

CRITICS HAD NOT A WORD TO SAY

Honesty and System Rule The Public Accounts Today.

Hon. Mr. Robinson and His Followers Can Plainly See that the Old Days of Graft and Laxity are Gone for Good—A Busy Session.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 11.—The public accounts committee held a two hour session tonight and accomplished a great deal of work.

Not a solitary irregularity was discovered not a legitimate criticism was lodged regarding the entire expenditure of \$97,662.32 on maintenance of roads and \$162,624.35 on ordinary bridges.

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MONTGOMERY WILL SPEND \$10,000 ON SIDEWALKS

Work Will Be Done by Contract This Year As Day's Work Has Proven Very Expensive.

Special to The Standard. Montreal, April 11.—Gordon Bower, late manager of the Royal Bank at Edmonton, is visiting his old home in Richibucto.

Conductor John Coffey of the I.C.R., whose residence at Shediac, with all its contents, was destroyed by fire last night, had \$2,700 insurance.

Sidewalks laid last year cost 25 cents a square foot, while private contractors were doing the same work for 15 cents.

RADICAL TEMPERANCE BILL URGED IN P.E.I.

Charlottetown, P.E.I., April 11.—A temperance delegation waited on Premier Hazard yesterday asking him to pass amendments to the prohibition act making it unlawful for any man to keep liquor in his possession unless for medical, sacramental or mechanical purposes.

The premier said the measure was too drastic and would defeat the work done by the prohibition act. He declined to pass the legislation asked for.

ROYAL EDWARD ON LAST WINTER TRIP.

Halifax, April 11.—The Royal Edward arrived tonight on her last trip from Bristol to Halifax for the season. She made the passage in 5 days, 18 hours, 29 minutes, crossing 2,600 miles. Good weather was experienced to Cape Race and after heavy westerly gales were encountered.

A RADICAL OPINION ON RECIPROCITY

Liberal Member For South Huron Advocates Absolute Free Trade And a Direct Tax—Scored By Hughes.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 11.—M. Y. McLean, Liberal member for South Huron, today advocated reciprocity because it is a step towards commercial union and a complete surrender of the Canadian home market to the manufacturers of the United States and Great Britain.

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AMBASSADOR BRYCE MEETS U. S. MINISTERS

British Diplomat Discusses Arbitration Proposals With U. S. Secretary Of State Knox And Counsellor Anderson.

Washington, April 11.—James Bryce, the British ambassador, secretary of state Knox, and Chandler Anderson, counsellor of the state department, today held another long conference in regard to the proposed arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States.

The Anglo-Japanese alliance, it is reiterated here, offers no stumbling block to the treaty.

WHERE CONSERVATIVE LEADER WILL SPEND EASTER HOLIDAYS.

Ottawa, April 11.—R. L. Borden, the opposition leader, and Mrs. Borden will spend the Easter parliamentary recess in Boston.

ALASKAN MINING TOWN BURNS.

Seattle, Wash., April 11.—Practical fire destroyed the entire business district of Iditarod City, Alaska, the scene of the recent rich gold strikes has been destroyed by fire.

LEGISLATURE ON RECORD IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE TO KEEP REPRESENTATION

New Brunswick Must Not Lose Present Status in Parliament.

Premier Hazard's Bill which Finds Unanimous Support in Local House.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 11.—The legislature went on record today on the representation question, and as Premier Hazard, in a short but stirring speech, pointed out the claims of New Brunswick for special provisions in a rearrangement of the representation.

The rest of the afternoon and the evening session were taken up with routine work, the House being in committee on private and public bills.

It was a hard day for the promoters of franchise measures. Three of them got stuck but in rapid order in the corporation committee.

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JAIL WAITS FOR OWNERS OF FIRE TRAP

Proprietors Of New York Factory Scene Of Dreadful Fire Horror Indicted By The Grand Jury.

New York, N. Y., April 11.—Isaac Harbeck and the Triangle Waist Company, were indicted this afternoon by the grand jury which is investigating the circumstances of the Washington Place fire of Mar. 25, when 145 employees of the company lost their lives.

The indictments, four in number, charge each man with manslaughter in the first and second degrees, the maximum penalty for which is 20 years and 10 years imprisonment respectively.

COMPARISON OF COST OF LIVING

Report Circulated in Great Britain Shows U. S. Workmen Earn More, But Have To Pay More To Live.

London, April 11.—Copies of a report on the cost of living in American cities based on inquiries made in twenty-eight representative towns by officials of the British Board of Trade, were circulated in parliament this evening.

The conclusions reached are: "The cost of food and rent combined is 22 per cent greater in the United States than in England and Wales, and these heavier relative charges on working class income have been accompanied with weekly wages which are as 200 to 100."

WINE GROWERS ARE RIOTOUS

French Villagers Destroy Thousands Of Quarts Of Champagne, And Damage Property Before Being Dispersed.

Paris, April 11.—The senate today after a lengthy discussion of the serious situation which has arisen over the champagne question, adopted a resolution in favor of the suppression of all territorial delimitations, as likely to provoke dissensions between the various sections of the country.

"Very Small Questions"

The Times—"One would almost be disposed to believe that in the opinion of The St. John Standard, the most important question in connection with the commission plan of government is that of the salary to be paid the commissioners. That is surely a very small question."

An increase anywhere from \$7,000 to \$15,000 a year in the cost of managing the city's affairs may be "a very small question" to the Times and the advocates of commission, but the people may justly show some desire to know what offices these men are to hold and what work they will do for the money.

Perhaps the commission organ regards the control of the Public schools as yet another "very small question." The latest commission charters contain a provision that a committee of five are elected by districts to supervise this important branch of civic administration.

The privilege which is granted to cities in the United States of voting on the entire commission charter is denied to the people of St. John. Do the advocates of commission rule also consider this "a very small question?" No Charter, No Commission!

BREEDERS AT THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION

Live Stock Convention Held Last Night Adjourned With Hearty Cheers For Dr. Landry And W. W. Hubbard.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, N. B., April 11.—There is an unusually large gathering of farmers and breeders from all over the province here for the live stock sale tomorrow, under the direction of the provincial department of agriculture.

This evening a live stock convention was held in committee room No. 1, at the legislative building at which Lt. Col. Campbell of Apohaqui, president of the N. B. Farmers' and Dairy-men's Association, presided.

MANUFACTURERS AND RECIPROCITY

Head Of Canadian Manufacturers Will Not Discuss Toronto Rumor That They Have Withdrawn Opposition To It.

Ottawa, April 11.—Nothing official otherwise is known here of the Toronto rumor to the effect that the manufacturers' association is withdrawing its opposition to the reciprocity.

LABOR DEPARTMENT WILL AWAIT ACTION BY MINERS

Ottawa, April 11.—Hon. McKenzie King will comply with the request from the Alberta miners that the labor department take no action regarding the appointment of a commission to investigate the strike pending the holding of a miners meeting Thursday night.

LAURIER TO MISS CONFERENCE TRIP

COMMITTEE WILL CUT UP POWER BILL

Strong Safeguarding Restrictions With Provision For Cheaper Power Will Be Placed Upon Hydro-Electric Co.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, April 11.—There is much speculation about the legislature as to what action the corporations committee will take tomorrow regarding the Hydro-Electric Power Company's bill.

It can be definitely stated that if the bill goes through it will be with such restrictions that it will be a vastly different measure than that which was sent to the House.

Some surprise was occasioned this evening when it was learned that Premier Hazard had received a telegram from Mayor Frink in which his Worship said that "it would be rather hard to hang the bill up for a year when the opportunity of enlisting capital may have passed. If the bill can be adjusted this session I think it should go through."

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TEN MILES ON THE ICE

Captain Of Abandoned Steamer Harlaw Makes His Way To Relief Exhibition—140 Marooned Sailors Rescued.

Halifax, April 11.—Capt. Barbour of the abandoned steamer Harlaw, accomplished his task of walking 10 miles over the ice from St. Pauls Island to the relief steamer Bonaventure, sent from Newfoundland to take off the crew of 140 men who were marooned there, short of provisions.

Not only this but the Bonaventure forced her way through the field of ice until she got near enough to St. Pauls Island to take off the crew, who for five days had anxiously waited for succor. A telegram came from the keeper to the agent of the marine and fisheries department at Halifax that 140 men were safely embarked aboard the Bonaventure, St. Pauls Island lies about 7 miles from the extreme northern point of Cape Breton. The Bonaventure proceeded to St. John's, Nfld.

THAT "DRUNKEN MOB" CHARGE IN HALIFAX

Investigation into Charges Against Members of Halifax Fire Department Ends with Differences of Opinion.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, April 11.—The investigation into charges against members of the fire department was continued last night before an audience which taxed the capacity of the council chamber.

LAURIER TO MISS CONFERENCE TRIP

Premier Dare Not Leave House at the Present Time. He Finds His Government is in Very Precarious Condition and Concludes He is Needed in Ottawa Now More than in London.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 11.—It transpired tonight that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has concluded that his services are more weeks than in London and that he has abandoned his intention to take part in the proceedings of the imperial conference.

The reasons for the change of plans are two fold. In the first place the premier is not a great lover of the conferences attended by the leading men of the Empire. In the past he has felt obliged to take issue with some of the ardent imperialists on questions of Empire defence and the present precarious situation in which his government finds itself, as a result of the determined opposition in parliament and the country to the reciprocity agreement, gives him the opportunity to stay away from the approaching meetings at the colonial office.