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WADE SUPPORTS EASTERN SECTION OF G. T. PACIFIC.

Member for Annapolis Contends That This Portion is Necessary to Keep American Ports from Getting Canadian Business—Monk Calls Project a "Gold Brick."

Ottawa, April 7.—(Special)—The preliminary proceedings in the house today consisted principally in the introduction of a bill by Ralph Smith, for the government registration of the Union label, which was read a first time. This bill was already passed by the commons, but was thrown out on different occasions by the senate. Last year it was killed in the senate and did not reach the commons.

F. B. Wade, of Annapolis (N.S.), one of the ablest men among the debaters, opened the debate on the modifications of the Grand Trunk Pacific contract. He pointed out by saying that the discussion had very well been confined to the changes in the contract of last session, but as the question he had no desire to object to would accept it as an invitation to go with them over ground that had already been well traversed. Indeed he saw no reason to find fault with the course which had been taken in this regard.

Mr. Wade then went on to deal with the modifications in the contract maintaining that they were in the interest of the country. The leader of the opposition, said Mr. Wade, had taken three hours and forty minutes in discussing this question and the leader of the government had referred to his speech as a book orator.

Mr. Wade said that when Mr. Blair was in the house he opposed the transcontinental railway scheme and more especially the maritime province end. The Liberals believed that he was wrong. Since then he was presented to the chairmanship of the railway commission. The premier showed that he was well qualified for the position, and it is perfectly correct to say that Mr. Blair was well fitted for his present position though his judgment was at fault upon this contract.

LOCAL HOUSE A UNIT ON CANADA'S PREFERENCE.

Unanimous Vote of Approval.

Fredericton, April 7.—The house met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Osman introduced a bill relating to cattle running at large. Mr. Tweeddale a bill to amend the act to incorporate the Maine and New Brunswick Electrical Power Company, Ltd.; Mr. Tweeddale a bill relating to rates and taxes.

It is one which will give the colonies and the British Empire a trade preference against the world. Critics assert that this policy has aroused no enthusiasm in Canada and that it has fallen flat in this country. I do not concern in this. If this important question is worth considering I think it should be considered now when it is a live question.

Mr. Morrison's Resolution. "Resolved, that this house believes that the development of preferential trade throughout the British Empire would greatly stimulate commercial intercourse, and by strengthening the development of the resources and industries of the several parts, strengthen the ties of friendship between the United Kingdom and the various parts of the Empire, and that it is in the interest of the United Kingdom to support such a policy as will give the colonies and the British Empire a trade preference against the world."

Mr. Morrison said: In rising to second the resolution I wish to say it is one which I am satisfied will meet with the approval of the house. (Continued on page 3, fifth column.)

WHOLE HAMPTON FAMILY MYSTERIOUSLY POISONED.

John W. Carson, Wife and Four Children Stricken Down.

Hampton, N. B., April 7.—A case of poisoning which happened at Hampton Village last evening, has caused a big sensation in that usually quiet place. The family of John W. Carson, consisting of himself, wife and four children, ate their supper as usual, and about an hour afterwards they complained of being dizzy and began getting very strange.

Fredericton, April 7.—(Special)—It was reported today in naval circles that Rear Admiral Sir Archibald J. Douglas will leave this station in July and that he is to receive the command of the Mediterranean squadron. A construction train on the Halifax and Southwestern Railway arrived at Chester yesterday, and is now only forty miles from Halifax.

Victoria, B. C., April 7.—Twenty or 30 hales of market goods were marked "La Morna, Greenock" and a lot of narrow deck plank and a ship's work have been found within the past few days floating ashore in Berr's Bay, indicating that the Scotch ship La Morna, of Greenock, grain laden from Puget Sound to Queenstown has foundered with her ship's company or thirty souls.

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LEGISLATURE AGREES TO ST. JOHN FRANCHISE BILL.

Bank Middle Freely Discussed in the House Yesterday—Warm Debate Ensues on Mr. Copp's Motion to Give it the Three Months' Hoist—Progress Reported.

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Mr. Pugsley said that the bill was a most equitable arrangement and doubtless the city of St. John needs the extra amount. It has been agreed that other cities and towns might also wish to increase the tax on local banks. I think this will be a sufficient indication that the people think the banks should pay more and they are in a position to know.

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SOUTHWESTERN ROAD NEARING HALIFAX.

Construction Train Got Within 40 Miles of City Thursday.

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SPRINGHILL MAN LIKELY MURDERED.

Charles White Found in Dying Condition Near Halifax. Victim Died Shortly After—Had Been Struck on the Head With a Blunt Instrument—Man Named Boutillier Arrested on Suspicion.

Halifax, N. S., April 7.—(Special)—On Tuesday a man named Charles White, forty years of age and a native of Spring Hill, was picked up unconscious on the St. Margaret's Bay road, about thirty miles from Halifax, having been struck on the head with a blunt instrument. The unfortunate fellow died today without having regained consciousness.

DOMINION LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Rev. Canon Richardson, Senator Wood and Rev. George Steel Represent New Brunswick.

Ottawa, April 7.—(Special)—At the convention of the Dominion Lord's Day Alliance today the following names were named by the committee on nominations to constitute the executive board were adopted in toto: Honorary president, Rev. W. B. Bond, D. D., Montreal; president, Rev. John Potts, D. D., Toronto; vice-president, R. L. Borden, D. D., Hon. H. R. Emmerson, M. P., G. W. Ross, L. D., M. L., A. S., Melton, M. P., Senator W. D. Poley, Rev. D. M. Gordon, D. D., principal of Queens University, John Charlton, M. P., P. P. Ralph Smith, M. P., Chester D. Macey, general secretary, Rev. J. G. Slicer, associate secretary, Rev. T. Albert Moore, treasurer, John C. Copp, secretary, Rev. J. G. Slicer, Rev. W. J. Smith, Regina; Rev. R. G. Macbeth, Vancouver.

PORTION OF JAPANESE FORCES ACROSS THE YALU AND STRONGLY ENTRENCHED.

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London, April 8.—The brief dispatches appearing in the London newspapers during the past few days have all been of the same tenor, indicating that the Japanese are making a general advance in the direction of the Yalu river, and adding nothing to the information contained in the dispatches of the Associated Press. This applies particularly to points under Japanese control; but from the Russian side also it is evident that a being advanced to prevent the news of the Japanese advance from being disseminated.

REV. WM. DOBSON BACK TO N. B. CONFERENCE.

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JAMISON WILL FIGHT BREACH OF PROMISE SUIT.

He Says the Former P. E. Island Girl Has No Claim on Him, as He Never Promised to Marry Her.

Ottawa, April 7.—(Special)—Richard Francis Jamison, of Ottawa, who is being sued for \$5,000 for breach of promise, will put up a strong defence in the case. He says that there may be a surprise or two in store for the parties bringing the action.

HEAVY SHIPMENTS OF COAL FROM SYDNEY.

Dominion Coal Company to Have Larger Fleet of Charter Steamers Than Ever—Shipping Later Than Expected.

Sydney, N. S., April 7.—(Special)—The Dominion Coal Company are to have a larger fleet of charter boats than ever for this season's shipping as their contracts call for increased output over any previous year.

TIBETANS INVITE BRITISH TO PARLEY, AND THEN FIRE ON THEM.

London, April 8.—A despatch to the Times from Katho, Tibet, dated yesterday, reports that 20 Tibetans at the village of Sonodis, in treacherously firing a volley at a party of British officers whom they invited to parley with them, almost fatally. No one was injured, but the action is supposed to indicate the tactics which the Tibetans intend to employ at Guru. The corresponding adds that reinforcements are arriving at Gyntse to oppose the British advance.

RUSSIANS INTEND TO STAND AT ANTUNG.

St. Petersburg, April 7.—While the first line of defense against the Japanese advance from Korea is a strong position, selected by General Kurapatkin, near Fenguang Cheng, it is believed the Russians intend to hold out so long as possible at Antung, which commands the Pei-hai river. The place has many natural advantages for defense.

GENERAL MOBILIZATION OF RUSSIAN CORPS.

Paris, April 8.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Petit Parisien publishes the following: The colonel of the general staff has informed me that a general mobilization is in course of preparation. In view of com-

PEARY ARCTIC CLUB INCORPORATED.

New York, April 7.—The Peary Arctic Club was incorporated in Brooklyn today. The incorporators and directors include Commander Robert E. Peary, U. S. N.; Morris K. Jessup, Henry Parish and John H. Flager, of New York, and Anton A. Haven, and Herbert L. Bridgman, of Brooklyn. The purpose of incorporation is to promote and maintain explorations in the Polar sea, to be headed by Commander Peary.

SYDNEY WE COMES ST. JOHN COUPLE.

Sydney, N. S., April 7.—(Special)—E. E. Shaw and bride arrived this evening from St. John and were met at the station by a large party of friends who extended to them a hearty welcome. They were serenaded to their future home, corner of Napoleon and George streets, with blowing of horns and firing of guns and crackers.