

CHANGES FOR THE SUPREME COURT

It's Proposed That Cases Be Referred for Judgment.

THE SOREL COAL CONTRACT

Reid (Grenville) Attacks Minister of Marine—The Forest Reserves Bill

Ottawa, May 17.—Proceedings in the House today emphasized the fact that the Opposition have apparently determined to put the new Minister of the Interior through a course of discipline. When Mr. Oliver's bill establishing forest reserves came up it was evident that concerted opposition was being offered to the passage of the measure. Speakers on the Opposition benches, while offering criticism of details, expressed approval of the principle of the bill, and but little progress was made. It was noticeable that the criticism was not of a constructive nature, and ultimately, after several hours' discussion in committee, the bill was again allowed to stand over. In committee of supply Mr. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries, was subjected to severe criticism by Mr. Reid (Grenville), and others in connection with expenditures made by his predecessor in office. After Mr. Brodeur had informed the committee that Mr. Reid had threatened him that he would experience difficulty in getting his estimates through because of his refusal to postpone the date for receiving tenders for 20,000 tons of soft coal in order to allow the purchase of the same in the United States for the purpose of the opposition collapsed temporarily, and several items were allowed to go through in rapid succession. Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced this afternoon that he was prepared to move for the special committee to investigate the purchase of supplies for the steamer Arctic, as indicated by his remarks two days ago. In committee on Mr. Fitzpatrick's bill to amend the supreme and exchequer courts act, Mr. Edmund Bristol at some length opposed the provisions authorizing reference by the Government to the supreme court of any matter they may see fit for expression of opinion thereon. Mr. Bristol stated that it was an invasion of provincial rights; it was against sound public policy, and work which the court should not be called upon to do. He also stated that the British North American act, which provides for the appointment of judges, and quoted numerous Canadian authorities against the practice. The bill would give the Government the right to consult the supreme court respecting any legislation which they proposed to submit to the House. At a time when they were trying to keep the judges out of politics they should not adopt such legislation. Mr. Fitzpatrick replied that the legislation in question had existed in substance and to a large extent in form, since 1875. He said one object of the present legislation was to bring the supreme court to understand that they should deal with those matters, not as a matter of duty. The intention was to make the supreme court not only a court of appeal, but also of original jurisdiction, they having taken the view that they were the former only. The judges of that court had dealt with referred cases only as a matter of convenience. "If the judges think we have not made our meaning clear it is our duty to make it clear," said the Minister of Justice emphatically. "We must make the supreme court understand that it is the nature of our creation, and it will be loathed with the jurisdiction that we give to it, and that it shall perform the duties that this Parliament assigns to it." "Does this bill widen the number of cases which may be submitted to the supreme court?" asked Mr. W. F. Maclean. "No, it does not," Mr. Fitzpatrick replied. The bill was reported and given a third reading. Mr. Fitzpatrick's bill to amend the exchequer court act by making a judgment in an action for damages that the crown is not liable the final judgment was briefly discussed and put through the final stages.

MAXIM TURNS UP

Russ Editor Not Kidnapped by the Czar's Secret Service.

FIST VS. KNIVES

YANKEE TARS WIN

S.U. Sailors Object of Savage Attack by Armed Natives of Cuba.

Washington, D. C., May 18.—The navy department has received the first report of a serious fight which occurred at Guantanamo, Cuba, on April 29, between American sailors and natives, in which one American was shot and 22 otherwise injured. While the sailors were ashore at Guantanamo they left the naval reservation and were attacked by a large band of natives, who used their knives and machetes with telling effect. The bluejackets had no weapons, and although outnumbered four to one, they fought with their fists until all were disabled. The local police, it is said, instead of attempting to quell the riot, sided with the natives. The sailor who was shot was for a time in a serious condition, but has since recovered. It startled Paris

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Treppoff Plots to Prevent Liberating of Political Prisoners—A Demonstration.

St. Petersburg, May 18.—The critical moment which will decide whether there will be peace or war between the crown and the people apparently arrived with the adoption by the Lower House of Parliament last night of its reply to the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament. President Mouroumzeff has gone to Peterhof to present the reply to the Emperor, and his majesty's response is awaited with great anxiety. Popular opinion considers that the Government has no option between surrender or war. Nevertheless, while events during the past week followed each other with extreme rapidity, the issue now raised is not likely to be decided quickly. The Russians generally believe that the Emperor, court and Government have undoubtedly been dazed by the blunt, direct fashion with which Parliament has spoken out, and their policy naturally will be to gain time. The Emperor personally is in a beneficent frame of mind, and for the present he will not listen to the counsels of those who advise him to dissolve Parliament and fight. Nevertheless, his majesty is resolved not to yield all that the Parliament demands. It can safely be predicted, therefore, that he will pursue a temporizing policy, with partial amnesty as the first step towards the country. The constitutional democratic leaders, whose programme would be upset by the dissolution of Parliament, are quite as anxious as the Emperor to avoid the precipitation of a conflict. They would regard the failure of the Government to declare war as a big preliminary victory, of which they would take advantage by forcing through their agrarian project, upon which they count to strengthen themselves in the country before the final battle opens. Treppoff Plots. Then the court reactionists, headed by Gen. Treppoff, are seeking in every way possible to influence his majesty to fight, which is apparent by the discovery made by the Reich of a secret circular sent to the governors, instructing them to have "Black Hundreds" organized immediately in a dispatch to the Emperor protests against amnesty and the abolition of the death penalty. These have been flowing into Peterhof from all directions, over 50 being printed in the Official Messenger this morning. Surrounded the Prisons. Despatches from the interior report demonstrations in front of the prisons in all parts of Russia in favor of the release of the political prisoners. At Simferopol troops surrounded the prison where the political prisoners were making a demonstration, and fired at them through the windows. In St. Petersburg the political prisoners awaiting transportation at the departing prison, hung out red flags from the windows and sang the "Marseillaise" throughout the night, while the crowds outside joined in the revolutionary song. Upper House Also. The committee of the council of the empire, or Upper House of Parliament, has concluded its draft of the reply to the speech from the throne. It declares that while carrying out the suggestions of the Emperor, the Upper House will aim to assure the welfare of the people and the prosperity of the country, and expresses the hope that the union of its efforts with those of the Lower House will prove successful in enlightening the people through the medium of general education with regard to safeguarding their rights and freedom accorded to them. Hope is also expressed for success in developing the resources of the country and the prosperity of all classes. The Upper House is profoundly convinced that the diffusion of the principles of local autonomy in districts where heretofore have been lacking will if due regard is paid to the idiosyncrasies of the various nationalities, succeed in creating a solid, enlightened state, to the glory of the Emperor and the happiness of the free Russian citizens. The paragraph dealing with amnesty says that all great Russian historical events have been graven on the people's memory by the imperial acts of clemency towards prisoners and criminals, and consequently the Upper House, although possessed of a feeling of profound indignation at the heinous crimes committed in the heat of the political struggle, has decided to submit for the gracious consideration of the Emperor the lot of those who while giving way to their irresistible desire for a speedy consummation of their aspirations, have not committed outrages on life or property or otherwise transgressed the established laws.

CONVENTION CLOSED

W. F. M. S. Officers Will Take a Trip in the West—The Elections.

ONE MAN KILLED, ANOTHER INJURED

Fatality Near Byron During Storm This Afternoon.

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Winnipeg, May 18.—The convention of the Presbyterian W. F. M. Society concluded last evening, and the delegates will disperse today. The majority of the officers will go further west to inspect some of the enterprises in charge of the society before returning east. At the session a resolution of regret was passed concerning the death of Rev. Dr. Warden, and it was also decided to pay the traveling expenses of the officers hereafter. All the old officers were re-elected, with the exception of Vice-President Mrs. H. Robinson, who is replaced by Mrs. Hamilton. The convention meets in Brantford next year. Lightning Kills Thirteen Mourners. London, May 18.—A dispatch to a news agency from Berlin says that thirteen mourners who were at a graveside during a funeral at Teschen, Austrian Silesia, today were struck by lightning and killed, while twenty others were severely burned. Struck Down by Graveside—Twenty Others Were Severely Burned. London, May 18.—A dispatch to a news agency from Berlin says that thirteen mourners who were at a graveside during a funeral at Teschen, Austrian Silesia, today were struck by lightning and killed, while twenty others were severely burned. Bugles Sound THE "LAST POST" Victorians Say Farewell to the Last of Imperial Troops in the Dominion. Victoria, B. C., May 18.—The echoes of the bugles sounding "last post" at 7 o'clock yesterday morning at Work Point Barracks accentuated the severance of imperial military control of Canada, when the Royal Engineers and garrison to the number of 250 embarked on the steamer Charnier, en route for Vancouver and Merric England. The departing troops were given a solemn last of hundreds of Victorians with the Fifth Regiment of Canadian Artillery turning out in the chill of the morning to give a parting cheer. The band played "Auld Lang Syne" and "The Girl I Left Behind Me" as the steamer drew into the misty straits, and the last sight of British troops in Canada merged into a quivering picture of waving caps and kerchiefs. A large crowd awaited the arrival of the steamer here. The troops immediately embarked. Lieut. Elliston was in command. There were many wives and children in the party, who wistfully looked east on the shores of British Columbia. The feeling in the breasts of those who watched them was more of regret at their going than of exaltation at the departure denoted the fact that Canada today takes a step up among the nations and assumes her own share of the burden of the empire. Deal Will Go Through Rumor That Mr. Bennett Is To Get Theater Building. It is understood that Manager Bennett, of the Vaudeville Theater, has come to terms with Mr. Alex. Harvey in regard to the purchase of the theater building, and that the deal will be closed as soon as a certain tenant who holds a lease, which has two years to run, can be induced to get out. It is said this tenant wants \$3,000 to give up his store. Only Four Passed Applicants for Vacancy at City Hall Are Examined. City Clerk Baker last evening examined the applicants for the vacant clerkship in his office. Out of eight or ten candidates, only four passed the exam. They are Frank Levin, who stands first, and who is highly recommended by Mr. Baker; Harry J. Bennett, S. Klippen and J. A. Stewart. The matter of the appointment will likely come before No. 1 committee at its meeting this afternoon. Did You Wear Yours? Straw Hats Were Plentiful on the Streets Today. Straw hats were plentiful on the streets today. The warm weather brought them out as it did the leaves on the trees. Some of the hats are quite modern, while others are blocks of 1890. Not many of the "real thing" of 1906 have so far been observed. German Steamer Aground. Moji, Japan, May 18.—The German mail steamer Roon, from Hamburg, March 29, for Yokohama, ran ashore in a fog today near Okl Island. Her passengers and crew were saved by the Japanese steamer Riuhl Maru, and were landed here. The bows of the Roon are stove in, but it is hoped that the efforts being made to refloat her will prove successful. Backs Car for False Teeth. Monroe, Mich., May 18.—A woman on a northbound electric car, near here, became deathly sick and sought the rear platform. During the excitement her false teeth fell from her mouth to the ground. She notified the conductor of her predicament as soon as she was able and the genial ticket-puncher backed up the car a couple of miles and recovered her valuable ivorys. No One to Prosecute. Windsor, Ont., May 18.—Temperance people here want to know why Inspector Paeud was not in the police court yesterday when the cases against three hotels for selling liquor on Sunday were called. As there was no one present to prosecute, Magistrate Bartlett dismissed the case. It is said that the matter will be taken up and charges made against someone for negligence.

COBOURG INSOLVENT?

Writ Launched to Prevent Issue of Any More Debentures.

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Dr. Hutchinson Finds It To Be Inferior to Previous Years—The Reason.

A GORY DAY IN GOTHAM

Toronto, May 18.—A writ has been launched against the town of Cobourg by R. W. Eyre, the Toronto lawyer. He asked injunction preventing the town from disposing of any more municipal debentures. "The town is practically insolvent," he said today. "It has an indebtedness of \$230,000 already and all the taxes it can raise merely meets the interest on debentures already issued. The proposed issue which Mr. Eyre wants stopped is for the erection of a new school. He claims another school is not necessary. He claims there has been an infraction of the act in the amount of debentures already issued by the town. The act allows only \$50,000. Medical Health Officer Hutchinson is securing samples of milk being sold in the city by the different dealers. "I don't quite understand the reason," he said, "but the milk this year is of a poorer quality than ever before. The percentage of butterfat is very small, and the milk is watery. I have not seen Dr. Tamm's report on the herds, but it strikes me the cattle will be found to be very poor. A milkman who was in the doctor's office at the time said that shorts and bran were so dear last winter that but very little of them was fed. Shorts sold for \$22 a ton and bran at \$17. Consequently the cows were fed for the most part on roots and grain, with the result that they were poor in the spring, and the milk is new water, even though the cattle have been on grass for some weeks. A Gory Day in Gotham New York, May 18.—An unusual number of accidents and attempts upon human lives were reported by the police today. Henry S. Schulz, an employe of Harpers' Weekly, made two futile attempts at suicide, first cutting his wrists, and later throwing himself out of a fourth-floor window of the Grand Union Hotel. Although in his fall he broke through a glass skylight, on the first floor, no bones were broken and he was not even unconscious when taken to the hospital. Simultaneously with this report the police learned that Mrs. Hilda Hogenkamp, who accidentally fell a distance of twenty feet out of the window of her flat in West Twenty-seventh street, was instantly killed. Two men were fatally injured under unusual circumstances. Bernard Thoughtin, while working on a scow in the lower harbor, was caught by the long helms, the knee in a kink of the tow line, which suddenly was straightened out by a tug, cutting off the limb. Patrick Cooney, laborer, fell in front of a Third avenue street car, and although the wheels did not touch him, the fender rolled him down on the pavement for many feet, fracturing his skull. Angelo Salvato, a young Italian, was attacked with a razor by Angelina Trasonaro, 20 years old, and his face was disfigured. An unknown man committed suicide by jumping into the Hudson River, from the Lackawanna Railroad ferry-boat Elmira. One woman died of apoplexy by gas. Steamers Arrived. May 17. Reported at. From. Italia.....New York.....Naples Crete.....Punta Delgada New York Carpathia.....Liverpool.....New York Carmania.....Liverpool.....New York Dominion.....Liverpool.....Montreal Frisland.....Liverpool.....Philadelphia Hohenzollern.....Naples.....New York La Lorraine.....Havre.....New York Arabis.....Queensdown.....Boston Victorian.....Rimouski.....Montreal Sardinian.....Cape Race.....Havre Latoria.....Father Point.....Shields Fanny Herring Dead. New York, May 18.—Fanny Herring, once a theatrical favorite in New York, died today in Symbury, Conn. She was an English woman who made her debut in the old Bowery Theater, New York City, in 1842. She was 74 years old. Lords and Laborites Clash; Upper House Kills Strike Bill. London, May 18.—The first, but it is expected by no means the last, clash between the House of Lords, the House of Commons and the present Government, occurred this afternoon, when the House of Lords, by a vote of 96 to 24, rejected a small Labor bill, which had been sent up from the House of Commons, where it had been passed without opposition, and almost unnoticed, at the last session. It aimed to amend the aliens act by providing that when a labor dispute is going on in Great Britain no foreigners would be allowed to enter the country to take the places of strikers. The Government neither supported nor opposed the bill, and its indecision was partly answerable for the House of Lords killing it. The Laborites, parents of the slain measure, later attacked the House of Lords in the House of Commons, mingling with their recrimination of the peers denunciations of the Government for not supporting the bill. James Kier Hardie wanted to know how long the Government intended to countenance and tolerate the irresponsible Upper House, which made democracy a sham. William Crookston prophesied that the people would arise in their wrath and make an end of the House of Lords, and other Laborites ventured upon similar dire predictions of the fate that would befall the peers for daring to oppose the will of organized labor. It is noteworthy, however, that whenever the abolition of the House of Lords was mentioned by the Labor members, the Liberals cheered enthusiastically. Mr. George Whiteley, chief Liberal whp, on behalf of the Government, called the rejection of the bill a regrettable incident, and suggested that the matter be raised again at a future day. This will doubtless be done.

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Because of Immigration Conference at Hamburg.

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Mr. Preston Shows How Necessary It Was That Names Should Be Kept Secret.

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Courtright: No. 1 section, Royal Canadian Engineers, stationed at Wolsley Barracks; No. 10 Company, R. C. R., at Wolsley Barracks; and the First Infantry Brigade, consisting of eight companies: Middlesex; the twenty-seventh Regiment of eight companies, from Lambton; and the Twenty-eighth Regiment of eight companies, from Perth; and a provisional battalion from city corps of London, Windsor, Chatham and St. Thomas; one-half of No. 1 Company, Canadian Army Service Corps, from Guelph; No. 1 Section Army Medical Corps, of London, and No. 14 Field Ambulance Unit, from Sarnia and Windsor. The second camp will commence on June 18 and will be continued until June 29. It will be composed of Sixth Field Battery, Canadian Field Artillery, from London and district; the First Brigade, Canadian Field Artillery, composed of the Eleventh and Sixteenth Batteries, from Guelph; No. 1 Section, Royal Canadian Engineers, from Wolsley Barracks; No. 10 Company, R. C. R., from Wolsley Barracks and Amherstburg, and C from

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