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SENATORS DISCUSSING THE AGRICULTURE BILL

Liberals, of Course, Object Because it is Government Measure

PRINCIPLE OF BILL IS HOWEVER UPHOLD

Even Senators Not in Sympathy with Government Agree in Wisdom of Aiding Agriculture, but Criticize Details of Bill.

Ottawa, Ont., May 14.—The Senate today began discussion on the Agricultural Aid Bill. There was a difference of opinion as to the effect of the provisions. The opposition announced that it was not opposed to the principle of the bill but wanted to be sure of details.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed advanced through committee a government bill amending the adulteration act by fixing a standard for turpentine and arsenate of lead. Hon. Mr. Loughheed stated that at present turpentine before the opening of the Panama Canal, and another at the terminal of the Hudson Bay Railway.

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GRAIN ACT AMENDMENT PUT THROUGH

Empowers Government to Build and Operate Interior Terminal Elevators — One on the Pacific Before Canal Opens.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Ont., May 14.—The House today was occupied during the afternoon and evening sittings with the consideration of government bills.

The Animals' Contagious Diseases Act which increases the indemnification to owners of diseased animals slaughtered under the act, was passed as was also the bill to amend the Grain Act, the chief provision of which is to empower the government to establish and operate interior terminal elevators.

Mr. Peley, acting Minister of Trade and Commerce, announced that additional elevator capacity of 12,000,000 bushels was being furnished at the head of the Great Lakes, also that a terminal elevator would be established on the Pacific Coast before the opening of the Panama Canal, and another at the terminal of the Hudson Bay Railway.

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ASK AN INJUNCTION MUNICIPAL HOME SALE

Citizens Indignant Over Council's Action on Tuesday.

DEAL PROPOSED IS RIDICULOUS

Hon. John E. Wilson Engages Counsel to Ask for Injunction—Other Members Speak for City's Interests—Mayor Expects People to Act.

Events have moved rapidly since the Municipal Council, on Tuesday, decided to grant an option to sell the Municipal Home property to the Eastern Trust Company for \$75,000. A searching enquiry is now a general demand throughout the city and county so that all the facts in relation to this transaction may be fully investigated. The Standard is informed that a number of prominent citizens have decided to retain H. A. Powell, K. C., with a view to applying for an injunction to prevent the sale of this property to the Eastern Trust Company on the terms stated.

The reports of recent meetings of the Municipal Council which preceded the granting of this option and all which the matter was debated will be briefly reviewed.

A private meeting of the council was held on February 23rd last and from information secured by The Standard from councillors after the meeting it appears that the Eastern Trust Company wanted a six months' option on the property and made an offer to purchase for \$150,000. An alternative proposal made by parties represented by Mr. Cyrus F. Inches was said to be of a similar nature.

On the following day, February 26th, another private meeting of the Council was held. The offers were further considered and according to the report given to The Standard it was decided to call for tenders and not to grant either the application for an option on the property. The Eastern Trust Company wanted, it was said, an option to purchase for \$150,000, and Mr. Inches wanted an option to purchase for \$152,500. It was also stated that neither of the option seekers informed the councilors what they wanted the property for.

The Standard was also informed by councilors present that the reason why it was decided to call for tenders for the purchase of the Municipal Home was that they felt the developments at Courtenay Bay would make it necessary to remove the home, and that the sooner they made plans for removing the better. There was also a report that "there was an agreement which favored the Eastern Trust Company." Tenders were called for and in due course a special meeting of the council was held on April 1st to consider the bids. In The Standard's report on the meeting it was stated that the Warden explained the reason the meeting was called and then added: "The council would now be in a position to deal with any proposition which might be made to them and try to make a bargain with anybody who wanted the Home.

The report in the press yesterday of the meeting of the Council on Tuesday announced that by the majority vote of the council, four city commissioners voting nay, it had been decided to give an option to the Eastern Trust Company, which applied on behalf of the city to purchase the Municipal Home property for the sum of \$75,000, the option to be taken up on November 1st, 1913. The company undertook to pay \$25,000 when it took up the option, \$25,000 in May, 1914, and \$25,000 on November 1st, 1914.

Will Apply Today For an Injunction.

Application for an injunction to prohibit the county council giving effect to its decision to grant an option to purchase the Municipal Home property for \$75,000 to the Eastern Trust Company will probably be made today. A number of prominent citizens who disapprove of the action of the county council have retained the services of H. A. Powell, K. C., and instructed him, if possible, to secure an injunction as soon as he could.

Yesterday, the action of the council Continued on page 2.

AN EXPLANATION NEEDED

The Standard, in the interests of the ratepayers of the city and county of St. John demands an explanation of the action of the Municipal Council at Tuesday's meeting in giving to the Eastern Trust Company an option to purchase the Municipal Home property for \$75,000 in view of the fact that in February last the Council rejected an offer from the same company to purchase the same property for \$150,000.

The motion to give the option for \$75,000 was made by Councillor McLellan and the vote on it was as follows:

Yea—
McLELLAN,
SMITH,
GOLDING,
SHILLINGTON,
LONG,
DEAN,
BRYANT,
STEPHENSON,
HOWARD,
BLACK,
CARSCADEN.

Nay—
AGAR,
SCHOFIELD,
FRINK,
WIGMORE.

ANOTHER BIG TORNADO HITS TOWN IN WEST

Nine Dead and Many Injured as Result of Tornado in Seward, Nebraska—Communication Lines Damaged.

Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—A tornado struck the town of Seward, 50 miles west of Lincoln tonight, about six o'clock. Nine were killed and many injured.

Three of the dead are: Mrs. B. L. Wasserman, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. David P. Hooper.

Communication with Seward is difficult, as wires are down. It is reported damage was done at the town of Luskton, farther west, but its extent is not known.

INTERNATIONAL FORCE HAS ENTERED SCUTARI

Cettigne, Montenegro, May 14.—An international naval force, commanded by Vice-Admiral Cecil Burney, of the British navy, took possession today of the fortress of Scutari. The international force was escorted into the city by a Montenegrin guard of honor.

SON OF A DUKE TO MARRY ACTRESS

Lord Edward Fitzgerald, youngest brother of the Duke of Leinster, the premier duke of Ireland, is engaged to marry Miss May Etheridge, a beautiful young actress, next month. Each is twenty-one.

"I don't know a bit how people found it out," Miss Etheridge said, "but it is quite true, and we are going to live in Lord Fitzgerald's ancestral home in Ireland."

HON. MR. WHITE'S MOTHER SHOWS IMPROVEMENT

Cargill, Ont., May 14.—Some improvement was noted today in the condition of Mrs. White, mother of Hon. Mr. W. White, Minister of Finance. Mr. White and his half brother, M. S. Nicholls, of the Winnipeg Telegram, are both here.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF N. B. ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

That is Present Understanding—Do Not Expect Closure Rule

GOVERNMENT WILL ALLOW NO NONSENSE

If Liberals Attempt Obstruction on Third Reading There Will be Prompt Action—Present Outlook However is Peaceful.

Ottawa, May 14.—The Naval Aid Bill is to pass the house tomorrow, if the present understanding is carried out. Furthermore, and again if the understanding is carried out, the closure rule will not be invoked for the third reading. The necessary notice was not given today. It is pretty certain to be given if there is any hitch tomorrow.

The willingness signified by the opposition to vote in the third reading tomorrow without insisting upon the closure means a complete reversal of the original intention, though, not necessarily, a change of heart. The leading obstructionists are in leash for the time being, the moderate element of the opposition having at last asserted control. This was not accomplished without difficulty. It has taken days and but for the restraint offered by the leading blockers the bill would have already passed the house this week.

What seems to have happened is this: The riotous behavior of Saturday morning when the bill was reported out to the party. Some Liberals realized this and don't want to see the bill repeated. At the same time they have persuaded themselves that by voting without the closure they will be able to pass the bill. The Liberals will be some speech, some amendments will be moved and the final division will be taken. The bill will affirm their unalterable hostility to the government's proposal for increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire, and may move the six months' halt.

The Naval Aid proposal has been before parliament since December 2, when the resolution was introduced by the Prime Minister in his memorable speech. The bill was read a second time on February 27, and went into committee. There it stayed till last Saturday morning, the closure being introduced and adopted in the meantime, following the two weeks' sitting which began on March 16.

The Senate will probably take up the bill next week. The commonsense Liberals, as already stated, still believe that their friends in the upper house can be relied upon to kill the measure even though sent up without the closure. This confidence is not so generally shared in the lobbies today as it was a week or two ago. The senate is showing some signs of disposition to pass the bill after all. The Liberal majority includes many senators who would like to do the bidding of the blockers, but there are others who have never liked the idea from the beginning, and like to see the senate may choose the former.

SCHOOL BOYS TAKE HAND IN BOB AFFAIRS

London, May 14.—School boys on being released from their lessons are taking a hand in helping the militant suffragettes in their revolt of terror. Several "bombs" exploded yesterday and today, which on explosion proved to be dummys, have been traced to the school boys. The latest bomb to be found was picked up this afternoon in the area of the church house in Dean's Yard, Westminster Abbey.

MT. A. FUND IS NOW NEAR THE \$200,000 MARK

Sackville, May 14.—Sackville has subscribed \$23,000 to Mount Allison fund in the local effort to raise \$25,000 by tomorrow night.

The total of funds is now about \$185,000. The success of a \$200,000 endowment is sure by Thursday, if all points telegraph final reports.

PEACE THROUGH 'FRIENDSHIP' AND 'FELLOWSHIP'

Washington, May 14.—Symbolic of the hope for universal peace, Secretary of State Wm. J. Bryan today launched the cruiser "Friendship," a sister to the battleship "Friendship," which he launched yesterday at the breakfast to the Genth peace delegates.

Mr. Bryan was an early caller at the White House and as he left the executive offices he held a group of newspaper men how the idea of the two ships' came to his mind.

"It was Andrew Carnegie," he explained, "who suggested it to me by his speech in which he referred to the tiny Dreadnoughts of 160 tons each, which had for a hundred years kept peace on the great lakes. These two little gunboats made me think of how happy it would be if through friendship and fellowship these relations were maintained."

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