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NOW BEING TO BE BROKEN

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MANY MEN ANTICIPATE
THE RESULT

And Obduracy of Surface Men
Seems to Be Only Imped-
ment to Immediate Settlement
—Leaders Advise Men to Dis-
continue Struggle.

London, March 29.—The govern-
ment's minimum wage bill became
law today, when at noon it received
the royal assent. Simultaneously
balloting by the coal miners through-
out the British Isles was proceeding
to settle the question whether the
strikers should return to work or let
the mines lie idle pending a decision
by the district boards, provided for
in the bill, as to what the rate of wages
shall be in the various coal mine
districts.

While the result of the balloting
will not be known officially until next
Thursday, there was prevalent every-
where a feeling of optimism that the
vote would favor a resumption of
work, and that meantime thousands
of unemployed men would return to
work in the various coal fields.

The only stumbling block in the
way of a speedy termination of the
strike, seems to be the attitude of the
surface men, who still have some
grievances unsatisfied. Their national
federation today issued a manifesto to
all its branches to the effect that
there must be no resumption of work
by any section of the federation until
the owners conceded their demands.
It is believed, however, that this dis-
pute will be settled before the result
of the general balloting is announced.

There were further additions today
to the ranks of the miners resuming
work in Scotland, but an increase
of 20,000 in the unemployed in the
other trades, who were forced out
of work by reason of a shortage of
coal.
There was, however, no recurrence
of disorders. Good feeling prevails
between the troops and the strikers.
A special instance of this is shown
by the fact that at Cannonock in
Staffordshire the soldiers and strikers
played match game of football. Among
the many other leaders who are ad-
vising the men to resume work is
Stephen Walsh, member of parliament
for Niece division of Lancashire. Mr.
Walsh began his career as a coal
miner and is now a member of the
miners' conciliation board. Addressing
the miners of Wigan district he
said: "The principle of the minimum
wage having been conceded after a
fight covering half a century, it was
the duty of the men to accept the
government's bill, and do their utmost
to eliminate all that is bad in it. The
syndicalists, he added, wanted them
to break the laws and bring ruin upon
everybody, but he never would agree
to such a doctrine. In conclusion,
Mr. Walsh said that to defy the govern-
ment could only result in starvation
and bloodshed.

He had not done so, he had not taken
the many course of giving notice
to himself so that he could submit
the charges to Mr. Morine and get his
attorney.

After some further remarks Mr.
Borden said Mr. Morine had gone
into Newfoundland politics which he
(Mr. Borden) knew had been very
warm and stormy.

All the essential features of Mr.
Carvell's charge were new to him in
so far as they reflected on Mr. Mor-
ine. He knew that Mr. Morine had
practised for some years in Toronto,
and he never had heard any charge
or any breath of suspicion against
him. He regarded the charges made
by Mr. Carvell as grave. He stood
exactly where he had stood in former
years as to the character of persons
appointed to office. He would place
these charges before Mr. Morine and
give him an opportunity to make his
answer. He would then announce to
the House and to the country what
his action would be.

NOT A GRIT
IN THE B. C.
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Analysis Reveals Presence of
Sufficient Quantity to Kill
Several Men—Bitter Taste
Gave it Away.

Special to The Standard.
Bathurst, Mar. 29.—The examina-
tion in the case of the King vs.
Charles E. Ellis, charged with having
administered strychnine to Robt.
Ellis and Leslie Ellis, was concluded
yesterday afternoon. The hearing be-
gan on Wednesday morning. Six wit-
nesses were called by the Crown and
after hearing the evidence, the magis-
trate, E. L. O'Brien, decided that the
accused should be sent up for trial.

Ball was applied for and granted in
the sum of \$3000 for the appearance
of the accused at the August term of
the Gloucester circuit court.

From the evidence it transpired that
Robert and Leslie Ellis were hunting
in the vicinity of the Tracadie River
and had a camp there. On March 7th
they left the camp in the morning as
usual and returned in the after-
noon. At supper, after putting sugar
in tea and upon beans, they detected
a bitter taste and immediately spat
out the food. A little later Robert
experienced cramps, and they left the
camp taking with them the sugar
and arrived at Dr. McNeil's office in
Bathurst about 2 a. m. on the 8th.

The tests made by Dr. McNeil and
others revealed the fact that a large
quantity of strychnine was present in
a number of portions, had been placed
in the sugar. A snow shoe track
made on the 7th during the absence
of Robert and Leslie and from their
camp was investigated later, and it
was discovered that it led from a
camp owned by the accused. Bad
feeling has existed between the parties
for some time and caused sus-
picion to rest upon the accused.

The plain statements of fact that he
made during his brief speech.

The ex-leader of the opposition fol-
lowed, and in his opening remarks
addressed the fact that he was prob-
ably addressing them in the way in
which he had made up his mind to retire
from public life. It has been evident
for some time that for some reason
Mr. Robinson has not been pleased
with both sides and while the
government and its supporters have
refused to accept his arguments on
many occasions this has not affected
their respect for the man whose great
ability they have always recognized.

In many respects Mr. Robinson's
speech was a great relief from the
monotonous repetitions of gentlemen
who have spoken on his side during
the debate. While he still looked
upon the questions under discussion
from an opposition standpoint his re-
ferences to the province and the
unjust treatment received by the
Maritime Provinces were dealt with
from a broader standpoint than is
usual from the side of the House.

He admitted that New Brunswick
had not been fairly treated by Sir Wilfrid
Laurier and that its just claims
had been ignored by the previous gov-
ernments. He instanced the fisheries
claim amounting to upwards of
\$200,000 which had been hanging for
years. Mr. Robinson had treated the
House to something of a surprise in
making these admissions and Mr.
Fleming was fortunately in a position
to spring another surprise by
announcing that the government at Otta-
wa were now considering these claims
along the lines suggested by Mr. Rob-
inson.

At the close of his speech Mr. Rob-
inson was heartily congratulated by
Premier Fleming and all the mem-
bers of the government in the chamber
as well as by private members on both
sides of the House.

The House met at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Copp gave notice of inquiry
regarding the New Brunswick Coal and
Railway investigation.

Mr. Currie gave notice of inquiry
regarding the number of flour mills,
and to amend the act providing for
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the value of \$50,000 and personal es-
tate to the value of \$100,000 with pow-
er to erect and maintain an art gal-
lery. The property both real and per-
sonal is exempted from civic, municipal
and provincial taxation.

The bill to incorporate the Sussex,
Stodholm and Havelock Railway Co.
introduced by Mr. Jones, is really a re-
vival of an old time railroad scheme
which was surveyed at the same time
as the present route of the intercol-
onial. There are three routes by
which the railway can be built. One
started at Apohaqui, another at Sus-
sex and a third at Plumaseep. By
either of the three routes the railroad
traverses about the finest agricultural
district in the province, and at
Havelock. The route runs through
such settlements as Buttumert Ridge,
Lower Ridge, Perry Settlement, Cos-
man Settlement, Millstream, Queens-
ville, Caronsville, Mountdale, Mt.
Middleton, Smith's Creek, Centre In-
stream, Lower Millstream, Centreville,
Sluder Mountain and Berwick. The
proposed railway will accommodate
the farmers who are now required to
haul their produce from fifteen to
twenty-five miles to reach a station.
It will greatly benefit a large body
of enterprising agriculturists and furnish
a means of transportation for impor-
tant lumber interests as well.

While some amendments to the au-
tomobile law were being discussed
Mr. LaBliolla made the statement that
automobiles were being freely used
to bring liquor into Scott act coun-
ties. He thought there should be some
provision against this. Both Messrs.
Sweeney and Copp said that liquor was
brought from Amherst into Westmor-
land county in automobiles.

Premier Fleming on hearing these
statements, said that provision would
be made in the liquor license act to
prevent the continuance of this prac-
tice. Automobiles have many uses and
the conveying of liquor into Scott act
counties is the latest.

It was well along in the evening
before Mr. Bentley had an opportunity
to make his speech on the budget.
Frederick has been suffering from
the effects of a very low barometer
all day which was perhaps, respon-
sible for the pessimistic state of mind
of Mr. Bentley.

His usual connection with the reports
from Ottawa concerning the Valley
railway and seemed to be convinced in
his mind that it was not the in-
terest of the government to construct
the Brunswick and Canada to construct
and operate the Valley railway from
St. John to Grand Falls, but their
intention was to stop at Andover. This
statement has been repeated so often
that it has become a household word
and that it has become a household
word. Driven to the last ditch the opposition
is still moving heaven and earth to
prevent the government of New
Brunswick from constructing the Valley
railway. This, fortunately for the
conservative party, and endorsed the
policy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and
said that Canada was disgraced in the
eyes of the Empire because that policy
was not carried out. The only
private bank government in which he
found any consolation was in their
providing cheap school books for the
people.

He closed his speech by repeating
the untruthful statement made by his
leader, Mr. Copp, that the deficit of
the government was not \$56,000, but
\$200,000, but offered no title of proof
of his assertion.

Mr. Young, who followed in the de-
bate, made the very true statement
that there was little in any of the
speeches of the opposition members
which called for a reply from the
supporters of the government. He re-
ferred to the disgraceful conditions
existing in the province prior
to 1908, when the expenditures of
thousands of dollars were annually
hidden away in suspense accounts
and the public funds were placed in
private bank accounts to be checked
out at will. Mr. Hassen had promised
honest government, and he had fulfilled
that promise. The Audit Act had
been passed, and no member of
the House had arisen to say that
every dollar of the expenditure of the
government was not properly account-
ed for in the Auditor's report.

Stock Arguments Laid Out.

Mr. Young disposed of one of the
stock arguments of the opposition
that large sums of money were being
paid to structural superintendents, by
showing that the work done by struc-
tural superintendents cost only 1-2
per cent while the old government
allowed 10 per cent for similar ser-
vices. Mr. Young did not speak at
great length, but the opposition will
have occasion to remember many of

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vince on the Magaguadavic and Le-
preux rivers and their tributaries at
a rental of \$250 per annum, lease to
be for 35 years subject to renewal at
rental to be mutually agreed upon.

In addition to this the company is
required to pay to the Receiver Gen-
eral \$500 for each year it carries on its
business on the Lepreux river, and
\$1,000 per annum for the Magaguad-
avic river, also the sum of twenty-five
cents per annum for each constant
horsepower sold from its distributing
stations. The provincial tax is a new
feature added to the bill.

Only Two Bills.

Only two bills were presented to the
House this afternoon, both from St.
John. One introduced by Mr. Wilson
has for the purpose of cancellation of
the lease entered into between the
city and Frederick Durant who has
failed to carry out his agreement to
erect a sugar refinery as required by
the terms of the lease. The other in-
troduced by Mr. Hatheway has for its
object the incorporation of the St.
John Art Club. Incorporators are W.
S. Fisher, Wm. Brodie, E. T. Sturdee,
M. V. Paddock, Mrs. S. E. Aldward,
Miss C. O. McEivern, Joshua Clawson
and Mrs. Florence Murray. They are

Former Leader Seems Dis-
satisfied With Present
Conduct of Party

YOUNG STATES SOME
HOME TRUTHS.

Compares Disgraceful Conditions
Prevailing Before Advent of
Present Administration and
Good Government Since—Ben-
tly Objects to Immigration Ex-
penditures.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 29.—The opposition
in the House of Assembly proved to
be of an enquiring mind today.

Mr. Robinson opened the ball at
the meeting of the Accounts Commit-
tee by asking for details of the stump-
age collected by the Crown Lands
Department during the past season.

Phillips' accounts contains a full
statement of the total amount paid
during the year by each operator, but
Mr. Robinson wants full particulars
of the number and size of all logs
that were cut last year.

Col. Logan said that such accounts
were on file in the Crown Lands De-
partment, but this did not satisfy
Mr. Robinson, who first suggested that
they might be copied but later decid-
ed that the production of detailed ac-
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a rental of \$250 per annum, lease to
be for 35 years subject to renewal at
rental to be mutually agreed upon.

In addition to this the company is
required to pay to the Receiver Gen-
eral \$500 for each year it carries on its
business on the Lepreux river, and
\$1,000 per annum for the Magaguad-
avic river, also the sum of twenty-five
cents per annum for each constant
horsepower sold from its distributing
stations. The provincial tax is a new
feature added to the bill.

Only Two Bills.

Only two bills were presented to the
House this afternoon, both from St.
John. One introduced by Mr. Wilson
has for the purpose of cancellation of
the lease entered into between the
city and Frederick Durant who has
failed to carry out his agreement to
erect a sugar refinery as required by
the terms of the lease. The other in-
troduced by Mr. Hatheway has for its
object the incorporation of the St.
John Art Club. Incorporators are W.
S. Fisher, Wm. Brodie, E. T. Sturdee,
M. V. Paddock, Mrs. S. E. Aldward,
Miss C. O. McEivern, Joshua Clawson
and Mrs. Florence Murray. They are