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INSURANCE BILL IS FINALLY PASSED

Only Clause Relating to Tax on Unlicensed Contracts Is Withheld for Debate To-day—It May Be Illegal.

OTTAWA, May 16.—(Special.)—Rapid speed was made in the commons with the insurance bill on Saturday and in committee all of the 192 clauses, except that relating to the 15 per cent. tax, were passed. This contentious matter will be taken up on Monday. During the day Mr. Fielding announced the government's intention to create a sinking fund. R. L. Borden opposed the appointment of a minister of labor as unnecessary. Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, edged into a corner, finally admitted that the government had received certain representations from British Columbia as to race track gambling. Prior to taking up the insurance bill Mr. Fielding introduced a resolution declaring it expedient that in Canada, effected in any unlicensed company, the person effecting such shall pay to the minister of finance a sum equal to the consolidated revenue fund a total of 15 per cent. of the total net cost of the insurance so effected. Mr. Fielding said the resolution would gauge the temper of the house. Upon the clause on which was based the resolution there was much difference of opinion, but it was finally accepted by a vote of 100 to 70.

He pointed out that the object of the Canadian law was that when licensed companies comply with the law unlicensed companies should not be allowed to do business without restriction. However, the machinery for this was defective and it was evaded by entering into contracts outside the company. The clause was designed to raise the question. In its original form, parties who came into Canada to do insurance would be considered as doing insurance. Property owners, however, had resisted this proposal on the ground that they would be at the mercy of the insurance combine. A compromise was effected and the plan of proposing a reasonable tax was proposed.

Mr. Fielding said the New England mutuals and individual underwriters did much business in Canada. The former, by sprinklers, and other forms of protection, greatly reduced risks and by a system of rebates greatly reduced the cost of insurance. The tax, he said, would be not on the nominal, but the net rate. One manufacturer feared that his premiums would thereby be increased from \$400 to \$900. It would only be increased to \$500.

Mr. Haggart doubted if parliament had the power to impose such a tax, and this doubt was expressed by several of the speakers.

To Have a Sinking Fund.
Speedy progress was then made with the bill in committee. At 3.30 in the afternoon, all of the 192 clauses had carried except that relating to the tax. The bill was accordingly reported.

The commons then went into committee on Hon. Mr. Fielding's resolution to authorize the government to float a loan amounting to fifty millions. The minister of finance said that obligations were maturing and they requested funds to meet these. To meet the 1888 loan of six and a half million pounds, \$20,874,000 was requested, \$17,750,000 for the 1884 4 per cent. loan, and \$3,124,000 for the 1890 5 per cent. loan, altogether about \$30,000,000. Mr. Fielding added that it was the intention of the government to establish a sinking fund for the purpose of the bill was allowed to stand for third reading, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved the second reading of the bill.

BOLT DISLOCATES POWER JUICE OFF NEARLY HOUR

Cars Dead For Nineteen Minutes, But Lighting Company Took Longer to Accumulate Load.

Two different strokes of lightning at Niagara Falls interrupted the delivery of electric power over the Toronto-Niagara Power Co.'s transmission line for two periods of four and six minutes on Saturday evening. The street cars were stopped in consequence for eight to eleven minutes, the additional time being required by the power company to accumulate a sufficient load of power to operate the cars. Not so recuperative, however, is the Toronto Electric Light Co. Lights in the city were out for over three-quarters of an hour. The theatres were in darkness for a while, and the gas foot lights had to be utilized. Fortunately for the Toronto Railway Co. an automatic voltage chart in the General Manager Fleming's office corroborates this story so far as the street cars are concerned, but no amount of ingenuity will mitigate the anger of citizens whose nocturnal peregrinations are rendered dangerous or bridge parties thrown into chaos thru the inability of the Toronto Electric Light Co. to deliver the "juice."

THE WEATHER AND THE CROPS.

Never was there a more persistent lot of disconcerting weather in the spring than this year. For two months and more the predominant characteristic of the weather has been absence of sunshine, the almost certainty of cloud and rain, and the continuation day after day of these conditions. "It will turn to-morrow, surely," said the hopeful man, but it didn't.

According to the experts one of the well-known marks of weather is that predominating characteristics of a season tend to continue rather than to change to the opposite; in other words, if we have a wet spring it is still going to be wet, and if things run in the direction of a dry season, why it will run in that way. This is not saying a great deal, but still it is a well-known fact and those interested in the weather sometimes govern themselves by it.

The farm and fruit lands in this province have been soaked time after time this spring and only where tile or natural drainage existed have there been any favorable conditions for getting in the crops; nevertheless, a fair amount of seeding has been done and all is not discouraging to the farmer. In the matter of grass seeds, we don't think that for years has there been such a fine catch of clover, both in the fields that were older. The timothy meadows are not so distinct in their promise of a good yield as the clover, but certainly the one bright spot in the outlook these days is the promise of a great clover yield. What goes with this is the splendid pasture now springing up in all the meadows and the certainty, therefore, of abundance of grass for the summer and hay for the winter feed of cattle.

It is too early yet to say what will be the effect of this long continued spell of discouraging weather on the ordinary field grains, but the hope is that the season will yet change and in the next two or three days the farmer who has not yet completed his seeding will be enabled to do so by the presence of sunshine and drying winds.

More and more it is being forced into the mind of the Ontario farmer that tile drainage is his one best investment. And another thing that seems to be coming home to most farmers is that our spring is in many years a very short season and must be taken advantage of by fall preparation of the ground, by good seed, and by the very best implements that will do the greatest amount of work in the very shortest time.

JOS. CHAMBERLAIN'S HEALTH

His Condition Is Said to Have Become Very Serious.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The Herald's London correspondent cables: "While many will regret to learn, as I have it from a direct source, that there has been a marked falling off lately in the physical condition of Joseph Chamberlain. For some time now his name has been carefully kept out of the papers by his family and friends. The reason is that he now walks with greater difficulty, and there are moments when he suffers from loss of memory. Not long ago he mentioned to his wife that John Bright was coming to dinner. She took it as a matter of course, and a few minutes later he told him what he had said. He assured her she must have been dreaming, for he had a vivid recollection of Bright's funeral, which he then described with characteristic touches. He is not believed to have grasped the significance of the budget, though it is quite likely that a short message to the public on the subject may soon be signed by him. His return to England for the summer is still expected by Austen Chamberlain, who writes constantly to his father, to whom he is devotedly attached."

CARRIED BIG BYLAWS

Owen Sounders Sanction \$125,000 For Filtration Plant.

OWEN SOUND, May 16.—(Special.)—Little interest was shown in the results of the vote on four bylaws voted upon by the property owners here yesterday. Two were defeated and two carried. The former were to raise \$7000 to remodel the interior of the old town hall building, and \$3500 to erect an isolation hospital. The majorities against were 125 and 135 respectively. The expenditure of \$125,000, to take in part of the Sydenham River, construct a sedimentation basin and a filtration plant, adding a million gallons daily to the supply, was endorsed by a majority of 50. The extension of the electric light plant by an expenditure of \$30,000 was also ratified, the majority being 38.

NEW NICE CHANCELLOR.

MONTREAL, May 16.—(Special.)—Rev. Dr. Luke Callaghan, formerly assistant priest at St. Patrick's has been appointed vice-chancellor of the archdiocese of Montreal.

AN EARTHQUAKE FELT THROUGHOUT THE WEST

Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta Feel Shocks on Saturday Night Sufficient to Shake Buildings.

"Slight earthquake shock felt at 9.30 o'clock last night." This official despatch was received from Qu'Appelle, Saskatchewan, the Observatory last night. Beyond this intimation the weather experts had no intimation of earth tremor, which, according to advices received, extended all the way from Winnipeg to Lethbridge, Alberta. The seismograph wasn't examined yesterday, being Sunday, but will tell its tale this morning. "Most unusual" was the comment last night of Director R. F. Suptart. "I can't remember ever having heard of such a disturbance in that region before."

WINNIPEG, May 16.—(Special.)—Earthquake shocks starting from the west were felt all thru the Canadian prairie west at about 10.20 central time Saturday evening, in most places rattling dishes, banging doors and shaking windows, while at several points people were driven in alarm out of doors.

At Woleseley, the well of the electric light plant caved in just before the shock was felt and the town was plunged in darkness. Other places report cracked plaster, but that appears to be the sum of the damage done.

The shock was very light in this city, but was distinctly felt in Kirk, on Lake Winnipeg, and from there the disturbance was noted at scattered points for a thousand miles west across the prairie. Shocks appear to have been most severe in the heavy "Gumbo" country of Saskatchewan, along the main line of the Canadian Pacific, but were felt as far north as Prince Rupert, B. C.

It is the first time in known history that earthquake shocks have visited the Red River or Saskatchewan valleys, and Prof. Adams, Ph. D., of Manitoba University, said to-night that they might never recur. He attributes the disturbance as a wave, or echo of serious earthquakes in southern America or the central Pacific, and holds that the vibration thus caused has followed the channel of a circle coming out in the Canadian prairie.

He points out that the last earthquake on record was noticed at first in the "observed" district of Europe and it was some weeks before it was known that the disturbance actually took place in the barbarous region of Northern India and Persia. He thus thinks that presently information will come to hand of a very considerable upheaval in the southern part of the Pacific, or in the vicinity of the Pacific.

Prof. Allen is reassuring regarding the future, so far as the prairie is concerned. There is no possibility of an earthquake in historical times, or at least no marks of such have been left. This section is a low level of the Pacific coast where the earthquakes usually occur.

Besides, that the lay out of the prairie foundations is distinct in a horizontal, whereas it is known that great earthquakes occur where the earth layers run down towards the sea. These sometimes slip against each other causing subterranean shocks which are now known to have been the case at San Francisco.

On the prairie where rock layers are horizontal and people will be reassured to know that it is quite possible the prairie country may never again get such a jar.

REGINA—Felt at 9.15 for one minute, shaking buildings. Slighter shock at 1 a.m. Sunday.

SELEKIRK—DELORLAINE and VIRDEN, Man.—Two distinct earthquakes felt at 10.20 p.m. Wrote at several points the freight sheds some rattled windows and dishes.

MOOSEJAW, Sask.—Slight shock about 10.15 p.m., affecting the whole town. Station Agent Trenouth, in bed at the time, states he felt the bed move and noticed the building shake. Dishes rattled and lamps were set swinging, particularly in upper stories. Considerable consternation prevailed.

PRICE ALBERT, Sask.—Shock noticed about 9.20, mountain time, but very slight, being apparent only in upper floors of frame buildings.

SWIFT CURRENT, Sask.—Distinct shock lasting twenty seconds. Shook all buildings in town.

QU'APPELLE, Sask.—While no damage reported, shock sufficient to open doors, rattle dishes, and in some cases crack plaster. Second shock felt about midnight.

WOLESELEY, Sask.—Shortly before the shock was felt the electric light works caved in and lights went out. No other damage.



CROWDED OUT THOMPSON GETS LICENSE FROM NELSON ESTATE

Price \$22,000 With Bar Fixtures, and Che Witt Estate Pays \$8000 for Electric Wiring Put in by Former Proprietors of Rossin House.

The differences over the possession of the Rossin House that was, have been ended and hand over the license for a consideration placed at from \$25,000 to \$40,000. It was possession of the license that saved them from an utter rout, and the license commissioners, it is said, could tell a pretty story of duty seen and duty done had they a mind to in regard to the awarding of this same license.

However, the settlement came about after a conference at the Queen's, which lasted from 8 o'clock Saturday evening until the small hours of yesterday morning. Capt. Nelson represents the interests of Nelson Bros., Jas. C. Che Witt those of the Rossin House Hotel Company, and Sam Thompson and Charles Millar the new owners.

Assisted by six lawyers, the tangles between the Rossin House and the Che Witt estate were finally settled. Altho on three different occasions the disputants put their heads together to break up the conference in disorder, calmer counsels wisely prevailed.

The Nelsons, altho themselves lucky to reach the settlement they did, they had allowed themselves to be placed in the predicament of tenancy regulations and the Che Witt estate were in a position to stop the sale of furniture advertised for to-morrow.

It is understood the terms of settlement are as follows: The Nelson settlement against the Che Witt estate to be discontinued, the Che Witts to pay for the electric wiring and plant which the Nelsons put in three years ago at a cost of \$8000, the new lessees to purchase the license and bar fixtures at \$22,000, possession to be given the new lessees on Saturday next, the Nelsons continuing the bar until then, the new lessees to have the privilege of putting their men in this morning to do the necessary measurements for new carpets and other necessary requirements and to purchase anything and everything they desire.

Among the many valuable articles to be sold is the mahogany royal chair, under the coat of arms, in which King Edward VII. received during his visit in 1882.

The Rossin House, which passed into the hands of the new owners on Saturday, will be re-opened as the "Prince George."

GAS WAS LEFT ON

John Carron, Coachman, Found Dead in His Bed.

John Carron, aged 80, a coachman employed by E. A. Maher, was found dead in bed Sunday morning in his room at the Sherbourne House. He had been asphyxiated by illuminating gas, which escaped from a jet in the room. Dr. E. Herbert Adams, Queen and Bond-streets, was called. He pronounced life extinct. There will be no inquest.

Child Marriage Of Royal Import

AJDH ABEBA, Abyssinia, May 16.—Prince Lidj Jessau, aged 12 years, grandson of King Menelik and heir apparent to the throne, was married to-day to Princess Romalie, aged 7, the granddaughter of the late Emperor John and niece of Empress Taitou.

The marriage is of great importance politically, as it unites the two dynasties and the families of powerful chiefs.

HOLD UP OF A TRAIN FOLLOWED BY WRECK

Six Bandits, After Looting Mail Car, Send Engine Running Wild Into Stalled Coaches.

SPOKANE, Wash., May 16.—Following the hold-up of a Great Northern passenger train by six bandits between Colbert and Mead last night, twelve persons were injured when the locomotive and the mail car, cut off from the rest of the train, ran wild after the bandits had rifled the mail and looted the passenger coaches.

The conductor saw the wild cars backing down the track at 25 miles an hour, and he and another trainman placed a tie on the track to arrest their flight, but the cars, the partly stopped by this means, plunged into the coaches, throwing passengers from their seats and cutting them with glass from broken windows. A trainman, nervous to the task, sprang aboard the locomotive as the collision occurred and shut off the steam, stopping the train.

When the train reached Colbert late last night, some switching had to be done. Two men sprang into the cab and thrusting a revolver against the engineer and fireman, ordered the train to do as commanded. The mail cars were cut off from the rest of the train by four other robbers who cut the telegraph wires and thrusting a revolver against the engineer and fireman, ordered the train to do as commanded. The mail cars were cut off from the rest of the train by four other robbers who cut the telegraph wires and thrusting a revolver against the engineer and fireman, ordered the train to do as commanded.

HON. S. FISHER'S ELECTION SAFE BY JUDICIAL ERROR.

MONTREAL, May 16.—(Special.)—Judge Lynch having signed the order at Knowlton in the election petition against Hon. Sydney Fisher, instead of Swastburg, the chief place of the county, the petition was thrown out Saturday by Judge Demers.

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NO SUBMISSION CONCERN BILL

Premier Whitney Indicates There Will Be Fight in Courts Over Federal Attempt to Inva Provincial Jurisdiction.

Sir James Whitney is NOT going to meekly submit to the Commons power bill, which passed the Dominion Senate on Saturday. Speaking to The World on Saturday he made the following statement: "If the newspapers are correct the position assumed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier is, indeed, an extraordinary one. It is true, he admits our right to oppose the Ontario and Michigan power bill; and perhaps this is a good time for me to say that THERE WILL BE NO SUBMISSION ON OUR PART TO ANY ATTEMPT TO TAKE PROVINCIAL PROPERTY."

But his reported attitude with reference to our action on the Canada Life legislation and the waterways treaty seems almost incredible. I would rather, therefore, wait until I see Hansard and secure his actual words. "Was S. H. Blake's visit significant in this connection?" Sir James was asked.

"Sir Blake was up in connection with legal matters," replied the premier, "and consulted with Mr. Foy, and Mr. Foy subsequently dropped in to talk things over with me."

"What action will the government take on this alleged invasion of provincial rights?" "No steps have yet been decided upon and, accordingly, we have nothing now to say."

The World learned later that in view of Mr. Blake's previous connection with several important cases before the privy council his advice will be sought on this occasion.

ROYAL GARDEN PARTY OFF

LONDON, May 16.—King Edward having returned from the Commonwealth tour, the dates have been definitely fixed for the customary two courts at Windsor Castle, June 11, the first is set for Friday, June 11, the second for Thursday, June 24.

But there will be no garden party at Windsor Castle this year, and great is the disappointment at the announcement of the fact. Those garden parties were becoming a feature of King Edward's reign. They enabled a vast number of his subjects to bask for an afternoon in the sunshine of royal favour.

Two reasons are given in court circles for the King's decision to give no garden party this year. One is the radical press and in parliament last year because the members of the house of commons who voted in disapproval of the King's visit to the czar were omitted from the invitation list. The second reason is that many of the guests last year developed a severe case of influenza, with devastating results, not knowing that the plate was supplied by the caterer, Joseph Lyons, and didn't realize that the King's visit to the czar was long ago taken in bunches from the eagerness, and some guests were seen filling handkerchiefs with cake and sweets to take home to their families.

CADET SHOT AT RANGES

First Day Out, Clothing Caught Trigger and Bullet Pierced Brain.

HALIFAX, N.S., May 16.—(Special.)—By the accidental discharge of his rifle, a cadet from the Dartmouth High School, was instantly killed on the ranges at Bedford, a few miles from Halifax, on Saturday afternoon.

The lad, with a number of friends, had been out for a walk in the park. He was carrying a rifle for rifle practice. It was McKenzie's first attempt at rifle shooting, and while waiting for his turn to fire, he stood leaning on his rifle. The rifle was cocked, and the trigger, catching his clothing, snapped down, the bullet crashing thru the lad's brain.

A FORGER'S SUICIDE

Told to Settle Up by 6 P.M., Takes Strife.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., May 16.—(Special.)—J. W. Currie committed suicide Saturday afternoon at the Prince Albert Hotel, by taking strychnine. He had passed forged cheques to the amount of \$25,000 in the city which had a cheque for \$10 notified Currie to settle before 6 p.m. When the time arrived he was dead. His family is well-to-do.

ONLY MARRIED POLICEMAN ASSIGNED TO CONEY ISLAND.

NEW YORK, May 16.—Greater New York's greatest summer ground, Coney Island, was formally opened for the season yesterday. The mercury climbed as high as 74 in the city, enough to make a trip to Coney Island a real pleasure.

An "all married" squad of policemen assigned to the resort by Police Commissioner Bingham, who has deemed it a judicious move to dispense the frivolous youngsters who have heretofore patrolled Coney Island in the summer.

A COSTLY ORDER.

NEW YORK, May 16.—The public service commission has ordered the installation of side doors in all cars of the subway express trains. The new equipment will call for an expenditure of approximately \$2,000,000.