

Dominion Parliament

Attention of Imperial Authorities Called to Canada's Supply of Horses

Montreal Star's Falsehoods Still Being Sent Free to All Parts of the Country.

Ottawa, April 22.—Yesterday's sitting was devoted to government business, and besides the passage of a couple of minor government bills, the debate was continued on the budget, and in the evening some time was spent in supply.

The bill from the Senate to amend the Criminal Code was introduced by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and given its first reading.

In reply to a question by Mr. Bergeron, the Postmaster-General stated that the amount of newspaper postage at a quarter of a cent a pound for the three months ending March 31st, 1899, was \$1,800,000. The amount at half a cent for the two months ending Feb. 28th last was \$1,792,000. The March returns are not yet ready.

Before the orders of the day were called Sir Adolph Caron asked whether there was any truth in the newspaper report that Major Drummond was on his way from South Africa to become general officer commanding the Canadian militia.

The Prime Minister—The honorable gentleman may be sure the statement is correct. We have no information regarding the subject.

Sir Charles Tupper took occasion to refer to what he thought an injustice done him by the Hon. R. R. Dobbell in mentioning his travelling expenses on the occasion of his last return from the high commissionership in London at three times the proper figure. Mr. Dobbell had used the figures of charges in connection with the removal of his household effects back to Canada.

The Hon. Mr. Fielding—What's the difference? Purchases of Horses in Canada. Dr. Sproule referred to a newspaper report of a large purchase of horses in the United States for the British army, and asked whether steps were being taken to have a portion of the remounts required in South Africa purchased in Canada.

The Prime Minister replied that representation had been made to the British authorities, and he had reason to believe that a result would follow immediately.

The Minister of Agriculture stated that he had frequently cabled and written to the high commissioner that Canada could furnish a large number of useful and serviceable horses, and he believed there would be a result shortly.

Mr. Moore (Stanstead) resumed his speech on the budget and spoke for more than an hour. He charged the government with having deceived the honorable people on the subject of the deficit. He also referred to the financial question, and said that the accumulation of surpluses was a sign of the unbusinesslike methods of the administration.

He also found fault with the government for having the said deficit over the coal oil business of Canada to the Standard Oil monopoly.

On the conclusion of Mr. Moore's speech, Mr. McMillan moved the adjournment of the debate and by consent the House proceeded to another order of business.

Other Business. The bill respecting the members of the Northwest Mounted Police force to stipulate that the service of members of this force in South Africa shall count under the Pension Act, was given a third reading and passed.

The bill from the Senate extending the ticket-of-leave system to convicts in our jails was put through the committee stage; but Mr. Foster, describing more definite information as to the success of the system than the Prime Minister was able to give off-hand, the measure stood over for third reading.

When the House resumed in the evening the bill for the incorporation of the Gaspe Short Line Railway Company was given its third reading, and sent up to the Senate.

Franking Abscess. On motion to go into supply Mr. Clancy (Cathwell) said that he desired to call attention of the government to the gross abuses of the franking privilege which campaign literature of the Liberal party was being sent out from Ottawa and Toronto.

The Prime Minister—We're following the example of the Conservative party? Mr. Clancy—You should follow the good examples, not the bad ones.

Sir Louis Davies knew nothing as to the charge of matter being improperly sent out from the provincial departments; but his interpretation of the law was that a minister of the Crown had the right to send out his speeches during recess, as such as members of the House had to send out their during session.

The Prime Minister referred to the thousands of copies of the Montreal Star, which are being sent out by the Conservative whip, under his frank, and said that though Mr. Taylor might be a wise thing in disseminating, as he had reports of the recent deplorable riots in Montreal.

Mr. George Taylor said that he had sent out copies of the Montreal Star and had reports of the recent deplorable riots in Montreal. The Prime Minister did not see just what this particular report should be sent out.

Mr. Taylor charged that there were twenty men employed in the public department in franking Liberal literature to the country.

Mr. Foster joined in the complaint against the government for its action in this matter.

Opposition Outburst. The Minister of Agriculture was surprised at the outburst from members of the opposition side when it was a

matter of record in his department that both before and after the session of 1896 there was a special room set apart for handling campaign literature and tons were sent out containing just such inflammable matter as the Star was now publishing.

Mr. Taylor—How many did you send out in Sherbrooke? The Minister of Agriculture—I did not frank the Star in Sherbrooke, oh, no! Nor the Witness either. I followed the practice of ministers in this country ever since the Post Office Act was passed, and the matter I sent out was not such inflammable matter as the Star contained.

Mr. Taylor—Why don't you refer to the Witness? The Minister of Agriculture—Because the Witness is an honest paper and every paper contained the same report, whereas the Star was a special edition prepared in the office of the Star for circulation where they did not dare to circulate what appeared in their other edition; because the hon. gentleman has lent himself to distribute a dishonest appeal to racial passion, and I feel that he took a great responsibility on himself and showed himself a very disloyal member of the House.

Mr. Taylor—The Witness had the same article. The Minister of Agriculture—It was the Witness's account of what took place on that occasion in Montreal, not the Star's account, and the copies of the Star sent out were not those published in Montreal for circulation in the province of Quebec. It seems to me most deplorable that a member of parliament should circulate a lying account, evidently for a purpose.

Mr. Taylor—You won't say the Star published what was false. The Minister of Agriculture—I do, emphatically. I say the account the Star gave contains absolutely misstatements and falsifications of what happened in Montreal on the occasion of the demonstration by the loyal strikers, and that it was done with the special purpose of inflaming the minds of English Protestants of this country against the Laval students because they were French and Roman Catholic.

After some remarks from Mr. Henderson (Halton) the matter dropped. The House in Supply.

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watching the effect of one of my corporal's firing. At 3 a.m. there was a night attack by our brigade (the 19th and 9th Division), our battalion having its right resting on the river, the Gordons and Shropshires supporting on our left. We got to within 200 yards of their position before a shot was fired and their sentry let go and our men laid flat, the next instant there was the most tremendous fusillade you could possibly imagine and almost pitch dark. It was well for our men that they did not return the fire at first as their positions would have been discovered and our loss tremendous. At about daylight most of the firing had ceased except for occasional shots. At 6 o'clock I was ordered to take 20 men and occupy a ruined stone house about 400 yards further up the river. My instructions were to be under cover of the bushes on the river bank and get there without being seen if possible, and only to retire when the firing was too hot to stand, this might have been a most dangerous duty, but it turned out that by the time we got to our place the white flag had been hoisted and Gen. Cronie had surrendered his force unconditionally. I have one or two interesting mementoes of the occasion, which I hope to be able to carry back with me, one is a sort of whip used as a fly duster, like our generals sometimes carry. I have a Manner cork with a shrapnel wound in the tube, also the number plate of one of the Boer pom-pom guns, which was destroyed by our artillery, and one or two other little things. Lord Roberts made a speech to our men, congratulating them on their gallantry and said they had materially assisted in causing the surrender that morning. I must stop now as it is getting dark. I am quite well and hearty. Love to all. I remain your affectionate son.

M. G. BLANCHARD.

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Provincial News.

KAMLOOPS. The Island Sentinel is in receipt of an acknowledgement from the Lord Mayor of London of the sum of \$96 0s. in aid of the Mansions House Fund.

FERNIE. A start has been made on the new boiler house to be erected at the mines. Two new boilers, in addition to the two at present in use, will be set up, making a battery of four. A new and more powerful engine has also been ordered.

GALLIANO ISLAND. Work on the new beacon to be erected on Enterprise rock is progressing favorably. Weather permitting this beacon, which is to be built of rock, should be finished in a week or ten days. This rock has long been a source of danger to sailing craft, several steamers having touched quite recently.

SALT SPRING. Fred J. Bitancourt has opened a second-hand store at Vestivus Bay, Salt Spring Island.

A panther was seen in the settlement here. People are complaining of losing their property as supposed to have been taken by the panther.

Politics are all the go on the island. Candidates are numerous.

H.M.S. Egeria is anchored at Ganges Harbor. Her officers are enjoying fishing at Kusheen lake.

CASCADE CITY. While workmen were drilling a partially exploded hole on the flume work of the Cascades Water and Light Company on Friday night, an explosion occurred by which Michael Milwich, sometimes known as William Morris, received injuries which resulted in his death the following morning. Sam Davis was severely cut and bruised about the head, and C. Hastings received a lively shaking up. Milwich was a native of Australia, where he leaves a widow and three children.

PHOENIX. Rev. D. A. Stewart, for some months past Presbyterian missionary, with headquarters at Phoenix, left last week for Winnipeg, where he will take a three-year's theological course at the Manitoba University. During Mr. Stewart's residence in the Boundary he has made many warm personal friends at Phoenix, Eholt, Greenwood and the mining and lumber camps he visited. Previous to his leaving Phoenix he was presented with a handsome purse and a number of presents.

STEVESTON. An inquest was held on Tuesday night at Steveston on the body of Alex. Main, the murdered chief of police of Steveston, whose mutilated remains were discovered on Tuesday afternoon, after a two days' search of the chief, having met death, doubtless on Saturday last, when he started out to locate goods stolen the night previously, presumably by Chinamen. The evidence taken at the inquest held by Coroner McGuigan and a jury, with J. Johnston as foreman, cast little new light on the tragedy. The jury returned a verdict to the effect that the deceased had come to his death by wilful murder at the hands of some person or persons unknown.

CHILLIWACK. The marriage of Miss Harriet Eloise, third daughter of D. McGillivray, ex-M. P. P., to W. F. R. Oliver, of Victoria, was celebrated on Tuesday evening in the presence of a large number of invited guests, at the home of the bride's parents, Simeon, at the residence of the bride, Mrs. J. Joseph, Hall, of Coquitlam, near the city of Vancouver. The bride was accompanied by Rev. A. K. Sharpe, of Maple Ridge, brother-in-law of the bride.

After a painful illness, lasting several months, Mrs. J. L. Thorson passed peacefully away on Tuesday afternoon at her home on Prosperity Place. The deceased lady was 64 years of age, and came with her husband to this province from Dakota about four years ago. She immediately began the erection of a home and were soon comfortably settled.

KASLO. The Canadian Pacific will continue work this season on its Lardo branch. Engineers Sullivan is expected here this week to arrange for the work.

Dan MacDonald, an old trapper, and a young fellow named Waller had a frightful experience while trapping. They were making up Prosperity Place, when a male and female bear attacked them. MacDonald hid behind a tree while Waller attempted to climb a hemlock. The big male bear seized his feet just as he was getting out of reach. The brute sunk his huge tusks deep into and pulled Waller down. In rising Waller got hold of a stick and jabbed the bear on the nose, knocking him down the side of a small mound. Meanwhile the other bear had left MacDonald alone and had rushed after a small dog which yelped at his life. Waller said that the dog saved his life, for when the male bear got up and found the female gone, he too dashed into the forest. The dog arrived in camp ten hours later. MacDonald had to carry Waller to camp, where the lad lay for two weeks suffering from the wounds inflicted.

NELSON. The work on the Balfour extension has progressed with unusual rapidity. By the middle of May it is anticipated that all the contractors, with the exception of Angus Stewart and J. W. Stewart's grade No. 1, will have completed the grade and the whole of the work will be turned over to the B.C.P.R. In this way the month earlier than was expected. The rails will be laid by the company.

James Black, who has been cashier of the Nelson C. P. R. freight department for the past year, has received notice by wire that his services are no longer required. W. H. D'Arcy, claims agent at Nelson, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Black, who has been removed to Vancouver.

The resident watchmakers and jewelers met on Monday night to discuss the strength of the trade in Nelson, with the exception of one shop. The meeting de-

clined to form a union and at once proceeded with the election of officers, the following being appointed: T. A. Nixon, president; W. L. Smith, secretary.

The local militia officers have posted notices calling for recruits for the Nelson Company of Rocky Mountain Rangers. The strength of the corps has been materially depleted by the withdrawal of the men who went on the expedition and fifteen men are needed to bring the company up to the normal strength once more. This quota will doubtless be obtained with little trouble.

ROSSLAND. A pretty wedding took place on Monday evening at the house of Mr. Haskins of the B. A. Co., on Spokane street. John McKenzie, of this city, was united in marriage with Miss Ella May, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ferrier, also of this city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse. Miss Jenny Winton was bridesmaid, and Mr. Alex. Dunlop supported the groom.

City Engineer Mr. W. F. Van Buskirk has arrived from his prior location in Stratford, Ont., where he occupied a similar position to that which he has accepted here, and will proceed immediately to take up the city work, which has somewhat suffered by the vacancy in the office. Mr. Van Buskirk's appointment was made by the council on the grounds of his exceedingly good recommendations on the part of the city, which he must possess to have obtained the positions which he has been holding in the east anterior to his departure for this city.

The foundations for the new sawmill of the Yale-Columbia Lumber Company have been completed on the site of the one destroyed by fire recently. The machinery, which was brought from one of the company's mills at Greenwood, is on the ground, and its erection has begun. It has nearly, if not quite, the same capacity as the old mill.

Good progress is now being made towards the erection of the fire hall and public library and the ratapapers will have an opportunity to vote for a good brick building. The title to the site has been secured and registered and the shacks which occupied the ground have all been cleared off. The by-law authorizing the issue of debentures passed on Tuesday evening and the council provides for \$25,000 instead of \$15,000, as at first proposed.

VANCOUVER. It is reported on the authority of a private dispatch received in the city that Major Perry has been appointed chief commissioner of the Northwest Mounted Police, vice Colonel Herchmer, who went to South Africa in command of the last contingent. Major Perry is well known in Vancouver, having been agent here for the police for a couple of years. Lately he has been in Dawson, in charge of the force in the Yukon. It is said that Superintendent Wood will succeed him in the north.

Owing to the bricklayers and stone-masons' strike, William Braid has decided to defer the building of the large warehouse next to the B. C. Terminal offices on Hastings street until next fall. In the police court yesterday R. H. Alexander appeared against an employer in the office of the B. C. Mills T. & Co., who was arrested on Tuesday evening on the charge of embezzlement, the defalcation having been alleged to have commenced in June last. The accused, W. J. McCusker, is a married man, aged about 35, and is well connected. Counsel for the defence asked for an adjournment of one week and for bail. Both requests were granted, the amount of bail being fixed at \$1,500.

George Hunt, a half-breed and Aegoykuku, the Indian lad, accused of participating in a Hamatas dance, where the flesh of human bodies was eaten and pieces were bitten out of the arms of living persons, were tried yesterday. Many witnesses swore that Hunt cut up the defalcation having been alleged to have commenced in June last. The accused, W. J. McCusker, is a married man, aged about 35, and is well connected. Counsel for the defence asked for an adjournment of one week and for bail. Both requests were granted, the amount of bail being fixed at \$1,500.

The annual parishioners' meeting of St. Barnabas' church was held on Monday night. The wardens' report showed that the total revenue for the year amounted to the creditable sum of \$1,376. The meeting elected Mr. R. A. Chapman as people's warden. The rector then rose to name his warden, and while regretting that Mr. Corbould felt unable to act again this year, was pleased to be able to nominate F. Nafel as his representative. For sidersmen the following gentlemen were elected: Mr. G. E. Corbould, Mr. Ed. Cantel; and for deputy wardens Mr. J. H. Shirley and Mr. J. A. Young. The rector reported as follows: Amount actually in hand, \$252; funds in sight, including a condition grant of \$70 from the S. P. C. K., \$88.50, making a grand total of \$340.50. The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Reformed Episcopal church was held on Monday night. The meeting was presided over by Rev. M. F. Ten Brock Reynolds, the rector. The rector's report gave a full account of his work during the year. The secretary-treasurer's report, as presented by J. J. Johnston, was an exhaustive one, as the year just ended was a heavy one, owing to the erection of the church, and the calling of Rev. Mr. Reynolds to St. Paul's. The report showed the finances of the church to be very satisfactory, and gave a full account of the assets and liabilities of the parish. Mr. L. Tohrner was re-elected people's churchwarden; J. Johnston was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

DANCED HERSELF INSANE. Young Woman Placed in a Lunatic Asylum Through Dancing. Bridgeport, Conn., April 17.—Jennie Harwitz, a factory girl, has danced herself into a madhouse. The young woman is now an inmate of the insane pavilion, where she waits, until forcibly restrained by the officials.

She was the envy of hundreds of young women because of her popularity among the young beaux, who eagerly sought her at all dances. She has taken several prizes this winter at masquerades, and has given by various organizations. At these functions she was always surrounded by young men seeking a number on her programme.

A few weeks ago Miss Harwitz became melancholy. Her shoemaker noticed the change from her usual happy disposition, but they did not know what to attribute it to. Finally she decided not to go to work, but remained at home at No. 209 Hamilton street. Suddenly she was seized with insanity, and taking a chair, began to walk about the room. Everything in the way fell before her with a crash, including a brick-bat on the table. The occupants of the house tried to restrain her, but their efforts only increased the excitement, and she dashed about wildly until help came. She was removed to the insane pavilion, where the employees are obliged to watch her closely to prevent her becoming unduly excited.

News of The Klondike

Capt. Thorburn and Corp. Watson Dead at Dawson City--O'Brien at Dawson.

Big Nugget Found on Thistle-Rich Strike in Big Salmon District.

News comes from Dawson of the death of Capt. Wm. Thorburn. He died four days after shooting himself at St. Mary's hospital. The Yukon Sun says: The coroner held an inquest that same afternoon and the jury brought in the following verdict: "That Capt. Wm. Thorburn's death was caused by a bullet shot accidentally fired by his own hand," and the jury would request the coroner to point out that the statements in the newspapers with reference to the loss of money by gambling or loss of money in limited stock companies as the cause of his death is absolutely untrue.

The deepest regret is expressed on every hand at the death of an officer lately in the Imperial service, who was so universally esteemed by his friends and acquaintances.

Corporal Watson, who shot himself on Tuesday, March 27th, died on the following day at the Garrison hospital. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict that deceased came to his death by accident, and the jury would request