. Emerson by both parties.

Personally he is a fine type of man, and although like most mortals he has his failings, yet he has proved himself to be a capable administrator.

The public will await with interest the proceedings of the courts, which Mr. Emerson is bound to press to a conclusion. That authorities had emphatically denied that Mr. Emerson was ever expelled from the hotel, and one basis for the Glenister's statement appears to be that two Montreal ladies were present at the hotel and one of them was talking loudly in the room which had been assigned to them, complaints were made by the occupants of adjoining rooms. The night clerk remonstrated with them, and they went away. The staff followed, he suggested that perhaps it would be better for them to leave. Mr. Emerson, who happened to be in the city, was communicated with by phone and said he would see to their respectability, and the incident terminated. This is the version which Mr. Emerson has given at his connection with the episode, and it bears a vastly different complexion to that which the Glenister gave in his original statement.

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