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PARLIAMENT'S SESSION IS BROUGHT TO A CLOSE

Remaining Business Wound Up Yesterday in Great Hurry

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

Question Asked as to Withholding of Royal Assent From British Columbia Immigration Bill

Ottawa, April 26.—The senate today changed the title of the bill creating the Department of Mines to the Department of Mines and Geology.

It has been definitely settled that an English rifle team will visit Canada this summer. They will contest for the Palma trophy and then go by the Canadian route to Australia. It is hoped that friendly matches will be arranged in Manitoba and British Columbia.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, answering Mr. Lennox said he hoped within two weeks to have ready a new scale of salaries for rural postmasters.

Although it is hoped prorogation will take place on Saturday, as a measure of precaution, Hon Mr. Fielding gives notice that government business shall have precedence on Mondays for the remainder of the session.

On the bill providing for the salaries of judges of the king's bench in Manitoba, Mr. Taylor vigorously assailed Judge Magee of the Ontario bench for delays in giving judgment. He is two years behind in some cases. Mr. Taylor threatened to bring in a bill to stop the salary of any judge three months behind in his judgments.

Mr. Borden made a powerful speech on civil service reform, and advocated the competitive system, as in England. Mr. Devlin, ex-member for Gatineau, supported the proposal.

[illegible] passed the commons tonight.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, replying to Mr. Fowler, said if any mounted police constables were sent to Macleod it was the usual movement of the force. He declared there had been no reduction in the force during the past year.

Answering Mr. Hughes, Hon. Mr. Lemieux said he had no news from Fernie. Mr. Hughes retorted that this statement was strange, inasmuch as he had seen a statement that the conference between the miners and operators had broken up with a disagreement.

The senate today decided to abolish its bar and to exclude members of the commons from its dining room. The upper house will run its refreshment department hereafter on club principles.

J. A. Ruddick, chief of the dairy division of the department of agriculture, has been appointed Canadian delegate to the third international congress of the international dairy federation, which meets this year in September at The Hague, Holland. The federation includes all the dairy countries of Europe, and both Canada and the United States will be represented by their delegates.

Ottawa, April 27.—The beautiful spring weather and the presence of the military drew a large crowd to Parliament Hill this afternoon to witness the prorogation of parliament. Both houses had to work at racehorse speed this morning to clear the order paper and complete "concurrence" before 3 p.m.

Armand Lavergne enquired what truth there was in the report that Lieut.-Governor Dunsmuir had withheld the royal assent to a bill passed by the British Columbia legislature respecting immigration. Hon. Mr. Fielding replied that the matter had not been brought to the attention of the government.

Mr. Borden enquired if there was any further news respecting the western coal strike. Mr. Fielding answered that there was no change in the situation since yesterday.

On the arrival of the Governor-General at the senate chamber the commons were sent for and then the royal assent given to a number of bills, making 142 for the session. The third session of the tenth parliament was then closed with the following speech from the throne:

"Hon. gentlemen of the senate, gentlemen of the house of commons:

"In bringing to a close the third session of the tenth parliament of Canada, I desire to express to you my thanks for the care and assiduity you have shown in the discharge of your important duties, the results of which are apparent in many important acts which must prove of great benefit to the country.

"I am glad to observe that the fiscal period terminating on the last day of March was in proportion to its length the most prosperous in the history of the Dominion, and that the present indications are that the expansion of the country's trade and commerce will continue during the year we are now entering upon, a fact particularly gratifying in view of the important undertakings to which Canada is committed.

"The stream of immigrants entering the Dominion continues yearly to expand, and it is very satisfactory to note that a larger number are coming from the British Isles than in former years.

"The recent revision of the tariff will, it is believed, meet with the general approval of the trade, removing as it does many inequalities heretofore existing.

"One of the most important of the subjects which have engaged your attention is that of the subsidies and allowances to be paid out of the Dominion treasury to the several provinces. I trust that the proposed changes in the imperial legislation respecting which you have adopted an address to His Majesty, will, if enacted, go far towards removing the grievances of which the provincial governments have complained as to the insufficiency of their revenues. The substantial aid now offered towards the establishment of cold storage should stimulate the erection of these necessary adjuncts to the preservation of perishable foods.

"I have observed with gratification the passage of an act having for its object the maintenance of industrial peace in all public utilities. This legislation has already been applied with success. It is confidently expected that when the provisions of the act for the settlement of industrial disputes are fully understood both employees and employers will be ready to refer their differences to boards of investigation and conciliation, and thus avoid the evils following strikes and lockouts.

"The arrangements lately made between the imperial and Canadian postal departments providing for a substantial reduction on newspapers and periodicals coming from the United Kingdom have, I am glad to know, been received with much satisfaction as a measure likely to promote a freer communication between the Mother Country and Canada.

"Gentlemen of the house of commons, I thank you in His Majesty's name for the liberal supplies you have granted for the public services.

"Honorable gentlemen of the senate, gentlemen of the house of commons, In now relieving you from your duties, let me express the hope that when we meet again at the next session an equally prosperous condition will prevail throughout Canada, and in the meantime let us not forget to express our gratitude to a kind providence for the [illegible] we have enjoyed during the past year in this our country."

The Liberals had a wind-up jollification this morning, and a congratulatory cable was sent to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The premier replied to John Tolmie, chairman, as follows: "Most cordial thanks to the boys. Everything well here. (signed) Laurier."

WORKMEN IN TORONTO SEEK HIGHER WAGES

Many Have Already Succeeded and Many More Will Try

Toronto, April 27.—Interest in the labor situation is daily becoming more intense. Though several of the unions have passed successfully through troublesome periods, and have arranged for at least another year, they are in the midst of a fight for better conditions, and trouble is said to be rapidly approaching for others.

Plasterers are to receive an increase of 5 cents per hour, commencing July 1, thus bringing the wages to 50 cents per hour.

Brewery workmen get an advance of $10 per week and a reduction of 2½ hours per week.

Iron moulders and core makers have gained Saturday afternoon the year around and 15 cents per day advance in wages.

At present there are on strike 250 cabmen, 225 picture frame workers, 16 marble workers, 15 plumbers, 30 painters, in all over 500. Printers, bookbinders, pressmen, feeders, stereotypers, plumbers, structural iron workers, street railway employees, coopers, coal drivers, teamsters and sheet metal workers have made demands for an advance in wages, and it is reported that many of them will be compelled to fight to get it. The structural iron workers and sheet metal workers are looked upon as probable strikers for May 1, with the plumbers on May 15.

DIED AT SEA

New York, April 26.—David Wilcox, formerly president of the Delaware & Hudson Railway Company, died at sea last Saturday. Mr. Wilcox was a passenger on the North German Lloyd liner, which arrived at quarantine tonight from Genoa and Naples. The body was brought to port.

WINNIPEG BAPTIST CHURCH

Winnipeg, April 26.—Rev. A. A. Shaw, a noted Baptist minister of Brookline, Mass., will accept the call extended to him by the First Baptist Church officials of Winnipeg a few weeks ago. The pastorate has been vacant for some months, owing to the former pastor, Rev. John McNeill, accepting a call to Toronto.

FOUR MINERS KILLED

Seattle, April 26.—Four miners were killed and nine severely injured today in an explosion of gas in the sixth level of the Morgan slope at the Black Diamond mine of the Pacific Coast Company, on the Columbia & Puget Sound Railway.

MINERS ARE VOTING ON PROPOSAL TO RESUME

Michel and Coleman Workers Against; Others Likely to Favor It

VOTE OF ALL DISTRICT DECIDES

The Board of Investigation Is Expected to Commence Its Work on Monday or Tuesday

Fernie, April 26.—After a closed meeting lasting from 8.30 last night to 1 o'clock this morning, during which time Vice-President Lewis, President Sherman and the district board officers talked earnestly to the men and exhorted them to return to work pending the investigation, they finally decided that they would do so on the personal assurances of Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, that the work of the commission will be expedited as much as possible. The men at first did not seem to want to accept the terms, but were finally persuaded to do so. Following is the official agreement they have accepted:

"To Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, Fernie. Dear Sir:—We beg to inform you that we hereby agree to re-instate to their respective places immediately all employees who have suspended work since April first, and agree that work shall be carried on under the prices, wages and conditions of employment that were in existence around the various mines previous to April 1st, 1907, and continue to work under these conditions until an investigation has been made by the board of conciliation and investigation appointed under the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act as to the merits of the dispute between the several companies comprising the Western Coal Operators' Association and the employees of those companies. Yours truly, The Western Coal Operators' Association.

(Signed) "G. G. S. LINDSEY."

Vice-President Lewis goes to Michel this morning, and President Sherman and he will go to Coleman tonight. Delegates are also being despatched to Canmore and Bankhead, and all the mines will be working again by Monday next.

Fernie, April 26.—Another setback to the proposed agreement that the miners should go back to work on Monday was received this evening, when word arrived that after a long discussion a referendum vote was taken at Michel in the afternoon as to whether the men of the Michel local union would return to work. When the votes were counted it was found that the men refused to return by 101 for staying out, and 66 for working.

It was also learned that the vote taken by Gladstone local union, at Fernie, last night, was not unanimous, as given out. The Michel vote was very small, indicating that many of the men refused to attend the meeting to listen to the proposition. The operators here say that if Michel voted against the proposal, Coleman would do likewise.

President Sherman left for Coleman tonight, where he will be joined by International Vice-President Lewis, who addressed a Michel meeting this afternoon.

Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor, was down at the train to see Mr. Sherman, who stated that the district vote would govern the resumption of work, and that in his opinion no difficulty would be found in getting the men back by Monday or Tuesday at the latest, as though Michel and Coleman may go against resumption, it was practically certain that the others would vote for it.

The miners still congregate on the street corners, but remain quiet. They show no great enthusiasm to go back to the mines again.

At Coal Creek mines, five miles out, the men are hanging around the mines and streets, seemingly contented.

Several mine operators and representative men have arrived in the district to-day, and are now awaiting the decision of the men. The general feeling is that the men will go back to work, but from the attitude of the men it looks as if the majority of them will wait for the decision of the board of investigation before doing so.

Several mine operators and representative level for their homes tonight, and more will follow tomorrow.

Sir William Mulock, the chairman of the conciliation board appointed by the government, is expected to arrive on Monday or Tuesday, and the board will sit immediately on his arrival.

L. P. Eckstein and J. L. Parker, the miners' and operators' representatives on the board, respectively, are already here. The board is expected to work night and day to expedite matters.

Traces of last week's strike are strongly evident on all concerned, especially on the leaders of each party, President Sherman of the mine workers' organization, and President Lindsey of the Western Coal Operators' Association. The operators have been meeting all day discussing preparations for the investigation which Mr. Lindsey says they have wanted all along. Asked as to what chance there was of a settlement without investigation, he replied none. The operators also met the board of trade delegates at noon and explained the stand they took and their reasons. The boards of trade men leave for home tomorrow.

STRIKERS IN RUSSIA

Baku, Russia, April 26.—With a view to putting an end to the strike of the sailors belonging to the naphtha flotilla on the Caspian, Gen. Baron Taube, who has been especially detailed to deal with the situation, caused to be placarded today a drastic order to the strikers to resume work immediately. The order states that having exhausted every peaceful means to arrive at a settlement, and considering that the results thus far obtained have been at great cost and personal sacrifice on the part of the masters, Gen. Taube notifies the captains, mates and engineers to be on their ships at 5 o'clock on the evening of April 27. "Those who fail to obey this order," says the general, "will be liable to three months' imprisonment and a fine of $1,500 or expulsion to distant provinces."

AFFECTED BY STRIKE

Vancouver, April 26.—The manner in which the carpenters' strike is affecting local building interests was shown yesterday, when a total was struck for the value of the buildings authorized so far this month. Hitherto each month of the year has marked an advance over the corresponding month last year, the aggregate advance for the first quarter being a quarter of a million. This month, however, with the close near at hand, the total is only $178,410, as against $365,185 for April of last year.

BAD MAN SENTENCED

Toronto, April 25.—Fred Chambers, alias Frank Cameron, was sentenced at Peterboro today to six years in the penitentiary for stabbing a number of people in Peterboro. He is from the United States, and had a bad criminal record.

PARISIAN MONARCHISTS

Bordeaux, April 26.—The anti-Dreyfusard meeting attended by 2000 persons, presided over by the Royalist, Count de Lur Saluces, developed a likely monarchist demonstration. A lantern picture of the Duke of Orleans thrown on a screen was received with cries of "Long live the king." A few dissentients were thrown out of the hall. The police arrested one person on the outside who persisted in shouting "Down with the republic."

BALTIMORE ACCIDENT COSTS SEVERAL LIVES

Eight Men Carried Down to Death by the Collapse of a New Pier

Baltimore, Md., April 27.—With a roar that terrified thousands and a rush that drove a wave six feet high [illegible] half of a new pier under construction at Locust Point today broke away from the shore end and plunged into the water.

Three dead bodies have been taken from the wreckage, five men are missing, and their bodies are almost certainly beneath the ruins, and about ten men are suffering from injuries more or less severe.

The dead included Howard Ellender, civil engineer. The missing are laborers.

It is not certain how the catastrophe occurred. The pier was being built by the Baltimore Bridge company, and the McLean Contracting company, for the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, and was to have been used by the steamers of the Johnson line. It was a two storey sructure, 930 feet long, about 500 feet of which was on land. The water end was built upon piles, upon which a thick bed of concrete was laid, and above this rose the superstructure of steel. The water section of the pier was approaching completion and was under a roof. This section was separated from the land end by a heavy fire wall of masonry. This morning cracklings were heard and the workmen were called to places of safety. Just as many of them were struggling through the doors in the fire wall this collapsed, and with 430 feet of the water end of the pier plunged into the harbor carrying a number of men with it.

Ellender, the dead civil engineer, who was acting as superintendent for the McLean Contracting company, lost his life in an effort to warn the men of their danger. His body was recovered. Police, firemen and others including Mayor E. Clay Timanus, responded quickly to the calls for help, and everything possible was done to aid the injured and to recover the bodies of the dead.

At the pier adjoining the wrecked structure was moored the North German Lloyd steamer, Cassel, and on board of her were a large number of immigrants. The immense wave that followed the plunge of the new pier into the water lifted the Cassel high in the air, dashed her against her pier and crushed it badly, tore the steamer from her moorings and cast her adrift. The immigrants were for a short time in a state bordering on panic, and two of them jumped overboard, but were rescued. The Neptune line steamer Ripon was also torn from the dock where she was moored, as was also the Norwegian seamer Fortuna, loaded with steel rails. Her wire hawsers snapped like twine. The harbor is narrow where the accident occurred, and the wave and its rebound from the opposite shore cast a number of smaller vessels adrift and caused much confusion for a time.

MURDER OR SUICIDE

Atlantic City, N. J., April 27.—Frank Ireland, aged 24 years, of Snitch's Landing, N. J., was found dead at a hotel here today, where he was employed as a watchman, with a bullet wound in the head. Mrs. Clara Robinson, of Philadelphia, was found beside the body weeping bitterly. She was arrested, but the police believe Ireland committed suicide. The woman told the police she heard the report of the revolver, entered Ireland's room and found him dying, with the revolver lying at his side.

COLONIAL DIFFERENCES WITH UNITED STATES

Foreign Secretary Gets Views of Premiers Laurier and Bond

DISTASTEFUL MODUS VIVENDI

Associated Press Version of Canada's Contentions Regarding the Matters in Dispute

London, April 27.—Foreign Secretary Grey is taking advantage of the presence of the colonial premiers in London to obtain the first-hand views of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Robert Bond on the questions pending between the United States and Canada and Newfoundland respectively.

The foreign secretary has already held one conference with Sir Robert but it was largely taken up with the discussion of the modus vivendi, which the United States and Great Britain signed to cover the last fishing season, and to which the Newfoundland premier stremuously objected, on the ground of "interference with the rights of the colony."

Further interviews will occur, looking to the permanent settlement of the fisheries dispute. It is recognized that this is not easy of accomplishment, as there is a strong sentiment against any interference of the imperial government with the affairs of the colony.

The Canadian negotiations are giving the foreign secretary even more trouble than those in which Newfoundland is interested, but every effort will be put forth to bring about an agreement. Premier Laurier has been too busy thus far with the imperial conference and special engagements to discuss questions with the foreign office, but he has made an appointment with the foreign secretary for the coming week when the whole matter will be gone over. Sir Wilfrid expressed to the Associated Press his satisfaction with the hands in which the negotiations were left, and spoke hopefully of the outcome, but from other sources it was learned that there are wide differences of views between United States Secretary of State Root and the Canadians. In almost every case the Canadians demand some national compensation in return for what they are asked to concede. As an example, to give up pelagic sealing they not only ask the United States to buy out the sealers but also want a further concession from the United States, which might take the form of a port in Alaska, to give traders entry into the Canadian Yukon district without passing through American territory.

At a dinner of the National Liberal club Sir Robert Bond took the occasion to protest against the modus vivendi, repeating what he said in the legislature before his departure from Newfoundland.

FIRE AT OSHAWA

Oshawa, Ont., April 27.—The large Frost & Woods factory, recently purchased by John Stacey and turned into a planing mill, was completely destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is estimated at $20,000, with insurance of $7,000.

SEEDING IN SASKATCHEWAN

Balcarres, Sask., April 26.—Seeding is in full swing here. William Harrop has 160 acres of wheat in, and several others in this vicinity have close to 100 acres under crop.

ACCUSED OF MURDER

Kingston, N. Y., April 26.—Coroner Took today held Frank Guertler for the murder of Barbara Klapmertz, his housekeeper, at West Hurley on Tuesday night, and he was locked up.

COAL MINES SITUATION

Fernie, April 27.—The situation is unchanged. The vote of the miners at Coleman is reported around town to have given a majority against going back to work, but from inquiries among the operators the report is not confirmed.

PRESIDENT FOR JAMESTOWN

Washington, April 25.—President Roosevelt and his party left the Washington navy yard at 3:10 this afternoon for the Jamestown exposition.

FIRE AT MIDALE

Midale, Sask., April 26.—Fire, the cause unknown, though probably due to gasoline lamps, destroyed the large department store owned by Seaton, of Macoun. The loss over insurance is close to $10,000. Postmaster Rollins lost his books, while much mail, incoming and outgoing, was destroyed. The Northern Bank was also destroyed.

BRANDON RESIDENCE BURNED

Brandon, Man., April 26.—The residence of Charles Botman on Tenth street north was completely gutted by fire last night. The cause of the fire is attributed to children playing with matches, when the fire caught by one of them dropping a lighted match in among some straws in the kitchen. There was no insurance.

STEAMER WRECKED

Halifax, N. S., April 25.—The steamer Universe, from New York for Montreal, ran ashore on Seal Head, near Canso, last night, and will be a total loss. The crew of twenty-three men were safely landed.

VICTIM OF STRANGE ACCIDENT

Regina, April 25.—Benjamin Hart, the man who was hurt at the Lansdowne Hotel a few weeks ago, died at 12:30 today as a result of the injuries received in the accident. He was taking off the storm windows in front of the hotel, and had in his mouth a screwdriver. The ladder on which he was standing slipped, and Hart fell to the pavement face first. The screwdriver was forced through the top of his mouth and pierced his brain.

LOCAL OPTION REVERSE

Toronto, April 25.—Chief Justice Mulock has quashed the local option by-law passed by Midland in January last. The vote was 477 to 234 in its favor.

COLORED FOR WAR

Berlin, April 25.—Emperor William has ordered that the field guns, carriages and ammunition waggons of the German artillery be painted a dull gray. The change is based upon the experience of the Russo-Japanese war.

MACKENZIE & MANN'S PLANS

Toronto, April 25. — The railway trouble in the west will prevent Mackenzie & Mann from doing any construction work on the new Toronto-Ottawa line this year. It is possible, however, that the Parry Sound-Sudbury line will be completed during 1907 and admit of service between Toronto and Sudbury.

GOVERNMENT AND UNIONS

Paris, April 25.—The secretaries of the postmen's and telegrapher operators' unions were dismissed this afternoon from the employ of the government because they signed the recent violent manifesto against Premier Clemenceau. The postmen have called a mass meeting to protest against the secretaries' dismissal, and it is feared they may strike out of sympathy for their discharged comrades.

BRANDON EXPERIMENTAL FARM

Brandon, Man., April 25.—Prof. W. Fletcher, of Ottawa, has been appointed superintendent of the experimental farm here and will be succeeded by John Murray, superintendent of Institutes, Regina.

MISS SUTTON'S WIN

New York, April 26.—Miss May C. Sutton, the California girl, and her partner, Mrs. G. V. L. Pruyn, won the women's doubles final today on the court of the St. Nicholas rink.

MINERS IMPRISONED BY INFLOW OF WATER

Doubt Whether Rescue Party Will Be Able to Reach Them in Time

Johnstown, Pa., April 27. — Seven miners have been imprisoned in Mine No. 38 of the Berwind White Coal Co. at Fousthwell, near this city, since yesterday afternoon, by a flood of water caused by an inflow from an abandoned working.

It was supposed the entire party had perished, but late this afternoon signals were exchanged between the entombed men and the rescuers by means of rapping on a water pipe.

Tonight, however, the rapping from within the mine has ceased, and it is feared the men are dead from drowning or suffocation.

Some of the optimistic rescuers believe the men have crawled to the airshaft, which is situated near the roof, and that this accounts for the failure to signal further.

There are acres of water in the mine, however, and the work of rescue is necessarily slow. It is believed tonight that it will be at least several days before the water is pumped out, and hopes for the entombed men have almost been abandoned.

Through some mistake, it is said, the accident was caused by a blast being fired in the thin wall which divided mine No. 38 from an old working which was filled with water.

The accident happened some time yesterday, but it did not become known until this afternoon. No official advices were then received, and that an accident occurred was discovered only when the families of the entombed miners congregated about the shaft.

All the men are foreigners, with large families. The scene about the mine is pathetic.

MERCANTILE AGENCY SUIT

New York, April 25.—Damages aggregating $2,750 in favor of the plaintiffs were awarded by a jury today in the case of Peter R. Gatens and Francis L. Minton against the International Mercantile Agency, Charles A. Henderson, Patrick H. Garran, and L. F. Tinker, for false arrest and malicious prosecution. The plaintiffs sought to recover $20,000 each. The case originated in an attempt by R. Dun Co. to prevent the use of their ratings by the international company.

EMPRESS OF BRITAIN

St. John, N. B., April 27.—The C. P. R. steamer Empress of Britain docked last night from Liverpool on her last trip this season. Among her 104 passengers were 70 catechists of the Church of England on their way to the Northwest to take up mission work.

LORD'S DAY QUESTION GETS FURTHER ATTENTION

Alliance Secretary Refers to Statement of Attorney-General

MATTER IS UNDER CONSIDERATION

Winnipeg Police Commissioners Give Instructions as to Enforcement There

Winnipeg, April 27.—Rev. W. M. Rochester, western secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, who has just returned from a two and a half months' campaign in British Columbia, referred to the situation under the Dominion Lord's Day Act as follows:

"In British Columbia an announcement has recently been made by the provincial government through the Attorney-General, that consent would not be given to prosecutions in that province under this Sunday law. This is the issue for the present in that part of the Dominion."

"In the first place," Mr. Rochester said, "the idea that any responsibility in this matter rests with the executives of the provinces is a mistaken one. Whatever responsibility rests upon any representative of the province with respect to the administration of this law, rests with the Attorney-General, and with him alone, and no action of the government of the province can afford him release from this responsibility. The Attorney-General, therefore, for British Columbia, if he refuses to consent to prosecutions under the Dominion Lord's Day Act, assumes all the responsibility for such attitude. We believe that in thus doing he exceeded his power, which is not to veto the Act in his province, but to consider each case as it is laid before him, and to refuse or to consent to prosecution as in his judgment seems right."

What action the Lord's Day Alliance would take in response to this announcement by the British Columbia government Mr. Rochester would not venture to predict, but he said the [illegible]

Action in Winnipeg

At a meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners a resolution was carried unanimously in reference to the enforcement of the Lord's Day Act, and the chief of police was instructed as follows: "The police are instructed to enforce the Dominion Lord's Day Act in following respects and particulars: All dealers in any kind of merchandise except druggists and restaurant keepers (hereinafter provided for) and excepting cigar and news stands in hotels, are to be prohibithed from selling goods, wares and merchandise on the Lord's day. Boarding-house and restaurant-keepers are to restrict their business to the preparation and serving of meals and refreshments on their premises. They are not to sell fruit, canned goods or other merchandise. Newspapers and other periodicals are not to be sold in the streets. Bootblacks are not to carry on their work in the streets or in the public view."

Clause 7 of the Lord's Day Act is to be strictly enforced. The clause is as follows: "It shall not be lawful for any person on the Lord's Day, except as provided in any provincial law now or hereafter in force, to engage in any public game or contest for gain or for any price or reward, or to be present therefor, or to provide, engage in, or be present at any performance or public meeting elsewhere than in a church at which any fee is charged, directly or indirectly, either for admission to such performance or meeting, or to any place within which the same is provided, or for any service or privilege thereat. When any performance at which an admission fee or any other fee is so charged in any building or place to which persons are conveyed for hire by the proprietors or managers of such performance, or by any one acting as their agent or under their control, the charge for such conveyance shall be deemed an indirect payment of such fee within the meaning of this section."

The clause of the Lord's Day Act which runs as follows will also be enforced: "It shall not be lawful for any person to advertise in any manner whatsoever any performance or other thing prohibited by this Act. It shall not be lawful for any person to advertise in Canada in any manner whatsoever any performance or other thing which if given or done in Canada would be a violation of this Act."

At present every clause in the Act is being violated here.

LAKE SUPERIOR ICE

Port Arthur, April 27.—Capt. Seagel, of the Whalen, stated this afternoon that it would be at least two weeks before a steamer got into the ports. The Whalen had just arrived in from her ice-breaking trip. She was abreast of the cape, having broken through 18 miles of ice. From the top of the cape the captain could see no open water anywhere, and he thinks that there is over fifty miles of ice outside that point. The ice is 26 inches thick.

U. S. AND CUBA

Cincinnati, April 27.—That the United States government will withdraw from temporary control of Cuba in September, 1908, was manifested in an interview by Secretary of War Taft today. Briefly referring to that country and his recent visit there, the secretary said that the Cuban settlement had proved so unexpectedly satisfactory, and Governor Magoon had so completely succeeded in winning the confidence of all parties there, that he felt that the United States could withdraw from Cuba, and give its people another opportunity for self-government, not later than September, 1908.