

THE ISLANDS OF THE ARCTIC.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier States Government's Position.

Mounted Police and Civil Government Items Voted.

Bill Respecting Grand Trunk Pacific Guaranteed Bonds.

Ottawa, May 20.—Anxious that there should be no further delay in obtaining the appropriations necessary to carry on the business of the country, the Government took the opportunity to-day to move the House into supply, and in a comparatively short space of time votes amounting in the aggregate to nearly a million dollars were passed. The items chiefly related to the Mounted Police and a number for civil government, including salaries for civil servants in several departments.

G. T. Pacific Guarantee Bonds.

In the session Hon. Mr. Fielding introduced a bill authorizing the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company to pledge for the raising of money necessary to the construction of the road the bonds guaranteed by the Government. The bill also provides for a letter of credit being granted to the company authorizing them to expend on the construction of the road a sum not exceeding \$1,000,000 out of the proceeds of the guaranteed bonds.

To Give Letter of Credit. The third purpose of the bill related to the facilitating of operations of the company in the construction of the railway and to avoid delays. To enable them to make prompt payments it was proposed to give the company a letter of credit authorizing them to expend a sum of money, not exceeding a million dollars, out of the proceeds of guaranteed bonds.

Mr. Spruille—Would that money not be part of the consolidated fund? Hon. Mr. Fielding—It is part of the consolidated fund; it is money which belongs to the G. T. P. Company, but which, in respect that it was guaranteed by the Government, had been placed in a special account, and could only be drawn upon on the certificate of the Government's engineers.

Hon. Mr. Fielding—Power to raise has already been given; this is a power to pledge bonds.

The bill was read a second time.

The Lost Papers. On motion to go into supply, Mr. Borden called attention to the disappearance of papers relating to the Standard by-election of 1904. He informed that after the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery had discovered the papers relating to the general election of 1904 in the box where the by-election papers should have been, he had not communicated the fact to the solicitor acting for the petitioners in the election case.

The Premier's View. Sir Wilfrid Laurier endorsed the tribute Mr. Borden had paid to Mr. Lamotte, and said that Mr. Chadwick, assistant, and Mr. Foley, the present Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, were both honest, painstaking officials. How the accident had taken place it was difficult to say. The conclusion he had arrived at was that the papers had disappeared before the death of Mr. La-

mothe. The objection that the office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery was accessible to several parties applied equally to other departments, but he welcomed the suggestion that there should be an investigation as to the cause of the accident, also as to whether further precautions might be taken to safeguard papers.

Mr. Foster asked whether an investigation had not already taken place. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he did not see that there had been any need for a special investigation. Everybody agreed that the disappearance of the papers was purely an accident. If there had been any reason to suppose that there had been foul play it would have been different. But he could not see what purpose anybody could have for destroying these papers.

Mr. Borden—I am informed by the solicitors for the petitioners that they regard the ballots as an important matter. Mr. Foster thought it was just as easy to suppose that a third party had, for a purpose, taken the papers as to be believed that Mr. Lamotte had made a mistake. The case should have been at once placed in the hands of the Dominion police.

Mr. Macdonnell regretted that the Militia Department had abandoned the proposed mobilization of 20,000 to 25,000 men of the militia for the centenary celebration at Quebec for the year 1908. The Government had practically pledged itself to the project, and the disappointment over the subject undoubtedly contemplated that the company should have power to pledge as well as to sell bonds. Railway companies generally possessed that power, but it seemed that the machinery provided in relation to that matter was inadequate, and it was necessary to specifically give the company power to pledge the bonds.

The mounted police. Mr. Cocksutt, Col. Ward, Mr. Porter and Mr. Taylor supported the views advanced by Mr. Macdonnell after which the matter dropped, and the House went into Committee of Supply, taking first the Royal Northwest Mounted Police items, a branch of the Prime Minister's Department.

Mr. Foster asked why, in view of these posts and the fact that American whalers in northern waters now quietly admitted Canadian jurisdiction, there was any necessity for Capt. Bernier's expeditions to northern waters. Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that Capt. Bernier went much further north than the Mounted Police, and asserted Canadian jurisdiction over islands and points not covered by the police.

Mr. Foster—There is no question of giving them up. Sir Wilfrid Laurier—No, but there is a question of someone taking possession. Canada must be vigilant all the time. Vigilance was the price of liberty. He thought it would be agreed that it was better to maintain the evidence of Canadian jurisdiction in those latitudes, no matter what the cost.

Civil Government Estimates. Civil Government estimates of the various departments were then taken up, some progress being made. On some pertaining to post offices Mr. Armstrong asked about reported mail robberies in the west.

The Islands of the North. Sir Wilfrid Laurier—Yes, Skagway might be instanced as a case of sacrifice national dignity for the sake of economy. Canada should not now neglect precautions to assure jurisdiction over the territory she claimed. He asked if his hon. friend had seen the latest map issued from Washington, presumably by the War Department there.

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ONLY A JOKE. SENATOR JAFFRAY RESIGNS FROM NIAGARA PARK BOARD.

The Correspondence Between the Premier and Mr. Jaffray Indicates That Mr. Whitney's Humor is Not Always Taken in the Way He Would Like.

Ottawa, May 20.—Hon. Robert Jaffray recently sent to Premier Whitney from Ottawa a letter, tendering his resignation as a member of the Niagara Falls Park Commission.

A COMPARISON.—Quite well understood, and people had thought firmly established and clearly recognized, is the principle that a redistribution of the constituencies should take place only after a decennial census, when the figures are fresh and relatively correct and reliable. Recognizing this principle, former Liberal Governments passed two, and only two, general redistribution measures: one in 1874, following the census returns published in 1871, and one in 1885, following the census of 1881. True, in 1894, certain cities were given further representation, and, for obvious reasons, in 1902 New Ontario was given four more seats. But since Confederation in 1867 there have been but two general redistribution measures, those of 1874 and 1885.

ANOTHER COMPARISON.—In 1885 the Hon. Wm. Ewart Gladstone brought down a redistribution bill containing general principles, but not until he had consulted with Conservative leaders, and the leaders had agreed upon every line of the bill. Then the actual delimiting of the constituencies was left to an independent commission.

STILL ANOTHER COMPARISON.—In 1902 Mr. Whitney supported the Jameson bill, which called for three things:—1. Fewer representatives in the Province. 2. Redistribution only immediately after a decennial census. 3. That our fifteen High Court Judges should select three of their number to fix the boundaries of the constituencies.

THE MIDDLESEXES may be taken as a specimen of the value of the Premier's statement that he was honestly endeavoring to equalize the population, or to remove some injustice done by former Governments. East, West and North Middlesex have been untouched since Confederation. As the Fathers of Confederation divided that county, so they remained unchanged until Mr. Whitney applied the knife.

UNDER the pretext of equalizing the population of the constituencies he makes changes in Brockville and Leeds when the difference of population was less than 1,000; also the same in Cardwell and Peel; and yet he leaves untouched East and West Lambton, with a difference of 12,000 in population, and numbers of others where the difference varies from 2,000 to 10,000.

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did not change possession of the territory, but he thought all would agree with him that it was wise that visible indications of Canadian jurisdiction should be displayed. If the mounted police had not gone to the Hudson's Bay territories, it would probably be this time disputing Canadian jurisdiction there.

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INDIFFERENT TO FATE. But Tears, the Condemned Man, Prefers Death to Life Imprisonment. Brampton, May 20.—John David Tearse, the young English immigrant who is in jail here under sentence to be hanged June 11, spends his time reading British history, and appears wholly indifferent to his possible fate.

Mystery of a Box Car. Winnipeg, Man., May 20.—The body of an unknown man was found in an empty box car on the Standard Soap Company's track. There were no letters to identify him. He was well dressed, with initials "CH. L. H." on a gold ring.

SERIOUS FLOOD IN QUEBEC. Montreal, May 20.—News was received here to-day of a most extraordinary flood at Carillon, Que., and Point Fortune, Que., which has been caused by the breaking of the old canal dam at Carillon, by the high water from the Ottawa River.

St. Martin's Anglican Church, Macaulay avenue, Toronto, last night decided to invite Rev. D. S. DeKoven Sweetman to succeed the late Rev. W. E. Cooper as rector of the church.

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