

GOVERNMENT REDEEMS ITS PROMISE TO THE FARMERS

Will Spend Ten Millions To Advance Agriculture in Provinces

BILL BEFORE THE HOUSE YESTERDAY

Hon. Mr. Burrell Explains Benificent Plan to Improve Condition of Soil Tillers - Education to Aid Farmer in His Work Whenever Possible

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Today's event in the House was the introduction by Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, of his resolution empowering the government to spend ten million dollars in the next ten years in encouraging educational work in agriculture.

Hon. Mr. Burrell began by recalling the fact that Rt. Hon. R. L. Borden, on August 14, 1911, before being chosen by the people to be prime minister, promised that if placed in charge of the government of the country, he would provide for the granting of financial assistance to the provinces for the purpose of supplementing and extending the work of agricultural education and for the improvement of agriculture.

"The bill which I am asking leave to introduce," the minister said, "is intended to be a prompt and complete fulfillment of that promise."

Hon. Mr. Burrell then described his action in obtaining the services of C. C. James to investigate the whole subject of the rural population of the country. He said that in his report he has having Dr. James make elaborate reports to be pigeonholed, he was putting the result of Dr. James' consultations with the provincial authorities into the bill.

Decreased Rural Population. Hon. Mr. Burrell discussed at some length the ominous decrease of the rural population. The total population of Canada from 1901 to 1911 increased by 24.13 per cent. The population of Eastern Canada increased by 16 per cent, that of Western Canada by 170 per cent. The urban population of Eastern Canada increased by 43.3 per cent, but the rural population actually decreased by 16 per cent. In Western Canada while the rural population increased by 45 per cent, the urban population went up by 227 per cent.

After some further remarks on this subject and a review of what the various other countries do in the way of culture, the minister stated that the bill is designed to strengthen all lines of instructional and educational work. Scientific researches of the past half century have revolutionized agriculture but the full benefits of those researches have not reached the great multitude who today till the fields in Canada.

The particular form of assistance will vary with needs and conditions of each province. It will embrace aid to agricultural colleges, short courses in agriculture, agricultural teaching in the public schools, etc., and domestic science for women and girls might be included. The purposes of the bill are restricted to education. The sum of ten million is to be set aside to be spent in the next ten years. In the first year the sum appropriated will be \$700,000, and it will increase by \$100,000 each year, until, in 1917, it reaches \$1,000,000, at which figure it will remain.

With two modifications the principle of division on population basis is adhered to. One modification is that the bill is not to be applied to the HESPERIAN AT HALIFAX. Special to The Standard. Halifax, Jan. 24.—The Hesperian with the English mails, arrived late tonight with nearly 600 passengers. She made a good passage from Liverpool.

MR. CHURCHILL'S ACTION ON NAVAL MATTER IS SCORED

Special Cable to The Standard. Registered in Accordance with the Copyright Act. London, Jan. 24.—Two months ago I cabled an account of the Cruiser Torch, which went to sea quite an unanswerably condition. The information, having obviously been obtained from an unofficial source, recently the admiralty, having investigated the matter, admitted that the dockyard officials responsible had been admonished. It now becomes known that the captain of the Torch has been superseded. He is a distinguished officer and has frequently obtained official commendation. People wonder why the captain should be dismissed in contrast to the mild treatment of the dockyard officials. Mr. Churchill explains that the reason is that the captain had treated the crew with over severity. It is, however, observed that this defect was not discovered until a question was asked in parliament in terms almost identical with the captain's report to the Admiralty. Comparison with the recent dismissal of the first sea lord and several resignations of other sea lords since Churchill took charge the affair creates a nasty impression.

BOARD OF TRADE PLAYS TO DO BIG THINGS IN ST. JOHN

Campaign for Development of City will be Launched at Banquet on Tuesday Evening - Citizens Manifesting Much Interest in Membership Campaign.

THE ORGANIZED MOVEMENT FOR CIVIC DEVELOPMENT PROVING VERY POPULAR

"The Board of Trade is planning to do big things, but we are not putting the whole programme forward till the psychological moment arrives." Mr. Chase who is running the campaign for membership, said this yesterday. Continuing, he said: "We are trying now to awaken interest in the general subject of town development, to arouse a feeling of expectancy on the part of the people. If we can do that then when the board puts forward its appeal note strongly to the minds of the people. We expect to put this programme forward at Tuesday's banquet."

"After the campaign for membership a publicity and industrial commissioner will be engaged by the board. A Matter of Business. "Community organization work," said Mr. Chase, "is not a matter of sentiment. It is a matter of business. And it's really the biggest business that any business or professional man can engage in. It pays the biggest dividends for the amount of money and time invested."

"For, if the community prospers the individual citizen prospers. If the community is sanitary, its people are healthy. If the community morals are at low ebb so the morals of the citizens are destined to be."

FEMALE SUFFRAGE QUESTION MAY OVERTHROW ASQUITH GOVERNMENT

Special Cable to The Standard. Registered in Accordance with the Copyright Act. London, Jan. 24.—All other political events are overshadowed by the female suffrage question. As the position is complicated, a short summary is necessary in order to follow the future developments, which must be important, and may be sensational. Four amendments are before the House. Sir Edward Grey proposes to omit the word "male" before "persons entitled to vote," thus affirming the general principle. The other amendments seek to define the limits of the franchise. Mr. Henderson proposes universal adult suffrage, enfranchising 12,000,000 women. Mr. Dickinson would limit the vote to women occupying houses, or the wives of occupants. This would enfranchise 7,000,000. Mr. Lytton moved an amendment enfranchising women already entitled to vote in municipal elections, they being something over 1,000,000 in number. If Sir Edward Grey's amendment is defeated the others fall to the ground. If carried, it would appear that Mr. Henderson's amendment has the best chance of success, as Mr. Lytton's is too wide, and Mr. Dickinson's too narrow for many suffragists. But it is really impossible to forecast the result of any division. All sorts of side issues and tactical manoeuvres are afoot, and the situation changes hourly. The government leaves the question entirely open, yet may fall as a result of divisions, and, in any case, it is seriously embarrassed. The threatened resignations of the ministers are temporarily averted by arrangement reached in the cabinet on Wednesday, but the tension is only partially relieved.

Asquith Embarrassed. Premier Asquith's position is especially compromised, he having declared that female suffrage would be a national danger and calamity, cannot forward a bill granting the franchise to women without a grave loss of prestige and of political character. This, indeed, is so generally recognized that several Liberal and Irish suffragists may abstain from voting, or even oppose the amendments, in order to save the premier from what would be an almost untenable position. Liberal papers openly declare that the situation of the government is critical and the probability that the whole franchise bill may be dropped is stated without disguise. While it is recognized that the government's reputation would be thereby seriously impaired, there are even statements that in any event the bill is doomed.

A Serious Dilemma. The dilemma is this: If women are excluded from the franchise while three million male voters are added to the register, passions of suffragists will be dangerously excited. The malcontent suffragettes recently in the park at Boulogne with Christabel Pankhurst. Mr. Lansbury, ex-M.P., was present, but the plans for violence in the event of her return to London, he conceived it his duty as an honest citizen, to inform the police authorities.

LAVINE CASE IN THE FREDERICTON COURT

Prisoner's Counsel Applied for Bail - Application Refused Until After Today's Hearing. Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Jan. 24.—At the conclusion of this afternoon's proceedings in the police court, in the case of Louis Lavine, charged with obtaining \$1,500 from the Bank of New Brunswick, under false pretences, Ald. P. A. Guthrie, the prisoner's counsel, made another application to have Lavine allowed out on bail. Col. Marsh declined the application and said that after he had heard the depositions of the witnesses coming from St. John, he would decide the question of bail. It was said at the conclusion of the afternoon's proceedings that S. Arscott, of S. Arscott & Company, St. John, would be the first witness tomorrow and that one or two other witnesses would be called by the prosecution. W. S. Thomas, manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, concluded his evidence when the court resumed after the noon recess and afterwards H. W. Binning, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, who is now conducting an inspection of the Bank of New Brunswick here, for the Bank of Nova Scotia, and Gordon Todd, accountant at the Bank of New Brunswick, were the witnesses. The evidence went to show that Lavine had represented to Mr. Thomas, when making the drafts, that he had received authority over the telephone from S. Arscott & Company to make the drafts; that at several conferences which had been held Lavine had stated to this effect but finally he admitted that he had not had special authority but that he had only general authority. It was also said that W. A. B. McAllister, the endorser of the notes, while refusing to admit any liability, had offered, at these conferences, to fix up his share of the transaction if Lavine would pay his end. Lavine, it was said, had refused to do so.

AGAIN DENIES EXISTENCE OF MONEY TRUST

Financial Probe Will Recommend Changes in National Banking Law and Legal Control of Money Interests.

Washington, Jan. 24.—Accepting, as an argument, a lengthy statement by Henry P. Davison, of J. P. Morgan and Company, denying the existence of a money trust and charging the co-operation among financial interests to the "weak banking law," the House Money Trust Committee today closed for the time being its financial probe. The statement of Mr. Davison, presented by him as he left the witness stand, was an analytical argument based on the tables and charts prepared by the committee "purporting to show control of \$25,000,000,000 of resources by 180 directors." The statement denied this conclusion, and set forth specifically that there is no such thing, either in form or in fact as a "money trust." The committee did not allow the statement to go into the record as testimony, but at an executive meeting, voted to allow it to be recorded as an "argument."

Mr. Davison differed with Mr. Untermeyer, counsel for the committee. Continued on page two.

NAZIM PASHA MET DEATH FACING AN ANGRY CROWD

THE CANADIAN NAVY PICTURE IS OVERDRAWN

Records Show Mr. Pugsley is Not an Accurate Word Painter.

Not So Easy to Get Canadian Sailors to Man Niobe and Rainbow - Figures Show Few in Service. Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Figures prepared by the department of the naval service show that the Laurier navy, the Rainbow on the Pacific, and the Niobe, most of the time in dry dock on the Pacific, has been a costly experiment. The amount spent on the naval service, estimating what will be spent this year, is \$4,273,423.46. The number of Canadians who have enlisted on the Niobe and the Rainbow since the passing of the act, contrasts sharply with the Liberal idea as to the ease with which a Canadian navy could be manned by Canadians. Against the picture drawn by Hon. William Pugsley, the other day, of many thousands of Canadians serving in the United States navy because there was no opportunity of serving in Canada, are the departmental totals by provinces, as follows: Nova Scotia... 162 New Brunswick... 19 Prince Edward Island... 19 Quebec... 44 Ontario... 113 Manitoba... 2 Saskatchewan... 4 Alberta... 4 British Columbia... 53 A total up to Dec. 15, of 402 officers and men. During the same period 65 English officers and 626 men have been employed on the ships. The statement shows that the number of men qualifying for service as seamen during the period up to Jan. 13 was 75, as follows: Boys, 26; ordinary seamen, 22; able seamen, 27; and leading seamen, 1. Those who have completed their service in the training ship and are eligible for draft to a vessel going ship for advance in the training of seamanship, gunnery and torpedo. Nineteen cadets are at present graduating from the naval college and will undergo one year's further training in a cruiser before being qualified to enter the naval service.

Rushed From Chamber When Riot Started, Shot by Enver Bey

DECLARES SHOOTING WAS ACCIDENTAL

New Turkish Government Does Not Want to Resume Hostilities but Decides to Keep Adrianople - Balkan Allies Await Reply to Powers. Constantinople, Jan. 24.—Nazim Pasha, the Commander of the Turkish army, received his death wound while expostulating with a crowd of demonstrators for having become embroiled in a conflict at the Grand Vizierate. The official version of the affair, which is termed a "regrettable incident," was issued tonight. When Enver Bey, one of the leaders of the Young Turk party, penetrated the Grand Vizierate in an attempt to enter the council chamber they were stopped by Faiz Bey, aide de camp to the Grand Vizier, who drawing his revolver fired a shot at them. The aide de camp of Nazim Pasha also fired at the crowd, his bullet striking Mehmed Nedif, one of the demonstrators. The demonstrators thereupon replied and Nazim's aide de camp was instantly killed. Forged Riots. Nazim Pasha, who was in the council chamber, heard the shots and rushed outside. Facing the demonstrators he upbraided them, calling them ill-mannered curs. While he was speaking a bullet cut short his remarks and he fell dead. A secret police agent and an assistant of the Sikk-ul-Islam and of the Mohammedan clergy also were killed. The leading unionists of Constantinople declare that the killing of Nazim was unpremeditated and much regretted, but under the circumstances unavoidable. The views held in official circles with regard to the situation between Turkey and the Balkan allies may be set forth as follows: The Turkish government does not require a resumption of hostilities, but the European powers are even less anxious to witness a renewal of the war, owing to the danger of possible complications in Europe. Turkey realizes her condition of financial chronic, but this condition is phenic to her and means always a long and a keeping aloof. On the other hand, from a military standpoint Turkey is in a better condition than ever to wage war with advantage, especially as the government believes the forces of the allies are near the point of exhaustion. Nevertheless the Porte would prefer to avoid further bloodshed if this is honorably possible, and the possession and possession of Adrianople by the Allies is not insisted on. London, Jan. 24.—A despatch from Constantinople to a news agency here says: "I learn on high authority that the young Turk committee was well aware that the Sultan unwillingly gave way to resolve of Grand Vizier Kiamal Pasha to cede Adrianople. Young Turk officers, who recently were received by the Sultan, left him with the impression that he would not object to a sudden change in the government and that the same spirit prevailed in the family council the Sultan recently convened. A pamphlet obviously inspired has been distributed here. It says the young Turk committee has been the means of liberating the Sultan and saving the caliph from his endangered position. Enver Bey was most kindly received by the Sultan, who without hesitation accepted Kiamal Pasha's resignations and appointed young Turk leaders as his ministers. Continued on page two.

Table with 2 columns: Province, Number of Officers and Men. Includes Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia.

DOMINION EXPRESS COMPANY'S RUNNING RIGHTS OVER L. C. R.

Montreal, Jan. 24.—The Dominion Express Company has secured running rights over the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railways with direct connection with Newfoundland, and will establish a service on these roads on February 1st next, and upon eight other tributary roads in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces: the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway; Quebec Central Railway; Temiscouata Railway; Carquet and Gulf Shore Railway; Intercolonial Railway; Kent Northern Railway; North Shore Railway and the Moncton and Buctouche Railway. When the new service is established the company will have running rights over 18,000 miles of railway in Canada which is practically two-thirds of the entire railway mileage of the Dominion. Montreal, Jan. 24.—In order to protect consumers and to prevent the flooding of the markets with lemons and oranges declared to be unfit for food, the federal committee of food and drug inspectors today issued an order forbidding the sale, in interstate commerce, of fruits which have been damaged in the recent freeze in California. The order was issued after it had been brought to the attention of the board of food and drug inspection, that on account of the recent freeze in California, citrus fruits badly damaged by frosts, were being placed on the market. From 60 to 85 per cent of the California crop was estimated to have been injured.

FORBID SALE OF THE DAMAGED CITRUS CROP

Board of Food and Drug Inspection Orders Frostbitten California Fruits Taken from Market.

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BRITISH INSURANCE BILL NOW PROVES FLAT FAILURE

Special Cable to The Standard. Registered in Accordance with the Copyright Act. London, Jan. 24.—The insurance act is now in full swing, and some serious defects are being revealed. The government boasts that they have secured an ample number of doctors. If so, the present system is doomed for the papers are filled with reports that the doctors are overworked, and that they are compelled to spend time in clerical work which prevents them giving proper attention to patients. Sick persons find utmost difficulty in seeing doctors. They have to wait in long ranks on the pavement and in pouring rain, and even then fail to get in, in time. The medical men dispose of the patients at the rate of one per minute, prescribing at random after a perfunctory examination or none at all. The coroner's inquest on one victim reveals some painful facts. The man had strangulated hernia, which is capable of easy cure by operation. The doctor gave medicine for ordinary stomach affection. The man died in a few hours. The jury exonerated the doctor, but added a rider to the verdict laying the responsibility on the conditions of medical service under the act. Even the Liberal papers admit that the medical benefits are breaking down.