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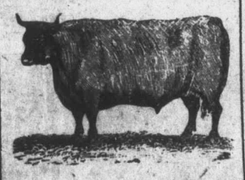

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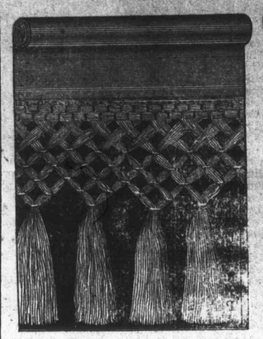

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NEWFOUNDLAND CRISIS

The Assembly Meets Under the New Administration.

GOODRIDGE'S PARTY DEFEATED

The Whitewayites Move a Want of Confidence Motion—The Usher of the Blackrod Refused Admittance While the Debate is in Progress.

ST. JOHNS, Nfld., April 16.—Saturday's parliamentary proceedings were unprecedented. Goodridge's Cabinet was sworn in in the morning. The Cabinet advised the Governor to prorogue in the afternoon and the Governor agreed to preliminary prorogation, to continue until all the accused Whiteway members are unseated, or until the expiry of the revenue bill renders necessary capitulation of Whiteway's demand for dissolution.

Assembly met at noon on the announcement being made of the formation of a new ministry. Ex-Premier Whiteway moved a vote of want of confidence in the new Ministry, and made a lengthy speech, and was supported by Mr. Morris, a colleague.

The debate was not concluded when the usher appeared to summon the members of the Assembly to attend the Upper House, where the Governor's Commissioner, Hon. Edward Shea, president of the council, presented a motion to formally prorogue the Legislature. The Whiteswayites then adopted a resolution refusing admittance to the usher until the Assembly had concluded its deliberations. The doors were closed and the Speaker ordered the doorkeepers to refuse the usher admittance. The debate on the main question then continued, and the motion of want of confidence was passed. The Whiteswayites then decided to present their decision to the Governor immediately, their aim being to delay prorogation. The Goodridge party, however, proceeded to the council, where prorogation was finally accomplished. The Whiteswayites refrained from visiting the Governor, and sent a copy of the vote by the Clerk. The Governor was indignant at the affront put upon him, and returned no answer. The Speaker then visited the Governor, who expressed himself in strong terms at their action.

The new departmental officers assumed their duties to day.

CANADIAN CATTLE IN ENGLAND.

Prospects for the Speedy Removal of the Scottish Embargo.

LONDON, April 16.—During the debate in the House of Commons on the subject of agricultural depression in England, Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Government leader, said he was now prepared to favor the admission of Canadian cattle which, as a matter of precaution, had hitherto been so long opposed.

Mr. Chaplin said the House would probably like to be informed as to the intentions of the president of the Board of Agriculture. Mr. Gardiner in reply said he had already arranged to answer that question fully next week.

Mr. Chaplin said it was believed that if the restrictions now placed upon the importation of Canadian cattle were removed it would mean a loss to the farming population of Great Britain of at least twenty-five per cent. of the value of their live stock.

A Storekeeper Charged With Fraud.

MONTREAL, Que., April 16.—Hiram Silverman, of Webbwood, Ont., a merchant and general storekeeper, is now an inmate of the Montreal jail with one charge of theft against him, besides two capias. Silverman was arrested in Sudbury on Thursday last on a warrant charging him with defrauding Mr. Edward Ross out of $475 worth of goods. But it is claimed that the total amount of fraud will amount to between $7,000 and $8,000. When he came to Montreal to buy goods he claimed that he had lots of property, and goods were sent on. When the time came for payment there was no money, and on investigation it was found that his property was in his wife's name and that he had given a chattel mortgage to his brother for all the stock in the store. The first was made fairly easy as Silverman was caught by surprise, and he was at once brought before a magistrate in order to be transported back to Montreal, but did not arrive here in time as the Canadian Pacific train was fifteen hours late. Silverman will be brought before Judge Dugas to-morrow to stand his trial on the above charge.

Farmer Suffocated by Gas.

GALT, April 16.—William Taylor, a farmer from the vicinity of Glen Morris, came to town on Saturday night and put up at the Market hotel, being consigned to a room on the third flat. Yesterday morning a strong smell of gas was noticed on that flat which, upon investigation, proved to come from the room occupied by Taylor. He could not be aroused and the door was burst open, and Taylor was found dead, laying across the bed. The gas jet was turned almost fully on and the room was filled with gas. Mr. Thompson, the proprietor, showed him to bed the night before and explained the working of the gas.

Fire in Ashburnham.

ASHBURNHAM, Ont., April 16.—Last night fire broke out in a storehouse adjoining the large flour mill owned by the Dickson Company here. The flames spread rapidly. Three Grand Trunk cars which were on the siding, which had just been unloaded of their contents, were burned to ashes. The firemen were promptly on the scene, but owing to Ashburnham not having any water works considerable time was lost in getting water.

Constable James Stewart Dead.

OTTAWA, April 14.—Constable James Stewart, one of the most popular of the Dominion police force, is dead. Mr. Stewart personally attended Sir John Macdonald during the last illness of that distinguished statesman. Deceased had been a life guardsman and served with distinction in Egypt. He died from pneumonia. He leaves a wife but no children.

A Sunday Morning Fracas.

ERIE, April 16.—Wm. Smiley and others bombarded the house of Michael Emling yesterday. Mrs. Emling was shot and dangerously wounded. Her son Michael defended his mother and shot and fatally wounded Smiley. Emling, jr., is now in jail.

Hamilton Shoeworkers Strike.

HAMILTON, April 16.—One hundred men employed in J. McPherson & Co.'s boot and shoe manufactory have gone out on strike against a reduction in the scale of wages.

Baron Tweedmouth's Will.

LONDON, April 14.—The will of the late Baron Tweedmouth leaves each of his daughters £1,000. His cattle ranch and machinery in the Dakotas, his interest in the Rocking horse ranch and 600 shares in the Hudson Bay Company are left to his second son, Counts Marjoribanks. The estates and the title are succeeded to by the eldest son, Right Hon. Edward Marjoribanks, formerly chief Liberal whip.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE

TORONTO, April 16.—In the Legislature yesterday these bills received third readings: To enable the corporation of the village of London West to issue debentures to consolidate the debt thereof—Mr. Tooley. To establish a provincial park at Rondeau—Mr. Hardy. Respecting the Manitoulin and North Shore Railway Company—Mr. Conmee. To enable the executors of the late John Smith to mortgage certain lands in the city of Toronto—Mr. Clarke. To consolidate the debt of the town of Sault Ste. Marie—Mr. Conmee. To incorporate the Port Lock and Desert Lake Mining and Railway Company—Mr. Balfour.

Mr. Tait moved the second reading of his bill to permit municipalities to change the present method of assessment for taxation.

Hon. Mr. Hardy hoped the bill would be withdrawn, but it was put to the House and declared lost on division.

Mr. Tait moved the second reading of the bill providing that stationary engineers must pass an examination, register and take out certificates of proficiency.

On a division the motion for second reading was lost by 24 to 12.

TORONTO, April 11.—Hon. Mr. Gibson brought in the redistribution bill in the Legislature yesterday. It was introduced as a bill respecting the representation of certain cities in the Legislative Assembly.

In moving the first reading Hon. Mr. Gibson said the changes proposed in this bill will be confined to three cities of the province, namely, Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa. They were all prepared to see an additional representative given to the city of Toronto after the promise made last year by the Government, accordingly an additional member is now proposed to be given the city, and the city is to be divided into four constituencies.

It is proposed that there shall be two members for the city of Hamilton, and that the city shall be divided into electoral divisions to be known as East and West Hamilton, and that the division shall be on a straight line running through the centre of Hewson street, contiuued to the southern limits of the city.

The only other change proposed to be made in the present representation is in regard to the city of Ottawa, and it is proposed by the present bill that Ottawa shall be represented by two members.

TORONTO, April 12.—In the Legislature yesterday Mr. Dack introduced a bill to amend the Municipal Act and Sir Oliver Mowat introduced a bill to facilitate the local administration of justice.

Mr. Meredith moved the following resolution: "That in the opinion of this House the election of Public and Separate School trustees in cities, towns and incorporated villages, and in townships in which township boards are established, should be by ballot; and that it be referred to a committee consisting of to prepare and report to the House, with all convenient speed, a bill to amend the Public and Separate School Act so as to provide that in cities, towns and incorporated villages, and in townships in which township boards are established, the elections of Public and Separate School trustees shall be by ballot."

After recess the members of the House were called in and the House divided on Mr. Meredith's motion.

The division resulted in yeas 33 and nays 51, defeating the motion by 18.

The division accounted for 84 members in a total of 91. The seven absentees consisted of four Ministerialists, Messrs. Guthrie, Garrow, Biggar and Rayside; one Conservative, Mr. E. F. Clarke, of Toronto, and Mr. McNaughton, the Patron of Industry. The only transfer of allegiance was in the case of Mr. Dack, who voted with the Opposition. The Equal Rights representative and the P. P. A. representative also supported the Opposition. The result of the division was received with applause on the Government side of the House.

TORONTO, April 13.—In the Legislature yesterday. Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting Councils of Conciliation and Arbitration was read a third time.

The House went into committee on the bill to erect Nipissing into a provisional judicial district.

After some discussion Mr. Meredith moved to have the section covering this matter removed and an amendment substituted providing that unless the county town was selected by the lieutenant-governor before June 1, the opinion of the electors should be obtained.

The House divided, and the amendment was rejected by 39 votes to 21.

The bill was reported with amendments.

Sir Oliver Mowat moved the second reading of the bill respecting Queen Victoria Niagara Falls park. The bill proposed to allow the park commissioners to issue $75,000 worth of debentures for necessary park improvements and the purchase of land.

Sir Oliver Mowat moved the second reading of the bill enabling boards of trade to appoint general arbitrators for certain purposes. It was provided that the board should select a certain number of arbitrators, from amongst whom general arbitrators should be appointed. It was evident that by this course fair, impartial and reliable arbitrators would be appointed. The bill would be perfectly voluntary in its character.

Sir Oliver Mowat's bill respecting the call of solicitors to the bar passed a second reading after a protest from Mr. Meredith that the provisions of the measure were unjust.

TORONTO, April 14.—In the Legislature yesterday these bills were introduced and read a first time: Dr. Gilmour—To amend the Municipal Act. Mr. Conmee—To amend the Joint Stock Company's Letters Patent Act. Mr. Awrey—To amend the Agricultural and Arts Act. Dr. McKay (Oxford)—Respecting the assignments of book debts.

The following bills were read a third time: Respecting mortgages and sales of personal property—Mr. Gibson (Hamilton). To consolidate the debt of the town of Wiarton—Mr. O'Connor. Relating to Algonquin park and the township of Canisbay therein—Mr. Hardy.

Mr. Wood (Hastings) moved for a return showing the persons employed in each registration division for the last three years, giving names and dates of engagement, length of time employed, character of service and the amount paid to each person so employed.

Mr. Meredith asked that the motion be made of wider scope and it was allowed to stand.

Hon. Mr. Gibson's bill to amend the Registry Act, one provision of which requires the registration of notices of sales, was read a second time.

The Attorney-General's bill enabling boards of trade to appoint general arbitrators for certain purposes was considered in committee and reported.

The bill respecting the call of solicitors to the bar was considered in committee and reported.

The Premier of Egypt.

LONDON, April 16.—A despatch from Cairo says that Nubar Pasha, who has been entrusted by the Khedive with the forming of a new Cabinet, will retain the old Ministers of Finance and Justice. England is pleased with the choice of Nubar for the premiership. The resignation of Riaz excited no surprise here.

NEWS TOPICS OF A WEEK.

The Important Events in a Few Words for Busy Readers.

Bradstreet's reports 56 strikes now in progress in the States, involving 55,000 people.

The annual meeting of the National Lacrosse Association was held at Cornwall yesterday.

The private bank of L. Becker & Co., Waterford, has been closed pending an investigation into its affairs.

David Dudley Field died suddenly in New York on Friday, aged 89. The funeral took place on Sunday.

The Town of Seaforth has disposed of its electric light plant. Scott Bros. of that town are the purchasers.

The Newfoundland Ministry resigned Wednesday because the Governor declined to consent to dissolve the House.

Dun & Co report 34 business failures in Canada the past week, as compared with 29 in the corresponding week last year.

Charles Wisdom, colored, was hanged at St. Louis, Mo., on Friday, for the murder and robbery of A. Drexeler, a tobacconist.

The next presidential election in France will be held on Nov. 2. President Carnot will not seek re-election owing to ill health.

At St. Louis, Mo., Henry Nehring, aged 18, was murdered by his brother George, aged 22, in a fight over a bottle of whisky.

Lindsay Sims of the Sims Paper Box Company, Montreal, committed suicide in an inebriate asylum in that city on Wednesday.

One hundred and sixty-five children from England arrived on Thursday morning at the Marchmont Home, near Belleville.

The Brazilian Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Public Works and Finance have tendered their resignations to President Peixoto.

Rain has not fallen for over five weeks in England, France, Germany, Austria and Poland. Farmers are complaining of the drought.

At Chatham on Wednesday H. Richardson, charged with wife murder, was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to imprisonment for life.

Judge Lacombe of the United States Court has decided that the writ of habeas corpus asked for in the case of John Y. McKane will be denied.

The grand jury at Platt City, Mo., has brought indictments against forty of the leading men and women of that place for playing progressive euchre.

Senor Emilio Castelar and other members of the Republican group in Spain have seceded from that party, and announced their future adherence to the monarchy.

At Fort Erie on Thursday R. Gallop, a laundry employe, committed suicide. He had recently failed in business in Pittsburg, Pa., and his wife had deserted him.

Chris. Moody, the Hamilton watchmaker who assaulted Rev. E. M. Bland in that city on Saturday week, was on Monday sent to jail for three months without the option of a fine.

Thomas Fair, for over 30 years a resident of Clinton and postmaster for the same length of time, died on Friday. He leaves a widow, two daughters and one son.

The lockout of the building trades at Chicago, which occurred on Thursday, was not as general as was expected, not more than 10,000 employes being thrown out of work.

Word comes from Uganda that the British East Africa Company's forces have defeated King Kabba Rega of Unyoro after three hours' fighting. Fifty natives were killed.

The man who was killed on Sunday week at the G.T.R. tunnel, Thorold, who was reported to be Tim Gavin of Hamilton, has since been identified as James Gavin of Montreal.

The schooner Kate Markee ran ashore at the outer bar, Long Branch N.J., on Wednesday and was wrecked. The crew, which consisted of about eight men, were all drowned.

The National Miners' Convention in session at Columbus, Ohio, has adopted a resolution ordering a general suspension of work on April 21 in all States and territories where the organization has control.

The examination of Lawyer Joseph T. Magee, charged with the murder of Miss Martha J. Fuller, was concluded in New York on Wednesday. Magee was held, without bail, to await the action of the Grand Jury.

At Chatham on Thursday in the Bannister infanticide case, Mrs. Bannister was sent to two years in Kingston Penitentiary, Ellen to the same, and Emma, mother of the babe, to six months in the Mercer.

A subterranean grave of great antiquity has been discovered at Sin Tai, near Foochow. The grave contained a pair of brass vases and candlesticks, besides some ancient ornaments. It is thought to be over 1,000 years old.

Eight men were drowned by the wreck of the schooner Albert W. Smith, near Highland, N.J., on Wednesday. The vessel was bound from Philadelphia for Providence.

At Buffalo, George Curtain, 25 years old, whose home was in Lindsay, fell from the Coatsworth elevator, 65 feet, to the ground, on Tuesday afternoon, and died in the evening.

Wm. Vanderwater died in his room in Toronto on Thursday night through inhaling chloroform. He had been troubled with neuralgia and is supposed was endeavoring to procure sleep.

Director Preston of the United States mint has completed his final figures on the gold production of the United States during the calendar year 1893. The total product is given at $35,950,000.

The American Railway Union has entered into a struggle with the Montana Central and the Great Northern Railways, and a general strike began on Friday. The men demand that the schedule which was in effect prior to Aug. 1, 1893, be restored.

Howard Gould and Idetta Tyler, the actress, whose engagement was formerly announced on March 27, are not to be married. Howard Gould says that the wishes of his brother George and members of the family have been effective in causing the cancelling of the engagement.

Owing to the grand canal at Hungmiao having overflowed its banks twice the Governor-General, Li Hung Chang, stated that the trouble was caused by the devilry of a river god, who had concealed himself there. The natives claim to have seen him in various guises. A temple is deserted at the spot.

The Executive Board of the Patrons of Industry, which met in Toronto, has determined to make representations to the Government with reference to the proposed subsidy to an Atlantic steamship line. They will urge that the bonus be only granted on condition of sufficient accommodation for freight and reasonable rates therefor.

Longshoremen Strike.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., April 16.—All the longshoremen, including the lumber shovers and freight handlers, have gone on strike because of reduction in wages. The leading lake lines were to start their fleet vessels to-day. The longshoremen were on hand in large numbers, but as soon as they received the announcement that they would only get 20 cents an hour they decided to strike.

DOMINION PARLIAMENT

OTTAWA, April 10.—The debate on the budget is expected to close to-morrow.

Hon. Mr. Laurier asked: Is it the intention of the Government to ask Parliament for a subsidy of £100,000 for the purpose of establishing a line of steamers to run between a Canadian port on one side and a French terminal port on the other?

Sir John Thompson replied that it is not the intention of the Government to ask for a subsidy of £100,000 for a line between Canada and France.

Mr. Charlton asked: How many acres of land in Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest have been pledged to railway corporations under the provisions of general laws or Government regulations, and have not yet been earned, in consequence of railway lines to which such grants have been pledged on construction, in sections or entirely, as the case may be, not having as yet been proceeded with or completed? Hon. Mr. Daly—44,249,219 acres have been authorized by Parliament to be granted in subsidies to railway companies, of which 16,718,384 acres have not been given owing to the railways not having been constructed.

A deputation of labor representatives waited on the Government yesterday to urge favorable consideration of the petitions sent to Parliament, asking that Labor Day be made a statutory holiday; that a plebiscite on Imperial Federation, independence and annexation be taken; that boards of arbitration be appointed for the settlement of labor disputes; that withdrawal from Government Savings Bank be allowed without notice, and that railway fares be reduced to two cents per mile.

OTTAWA, April 11.—In the House of Commons yesterday these bills were read a first time:

Mr. Adams—To incorporate the Lake Megantic Railway Co.

Mr. Bergeron—Respecting the Montreal Island Belt Railway Co.

Mr. Mara—To incorporate the Cariboo Railway Co.

Mr. Taylor—Respecting the Richelieu & Ontario Navigation Co.

Mr. Maclean (East York) introduced his bill to amend the Railway Act, providing that on and after January 1, 1895, no rate of fare for way passengers greater than two cents a mile shall be charged or taken over the track of any railway company east of a meridian line drawn through Port Arthur in the province of Ontario.

The bill was read a first time.

Hon. Mr. Costigan, replying to Mr. Charlton, said that the total expense incurred by the Government in connection with the revision of the voters' lists in 1886, 1887 and 1891 was $399,453. The printing of the lists in 1886 cost $416,000. The printing in the two subsequent years averaged $38,000 a year.

OTTAWA, April 12.—In the House of Commons yesterday Mr. Gillies' motion that the bill incorporating the Boynton Electric Railway Company should be referred back to the Committee on Standing Orders was carried.

Mr. McLennan moved the first reading of his bill compelling railway companies to issue return second class tickets at all stations where they issue return first class tickets. The companies' refusal to issue second class return tickets was an injustice to the farmer and laboring man. The bill passed its first reading.

Sir John Thompson said, in answer to Mr. McNeill, the Government would shortly bring down returns showing the creed or church of each person employed in the civil service of Canada.

A deputation from the Dominion Live Stock Association waited on Sir Hibbert Tupper yesterday and urged their views upon him in support of Mr. Mulock's bill to regulate ocean freight rates on cattle.

OTTAWA, April 13.—Hon. Mr. Laurier resumed the debate on the budget in the Commons yesterday. At the commencement he took occasion to give Mr. McCarthy a little bit of flattery with regard to his speech against the Government, which no doubt pleased that gentleman and did no great harm.

Dr. Montague followed Mr. Laurier, and was still speaking when the Speaker left the chair at 6 o'clock.

After recess Dr. Montague continued his speech, and was followed by Messrs. Fraser (Guysboro'), Kenny (Halifax), and Prior (British Columbia).

Hon. Mr. Foster at 1.10 a.m. rose and laid on the table some additional tariff resolutions, which had heretofore been orders in council, which the Government proposed to put in enactment on the free list.

Another was an amended package clause and a resolution relating to malt and vinegar. There were also the following additional amendments:

Meats, not elsewhere specified, 2 cents per pound.

Live hops, 1½ cents per pound.

Lard compounded and cottolene, 2 cents per pound.

Condensed milk, 3 cents per pound.

Rice, cleaned, 1½ cents per pound.

Chicory, 4 cents.

Cocoa paste and chocolate and other preparations of cocoa, 25 per cent.

Cocoanut, desiccated, sweetened or not, 5 cents per pound.

At 1.15 a.m. a division was taken and the Cartwright amendment was lost by a Government majority of 56.

This shows an increase of 12 in the Government majority since the budget division in the House last year.

Messrs. McCarthy and O'Brien did not vote.

OTTAWA, April 14.—In the Commons yesterday the House went into Committee of Ways and Means.

Section 3 of the resolutions re-enacted the provision giving power to the Governor-General in council to transfer dutiable goods to the list of goods which may be imported free of duty.

Mr. Charlton moved in amendment to the clause: "That the following words be added to the clause: 'Provided, however, that all orders in council relating to any matter in connection with the customs, whereby any ruling or decision is made on a remission of duty or rebate dealt with, or any order connected with the Customs Department acted upon, shall be published in the Canada Gazette in the week following the passage of any such order.'" This, the mover said, would make the Government show its hand.

The amendment was lost and the clause was adopted.

Other clauses were carried.

A resolution having been carried bringing the new tariff into operation from March 27, the committee reported progress and the House rose.

Fatal Railway Accident.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., April 16.—A serious railroad accident took place at Silver Brook, near Hazelton, yesterday. A Pennsylvania railroad freight train ran into a Lehigh Valley express train killing one man and injuring many others. The accident was due to an oversight of the Pennsylvania freight crew. They left Pottsville in the morning with a train of mixed cars and were making fast time. The engineer did not see the passenger train until it was too late and the engines came together with a crash, demolishing them. There were nearly 100 passengers on the train. They were thrown about in all directions, but all escaped injury. The man who was killed was riding on the freight train.

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