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**SIR WILFRID TAKES TIP FROM OPPOSITION AND DOOMS THE CONNIE BILL TO DESTRUCTION**

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 19.—The House spent the whole day over Mr. Connors' objectionable Ontario and Michigan Power Company bill and finally the Premier, seeing the Conservatives disposed to block it, added his voice to the chorus in a rather drastic amendment and probable extinction. The curious point about the transaction was that Sir Wilfrid Laurier expressly gave the opposition objection as the reason at least for his course, and then invoked the sacredness of provincial rights and enumerated four points in which the bill transgressed. There thus is obtained a rather striking denunciation of the abuse of the "general advantage of Canada" clause and an avowal that the principle of the conservation of resources requires the upholding of the principle of reservation of natural resources which obtains in Ontario at least. To the contrary account, must be set the opinion expressed by the Premier and Mr. Aylesworth that the Dominion Parliament has full right to over-ride provincial jurisdiction in the matter and obtains only as a matter of policy.

Ottawa, Ont., April 19.—At the opening of the discussion on the Connie bill, Mr. Aylesworth argued that inasmuch as the powers asked by the company included an exportation of power, the subject was purely one for Dominion legislation and the only question left was one of policy.

Aylesworth's Opinion.

Later Mr. Boyce asked if Mr. Aylesworth wished to be understood as arguing that the fact that the company wished to sell its power beyond the province gives the Dominion Parliament exclusive power to legislate on the matter.

Mr. Aylesworth replied that his own opinion was in the affirmative. He felt bound, however, to add that the very same question had lately been before the Supreme Court, which had divided evenly, so that the decision of the Privy Council must be invoked.

Mr. Aylesworth, however, went on to condemn the "general advantage of Canada" clause and to suggest its removal from the bill. That declaration had been made too freely in recent years. The works were entirely local and could not truthfully be said to be of any general advantage to the Dominion.

Took Issue With Aylesworth.

Mr. Middlebro further suggested that it would be equally reasonable to incorporate a sawmill by Dominion legislation, if it stated in its application that it intended to export its product to the United States.

Turning the question of policy, Mr. Middlebro argued that the doctrine laid down at the conservation conference, applies to this case. The Ontario Hydro-Electric Commission was expressly designed to take charge of the natural assets of Ontario.

Tried Compromise.

Mr. Connors, after a long speech, tried to arrange a compromise with Mr. Aylesworth's condemnation on the subject of the "general advantage of Canada" clause. His proposal was that the cons for the construction of powers and the transmission of electric energy alone should be for the general advantage of Canada.

That would leave other activities of the company under provincial jurisdiction. Mr. Boyce followed.

May Use Electricity.

Another point which Mr. Boyce made was to note that the Lake Superior branch of the Transcontinental might be worked by electricity; to alienate the largest water powers might compromise this project.

Mr. Lennox described the business of inserting the "general advantage of Canada" clause as a farce and charged Parliament under the Premier's leadership with receding from its declarations in favor of provincial rights.

After speeches of protest by Dr. Barr, W. R. Smythe, Dr. Reid and Dr. Sproule, Mr. Powke (Liberal, St. H., Ontario) opposed the bill on two grounds:—such extensive powers of exportation should not be granted; 2—perpetual franchise of natural resources should not be granted.

Progress Reported.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier then arose and agreed to the suggestion by Dr. Sproule that the Committee rise and report progress. After noting the conflict in legal opinions, he described the kernel of the matter as being where there are provisions in the bill which affect the power of the local Legislature and Government. He agreed that the "reservation of Canada" clause should be eliminated, and went on to condemn the exportation of water power belonging to the Ontario Government. He objected to interfering with the policy put forward by the Ontario Government of reserving to itself the exploitation of all water powers. Fourthly he objected to the reservation of half the power; the whole of it should be reserved for local consumption.

The bill accordingly stood over and the House passed several private bills and adjourned at 11.15 p. m.

**UNFAIR ACTS, EMPLOYED IN THE FRANTIC ATTEMPT TO DEFEAT ALD. BAXTER AND OTHERS OPPOSED BY THE DREDGING RING, IS EXPOSED**

Election day is here and with it the warmest battle that has been seen for some time in St. John civic politics. The latest development is the running of a ticket by the Civil Servants' Association. The so-called "Citizens' Ticket" has been enlarged to include eleven hours to include candidates in all wards but Dufferin.

The Civil Servants' ticket has been formed by striking off the ballot Ald. Rowan, Ald. Willett, Ald. Baskin, Ald. Baxter, Ald. Sproul, Ald. McGowan, Ald. Kelley, Messrs. Wellington Green, F. J. Purdy, and Jas. W. Montgomery. A chance is left the voters for the candidates in the eleven hours to include candidates in all wards but Dufferin.

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Not Asked for Opinion.

Ballots with the names of the objectionable candidates struck out were distributed throughout the city yesterday by agents of the Civil Servants' Association. The grounds on which the candidates mentioned are marked for defeat are that they are refused to support the income exemption clause of the assessment act which the Civil Servants desire to have passed. It appears however, that those handling the campaign have not even approached certain of the candidates whose names they have struck from the ballot, to ascertain what their feelings were with regard to income exemption.

F. J. Purdy Protests.

Last evening F. J. Purdy, candidate in King's ward, said he had not even been approached on the subject. Ald. Sproul, Ald. McGowan and Wellington Green had informed him that the same was true in their cases. Mr. Purdy further stated that he had never committed himself with regard to the matter.

I. C. R. Men Intimidated.

Yesterday certain Grit heeled armed with permits from the Liberal bosses visited the I. C. R. yards and "commanded" the employees of the Government Railway to vote the Telegraph Times so-called "Citizens' Ticket."

The managers of this ticket have the knife out for Messrs. Kelley, McGowan and Montgomery, who are running for aldermen-at-large. In Guya Ward Ald. Baskin's name is struck off and Ald. Baskin is in Brooks.

In Sidney Ward Lewis is marked for their support.

In Queens Ward Ald. Elkin will receive their support and in Prince, Knodell.

Choice Left in Kings.

In Kings, however, they had to use some diplomacy and Mr. F. S. Purdy is the only one of the three running who is struck off. Not wishing to antagonize the Irish Liberals they allow their followers to vote either Likely or O'Brien. It is well understood that O'Brien will get the knife.

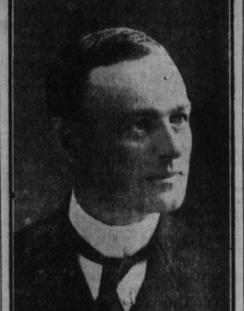
In Victoria Ward Hayes is the "lucky" one of the quartette.

Dufferin Let Alone.

Evidently they are content to control only nine-tenths of the new council so they do not interfere with Messrs. Codner and Willet in Dufferin. The latter is supported by Mr. Day. He will get their support.

Bribery May Be Resorted To.

In some quarters it is stated that money will be used to defeat Ald. Baxter, Ald. Kelley and the others who have incurred the enmity of the "dredging ring."



ALD. J. B. M. BAXTER, Candidate for Brooks Ward.

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during the winter, and Mr. Stewart is taking them home with him today.

The Perth Resolution.

Perth, N. B., April 19.—At a large mass meeting held in Union Hall, here tonight the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas legislation is being sought at Fredericton authorizing the formation of a company with the avowed object of building a dam across the Tobique River at "The Narrows," and erecting a pulp and paper mill there, and whereas such legislation is being opposed by representation of the Tobique Salmon Club and certain lumber operators on the Tobique River, and whereas this meeting is of the opinion that the natural resources of the country should not be tied up for the purpose of maintaining a game preserve or for the purpose of perpetuating the present methods of manufacturing lumber exclusively; and whereas, this purpose of the further opinion that the valuable franchise applied for should not be granted without a substantial guarantee that it is sought for immediate use and not for speculative purposes; therefore, resolved that we favor the enactment of the legislation applied for with a condition incorporated therein that the applicants deposit with the provincial secretary a sum of not less than five thousand dollars to be forfeited to the Crown in case the work be not commenced within one year, the dam is not erected, and pulp and paper mills built and in operation within three years from the enactment of the legislation sought for, the act to be brought into force by royal proclamation within three months from the passing thereof; providing the deposit be made as above stated otherwise to lapse, and a provision be also made for proper fishway and log roll.

JAS. W. McPHAIL,  
T. J. CARTER,  
H. W. BEVERIDGE,  
W. C. ATHERTON,  
Chairman.

Mr. Stewart's Cave.

Mr. Stewart is remembered here as the discoverer of a mysterious and ancient pattern, old books, and a curious ring. These articles have been in the possession of Mr. Guy Dunn

**GAME ACT BECOMES LAW; QUITE A DISCUSSION IN LEGISLATURE ON GLOUCESTER IRON DEPOSIT**

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 19.—Most of the afternoon's session of the Legislature was taken up with a bill to provide for the development of the Gloucester iron deposits which was agreed to in committee and recommended to the House. This legislation will mean much for the industrial development of the province in years to come and one of the pleasing features is that the province's interests are amply safeguarded.

The Drummond Company are prepared to push the work along rapidly and the entire province will reap the benefit of this great enterprise.

Some rather important municipal legislation was introduced. Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill to clearly define the powers of the commissioners in charge of the water system of St. Stephen.

Fredericton, N. B., April 19.—The House met at three o'clock.

Replies were given to a number of inquiries.

Speaker's Ruling.

The Speaker gave his ruling upon points of order raised Saturday last, in connection with the bill introduced by Mr. Hatheway to amend the New Brunswick Election Act. He ruled that any member who wished to introduce a public bill must give two days' written notice for leave, specifying the title of the bill. The speaker also ruled that a petition against the title of the bill should not go to the Committee on Standing Rules, but to the Committee of the House to which the bill is referred after its introduction.

Mr. Byrne introduced the bill to authorize the municipality of Gloucester to make a temporary loan.

Mr. Hatheway gave notice of motion for Thursday for leave to introduce the bill to amend the New Brunswick Elections Act. The committee of the whole considered the bill to enable the town of Edmundston to issue debentures for the encouragement of industries, and a bill to authorize the city of Moncton to appoint a war and light commission and agreed to both with amendments.

The Gloucester Railway.

The House went into committee and considered the bill in aid of the development of the Gloucester Iron deposits.

Mr. Byrne said he wished to correct an impression that seemed to have gone abroad that he was opposed to giving assistance to the Drummond Iron Company. He was at all times desirous that the company should have every encouragement, but he did object to the clause of the bill which fixed the royalty at 5 cents a ton for a term of 80 years.

He thought this provision was altogether too liberal. In other leases issued by the Government there was provision that the royalty could be increased or diminished at the will of the Government, and he thought such a provision should have been retained in the leases issued to the Drummond Company.

Eighty years was a long time, long in any man's life. The House ought not to legislate for such a period.

He was in accord with guaranteeing bonds for the railway but disapproved of the royalty clause.

A Comparison.

He would be a bold man who would arise in the House and move that stampage on lumber from the Crown lands be fixed at a dollar and quarter per thousand for a period of eighty years. All knew that increased demands were made from year to year upon the revenue of the province and that demand would have to be met in some way. No further increase could be looked for from Dominion subsidies, and the resources of the province must contribute to meet the demand. Every person was glad that the prospects for the development of the iron industry in Gloucester county were so bright, and it appeared to him that after a period of twenty years the Drummond company ought to be in a position to pay a royalty of 10 cents per ton. In his opinion it would be much better and wiser to fix the period of years for a royalty of 5 cents per ton and if at the end of that time the prospects of enterprise were not realized the same royalty could be extended for a further period of twenty years, whereas if the company met with the success looked for it would be in a position to pay a larger royalty into the revenue of the province. He believed the policy of the old Government in that regard was to correct one. In that they exercised discretionary powers; he did not wish it said he was opposed to the development of the Gloucester iron mines and to the assistance to the Drummond company.

He thought also that provision should be put in the bill that the company should erect smelting works and coke ovens.

Mr. Currie.

Mr. Currie thought the remarks of the hon. member for Gloucester were broad and statesmanlike. The House had heard much about the resources of the province and about its assets. The revenues except from the natural resources of the province were fixed and the House could not be too careful.

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**N. S. WOMAN HAS NARROW ESCAPE ASSESSMENT ACT TAKEN UP TOMORROW**

Ald. Pickett, chairman of the Bills and By-Laws Committee of the Common Council, will leave for Fredericton tonight. The other members of the Committee will go to the provincial capital tomorrow morning.

St. John City Bills.

Legislation requested by the City of St. John will be taken up by the Provincial Legislature Wednesday morning. Ald. Pickett and his committee will be present to look after the interests of the city.

Much Opposition Expected.

Opposition will be directed against the new assessment act in particular. The Civil Servants will be strongly represented in the lobby. Fredericton and will make a determined effort to have the exemption clause amended so as to have \$400 exempt on all incomes. The aim of the clause as it passes the Common Council is to have incomes of \$300 and less exempt with the option of paying the tax and receiving the civic franchise.

Street Railway Lobbyists.

The Street Railway Company is also opposed to the new assessment act. The tax paid by the company will be slightly increased if the amendment asked for by the Common Council is passed. Lobbyists representing the company will be present at Fredericton and will work tooth and nail to prevent the taxation of the railway being increased.

Banks Oppose Act.

The banks will also be affected if the new act passes as presented. The representatives of the various financial institutions will work hard both before the committee and elsewhere to have the clause affecting them struck out.

TAFT AT BALL GAME

Washington, D. C. April 19.—President Taft attended this afternoon's baseball game between the Washington and Boston American League teams. It was the first time in years that a president has attended a major league contest.

FREDERICTON MAN VERY ILL.

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 19.—Thomas H. Fowler, chief clerk in Oak Hall, is critically ill at the hospital and his

**THE ANDOVER MURDER CASE IS ON TODAY**

Special to The Standard.

Andover, N. B., April 19.—Mr. H. A. McKee, M. P., W. P. Jones, and Mr. F. B. Carvell arrived on the afternoon train to look after the interests of Sandy Murray and the two Hatches, who are on trial for complicity in the murder of Paddy Green.

Solicitor General McLeod arrived to look after the interests of the Crown. He will be assisted by T. J. Carter. It is expected that the fight will be keen and no stone will be left unturned by the defence to clear him. The two men condemned to die and three more on the stand in defence of life show the inexorable sentence of the law and the relentless pursuit of justice where human life is deliberately taken. The main point in the defence will be the admissibility of Arosch's and Seppel's evidence, on account of the attorney's conduct. The County Court will meet at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and then adjourn. Special court will then be opened Judge McLeod presiding. About thirty-five jurymen have been summoned. It is expected the counsel will be particular about the jurors.

**DRIVING MEN DISAPPOINTED**

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, N. B., April 19.—Good progress was made with the hanging of the up-river shear booms today, although the Springfield ice jam interfered with the work. A number of new shear booms built to replace those which were destroyed in the freshet in January were taken from the Nashwaak today and are now in position.

While the lumbermen who will have drives on the upper St. John river are well pleased with driving prospects and feel that they are the best in years, the Tobique lumbermen who arrived here this evening stated that the streams on that river were not opening up as early as the lumbermen would like to see and some of them had discharged part of their crews. A large number of men left here tonight for Quebec to join the drives on the Upper St. John.

**AGREED TO SEVERAL BILLS LAST NIGHT**

Special to The Standard.

Fredericton, April 19.—The Corporations Committee met this evening and agreed to the bills to incorporate Corinthian Lodge of Masons in Kings county and to amend the act incorporating the Tobique & Campbellton Railway. The latter bill gives authority for increasing capital stock from \$40,000 to \$50,000 also to increasing bonus privilege from \$10,000 to \$15,000 per mile.

Tomorrow morning promises to be busy with committees on incorporations, municipalities and public accounts in session. It is understood that the Highway Act will be under consideration in committee of the whole House tomorrow afternoon.

MR. FAIRWEATHER'S ESTATE.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, April 19.—The estate of the late Herbert M. Fairweather, druggist of Moncton, admitted to probate is

**ELAINE IS AT FREDERICTON; TO PAY OVER ICE A MENACE 4,000 P. C.**

Dr. L. A. Currey returned last night from Fredericton. He went to the capital yesterday to attend the arrival of the steamer Elaine, which left here yesterday morning at 8.30 o'clock and was the first steamer of the year to reach Fredericton.

Dr. Currey said that the Elaine reached the wharf at Fredericton between 5 and 6 o'clock in the afternoon. She made Gagetown about 2.30.

Five stops were made at highwater wharves in addition to a number of boat stops. The boat carried a good cargo of freight and a fairly large passenger list.

Trip Was Dangerous.

While the Elaine made the trip without mishap, she had to slow down at several points where the river was most choked with drifting ice. Captain Peatman considered that the ice in the river is running in too large a quantity for a side wheel boat to get along without great risk of damage. In view of this, it is unlikely that the Victoria will start today.

Will Make Quick Trip Down.

The up trip was a slow one on account of the ice and the strong current running down, but the latter factor will operate to make the Elaine reach Indiantown on her down trip today ahead of schedule time.

**SAYS LOSS OF LIFE WOULD BE ENORMOUS FISHER'S BILL TO AMEND COLD STORAGE ACT**

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, April 19.—Mr. Fisher introduced a bill to amend the cold storage act, so as to enable the Government to aid cold storage companies for fruit only. At present companies must give accommodation to all produce to get a subsidy.

Asked by Mr. Borden with regard to the waterways treaty, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he could not promise an early communication on the subject.

COTE KNOCKED OUT.

Salem, Mass., April 19.—Phil Brock, of Cleveland, knocked out Arthur Cote of Bladeford, Maine, in the sixth round of a scheduled twelve round bout before the Apollo Athletic Club Association tonight. Cote outweighed Brock by ten pounds, but was completely outclassed.