

Calendar for April, 1909.

MOON'S PHASES. Full Moon 5d. 4h. 28m. p. m. Last Quarter 13d. 10h. 30m. a. m. New Moon 20d. 0h. 51m. a. m. First Quarter 27d. 4h. 36m. a. m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun, Moon, High Water, Low Water. Rows for days of the month from 1 to 30.

Lively Times in Parliament

Hon William Pugsley's seat was the storm centre in the Ottawa House of Commons for two hours on the afternoon of the 14th. Scenes of disorder approaching the Foster-Laurier jangle of ten days previously were witnessed. The Wednesday six o'clock adjournment rule put a stop to the uproar, both sides being no closer together than when Dr. Daniel precipitated the trouble about four o'clock, and next day the hostilities were resumed. It was all over the celebrated affidavit made by Garson S. Mayes, dredging contractor of St. John, on the eve of the last election. The affidavit charged that Mr. Mayes was induced to dredge a 500 cubic yard and substitute another tender at 55c, the difference of 5 cents a yard, totalling \$39,700 going to George McAvity, a Liberal politician. The affidavit was read by Premier Hazen of New Brunswick at a public meeting on October 12th. It also charged that in 1907, Mr. Mayes paid certain moneys to Mr. Pugsley, but there was an error in date and the affidavit should have read 1906, before Mr. Pugsley became a member of the Federal cabinet. This error was immediately corrected and the affidavit re-sworn to. Dr. Daniel attempted to move a resolution calling for an investigation of the McAvity-Mayes transaction and calling on the government to take steps to recover the \$39,700 paid as rake-off to McAvity, but he was met at the very first with objections and the whole time at the disposal of the house was taken up with heated arguments over points of order. Before the motion to go into supply, on which Dr. Daniel rose to move for the enquiry, the more recent matter of Mr. Pugsley's connection with the New Brunswick Railway and Coal Company was referred to. "I would like to ask the first minister a question," said Mr. Foster, "in addition to the one I put to him yesterday, and that is, as to whether he has yet received any copies of the report of the New Brunswick commission and if when he receives them he will lay one upon the table of the house, so that it may, if the house thinks proper, be printed for the information of the members of the house." Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied: "In regard to the latter request of my honorable friend, I do not think we are called upon to lay the document upon the table of the house and to have it printed. I may say that I this morning sent to the library to get a copy of that report and I received it about twelve o'clock. Hon Mr. Pugsley also observed: "May I be allowed to make just one remark: What has been printed is only part of the report. I think the report must mean the evidence and the documents. It is only when these are printed that one can readily understand what the report really is." Dr. Daniel began by declaring that the affidavit of Mr. Mayes was on all fours with the charges of Major Hodgins which were referred to a special committee to investigate. Yet the government had not moved to appoint a committee to investigate the Mayes charges. "Does the hon gentleman assert that there is an affidavit?" asked Mr. Pugsley. "Yes," replied Dr. Daniel, "I have the affidavit." (Conservative applause.) Mr. Pugsley asked that it be sent over to him. Dr. Daniel proceeded to read the affidavit and when he came to the part connecting Mr. Pugsley with receiving money from contractor Mayes he explained that there was a mistake in the date, and that this mistake was discovered by Mr. Hazen:

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Mr. Pugsley said all he asked was that the affidavit be sworn to and read by Mr. Hazen at the St. John public meeting be read by Dr. Daniel.

Dr. Daniel said he was reading the affidavit with the corrected date and re-sworn to.

Mr. Pugsley promptly objected. "I desire," he said, "to take objection to the honorable gentleman reading any statement reflecting on myself." (Loud Conservative laughter.) He appealed under the rule invoked by Mr. Foster recently.

He was willing that Dr. Daniel should read the affidavit as read by Mr. Hazen at the St. John meeting, as published throughout the press, but he objected to the reading of what purported to be an affidavit made months after the St. John meeting.

Dr. Sproule supposed that if the document were to end up by making a charge the charge must be supported by evidence outside the house.

"If he desires to make a charge," asserted Mr. Pugsley, "he is at liberty to do so and I shall welcome it but he must take the responsibility as a member of the house."

Dr. Sproule said he was reading exactly as the affidavit was read by Mr. Hazen.

Mr. Crockett reminded the minister that he (Crockett) attempted early in the session to read the original Mayes affidavit or quote from it.

Mr. Speaker ruled that if Dr. Daniel proposed to conclude with a motion asking that certain matters be referred to a committee he had no objection.

That was exactly what Dr. Daniel intended. He sent his resolution to Mr. Speaker who after reading it said there was no charge against the minister. Mr. Foster began an explanation of the affidavit. Among other things Mr. Mayes swore that he met Mr. Pugsley and that the latter "wanted money."

Mr. Pugsley interposed an objection and called for a retraction of the last statement but Mr. Foster held that he was only quoting the language of the affidavit.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had taken no part in the discussion up to this point, but he rose to say that the issue was whether the affidavit should be read. While that point was being discussed it was not allowable to read the affidavit or quote from it. If Dr. Daniel would take the responsibility of making a charge the affidavit would be in order.

Dr. Daniel was surprised at the attitude of Mr. Pugsley. If any honorable gentleman in the house ought to ask for a committee of investigation it was the minister of public works. If the charge could be disproved Mr. Pugsley ought to be the first to ask for the investigation.

Mr. Haughton Lennox discussed the point of order. The affidavit about to be read by Dr. Daniel re-

flected upon the honor of a public man.

"I ask my honorable friend to withdraw that statement," demanded Mr. Pugsley.

Mr. Lennox refused to admit that there was anything to withdraw, and Mr. Speaker read the rule which was that no member may say an offensive thing of another.

Mr. Lennox declared that he made no reflection upon the minister. He had simply made the statement which the minister himself had made time and again, that the affidavit about to be read contained a serious reflection upon the minister.

Mr. Crockett joined in, but his remark produced an uproar. Mr. Lennox put in an observation about a special train and the Conservative benches yelled "Comme special."

Mr. Crockett demanded a withdrawal and Mr. Lennox was willing to leave that to Mr. Speaker.

"I don't see anything to rule on" was the comment of Mr. Speaker. He observed that, as in the late Laurier-Foster episode the remark could only be applied to Mr. Crockett by inference.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not think Mr. Lennox intended to be offensive, if he did he should withdraw.

"The premier is out of order; the speaker has ruled," said Mr. Lennox.

Mr. Lennox continued. "Did the prime minister desire that this thing should be throttled or that there should be an investigation?"

The original point was discussed at great length when Mr. Speaker observed that he desired to have the opinion of old parliamentarians before giving his ruling. The old custom had been that no member should presume to make a charge without assuming responsibility. On that point he asked the opinion of the house before giving his ruling.

Mr. Crockett asked if the minister of public works admitted that there was a serious charge made against him.

Mr. Pugsley admitted it, but Dr. Daniel now proposed to read a new affidavit. The statement in the affidavit was false and Mr. Lennox was bound to take his word. If Mr. Daniel proposed to read the original affidavit and place it upon the table he was satisfied.

"That's what I've been trying to do for the last half hour," replied Dr. Daniel, who resumed his reading but Mr. Speaker interposed that he must not read any offensive words of another.

Dr. Daniel contended that the words could not be offensive to Mr. Pugsley since he had testified under them for months and not taken action.

Mr. Lancaster pointed out that no offensive word could be read or spoken of another, and Mr. Sutherland, ex-speaker, reading from May, held that when the charge had reference to something which occurred during the private life of a minister it was within the scope of the house.

Mr. Lancaster pointed out that Dr. Daniel's motion was to get back some money belonging to the people of this country and the doctor proposed to produce reasons why it should pass. He could not garble the evidence by leaving out any offensive words.

"If the motion," asked the premier, "is to investigate a rake-off wouldn't it be as complete without the reference to my honorable friend, Mr. Pugsley?"

"You would ask us to produce the evidence," replied Mr. Lancaster.

The house wrangled for some minutes on this point till finally Mr. Foster made an appeal to the prime minister. "Are we in a parliament or a madhouse?" asked Mr. Foster. "I leave the whole matter to the right honorable gentleman."

Sir Wilfrid said in reply to this query that, as on a previous occasion, it was for him to set the example. They had the rule that no member may speak offensively of another, but there was the exception in the case of a member who makes a charge, which he falls to prove would leave him open to grave censure. He cited several cases where such charges were made. Dr. Daniel should proceed with his speech remembering the caution of Mr. Speaker.

Hon. Mr. Haggart maintained that it was not competent for anyone to make a charge against Mr. Pugsley who was not a member of this house in 1905, and it was childish, boyish, babyish," for Mr. Pugsley to seek refuge in such a subterfuge.

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(St. John Standard.)

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