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SWEARS DREDGE CONTRACT COST \$36,000 IN GRAFT WITH \$2000 TO PUGSLEY

Premier Hazen of New Brunswick Publicly Read Affidavit of St. John Harbor Contractor Accusing Prominent Liberals.

WRITS ISSUED TO RECOVER MONEY THAT WAS PAID.

ST. JOHN, N. B., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Four thousand people heard Premier Hazen and Hazen of Ontario and New Brunswick respectively, at the Queen's Rink, this evening. Both made effective speeches.

The sensational feature was Premier Hazen's reading of a statutory declaration of G. S. Mayes of this city, who has just completed a dredging contract in St. John harbor. Mayes states that in June, 1906, he tendered for this work at 50 cents a yard, but did not get the contract.

Under this agreement Mayes states that he has paid McAvity \$35,933. The statement further recites that when payment to Mayes by the government was delayed, he went to Pugsley, who had become minister of public works, and that the minister told him that he should see McAvity, so that things would run smoothly.

BRITISH HOUSE OPENS.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—The autumn session of the British Parliament was opened to-day. The entire ten weeks of the sitting will be taken up with consideration of government measures, the most important of which is the Licensing Bill.

FINED FIFTY AND COST.

William Murphy paid \$50 and costs in police court yesterday afternoon upon conviction by Magistrate Kingsford of having conducted a common gaming house. The magistrate said that even if the warrant upon which the evidence was secured was an improper one, which he did not find, he could not disregard the evidence submitted.

SUSPECT POISONING.

QUEBEC, Oct. 12.—The Town of Amqui, Rimouski County, was thrown into a state of considerable excitement last week by the exhumation of the body of Madame Zephirin Guilmet of that place, following rumors to the effect that the woman had been poisoned.

FRED C. WHEELER Who is responsible for much printing about Toronto, and who broke jail at Whitby shortly after his arrest.

LAURIER MISSES THE HALIFAX PLATFORM

Tells Two Great Quebec Audiences That It Hasn't Been Heard of and Was Still-born.

FARNHAM, Que., Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier spoke here today on his tour of this province. The weather was chilly, and the populace seemed affected by the atmospheric conditions. Both French and English met at this centre, which used to be a purely English part of the eastern townships, and the proceedings were bilingual in character.

At the station, the premier was met by a crowd of several hundred citizens, and was presented with an address of welcome by Mayor D'Artois of Farnham. A procession was then formed to escort Sir Wilfrid from his private car to the hotel, a mile distant.

Dealing with general politics Sir Wilfrid said he would find what sort of policy the Conservatives were offering. Last year there was the Halifax platform of Mr. Borden, which proved to be infant forgery as soon as born, and in this election it was not heard of.

The Liberals in 1903 called a convention and laid down a policy, and this was still being followed. "It is charged by the Conservatives," said Sir Wilfrid, "that we have abandoned our principles. That is a strange objection. If our own followers had made it, it might be reasonable, but why should the Conservatives, when they have nothing better to offer?"

Proceeding Sir Wilfrid dealt with the charges brought against the government by the Conservatives, declaring that they had brought only general charges against officials and employees, but not against the government itself.

At the conclusion of the meeting the procession again formed and escorted the premier and his party to the station, where he left for Montreal by special train.

31 SPEECHES IN A DAY. LINCOLN, Oct. 12.—Mr. Bryan has returned home from his trip thru Missouri and spent most of the day sleeping and resting. "I made 31 speeches yesterday," he said, "and I felt just as fresh when I made the last one as when I made the first one."

THE QUESTION



COUNCIL PUTS SHARP KNIFE INTO THE SALARY INCREASES ASSAIL WORKS DEPARTMENT

Referred back salary increases. Decided to reorganize works department before appointing assistant engineer. Voted to extend Richmond-street car line to Church-street.

ALDERMEN HAVE AN AFTERNOON AND EVENING SESSION WHICH LASTS UNTIL THE MORNING—CRITICISM THE RULE.

The city council yesterday again voted to refer back the questions of a civic salary scale and increases for 1908.

The issue was not brought to the vote until after a long debate, during which the sentiment that the time is not opportune for raising salaries was freely expressed. Opinions on the virtues of the proposed schedule were pretty evenly divided.

Ald. Foster proposed that the whole report on salaries be referred back without consideration, whereas Controller Spence showed surprise. Some civic employees hadn't had a raise in salaries for years.

Ald. McMurich thought the recommendations of the heads of departments should be accepted, and Ald. McBride charged that the controllers had shown preference, certain employees being picked out for advances although not especially recommended by officials.

Ald. Church also believed in the free hand principle for officials, and Ald. R. H. Graham said that the report seemed to show that some employees had "made good."

At the opening of the evening session the mayor argued that the salary should go to the position, not to the man, as was the case with business houses. The principle was applied to the police and fire departments.

IN UPPER QUEBEC BORDEN GETS GLAD HAND

Challenges Premier to Prove Single Act of Government Responsible for Era of Prosperity.

OTTAWA, Oct. 12.—(Special.)—Penetrating the Quebec constituencies of Pontiac and Wright, R. L. Borden addressed two meetings to-day at Shawville and Aymer.

Shawville is in Pontiac, represented in the last parliament by Gerald H. Brabazon, Conservative. Pontiac is one of the constituencies placed by the Liberal guessers in the doubtful column, but from reports received to-day it is not thought that Mr. Brabazon will have any trouble holding it.

At the opening of the British parliament yesterday, Premier Asquith said: "As the secretary for foreign affairs and myself already have stated in public it is impossible for this country, in the interests of existing treaties, to recognize alterations made therein by individual states, and we hold to this principle, we regard the events that have taken place in the near east as necessitating consideration by the powers with the view of arriving at a settlement which shall show due regard to the interests of Turkey and any other state which may have been prejudiced by recent changes, and we trust that a solution will be found."

BRITAIN TAKES RUSS VIEW IN EAST

LONDON, Oct. 12.—M. Iswolsky, the Russian foreign minister, has succeeded in impressing upon Sir Edward Grey, the British secretary of foreign affairs, the necessity not only that a conference of the powers should be held to settle the crisis in the near east, but that this conference should take under advisement other questions besides those involved in the annexation by Austria of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the declaration of Bulgarian independence.

This change of front on the part of Great Britain, which has caused great surprise, was announced by the foreign office at the conclusion of a long conference between Sir Edward Grey and M. Iswolsky, following a meeting of the cabinet in the morning, at which Sir Edward set forth the position he had taken and explained the views of the Russian foreign minister.

It may be affirmed with certainty that both ministers concur in the necessity for a conference, and that the poor parliars at the foreign office, following as they do upon the Franco-Russian negotiations on the same subject, has smoothed away some of the difficulties which were in the way. It is now regarded as probable that the latest events in the near east also necessitate the enlarging of the scope of the questions to be discussed at the conference.

Further than this nothing could be ascertained officially as to the questions M. Iswolsky desires to include. It is doubtful whether Russia is anxious to re-open the Dardanelles for the present, for if this is done it must be for all nations, and Russia is not likely to desire that while her fleet is so weak. Besides, other treaties in addition to the treaty of Berlin would be involved.

The only point in her previous stand Great Britain is consulting to insist upon apparently is that no modification of a treaty can be permitted without the consent of all parties to the treaty, and at her proposal the powers have instructed the ambassadors at Constantinople to re-affirm this principle. What end can be served by this is not stated, but the foreign office, but it can hardly be expected that either Bulgaria or Austria-Hungary will consent to restore the legal status in Bulgaria and Bosnia and Herzegovina before the questions of independence and annexation are considered, as the powers have decided.

Referring to the retirement of A. W. Fraser, Liberal candidate in Ottawa, because it had been revealed in the courts that he had profited greatly by the generosity of the government to the people of Canada.

Can He Hold It?

WHEAT COUNCIL DID.

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POLICE STOP THIS HAZING

"Vet" Students Extend Operations to Civilians, and Assaults Are Not Gentle, Either.

There was trouble galore at the opening of the Veterinary College on Temperance-street yesterday afternoon.

It spread to more than the freshmen, who were being hazed, and passers-by were dragged into the building and generally maltreated.

A riot call brought a squad of police, and the students hiked to the assembly room, where the formal opening proceedings were under way.

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