

OTTAWA LETTER.

Restricting the Importation of Alien Labor.

Swinging the Axe at Bidding of Healers.

Even Suspicion of Having Conservative Leanings Means Dismissal from Office

While Civil Servants Who Stump for the Machines, to the Neglect of Their Official Duties, Are Richly Rewarded.

OTTAWA, April 3.—The opposition had considerably better of the argument yesterday afternoon in connection with the debate on the government measure introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to amend the act restricting the importation of alien labor.

The principal feature of the bill is the clause which sets forth the method of procedure that shall be adopted in cases where violations are suspected.

Sir Wilfrid's bill provides that in cases of a violation, the plaintiff, instead of appealing to the attorney general of Canada, may petition to commence action.

On this proposition a very interesting discussion took place. Mr. R. L. Borden, Mr. Casgrain and Mr. Monk all held that under the clause considerable doubt might arise as to what would be a competent court in a case where action was taken under the proposed amendments.

E. F. Clark, Toronto, West, who has taken a deep interest in the alien labor law, opposed one part of the bill which necessitated the plaintiff appearing before a superior court in order to dispose of his case.

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and were instrumental in making a practical proposition of the government bill, they deserve the gratitude of the workmen of this country.

OTTAWA, April 5.—What is offensive political partisanship? The ordinary person would incline to the belief that it was an act by a government employee which was damaging to the best interests of good government in the country in which it was performed.

Since the session opened, numbers of cases have been brought to the attention of the house in which men were dismissed from the government's employ simply because they exercised their privilege and voted on election day.

But there is one law for conservatives and another law for liberals. While the former class of employees must not presume to have the courage of their convictions, liberals are allowed not only to have them, but to become active political workers in the grip vineyard.

It seems that in Mr. Thompson's case, he was an employee of the dominion government up to the time he was nominated as the grip candidate in Marquette.

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Let us turn to the province of Quebec and consider a motion made in the house yesterday by Mr. Monk, the deputy minister of the conservative party, for a return of copies of all correspondence, telegrams, and messages in the government labor bureau, in connection with the labor strike at Valleyfield last November.

Then Mr. King, the deputy minister of labor, was sent down as conciliator with the object of bringing the rival camps to a compromise.

But Mr. King did not do this. He met the leading people of Valleyfield and told them the government was prepared to do a good deal for the success of the strike.

And so it is with almost every province that the government makes. The only object in sending Mr. King to

Valleyfield was, according to Mr. Monk, that of electing Mr. Loy and defeating Mr. Bergeron. Mr. Bergeron, in 1896, had a majority of 105, while in November last, he was snowed under in the same section by an adverse vote of 213.

Is this not a disgraceful condition of affairs? Should not the fact that the workingman is not free from being made a tool of corrupt politicians, cause all respectable mechanics in this country to stop and consider the question of their own safety?

Children Cry for CASTORIA. WILL REMEMBER THE MAINE Romance on S. S. State of Maine on Her Maiden Trip This Season.

A Former St. John Man and a Boston Maiden Fall in Love and Are Married During the Passage.

The S. S. State of Maine came stately up the harbor Wednesday morning, radiant in a brand new costume of snowy pink and flying bunting from every part of her rigging to which it could be attached.

Such indeed was the reason announced, but there were two happy hearts among the passengers which knew what the bunting signified for them and knew also that all the color flags in America would be inadequate for the purpose.

After leaving Portland, a search revealed a clergyman on the passenger list, but the hopes of the anxious couple were dashed by the fact that he was a Canadian and could not perform the ceremony until after the line was crossed.

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POWELL IS AVENGED. (Montreal Gazette, 5th.) Rufus H. Pope, M. P., was at the Windsor yesterday, en route for the east of government.

Continuing, Mr. Pope said that although there were more liberals from the lower provinces than in the last parliament, he could not see any men who could replace those whom the fortunes of politics had left behind.

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FREDERICTON authorizing the S. Co. to grant, and Sons Co. Ltd., and company from farmland.

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Hon. Mr. Pugsley introduced in respect of the bill in that persons residing in the province and post here may be allowed a bill with a large pro- portion of the bill.

Mr. Shaw could after the people of ed four representat they should be allo selection of the coun He moved that the to St. John be met and fraternized with the representatives of the same party in the English speaking provinces, most lasting and sincere friendship has been the result.

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