

an article which appeared in the papers to-day, which reads as follows:

Pierson, Manitoba, July 6.—A horde of religious fanatics struck town on Saturday. They were all armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers, and knives, and declared they would not abide by the laws of sinful man, and would shoot anybody that interfered with them. The leader of the gang, a grizzly-faced looking veteran, claimed he was 'Jesus Christ,' and that he was going to Yorkton to look after the Doukhobors there, who were wandering without a leader. They were a very tattered looking outfit, as if they had tramped a long distance, and claimed to have come from Missouri, where they were persecuted by the United States authorities.

Constable Macfarlane, of the Manitoba Mounted Police, who happened to be here, had rather a warm time. On his demanding from them where they were going, and advancing towards them, they pointed their rifles at him, and told him if he made another step they would fire.

After a harangue from the leader, to which the rest joined in with loud 'Amen,' they proceeded west. It was not thought wise to interfere with them.

I would like to ask the hon. minister if this matter has been drawn to the attention of the government, and if they are allowing these people to come into our country from the United States without taking any action?

Mr. FIELDING. I have no information on the subject. Possibly some of my colleagues may have received some information, but I think we might trust matters of that kind to the tender mercies of the Attorney General of Manitoba.

Mr. SAM. HUGHES. I think these men will be found not to be of the better class of American citizens, but what I call galvanized Yankee anarchists, like the men who were cutting each others' throats a short time ago in the neighbourhood of Medicine Hat. The United States immigrants who come into the country will not be found to be of that type at all.

Mr. J. D. REID. In a case of that kind does the Dominion government not interfere, but leave it entirely in the hands of the local government?

Mr. FIELDING. I speak on the general principle that the preservation of law and order is in the hands of the local authorities.

ACCIDENT TO THE CORNWALL CANAL.

Hon. G. P. GRAHAM. It will be of interest to the House to know that in all probability the Cornwall canal will be open for navigation on Saturday next.

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE.

Mr. TAYLOR. What business will be taken up to-morrow?

Mr. FIELDING. The Prime Minister intimated to me early in the evening that it had been arranged that what is called the Hodgins matter would be taken up in the morning, but I have been informed quite recently that some hon. gentlemen who are anxious to discuss that matter had arranged that it would not come on until the afternoon. We may assume that either that or the Civil Service Bill will be taken up in the morning and both during the day, and, if we reach Supply, we will take up the estimates of the Minister of Railways and Canals.

Motion agreed to, and House adjourned at 11.40 p.m.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

TUESDAY, July 7, 1908.

The SPEAKER took the Chair at Eleven o'clock.

SALARY OF SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that the Superintendent of Insurance be paid such salary, not exceeding five thousand dollars per annum, as the Governor in Council may from time to time fix and determine.

He said: His Excellency having been informed of the subject matter of this resolution recommends it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Motion agreed to.

BOUNTY ON CRUDE PETROLEUM.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole to-morrow to consider the following proposed resolution:

Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that the bounty of one-half cent per imperial gallon payable on crude petroleum from Canadian wells authorized by chapter 28 of the Act of 1904 shall apply also to crude petroleum produced from shales or other substances mined in Canada.

He said: His Excellency having been informed of the subject matter of this resolution recommends it to the favourable consideration of the House.

Motion agreed to.

THE ALL-RED LINE.

Sir WILFRID LAURIER. I intended to move this morning the resolutions of which notice has been given, but other arrangements have been made. I will move them to-morrow.