

BOOMB EXPLODED IN GOV'T CAMP

PARLIAMENT DISCUSSED A VARIETY OF SUBJECTS AT ITS SESSION YESTERDAY

Increased Pensions for Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Institution of Nickel Coinage and the Resignations of Some of the Ministers Were Among Them.

Ottawa, March 12.—A general discussion in the House today on pensions for the Northwest Mounted Police raised the question of superannuation for the civil service. In particular, a declaration by Hon. W. S. Fielding aroused interest. He referred to the change made by the Laurier government (of which he was a member) in the superannuation system then in force. By that change, superannuation remained with regard to old officials, but, in regard to subsequent appointments, it was abolished and a retirement fund established. The retirement fund, however, had been found to be "entirely insufficient," and he said that the government made a mistake, and I am willing to help the present government to correct that mistake.

There was a general feeling in the House in favor of fully adequate pensions for men in the Northwest Police, or the Royal Canadian Mounted Police as they are now termed. A plea was also made by Captain Manion on behalf of dependents of men killed at the front. "These helpless people left by the men killed at the front or in some other branch of the country's service," he declared, "should be adequately looked after, given a good living wage." On the broad question of general superannuation for the civil service, Hon. T. W. Crothers, ex-

HON. J. A. MURRAY DEMANDS THAT LICENCEES SHALL PAY ADEQUATE RATE STUMPAGE

RAILWAY MEN GET SIX MONTHS JAIL SENTENCE

As a Result of Their Excursions Into the Realms of Dishonesty.

Others of the Accused Party Will Come up for Trial Before a Jury at the York County Court Next Week.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, N. B., March 12.—Nine of the employees of the Canadian National Railway who had pleaded guilty to the theft of liquor from a car loaded with Kentucky Rye Whiskey at Nappagan, on the Transcontinent, at Division, were sentenced by Magistrate Limerick in the police court here this afternoon to serve six months each in the York County Jail. Another prisoner, whose wife is in a delicate condition at Moncton, was admitted to bail for one week, at the end of which time he is to return and be given a similar sentence. The other eleven prisoners who were arrested, pleaded not guilty and were sent up for trial at the York County Court next week. Chief H. J. Page of the C. N. R. Investigation Department has been sent here from Toronto in charge of the case.

Moves An Amendment To The Address To Provide For This

The Course Adopted by the Leader of the Opposition So Took the Government Aback That Despite the Fact That the House Had Still Two Hours to Sit, Premier Foster Moved the Adjournment So That He Might Con- sult His Colleagues as to How They Were to Get Out of the Mess.

Fredericton, March 12.
Stunned, bewildered and helpless, Premier Foster and the members of his Government found themselves, today, when Hon. J. A. Murray, Leader of the Opposition, fired a shell into their camp which exploded with telling effect. The shock to the sensibilities of the Government side of the House following the explosion was pitiful to behold. It turned a party of smiling, chuckling, joyous solons into a mournful looking one upon whose faces were depicted helplessness and despair.

It all came about when the Leader of the Opposition, after attacking the Government, showing up their mismanagement of Provincial affairs and shattering some of their absurd claims, introduced a resolution which strikes at the pocketbook of the class that put the present Government in power. It was a challenge to the sincerity of the Foster-Veniot combination. Whether they are to continue to cater to the lumber interests of New Brunswick while the farmer and the wage-earner are forced to carry the burdens must now be decided. It is put boldly up to them: Have they the courage to compel the lumber barons to pay into the Crown Land Department the same rate of stumpage they are obliged to pay on privately owned lands? That is the proposition they must face. Can they rise to the occasion?

THE RESOLUTION.

Mr. Murray moved the following amendment:
"Resolved, That after the word 'consideration' in the proposed address in reply to the speech of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor, the following words be added:
"But we regret that Your Honor's speech does not contain any intimation of the intention of the Government to overcome the serious deficit in the ordinary current account of the Province, amounting for the fiscal year ended 31st October last, to \$327,686.22, by taking steps to increase the territorial revenue proportionate to the value of the lumber cut on the public domain, by an increase in the rate of stumpage, which, in the opinion of this House, should be advanced from the present rates of \$3.00 and \$3.50 per thousand feet to \$7.00 per thousand feet."

The Government was taken by surprise. They showed it in every way. The Premier hurriedly consulted with his lieutenants. Action must be quickly taken: What is to be done? "Safety First" was evidently the Premier's consoling thought, and he moved for adjournment that he might have time to give the new turn in affairs prayerful, thoughtful consideration, as well as have an opportunity to consult his advisers.

The blow was delivered with cruel effectiveness. It was a wallop to the solar plexus. So stunned were Government members they failed to realize that the Speaker had declared the House adjourned, and remained in their seats.

Finally they woke up to the fact that something had happened. They gathered in groups and entered into animated consultation.

The "Big Three," the lumber kings who are members of the Government, were drawn together as by magic. Their heads bobbed and their hands wavered. Here and there about the Council floor, in corridors and coat room they gathered to discuss the challenge. It was the only topic of conversation. Many of them went home talking to themselves.

ROBS GOVERNMENT OF GLORY.

The Opposition Leader was aggressive in his reply to the Speech. He robbed the Department of Agriculture of the glory it was taking to itself in the increased production of the farms. He called the Government's attention to the fact that the farmers had played some part in the work, and to them belongs the credit for the increased production. He also called attention to the outstanding fact that the present Minister was only following out the programme and plans laid down by the old Government, and they should not take credit to which they are not entitled.

Mr. Murray only consumed about twenty-five minutes of time. But in that short period he gave the public as well as the Government something to think about.

Official Report
Assembly Chamber, Fredericton, N. B., March 12.—The House met at 3 o'clock.
Hon. Mr. Foster, from the committee appointed to nominate all standing and select committees, submitted a report.
Hon. Mr. Murray introduced a bill to ratify and confirm the rate of interest on provincial debentures authorized by act of 1917.
Mr. Murray (King) in resuming the debate on the address extended his congratulations to the mover and seconder. He said that he was greatly impressed by the thoughtfulness and business like tone of the Hon. member for Westmorland and by the moderation shown in the delivery of his address. True, he had given the Government credit for something to

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES ACT AMENDMENTS

Different Firms Engaged in Same Class of Industry May be Dealt With in Groups.

CONCILIATION BOARD TO ACT

Strike Must Not Take Place While Board of Concilia- tion Sitting and Before Re- port is Made by Them.

Ottawa, Ont., March 12.—(By Canadian Press).—Amendments to the Industrial Disputes Investigation Act introduced in the Senate some days ago by the Minister of Labor, includes an important change to Clause Two, the interpretation clause of the bill. The amendment will make it possible for a board of conciliation to deal with a large number of firms engaged in a similar industry as a group instead of separate and distinct entities. This will be especially valuable in the case of coal mining companies.

Another amendment is intended to make it impossible for employees to go on strike after the sitting of a board of conciliation but before the findings have been delivered to the disputing parties. The amendment is to Clause 57 of the bill which provides that relations of the disputing parties must remain unchanged during the proceedings before the Board of Conciliation. The amendment provides that they must not only remain unchanged during the sitting of the board but also until the report has been placed in the hands of the disputing parties.

Section 63-A of the Act is amended so as to give the Minister of Labor the power to appoint a board of conciliation to deal with any disputes if he thinks that a strike or lock-out is imminent. The old amendment provided that he might appoint a board of his own volition when a strike or lock-out had occurred.

Another amendment provides for an allowance to witnesses attending hearings of boards of two dollars per day, and actual and reasonable cost of living and travelling expenses.

SPECIAL POLICE NOW TRAVEL WITH "WET" SHIPMENTS

Railways Find it Necessary to Have Special Guard to See it Safely Delivered.

Moncton, March 12.—The wholesale arrests and suspensions of C. N. R. employees along the National Transcontinental in connection with the numerous thefts of liquor and other freight in transit, has not convinced the railway officials that it is yet safe to entrust large consignments of wet goods to pass over the road without a special guard. Accordingly carloads of liquor in transit are accompanied by a special police officer, whose business it is to see it safely delivered at its destination. This system of "safety first" for liquor shipments over C. N. R. eastern lines has been in vogue the past few weeks.

ANNUITY SCHEME UNDER GOVERNMENT AUSPICES

Bill to Provide for Same Introduced in House Yesterday, After Some Little Argument—Members of Opposition Contend That Such Matters Should be Left to Insur- ance Companies Whose Proper Business it is.

Ottawa, March 12.—In the House of Commons this afternoon criticism of the government's annuity scheme proposals was voiced by Hon. W. S. Fielding and Dr. Michael Oakes. Sir Henry Drayton had stated that the proposal was to set up a government scheme that it would be more popular, and so that the Government could make a little money out of it. "If it is profitable for the private companies to go into this sort of thing I think the Government should also see that it pays the country," he said.

Hon. Mr. Fielding contended that in Canada, the minds of the originators of the scheme was not to make money for the country, but to help the annuitants. "It is simply proposed now," he said, "to put more money into the Treasury." He criticized the Government for dismissing in 1911 the men who had been appointed to educate the people on the benefits of the scheme. If the Finance Minister would re-establish some of these agencies or lecturers he would not have to tell the House the scheme was a failure. The scheme was never intended to compete with insurance agencies, as it was now proposed to do, he said.

LABOR PARTY CONCLUDES ITS DELIBERATION

Presents Its Demands to the Government and Receives Promise of Favorable Consideration.

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS ARE ALL RE-ELECTED

Some Amendments Suggest- ed in the Constitution, Which Are Adopted After Discussion.

Special to The Standard
Fredericton, N. B., March 12.—This forenoon's session of the N. B. Labor Federation passed a resolution of confidence with Past Vice-President and Mrs. Frank Lester on the loss of their daughter.

The Federation resumed at 2.30. The publication of the Union Worker by A. D. Colewell in St. John was approved and recommended to the favorable consideration of labor.

President Melanson reported from the interview with the Government. On ways and means, 10 cents per capita was defeated. The constitution was amended making per capita tax payable semi-annually.

The officers to consist of President, secretary-treasurer, two vice-presidents at large, two vice-presidents executive and one vice-president from each city and county represented.

Secretary-Treasurer to be bonded for five hundred dollars. Thanks were tendered Mayor Reid for civic welcome, Fredericton Labor Council, the Press Committee and Press, Workmen's Compensation Board for advice and assistance, International officers (Cameron and Livingstone, Hon. P. J. Veniot for passes to opening of Legislature and Mayor Reid and Thomas Peesney for cigars.

The Federal Government was asked to continue public employment bureau.

The following resolution was presented on behalf of the Miramichi delegation by J. E. Tighe and adopted: Whereas the Provincial Government has under consideration water power in the Province of New Brunswick; and Whereas the development of such power on the Miramichi and other waters would create extra industries and lessen the rate of heating and lighting to the consumers. Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Federation of Labor go on record requesting the Provincial Government to put into operation in the Miramichi and other districts at the earliest opportunity the development of such water power under Government ownership.

C. Gus Langlois of St. John was elected to serve on the proposed Dominion Commission to co-ordinate and unify labor laws.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
President, C. A. Melanson, Moncton, (re-elected); First Vice-President, J. E. Tighe, St. John (re-elected); Second Vice-President, J. S. Martin, Charlottetown; Secretary-Treasurer, George R. Melvin, St. John (re-elected); District Presidents, St. John City and County, John Mackintosh, Fairville, Fredericton, George Crawford, Campbellton, W. F. Macneil, Moncton, Eugene J. Steeves, Northumberland, H. H. Stuer, Newcastle, Sunbury, P. G. Vanderhorst, Miramichi, Charlotte, H. Hoffmann, Milltown, Lobbyist, President Melanson.

Interviewing the Government this forenoon from eleven to one-thirty, the labor delegation was cordially received and their requests promised careful consideration. J. E. Tighe on. Continued on page 4.

Near East Tangle Develops Into Serious Affair

London, March 12.—(By the A. P.)—Earl Curzon's speech on the Turkish problem, made in the House of Lords yesterday, and other official and unofficial statements on the subject, are generally regarded as showing that the near-east tangle is quite serious and is causing the authorities some anxiety—an anxiety increased by complications threatened in connection with Syria and Mesopotamia. The shadow of Indian and Moslem opinion darkens the problem, it is believed, influences the councils of the Allies more than is immediately apparent.

The suggestion that the employment of forces against the Turks might excite general hostility in the Mussulman world is regarded as one that cannot safely be ignored.

In some quarters the feeling prevails that there is danger if the Turks are pressed they may immediately be joined by the Arabs.

Closest watch is being kept here on the outcome of the Syrian Congress at Damascus, and it is understood any decision or proposal by the peace conference regarding Syria would be purely tentative.

Canada And United States Get Together In Agreement

Washington, March 12.—Abrogation of an agreement between the immigration authorities of Canada and the United States for mutual return of military deserters was announced today by Secretary Wilson. The agreement was entirely a war measure, the announcement said, and its continuation during peace would operate to substitute deportation for the proper processes of extradition.

EXCHANGE QUESTION BROUGHT UP BEFORE NEW YORK COURTS

By a Suit in Which Postal Telegraph Company Claims Dif- ference in Exchange on Payments Made by it on Behalf of the Canadian Pacific Railway—First Time Such a Question Has Arisen in Law.

New York, March 12.—An interesting question involving Canadian exchange is the subject of a suit which the Postal Telegraph Cable Company instituted in the United States District Court here today through its attorneys Charles E. Hughes and Wm. H. Cook, against the Canadian Pacific Railway.

JUTLAND'S FATE NOW A MYSTERY

No Trace of the Ill-Fated Ship Found—Mate's Body Found in Dory.

Halifax, N. S., March 12.—Captain Hansen, master of the steamer *Jutland*, which arrived at port this afternoon with the body of John Ellison of Dartmouth, mate of the trawler *Jutland*, told newspapermen, after the ship docked, that he believed the *Jutland* came to grief either by a collision or an explosion, said the Captain. "I hope that it was the former, as then there is still a possibility of the crew of 22 men being saved."

The Captain said that the trawler, *Walrus*, of Gloucester, reported having seen the *Jutland* at four o'clock on Wednesday afternoon and that nothing since had been seen of the ship. The hawser of the dory, in which mate Ellison's body was found, had been cut, Captain Hansen said, and this he took to indicate that the mate had left the ship in a great hurry. There was nothing to indicate how the mate died, he said.

The crew of the *Jutland* are virtually all Nova Scotians.

FRENCH AROUSED BY STATEMENT OF PRES. WILSON

Reported That Protest Has Been Lodged With State Department Over Utter- ances of President.

Washington, March 12.—State Department officials today would neither deny or confirm public reports that France had protested to the United States Government against President Wilson's statement in his recent letter to Senator Hitchcock that "a military party under the most powerful leadership" was now in control in France.

DUBLIN NOW AN ARMED CAMP

Montreal, March 12.—A special cable to the Montreal Star from London says:
"The Irish correspondent of the Daily Graphic telegraphs that big guns are arriving in Dublin, and that the streets are being patrolled by armored cars. Excitement is reported to be running high."

PREMIER BORDEN WIRES HIS THANKS

Ottawa, March 12.—(By Canadian Press).—Sir Robert Borden has telegraphed to inform his followers in the House that he is making steady and encouraging progress toward recovery and expects to be in the capital within seven or eight weeks. The message was in answer to that sent by the caucus on Thursday. It was addressed to Sir George Foster, and reads as follows:
"Pray convey to caucus my grateful thanks for their very kind message which I most deeply appreciate. I am making steady and encouraging progress and hope to rejoin them at the date already indicated."

GOVERNOR GENERAL LEAVING TODAY

Ottawa, March 12.—The Duke of Devonshire left the Capital this morning by special train for St. John, N. B., and will be in the city Saturday aboard the steamship *Empress of France* for England. He is accompanied by Lady Rachel and Lady Anne Cavendish, Miss Cavendish, his niece, and Lady Helen Buxite Hamilton, Captain, The Earl of Haddington, A. D. C. and Captain Wallace, A. D. C. His Excellency hopes to return to Canada early in May. The Duchess has been in the Old Country for some time past.

WINNIPEG CONTEMPT CASE IS DISMISSED

Winnipeg, Man., March 12.—Charges of contempt of court laid in a summary action by the Crown against Dr. S. J. Johnstone, editor of the Icelandic Daily "Vorold," were dismissed by the full court of the King's Bench today, after accused, in an affidavit, and during cross-examination, denied absolutely the statements attributed to him in affidavits filed before the court by the Crown. This the court held, answered fully the charge.

Ward Hollands, counsel for the accused stated following the trial that he had been instructed by Dr. Johnstone to lay charges of perjury against the Crown's informant, while Deputy Attorney General Allen intimated that the Crown may enter similar proceedings against Dr. Johnstone.

HELFFERICH TO PAY STIFF FINE

Berlin, March 12.—Dr. Karl Helfferich, former Minister of the Treasury, was found guilty of libelling Matthias Erbeberger, former Vice-Chancellor. Dr. Helfferich was fined 900 marks and also saddled with the heavy costs of the trial, which began on January 12.