

POLITICAL PUBLIC WORKS CREATE A LIVELY DEBATE

Mr. Perley, of Argenteuil, Criticises Expenditure on Wharves and Says Useless Wharves Are Built-- Dr. Pugsley Defends His Department--Osler and Fielding in a Tilt.

Ottawa, March 12--Mr. Aylesworth, in the house today, introduced a bill to amend the supreme court act. The new bill is to arrange the list of cases which come up for hearing in the court. At present the cases are divided in three parts: (1), maritime province cases; (2), Quebec cases, and (3), Ontario cases. He proposed to divide the cases into five parts: (1), election cases; (2), cases from the western provinces west of Ontario; (3), maritime province cases; (4), Quebec cases, and (5), Ontario cases.

In regard to the charges for which Dr. Dickey, employed in the immigration department at Halifax, was relieved from the service, Mr. Oliver, in reply to Mr. Monk, said that he would make a statement tomorrow.

Mr. Aylesworth introduced a bill to amend the exchequer court act by taking away from it the right to hear admiralty cases and place the same under the ordinary civil tribunals of the country, so that the ordinary civil courts would bear the case of a collision of two ships, just in the same way as they would hear the collision from two trains. There would be no material change in practice in P. E. Island, New Brunswick or British Columbia. There would be a practical change in Nova Scotia. There was no intention of interfering with the methods of doing things. The bill had the assent of the imperial government.

The resolution regarding the admiralty court was carried. On motion to go into supply, Mr. Perley (Argenteuil) attacked the expenditures on public works by the public works department. A great many of these works were unnecessary. There was a wharf at Hull (Que.), which cost \$35,000. In one year ten boats called at the wharf, and no fees were collected. A man was given fifty cents a day to look after it.

Then there were wharves in the back country. He wanted to know how the government was to pay for them. He wanted to know how the government was to pay for them. He wanted to know how the government was to pay for them. He wanted to know how the government was to pay for them.

Mr. Perley cited several works of a similar character which he said were not necessary, and built for favoritism. In conclusion he moved the following amendment: "That the revenues of Canada belong to the people of this country and should be expended in the public interest."

Mr. Fielding--"I say it enabled the banks to carry on the business of this country." Mr. Osler--"Now, I wish to ask the honorable gentleman who said that if there is any institution in this country that has done so much good as the C. P. R. Had it not been for the fact that the C. P. R. Company has \$20,000,000 in the Canadian banks during the past year, would we have this government here now? When they needed money to pay unpaid debts to all these contractors, the C. P. R. was the only thing that rescued them."

Mr. Fielding--"What does the honorable gentleman mean by saying that the money carried by the C. P. R. Company came to this government?" Mr. Osler--"I say it enabled the banks to carry on the business of this country."

Mr. Fielding--"That is not what he said. Do not mix country with the government." Mr. Osler--"I said the government owed money to this country." Mr. Fielding--"The government owed nobody." Mr. Osler--"The government owed the Quebec Bridge Company had borrowed \$7,000,000 from this company." Mr. Fielding--"That is not correct. The government did not borrow it. It was borrowed by a corporation."

Mr. Osler--"The government bonds were guaranteed by the government." Mr. Fielding--"The honorable gentleman but once. Loans were obtained by the Quebec Bridge Company covering a period of years, with the guaranteed bonds of the government pledged as collateral. The government never engaged to give the Quebec Bridge Company money, and they never owed money to the Quebec Bridge Company at all. It was a matter of convenience between the Quebec Bridge Company and its creditors, and ultimately an advantage to the satisfaction of everybody."

Mr. Fielding--"The member for Argenteuil did not pretend to state all the works that were being constructed and which were not in the public interest. There were numerous works outside Quebec and Shelburne." In regard to New Brunswick he had in his mind a wharf which was built at the Carquet wharf, which was built at a cost of \$80,000. He said that this wharf was practically useless and the money expended on it by the people of Canada was thrown away. The wharf was known to be useless.

OPPOSITION IS STILL PROBING IMMIGRANT SMUGGLING

New Arrivals Victimized in Montreal and Left Penniless Across the United States Border.

Land sharks and rogues who live by fleecing immigrants may find their calling more difficult to pursue in Canada now that the dominion immigration authorities have received instructions to investigate all complaints, and prosecute ruthlessly with the object of stamping out these scoundrels.

Smuggling unsuitable immigrants into the United States in defiance of the regulations, and landing them across the border penniless is one phase of the swindling operations with which the United States immigration office in Montreal is brought closely in touch, and pitiable stories of the hardships endured by the unfortunate immigrants are particularly women and children, are from time to time related by the victims to Mr. Clark, the superintendent of the department.

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ALGONQUINS CLAIM GAME BY DEFAULT

As was feared yesterday the final game for the basketball championship of the city, which was scheduled for last evening, was not pulled off. The Algonquins were on hand and on the ball into the basket and claimed the game. The dispute and its results have been the cause of a great deal of discussion.

The Algonquin club sent an agreement to me, to be signed, in which the only mention of referee was as follows: "Mr. Geo. Emery to referee or in his stead one mutually satisfactory." Now these are the exact words used in the agreement and if the Algonquins meant to have been refereed by Mr. Emery could refer, which from late events seems to have been their idea, why did they not have been better than to expect a referee to place me in the position I am now in?

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