FINANCE MINISTER IS TAKEN TO TASK BY W. F. NICKLE

Government Member Denies Hon. Mr. Fielding to Blame for Farmers' Bank Failure.

AGAINST PROPOSED AID

He Believes in One Law for the Whole Country — Quebec Banks in Same Position.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

OTTAWA, May 11.—The Government asked today that Parliament should pay depositors in the Farmers' Bank $1,200,000 that they lost through the failure of the institution.

Finance Minister White justified the demand on the ground that Hon. Mr. Fielding was negligent in not refusing to issue the certificate which enabled the bank to begin operations which landed shareholders and depositors in losses and the manager in the penitentiary.

Duncan Ross said that the argument of the Government had gone too far or its action had fallen short. If it had decided to reimubrse the depositors it should also have granted the same treatment to the shareholders.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier challenged the statement that Hon. Mr. Fielding had been negligent in issuing the certificate to the bank.

Mr. Nickle Opposes Aid.

The real blast to the Government came from the frank declaration of an honest man among its own followers, W. F. Nickle, of Kingston.

"Mr. Ross, on the other side of the House, has declared for Government aid. I am just as strong against it." Mr. Nickle said that he could not indorse the argument of the Finance Minister in charging the failure of the Farmers' Bank to the negligence of the treasury board in issuing the certificate. The investigator, Sir William Meredith, had made it clear that this was not the case. Mr. White had argued that primary neglect was responsible. The official negligence was the cause of loss. Last year in the banking committee when the banking act was being revised, Mr. Nickle said that he had fought to have the investigating accountants of banks named and approved by the Government. The Finance Minister had finally accepted this and that was now the law.

A Precedent Established.

Under the principle which the Finance Minister had declared today, if a bank failed in future, and some would fail, the Government would be responsible and would have to make good losses in every case, because its auditors had failed to detect the cause of failure, and warn the Government in time to prevent such loss. Mr. Lemieux has argued that three banks in Quebec, which had failed, were in the same position as the depositors of the Farmers' Bank, but the Government had refused to aid them. "I do not believe in one law for one part of the country, and another law for another part of the country," was the comment of Mr Nickle.

Repudiates Minister's Charge.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier was emphatic in his repudiation of Hon. Mr. White's charge that Hon. Mr. Fielding had been negligent. He said that the most which could be charged against Hon. Mr. Fielding was a possible error of judgment. He did not admit this, and Sir William Meredith did not find that there had been such error.

Hon. Mr. White said that he had not meant to censure Mr. Fielding and admitted that he was not taking this action for the relief of the depositors of the Farmers' Bank because they had any legal claim against the Government.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux said that the depositors of the Bank Ville Marie, Bank Du'Peuple, and Bank St. John occupied the same position as the depositors of the Farmers Bank and he proposed to press their claims.

Emanuel Devlin asked if the Government was taking the course it was with regard to the Farmers' Bank because it feared that the Government negligence furnished a basis for legal action. The Finance Minister replied "No."

Paying a Political Debt.

A. K. McLean: "Is the Government, by this bill not attempting to pay a political debt rather than a legal debt or a moral debt? The weakness of the argument it had made in justification of its course would make it appear so."

"The promise of the Minister of Labor," suggested Mr. Gauvreau.

"The member for West Middlesex could answer about that," exclaimed Mr. White somewhat heatedly.

"The member for West Middlesex has no political obligations to liquidate in the matter," replied Duncan Ross, rising. "The minister had better look for those who have some among some who are his colelagues. His argument now either goes too far, or his bill doesn't go far enough. If the basis of the bill is what he says, and if he really believes what he says, that the treasury board were responsible for the whole thing, then the shareholders as well as the depositors should be reimbursed. The truth of the matter is that by this two million two hundred thousand dollars, the Government is trying to implement some political obligations which its members encumbered themselves with. My own position I will make clear. I am in favor of helping those who lost, because the injury was very wide and deeply felt. Moreover, I repeat that I urged last session that absolute protection should be accorded depositors in every chartered bank."

Depositors Intimidated.

Hugh Guthrie said that the depositors had received a notice threatening trouble for them if they did not assign for the benefit of the shareholders thirty per cent of the amount that the Government paid them. Some of the depositors have been intimidated into signing an assignment. He asked the Finance Minister to protect such persons, and see that they got their money.

Hon. Mr. White said that the department would issue the checks to the depositors only. He could not exercise control over the money after it passed into their hands.

Mr. Guthrie said that if the checks were sent to the depositors and not to the representatives he would be satisfied.

A. K. MacLean declared that he proposed legislation was improper, that it constituted a terrible precedent, and was entirely against the interest of the people of Canada. He wanted to know the principle which led the Government to differentiate between the depositors and the shareholders.

Mr. Duncan wanted to know if the depositors were to be also repaid the interest they had lost since the bank had failed.

No Interest Payment.

Hon. Mr. White thought the depositors would be satisfied to get their principal back. There would be no payment of interest. As to the principle which led the Government to repay the depositors and not the shareholders, he said that the shareholders were the proprietors of the bank while the depositors had no control over the management. If the management was inefficient or dishonest the shareholders were responsible and could not hope for relief.

Mr. Burnham, of Peterboro, and Col. Hugh Clark, of Bruce, declared that the Government was responsible for the loss through negligence in having issued the certificate after it had been warned against the methods and the character of Travers and that if there had been an investigation there would have been no certificate or Travers would not have been the manager.

At the request of Finance Minister White the Opposition allowed the resolution to pass on the understanding that the matter should be thoroughly discussed on the bill. There will be objections to its passage from both sides.

Sick Members Greeted.

Hon. T. W. Crothers and William Martin, of Regina, were applauded when they entered the House today. They have been on the sick list for the greater part of the session. Each looked in good health now.

Last year Postmaster-General Pelletier announced that he had made the finest contract in the world for 350,000 mail bag locks at $1 each. He defended the transaction in Parliament against the charge of extravagance. Correspondence tabled in Parliament shows that the company delivered a consignment of 10,000 locks which were declared to be unsatisfactory and the whole contract has been cancelled.

A CAMERA CARTOON

Photo by Sallows, Goderich.

"APPLE BLOS SOM TIME."

CABINET IS SPLIT OVER AN ELECTION

Beck Is Opposed and Whitney Is Inclined to Agree With Him, Embarrassing Other Members.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

TORONTO, May 11.—While the Whitney Government is still cogitating on the advisability of holding an election now or in the fall, comes the news from outside places tonight that town halls and other prominent buildings have been reserved for Provincial nominations on June 22, which means that the polling would take place on June 29. A party close to the members of the Executive council stated tonight that the delay was being caused by Sir James Whitney himself.

The Premier, while assenting to the view of most of his colleagues that an election could properly be held at this time, seems to be slow in making up his mind. This is causing the other members of the Government some embarrassment as they permitted the members to leave Toronto after prorogation with the understanding that the election would be held on the last Monday in June. They, of course, reckoned without the Prime Minister.

Mr. Beck Opposes Election

Hon. Adam Beck is said to be another factor which has upset the plans of those ministers who want an early appeal to the electorate. Mr. Beck has probably stood alone in resisting an election, but the force of his objections has been taken up by Sir James, with, the result that the Prime Minister, although not in a condition to face an actual crisis in the Cabinet, will not be hurried towards a conclusion.

If the election is to be held in June, the present procrastination cannot be allowed to extend for more than a couple of days.

MILITANT OUT UNDER CAT AND MOUSE ACT

[Canadian Press.]

Leeds, Eng., May 12.—A "hunger and thirst strike" brought about the release today under the "cat and mouse act" of Lillian Lenton, a militant suffragette, who was sentenced on May 8 at the assizes here to a year's imprisonment for setting fire to Westfield House, Doncaster.

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND IN 'FRISCO LOCKOUT

SAN FRANCISCO, May 11.—A general lockout in the building trades industry in San Francisco was ordered today by the Building Trades' Employers Association. This action was caused by refusal of union painters to call of a strike for higher wages, current for a month. About 25,000 men are affected.

Five Leamington Citizens Whose Combined Weight Is 1,596 Pounds

The youngest of the quintet, F. Van Spyker, top row at the right, is the heaviest, tipping the scales at 397 pounds. Beside him on the left is George Atkins, who weighs 312 pounds. Those seated, reading from left to right, are J. Wilkinson, 316 pounds; Charles McGill, 300 pounds, and Peter Wilkinson, 272 pounds.

SUFFRAGE SHRIEKS MAR PERFORMANCE ATTENDED BY KING

A Brilliant Audience Attends Show at Covent Garden—Disturbers Are Ejected.

[Canadian Press.]

LONDON, May 11.—The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, was commandeered this evening by King George for a gala performance in honor of the King and Queen of Denmark, who are paying their accession visit to this country. The program consisted of scenes from La Tosca, La Boheme and Aida. The singers included Melba and Emmy Destinn. For an audience the performers had the leaders of the political, diplomatic and social world of London, the men in the uniforms of their rank, and the women in beautiful gowns and jewels of untold wealth.

The scene, which was of gorgeous brilliance, was for a time marred by a suffragette demonstration. During an interlude a suffragette rose in the balcony stalls and shouted: "King George, women are being tortured in your dominions."

The women sitting nearby seized the disturber and dragged her outside, while other men ejected women with her who started "demonstrating." They shrieked, kicked and clawed as they were being carried from the building. Meanwhile, other suffragettes in the gallery above the royal box threw down a great quantity of suffragette leaflets.

RIDDLE FOUND GUILTY SENTENCE NEXT WEEK

Norwich Veterinarian Denies, But Judge Believes Wife.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

WOODSTOCK, May 11.—Dr. Roy Riddle, V.S., of Norwich, was found guilty by Acting Judge Wallace today on a charge of performing an illegal operation on his wife. Sentence was deferred for a week on a request of T. C. Robinette, K.C., of Toronto, his counsel.

Mrs. Riddle, on the stand, told a pathetic story of the cruelty of her husband during her illness and maintained that her statements were correct in every detail and that she was the helpless victim of her husband. She said he had compelled her to submit to the operation against her protests.

Riddle testified in his own defence and denied having performed the operation, and laid all the blame on his wife, saying he had warned her against any such proceedings.

Judge Uphold's Wife.

Judge Wallace in summing up the case said, "I have no reason to doubt the statements made on the witness stand by Mrs. Riddell and I was convinced by her straight forward manner that she was telling the truth as she would have nothing to gain by making up such a story."

He also severely scored the prisoner, and said, he did not take much stock in evidence given by people in their own defence. The decision met with the approval of the large crowd present, who were in sympathy with Mrs. Riddell.

Prisoner's Second Wife.

Mrs. Riddle is the second wife of the accused. The former Mrs. Riddle died about five years ago of poisoning, and her demise was regarded suspiciously, though the evidence at the inquest, made it appear that the poison was self administered.

INDIANS KILL EXPLORER?

VIENNA, May 11.—A Syrian newspaper today prints an unconfirmed rumor that the exploring party of Baron Nordenskjold, a son of the famous Arctic explorer, has fallen victim to Indians in South America.

The last report received concerning Baron Nordenskjold's expedition came in a dispatch to Stockholm, March 16 last. The dispatch was dated Belem, Brazil, and said that Nordenskjold's companion, Johnberg, had been killed. The way in which Johnberg met death was not stated.

Movies to Advertise the Imperial City

(Special to The Advertiser.)

Sarnia, May 11.—It is the intention of Mayor Dagan to advertise the "Imperial City" by the use of moving pictures which were taken here last Thursday during the celebration.

These pictures will be placed on different circuits and will be shown in all the principal cities of the Dominion.

One More Woman Speaks Right Out

She Tells How She Found New Health.

Mrs. McArthur Gives Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and Dodd's Kidney Pills all the Credit for Her Cure.

Rockaway Valley, Que., May 11.—(Special.)—Mrs. Robert McArthur, well known and highly respected here, has joined the great army of Canadian women who are shouting the praises of Dodd's Kidney Pills and Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets.

"Last autumn I had a severe attack of Dyspepsia, which left me very nervous and ill," Mrs. McArthur says. "I tried several kinds of medicine and derived no benefit from them till one evening I happened to read one of Dodd's advertisements and decided to try Dodd's Dyspepsia Tablets and Dodd's Kidney Pills. The result was that my nervousness vanished and I can now enjoy my meals.

"My daughter also used two boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and found them very beneficial.

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"This was a year ago and there has been no sign of the ulcer returning. It seems to me wonderful that the cure could be effected in such a short space of time. I shall be glad if you will publish my statement for the benefit of other sufferers who do not know of Zam-Buk."

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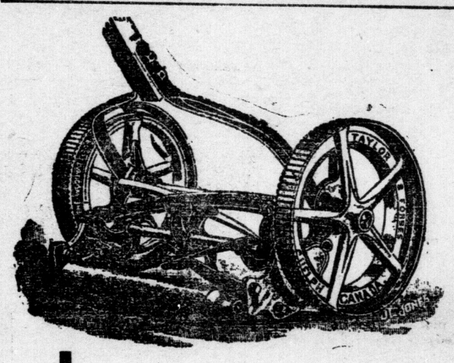

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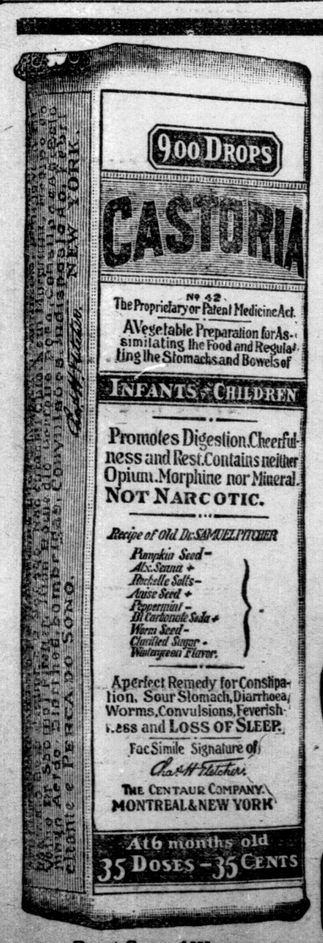

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IN THE STRIKE ZONE

[Canadian Press.]

Trinidad, Col., May 12.—Enforcement of the disarmament of the contending factions in the strike district, in accordance with the proclamation issued yesterday, fixing 5 o'clock Wednesday evening as the time limit for voluntary surrender of arms, is expected to bear out the promise of strike leaders that no hostility will be shown to the federal troops.

SHIVERED AND LISTENED

[Special to The Advertiser.]

INGERSOLL, May 11.—The band of the Ninety-first Highlanders, Hamilton, gave a delightful concert in the King Street Rink tonight. Despite the frigidity of the atmosphere, the audience was large and appreciative. The concert was given under the auspices of the Caledonian Society.