

FLECTED THE SPEAKER

Only Business Done By House of Commons On Wednesday.

Real Opening of Parliament Will Occur To-day, With Usual Ceremonies, Only Here So-Speaker Sutherland Pleaded Quebec Members By Airing His French—Members of the Address in Reply to the Speech.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—The House of Commons met at three o'clock yesterday, and was summoned to the Senate, where Sir Elzer T. Theron directed the members to return and elect a Speaker, and today the Governor-General would be present to inform them as to the reasons why they were assembled.

Elect a Speaker.—The members then returned to the House, where Sir Wilfrid Laurier reminded it of the high duties which come within the office of Speaker, and, with but a slight waste of words, moved R. F. Sutherland for the position. George Eulas Foster, as the senior Privy Councillor on the Opposition side of the House, acquiesced in the Premier's complimentary allusions to Mr. Sutherland. Sir Wilfrid and Sir William Mulock then escorted the newly elected Speaker to the chair.

Speaks in French.—Speaker Sutherland tersely and modestly promised to conduct the proceedings of the House to the best of his ability and to maintain at all times the strictest impartiality. He added a few words in French, which seemed to please the deputies from Quebec.

Following the formalities, the Premier moved the adjournment of the House.

The Swearing-In.—The swearing-in of members commenced at noon yesterday. The customary roll of past years which the members signed has been discarded and a bound volume has been substituted. This is following the British practice. There was a large attendance of members.

The Real Opening.—The real opening of Parliament, the explosion of blank cartridges, the raising of muzzles, the waving of flags and the craning of necks will take place to-day. It will, of course, be a gorgeousness all previous events of its kind as is the first duty of all well regulated openings of Parliament.

To-day's Lines.

E. M. McDonald of Pictou, N.S., will move the address in reply to the speech from the Throne. The second will be George Parrot, the 24-year-old scripping from Montserrat.

News Can't Be Disguisted.

Mr. Lewis will retain his seat for West Hants, can against him, that of signing his name to a small carrier's bond, was carefully examined yesterday by two of the ablest lawyers in the House, and the decision was that Mr. Lewis had not violated the election law. Whatever may be the intention of the act, no words can be construed in it to disqualify a member for signing a mail carrier's bond. When the case comes before the Privileges and Elections Committee this point will be submitted and there can be no doubt that it will be upheld. R. Holmes' petty attempt to deprive his opponent of a hard won victory finds no sympathy here.

Mr. Borden's Reply.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 12.—Mr. R. L. Borden yesterday morning sent the following reply to the message of the Governor-General: "In response to your message, I shall meet my friends at Ottawa at a very early day in order to discuss what they have been kind enough to suggest." (Signed) R. L. Borden.

BELLEVILLE A FROST FOR ROSS.

No Spring of Victory Greets the Liberal Leader There.

Belleville, Jan. 12.—Premier Ross was the chief attraction at a meeting held here last night in the interests of Henry Pringle, Liberal candidate for West Hastings. The Opera House was crowded, nearly one-half of those present being ladies. Dr. Currie, Liberal candidate for Prince Edward, was present, and E. W. Rathbun, Liberal candidate for East Hastings, was advertised to be here, but did not turn up. Dr. Simmons, president of the West Hastings Reform Association, was chairman. Premier Ross arrived in the city in the afternoon, but there was no demonstration, a dozen or so Liberals going to the station to meet him. The audience last night, while a very large one, was most apathetic, and the applause—what there was of it—was intermittent and halfhearted. When Mr. Ross sat down the leaders tried hard to work up an ovation for him, but the applause was not at all hearty. The usual cheers closed the meeting.

Ottawa's Dates.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Premier Ross speak in the Russell Theatre on Friday, Jan. 20, and Mr. Whitney Saturday, Jan. 21.

Samuel Ross.

London, Jan. 12.—The Liberals in this city in convention last night nominated ex-Mayor Fred G. Russell for the Provincial House. The convention was held in the Auditorium and was well attended. No other name was proposed.

May Go to the Yukon.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Col. Andrew T. Thompson, the former member for Haldimand, is said to be in the running for the Governorship of the Yukon and to have a fair chance of getting the appointment.

BOTROVSKY'S IZUMROD

Reported On Way to Cronstadt In Badly Damaged Condition.

His Squadron Arrives At Port Said.—Rojevsky Has Not Yet Been Re-called—Plan Temporary Peace to Be Arm For Next War—Vice-Admiral Doubassoff Supposed to Voice Com's Sentiment About a Truce.

Berlin, Jan. 12.—The Lokai Anzeiger, St. Petersburg correspondent, says that the Russian cruiser Izumrud is returning to Port Said on the way to Cronstadt in a badly damaged condition. The cruiser Izumrud, which is one of the vessels of Admiral Rojevsky's contingent of the Russian second Pacific squadron, with the other ships of that fleet, was, according to a despatch from Suez last night, expected to reach that place at three o'clock this morning.

At Port Said.—Rear-Admiral Botrovsky's division of the second Russian Pacific squadron entered the canal at noon yesterday. Its destination is uncertain, but it is probably Madagascar, by way of Jibuti, French Somaliland. The warships were only permitted to ship a thousand tons of coal among the seven ships besides taking on board provisions.

Rojevsky Still a Sailing.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 12.—The Admiralty has not given the slightest official confirmation of the recall of Vice-Admiral Rojevsky's squadron. On the contrary, the officials point calmly to the preparations being made to reinforce the squadrons with a division of the third Pacific squadron as sufficient evidence that Rojevsky will not return to European waters. The Russian ice-breaker Ermak at Lubeck has been ordered to keep the channel clear for the ships which are being made ready for sea.

Under the French regulations, it is maintained that Rojevsky's ships could cruise in the Indian Ocean, coaling and provisioning from their own storehouses.

PLAN TEMPORARY PEACE.

Russia Wants a Breathing Space to Re-Arm For Next War.

Paris, Jan. 12.—Vice-Admiral Doubassoff, the Russian member of the North Sea Commission, is quoted by The Echo de Paris as having stated in an interview that he had submitted to Emperor Nicholas a program for a reorganization of the navy, which is absolutely indispensable for success in the war against Japan. Twenty months will be necessary for its execution. Admiral Doubassoff thought the prospect for Vice-Admiral Rojevsky's squadron was hopeless. He unhesitatingly declared that he considered a provisional peace would shortly be probable. Japan retaining Port Arthur and the territories which she has occupied. Russia, meanwhile, the Admiral said, would prepare an invincible fleet for a future effort.

Slightly Significant.

The declaration made by Vice-Admiral Doubassoff that an honorable peace is likely to be made is highly significant. Heretofore the members of the Russian Embassy and all the other Russian officials here have resented suggestions of peace as humiliating.

There is reason to believe that these were expressive of personal views before hearing from St. Petersburg, whereas Admiral Doubassoff has just arrived from St. Petersburg after a lengthy audience with Emperor Nicholas following the fall of Port Arthur.

The official view is that Admiral Doubassoff's statement is expressive of the growing sentiment within Russia favorable to peace. Reports show that the movement has made notable progress in recent days, particularly at Moscow. Emperor Nicholas has not shown a disposition to check the movement, although personally he disapproves of its opportunism.

Strengthen For Next Try.

"I am convinced," said Admiral Doubassoff, "of the immediate necessity for the reconstruction of our fleet at all the Russian and foreign shipyards for the purpose of securing strength sufficient to command supremacy at sea. This is absolutely indispensable if we are to expect victory from the next war with Japan. The remainder of our fleet is hardly more than debris and is entirely unequal to Japan's naval strength."

The Admiral further said it was necessary to recognize these conditions, however painful they might be to national self-love. "Therefore," he added, "I do not hesitate to say that we tend toward not far-off peace. We will leave the Japanese Port Arthur and the territory they now occupy in Manchuria. We will set ourselves resolutely at work to prepare a powerful invincible navy as this peace will be but temporary, and the next time we shall be amply prepared."

Carnegie in Church Work.

Windsor, Jan. 12.—The trustees of the Central Methodist Church have received an intimation from Andrew Carnegie that he will pay the half of the price of the new organ to be installed at a cost of \$3,500. The church was destroyed by fire a year or so ago.

G.T.F. Will Switch.

Calgary, Jan. 12.—The exploration party of the G.T.F., making surveys in the Peace River district, say the road will not go west by that route, but will turn south from Edmonton to go by Yellow Head to the Burrard Inlet.

MAY MEET IN AUTUMN

Joint High Commission May Yet Discuss Reciprocity.

Correspondence Still in Progress Awaiting a Meeting Between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and U.S. Senator Fairbanks.—Report of "Signal Failure" As Reported Said to Be Inaccurate—Meanwhile Roosevelt Stands Fast on the Tariff.

New York, Jan. 12.—A Washington special last night to The Times says: Too much credence should not be put in the report published in New York yesterday morning that the negotiations for the reassembling of the Joint High Commission have fallen through. Correspondence is still in progress between Mr. Fairbanks and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and hope has not been abandoned that the commission will reconvene to discuss Canadian reciprocity and other questions. While some hitch may have occurred to give rise to the present report, your correspondent is reliably informed that the report of a "signal failure" is inaccurate, and from another source that "the story may be discredited."

Mr. Fairbanks, following his custom, refused to comment on the report. The belief is still entertained that the Vice-Premier-elect and the Canadian Premier will soon meet in New York or Boston to arrange for the commission's sessions. Information obtained yesterday afternoon shows the basis for the morning's published report to be that the idea of a spring session of the Joint High Commission has been abandoned, but a meeting in the autumn is more probable. The overtures now being conducted have that end in view.

STANDS PAT ON THE TARIFF.

Roosevelt Will Not Permit Radical Change in Platform.

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Roosevelt continued yesterday his conference with members of Congress on the subject of tariff revision and of legislation providing for an increase of the powers of Interstate Commerce Committee. One statement which stands out almost with the pre-eminence of an official announcement is that, unless Congress at the present session should enact legislation looking to regulation of railroad freight rates, an extraordinary session of the fifty-ninth Congress will be called by the President to deal with that problem.

While the President desires a readjustment of the existing customs duties he will not permit any radical differences in the Republican platform on the question.

A prominent member of the Ways and Means Committee of the House said yesterday that the poll which the leaders of the House had conducted of the Republican members on tariff revision showed that 90 per cent. of those approached were against revision.

BARING HAMILTON BURGLAR.

Does Much Work and Secures \$120 in Ten Minutes.

Hamilton, Jan. 12.—One of the most daring robberies ever committed in Hamilton was pulled off last evening, when the T. H. & B. ticket office, at the Hunter street station, was rifled and \$120 booty secured. Albert Craig, the ticket agent, left the office in charge of Edwin York, a 34-year-old man. York locked both doors of the office at 6:45 and ran to the offices upstairs in the station building. He was gone only ten minutes, but during the time the door leading from the ladies' waiting room into the ticket office had been forced open by means of a line. The thief had grabbed \$120 from the till and had disappeared. The door is a stout one and was secured by two locks. The thief, judging by the marks he left on the door, worked like a Trojan, and broke one lock and forced the other. York declares that when he went upstairs there was not a soul in either the ladies' or general waiting room; and there was nobody around when he came back. The office was brilliantly lighted by electricity, and the ticket office door was open. York says that there is no chance in the act to prevent a hotel-keeper keeping his place of business open on municipal election day, provided he does not sell liquor. This question is covered by section 58 of the Ontario Liquor Act, which provides that a hotel-keeper may not sell liquor on election day.

Under section 170 of the Ontario Election Act, a penalty of \$100 or six months' imprisonment is provided for each offence, described as follows:

"No spirituous or fermented liquor or strong drink shall be sold or given at any hotel, tavern, shop or other place within the limits of a polling subdivision, during the polling day therein, or any part thereof, under a penalty of \$100 for every offence; and the offender shall be subject to imprisonment not exceeding six months, at the discretion of the court or judge, in default of payment of such fine."

In the Galt case, the defendant hotel-keeper is charged with disposing of soft drinks and cigars.

Will Meet Mr. Fairbanks.

Albany, N.Y., Jan. 12.—The special Inter-State Commerce Commission, appointed by the last Legislature to secure uniform laws regarding the netting of fish in the waters bordering New York, Vermont and Canada left here yesterday to meet the Canadian Minister of Marine and Fisheries, Frontenac, at Ottawa this morning.

They Stay.

Halifax, N.S., Jan. 12.—A. A. McLean and Martin, members-elect in Queen's, Prince Edward Island, were yesterday confirmed in their seats.

Died From Injuries.

Hamilton, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Temple, widow of the late John Temple, who fell downstairs a few days ago, died of her injuries yesterday morning.

CANADA'S DAY DREAM.

London Post Comments On the Dominion's Unwillingness to Pay For the Cost of Defence.

London, Jan. 12.—(C.A.P.)—Referring to the support of Sir Wilfrid Laurier by the English as well as the French-speaking Canadians, The Morning Post says: "We cannot help thinking that many Canadian politicians overrate the force of Quebec's passive resistance to proposals having for their object the participation of Canada in the work of imperial defence. At times we have thought Sir Wilfrid Laurier shared their mistake."

"There can be no doubt of the wave of anti-militarism now passing over Canada, and that the majority of Canadians disregard the necessity of defending even their land frontier, and are unwilling to pay the cost of insuring their national welfare against other war risks."

"As yet little or nothing has been done by the Minister of Militia to bring Canada out of the defenceless state described by Lord Dunsford as a 'fool's paradise.' The Opposition is so weak both in numbers and debating power that it cannot do much to awaken the Canadian people from their day dream of peace for which no price need be paid."

London, Jan. 12.—(C.A.P.)—Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, speaking at Preston, first, replied to Right Hon. Mr. Asquith, probably his most persistent critic, and by profession a lawyer. Mr. Chamberlain said:

"Am I a protectionist? I wonder what Mr. Asquith would say, how he would describe Sir Wilfrid Laurier? Is he a protectionist, that great colonial statesman? If he is not a protectionist, then neither am I, since I agree with his policy in every particular. If he is a protectionist, or if Mr. Asquith calls him so, why I should like to ask why he has his clients, the Cobden Club, give Sir Wilfrid Laurier the greatest honor which it was possible for them to pay him, giving him the gold medal of that magnificent association—cheers and laughter—on the distinct ground of the service that he rendered free trade."

TWO JUDGMENTS.

Meets Bernier and Mills of the Railway Commission Differ.

Ottawa, Jan. 12.—Yesterday afternoon the Railway Commission gave judgment in the Toronto Colliery case. There were two judgments. Mr. Bernier takes one view, and Mr. Mills another. The judgment of Mr. Bernier is that the question of compensation should be left to the arbitrators, who are appointed in cases of expropriation. In his opinion the Railway Board cannot decide the question of compensation, because the Commissioners have not the evidence before them. It is the Board that authorizes the expropriation of lands. The whole point turns upon the interpretation of section 139 of the Railway Act. This section provides that "the Board may in its discretion and upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems expedient, authorize in writing the expropriation of the whole or any portion of the lands applied for."

The point lies in "the terms and conditions," in the opinion of Mr. Mills, who holds that the Commissioners can give compensation if they so desire. Mr. Bernier's idea is that the words "terms and conditions" are put in with the object to protect the property which is being expropriated. On the other hand, Mr. Mills holds that the Commissioners have special power under the act, which entitles them to instruct the arbitrators to give compensation to the aggrieved parties from the date at which the application was made for the land, some eight months ago.

It has decided to grant the application for the expropriation of the Williams property, and has fixed up on the 10th of February the date at which the applicant company must accept or reject the offer.

HOTELS MAY KEEP OPEN.

Nothing in Act to Prevent Sale of Soft Drinks Election Day.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Eduo Saunders, chief of the Ontario License Department, agrees with James Haveron's contention in the Galt liquor case, that there is no chance in the act to prevent a hotel-keeper keeping his place of business open on municipal election day, provided he does not sell liquor. This question is covered by section 58 of the Ontario Liquor Act, which provides that a hotel-keeper may not sell liquor on election day.

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Cold Contracts

So it's natural that as winter progresses, and the mercury goes down our overcoat prices should shrink.

That's what's happened affecting many of our finest overcoats to the extent of from \$2.00 to \$5.00.

Boys' Overcoats and some Boys' Suits have been treated the same way. We've quantities of Winter Underwear and Winter Furnishings that are sure to be priced to please you.

THORNTON & DOUGLAS, Limited

Detective Does Hold-Up.

Toronto, Jan. 12.—Last night Detective Forrest was doing office duty at police headquarters. He heard a cry for help, and looking out of the window saw two men holding up and assaulting another on Albert street. The assailants had gone on their way, but Forrest saw a man turning the corner who resembled one of the men he had seen from the window. He arrested him. It was Wilson. The victim of the assault was Harry Cowan, a clerk in a store, 433 East King street. His face showed that he had been badly beaten. Wilson's hands were covered with blood when arrested by Forrest. He admits the assault, but denies the theft of the \$5, which Cowan claims to have lost in the mix-up.

Coal Miners' Strike Spreads.

Coloche, Germany, Jan. 12.—The strike of coal miners has spread. Part or all of the miners in 17 additional mines did not go to work yesterday morning. The number idle is about 85,000, or one-eighth of the total. Division exist among the miners, minorities disapproving of a strike and refusing to quit work, so that the proprietors of some of the striking mines continue to work them on part time.

Late Stage By a Stroke.

Windsor, Jan. 12.—Gert. Wash put in a good day yesterday and his condition, although very grave is slightly improved yesterday. Owing to the aneurism of the aorta the least excitement or shock may cause the blood to burst out and death would ensue in a few minutes. To be possible, therefore, that Wash may not be able to resume his place on the force if he recovers, because of the danger from excitement of action.

Observed With Wife Murderer.

Burlington, N.Y., Jan. 12.—Antio Di Santi, husband of the woman who was found on Monday in her room in a hotel here, strangled to death, was arraigned yesterday on a charge of murder in the first degree, and through counsel pleaded not guilty. There was \$15,000 insurance on his wife's life in his favor.

A \$250,000 Fire.

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 12.—Fire this (Thursday) morning gutted the four-story establishment of the George F. Ziegler Co., confectionery, and Benjamin Young's wholesale saddlery. The loss is \$250,000, of which the Ziegler Co.'s loss is \$150,000.

May Withdraw Arbitration Treaties.

Washington, Jan. 12.—If the arbitration treaties now pending before the United States Senate are emasculated, the President will withdraw them from consideration.

No Careful.

Belleville, Jan. 12.—Counterfeit \$5 bills on the Bank of Montreal have been passed in this city. They are clumsy imitations and should deceive no one who uses proper care.

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