

STORY OF FRANK OLIVER AND THE PRAYER BOOK.

More Particulars of Sifton's Wire Fence Deal --- Additional Features of Autonomy Bunting.

OTTAWA, May 17.—The story is told on what authority dependent knowledge, that some ten years ago or so, when Frank Oliver, now minister of the interior, was a green member of the house, he strolled into St. George's Episcopal church one Sunday morning and modestly took a walk with the service opened one of the addressmen or church wardens, seeing that the visitor was unprovided with a Book of Common Prayer stopped up and tendered the book to him, and said, "Thank you," replied Mr. Oliver, "but it would be of no use to me, I don't know anything about the church procedure." From the manner in which he daily talks in the house, it is evident that the Hon. Frank does not know any more as to how a minister should conduct himself in a parliamentary debate than he did at that back date about the Anglican liturgy.

The long drawn out debate on the autonomy bills may appear monotonous to the general reader, but the fact remains that every day brings its disclosures with respect to the attitude of the government to dominate and impoverish the two new provinces, so far as federal legislation can accomplish that end. Last night P. Talbot, the Liberal M. P. for Strathcona, N. W. T., made a bad break, which might have possibly escaped the notice of eastern members, but was instantly nipped by John Egan, representative from Alberta, and whose post office address is Findlay Creek. Mr. Talbot's remarks, which were made while the land clauses of the bill were under consideration, are worth giving in full. He said: "I would like to draw attention to a small provision in the bill which has attracted little notice, and that is our school lands. According to estimate, we have at least eleven million or twelve million acres of school lands, which in time will be sold and the money held in trust by the dominion government, and on that money we will be paid three and a half per cent. yearly, every half year. The money has been to hold these lands until they are worth \$7 to \$10 an acre. We will have, therefore, ten million acres, which will eventually be sold at \$10 an acre, or \$100,000,000, on which we will receive an annual income of three per cent., or three million dollars per year. That amount, along with the money raised in this bill would be sufficient for the new provinces."

Mr. Herron, who followed, said Mr. Talbot had given one of the best reasons why the Laurier government is not treating the Northwest properly in the matter of lands. "It is ten millions of acres of school lands, which are to be given the amount of revenue Mr. Talbot mentioned, and that amount immediately, what about the hundreds of millions of acres of land which the government is holding from us, and in return for which it is giving us but a million dollars a year?"

Not a member on the government side had the audacity to rise in his place and attack Mr. Herron's position or answer the very important question which he had propounded. Government supporters, taking their cue from the cabinet ministers, prefer to ignore facts and generally confine themselves to platitudes and foam.

Some days ago this correspondence pointed out that from the pages of Hansard that the delay in carrying on the business of the country with respect to the government's inability to keep pace with the progress of events. In support of that statement last night's debate, also from Hansard, is to the point. Hon. R. L. Borden was prepared after recess to go on with any session of the autonomy bill that the government might desire, irrespective of whether it was in numerical order or otherwise, but Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick put a lion in the path. When it was proposed to take up section 15, the minister of justice said: "This section is a highly technical one, and is intended to deal with a somewhat embarrassing situation which will arise in the Northwest after this act comes into force. I have consulted the deputy minister of justice, who drew this bill, and he in turn has consulted those who represented the Northwest Territories. The section as it is now proposed to amend it, meets with the approval, I understand, of the representatives of the Northwest Territories and those who represent the Northwest government. Under these circumstances I would suggest that the clause be allowed to pass with the understanding that at any time it may be reconsidered at the suggestion of any member of the house."

Mr. Borden replied: "That, I think, should be quite satisfactory. My hon. friend the minister of justice (Mr. Fitzpatrick) was good enough to give me at six o'clock a memo prepared by Mr. Newcombe, dealing with some points which had been raised on this side as to the possible construction given to section 15 as proposed to be amended. I expected to have had an opportunity of looking over the memo of the deputy minister between six and eight o'clock, but was prevented by other engagements. Under the circumstances, I shall not ask the committee to wait until I have examined it. If I think any difficulty arises under the words of the amendment, I will ask the government to permit us to return to the clause in the purpose of making any amendment which may be thought necessary on this side. The only important question raised on this side was whether or not section 11 of the Act of 1895 might not be construed as

part of the constitution of the Territories by the very words of this section. Mr. Newcombe thinks that it is possible, I do not readily agree, and considering his opinion, to say I do not concur, and therefore I shall be very glad to accept the suggestion of the minister of justice."

A few minutes later Mr. Borden observed that he had no objection to a little delay to give time for the printing of the bill as amended, and that a day or two devoted to the quiet consideration of further amendments before they were discussed in the house would expedite rather than obstruct the final conclusion. Hon. Fitzpatrick and Borden readily agreed and the chances now are that little or nothing more will be done with the autonomy bill till next week, although there may be some talking by irrefragable members.

The correspondence tabled by Sir Wilfrid Laurier late yesterday afternoon regarding the international boundary wire fence, places the affair in even a more perilous light than was imagined, and shows that until Mr. Sifton left the cabinet the matter was utterly in the dark as to what was going on, although it involved an expenditure of fully \$250,000. It appears from the correspondence that in reply to the request of some ranchers, Mr. Keyes, secretary of the interior department, sent a memo to Mr. Smart, then deputy minister, that there was no appropriation to enable the department to construct the fence, which was eventually laid before Mr. Sifton on his return to Ottawa after the general elections, as there is a memorandum pencilled by him which reads: "I think provision should be made for the fence, but it may stand until report from Commissioner Perry, who is considering subject."

On January 4th this year W. W. Cory, deputy minister, wrote to the McGregor, Banwell Wire Fence Company of Walkerville, telling them that this department intends to erect a fence at the boundary line in the west Territories, 100 miles of which is to be constructed this year and the balance completed next year, and asking the firm to submit a tender. Mr. Cory made this statement notwithstanding that there is on file, from the accountant of the interior department, a memorandum to the effect that no appropriation had been voted for the purpose.

About this time Commissioner Perry of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police sent a report to Mr. Sifton bringing to his notice "the serious menace to Canadian cattle interests by the encroachment of American cattle in the Northwest Territories." 531 head were seized last October and held until expenses had been paid in the amount of duty deposited. A report of November 10th made to the commissioner showed that two to three thousand head of cattle were in the Cypress Hills, and that American sheep in large numbers had been pastured in Canada last summer.

A pencil memorandum of Mr. Sifton's on one of these police reports instructs the deputy minister to "put all these reports on fencing together for use of minister, with estimates. C. S."

The tender of the McGregor, Banwell Fence company at \$550 per mile for fencing and \$10 for each gate was handed to the department on January 15th. It is significant that while the tender is in the department files are typewritten, the actual figures are filed in ink. On the covering letter there is the following memorandum of Mr. Sifton: "I think the tender satisfactory, except as to the posts. My information is that in that climate cedar posts go quickly. The statement that cedar lasts as long as iron is absurd. Get an expert opinion about the posts. C. S."

On the 15th of February the Canadian Steel and Wire company of Hamilton wrote enquiring if it were the intention to build a fence along the boundary line, and stating that in that event they would like to submit prices. On March 13th, Mr. Scott, M. P., wrote to the deputy minister stating that Mr. Isaac Stirling of Battle Creek, N. W. T., would like to have a chance to tender for building a portion. The answer to both these communications was that the matter was under consideration. On March 2nd, W. L. McGregor, secretary treasurer of the McGregor Banwell company, wrote urging the closing of the contract. A postscript to the latter says: "Since writing above I see that Mr. Sifton has resigned. Will this affect the carrying out of this project?" It was about this time that the Page Wire Fence company of Walkerville wrote to the minister of agriculture under date of March 14th stating that they had heard the fence was to be erected and asked to be put in touch with the proper department. In reply Mr. Fletcher referred them to the department of the interior. Accordingly on March 20th they wrote to the department of the interior, and in answer received a letter from Mr. Keyes: "I beg to state that the government has awarded the contract in this matter." Thereupon the Page Wire Fence company asked for information regarding the calling for tenders as they had not seen any advertisement, but the answer does not appear.

In the meantime the draft contract between the McGregor Banwell Fence

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company and the department of interior had been sent to the department of justice for revision. This was returned to the interior department on April 14th in his letter. Mr. Newcombe, deputy minister of justice, said: "There would appear to be a question whether the work should not be carried on under the direction of the minister of public works, and as to whether tenders should not have been invited for its execution by public advertisement as required by the public works act and amendments."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT AT CAPE TORMENTINE.

Ephraim Allen Struck by Sling of Deals—News of Sackville and Vicinity.

SACKVILLE, N. B., May 19.—The annual roll of the Midgic Baptist church was held Wednesday afternoon in the Midgic church. Officers were elected as follows: Deacons, George Richardson, John M. Hicks, Bedford Richardson, clerk, Isaac Anderson; treasurer, Wm. W. Hicks; auditor, Albin Hicks; finance committee, Wm. W. Hicks, John M. Hicks, Wm. W. Hicks; tellers, Chas. Wheaton, Harvey Hicks; solicitors, David M. Hicks, Mrs. Geo. H. Fillmore, Mrs. Herbert Richardson; usher, Bedford Richardson, Geo. Fillmore, Elmore Finney; superintendent of Sunday school, Joseph Hicks; assistant superintendent, Wm. W. Hicks. At the close of the business meeting refreshments were served. In the evening the Rev. E. B. McLatchey, B. D., of Moncton, preached a strong sermon before a large congregation. The offering amounted to about \$63, the largest ever received at the Midgic church. Excellent music was rendered by a choir headed by Mrs. Campbell, of Middle Sackville. The organist, Miss Kate Richardson, was presented with the sum of \$20 as appreciation of her faithful services. The pastor, Rev. E. L. Steeves, is doing splendid work in this church and is extremely popular.

J. H. Williams, who has been acting as bookkeeper for Geo. E. Ford the last three years, is selling off his household effects preparatory to leaving Sackville. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have made warm friends during their brief stay in this town, who will regret their departure.

While working on the str. Daneburg, now at Cape Tormentine, Thursday morning, Ephraim Allen, of Sackville, was accidentally struck down by the hatchway and seriously injured. The work of loading the steamer with deals had just begun. Messrs. John Tucker and Ephraim Allen were engaged near the hatchway when a large sling of deals was suddenly raised from the wharf by the engine. In going upwards the deal struck Allen, striking his head on the corner of a deal, which made an ugly cut. He was also injured internally, and little hope is entertained for his recovery.

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Str. Daneburg, of Denmark, 1381 tons, Capt. N. Kells, arrived at Cape Tormentine in ballast on May 15, and being loaded with deals by Messrs. J. A. C. Hickman of Fort Elgin.

An extremely delightful five o'clock tea was given Thursday by Mrs. Wm. Ogden to the Sackville members of the Alumnae Society and the graduating class of Mt. Allison Ladies' College. Notwithstanding bad weather, the number were well filled. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Sifton, the Rev. Ryan, Mr. B. C. Borden read the constitution and aim of the society, and then gave extracts from a most interesting letter written by Mrs. Harvey Keen of Sydney, C. B., who has come to Sackville to attend the graduating violin recital of her daughter, is the guest of Mrs. C. C. Ayard.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL TOUR.

To Sunday School Workers Throughout the Province:

The convention tour now in progress, if properly sustained by the attendance of Christian workers, will give a great spiritual uplift to the most important department of work under the care of the church. Rev. Dr. Bachman has a message to the churches. He delivers it in a manner that compels attention. He is not a copy of any of the experts who have been in our midst during the last decade. His manner and methods are his own. G. C. Tuller and Mr. Brewer cannot but be impressed by what he has to say. Let the Christian people in every town and parish, wherever they will appear for many days, Westmorland Co. Convention was a feast of good things.

GEORGE STEWART, Sackville, May 15, 1905.

Many Rural Schools Are in a Disgusting Condition.

New \$20,000 School For Sussex Proposed—Important Educational Meeting on Thursday Evening.

One of the most progressive educational meetings in the history of Kings county was held Thursday evening in the Oddfellows' Hall, Sussex. There was a large attendance, in which the ratepayers as well as the pupils of the school were well represented. Although the speakers dealt largely with the school problems, pressing for immediate solution upon the town of Sussex, the general educational needs of the province were inquired into fully. The ratepayers of that town were doubtless inspired with higher ideals of education and induced to take broader views on the school question. At the close of the meeting, to show their willingness to act on the suggestions given, on motion of the trustees of the school it was decided to have a committee of eight ratepayers, including the three trustees, make a thorough inquiry into the matter of school accommodations generally and bring such recommendations as suggestions as they could collect before the next annual school meeting, to be held in June.

J. Arthur Freeze presided at the meeting, and with him on the platform were Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education; Professor Kidner, director of manual training for New Brunswick; Professor Brittain, instructor in science at the University of New Brunswick; Hon. A. S. White, Inspector Steeves, Rev. Frank Baird, Rev. J. E. Gough, Rev. W. Camp and J. A. Humphreys.

Mr. Freeze opened the meeting with an excellent speech, in which he referred to the want of a new school building in Sussex. He spoke of the debt under which the building district had been laboring for several years, and announced that he was holding in his hand the last paper to show that the bonded debt had been cleaned up. Regarding the inadequacy of the present school building he stated that it was nothing less than criminal to crowd 50 children into a room made for 25.

DR. INCH.

Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education, was called next. He spoke of the urgency of the present school building of Sussex to meet the demands of the present generation of young people of that town. The ratepayers of that town are now paying \$3 cents on a hundred dollars taxes. If they added 50 per cent. today he would guarantee not a man would feel the poorer of it in a few years. Sussex needed a good school building, and he stated that at least 10 departments. The building would cost at least \$20,000. This was not a sum which should frighten the people of a town such as Sussex. He compared the work of a school near Hampton, where the teacher had only four pupils through the winter, and three of these were members of his family. In a case of this kind the advantages of a consolidated school need not be disputed. And still he had yet to find a single district that favored consolidation.

ESCAPED FROM FREDERICTON JAIL.

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 19.—A large number of drivers arrived this morning at the station. The Killian driver on the main Northwest Branch of the St. John, consisting of some eight million feet, is hung up for the year. The enclosure exercises of the University will take place on the first day of June. Invitations have already been issued. The address in praise of the founders will be given by Prof. Clawson, M. A. The valedictory address is by John E. Palmer, and the alumni oration by Dr. W. C. Murray of Dalhousie University. There will be 28 members in the graduating class.

PROF. KIDNER.

Prof. Kidner, director of manual training for New Brunswick, was the next speaker. One of the chief criticisms made by the audience was the system, he said, was that the pupils did not get enough practical training. He went on to explain that the manual training was intended to meet this demand for more practical education. So far, we had been treating our children as though they had heads and no bodies. Manual training was intended to develop the body as well as the brain. He compared the work of a manual training school with that seen in the ordinary school room. In the manual training room there was no repression, and no question of order arose. The children were working industriously of their own free will at their tasks. The progress of the manual training schools in Canada during the past few years had been marvelous. In the maritime provinces we have already sixty of these schools. For the girls there is a department now being introduced into some of the schools which corresponded to the manual training department for boys. This was the domestic science department where the girls were taught to cook, sew, wash, do laundry work, etc. These cooking lessons were particularly desirable. There was a tremendous ignorance among the women of today with regard to the value of certain foods. There were at present fifteen of these domestic science schools in the maritime provinces. One was to be opened next week at Kingston.

PROF. BRITAIN.

Prof. Brittain of the University of New Brunswick, in opening his speech drew forth prolonged applause from his audience by announcing that he was an old Sussex boy and that he had begun his teaching career not far away in a little old country school house with long desks meeting the walls on both sides, and no backs on the seats. Since that time he had passed through various vicissitudes, and finally landed in the University of New Brunswick. Prof. Brittain went on to give the history of school gardening and to show its advantages. The boys and girls could not sit quietly at

school and attend to their work for five or six hours a day. They would only work a portion of that time and the rest of the time would be doing something they shouldn't do. Now, how much better it would be for them to be putting in part of that time rambling in the woods and fields and learning something of the birds, trees and flowers. These were surely interesting subjects for study. The booklet had already returned the year. Many of them had come five thousand miles or more, and yet after their coming so far there were probably not a dozen people in Sussex who knew they had returned.

HON. A. S. WHITE.

Hon. A. S. White dealt briefly with the matter of establishing a manual training department in Sussex. He had no doubt as to its success. He urged that the ratepayers, after the coming school meeting, should have the matter of a new school building settled right away. The present school was so crowded that many of the teachers and pupils had suffered in health. In closing he moved a vote of thanks to the gentlemen who had come down to this town to assist them so ably in this meeting.

INSPECTOR STEEVES.

Inspector Steeves was the last speaker of the evening. He said if he had time he could tell the people of Sussex some things about their school building which he had never learned. He referred briefly to the repulsiveness of the building and grounds. Conditions, he said, were actually rank. He would be plain with them. Their school building and grounds were a disgrace to the place. "Now is the time for the people of Sussex to rise to the occasion and put up a school building which will be proud of, and for which the people will be proud to see called their school."

One or two of the local ratepayers spoke briefly at the close, expressing their appreciation of what had been said.

J. M. McIntyre moved that the present board of trustees be a committee, with power to add five more citizens to their number, with the object in view of taking the first day of the new school accommodation from all possible sources, and reporting to the same to the annual school meeting to be held on June 15th.

BARBAROUS MODE OF CHASTISEMENT.

PECCAR CASE ON A FRENCH VESSEL. Reported from North Sydney.

NORTH SYDNEY, May 19.—The Herald reports that one of the most barbarous methods of chastisement imaginable in this enlightened age was practiced on a little cabin boy or "moose," a member of the French fishing vessel lying at Salter's wharf, on Saturday. Several persons on shore noticed the boy standing near the wheel with his arms extended and holding in his hands a broken oar. Alongside the boy was a sailor, who frequently changed the monotony of the procedure by striking the boy, when by cold and sheer exhaustion he would drop the oar. For hours this torture was kept up, when fortunately for the boy, Coun. Robert Musgrave was informed of what was taking place and saw for himself the brutal conduct of the captain of the vessel. He informed Mayor Hackett and both witnessed the disgraceful exhibition. A boat was sent to the vessel for the captain, who came ashore, and was quickly arrested and taken before Stipendiary Archibald. The captain could not make himself intelligently understood owing to his poor command of English, and an interpreter had to be called. The captain complained that his "moose" refused



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RIOTS IN CHICAGO.

Negro Teamster Killed by Bartender.

The Latter Shot by Policeman, and a Saloon Into Which He Was Taken Demolished.

CHICAGO, May 21.—Rioting resulted tonight at 29th and Dearborn streets, when James Gray, a negro non-union teamster, was shot dead by Harry Bernstein, a bartender, during an argument over the teamster's strike. Bernstein was mortally wounded by Policeman Tinsley, colored, and 1,000 persons partly demolished a saloon into which Tinsley had taken the unconscious bartender.

The street lighting tonight is the latest of several clashes between negroes and whites since Enoch Carlson, 8 years old, was shot and killed several days ago by two men, alleged to have been negro strike breakers. In a discussion of the strike and the shooting of Carlson, Gray and Bernstein fought in the street. Bernstein drew a revolver and fired four shots. Two of the bullets took effect in Gray's body and he fell dead.

Two negroes, attracted by the noise, seized the bartender and a fight for the revolver began. Special Policeman Tinsley ran up. Bernstein swung the revolver towards Tinsley, and it was said, discharged the weapon. Tinsley drew his own revolver and fired four shots, each bullet taking effect in Bernstein's body. Tinsley carried Bernstein into a saloon. A crowd, composed largely of negroes, cried for vengeance for the killing of Gray. Tinsley shut and barred the saloon door. The mob rushed at the building, but being unable to force the doors open, large stones and other missiles were thrown at the building and every window and fixture in the place was demolished.

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STEALING FROM RIVERSIDE POST OFFICE.

HOPEWELL HILL, May 18.—The preliminary examination of Josiah Tingley of Riverside, the fifteen year old lad who was arrested yesterday on the charge of robbing the Riverside post office, was begun today before Justice J. Alex. Fullerton of Albert, and was adjourned until Monday, 22nd inst. on the request of the prisoner's counsel, E. E. Peck. Tingley is now in jail. The case has attracted a good deal of attention of account of the boldness of the theft, and also from the fact that petty thieving has been going on in the same locality for some time, and the citizens are about tired of such work. It is said postage stamps were taken from the post office on more than one occasion during the past winter, and it will be remembered that a mail bag disappeared last December, which the authorities failed to locate. In this last case entrance was effected to the office by the removal of the wooden "stop" to the window, which allowed the sack to drop. The registered letter among the stolen ones contained \$7.

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