

Chief Events Of Session

No Legislation of Transcendent Importance to Link With Last Parliament.

Notable Speeches of Sir Wilfrid Laurier—The Manitoba Railway Bill.

Ottawa, May 25.—The chief characteristic of the session of the Dominion parliament, which terminated Thursday afternoon was the businesslike principles applied to the work by both sides.

A peculiarity of the session was the absence of questions of transcendent importance. For instance, there was no government measure dealt with of such a character that public opinion will always associate its name with that of the session.

The Budget Speech. The features of the budget speech of the Minister of Finance were a declaration for the stability of the tariff and a stand against tariff tinkering changes as desirable only when there is a general tariff revision; and also an intimation that it was believed that so far as prosperity was concerned Canada was now in "the crest of the wave," and that a continuation of the extraordinary increases of the past four years could not be looked for.

Two notable speeches were delivered during the session by the Premier. The first was upon the late Queen's death, and the second upon the Boer war. Both were of such a character that they attracted the widest notice in the old country.

There were debates upon a large number of subjects, among them the coronation oath, government ownership of railways, best sugar industry, transportation problem, Pacific cable, taxation of the C. P. R. land grant, the Boer war, the Valleyfield-strike, Nipissing election case, etc.

The first test of the voting strength of the two parties took place at the close of the budget debate. The Conservative policy, formulated in the shape of an amendment to the government's main motion, was voted down by 118 to 64, a government majority of 54.

The budget debate caused a formal statement to be made of the Conservative policy. Through the party has a new leader it retains the old policy, as set forth in the motion of the leader, it is as follows:

The welfare of this country requires a pronounced policy of adequate protection and encouragement at all times to the labor, agricultural, manufacturing, mining and other industrial interests of Canada.

During the session the Alien Labor Act was amended in some important particulars. The change of greatest interest is one to facilitate taking working of the act. Heretofore proceedings could not be initiated under its provisions without the written consent of the Attorney-General, and proceedings had

to be in the Superior Courts. Through the amendments proceedings may now be initiated upon the consent of provincial attorney-generals, Judges of Superior and County courts. Trials may take place either before Superior court judges or police or other magistrates.

A matter of great interest to the west was the announcement that the government would assist any western municipality in taking to the courts the question of the date of termination of tax exemption with respect to the C. P. R. land grant.

Victoria Day. One of the most popular pieces of legislation enacted was that making May 24th a permanent public holiday to be known as Victoria Day. The measure was introduced by Dr. Horsey, of Grey, but was taken over by the government upon changes in the order of business which effected a retrograde bill introduced by private members.

Pension Bill. A bill was passed providing for pensions for members of the permanent militia and headquarters staff. All the military authorities in parliament endorsed the bill as exceedingly beneficial.

The Fruit Inspection Bill of the Minister of Agriculture carried out important as well as the foreign purchaser—and therefore the Dominion's good name—with respect to improper measure and inferior quality of fruit.

No question engaged more attention in parliament than that relating to the problem as it is recognized as the great question of the day. The government clearly indicated they were prepared to grapple with it on broad lines. The great struggle in this matter to-day is the control of the great West.

Other Announcements. Other interesting matters in connection with the session were the announcement of the making of a contract with the Clergues by which the steel rail industry was to be started in Canada; settlement of an annuity of \$30,000 of Prince Edward Island's claims against the Dominion for alleged non-fulfillment of the terms of union with respect to winter communication between the island and the mainland; the announcement that the government had intimated to old country shipbuilders it would be prepared to give reasonable encouragement to a proposition to remove the shipyards to Canada; the statement that the Joint High Commission would resume at an early date; the establishment of a branch of the Royal Mint in Canada; the report of alleged discrimination against Canada by steamship companies in the matter of rates, and the new company was the result of Canadian pluck and enterprise, Canadian shipping men organizing to control tariff now, and in recent trip across the continent he made no allusion to the tariff, but greatly emphasized the necessity of cultivating the markets and the Canadian Republic campaign committee has announced that the tariff will be taken off from all so-called trust commodities, and our other products will be broken down to our capacity to consume, that the "open door" is rapidly becoming the shibboleth of America.

Lord Alvestone paid eloquent tribute to the United States, Mr. Carnegie, who had the best reception of the evening, dwelt upon the importance of the growing friendly relationship between the two countries, and concluded as follows: "If cabinets should ever fail to preserve between us peace with honor, I suggest as a tribunal of last resort the Chamber of Commerce in Canada; and our people, and not until they fall short of our people's desire of a settlement creditable to both disputants."

St. Petersburg, June 4.—Contrary to certain reports, Russia has never favored the notion of all the great industrial powers guaranteeing the Chinese loan. She replied that the executive could not guarantee without the consent of the legislative branch. Russia prefers a speedy settlement to a guarantee. It is not true that Russia is bitter against Great Britain for offering the plan now discussed; her relations with Great Britain are declared at the foreign office by the officials with whom the correspondent of the Associated Press had a long talk, to be more satisfactory than for a long time. It is also not true that Russian official circles are harboring a grudge against Germany. The irritation which arose from German punitive expeditions, naturally ceased when those expeditions were stopped. Russo-German relations have resumed the normal cordiality which they should always have. It is not believed here that the Russian intention to annex Iceland, Finland, and the Russian officials see no occasion for excitement over the subject of the French-Corean loan. It is pointed out the French-Belgian concession for a railroad from Seoul to the Manchurian frontier is several years old. London anticipates that the road will ultimately be constructed.

The Macedonian question is not expected to occasion anxiety this summer. The Russian ambassador, M. Zinovief, returns to Constantinople because his leave has expired. The informant of the Press regards the political horizon as clearer than for years past.

The London Banquet

An International Love Feast in Which Two Chambers of Commerce Participate.

Mr. Carnegie Suggests These Bodies as a Tribunal of Last Resort.

London, June 5.—The banquet tendered by the London Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Grocers' hall to-night was one of the handsomest affairs of the kind ever given in this city.

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Mr. Jessup, president of the New York Chamber of Commerce, replying to the address of welcome, after a historical review of the founding of the New York Chamber of Commerce, said: "We do not forget how you distilled into our minds those habits of industry and fair dealing so that now, in the dawn of the 20th century, we are able to stand with some pride that the business relations between the two countries amount to the astounding sum of over \$300,000,000 yearly. We do not forget, however, that the history of the world is a history of the struggle for the right of the weaker to produce this result primarily by the inculcation through your example of those principles of justice, religion and law which have imbued the hearts of the foundation of all commercial transactions, and secondly, by the free loaning of capital to enable us to make use of our great resources, develop our commerce. We do not, we never can, forget that when, during our late struggle, we were not only threatened with a divided country, but were overshadowed by the menace of a war, you, our illustrious, good, wise and beloved Queen (God bless her memory) was our friend and left the dying wish of her husband to stay the hand that might otherwise have been lifted up against us."

Washington, June 4.—The cabinet today unanimously decided that existing conditions did not warrant the calling of an extra session of congress this summer. Secretary Root and Attorney-General Knox rendered a legal opinion to the effect that the cabinet should not call the Philippines vested in the President by the sponsor amendment, was ample. These opinions were concurred in by all the members of the cabinet. The decision of the cabinet was announced after a statement issued by Secretary Cortelyou: "The President has determined that existing conditions do not require the present summer or making any change in the policy hitherto pushed and announced in regard to the Philippine question. The cabinet has agreed that the Dingley rate upon goods from the Philippines entering the United States will remain in force as heretofore. The President will not increase the tariff duties on goods going into the Philippines as the tariff commission may recommend. The establishment of civil government in the Philippines will be delayed until the military authorities consider the time ripe for its establishment."

Prevented a Panic Although Badly Injured. New York, June 5.—"Keep your seats, there, no harm has been done. It's all right," cried Conductor Wm. Holderman last night, and fell senseless to the floor of his car with three ribs broken and his head injured. He was plucked alone that prevented a panic in the crowded Madison avenue car. Holderman was standing on the running board of the train, and he was struck by a heavy truck with two horses was met. The space was narrow and the horses swerved, this brought the high seat of the wagon against Holderman's body and he was hurled against the car. The passengers made a mad scramble to jump off the moving car. Instantly his hand went up to the bell rope and the car slowed and stopped. He was picked up in the small place. He saw the women preparing to jump, and called out to them to sit still. Then as the truck pulled away he fell to the floor of the car. At the hospital he was held last night there was small chance for his recovery.

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SENSATIONAL MURDER.

Desperate Criminals Shoot a Constable and Make a Daring Effort to Escape.

Toronto, June 4.—A tragedy of an altogether unthought and thrilling character occurred in Toronto this evening. Three men, Rice, Rutledge and Jones, Chicago criminals, who have been undergoing trial at the sessions for robbery in their places, in the Superior court room, the space left for spectators is meagre, and this morning as on previous days it was far too small for the crowd that wanted to get in.

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THE EDDY TRIAL.

Additional Evidence Offered in This Famous Action.

Boston, Mass., June 4.—With the one hundred or more witnesses who have been summoned in connection with the trial of the \$150,000 libel suit of Mrs. J. C. Woodbury against Mrs. Mary B. G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science, in their places, in the Superior court room, the space left for spectators is meagre, and this morning as on previous days it was far too small for the crowd that wanted to get in.

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THE TORONTO MURDER.

Witnesses Arrested Under Suspicion of Being an Accomplice.

Toronto, June 5.—The three bank robbers and murderers were this afternoon convicted of robbing one bank at Aurora. Other similar charges led to previous convictions. The only charge remaining against them is that of robbing the Standard Bank in Parkdale. The prisoners were then taken back to jail and will be sentenced at the close of the week. Both prisoners who appeared in dock, Rutledge and Jones, at the effect of last night's desperate adventure, both having plastered heads and anxious faces.

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Toronto, June 4.—The inquiry instituted by the Press Association, to ascertain whether a combine existed between the paper makers of Canada, has been an important one. The association, Justice Taschereau in the Superior court room at the municipal building, presiding, the Canadian Press Association was represented by Walter Barwick, K.C., John A. Cooper, the secretary-treasurer; and D. McGillem, the secretary. The association was represented by W. W. White, K.C., the secretary of the Canadian Paper Makers' Association, and A. F. Campbell, of the Canadian Paper Makers' Association, and Alex. Buntin and Sons.

As the hack passed the corner of Sunnack and Gerrard streets, a strange man appeared suddenly, and threw one of his pistols through the back window. The hack was stopped, the prisoners jumped out and sprang on a passing street car, ordering the motorman to go ahead.

Washington, June 5.—The President will not be able to be at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo on June 13th, the day which was designated as President's day. After the abandonment of the northwestern portion of the President's tour the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition inspired the managers of the exposition to hope that the President would be able to keep his engagement at Buffalo, but since returning to Washington, Mrs. McKinley's condition has been so dangerous that it is considered idle to speculate upon this possibility of his leaving her for 48 hours.

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