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SHARP DEBATE IN HOUSE OVER GAMEY'S CHARGES

Mr. Stratton Resigned His Position When Charges Were First Laid, But It Was Not Accepted.

THE CUSTODY OF THE DOCUMENTS IS DISCUSSED

Mr. Whitney Returns Them to Mr. Gamey—Premier Ross Moves to Have Papers Placed in Speaker's Hands, as This Would Expedite the Investigation, But Opposition Objects.

[From Our Own Reporter.]
Toronto, March 16.—The surprise of the day at this afternoon's session of the legislature was Hon. J. R. Stratton's announcement that he had tendered his resignation as provincial secretary to Premier Ross on the day that R. R. Gamey made his sensational charges against the minister. The statement came out in the course of Mr. J. W. St. John's address, which was the only one delivered during the afternoon. The speaker was rating Mr. Stratton for not resigning pending the investigation into the Gamey charges, when Mr. Stratton arose and quietly announced that he had on Wednesday last placed his resignation in the hands of the Premier.
In answer to questions from Mr. St. John, Hon. Mr. Ross stated that Mr. Stratton's resignation had not been accepted, but was under consideration. He refused to say whether or not he had refused to accept the resignation. Before the orders of the day were reached the Opposition leader asked the Premier when he would be ready to inform the house as to the date when he would bring down the instructions he proposed to give to the commission of judges, and also when he would give the names of those who would compose the commission.

PREMIER ROSS REPLIES.
The Premier in reply said he was not ready yet to make public the information referred to, but the house would be informed of everything in good time. Immediately after this, Mr. Whitney formally handed over to Mr. Gamey a sealed packet containing the statement and attendant documents read by the member for Manitoulin last Wednesday. This action gave notice that he was against, but Mr. Whitney said he did so at Mr. Gamey's request, as the latter desired to submit them to his solicitor, Mr. W. D. McPherson. The Premier moved that the speaker impose the documents, and a spirited debate ensued, and after Mr. Whitney objecting that notice of motion was required, the Premier gave notice that he would introduce the motion.

Mr. J. W. St. John, in continuing the debate on the motion to adjourn the house for three days, spoke for over two hours. He first replied in part to Mr. Pettipiece, and reviewed the latter's criticism of Hon. John Dryden. He then proceeded to deal with the proposed investigation, and asked the speaker if it was intended that the four accused ministers should vote on the motion. It would be unheard of, he said, that accused men should vote on the jury which was adjudicating on the disposition of their case. If they refrained from voting, the Government must be defeated, as they abstaining from voting would leave the Government without a majority.

MR. STRATTON'S RESIGNATION.
Mr. St. John then referred to Mr. Stratton's case, and expressed the opinion that he should have resigned. Mr. Stratton, half rising from his seat, interrupted Mr. St. John: "For the information of the hon. gentleman," he said, "I may say that I tendered my resignation to the Premier the other day, when the charges were made."

As the Provincial Secretary resumed his seat there was a murmur of surprise from members and spectators. "I thank the honorable gentleman for his answer," said Mr. St. John. "May I ask through you, Mr. Speaker, if the resignation has been accepted?" "It has not been accepted," answered the Premier, somewhat testily.
"Then, as the Honorable Provincial Secretary is still a member of the Government, may we assume that the whole Cabinet share his responsibility. May I ask further if the honorable gentleman's resignation is still under consideration?" said Mr. St. John. "It has not been accepted, and until it is, of course, it is under consideration," replied the Premier, somewhat testily.

"Then may I ask," pursued Mr. St. John, blandly, "if the Premier refused to accept the resignation?" "That is the Premier's business," was Mr. Ross' retort, delivered with considerable asperity.
"We propose to show before we are through with this investigation that it is very emphatically the Premier's business," replied Mr. St. John.
"You will not get through with the investigation, all if you tender the papers to escape," said Mr. Ross.
"Mr. Speaker," asked Mr. St. John, warmly, "may I ask if the Premier and the ministers' departments have handed to you the papers in their possession bearing upon this case?"

EMPEROR WILLIAM OF GERMANY AS A REFORMER OF LANGUAGES

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putting several participles and infinitives into a sentence is to be avoided as much as possible. The style of reports is to be grave and measured, free alike from slang and rhetorical pathos. Unnecessary adverbs, far-fetched expressions, foreign terms and platitudes are to be omitted.
The report of the budget commission of the municipality blames a number of councillors for reporting municipal affairs for the newspapers in return for payment, thus injuring the smaller journalists. The report says that the members of the magistracy would render a service by writing informing articles on vital questions, but should not compete with penny-a-liners. If the councillors do not stop reporting, the report recommends that their names be published.

The speaker did not reply, and the only answer Mr. St. John received was a scornful little laugh from the Premier.

THE SOO COMPANY WANTS A LOAN

An Application for a Million Dollar One Sent In.

THE BOOKS ARE BEING AUDITED

Members of Inquiry Committee Say Company's Officers Have Been Extravagant.

Philadelphia, March 17.—Speyer & Co., bankers, of New York, who have loaned \$2,500,000 temporary loan against the Consolidated Lake Superior Company, and have been asked to advance \$1,000,000 more for present needs, have a force of 30 men overhauling the books of the corporation in this city.

The work has been actively in progress for several days, and a week will elapse before the accounts are completed. Prominent stockholders say they do not think a detailed statement to the public will be made until this work is finished, while others declare that the facts of the company's condition will be given to the shareholders within a few days.

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The stock was quoted today at 4 1/16, preferred 4 1/2.

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GIRL FOUND DROWNED

Mystery Surrounding Fate of a Hamilton Girl Cleared Up.

Hamilton, Ont., March 17.—The mystery about the disappearance of Miss Addie Mitchell was cleared up yesterday afternoon, when her body was found in the bay, near Bastien's boathouse. At the time the girl disappeared it was feared she had been drowned. She had been for some time suffering from insanity. On the night of Nov. 15 she left home without fully dressing herself. A diligent search was made for several days afterwards, but no trace of her was found.

TWO CANADIANS ON THE TRIBUNAL

Mr. Justice Armour and Lt.-Gov. Sir Louis Jette Chosen.

TO ACT WITH LORD ALVERSTONE

Respective Cases Must Be Delivered by May 2—Mr. Sifton to Prepare Canadian Case.

Ottawa, March 17.—Mr. Justice Armour of the supreme court of Canada, and His Honor Sir Louis Jette, Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, were chosen yesterday as members of the Alaskan tribunal. These two gentlemen, with Lord Alverstone, chief justice of England, will be the judges for the treaty, and as for Lord Alverstone, he stands in the very forefront of the judiciary of the empire. Neither of the three has taken the slightest part in the controversy touching the boundary, and their impartiality and strict sense of fairness make them representatives of whom Great Britain and Canada may well be proud.

He supported this by quotations from the speeches of Hon. David Mills and O. Demerai, M. P., in moving and seconding the resolution. He also quoted a speech in the House of Commons by the same gentleman's opinion on the investigation of the Mercier charges, all following the same line of argument as the resolution. Mr. St. John then reviewed the West Elgin and other charges. He was rather prolix and repeated himself often.

Pence (Kingston) moved the adjournment, and will continue the debate tomorrow.

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GERMANS PRAISE MR. CHAMBERLAIN

Berlin Press Compliments Him on Results of His Tour.

WARM RECEPTION BY COMMONS

Mr. Crooks, the Labor Member From Woolwich, the Center of a Demonstration.

London, March 17.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain's re-entry in the House of Commons was signalized by an unusually cordial reception from the Conservatives and Unionists, while the Liberals and Nationalists maintained a significant silence. Volleys of cheers from the Government supporters greeted the secretary as he entered the house, and lasted several minutes. Mr. Chamberlain looked much worn, but obviously was in the best of spirits, as he rose to inform a questioner that he was afraid it would be difficult to collect and publish all his South African speeches. He was ashamed to say he had made about 70, and he had not time to read them, much less collect them.

There was a vociferous Liberal counter demonstration when Mr. Crooks, the new Liberal member for Woolwich, who recently won that district for the Opposition, took his seat.
Mr. Chamberlain's return and the significance of his mission to South Africa, says the Berlin correspondent of the Times, impress alike the friends and foes of England in Germany. The popular Berlin Journal, the Lokal Anzeiger, which during the Boer war was extremely hostile to Great Britain, pays an unreserved tribute to the service rendered by Mr. Chamberlain to the British Empire.

"The influence he exercises in the councils of the nation represents a turning point in England's history. In making the appointments must have done her part to insure an absolutely fair adjustment of the dispute, and has demonstrated confidence in the justice of her contentions. All this country has ever asked for has been a fair hearing of the case on its merits. It is not to be said that the powers on the other side have been actuated by the same motive. However, the tribunal is now fully constituted, and its case ready and delivered by May 2. Two months will then be allowed each side in which to reply. The early departure of Lord Alverstone from London, in connection with his duties as British agent, is looked for here. In his capacity as agent Mr. Sifton will occupy a most influential position, and will have full control over the preparation of the case.

Sir Louis Amable Jette was born at L'Assomption, Que., 1836. He was educated at the college there, being a fellow student with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Having studied law, he was called to the bar in 1857, and quickly achieved distinction both in the profession and in journalism. Among the celebrated cases in which he was engaged was the Guibord case, when he was counsel for the Seminary of St. Sulpice. Another interesting feature of his early career was that he defeated Sir George Cartier for Montreal East in the general election of 1872. He was appointed a judge of the county court in 1873, professor of civil law, Laval University, 1878, and subsequently dean of the faculty. In 1891 he was chairman of the royal commission which served the committee of stockholders, who have taken the matter in charge. Members of the committee say the company's officers have been extravagant, but there are plenty of assets and indications of prosperity for the concern if the present difficulty is overcome.

COMMENDED MAGISTRATE

Personation Case Referred to by Local Clergyman.

In the course of a sermon at the First Congregational Church on Sunday night, the pastor, Rev. D. S. Hamilton, referring to the cases of the personators, said it would be a sad day for the City of London or any other place, when the pulp and the righteously thinking people had not at least as much right to express their opinions concerning the personation of magistrates as had the paid advocates of an unrighteous cause.

The pastor considered the police magistrate a very useful officer, and served the commendation of the public for the way in which they dealt with the cases of the personators. One of the most satisfactory features of the decision was the statement of the magistrate that even had he discretion to reduce the fines of the offenders he would make it the maximum, as he felt that the heaviest penalty should be inflicted upon persons who were guilty of such an offense.

IN THE OLD LAND.

While greetings are extended among brother Irishmen in this country and in the larger places they celebrate the day of St. Patrick in a hearty manner.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Sun rises, 6:23 a.m. Moon rises, 11:10 p.m. Sun sets, 6:25 p.m. Moon sets, 3:44 a.m.
Tomorrow: Mild and Unsettled.
Toronto, March 16-8 p.m. Rain is falling, slight over lakes and Ontario. Elsewhere in Canada the weather is fair. Mild conditions prevail generally.
Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34-36; Calgary, 8 below-25; Qu'Appelle, 2-30; Winnipeg, 14-28; Port Arthur, 28-36; Parry Sound, 23-32; Toronto, 34-44; Ottawa, 24-46; Montreal, 22-42; Quebec, 24-34; Halifax, 29-30.
Tuesday, March 17-8 a.m.
Today—Cloudy and mild; occasional showers.
Wednesday—Continued unsettled and mild.
Temperatures.
8 a.m. Min. Max. Weather.
Calgary, 14-24 Fair
Winnipeg, 14-24 Fair
Parry Sound, 23-32 Cloudy
Toronto, 34-44 Cloudy
Ottawa, 24-46 Cloudy
Montreal, 22-42 Rain
Quebec, 24-34 Rain
Father Point, 23-34 Cloudy
The sign, "means" below zero."

Showery weather prevails this morning from Ontario to the Maritime Provinces. No marked cold exists anywhere, and the outlook is still generally mild.
Local temperatures: Monday—Highest, 40°; lowest, 22°.

CRITICISES THE DECREE

Prince Krapotkin Disbelieves in Czar's Sincerity.

London, March 17.—Prince Krapotkin, the Russian revolutionist, contributes an article to the Daily News this morning on the Czar's reform decree. He declares that the decree bears international evidence of being the work of Interior Minister Plehve and the Procurator-General of the Holy Synod, Robledonostoff, and really aims at attempting to reduce to the lowest possible minimum the reforms loudly demanded by all classes of Russian society and indefinitely postponing those which are most urgent.

FATHER BURNED WITH CHILDREN

In a Vain Attempt to Save Them From the Flames.

ROOF CRASHED IN ON THEM

Had Taken Out Two in Safety From the House, But Went Back to Rescue Others.

Winnipeg, March 17.—Slav Oddleefson, an Icelandic, living at Hinasam, 60 miles from Selkirk, was burned to death in his house on Thursday night. Two of his children, whom he was endeavoring to rescue, also perished in the flames. Two other children, who broke out, were saved by the father, who then rushed for the others. He was in the burning building, the roof crashed in on them. The fire broke out after midnight. The weather was bitterly cold and the ground was covered with snow. The father, upon discovering that the building was on fire, awoke the elder children, and on firing the younger ones in his arms, rushed them out of doors to a safe distance from the blazing building upon the snow. He then returned for the others, a boy aged 8 and a girl of 12, who, though awakened, had waited too late to seek a retreat.

The charred remains of the father were afterwards found in the ruins, his arms clasped around the bodies of the children. Mrs. Oddleefson was away from home at the time.

HONORS TO THE GREAT APOSTLE OF OLD IRELAND

Solemn High Mass Was Celebrated at Cathedral.

Irish Societies Interchange Appropriate Greetings.

"St. Patrick's Society, Montreal, wishes you the top of the morning. Press close to your heart Ireland's sweet shamrock today."—From Mr. C. J. Doherty, president.
"Irishmen of Cornwall send warmest greetings to brother Irishmen of London. Erin Go Bragh!"—From J. B. O'Neill, president.

The above two telegrams are samples of dispatches received this morning by Mr. T. J. Murphy, president of the local branch of the Irish Benevolent Society. Mr. Murphy is sending today a number of messages of greeting to Irish societies in Canada, including the first of the above-mentioned, who are having a big banquet at Montreal tonight.

There is no general celebration of the day in this city this year. There are to be concerts tonight, and this morning solemn high mass was celebrated at the cathedral.
The religious service was attended by a large gathering of people, the cathedral being almost crowded. The service was a very beautiful one and the music was appropriate to the occasion, the airs being all Irish ones. His Lordship Bishop McEvoy sat on the throne of St. Patrick, and was assisted by Rev. Father Aylward, Rev. Father Prudhomme was celebrant, Rev. Father Emery deacon, Rev. Father Dunn sub-deacon and Rev. Father Egrie master of ceremonies. The reading of the mass began at 10:30 and lasted until 11:45 a.m.

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LOVER'S TRIBUTE IN VERSE.

Samuel Lover, Ireland's artist, novelist, song writer and dramatist, in a very popular version, suggests one reason for the particularly hearty potations on St. Patrick's Day, and at the same time attempts to clear up the mystery of the correct date of the saint's birthday.

On the eighth day of March it was, some people say, That St. Patrick at midnight he first saw the day;
While others declare 'twas the ninth he was born.
And 'twas all a mistake, between midnight and morn;
For mistakes will occur in a hurry and shock,
And some blamed the baby and some blamed the clock;
Till, with all their cross-questions, sure, no one could know
If the child was too fast or the clock was too slow.

Now the first faction fight in old Ireland, they say,
Was all on account of St. Patrick's birthday;
Some fought for the eighth, for the ninth, for the tenth,
And who wouldn't see right, sure, they blackened his eye!
At last both the factions so positive grew,
That each had a birthday, so Pat then had two;
Till Father Mulcahey, who showed them their sins,
Said no one could have two birthdays but a pair of twins.

Says he, "Boys, don't be fighting for eight or nine, for ten,
Don't be always dividing, but sometimes combine;
Combine eight with nine, and seventeen is the mark.
So let that be his birthday." "Amen," says the clerk.
If he wasn't a twin, sure, our history will show
That at least he is worth two saints that we know.
Then they all got blind drunk, which combed their bliss,
And we kept up the practice from that day till this.

LONDON MAN A VICTIM IN LATEST RAILWAY WRECK

David Taylor, of This City, Killed in Disaster on C. P. R. at Islington, Near Toronto.

HE AND ANOTHER OF THE CREW SCALDED TO DEATH

Several of the Trainmen Injured, Among Them William Morrison, Formerly of This City—Taylor Had Worked on the Road a Year and a Half.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Toronto, March 17.—Brakeman David Taylor, of London, and Fireman Charles Winger, of Windsor, are the victims in the latest railway wreck. It occurred on the C. P. R. at Islington, four miles west of here at 7 o'clock this morning, a head-on collision between freight trains. Five of the crews of all ten men were injured. Engineer William Morrison, of Toronto, formerly of London, being one. The others were taken to their homes from the scene of the wreck.

AN AWFUL DEATH.
Taylor and Winger met with an awful death. They were scalded almost from head to foot. Both were brought to St. Michael's Hospital here in a dying condition, and lingered for two hours. Physicians rendered them insensible to pain.

A London man appears to have been at fault. George Spencer, C. P. R. dispatcher here, says an order was issued to the operator at Cooksville to give a crossing order to train 52 from west to cross an extra freight at Islington. Whether that order was given, or if given, disobeyed, he does not know. Conductor Jackson, of the east train, has a broken wrist, and Brakeman Grimes a badly cut head. They live at West Toronto. Both locomotives were wrecked and a number of cars.

Another dispatch from Toronto says: Winger, who had been married only a fortnight, died within ten minutes after reaching St. Michael's Hospital here, and Taylor died within half an hour of being admitted to the same institution. Morrison is of Toronto Junction, and the members of the family do not dare to break the news to him. Mrs. Taylor, while not so seriously ill, has become weaker, and through being a constant attendant upon her husband,

a half and previous to that time had assisted his father at the latter's pump factory on Wellington street. He was born in this city about 19 years ago, and had lived here all his life. His many friends will be grieved to hear of his untimely death. He was a member of several organizations, social and fraternal, from which he will be greatly missed. His parents, one sister and four brothers, one of whom, George, now of New Ontario, served a term in South Africa, survive.

WELL KNOWN HERE

Young Taylor Had Been Working on C. P. R. About a Year and a Half.

David Taylor, son of Mr. Benjamin Taylor, the well-known pump manufacturer of this city, was killed last night on the C. P. R. at Islington, near Toronto, while discharging his duties as a brakeman. It is thought that he

THE DOMINION ESTIMATES DOWN

Mr. Fielding Presents a Satisfactory Statement.

THE DEBT CHARGES ARE LESS

Many Grants Made for Harbor Works, Dredging and Public Buildings in Ontario.

Ottawa, March 17.—Hon. W. S. Fielding yesterday afternoon submitted to the house the main estimates for 1903-4. They provide for a total expenditure of \$7,108,974, of which amount \$6,429,739 is chargeable to capital, and \$679,235 to consolidated account. Of the total expenditure \$2,555,774 is authorized by statute, leaving \$4,553,200 to be voted by the house. The sum asked for in these estimates does not represent the total estimated expenditure for 1903-4, as supplementary estimates for further amounts will be brought down hereafter.

Referring to the details, it is noticed that there is an increase of \$30,230 in the amount voted for the quarantine service, and of \$150,000 for immigration, the total estimate under the latter head being \$356,000. The estimated capital outlay on the Intercolonial is \$2,645,550, being a decrease of \$1,355,450.

The estimates of the Postoffice Department contain an increase of \$29,310 in the appropriation for letter carriers' pay. Their increases come into effect under the graduated scale provided for by the act adopted last year. The increase for Toronto is \$4,749; Hamilton, \$826; London, \$1,206; Kingston, \$116; Ottawa, \$116. The

AN AGED CITIZEN DROPS DEAD AT HIS HOME

Mr. George Nelson, a Pensioner, Taken Off Suddenly.

He Was 84 Years of Age, But Had Not Been Ill.

Mr. George Nelson, an old pensioner, dropped dead this morning at the residence of his son, R. R. Nelson, 550 Waterloo street. Physicians attribute his death to apoplexy.

Mr. Nelson had been in good health up to the time of his death in spite of the fact that he was 84 years of age. He had just taken breakfast and was walking around, when he was seen to stagger and fall to the floor. When assistance arrived life was extinct.
Mr. Nelson was a native of Scotland and had lived in Canada many years. He was in the British army and was in receipt of a pension.
Besides Mr. R. R. Nelson, of this city, Mr. Nelson is survived by several other sons.



THE LATE DAVID TAYLOR.