

Borden Beats Blockers Badly---Liberal Time Talkers Thwarted and Tamed

COMMONS MUST AVERT CONTEMPT OF PEOPLE

Premier Borden, in Masterly Speech, Tells How Closure is Necessary if Name of Parliament is Not to Become a By-Word, and Confounds Liberal Chief With Their Statements.

OTTAWA, April 10.—Premier Borden was greeted with Ministerial cheers when he arose in the House yesterday afternoon to introduce the closure motion. He said that the resolution which he would move touched a very important subject, because it was apparent to all members of the House that unless there were rules permitting reasonable discussion of public business and preventing orderly conduct of debate, Parliament must fail in its chief function and the proceedings of the House be liable to be brought into disrepute and contempt. He acknowledged that liberty of speech and freedom of debate should be reserved, but he felt that they must be maintained under such conditions that they would not degenerate into license and into obstruction. During the sixteen or seventeen years in which he had been a member of the House there had been a good deal of discussion with regard to the amendment of the rules. From time to time changes had been made, but the rules were still in a form which would permit a small number of gentlemen to prevent the transaction of any business at all. An ordinary bill preceded by a resolution, passed through no less than nineteen stages, including the committee stage. In any one of eighteen of these stages every member might move an amendment so that with the Speaker in the chair, there might be fifty or sixty or more motions upon which every member might speak at such length as might seem to him desirable. "It seems to me that conditions of that kind cannot result in the transaction of business, if a certain number of gentlemen, and that a very small number, should be disposed to engage in obstruction. You have in addition to that the committee stage in which it is possible for every member to speak as often as it may please him. It will thus be apparent that the transaction of public business may be made impossible unless you have a convention—closure by agreement between the parties—that the majority in the House shall be permitted to express their opinion by vote." Like Polish Conditions Mr. Borden said that conditions in the Canadian House of Commons at present reminded him of Thomas Carlyle's description of conditions in the Polish Parliament. There the individual member might, by one word, stop business, and there, Carlyle declared, was an ever-flowing fountain of Anarchy. "When I bring to your attention," continued Mr. Borden, "the extraordinary number of stages through which every measure has to pass, you may realize the possibilities for indefinite delay which are offered by the rules and I think you will come to the conclusion that this House, in the face of determined and obstinate obstruction, is not in much better position than the Polish Parliament of that day." Mr. Borden said that it had been possible to transact business since 1857 simply by closure by consent. "That was to say, at a definite stage in the debate it had been customary, after conference between leading men of the parties, for members who had not been able to catch the Speaker's eye, virtually to be excluded from speaking at that stage. Conventions of that kind had not always been possible, as was the case to-day. He quoted certain pointed remarks of Liberal members during the present session as indicating the inadequacy of the rules. "Hon. gentlemen," said the Premier, "have told us that we are absolutely helpless. One Liberal member, in doubt with a view to calling attention to the weakness of the rules, had said that the Government presented a respectable spectacle; that it had a majority of 48 or 50 yet its members were as helpless as children. That gentleman had said the Government "cannot move hand nor foot, and will not be allowed to move unless the bill is withdrawn or they go to the people." A Strong Admonition "I am sure," commented Mr. Borden, "there could be no stronger admonition to the members of this House as to the advisability of amending the rules. The last admonition came from my hon. friend the member for South Wellington (Mr. Guthrie) who in a smiling and cynical manner intimated that it was impossible for us to pass any measure without the consent of a minority (Continued on Page 7)

CANADIAN PARLIAMENT ASSERTS ITSELF AND ENTIRE DOMINION IS THANKFUL

Parliament has asserted itself. The net result of the vigorous events in the House at Ottawa yesterday is that the adoption of the Naval Bill with the vote of thirty-five millions for three Dreadnoughts will be a fact before the end of this month. The introduction of closure rules worked the miracle, and the limitation of obstruction is in sight. The way the thing was done was declared by the Opposition to be drastic, but no other course was open. The Liberals will fight the carrying of the closure rules, but they will be confined to one speech, all amendments are barred, and the passage of the new rules will be pressed from now on.

This method should have been adopted weeks ago, because the Parliamentary machine had then become ineffective, owing to laxity of the rules. Parliament was becoming a laughing stock, the rule of the majority was disregarded, and, worst of all, this condition of things was associated with a declaration by Canada that she was with the Mother Country in Imperial defence. Such a declaration would have been much more effective as a demonstration to the world had it come from some joint action by both parties, and many Canadians desired to see this brought about; that is now impossible, and the vote must go through as at least the determined policy of the Conservatives. The Liberals may seek to defeat the Bill in the Senate, where they have a majority, but they will not be able to defeat it in the Commons by obstruction. For even this the country will be thankful.

ANOTHER \$50,000 ADDITION TO O. I. B. ANNOUNCED IN THE ESTIMATES

Supplementary Estimates Provide for Boys Dormitory Building, Work on Which Will Be Started This Year. Salary Increases are Also Announced. The Items.

The supplementary estimates just brought down in the Ontario Legislature contain an important announcement for Brantford. Provision is made for a new \$50,000 boys' dormitory at the Institute for the Blind, work on the same to be commenced this year. While the estimates only provide an expenditure of \$20,000 for this purpose, this amount will only cover the work this year. It will be supplemented to the extent of \$30,000 next year, and the new building will be similar to the one which is now in the course of completion.

Other items in the estimates provide for salary increases and grants at the Institute as follows: Miss Harrington, \$50; Trades Instructor Donkin, \$40; Instructor Lambden, \$50; Miss Seace, \$50; Teamster Jackson, \$50; Engineer Wilson, \$50.

The estimates also provide for a gratuity of \$600 to Mrs. Lee, mother of the late Miss Sarah Lee, a teacher at the Institute for many years. Miss E. Moore, music teacher, also receives \$600 for services.

One Minute Interviews

Ald. Spence—"With reference to my remarks at the City Council re the Grand Trunk switch into the Holmedale, my fight has been to have the Lake Erie and Northern Railway get into that section of the city as they would do 500 per cent. less damage than the Grand Trunk and afford a thoroughly satisfactory service for that district."

Mr. James Sutherland—"All boys should be taught to swim just as soon as they are old enough."

Financial Post A communication is on file at the City Clerk's office, from the editor of the Financial Post, requesting information in reference to the moving of the books of the Gas Company to Buffalo.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE BRANTFORD

Friday, April 11, with special children's matinee at 3.30—Kibble & Martin's stupendous production of the old yet ever new "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN". This is the big city company, carrying forty people, all special scenery and equipment. 20—colored dancers and singers—15—donkeys, ponies and bloodhounds—15—Special band and orchestra. Watch for the big street parade at noon. Prices: Matinee, Children 15c, Adults 25c; Night, 25c, 35c, 50c, 75c. Seats Wednesday.

Tuesday, April 15—The greatest light opera organization in the world, the Do Koven Opera Co. (Daniel V. Arthur, Mgr.), presents the greatest of all comic operas, "ROBIN HOOD", with the most wonderful cast of grand opera stars ever assembled for comic opera—BESSIE ABBOTT, Henriette Wakefield, Francis Lieb, Anna Bussert, Hallan Mostyn, Herbert Waterous, Mischa Firtenzo, Sylvia Van Dyck, Anna Boyd, and Walter Hyde, with special grand opera orchestra. There are 110 artists, many of them grand opera stars, in this superb company. Prices: 14 rows, \$2; 8 rows, \$1.50; balcony, \$1; balcony, \$1.50 and \$1; gallery, 3 rows reserved, 75c; balcony, 50c. Seats Saturday. Positively no free list.

FIFTH DAY OF BUFFALO'S STRIKE

Entire Service Throughout City is Suspended—Militia is Out.

Demands are Made by Company For Another Regiment of Soldiers.

[Canadian Press Despatch]

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 10.—The fifth day of the strike of the International Railway Company's motormen and conductors began with the entire city and interurban service, still practically suspended and the railway officials demanding from both civil and military authorities reinforcements for the 3,000 members of the Four Brigade of the National Guard now on duty here. The insistent demands for additional military protection cast a shadow over the hope that Mayor Fuhrmann's negotiations with the strikers and the street car company would open a way to immediate peace and the appointment of a board of arbitration to settle the questions of wages and hours for which the men are fighting.

The utmost secrecy was maintained in regard to these negotiations neither Mayor Fuhrmann nor the strike leaders would even admit that the propositions being considered by the men came directly from the railway officials. It was generally understood, however, that they did and that the executive committee of the strikers would pass upon them and probably submit counter-proposals at another meeting in the Mayor's office at noon. Wm. D. Mahon, President of the (Continued on Page 3)

THE PROBS

[Canadian Press Despatch]

TORONTO, April 10.—The depression which has been hovering in the vicinity of Texas has now moved northwestward to Iowa, while its accompanying rain area has spread into northwestern Ontario. Fine mild weather prevails in the west.

FORECASTS. Strong winds and moderate gales, east and southeast with rain. Friday—Showery.

FOOT CRUSHED UNDER WHEEL

Nasty Accident Happened on Local Street Railway Yesterday.

Mr. J. McGrattan, a motorman on the Brantford Street Railway, met with a painful and serious accident yesterday at Church street, where his right foot was run over by an east bound car and was terribly crushed. The unfortunate young fellow was getting off one car to catch another and endeavored to step up into the vestibule. The motorman thought he made it alright and turned the controller over one point, starting the car rather suddenly. McGrattan tripped under the wheel. He was removed to his home at 34 Rose avenue where Dr. Phillips attended him. It is hoped that his foot will be saved, although the toes may have to be amputated. McGrattan is a Scotchman and has not been employed on the railway very long. Conductor Swaisland was in charge of the car which McGrattan left.

Take Action.

CALGARY, Alb., April 10.—The city authorities have decided to take action against the guarantee company of North America, surety for former Alderman Harry Minchen, who has been remanded to the Supreme Court on a charge of embezzling \$8800.

BLOCKERS FRENZIED WHEN OUTWITTED

Besides Themselves With Anger and Disappointment, Liberals Shout, Gesticulate and Threaten—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Beaten and Badly Beaten at His Own Game, Becomes Wild With Anger.

OTTAWA, April 10.—A demonstration of the Government's power and determination to pass the closure resolution as a means of enacting the Naval Aid Bill was given in the House yesterday. It threw the Opposition into a tempest of anger and disappointment. Liberal members, beside themselves, shouted, gesticulated and threatened, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier the most frenzied of them all. The Liberal leader in all the years of his Parliamentary career never before so completely lost control of his temper as he did yesterday. It was the exhibition of a man beaten, and badly beaten, at his own game, and furious because of it.

Blockers Helpless. The storm burst when the blockers unexpectedly found themselves hopelessly outmaneuvered in their campaign against the rules of the House. They had come to the House prepared to block the closure resolution as they have blocked everything else. They found that it could not be blocked, that the extraordinary patience displayed by the Government and the majority in the House had been exhausted. The Government showed its absolute command of the situation. This proved too great a shock to a minority which has for weeks believed itself supreme in Parliament.

In the first place, the Prime Minister moved the closure resolution. He did so in a speech notable for its fairness and moderation as much as for the indelible case which he presented in support of the proposed changes. He called as his witnesses man after man from the ranks of the Liberal Government.

Less Drastic Than British. When the Opposition attempted to talk back, denying that the proposed closure was less drastic than the British rule, on that point the Liberals were silenced. Later on they objected that the proposed consent of the House necessary before estimates of a department could be begun on a Thursday or Friday (the days set apart under the closure) should read "unanimous consent." Mr. Borden promptly offered to put in the word "unanimous," although he assured the Opposition that it was unnecessary. The Liberal leader, having complained of the absence of the word, refused to have it added. He wanted to de-

The Courier Pays Cash And Pays on the Spot

One Instance of a Competitor Getting Paid For His Work This Isn't a Fame and Glory Contest.

The Courier "Square Deal" Campaign is very properly proving to be a hummer. All of us like a FAIR RETURN for any work we may do, and this paper is paying liberally in cash for each new subscription and renewal.

Here is a sample illustration: Books to competitors were issued on Monday. Last (Wednesday) night, at 7 o'clock, a man walked in with SIXTEEN NEW SUBSCRIBERS and two renewals. Right on the spot he was HANDED IN CASH \$4.25 for doing that. He'll bring in more, and will get the good old "rhino" every time. In addition he stands a chance of getting one of the VALUABLE SPECIAL PRIZES, which have a total worth of over \$400. Now this man is busy at work each day, and what he achieved was accomplished in two nights after hours.

In other words, he earned over \$2 cash per night on top of his regular pay, and DIDN'T LOSE ONE HOUR of his regular employment to do it.

He brought in the names, and within a few seconds the "stingo bingo" was IN HIS POCKET.

Can you beat that?

And remember that it doesn't matter at what period you enter this contest.

Get in as early as you can, of course, but remember that even if you are a little late in starting, you will be HANDSOMELY RECOMPENSED IN CASH for all that you do.

There are no blanks and no top-notch competitors who get it all and the majority nothing.

The paper in itself is very handsome value for the subscription price, and, what's more, THE SALES in the book stores and on the streets most emphatically show that the public realize the fact. GET TO IT!

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