WANT THE HARBOR DREDGED

Hamilton Committee Hand Down Their Recommendations.

Representations to be Made to the Government Engineer — Canadian Baptists Meet—Toronto Clergymen Present—Trouble Over a Church Organ—The Wounded Clines of Winona Doing Well —Hamilton News.

Hamilton, May 17.—(Special.)—The newly-appointed Harbor Committee held its first meeting this evening. Ald. Fearnside was appointed chairman, and in his opening address referred to the necessity of the bay being dredged and additional lights on the beach pier. Captain Campbell informed the committee that a range light on the piers was needed. Ald. Findlay was of the opinion that besides dredging the canal and placing a light on the piers the Government ought to dredge the bay and also extend the south end of the pier 150 to 200 yards to shelter yachts.

It was decided to arrange a meeting with Major Gray, Government Engineer, and tell him Hamilton's needs. Rev. C. E. Whitcombe told the committee of obstructions in the bay, and the committee, at later meetings, will consider that matter along with the question of sewage and the best way to boom navigation.

Must Obey Orders.

Eight rebellious members of the 13th Battalion Bugle Band, F. Collins, L. Weaver, A. Hebner, H. Whiteley, J. Baillie, M. Styckman, W. Pryke and W. Breternitz, were brought before the magistrate to-day, charged with violating the Militia Act by refusing to attend drill. Col. McLaren and Adjutant Tidswell explained that the buglers handed in their clothes last week and refused to play. The magistrate read the young soldiers a sharp lecture and told them that if they did not obey orders they would each have to pay a fine of $5. They promised to return to drill next Friday evening.

Baptist Convention.

At this morning's session of the Baptist Convention the following officers were elected: Prof. Trotter of Toronto, president; Rev. W. H. Cline of Paris, first vice-president; Rev. D. Grant of Montreal, second vice-president; D. M. Mihell, M.A., of St. George, secretary-treasurer. During the morning a number of reports were presented and adopted. This afternoon foreign mission reports were presented.

At this evening's session addresses were delivered on foreign mission work. Rev. Joshua Donovan of Toronto spoke on "the Baptists' missionary endeavors during the last thirty years." He said the labors among the Telugus outstripped the work of any other Protestant Church. Rev. Mr. Bullock of Rockton Ponds and Rev. R. Routledge also spoke. The latter is going to Batavia as a missionary.

Business at the Presbytery.

At the meeting of the Hamilton Presbytery to-day the proposal to divide the Presbytery by a line running south from Smithville, came up and a committee was appointed to draw up a circular, giving reasons for the division, to be sent to the congregations, to ascertain their views on the matter. The resignation of Rev. Mr. Morrison of the Port Colborne Church was accepted, to take effect on May 29.

The call from Fern-avenue Presbyterian Church, Toronto, to Rev. S. C. Graeb of Port Dalhousie, was considered. Rev. Mr. McGillivray supported the call on behalf of the Toronto Presbytery. Rev. Mr. Graeb accepted the call and the translation to the Toronto Presbytery was granted.

Equal Representation.

The Quarterly Board of Centenary Church last evening passed several memorials to be sent the Hamilton Conference, to be transferred to the general conference. One of them asks for equal lay representation at district meetings. At present the proportion is one layman for each minister in active work, but all ministers, whether active, retired, or supernumerary, are district representatives. The memorial asks for a layman's vote for each minister's vote. Another memorial asks for the abolishing of the present six years' tenure in any conference before a minister can be transferred to another conference. The board at its next meeting will consider the question of individual cups at the communion service.

That Kist o' Whustles.

The congregation of Muir's settlement, good Presbyterians, are in a state of ruction over the introduction of an organ into the church. The admirers of sweet music got possession of the church recently, unknown to Elder Muir, who has held the keys for 40 years, and passed a resolution to buy an organ. Elder Muir and those opposed to such a new-fangled affair kicked real hard and the elder, accompanied by Mr. Joseph Hart, came to the Hamilton Presbytery to-day to have the awful thing taken out, if possible.

Rev. Mr. Cruickshank, of St. Anne's who was appealed to by the anti-organists, to smooth out the difficulty, went, in mistake, to St. Catharines to-day and in his absence the presbytery appointed a committee to investigate the trouble, counsel the congregation and report to the presbytery.

Minor Matters.

The Hempstocks of Buffalo are an unfortunate family. One of the sons was drowned; another lost his toes through frost bite and the third, William, was found dead in this city last Sunday.

The jurors in the John Storey case are suspicious that he did not die a natural death and they want a fuller investigation. A post-mortem was made yesterday and the inquest will be resumed to-morrow night. The old man was very feeble when he left the city.

Mr. Thomas Rees has been appointed local inspector of watches for the Grand Trunk.

An excellent program was given at the 13th battalion band concert this evening in the Armoury before a large audience. Mrs. H. De M. Harvey, contralto, of London, delighted her hearers, and was warmly encored.

The Union Hotel, Merrick-street, was taken possession of to-night by bailiffs, acting for a brewing company.

A number of the local Salvationists, who were returning from Dundas on bicycles last night, were run into by some drunken men on wheels. Albert Reece, a bandsman, was seriously hurt. The wheel of Captain White was smashed to atoms.

A late report from Winona says that Mrs. Cline and Vance Cline, who were shot by George Cline last evening, are resting easily. It is not thought that either person will die now.

A Perfect Cure For Corns.

There are many corn cures advertised, all of them probably good for a time, but Dr. Russell's Corn Cure is the only remedy that will effectually remove the entire corn without the slightest pain, with no tendency for its return, in other words, Dr. Russell's Corn Cure cures to stay cured. All druggists sell it, 25 cents, and refund the money if it fails to cure.

Cap and Breeches for Cycling or Golfing.

Breeches are being made pear-shaped more frequently than ever before, especially for golfing, but knickerbockers continue popular for cycling and golfing. The cap can be made of material to match the breeches, the coat, or neither, and yet be correct. H. A. Taylor, draper, the Rossin Block, has some splendid designs to show and timely hints to give on sporting garments generally.

CREEMORE MILLER DEAD.

Mr. John O'Brien Caught in the Machinery at His Mill and Fatally Injured.

Creemore, Ont., May 17.—While Mr. John O'Brien of the firm of O'Brien & Bowden, millers here, was working in the mill this afternoon, he was caught in the machinery and before it could be stopped had both legs and one arm broken in several places, and also all the ribs of one side.

Mr. O'Brien's injuries were so serious that from first his recovery was despaired of and he died to-night at 10 o'clock.

BELLEVILLE NEWS.

Proposal to Bring Rolling Mills to the City From Norwich, Conn.—Alleged Thief Arrested.

Belleville, May 17.—The City Council last night unanimously approved a proposal for the removal of a rolling mill from Norwich, Connecticut, to this city, and will submit a bylaw to the people. The proposal is to give $50,000 cash, a free site, free water, exemption from taxes for 10 years and to pay the duty on the machinery.

Thomas Parsons, who had been stealing hides from John Miller and selling them to him again, was caught this morning with a lot of stolen skins in his possession. In his house were a large assortment of articles, stolen from stores and houses in the city. He was remanded for a week.

YORK COUNTY ENDEAVOR MEETING

Session Opened at Newmarket Yesterday—Torontonians Present.

Newmarket, May 17.—The North York and York County Christian Endeavor Union opened its seventh annual convention here this morning, with about 150 delegates and visitors in attendance. The morning train brought in a large delegation from Toronto, and a large number drove in from various parts of the country.

The session opened at 10.30 a.m., Rev. A. McNabb of Newmarket in the chair. After devotional exercises, Rev. C. E. Scott of Schomberg gave an address on "The Active Members: How to Get Them to Act," followed by an excellent paper on "The Associate: How to Get and How to Get Rid Of," by Miss J. J. Carruthers of Toronto. Miss Carruthers divided the subject: First, "How to Get"; second, "How to Get Rid Of." In speaking on how to get, this is an opportunity for the Look-out Committee to get to work. When you ask them introduce the associate members' pledge to them. If they should decline joining, or commence an argument, do not answer them in too decided a tone. There is also work for the Prayer Meeting Committee. See that the program is interesting. Have plenty of singing and choose appropriate hymns. Special music is acceptable. The Social Committee is not excluded in this part of the work. It is necessary that they should be ushered to the best seats and given a hearty shake of the hand.

The afternoon session opened at 1 o'clock, and by this time a larger number of delegates had arrived. Dr. E. L. Brereton of Schomberg occupied the chair. Two excellent addresses were delivered during this session and the discussions were full of life and profit. First was an address by Mr. W. T. Moore of Toronto on "Systematic and Proportionate Giving;" second by Rev. Mr. Hager of Mount Albert, on "Personal Example and Influence." Following these addresses came the pastor's hour, in which the following reverend gentlemen gave three minute speeches: A McNab, H Lee, A Imrie, Charles Coching, E E Scott, William Moore, G W Dewey, Percy Fletcher, W H Chidley and Mr Hager.

Many encouraging remarks were given by these gentlemen, when the session then closed. The evening meeting is now in session in the Christian Church, the church being crowded to the doors.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around this Busy City.

William Angus, 250 Euclid-avenue, broke his left leg last night owing to a fall. The unfortunate took him to St. Michael's Hospital.

For the accommodation of "railbirds," the Street Railway Company will run an early morning car to the Woodbine until after the races. It will leave King and Yonge-streets at 4.45 a.m.

Robert Parks, 52 Sully-crescent, was removed in the ambulance from 243 Dundas-street to 18 Peel-avenue, the residence of his daughter, last night. Parks had a bad scalp wound caused by a fall.

At the meeting of Bristol Lodge, S.O.E., in Shaftesbury Hall, last night, it was decided to hold the annual excursion to Oshawa on July 1, and a committee was appointed to make arrangements. Bro. W. Cooper presided.

Yesterday afternoon at the Assizes two young men named William Crawford and John Barrett were put upon trial charged with criminal assault, and Alfred Grantner, a mere boy, with attempt. The case was not concluded.

The Young People's Society of St. Mary's Church, Dovercourt, will hold their annual closing at-home in the school house on Wednesday evening next, to which they extend all their friends a cordial invitation. Miss Chattoe and Mr. Blight have kindly consented to assist.

The Toronto Central Young Women's Christian Temperance Union met yesterday evening at their headquarters on Elm-street, when Miss Dr. Skinner and Miss Roach of Eglinton were appointed delegates to represent their union at the Prohibition Convention in July.

At the meeting of Amicus Lodge, Knights of Pythias, held last night in St. George's Hall, the members of the defunct Ontario Lodge were admitted to membership and welcomed by the chairman, W. J. Simpson, in a neat little speech. This lodge will hold their annual excursion to Peterboro' on the 24th.

There will be a choral service and special sermon this evening at 8 o'clock in S. Stephen's Church, College-street and Bellevue-avenue. To-morrow, the festival of the Ascension, the services will be a celebration of the holy communion at 7 a.m., morning prayer and holy communion at 10, and evensong at 5 o'clock.

Toronto Lodge, No. 233, of the International Machinists' Union, at a meeting held last night in Richmond Hall, passed a resolution condemning the action of the City Council in regard to the elevator contract, in trying to give it to an outside firm. Five new members were initiated and a like number of propositions received. Mr. H. Bryson was chairman.

George Lace, 15 years of age, came up yesterday morning from Millbrook. A telegram preceded him, asking for his arrest. He was accordingly detained. He was formerly in the Boys' Home at Belleville.

Frank Atkinson was brought to Police Headquarters yesterday afternoon by Sheriff Drury of Barrie. He is on his way to Kingston, where he has been sentenced to spend two years and two months for cattle stealing.

There was a collision between two wagons at the corner of King and Trinity-streets, yesterday afternoon. James Thompson of 376 King-street east, the driver of one of the rigs, was thrown out and his head struck the pavement. He was stunned and received several scalp wounds. Dr. Ferguson was called and attended to his injuries, and the police ambulance removed him to the General Hospital.

Found Dead on the Shore.

Kincardine, Ont., May 17.—Mr. Hugh Calder, a resident of this town and formerly of Bruce township, was found drowned this morning on the lake shore about a mile south of this place.

When found the head and forepart of the body were in the water with the face downward. Mr. Calder was upwards of 70 years of age; he had been ill for a year, and it is presumed that he had fallen in a fit while walking on the lake shore.

FRANCHISE BILL UP AGAIN

An Amendment Defeated by a Straight Party Vote.

Sir Charles Tupper Proposed the Clause and is Complimented by Sir Wilfrid for His Handling of the Bill—Question of Compensation for the Chignecto Ship Railway Bondholders—Proceedings of the House.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—Several Government bills were introduced yesterday afternoon. Mr. Sifton presented one to amend the Indian Act, which dealt, among other things, with the cutting of timber on reserves. Indians who did not follow agricultural pursuits would be made liable to statute labor.

Mr. Blair introduced a bill to meet a defect in the Railway Act, by affording the Railway Committee power to prevent discrimination as between a railway and steamship company, as against a steamship company alone. These bills were read the first time.

The Chignecto Ship Railway.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, replying to Mr. Lister, said the Government had had under consideration the application of the bondholders of the Chignecto Ship Railway for an extension of time in which to complete the road, and earn the Dominion subsidy. The Government had come to the conclusion that the bonus could not be revived.

Sir Charles Tupper asked if the Government was not under a promise to consider the question of furnishing some compensation to the bondholders.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the Government had been approached by the bondholders with a view to securing some compensation if the bonus could not be revived. The matter was under consideration.

Mr. Osler said it was due to the honor of Canada that something should be done in connection with that road.

The Franchise Bill.

Sir Charles Tupper, on the third reading of the Franchise Bill, moved to recommit it for the purpose of adding a clause, providing that in the Provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Manitoba, an appeal shall be allowed from the final revision to a County Court judge or Superior Court judge. Such an appeal is allowed in the other provinces. The Opposition leader commended the Solicitor-General for the manner in which he had accepted suggestions and made concessions. He now asked him to go a step further and do the act of justice. He read affidavits to show the gross abuses which had taken place in the preparation of the lists in Manitoba and Nova Scotia. It was only fair and right that the same opportunity for judicial revision should be given to other provinces as Ontario and Quebec now enjoyed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier acknowledged that the Opposition leader had approached this question in a fair way. It was in no captious spirit, therefore, but for substantial reasons that the Government could not accept the amendment. Its adoption would strike at the very principle of the bill, viz., to accept the provincial lists. Moreover, he had doubts whether the Parliament had the right to adopt such a clause as would interfere with the preparation of the local lists. Personally he favored the system of judicial revision and would be glad to see it generally adopted. The Government, however, could not withdraw from the position it had assumed, but he ventured to think that the provinces themselves would furnish the remedy which Sir Charles had sought.

Mr. Sifton rose to defend the action of the local revisors in Manitoba. He intimated that the Government of Manitoba would prepare a measure for an appeal to the judges from the local revision.

Acquainted With the Revisor.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper pointed out that the revisor, whom Mr. Sifton commended as a man of great probity and capacity, was the identical gentleman, who, as had transpired in the Public Accounts Committee, had been conducting some interesting financial transactions with Mr. Sifton at the expense of the country. Naturally the two participants in these business matters would have a good opinion of each other. [Laughter.] He urged the Government to accept this amendment by which the country would realize that there was a disposition to accord fair play in this matter of the franchise.

Mr. Fielding maintained that no grievances existed in Nova Scotia. Both political parties approved of the present system.

Messrs. Bell (Picton) and Mills (Annapolis) made effective replies.

Mr. Davin drew from the Solicitor-General the opinion that the amendment was not unconstitutional, but looked upon it as want of confidence in the provincial authorities.

After some observations from Mr. Powell, Mr. Foster again strongly urged the importance of Federal control of the Dominion franchise, and, failing this, he wanted to see a revision of the lists by a competent court of law.

The amendment was defeated on a straight party vote by 88 to 48.

Mr. Clarke (West Toronto) said the operation of the bill would have an unfortunate effect in those cities of Ontario where the manhood suffrage boards sat. He urged that when the provincial lists in Ontario were more than six months old and an election was ordered there should be a new revision of the lists.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said Mr. Clarke had touched on a real difficulty in connection with the working of the act in Ontario. The Government would accept Mr. Clarke's suggestion. Sir Wilfrid Laurier therefore moved to recommit the bill to accept the amendment of Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Ingram objected to the amendment. If it applied to all the cities in Ontario it would involve great hardships on candidates and on the municipalities. He thought it should be confined to Toronto and Hamilton.

Mr. Clarke said he was willing to accept this suggestion, whereupon Sir Wilfrid rose and said if Mr. Clarke did not want a general amendment he would withdraw his motion to go again into committee.

After recess the third reading of the Franchise bill was moved, and the Government undertook to bring to the attention of the Ontario Government some of the injustice that is done by the local Act, complained of by Mr. Clarke.

Mr. Ganong suggested that while the Government were about it they might bring to the attention of the Governments of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the injustice of their local acts, in not providing for judicial revision.

The bill was then read a third time and passed.

Mr. Mulock's Proclamation.

Mr. Mulock moved the House into committee on the postal rates bill. Mr. Foster asked again what authority of law "I, William Mulock," had for his famous Imperial postage proclamation.

Mr. Mulock declined to reply upon the ground that he had already given the information.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper and Mr. Foster maintained that no answer had yet been given, and appealed to the Premier to make Mr. Mulock say something.

Sir Wilfrid contended that this was a bill for local postage, and the Imperial matter was irrelevant. The Opposition did not accept this view, and accordingly Mr. Mulock's roasting proceeded apace.

The Work of Amateurs.

Sir Adolphe Caron said that had Mr. Mulock not been so anxious to surround himself with political favorites he would not have been allowed to fall into this mistake. The old deputy whom Mr. Mulock superseded by Dr. Coulter was a man of inestimable experience, who, if retained in office, would have prevented the Postmaster-General from contravening the terms of the Berne Convention. He urged that the bill be held over until Mr. Mulock and his new deputy had acquired the experience necessary to the framing of such a measure.

Mr. Foster took up the debate at this point, and was dealing in most incisive terms with the gentleman self-styled "I, William Mulock," pointing out his fads of economy in opposition and his gallery performance in power, all to the delight of the Opposition and the entertainment of at least some of the Postmaster-General's colleagues when Mr. Deputy Speaker Brodeur objected to what he termed the use of the P.M. General's name. In vain Mr. Foster protested that it was a quotation repeated from the P.M.-General's proclamation. The Deputy Speaker maintained that it was "naming" the Minister. Mr. Foster, however, was not stopped from continuing the roasting process.

Mr. McMullen followed with an enemy of the Postmaster-General.

Mr. Bennett capped this with a criticism of the Postmaster-General's stubbornness.

Sir Wilfrid Words an Apology.

It was getting late, so Sir Wilfrid Laurier extended the olive branch. Having been appealed to, he said all he could tell Mr. Mulock was that if he found he had acted without authority, the only thing he could say was, "Well, I made a mistake; I had a moment of weakness and I'll not do it again." "That," said Sir Wilfrid, "is all I could ask the Postmaster-General to say, and, if he has no objection, he can say it." But Mr. Mulock was not yet in a mood to unbend. And it was not until Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper took him in hand that the Postmaster-General relented.

An Explanation Ventured.

Mr. Mulock said the Dominion Postoffice Act had nothing to do with foreign rates. The latter depended on the Berne treaty, which allows any number of countries within it to make rates between themselves. For instance, the United States and Canada, or Canada and Great Britain could vary their rates. Moreover, it has this interpretation that any one country can vary its own outgoing rates, paying the loss if any, itself. Acting on this he tried to get the rates to British countries reduced, but found an objection. Some portions of the Empire were ready for the arrangement, but others were not; it was hoped in time to get them all in.

This explanation, which it had taken over three hours to get out of the Postmaster-General, satisfied the House and the motion to go into committee carried forthwith.

American Papers Favored.

During the course of the discussion Mr. Maclean said, as a newspaper publisher, he did not object to the newspaper postage, but he thought there should be no discrimination. The bill would give a decided advantage to American newspapers which would contrive to pass free through mails while Canadian newspapers would pay postage.

The House was still in session when the reports closed.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN MEET

Lady Aberdeen Presides—References to the Anglo-American Alliance From U.S. Delegates.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—The fifth annual meeting of the National Council of Women opened this morning in the Convocation Hall of the Normal School, with Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen, president, in the chair. On the platform with Her Excellency were Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indianapolis, president of the United States Council; Mrs. Sanford, corresponding secretary U. S. Council, Adrian, Mich., wife of Col. Robbins, former U. S. Consul at Ottawa; Lady Tilley, Lady Thompson, Mrs. Boomer, vice-president for Ontario; Mrs. Cummings, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Hoodless, treasurer.

The meeting was opened with silent prayer, and the roll-call of delegates followed.

Mrs. Egan, on behalf of the Ottawa Hospitality Committee, extended a cordial welcome to the delegates. Mrs. F. H. Brown then read an address of welcome, and Lady Aberdeen made an earnest reply on behalf of the council.

Mrs. Wright Sewall conveyed official greetings from the body which she represented. Referring to the presence of the Stars and Stripes in the hall, Mrs. Sewall spoke of the great satisfaction it gave to many people in the United States to note the closer relationship which is approaching between that country and the British Empire.

Mrs. Robbins testified to the very great pleasure it afforded her to visit Ottawa, where she had spent four very happy years and where she had learned to love Canada and Canadian institutions. She very briefly referred to the work of the council in the United States and expressed the hope that ere long as many delegates as possible from Canada would attend the annual meeting of the United States Council, to be held in Omaha in October next.

The annual reports of the corresponding secretary, Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, and the treasurer, Mrs. Hoodless, were read showing the council to be growing both in point of numbers and influence. The receipts for the year were $661, and the expenditures $636, leaving a balance of $25 on hand.

Reports from local councils and nationally organized societies were afterwards read.

Sympathy With the Strikers.

The Allied Printing Trades Council met last night in Shaftesbury Hall, with President Sam Cooper in the chair. A resolution was unanimously passed that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. E. F. Clarke, M.P., on the stand he has taken with the local strikers and to-morrow having an inspector appointed to enforce the Alien Labor Law.

Another Divorce Case.

New York, May 17.—Marion Manola Mason, the actress, announced to-day that she had brought suit in Detroit against her husband, Jack Mason, for divorce on the ground of desertion and non-support.

Newspapers are Detectives.

Through the efforts of the newspapers the purse found upon George Organ, the alleged pickpocket, has been identified by Mrs. Gardner, 469 College-street, from whom it was stolen at the Spadina-avenue fire a week ago Sunday.

Sprudel.

The best places give Sprudel with whiskey. R. H. Howard & Co., agents.

Cucumbers and melons are "forbidden fruit" to many persons so constituted that the least indulgence is followed by attacks of cholera, dysentery, griping, etc. Those persons are not aware that they can indulge to their heart's content if they have on hand a bottle of Dr. J. D. Kellog's Dysentery Cordial, a medicine that will give immediate relief and is a sure cure for dyspepsia, etc.

Another Accident at Union Mines.

My son, Samuel Bennie, got his leg crushed and bruised in the mines seven weeks ago. The swelling never fully left it until we tried Griffith's Menthol Liniment. On the first application the swelling disappeared and the muscles began to loosen up so much, so that the same evening he was able to use his foot freely for the first time. I consider it the best liniment known.

Signed DUNCAN BENNIE.

Griffith's Menthol Liniment is the greatest pain relieving liniment known; relieves the pains and aches the minute applied. Price 25 cents, by all druggists.

COSTLY ELECTION TRIALS.

Manitoba Lawyers Make a Big Haul Out of the Government.

Public Accounts Committee Dwell Upon an Item of $12,300—Ontario List Taken up by the Supreme Court—A Deadhead Charges Traveling Expenses to the Government—News From the Capital.

Ottawa, May 17.—(Special.)—In the Supreme Court to-day the Ontario list was taken up. The case of the Hardy Lumber Company v. The Pickerel River Improvement Company was heard. The appellant contests certain privileges claimed by respondents as to the collection of tolls and slide dues on their works. The trial court dismissed the action and the Court of Appeal affirmed this decision. Kappele and Bicknell for the appellant; W. Cassels, Q.C., for respondent. Judgment reserved.

There being no other case ready to proceed, the court adjourned until 11 o'clock to-morrow, when the case of Major v. McCraney will be taken up. Before adjourning His Lordship remarked severely upon the delays caused by the counsel being unprepared or absent at a time when cases were likely to be called for hearing.

The Public Accounts Committee to-day continued the consideration of $12,900 paid by the Government, through Mr. Sifton, for the ballot box prosecutions in Manitoba, which trials resulted in nothing. Most of the money was paid to the firm of Howells of Winnipeg, who seems to have also interchanged accommodation drafts with Mr. Sifton. The Manitoba lawyers drew on the Government at Ottawa from time to time until about $15,000 had been paid by Mr. Sifton. It was not until after this that the accounts were submitted to taxation in the Department of Justice. Bills were then cut down below $13,000 by the taxing officer, but the taxing officer testifies that it was his duty only to value the services charged, and not to ascertain whether they were actually performed or whether the Dominion was in any way responsible for them. Finally it was decided to bring Mr. Howells from Manitoba as a witness, since no one here appears to know anything about the matter.

Forgot He Had a Pass.

In consequence of the discovery that Engineer Munro of the Canals Department has been charging double first-class fares when he went to Montreal and other places, while traveling on a pass, it is ordered that the chief railway companies send a statement of passes they issue to civil servants.

Regiments to Go Into Camp.

The following units of acting militia will assemble for twelve days' training in camps of instruction at the places and on the dates herein specified; but no squadron of cavalry, brigade or battery of field artillery or company of infantry or rifles will be allowed to proceed to a camp of instruction unless it has attained its strength at least one qualified officer. District officers commanding will be held responsible that this order is strictly adhered to:

Military District No. 1, local headquarters, date to be fixed by D.O.C., 21st Battalion; local headquarters, June 21, 22nd Battalion; London, June 7, 1st Hussars, R.R.C.I. of No. 1 regimental depot, 28th, 27th, 28th and 29th Battalions; London, June 21, 1st brigade Field Artillery, 6th Field Battery, C.A., R.R.C.I. of No. 1 regimental depot, 22nd, 30th and 33rd Battalions. Military District No. 2, Niagara-on-the-Lake, June 7, "A" squadron R.C.D., 2nd Dragoons, 4th, 7th and 9th Field Batteries, C.A., R.R.C.I. No. 2 regimental depot, 12th, 37th, 39th, 44th and 77th Battalions; Niagara-on-the-Lake, June 21, R.R.C.I. of No. 2 regimental depot, 20th, 31st, 34th, 35th and 38th Battalions. Military Districts No. 3, Kingston, June 7, 4, local headquarters, June 14, 14th Field Battery C.A.; local headquarters, date to be fixed by D.O.C., 41st Battalion; Belleville, June 7, 3rd Dragoons, 40th, 46th and 49th Battalions; Kingston, June 14, "A" Field Battery, R.C.A., 5th and 8 Field Batteries, F.C.A.; Kingston, June 21, 4th Hussars, 16th, 42nd and 50th Battalions.

Deputation After a Subsidy.

The Minister of Railways was waited upon this afternoon by a deputation from London, consisting of Mayor Wilson, Aldermen Belton, Taylor, Douglass, Stevely, Carruthers, Graham, Gerry, Dreaney, Warden Elson of Middlesex and Reeve Hodgins of London Township, who urged the desirability of granting a subsidy of $32 0 per mile to an electric railway, which will run across the country through Strathroy, Arkona and Thedford, connecting the Canadian Pacific with the Grand Trunk Railway. The deputation do not propose giving many subsidies, if indeed any, this session, but if they do the claims of this road will not be neglected.

Yukon Transportation.

Hon. Mr. Mills told Senator Macdonald that none of the goods forwarded by the Government to the Yukon by the Alaska Transportation Company were purchased in the United States unless it was certain portions of the food supplies, which were supplied under contract by Messrs. H. N. Bate & Sons, of Ottawa or the Hudson Bay Company. Fifty tons of these supplies were shipped by the Grand Trunk Railway Company to Seattle, and 150 tons more were shipped by way of the Canadian Pacific Railway to Victoria. All these goods would be taken to Fort Selkirk by the Alaska Transportation Company. The rate of freight to be paid the company was $300 per ton to Fort Selkirk. The contract was let by tender and the transportation was given to an American company, because there was no Canadian company prepared to undertake the work at the figures at which the contract was let.

Hon. David Mills also informed Senator Wood that the Government had not considered the question of introducing legislation into Parliament at the present session to ratify an agreement for the lease or purchase of the Drummond County Railway.

The Question of Adjournment.

Senator Casgrain moved that when the Senate adjourns on Wednesday it stands adjourned until Wednesday, the 25th inst.

Senator Allan said that in view of the fact that the end of the session was in sight no such adjournment should be taken without the Government giving some expression of opinion on the subject.

Senator Wood suggested that an adjournment should be taken for two weeks in order to allow the Maritime members to go home and transact private business preparatory to commencing at Ottawa for a month longer.

Senator David Mills did not apprehend that the session would last as long as Senator Wood anticipated. The Plebiscite bill did not, in his opinion, contain much that was contentious and could be quickly disposed of. To-morrow he would introduce in the Senate a bill to provide for the government of the Yukon district. The bill would be short and would not contain anything of a contentious character. Its provisions were simple and were framed after the act passed by the Federal Parliament for the government of the Northwest Territories. There was another bill giving loan companies power to amalgamate and secure incorporation under a Federal charter. This was not a Government measure. It would be introduced and if the Senate thought well of it, it might be passed, and if not it would be printed and stand over till next session. With regard to the Drummond County Railway it was true the Government had not come to any final decision as to whether legislation would be introduced this session or not. If the Government decided to introduce a bill regarding Drummond County it would be a simple one. There was nothing to delay prorogation and the Government proposed to end the session very soon. Public interest was absorbed in the Spanish-American war and so little interest was manifested in the proceedings of Parliament that there was not much disposition to defer the end of the session longer than was necessary to complete the business of Parliament. He asked that the motion for adjournment should be allowed to stand until to-morrow, when he would be in a position to give further information as to the views of the Government on the subject.

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