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IS FLOATED. rry boat was floated will be ready for p- or Monday. It is a not so large as the old stronger, and is the resist the current. The of galvanized iron, is ed, and the first step will be to put the recro- the river in good nment will repair the B, which will make an of seven miles at the level as Columbia s the banks of the Co- rds excellent fishing o- eaver creek. The ferry convenience to prospect- to the Ymir district, section to travel which ed for the past three y will be operated under

ENTERTAINMENT. Independent Order of ranging for its first on- ible will be in the nature initiation, together with of minstrel numbers. Having the matter in posed of Messrs. Devitt. Worth, Stewart, Weir, ll, Chapman, Shaw and entertainment will take ter part of June.

ELL GATHERING. ome people were guests last house of the Misses to say farewell to Mrs. and Miss Farrell, who dents of Trail for the and who have a host of city. Music, dancing and tributed to a most en-

THE LAKES. The Trail residents have ke advantage of the ex- Park and the lake points y, via the steamer Ross- eesen of the Arrowhead r train will leave here there will be six hours at d four at Edgewood.

NEWS NOTES. ck and Ed. Boulton are om Grand Forks. of St. Andrew's church afternoon tea on Victoria.

Mr. Irvine has accepted andrew's church, this city, r upon his duties next new rector is from Van- has been engaged in or- ts of Foresters. es and family left today, hereafter.

band of the Baptist icked at Rock Island berg is in Greenwood. s thunder storm played number of phones. leman, of the firm of achan & Co., is doing eholt.

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NEWS LETTER FROM OTTAWA

Commons Too Busy to Even Read Over Bills.

All Eyes Are Fixed on the Ontario Elections.

(Special Correspondence.)

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Ottawa, May 13.—The end of the session is drawing nigh, and during the week work has been shoved through without regard to any interest of the country. let alone a mere regard for decency.

At present all eyes are fixed on the provincial elections in Ontario, and every thought seems to be centered in that event, as though the eternal salvation of the whole world depended upon which side won the day when it comes to polling. Meaning the commons are too busy to even carefully read over bills offered by Sifton, which are so carelessly drawn that no baby in politics would pass them. The intention of the bills referred to is excellent, and no one would for a moment oppose their passage, but the drawing has been of the most utterly careless type.

Still down they came and through the commons they went, without even the formality of more than cursory and pro forma consideration in committee. The same carelessness has been manifested in dealing with the estimates. The members of the house are now paid at the rate of \$1500 per annum, and for that amount they should give proper supervision to the estimates brought down, or make room for representatives of the people who will take proper interest in the legislation of the country. It does not require a man to be a prophet, or a son of a prophet, to foresee that in future years if not as soon as he thinks, there will arise in the house and state that this year's estimates have been passed without one word of comment, that under no circumstances should have been passed without the very strictest investigation and the fullest investigation. These critics will not be shown to one side of the house either, but will be on the back benches of the government as well as in the opposition ranks.

Never in the history of the parliament of Canada has there been such an indecent haste to get away, no matter how the work is done, or how much goes undone, as is shown in this session. It is so particular as to even his excellency comes down to prorogue, and Sir Mackenzie Bowell has given notice that he for one, will not pass any measure without full discussion and explanation. The upper house has been joining good work these days. Two bills passed the commons within the week. One was an amendment to the Immigration Act, and this bill was so drafted as to be positively useless to the government when it was enacted. The aim of the bill was to prevent the American immigration of seven million in Canada the culprits who they do not think fitted to make good United States citizens.

Already this year in the port of Montreal there have been some 700 immigrants intending to enter the United States by way of Canada, whom the American immigration doctors, who are themselves Canadians, have refused as being diseased. Many of these are helpless and some have neither friends nor money, yet here they are and here they will stay till they are either removed by friends in their old homes or die. The department of the interior had regulations to prevent this, but the act did not cover the regulations. The new act was intended to enable the department to reach all classes, but was drawn as to utterly fail to reach the mark. Every lawyer in the senate who spoke on the matter, including among the government senators such men as the Speaker and Hon. Mr. Belue, denounced the bill as absolutely useless. After some three considerations in committee the bill has been made as strong as the United States act for the same purpose.

Another bill gave the provincial governments in Manitoba and the Territories power to take a man's ground for roadway purposes on only paying him for the improvements. This has been made so that now the land taken will have to be paid for, as well as the improvements. This week a bill which will affect British Columbia more than any other part of the Dominion, has been passed.

This bill amends the Chinese Immigration Act, by giving one-half moiety instead of one-quarter of the duty collected to the province in which it is collected. Last year British Columbia received \$40,000 as its share, the next highest amount going to Ontario, which received about \$2000. Nothing has been done yet this session to give effect to the report and recommendations of the Chinese and Japanese commission. From appearances that report will remain unacted on until next year.

The estimates are nearly all through and several government bills alone remain to be passed, so that it is probable that the house may be prorogued on Thursday next. It is too soon to give a summary of the session, but it is not too soon to say that the session will turn out to be one of the most useless and unfruitful that the parliament of Canada ever passed. Next year, however, the bill of fare will all probably make up for the shortcomings of this year.

As soon as the session is over there will be a general departure of the ministers to England. All who can find any excuse, either in business or health, are going over. Amongst them are J. I. Fair, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Wm. Patterson and the Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick. Messrs. Ralph Smith and Puttee are also going over.

APPEALS DECIDED.

Carload of Kootenay Lumber Shipped to Minneapolis.

NELSON, B. C., May 16.—A telegram was received from Ottawa tonight announcing that the appeal of Fawcett vs. C. P. R. before the supreme court of Canada had been dismissed. Action was brought through the death of Conductor Fawcett, who was killed at Robson nearly two years ago.

In the appeal of Manly vs. Colom, the decision of the supreme court of British Columbia was reversed, the appeal of the defendant Colom being allowed. The case was regarding the advertising of a fractional mineral claim adjoining the Arlington mine, Manly reading on a certificate of work against the claim of improvements.

At a meeting of the Kootenay Lake Hospital board it was decided that in future no private wards patients should be accepted until they put up a legal guarantee for the time they might be in the hospital for all expenses and fees.

A car of lumber was shipped direct from here to Minneapolis, Minnesota, having been purchased by the agent of some of the large lumber dealers of that city. The shipment consisted of undressed yellow pine, of which there is a shortage in Minnesota for doors and sash. The agent is purchasing trial shipments at a number of western points, both in Canada and the United States, to see which will be the best point for permanent supply.

GREAT FALLS.

Suffers From One of Worst Storms It Ever Experienced.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 16.—One of the worst storms in the history of Great Falls struck the city yesterday. Three inches of rain fell in four hours. The basements of many of the stores are filled with water to a depth of 10 feet. Over 300 people are homeless. Several miles of the track of the Great Northern railway are washed out and the entire tenderloin district is inundated.

WEEKLY CLEARINGS

BRADSTREET'S REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 15 WITH PERCENTAGES.

CANADIAN TRADE ACTIVE, BUT WARM WEATHER IS ONE THING NEEDED.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The following are some of the weekly clearings as compiled by Bradstreet's for the week ending May 15, with percentages of increase and decrease, as compared with the corresponding week last year:

Montreal, \$11,550,983; increase, 5.7. Toronto, \$13,794,485; increase, 16.6. Winnipeg, \$2,910,282; increase, 57.1. Halifax, \$1,778,388; increase, 25.5. Vancouver, \$861,154; decrease, 8.3. Hamilton, \$873,345; decrease, 15.0. St. John, \$332,966; increase, 10.4. Victoria, \$624,009; decrease, 2.8. Quebec, \$1,466,072; decrease, 7.5. Ottawa, \$1,634,748.

Bradstreet's will say of the Canadian trade: Canadian trade is more active, but warm weather is the one thing needed. Industry is active and railroads and transportation lines are generally active.

Montreal reports large shipments to the Northwest, while ocean steamship business is heavy. Jobs are going slowly as regards fall trade. Cotton manufacturers are following the American market prices.

Toronto is equal to last year, but cool weather prevents the increase that was expected. Stocks of manufactured goods are light. Manitoba's wheat acreage will show a large increase, and the outlook for trade was never so bright. On the Pacific coast things are slow, but a slightly cheerful tone is perceptible.

MANY PEOPLE ARE INJURED

Lard Refinery of Armour & Co. Destroyed by Fire.

10,000 Persons Gathered Around the Burning Building.

CHICAGO, May 16.—The lard refinery of Armour & Co. was destroyed by fire tonight, and during the fire a number of accidents occurred by which many people were injured. The number of dead and wounded is a matter of conjecture as yet, the estimates running all the way from five to twenty-five. The fire drew a great crowd to the Stock Yards and it is estimated that at least 10,000 persons were gathered around the burning building to watch the progress of the flames.

There are several viaducts near the yards at a height of 23 feet from the ground, and upon these points of vantage the people gathered. One of the viaducts ends near the large refinery, and from the north of the viaduct a hog run, 300 feet long, extends to the plant of Armour Co. While this was densely crowded with people about 200 feet of it gave way, precipitating all who stood upon it to the ground. The firemen instantly abandoned all efforts to save the refinery, which was already doomed, and devoted themselves to the work of rescue. The viaducts are not elaborate affairs, and there was not a great amount of wreckage from which to disentangle the victims, and all were taken out within a few minutes.

Beside the lard refinery was another large building, put up during the last two months, and the buildings, exclusive of the machinery they contained, were valued at \$150,000.

HAYTIEN REVOLUTION.

A Mob Attacked the Palace—Several Were Killed.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, May 16.—There was a further disturbance here last night. At about 10 p. m. a mob attacked the palace, but the rioters were fired on by the guard and eventually dispersed. Some of the attacking party were killed or wounded, according to report, but the actual casualties cannot be ascertained, owing to the disturbed state of affairs.

A number of delegates from the southern towns of Hayti have arrived here, with the intention of forming another provisional government. The revolutionists in the north have rejected the overtures made to them, with the object of averting civil war. They took this action after raising a loan of \$50,000, guaranteed by the customs receipts of Cape Haytien and Conative, the two ports in their hands. The northern army consequently will soon begin its march on Port Au Prince.

The members of the diplomatic corps and the national bank have protested against the loan made to the revolutionists. It is feared that the situation will become more critical tomorrow on the arrival of Fouchard and Senecue Pierre, two leaders who have been in exile at Kingston, Jamaica.

An attempt was made yesterday to plunder the residence of Admiral Kitch, who declared himself in favor of the revolutionists and went north with his two ships, but the authorities intervened and saved the house from the rioters.

MARTIN DENOUNCED IT.

Said Smith Curtis' Trades Union Bill Was Outrageous.

(Special to the Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., May 16.—Martin today termed Curtis' bill re trades unions as outrageous. He himself had a bill protecting them from liability for acts of unauthorized agents, but Curtis' bill allowed them to empower men to threaten and conspire and escape all liability for it. Curtis' bill will be killed on second reading.

The government had another caucus today, at which the question of a successor in leadership to Dunsmuir was canvassed.

GOVERNMENT CAUCUS.

Question Discussed as to Who Should Succeed Dunsmuir.

(Special to the Miner.) VICTORIA, B. C., May 16.—Another government caucus was held this morning, which is believed to have been less harmonious than the previous one. The question of who should succeed Hon. Mr. Dunsmuir as leader after the coronation was, it is understood, discussed at some length. The rival claims of Messrs. Prior and Eberts for the position were canvassed, but the results were not altogether happy.

MORE SLIDES NEAR KASLO.

Force at Rambler Mine Have Been Laid Off in Consequence.

(Special to the Miner.) KASLO, B. C., May 16.—The Silver Bell slide came down last night and the full force at the Rambler have been laid off, pending the descent of all the slides in the McGuigan basin.

The Whitewater mines have been compelled to lay off many men until more development has been completed, so that ore can be produced more advantageously.

The heavy rains have swollen Kaslo river in a roaring torrent and Kootenay lake is rising fast.

CROWNING OF ALFONSO

Madman Approached the Royal Carriage--No Arms Found.

Reception Was Lukewarm on Part of Immense Crowds.

MADRID, May 17.—The splendid ceremonies in connection with the attaining of his majority by King Alfonso today were attended by an incident which, while insignificant in itself, for the moment created considerable excitement among those who witnessed it, and in the chamber of deputies, where the story first arrived in a more sensational form than the facts warranted.

It appears that just as the royal coach emerged from the Plaza de Armas into the square in front of the palace, amid the sound of cannon, a young man among the sightseers suddenly pushed through the crowd with his hat in one hand and holding outstretched in the other a paper. Before he reached the door of the coach, who was walking behind the coach, and at the same time other state lackeys and eunuchs, hurried by the scene and quickly empowered him, though not before the disturber had received a severe mauling. The prisoner was taken to the guard room of the palace, where he was interrogated. The letter he had in his hand proved to be an address to the king, stating that the Infanta Maria Teresa, who was with the king in the royal coach, had promised him her hand, and begging the king, as the brother of the Infanta, to accede to the marriage. The prisoner was carefully searched and it was found that he carried no weapons; and his crazy remarks regarding the Infanta Maria Teresa left no doubt as to his mental condition.

TREMENDOUS OVATION.

MADRID, May 17.—The royal party reached the chamber of deputies a few minutes later, and the king, ascending the throne, was greeted with a tremendous ovation, which he smilingly acknowledged. King Alfonso at the time of the incident showed no agitation, though his mother and the Infanta Maria Teresa were naturally alarmed for a moment, but were soon reassured. The crowd of thousands of persons gathered in the square gave the king a great reception as the coach moved on. Until the royal party reached the chamber of deputies nothing was known by the spectators along the route of the route of the incident that had just occurred, and perfect equanimity prevailed.

U. S. ENVOY CURRI.

Alfonso was most noticeable for his demeanor during the ceremony of taking the oath to uphold the constitution. J. L. M. Curri, the United States envoy, who was well placed and able to watch the proceedings closely, said afterwards that no one could have had an inkling from the king's manner that anything extraordinary was happening. King Alfonso bowed gracefully to those present, and bore himself with much manliness. He delivered the oath with great distinctness and put considerable expression into the words, acting throughout in an intelligent and self-possessed way.

PUIZ ARRESTED BEFORE.

Reference to the records shows that Puiz was arrested last December at the gates of the palace, where he manifested a desire to present to the Infanta Maria Teresa, who is the only Infanta who is not married, a bouquet and a box of sweetmeats. It is noteworthy in this connection that the question of presenting to the king and queen or other members of the royal family petitions while they are out driving is quite common. Only last Thursday the king was driving in the city when a workman stepped from the sidewalk, raised his hat and presented to the king a letter, which King Alfonso took smilingly and handed it to an officer who was with him.

AFTER THE CEREMONY.

MADRID, May 17.—After the crowning of King Alfonso the Queen Regent and the prince and princess of the Austrias withdrew from the chamber of deputies, where the ceremony took place, with the same ceremonial as marked their entry into the building, and the procession was reformed, and proceeded to the San Francisco church. King Alfonso was met at the portal of the church by the primate of Spain and the cardinal archbishop of Santiago de Compostela. (Jose Maria Martin de Herrera, Y de la Iglesia), and 20 bishops, all in magnificent robes. The king took his seat on a throne placed beside the altar, especially erected in front of the grand altar, whence he was visible from all the tribune erected around the rotunda. A Te Deum was then chanted, accompanied by a grand orchestra.

CAPTAIN-GENERAL'S UNIFORM.

The king left the church with the same ceremony as on his entry and returned to the palace. King Alfonso today, for the first time, wore the uniform of a captain-general, dark blue, with gold facings and red silk waistband, from which hung a sword and a steel helmet, with a white plume.

RECEPTION WAS WARM.

The reception met with by the procession as it passed through the streets was, on the whole, lukewarm on the part of the immense crowd, composed chiefly of people who had gathered to witness the pageant out of curios-

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The country traffic bridge at Curlew Wash, was swept away and the wreckage floated past here early this afternoon. The present flood surpasses all previous inundations. Both rivers have been steadily rising during the past week, but no apprehension was felt, as the period of high water does not usually occur until the end of May. However, the warm weather that has prevailed for nearly forty-eight hours caused the snow in the mountains to melt quickly, with the inevitable result. The swollen mountain streams emptied their contents into the raging rivers, which soon overflowed their banks and invaded all the adjacent low-lying lands. The waters began to rise appreciably at 2 o'clock this morning, and at daylight had inundated the North addition, opposite the Granby smelter, as well as the Ruckle addition. The residents of these sections were slow to begin the work of removing their furniture. In some instances others more resolute stuck to their dwellings and moved upstairs. Before 9 o'clock the water had reached a higher point, and two hours later some of the streets a block away from the river were submerged. One or two instances people had to be taken from their houses in boats. Several ferrymen did a thriving trade. Before mid-day the novel spectacle of boats sailing across lots was witnessed.

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LOADING CABLE.

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