

AGREEMENT REACHED ON THE ASSESSMENT BILL; TALK OF PLEBISCITE RE HARBOR MATTER

Fredericton, April 21.—In the Municipalities Committee today the bill regarding taxation was taken up and explained by A. G. Baxter, who said a commission had recommended a measure whereby small incomes might be exempt. To exempt up to \$300 would raise the rate on the 25 cents on the hundred dollars. The council thought that men with these small incomes might fairly be exempted.

GOVERNMENT'S EXPENSIVE AND OBJECTIONABLE METHOD OF CONDUCTING COUNTRY'S FINANCES IS STRONGLY CONDEMNED BY MR. H. B. AMES

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., April 21.—The feature of the budget debate today was Mr. Ames' extraordinary searching examination of Mr. Fielding's financial methods, and his advocacy of the extinction of a policy of extinguishment of the present debt.

TONY AROSHA ON THE STAND TELLS SAME STORY AS THAT GIVEN AT THE PRELIMINARY

Special to The Standard. Andover, N. B., April 21.—When the trial of Murray and the two Hatchets was resumed this afternoon, at two o'clock, a large crowd attended. Murray and the two Hatchets were brought in and the empanelling of the jury was resumed. Elijah Larlee was chosen and the charge was read to the jury. Mr. Carter addressed the jury and referred to the last trial. The defence objected, but the objection was overruled. Mr. Carter also referred to the evidence the Crown will produce, naming Tony Arosha as an important witness. He outlined Tony's evidence. Mr. McKeown objected to Mr. Carter outlining Tony's evidence on the grounds that the defence would not consider Tony's evidence. His Honor overruled the objection. Mr. Carter continued his address. Mr. Carter stated that he was merely outlining the plan of prosecution and the objection was overruled.

It had been proposed by parties opposed to the bill that people exempted from incomes had to pay a toll tax and to pay to them franchise fees. The bill enacted came from the chamberlain and comptroller and not from the council.

THE MEDICAL ACT MAY BE DROPPED; HOUSE YESTERDAY INQUIRY IS REFUSED BY MURRAY GOVT.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 21.—In the House of Assembly today the Murray government, by a party vote, refused to grant the judicial commission asked for by the Opposition to inquire into the system of purchasing public supplies from middlemen, friends of the government, without tender or contract. The Independent Liberal member, C. A. Campbell, voted with the Opposition in favor of the inquiry. C. S. Wilcox, leader of the Opposition, in moving for the commission, read a long list of purchases. He itemized, giving day and date and every other particular, and the excess in each case paid the middlemen over the ordinary price for the same article. If bought direct from the manufacturer from 50 to 150 per cent. One Halifax firm in particular seemed to be the favorite, A. L. Melvin & Co., who keep a small store on Gorington street, practically supplied everything the Government required, from a needle to an anchor. Members of the Government practically admitted there was need for an inquiry. They did not deny the correctness of the figures adduced, but said a committee of the House, as asked for by the Opposition, was the proper body to make the investigation. After the resolution was voted down the Premier announced that the Government was ready and willing to appoint a special committee to conduct an investigation. This will probably be a white-washing committee.

Mr. Maxwell agreed with Dr. McInerney. Ald. Baxter said he entirely concurred with this suggestion and the committee could use their own judgment. Mr. Wilson favored a plebiscite, as did Mr. Sweeney.

SURVIVING MEMBERS OF FIRST PARLIAMENT OF CANADA MEET

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., April 21.—The banquet of the Canadian Club in honor of the surviving members of the Confederation Parliament of Canada took place today in the Parliament restaurant. Twenty-eight surviving members were invited and eight were present. Sir MacKenzie Bowell, Hon. John Costigan, Senator Major Senator J. M. Ross, Sir James Grant, Mr. Basil Bennett, Senator Baker and Sheriff Hagar, of Prescott.

Dr. Taylor's Evidence. Dr. Taylor sworn first, said: "I remember the twentieth day of December last. On that day I drove to the place where Green was murdered, about one and one-half miles beyond the Residency No. 16. I viewed the body and drove back again. After the body was brought to Plaster Rock I saw it again. I held a post-mortem with Dr. Coffin. We found a bullet hole in the left side of the breast and also one in the right side. The wound would cause death. I did not know Edward Green. I held the post-mortem by order of the Coroner, Beveridge."

The second and third sections of bill 69, in regard to the payment of struck out and the bill was agreed to. The bill relating to the St. John Association, while on the other hand it will give Canadian lines, all of which are on excellent terms with their employees a decided advantage. There are a dozen boats ready to sail with cargoes on this week for Buffalo. Port Arthur this week for Buffalo. Owners say they will be able to get all of the vessels and deliver their cargoes at ports well within contract time, but this is doubted here.

Mr. Dell's Evidence. Mr. Truman Dell, sworn said: "I live at Johnston's camp No. 2 Wapake. Was at that place December 20th last. I saw Green about two or three days before the murder. I saw the body of Green after the murder. Cross-examined by Mr. McKeown he said: "I saw Green about three days before the murder at Johnston's camp. I did not know Edward Green. I held the post-mortem by order of the Coroner, Beveridge."

HUDSON BAY TERMINUS FOR THE G. T. P.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Man., April 21.—Edson J. Chamberlain, general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, states that construction will begin during the next few days on the branch lines north and south from Melville, Sask. The company will lose no time in building a through line from the American boundary to Hudson Bay, providing the farmers of the middle states with a short wheat route to Europe. He also announced the construction of several other branches from the main line into the north country, notably one from Watrous, Sask.

STRIKE HELPS CANADIAN SHIPPING

Special to The Standard. Port William, Ont., April 21.—Shipping at the Canadian head of the lakes will not be seriously affected by the strike on the Lake Carriers' Association boats, while on the other hand it will give Canadian lines, all of which are on excellent terms with their employees a decided advantage. There are a dozen boats ready to sail with cargoes on this week for Buffalo. Port Arthur this week for Buffalo. Owners say they will be able to get all of the vessels and deliver their cargoes at ports well within contract time, but this is doubted here.

FOUR YEAR BOY IS THE LOWER NIAGARA IS SEALED FAST

Special to The Standard. Bridgewater, N. S., April 21.—Fredie Clarke, the four-year-old son of Fred Clarke, proprietor of the hotel, Clarke House, was drowned this evening under most pathetic circumstances. The little fellow with a boy friend was playing on the banks of the LaHave River, when he lost his life in the water. There was a swift current and the lad was carried quickly down stream. The other boy did not realize his friend's danger, and after playing about for some time wandered home. On being questioned about the Clarke boy, he said he had fallen into the river. A rescue party was at once formed but no trace of the little fellow could be found. Hundreds of people have been grappling all evening but up to midnight had not located the boy.

TURKISH PEOPLE ON VERGE OF WAR SIX KILLED WHEN TORNADO SWEEPED OHIO

Constantinople, April 21.—The conflict between Mussulman piety and political ideas of the west has brought the Turkish people to the verge of a civil war. Zeal for the faith has been unloosed and the adjustment of the Sultan's relations to the Committee of Union and Progress probably will only postpone the armed struggle before the general staff.

HOTHOUSES DAMAGED BY EXPLOSION

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., April 21.—With an explosion which was heard at a great distance, one of the four big hothouses in the extensive conservatories of Miller and Son, Brantford, blew up this afternoon. The force of the explosion completely demolished the boiler house and remaining three boilers, but razed to the ground four acres of hothouses.

SEALING STEAMER FAST IN ICE

Special to The Standard. Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 21.—A steamer from the Newfoundland sealing steamer line A number of the crew reached the city tonight having used their way across the ice. The steamer has 500 seals on board. The ice is very heavy. Point du Chene and the steamer Empress has been unable to open the summer sailings to this port.

AD ASKED FOR VALLEY RAILROAD

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 21.—A delegation from this city composed of Mayor Chestnut, Ald. Winslow, and J. H. Barry, K. C., waited upon Premier Hazen this afternoon and asked that the Government introduce legislation at the present session to guarantee the bonds of the proposed St. John Valley Railway for \$25,000 per mile, the guarantee to become effective when the conditions previously named by the Premier as to leasing the line were made satisfactory to the Lieutenant-Governor-in-Council. The delegation urged the necessity of having a road built up the river at least as far as Grand Falls or some other point to connect with the G. T. P.

SUFFERING CAUSED BY GOVERNMENT FOUR YEAR BOY IS THE LOWER NIAGARA IS SEALED FAST

Special to The Standard. Belleville, Ont., April 21.—Six English families in Picton were ordered to be deported, and Inspector Devlin, of Kingston, the deportation officer went to them and told them to be ready to go at a day's notice. They sold their possessions, including beds and stoves, and next after ten days the order to march has not yet come. The people are in dire need of the children being ill. Picton people have drawn the attention of the government to the case.

ROOSEVELT IS NOW IN MOMBASA LONGBOAT BREAKS WITH PAT POWERS

Mombasa, April 21.—Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt arrived here this evening on board the steamer Admiral. He was in the best of health as well as all the other members of his party. The Admiral entered Kilindini Harbor, flying the American flag at her fore and mainmast. She dipped the German ensign while passing the British cruiser Pandora, whose rails and masts were manned by cheering sailors. The Pandora saluted the ex-president who was on the bridge interested by watching the Admiral's coming into port.

THOUSANDS STAINS TEXT OF CABLEGRAM

Boston, Mass., April 21.—The following cablegram was received tonight at the headquarters of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions:— "Adana, April 21.—Situation improv-

NORDICA AND OTHERS WANT TO BREAK WILL

Canbridge, Mass., April 21.—Madame Lillian Nordica, and other ladies of Mrs. Fannie F. Allen, of Malden, who were not mentioned in the latter's will were defeated in the

effort to break the will, but Judge McIntyre, who admitted the instrument to probate, announced that an appeal could be taken to the supreme court and a jury trial obtained on the question of undue influence. Madame Nordica did not appear as a witness today.

AMERICAN SENATE AMENDS TARIFF BILL

Washington, D. C., April 21.—The Senate committee on Finance, according to a statement made in the Senate today by Senator Aldrich, will probably recommend the restoration of the Dingley law provision regarding drawbacks in place of the House paragraph on the subject. The question was brought up today soon after the consideration of the tariff bill by paragraph was begun.

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