

WOULD GRANT BONUSES FOR SHIPBUILDING

Position of Canada's Merchant Marine Referred to in Parliament--Will Investigate Collapse of Tower of East Block.

(Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, Ont., April 5.—An architectural disaster within the precincts of parliament the shortcomings of the marine laws and the government's power over the Yukon council were the items of chief interest in the house today.

A committee on the Lord's Day bill was named by the minister of justice. It consists of Dr. J. W. Daniel, St. John, N. B.; Ames, Montreal; R. A. Pringle, Stormont; W. J. Roche, Marquette; E. M. MacDonald, Pictou; C. MacDonnell, Toronto; H. H. Miller, South Grey; C. Geoffrion, Chambly; J. H. Sinclair, Guysboro. This provides representation from all parts of Canada.

The house went into supply on the inferior estimates and had a row lasting over an hour over a grant of \$5,000 by the Dawson council towards a rain-maker's outfit. The prime minister made it clear that while the government might cancel the commissions of the representatives it appointed on the Yukon council, it could not dictate to the council what its actions should be. The house adjourned at 12:30.

The minister of justice said there was no intention to enact an impracticable law. The transportation of perishable goods would not be delayed. There might be a provision for handling fruit after the arrival of trains.

Mr. Bourassa thought a man outside the department should make the investigation. Mr. Hyman agreed to this and said he would have it attended to immediately. F. D. Monk said the committee on agriculture had yesterday ordered a witness, W. D. Scott, commissioner of immigration, to cable and find out who composed the North Atlantic Trading Company. He had been informed the minister of the interior had countermanded the order. This was a very grave infringement of the principles of the house. The day had passed when a minister could defy parliament.

Mr. Oliver said in his opinion the order of a committee was superior to that of a minister. This was a very grave infringement of the principles of the house. The day had passed when a minister could defy parliament. The prime minister promised the information. To a question by Col. Sam Hughes, the minister of militia replied that military bands in uniform were forbidden to take part in parades or demonstrations held for political purposes.

LUMBERMEN READY FOR STREAM DRIVING

Good Men Are Scarce and Demand Big Wages—Prospects Are Good, However.

(Special to the Sun.) FREDERICTON, April 5.—Within the next few days hundreds of men will be taking the trains from here en route to the scene of the stream driving operations. Some of these men will go into Quebec province, others will not leave the province at all.

A prominent lumberman said this morning that good men for the drives seem to be scarce, which may be due to the fact that many have already been engaged and that probably more men are wanted this year than for the past few years. The cut during the past winter has been heavy on all the streams, and thus a great many men are needed to do the stream driving.

Then the firm state of the market makes it so that all of the lumbermen are anxious to get their logs to the mills so that they can be saved as soon as possible. From \$1.75 to \$2 per day is the average wage being offered by the lumber operators to the stream drivers, but in some cases the best men are receiving as high as \$2.25 per day.

STRIKING COAL MINERS OFFER TO ARBITRATE

If Disputes Are Submitted to Independent Tribunal Strike Will End at Once—Operators Defer Reply—Refusal Expected.

NEW YORK, April 5.—Having failed to come to an agreement among themselves, the hard coal miners of Pennsylvania through their representatives today proposed to the operators that all matters in dispute be referred to a board of arbitration for settlement. The tribunal to be composed of the board of conciliation which was created by the award of the anthracite strike commission in 1903, and Judge George Gray of Delaware or any person he may appoint as chairman and umpire.

The operators accept the proposition and a convention of mine workers approves the plan, the 160,000 men now idle in the anthracite fields will return to work at once. While it had been reported for several days that the miners might ask that the differences be arbitrated, the proposition made to the mine owners today came to them with a great surprise, as they did not believe the union leaders were ready to leave the controversy to a third party at this time.

That the operators will accept the miners' proposal as submitted is not generally believed. In fact, it is intimated they may flatly refuse the offer on the ground that existing conditions are the result of arbitration. The employers have decided to carefully consider the miners' latest move and promise to give President Mitchell and his men an answer on Monday when another meeting of the two sub-committees will be held.

THE MINERS' OFFER. The text of the arbitration proposal as submitted to the operators is as follows: "The sub-committee of operators and miners met at one o'clock today and the miners submitted the following proposition: 'The committee desiring to consider the proposition of December 14 last, representing the employees of the various companies operating the mines, washeries and breakers in the anthracite coal region, having under consideration our proposition as you dated February 27, together with your committee's proposition of March, which was a continuation of the award of the anthracite coal strike commission and a letter from the governor of Pennsylvania, in which you stated the great public interest, aside from those we represent directly, that it is our duty to make some further effort and even a sacrifice of what we believe justly our due in the matter of wages and conditions of employing in order that a great public calamity may be averted. Therefore we propose that, subject to the approval of a convention of anthracite mine workers which shall be called at the earliest date possible, the difference between us, as stated in our proposition and your counter-propositions, be referred for determination and settlement to a board of arbitration.'

"Judge Gray may be all right, but some one else may be all wrong," was the way one operator expressed it. Judge Gray was asked tonight at his residence about the board of conciliation. He was willing to act as an umpire in the event of the operators accepting President Mitchell's proposition. He declined to discuss the subject, giving as his reason that he had not been officially requested to serve in that capacity.

OUTSIDE OPINIONS. PHILADELPHIA, April 5.—In the anthracite region the arbitration proposition made by the miners' representatives during the conference in New York today is regarded in varying lights by the different interests involved. Those of the operators in the region who could be expected to venture an opinion expressed the belief that it will not be accepted. Various reasons for its rejection are advanced, among them the disinclination of the operators to leave the solution of technical problems to an umpire who might prove incompetent.

"The fact that President Mitchell's proposition was not presented before he ordered a suspension of mining, it is declared, is likely to militate against it. An official of the Mine Workers' Union at Scranton said tonight: "The operators have been flooding the papers and magazines with facts and figures to prove what an excellent institution the board of conciliation is. Now, Mitchell has put it up to them to accept his proposition or admit that they did not mean all the nice things they said about the board of conciliation. Mitchell has them up a tree and they have got to come to his terms."

PITTSBURG, April 5.—Gradually the situation in the soft coal mining fields is assuming a normal aspect. Forty-three of the mines of the Pittsburgh Coal Co. were reported in operation today, and with the adjourning of the district convention here today it is expected that it will be but a few days more when all the mines in this district will be in operation. This tonight was said to apply as well to the independent operators, who have heretofore fought the granting of the advance demanded by the miners as to those operators who have already signed the scale.

SEDAN, Kan., April 5.—Phillip Pitt Campbell, of Pittsburg, Kan., was renominated for congress today by acclamation, by the third Kansas district republican convention.

THE OPERATORS REPLY. The conference of the sub-committees lasted less than an hour, and at its conclusion the operators held a meeting to informally discuss the miners' offer. Later in the day they issued the following statement: "It should be observed that in the astutely drawn proposition of Mr. Mitchell and his committee, the operators are asked to submit to arbitration the question of the closed shop and the 'check-off' scheme, requiring in the words of the miners' committee, 'that each company shall collect from each employe such amounts as may be levied by their respective organizations monthly, the amount thus collected at each colliery to be turned over to an authorized committee at the colliery, a plan which would make every operator a collecting agency on behalf of the strike fund of the miners. In their letter of March 9 to the

miners' committee the operators said concerning the 'check-off': 'As a matter of policy we would not make such an agreement as you request, and as a matter of law we are not permitted to make it.' 'On these two subjects also the anthracite coal commission of 1903, appointed by President Roosevelt, made the following vigorous declaration: 'The right to remain at work where others have ceased to work, or to engage anew in work which others have abandoned, is part of the personal liberty of a citizen that can never be surrendered, and every infringement thereof merits and should receive the stern denunciation of the law. All government implies restraint and it is not less, but more, necessary in self-governed communities than in others to compel restraint of the passions of men which they did not believe the union leaders were ready to leave the controversy to a third party at this time.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., April 4.—The attendance at Grand Lodge was greatly augmented on reopening this morning. Several counties submitted reports. They were Northumberland, St. John, Queens east, York Carleton north, Westmorland, Queens west. Each reported the order in a flourishing condition, with excellent prospects for the future. The committee on establishing an Orange orphanage for the maritime provinces stated that practically nothing of a definite character took place during the year, through a misunderstanding between the several jurisdictions. It is intended to hold a meeting of the joint committee early in the coming summer, when it was probable that something of a definite nature would be accomplished.

FRANK, Alberta, April 5.—Corporal E. W. Dimberley, in charge of the Mounted Police barracks here, committed suicide today. He had been killed by a woman.

FREDERICTON MAN'S SUCCESS IN THE WEST. FREDERICTON, April 3.—Friends of Dr. A. W. Akerley, formerly of this city, will be pleased to learn of his success at the medical council in Toronto this year. H. F. McLeod, P. E. Heine, R. Maxwell, J. W. Clarke, A. D. Thomas, Rev. G. W. Fulton, N. J. Morrison, H. G. Wadman, Col. A. J. Armstrong, W. B. Wallace, S. B. Bustin, David Hipwell, Geo. F. Dryden and R. G. Magee, the latter seven being altar boys.

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A MATTER OF HEALTH ROYAL BAKING POWDER Absolutely Pure HAS NO SUBSTITUTE A Cream of Tartar Powder free from alum or phosphatic acid.

HORRIBLE MURDER OF LITTLE MONTREAL GIRL Five Year Old Ida Mary Ahern Outraged and Killed by Drunken Fiend, Who is Now Being Searched for by Detectives.

(Special to the Sun.) MONTREAL, April 5.—The mutilated body of Ida Mary Ahern, five years of age, was found this morning in the woods at Cote St. Paul, a suburb of the city. The little girl rested with her parents on Napoleon street, St. Cuneogonde, and was last seen alive on Tuesday evening. Then she was seen by John Darling, who works in a saw mill on the canal bank, in company with a man partially intoxicated. Darling helped the couple over a bridge at the rear of the mill. The little girl was crying, but he paid no particular attention to the fact at the time, believing the man in her company to be her father. There was no clothing on the body of the child when found except its boots and shoes. The clothing was found previous to the discovery of the body in the yard of the church at Cote St. Paul, and the police have found a woman who saw a man throw them over a fence. The description given by her tallies with that given by Darling, and hopes are expressed that he will be found before long. The case has created much excitement.

FAVORS EXTENSION OF RAILWAYS THROUGH N.B. (Special to the Sun.) OTTAWA, April 5.—Hon. John Costigan tonight gave a dinner in the senate restaurant to a delegation from Victoria and Madawaska, Hon. H. R. Emerson, Hon. C. Robinson, speaker of the New Brunswick house; C. J. LeBlanc, M. P. for Kent; James Burgess and J. P. Tweeddale, M. P.'s for Victoria; T. Burgess, M. P. for Gloucester; Mr. Butler, deputy minister of railways, and the following gentlemen from Victoria: James McNair, James McPhail, J. E. Stewart, J. Flinders and W. Armstrong.

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