

MR. ROGERS EXPOSES A SHAMEFUL CONSPIRACY

Continued from page 1. Boxes had been used, was revealed today in a statement made to the House by the Postmaster General, replying to a question by J. H. Rainville, K. C. of Chatham Vercheres.

Between January 28, 1909 and September 29, 1911, the election period, the late government paid out \$180,000 for sixty thousand of those boxes. Mr. Pelletier's statement showed that the last fifty thousand boxes ordered were to have cost \$250,000 under the arrangement made by the old government.

When the Minister of Finance moved that the House go into committee of supply, Hon. Frank Oliver presented an amendment to the motion, declaring that the land had been reserved on April 16, 1912 in violation of the rules and practice of the department of the Interior and contrary to the public interest; that the Hon. Robert Rogers, a member of this House, having been at the time the said entry was granted, Minister of the Interior, was responsible therefor, and that the grant of such entry deserves the censure of this House.

Mr. Oliver said that a piece of land of some 73 acres, located within the corporate limits of the city of Prince Albert, was granted as a homestead on April 18, 1912, to Arthur Donaldson, son of the late Hon. Robert Rogers, and that notice had not been given that it was available for settlement; that the land had become the property of Arthur Donaldson, had become worth a large sum estimated at \$100,000.

The Edmonton member asserted that property belonging to the Dominion and worth \$100,000 had been presented to a worthy citizen of Prince Albert, who happened to be a political friend of the Minister of Public Works and a friend of the Conservative party.

At this juncture Mr. Oliver announced that he had just received a telegram reading as follows: "Donaldson homestead placed on market as Howard place sub-division at value aggregating \$174,000."

Attempted to Hedge. Mr. Oliver sought to deny that the ruling which he had just received in connection with the disposition of a quarter section adjoining that secured by Mr. Donaldson, could furnish any precedent for the action by the Interior Department under Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Oliver read a letter, written by S. J. Donaldson to the department, asking whether he could secure the 73 acres under discussion by locating half breed scrip. He was told that the requisite ten days notice would have to be given by the Dominion land agent that the land was available.

Mr. Oliver closed by saying that the government was preparing to dispose of a quarter section of land which had been reserved as school land. The government, he declared, was giving prizes for political support.

There were not many prizes left when you got through," interjected Mr. Bradbury (Selkirk) amid laughter.

Mr. Rogers' Stinging Reply. Hon. Robert Rogers was loudly applauded when he rose to reply. "Mr. Speaker," said the minister, "Probably very few men in public life in Canada have had such misrepresentation and falsification heaped upon them by the reptile press as myself.

"I have been the victim of misrepresentation and falsification by a bureau which has been established in this city and which sends out literature to all parts of the country under the direction of my right hon. friend, the leader of the opposition.

"I stand here," he proceeded, "prepared to meet hon. gentlemen opposite their friends outside. Hon. gentlemen and their press in respect of my administration of the public department which has been entrusted to me by the Prime Minister."

Mr. Rogers repeated his declaration.

DIED. GRAHAM—At her residence, 26 Portland street, on the 17th inst., Mary E. beloved wife of Thomas A. Graham, and daughter of the late Robert Armstrong, leaving besides her husband, one son and one daughter to mourn.

Funeral on Sunday, 20th inst., from St. Luke's church. Service will commence at 3 o'clock. No flowers by request.

THOMPSON—On the 17th inst., at his residence, 417 Haymarket square, Jeremiah Thompson, in the 80th year of his age, leaving one sister, one son and two daughters to mourn. Notice of funeral hereafter.

HAZEN—At Montreal, on the 15th inst., Agnes Isabel, wife of Arthur F. Hazen, and daughter of Frederick W. Ells, of this city. Funeral from St. Paul's church on Friday at three o'clock. Private service at 36 Orange street at 11.

HUGHSON—At St. Boniface Station, King's Co., N. B., on April 15, 1913, James Hughson, in the 77th year of his age.

Funeral at 3 p. m. Saturday. KERR—In this city, April 17th, at his residence, Queen street, John Kerr, chief of St. John's fire department, leaving a wife and brother to mourn. Funeral on Sunday, afternoon from Trinity church, 8:30 o'clock. Service at 2:45.

"MUCH BADNESS COMES FROM MISPLACED DRAMATIC INSTINCT," SAYS MRS. BELMONT



MRS. AUGUST BELMONT

Under the auspices of the Literature Committee of the Colony Club, Mrs. August Belmont, of New York, at a meeting of the club recently spoke for the first time of the work of the Educational Dramatic League, of which she is president and which aims to utilize the dramatic instinct as an influence for good.

Mrs. Belmont believes that in many cases the "badness comes from a misplaced dramatic instinct." She says that this is especially applicable to the many bad plays committed to institutions of correction.

Invited the Crisis. Sir Wilfrid Laurier invited the crisis, and Sir Wilfrid faced the crisis in the spirit of a pouting sufragette. All that Sir Wilfrid asked was that he should employ the rules of parliament to suit his own purposes and that Mr. Borden should employ no rule that did not suit the purposes of Sir Wilfrid.

Montreal, April 17.—What promises to be the largest and most progressive meeting of poultry and egg dealers ever held in Canada is to take place in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Monday April 21st. Not only will all the federal and local government experts, including Professors Graham, Brown, Marcellus and Hare, be present but representatives of wholesalers and receivers have signified their intention of being present.

The main object of the meeting is to try to solve the bad egg problem, and education work among the farmers will be undertaken. The government will also be asked to appoint expert inspectors at all the leading centers to act in the capacity of referees where the question of quality is raised.

It is not unlikely that the outcome of the meeting will be the formation of an association having for its members representatives of the government, producers and dealers, with the object of furthering the interests of more and better eggs and poultry throughout Canada.

ASK CHEAPER FARES ON STREET RAILWAY. Trades and Labor Council, Last Evening, Appointed Committee to Ask for Workingmen's Tickets on Cars.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labor Council last evening a committee was appointed to interview the Street Railway Company, and ask that arrangements be made to issue workingmen's tickets as in other cities. A committee was appointed to organize a fair to raise funds, and the labor committee reported that they had addressed a large number of meetings and that the barbers had placed the union card in view in a number of shops. The organizing committee reported that organizations had been formed among the deal pliers and ratfamees, and that a meeting had been arranged to form a union of general laborers. George Hennessey resigned from the position of secretary, as he felt he would be unable to attend the meetings in the future. The council endorsed the editorial policy of

CITY ANNUAL REPORT ISSUED YESTERDAY

Printed Copies of Year Book Out for 1912 — Contents Should Prove Gratifying to Citizens.

Printed copies of the annual reports and accounts of the city for the year 1912 were issued yesterday. The year book is printed on better paper than usual, and its contents should be fairly gratifying to the citizens. There are the usual reports of the mayor, the chamberlain, and comptroller, with the reports of the work of each commissioner during the year.

In his report Com. Schofield recommends serious consideration of the question of having the West Side (West) railway removed to King street (West).

The bonded indebtedness of the city at the close of the year stood at \$5,928,795. Com. Wigmore reports the largest surplus for the water department of any year, and claims a saving in the cost of the general work. The water assessment was \$144,655, an increase of \$57,563 over 1911. The assessment on real estate, personal property and income for 1912 was \$30,624,800; the number of rate payers was 14,425, and the city revenue \$1,417,356, of which \$577,563 was obtained from general assessment, and \$200,309 from the water and sewerage services.

OBITUARY. Mrs. T. A. Graham. The death of Mary E. Graham, wife of T. A. Graham, of Portland street, North End, took place yesterday. Besides her husband she leaves a son, Dr. F. R. Graham, of Estevan, Sask., and Miss Nellie of St. John. Four brothers and two sisters also survive. The brothers are: C. J. Armstrong, of St. John; R. E. Armstrong, of Andrews, publisher of the Beacon; Henry S. Armstrong, of Moncton, and Fred J. Armstrong, of New Glasgow. The sisters are Mrs. J. J. Rowan and Mrs. G. H. Green, of St. John. Deceased had a wide circle of friends who will be grieved to learn of her death.

Jeremiah Thompson. The death of Jeremiah Thompson occurred yesterday afternoon at his home, 419 Haymarket square. Mr. Thompson was in his eightieth year and had been in somewhat failing health for some time but his death was a shock to his many friends. For many years Mr. Thompson was foreman of the I. C. R. repair shops here, but a few years ago was superannuated. His reminiscences of the old days on the railway were very interesting.

One of the earliest members of Exmouth street church, Mr. Thompson was a trustee, a member of the Quarterly Board and a local preacher. He served as class leader and Sunday school superintendent for twenty

years. His never tiring zeal was indeed exemplary. Mr. Thompson was a member and chaplain of Pioneer Lodge I. O. O. F., and of Dominion Lodge L. O. A., and has always shown the heartiest interest in their activities. Probably no member would be more greatly missed from the meetings of these societies.

He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Tracey, of this city, one son, Alexander, chief car inspector for the N. Y., N. H., and Hartford Railway, and two daughters, Mrs. George Tracey, of St. Martins and Mrs. W. H. Pitt of this city.

Good Quarters for West End Battery. The work of rebuilding the Carleton drill hall has been completed and the West Side battery now has a fine armory. The drill hall was destroyed by fire some time ago, and in rebuilding the structure has been considerably enlarged and fitted up in fine style. It is a wooden building and while of course it is not in the same class with the new armory being built in the South End, it is well adapted to the needs of the militia on the West Side and is a credit to the Department of Militia. The men are very much pleased with their new hall.

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