

# SHARP ATTACK ON GOVERNMENT

## Nationalist Leaders at Great Montreal Meeting Point to Unfitness of Laurier Cabinet for Longer Rule.

# REIGN OF CORRUPTION SHOULD BE ENDED

## "Reciprocity Adopted to Hide the Scandals of a Rotten Regime"—People Must be Consulted.

MONTREAL, May 31.—Fully six thousand people gathered in the Ontario street skating rink to hear Messrs. Monk, Bourassa and Lavergne open the Nationalist campaign in this province. Mr. Monk spoke strongly against reciprocity, while Mr. Lavergne contented himself with a denunciation of the administration, stating that reciprocity was a matter of figures and that he was interested in principles.

Mr. Bourassa outlined the ideals of the Nationalists, but little else on the subject of reciprocity, although he agreed that the government must appeal to the people at the polls before forcing such an important measure as reciprocity upon them.

Mr. Lavergne declared that the Laurier administration was corrupt, and merited the execration of the people. Reciprocity had been adopted to hide the scandals of a rotten regime. On the other hand, imperialists and a crowd of Toronto financiers could not persuade the people that reciprocity meant annexation.

When Mr. Monk rose to speak numerous delegates from all parts of the province hastened to present requests to him expressing the confidence of those they represented. Mr. Monk turned his attention to political topics, setting forth the weakness of the present administration and explaining the aims and ideals of the Nationalists. Particular attention was paid to reciprocity, the Canadian navy and alleged government corruption and abuses.

Mr. Monk declared that the government through its long period of office holding had come to regard itself as the master instead of the servant of the people. This had been shown in the naval bill when two ministers involved the people in an agreement upon which they had never been consulted and refused their demands for a plebiscite.

Reciprocity came, he declared, because President Taft on one hand found the American people to revolt against high tariff, and on the other the Canadian ministers wanted their people to forget the navy scheme and such hideous nightmares as had been unearthed in the Drummond-Artibaska campaign and shown by the Quebec bridge and immigration schemes. He denounced the ministry for arranging reciprocity through a series of clandestine meetings, and declared that the adoption of the reciprocity policy was a tactical error, inasmuch as the Democrats were about to come into power in the United States and all the privileges which Canada was now obtaining at a cost would later have been granted to the country free.

As to annexation, declared Mr. Monk, the Nationalists held to the Canadian ideal, with the maintenance of our autonomy. We wish to remain in the Empire and fulfill our duties in this connection, he declared, without abandoning our self-governing rights, and imperiling our legitimate expansion. As examples of government abuses, Mr. Monk dwelt at some length on the Quebec bridge and the Saskatchewan land deals.

# Derby Day Observance

LONDON, May 31.—Following the custom of his father, King George to dine with the members of the Jockey club at Buckingham Palace. Sunstar was severely jarred during the race and will probably require a long rest before he is again sent out under colors.

# Titanic Lanchoned

BELFAST, Ireland, May 31.—The White Star liner Titanic, a ship of the Olympic was launched here today, by J. Pierpont Morgan and J. Bruce Ismay of the White Star line witnessed the launching. The Titanic is of 45,000 tons register, 352 1-2 feet long and 92 1-2 feet broad.

# Nelson's Buildings

NELSON, B. C., May 31.—The building permits, the index to the construction activity in Nelson continues to soar upwards by leaps and bounds, the figures for this month showing an increase over those for May, last year of 243 per cent. The total permits issued this month aggregated in value \$18,945. The total for the year to date is \$87,732, while for the same period in 1910 it was \$53,000.

# IQUIQUE RIOTS

City Calms Down After Mob's Attack on Peruvians—Demonstration in Guayaquil

IQUIQUE, Chile, May 31.—Calm prevailed here today, following the recent rioting between Chileans and Peruvians, when a mob attacked the Peruvian club and burned a Peruvian flag. The military authorities have the situation well in hand.

GUAYAQUIL, Ecuador, May 31.—Ecuador's friendship for Chile was demonstrated here again last night, following the publication of the news that rioting between Peruvians and Chileans at Iquique probably would result in hostilities.

A large meeting was called to express the sympathy of Ecuadorians for Chileans. Great crowds paraded the streets, cheering for the Chilean republic. The people were orderly, and at midnight dispersed to their homes.

# Twenty-Five Drowned

BERLIN, May 31.—Twenty-five persons perished in the floods which followed several cloudbursts yesterday in Southern Germany. Great damage was done to crops.

# Winnipeg's Police Record

WINNIPEG, May 31.—The police court cases disposed of during May totalling 1,134, made a new record for any one month for any city west of Toronto. Of these 331 were for breach of bylaws and 38 drunks.

# Pope Pius' Ailment

LONDON, May 31.—The Morning News prints a despatch from Rome stating that it has been confirmed that Pope Pius is suffering from hardening of the walls of the heart, and that the seriousness of his condition is privately admitted by the Vatican attaché.

# Regina Lawuits

REGINA, Sask., May 31.—The Municipal Construction Company, Ltd., of which local men are at the head, has issued a writ for \$14,000 against the city for damages for breach of contract. The suit is in regard to sewer construction work on which the company was engaged in 1907.

# Drowned at Tranquille

TRANQUILLE, B. C., May 31.—P. Lycolholm, employed as a fisherman on the C. P. R. telegraph construction, was drowned here Sunday afternoon while fishing. The canoe in which Lycolholm was upset, throwing the man into the water, and in his endeavors to recover his place in the canoe it upset a second time, and before assistance could reach him he disappeared. It was supposed he was set with cramps. The body was recovered yesterday afternoon.

# GREATER EMPIRE YET TO COME

Chancellor Lloyd George's Eloquent Speech at Eighty Club Banquet—Great Britain and Her Daughters.

LONDON, May 31.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, at the Eighty Club dinner to delegates to the Imperial conference, proposing "Our Guests," said:

"We have gathered here to welcome the prime ministers of the great self-governing dominions of the British Empire. We welcome them not merely for the great distinction of their careers, but also for the positions they hold and the great peoples they represent. This is no party demonstration, none the less is it a demonstration by a party.

"We regard the self-governing dominions with respect and admiration, the conferring of self-government upon the great communities of the Empire is the greatest of all achievements of Liberalism. Our great statesmen in the past faced misrepresentation and obloquy, dared even political ruin, to confer freedom upon these great communities. We see with pride how they have grown in strength, influence and power, but above all in the art of self-government they have added to the store of experience from which humanity can draw in settlement of its great problems, and as a party we feel we can share in the triumphant vindication of democratic government which they present to the civilized world.

"We also observe with a glow of satisfaction how as they assume the form and attitude of independent communities, their attachment to the Mother Land grows. Generation by generation, decade by decade, conference by conference, it flourishes. Year by year it bears fruit, and will bear more abundant fruit in the future, for it has struck its roots deep in the rich soil of liberty. (Cheers.) There is no greater mistake that statesmanship can make than to imagine that the narrow patriotism excludes the wider one.

"We have another special interest as Liberals in our self-governing dominions. We study and watch with care and admiration the spirit of emulation of their bold social experiments. (Cheers.) It is an inspiration for us to see how the daring spirit of enterprise, in 1910 it was \$53,000.

# VOTE NEXT WEEK ON RECIPROCITY

## Senate Finance Committee Practically Concludes Hearing of Interests Likely to be Affected by Bill.

# BUT ONE AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED

## New York Agents of National Grange are Questioned—Help Given by Other Interests in Campaign.

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Public hearings on the Canadian reciprocity bill practically were concluded by the senate finance committee today, and next Wednesday was fixed as the time when a vote will be taken on reporting the measure. No amendments other than that offered by Senator Root on the paper clause will have any chance for consideration, it was said by a member of the committee. The Root amendment, it was added, will have to be materially modified before it can be accepted.

It was directed to request officers of the Associated Press and newspaper publishers' association to appear next Monday to answer some questions in regard to the paper and pulp section of the agreement. Lumber, paper and woolen manufacturing interests, according to the testimony given by Joseph H. Allen, of New York, offered to contribute to the fight being made against reciprocity by the National Grange. Mr. Allen, whose firm is employed to help the grange in its campaign, acknowledged that Mr. Wood, president of the American Woolen company, Arthur C. Hastings, president of the American Paper and Pulp association, Chester W. Lyman, assistant to the president of the International Paper company, and Leonard Bronson, general manager of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, had volunteered contributions to the fight.

Whitely Graham of this firm, which he admitted was not a law firm at all, notwithstanding the claim of N. P. Hull, master of the Michigan grange, that it was employed as the farmers' legal advisers, was asked if any interests other than the National Grange contributed.

"We have been promised nothing," he replied, "but we do expect that any manufacturer who is interested in this matter, and who appreciates what we are doing, will contribute to our work. If they do, we will be glad to take it." Senator Williams asked Mr. Allen how it was that if his firm had not done anything for the lumber people or paper interests, Messrs. Lyman, Bronson and Hastings had offered to contribute to the cause.

"It was voluntary on their part," replied Mr. Allen. He added that his firm would receive a contribution from anybody who felt like contributing. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4.)

# NARROW ESCAPE OF LADY DUDLEY

## Automobile in Which She Was Riding Crushed Between Two Electric Cars in Street of Sydney.

MELBOURNE, May 31.—A startling automobile accident which occurred in the streets of Sydney nearly cost the life of Lady Dudley, the wife of the governor-general.

Her ladyship was motoring to Bondi in a big fifty-horsepower car when the chauffeur in a narrow part of Oxford street tried to dash between two oncoming electric cars. The motorcar of the trams, which were coming from opposite directions, saw the automobile as it turned rapidly in an attempt to pass between them. They applied their brakes with all their force, but were unable to check the speed of the car, which caught the automobile and crushed it like an eggshell. Only the centre of the vehicle was left intact.

The countess was badly shaken, but luckily escaped without injury. She complained of the shock, and entering a cab at once was conveyed without delay to the government house. The chauffeur was unhurt.

# VANCOUVER CHANGE

Company Proposed of Lord Glenosness and Other English Capitalists Business

VANCOUVER, May 31.—The business interests of the financial and insurance firm of Messrs. Nathan, McFarland and Frost have been taken over by the London and British American company, recently organized in England with a capital of \$5,000,000, half of which has been issued and subscribed.

Interested in the purchasing company are the British capitalists associated with Lord Glenosness, who, as Sir Edward Tennant, recently visited Vancouver. Mr. Marlborough Proyer is chairman of the board of directors, members of which are Mr. E. R. S. Balfour, Mr. Hargreaves Brown and Mr. Ernest Evans, the latter for many years a prominent business man in Vancouver.

The taking over of the aforesaid business will occur almost immediately. Mr. J. W. McFarland, one of the leading members of the firm, will retire after a successful participation in the city's commercial life extending over many years. The active management will be retained by Mr. E. R. S. Balfour and Mr. F. J. Proyer, it being understood that Mr. Proyer will occupy the position of general manager. Mr. Leonard, of Messrs. Leonard, Bonthron and company of this city will be also connected with the management here.

# Milwaukee Road's Trials

TACOMA, May 31.—The first through train from Chicago over the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound Railroad rolled into Tacoma at 8:30 tonight, with a crowd of 2500 citizens, including a large number of women. The train arrived exactly on schedule time.

# Plans for Ten-Story Building

WINNIPEG, May 31.—The Winnipeg electric railway company is preparing plans for the erection of a ten-story building on the site 100 feet square, recently acquired at the corner of Notre Dame and Albany streets. As soon as the company moves out of the present building on Portage avenue, the Quebec bank will erect a new building there.

# Yacht Still Ashore

CAPE SAN ANTONIO, Cuba, May 31.—(Via wireless to New Orleans).—E. C. Benedict's yacht, "Vivian," is still aground on a reef near Jutias Cay light, on the Cuban coast. A wrecking tug from Kingston, Jamaica, is expected to reach here Friday morning. The tug, which started from Key West, was delayed and turned back today. With fine weather, a smooth sea and no signs of the vessel leaking, no apprehension is felt by the members of Mr. Benedict's party.

# MONTH'S FIGURES BREAK RECORDS

## Bank Clearings for May Largest of Any Monthly Total in Local History—Big Quarterly Increase.

May established a record for growth in bank clearings, the total as shown by the clearing house returns reaching the figures of \$12,870,535, the largest monthly total in the history of the city being an increase over the same month of a year ago of no less than 45.186,491 or seventy per cent. The total clearings for the first five months of the year aggregated \$54,815,156 compared with \$38,589,852 last year and \$24,434,071 for the corresponding period in 1908, an increase of fifty-four and 124 per cent respectively.

The above figures furnish an indication of the growing importance of the city from a commercial and industrial standpoint and show the exceptionally healthy business conditions prevailing here.

The monthly totals for the year to date, compared with similar months in 1910 and 1909, were as follows:

	1911	1910	1909
Jan. . . . .	\$ 9,913,716	\$ 7,890,767	\$ 4,235,476
Feb. . . . .	9,078,381	8,404,570	4,321,397
Mar. . . . .	12,585,220	7,170,088	4,950,269
April . . . . .	11,493,804	7,239,333	5,529,870
May . . . . .	12,870,535	7,485,044	5,497,068
	\$64,815,156	\$38,589,852	\$24,434,071

# Last of Chief Factors

WINNIPEG, May 31.—Archibald McDonald, of Fort Snelling, Sask., retired today from the Hudson Bay company after 57 years' service. 42 of which were served as a commissioned officer. He is the last of the chief factors of the company in active service. For the last few years no chief factors have been named by the company.

# Emperor Francis Joseph

GOBELLE, Hungary, May 31.—Emperor Francis Joseph received in audience Count Kiben von Hadervary, the Hungarian premier this afternoon, and subsequently entertained the Hungarian statesman at luncheon. The emperor, whose appearance belied the recent scares published concerning his health will leave the royal palace tomorrow for the Austrian capital.

# TO TIGHTEN TIES OF DOMINIONS

## Speakers from Overseas Parts of Empire Give Their Views at Dinner of Canadian Club in London.

# SIR WILFRID DWELLS ON CANADA'S FUTURE

## New Zealand's Premier Urges Better Means of Communication—Many Distinguished Guests Present.

LONDON, May 31.—An exceptionally large gathering attended the Canadian club dinner today, at which Lord Strathcona presided. Among those attending were Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. E. P. Broder, Sir Joseph Ward, Hon. Lewis Harcourt, Premier McBride, Hon. W. J. Bower, Sir Byron E. Walker, Hon. G. W. Brown, C. K. Desbarats, Col. Sam Hughes, Dr. J. A. Macdonald, Sir William Mackenzie, Sir Donald Mann, Hon. Walter Scott, Hon. A. L. Sifton and A. W. Smitthors.

Premier Laurier, responding to the toast of "The Dominion" delivered a lengthy eulogy on Lord Strathcona, and afterwards, speaking on Canada's growth, said the country had really only been discovered within the last ten or twelve years. It was a new continent in the western sky, a land fit for hardy men and offering to all those British institutions which Canada cherished as the apple of the eye. She was the pride of the twentieth century, a gem in the British crown.

Sir Joseph Ward said he regarded Canada as the half-way house between the people of the Pacific and the United Kingdom. He realized fully that in the future years there would be a much closer association between Canada and Australia and New Zealand. What was wanted was that New Zealand should be within 21 days of London and 13 of Canada. This would draw the people of New Zealand to Canada and make all the parts of the empire one in reality. Premier Laurier has already negotiated a direct steamship line across the Pacific and now Great Britain should help in the same way across the Atlantic. In the great galaxy of countries under the British crown there was one unimportant, directed to bringing about practical co-operation in making the world desirable.

Sir Byron E. Walker said the great problem before Canada was the making of immigrants of the various nationalities a part of the British people. Probable part of the next half century Canada would have to rely on England for her credit and look to England for money for further development.

# Calgary Ousted Park

CALGARY, May 31.—The Dominion government has notified the hospital directors that it would need three large lots, aggregating 19 acres, if the hospital would use it as a park.

# REV. N. PLASS NOW ON TRIAL

## He and Others Charged with Using U. S. Mails to Defraud in Connection with Investment Company.

BOSTON, May 31.—The trial of Rev. Norman Plasse, John T. Traphagen and Charles H. Brooks, charged with using the mails to defraud, opened here today.

The defendants formerly did business under the name of the Redeemable Investment company. Mr. Plasse for several years was president of Washburn College, Topeka, Kas.

He was a friend of ex-Secretary of the Interior Ballinger, and it is alleged that Mr. Ballinger's name was forged to a letter of recommendation that was sent broadcast by the company.

In his opening statement, District Attorney French said the government would show that the redemption fund was allowed to accumulate to about \$20,000, and that beginning March 31, 1910, the three defendants began to plunder it by manipulating the books and making false entries.

# ARBITRATION IN GERMANY

Prominent Newspapers Speak Well of President Taft's Proposal—Officials Are Rejoicing

BERLIN, May 31.—The German government's interest in President Taft's proposal for an unrestricted arbitration treaty has made a favorable impression on these German newspapers that have commented on the American president's proposition. The American newspaper says that such a treaty as the one proposed by Mr. Taft is quite possible and would be extremely beneficial.

The Berliner Abend Post thinks that the willingness to consider the arbitration proposal is a masterpiece of German diplomacy, defeating the scheme of certain circles which have been continually trying to embroil the United States and Germany.

Government officials here refrain from expressing a definite opinion regarding the proposal, with which they are not yet fully acquainted. The concluding phrases of the Cologne Gazette's article seems fairly to reflect the general sentiment in Germany.

# Austrian Emperor's Health

LONDON, May 31.—Rumors reached here tonight from Paris that Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, had died suddenly. A despatch from Vienna received about midnight, however, gives a semi-official statement that the improvement in the Emperor's condition continues. It is said that he drives daily. The emperor, according to this despatch, intends to grant a farewell audience tomorrow to the Hungarian premier.

# Charges Made by Coal Miners

WASHINGTON, May 31.—As a result of charges laid before the house committee on mines today by miners and labor representatives against the coal mine companies and their representatives in the Westmoreland coal fields, in Pennsylvania, the committee will permit representatives of the mining companies to appear and will attempt to start out the case against the pending strike in the coal district. The delegation of coal miners, led by Representatives Wilson and Gregg of Pennsylvania, presented testimony to show that indiscriminate killing, vicious conditions of work, inferior wages with the United States mails and widespread abuse of the authority of the law, had marked the progress of the strike.

Mr. O. C. Bass, counsel for the owners of the Sechelt, reviewed the evidence given, without consideration of that of the experts called with regard to steamship types. He referred to the inspector's evidence that the steamer was suitable for the run, of how Mr. Robertson, machinery inspector said her engines were exceptionally strong and in good condition and of Mr. Kinghorn's evidence that he would give the Sechelt a certificate against the wreck of the steamer Belcarra. Mr. Justice Martin said valuable information had been given which would result in public benefit when the report was given, which would not be for some time, as he had received instructions to postpone his investigations to cover enquiry conducted by the steamers Princess May and Belcarra, and when the four investigations were concluded the reports would result in the public interest.

# OVER A MILLION FOR BUILDINGS

## Value of Structures Erected in First Five Months of This Year Show Large Proportionate Increase.

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During the month a total of ninety permits were issued while for the same month a year ago the total was fifty-seven. For the five months a total of 451 permits have been issued compared with 325 last year.

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# G. P. B. Stock Up

MONTREAL, June 1.—The market was unusually bullish this morning, Canadian Pacific and Detroit United being big features. Canadian Pacific opened at 239, a new high record, and then climbed on big buying and crop prospects to 239 1/2.

# Severe Storm in London

LONDON, May 31.—The exceptionally high temperature that has prevailed during May culminated this evening in a terrific thunderstorm in London and the southern and western suburbs. Many persons were killed by lightning, which also struck numerous churches and other buildings. The storm was accompanied by a discharge of rain.

# SECHLT CASE IS CONCLUDED

## Mr. Justice Martin Announces that Finding Will Not be Given for Some Time as to Wrecked Vessel.

# MORE INVESTIGATIONS ARE TO BE HELD

## Inquiry is Ordered Concerning Princess May Stranding and Wreck of Vancouver Steamer Belcarra.

More regulations governing the construction of steamers of the shade or shelter deck type such as are used in these waters, regulations for loading and stowing cargo, and better supervision generally of steamers carrying passengers were suggested by Mr. W. H. Langley, counsel for the crown, in closing the Sechelt enquiry yesterday morning. After Capt. Jarvis had given evidence refuting the statements of Mr. Ella regarding lack of fog on the coast, etc., the counsel reviewed the evidence, and Mr. Justice Martin announced that a finding would not be given for some time, as the investigation into the Iroquois disaster was delayed until after the trial of Capt. Sears, of that vessel, for manslaughter at the assizes next week, and as instructions had come from Ottawa to hold two other investigations, concerning the stranding of the C. P. R. steamer Princess May on Sentinel Island, Lynn canal, and the wreck of the steamer Belcarra. Mr. Justice Martin said valuable information had been given which would result in public benefit when the report was given, which would not be for some time, as he had received instructions to postpone his investigations to cover enquiry conducted by the steamers Princess May and Belcarra, and when the four investigations were concluded the reports would result in the public interest.

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