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Sleep in Relays While Heart Breaking Battle Wages Hot in Commons

Opposition Led by Hon. Geo. E. Foster Refuses to Pass One Dollar of Marine Estimates Until Brodeur Explains Personal Expenditures.

BRODEUR GIVING WAY EARLY THIS MORNING

With no idea of rising till Saturday midnight the House plugged away all yesterday. It has been the longest continuous sitting since 1896, when the opposition to the Remedial Bill kept the House in session from Monday morning till Saturday night.

Both sides are told off by the whips into relays, while one group sleeps another is on guard either in the chamber or the lobbies.

The Conservatives are determined to prevent a vote for the marine department till the details of certain expenditures are brought down. These were asked for on Thursday night when the fight began.

At 1.30 this morning it looked like a surrender on the part of Brodeur. He asked for an hour to get the papers complete, and left the assembly.

OTTAWA, Feb. 28.—(Special.)—Into the early morning of leap year day the house of commons is sitting, the opposition unbending and determined; the government stubborn and angry. Since 3 o'clock on Thursday afternoon the house has been steadily at it, except for the brief automatic adjournments which 6 o'clock in the evening affords.

The marine estimates were taken up at midnight on Thursday, when Mr. Foster pitched into Mr. Brodeur for having taken $2000 from the vote for ice-breakers to pay his expenses at the Imperial conference. This, he said, was in conformity with the minister's custom of asking for more money than he wanted for marine services, carrying it about for a long time and then making a refund of the excess.

Mr. Brodeur angrily retorted that this was tantamount to a charge of dishonesty.

Not one cent would the opposition vote for the marine department. Hon. George E. Foster went to bed at 4 a.m. and Mr. Taylor assumed the leadership, R. L. Borden being in Montreal.

The minister of marine and minister of finance remained all night in their seats and a quorum was maintained. Sir Wilfrid was in his seat yesterday morning until 2.30.

Mr. Brodeur Complains.

On the subject of returns, Hon. Mr. Brodeur asserted that he had brought down this session more returns than any other minister of the crown had ever been called upon to produce since confederation. Returns had already been made to the house in regard to his departmental audit and in regard also to the expenditures of his mission to London and Paris.

If there were any missing letters in these returns they would be procured at once.

But still the opposition would not budge. "We say," said Dr. Sproule, "that there are no non-contentious items in the estimates for this department."

During the night Mr. Boyce (Algoma) read at great length from the report of the committee of last session as to the cruise of the government steamer Arctic to Hudson Bay. When he got thru Mr. Leonard (Laval) read the same evidence over in French.

F. D. Monk, too, engaged the attention of the house at great length in both languages. Dr. Sproule and Geo. Taylor (Conservative whip) complained that Hon. Mr. Brodeur's record was one of extravagance as an administrator.

History Repeats Itself.

The occasion recalls the record made by the opponents of the Franchise Act in 1885, when the house was in session from Thursday afternoon till Saturday midnight. This occasion was made fa-

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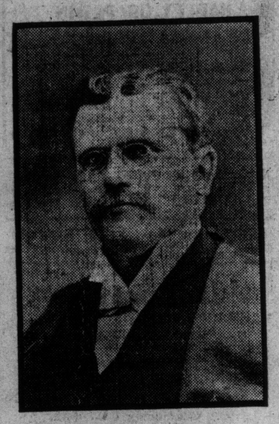

HON MR. BRODEUR,

Who is Held to Be Responsible for a Most Remarkable Session of Parliament.

"HYSTERICS" SAYS PREMIER

Government Simply Waiting on the Municipalities Now, He Declares.

Premier Whitney was asked for an expression of opinion with regard to the statements made about the government and the Electrical Development Co. It is against his wishes that he consents to notice newspaper comment as a rule. However, he said, he had seen the Ottawa Free Press of 24th inst.

"I have seen it," he said, "and as a rule the government pays no attention to anything in the Free Press, but as the article is quoted from a paper called The Financial Post of Toronto, perhaps it is only proper that I should deny positively the truth of the statements made in the clipping."

The statements were in brief that the Electrical Development Company's assets had been offered to the government on the same terms accepted by Wm. Mackenzie, government four per cent. bonds to be accepted in payment.

"What about The Telegram article?" was asked.

"It is impossible for me to reply to hysterics," was the premier's answer.

"That is all I will say. We have done our part, and are now waiting for the municipalities, including Toronto, to do theirs."

SPRING RUSH TO CANADA.

United States Railroads Give Settlers Cut Rates.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 28.—The Great Northern and Northern Pacific Railways have offered to the people of the United States very cheap settlers' rates to the Canadian Northwest, and their action is expected to be followed by most of the lines east and south of St. Paul. Special excursions have been arranged for from St. Paul during March, April and May. Thousands of settlers from all parts of the United States will make their home in Alberta and Saskatchewan this year.

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ARREST THREE YOUTHS FOR PERJURY

Accused of Giving False Evidence in Damage Suit Against the Toronto Street Railway Co.

Rupert Bassman, 22 years old, who lives with his wife's parents at 301 Parliament-street;

William Steele, 22 years, a machinist, living with his parents at 16 Grant-street;

Henry Horowitz, 20 years, living with his parents at 264 Parliament-street.

This trio were arrested last evening by city detectives upon charges of perjury laid by Claims Agent James H. Forrest of the Toronto Railway Company. The charges arise out of a damage action which was brought by Bassman against the company, claiming $2000 damages for the breaking of his arm on Nov. 6 last. The action came up for trial before Justice Mabee at the last assizes. The jury were out but a few minutes when they dismissed the action. The claims department of the railway went to work, as the witnesses for the plaintiff had sworn to statements widely different from those of the defence.

What Bassman Swore To.

Bassman swore at the trial that at 5.45 p.m. on the day in question he had stood at the corner of St. David and Parliament-streets, waiting for a southbound car. Two cars passed him without stopping, and a third stopped, but just as he was about to board the rear platform of the motor, to which a trailer was attached, the car had started and he was dragged between the motor and trailer to a point opposite the Baptist Church, between 50 and 75 yards south of the corner. His right arm was broken above the elbow and it is not yet strong.

This is practically the story told by Steele, who swore that he saw Bassman standing waiting for the car, which "came to a dead stop." Just as Bassman was attempting to board it, Steele swore that he saw the car start, and that Bassman was dragged to the church, where he was taken out from between the motor and trailer by P.C. Robert McKay.

Admits He Was Coerced.

Horowitz, whose father's store is just across the street from the scene of the accident, swore that the car did not stop, but said that Bassman had fallen at the corner and was not dragged.

After his arrest last night he admitted to Inspector of Detectives Duncan that he had sworn falsely at Bassman's request. The first he had known of the accident was when he heard a scream and saw Bassman lying in the roadway. The car had not stopped until it had got in the middle of the block. He did not see Steele, and was sure he was not there. Bassman had come and asked him to be a witness. He asked him if he did not know the car had stopped, and when he had said he was not sure, Bassman had told him that he must be. Bassman had also told him that he "would make it right with him" if he got damages from the company.

After the trial, Steele had asked him why he had not sworn that Bassman had been dragged, as he had so sworn. He said that his parents had warned him not to swear that the car had stopped, because he did not know it, but that he had promised Bassman and was afraid of being considered a coward.

Other Witnesses Contradict.

Ten witnesses swore at the trial that the man had not been dragged, and that the car had not stopped.

P.C. McKay, who picked Bassman up, swore that he had seen him standing in a doorway a moment before the accident, and a man on the back of the car swore that he saw him make a run for it when it was opposite him, while the motorman, W. J. Nelson, swore that Bassman had not been standing in the roadway when the car passed the corner. P.C. McKay swore that when he picked him up he was at the south corner, and not in the middle of the block.

The arrests were made about 7 o'clock last night. Each was taken at his home. Detectives Kennedy and Nat Guthrie got Bassman as he was entering his home for supper. He was taken to the Wilton-avenue station, and they then arrested Horowitz. Detectives Mackie and Geo Guthrie got Steele and lodged him at the Court-street station, where he was later admitted to bail in one surety of $500. Horowitz was taken to headquarters.

WILL BE GOD'S OWN CHILD.

Bowin, Slayer of Mrs. Welch, is Penitent.

DETROIT, Feb. 28.—"Mother, just wait until I get paroled, then I'm going to be God's own child and devote myself to saving lost souls."

This passage was contained in a letter that Percy Bowin, the self-confessed slayer of Mrs. Cornelia Welch, wrote to his mother in Woodstock, Ont., yesterday.

Apparently Bowin has little hope of acquittal of the charge of murder for which he is to be tried soon, as in the letter he made no reference to the approaching trial except to express the hope that she would be there. The whole letter was filled with expressions of penitence and determination to lead an exemplary life when he regains his freedom.

The letter was the result of several days of hard labor on the part of Bowin, who is anything but a scholar. The missive was scrawled, blotted and misspelled, but he finally finished it, and it was forwarded to the broken-hearted mother in Woodstock yesterday morning.

TIME TO MOVE

MR. WHITNEY: Don't you think we've waited long enough, Joseph?

BRIG.-GEN. OTTER ASKED TO TAKE A COMMAND AT ALDERSHOT CAMP

Is Offered the 5th Infantry Brigade and Local Military Men Regard it as a High Compliment to the Canadian Militia.

Great interest has been created in local military circles by the announcement that the militia department at Ottawa has received a despatch from the secretary of state for the colonies offering to Brigadier-General Otter the command of the Fifth Infantry Brigade at Aldershot, England, beginning May 1.

Brigadier-General Otter is at present in Ottawa, and it is not known for a certainty that he will accept, but military men in Toronto regard it as highly probable that he will go to England.

"It is most unusual for a colonial officer to be given the offer of such an appointment, and cannot be regarded as other than a very high compliment," said Lieut.-Col. W. C. Macdonald last night, adding that he had no recollection of any such honor having been conferred in any previous instance.

It is the general belief among local military men that the proffered appointment, which is highly important as being one of the chief commands of the instructional army of Great Britain, is an evidence of a desire to foster imperialistic sentiment, and that Brigadier-General Otter's valuable services in South Africa in command of the first Canadian contingent are borne in mind by the British Government.

Veterans Cheer Him.

It was an odd coincidence that the announcement should be made while former comrades should be celebrating the 8th anniversary of the battle of Paardeburg, when the Canadians so distinguished themselves in South Africa. Last night, at the veterans' smoking concert in celebration of that event, loud cheers greeted Surgeon-Col. Ryerson when he announced that General Otter was to be asked to take the command at Aldershot. He personally hoped that he had taken it. The South African contingents had won the respect of the empire for the Canadian militia, and in going to Aldershot General Otter would be carrying on the good work.

Col. Greville Harston also expressed the wish that General Otter would accept the offer of a command at Aldershot. It would bring great credit on the Canadian militia.

The question of who will succeed him as commanding officer in the district of Western Ontario is a difficult one to answer, say those who are best informed. The theory is advanced that an officer in command of one of the other districts may be transferred.

His Career.

Brigadier-General William Dillon Otter, C.B., was born in Toronto in 1843, and received his early education at the Model School, afterwards attending Upper Canada College. He served 22 years in the volunteer militia and saw active service during the Fenian raids of 1866 and 1870. He was married in 1865. In 1883 he entered the permanent militia, becoming commander of the Royal School of Infantry. He served in the Northwest Rebellion of 1885 in command of the Battleford column. In 1899 he was placed in command of the Royal Canadian Regiment, and served during that year and the year following, rendering very efficient service, his command

BRIG.-GEN. OTTER.

particularly distinguishing itself in the brisk action at Paardeberg. He won the reputation of being a strict disciplinarian while in South Africa. In 1900 he had the title of Companion of the Bath conferred upon him, and, on his return to Canada was placed in command of the military district of Western Ontario, and was made aide-de-camp to the governor-general.

DYNAMITE BOMB THROWN AT PRESIDENT'S ALCORTA

Bold Attempt on Life of Head of Republic in Streets of Buenos Ayres.

BUENOS AYRES, Feb. 28.—A dynamite bomb was thrown against a carriage in which President Alcorta was driving, but failed to explode.

Four persons were arrested charged with complicity in the plot.

Recently there has been political unrest in Argentina owing to the issuance January 26 of an executive decree closing the extraordinary sessions of congress, and putting into effect for the current financial year the budget of 1907. This extreme measure was made necessary by the obstructive tactics of a majority in the senate which made impossible the passage of the budget or other legislation, leaving the government powerless to meet ordinary expenses. President Alcorta announced at the time that the government was prepared promptly to suppress any subversive or violent movement on the part of the opposition, and on January 27 large forces of police prevented the senators and deputies from attempting to take possession of the parliamentary halls. It was stated at the time that the decree of President Alcorta was approved by a majority of the people.

COUNTY POLICE EASY MONEY MAKERS

Devices for Securing Lucrative Costs Are Brought to Light by Judge Winchester.

Members of the county constabulary came in for a severe grueling when the Woodcock investigation resumed yesterday.

Costs in automobile cases seem to have been a particular form of graft which the constables and magistrate adhered to, when the owners of automobiles submitted to coughing up expenses rather than face a court charge. In three cases when these "mulctings" reached the ear of the provincial secretary the fines or costs were refunded.

A serious phase developed late in the afternoon, when Judge Winchester subjected County Constable James S. Rout to a severe examination on his actions in the case against Thomas Fisher, who was charged with attempted rape on Mrs. Samuel Munro. Mrs. Munro did not want the case tried at all, and wrote to Woodcock to that effect. When the case did come to trial, she denied the whole affair, and accused Rout of unbecoming conduct toward her. His honor remarked that the case was a most serious one. The information was laid by Rout after a conference with Mrs. Munro.

"Did this woman ever make a complaint to you?" asked the judge.

"Yes. I went to see her after several of the neighbors had been talking about what she had told them regarding Fisher's actions toward her. I asked her," continued the witness, "what had happened. At first she did not want to say anything at all, but afterward she told me that Fisher had grabbed her in the room and ill-used her."

"Did she say that?" pressed the judge. "Why did you not put it on the paper?"

"Well there were words to that effect, and I had my suspicions," parried the constable.

"You went down and swore that information out on Nov. 1," and his honor was severe. "Damn a man on your suspicion, eh?"

"Mrs. Munro swore that you were as bad as Fisher was," continued the judge.

"I would not be surprised at that."

"Why, in the name of common-sense, did you lay that information? You knew it would have to be corroborated."

"I expected it would have been corroborated."

"By whom?"

"By herself."

"Why, man, she was the only witness. We will have her here to-morrow."

Watches Autos.

Provincial Constable Frisbee was the first witness when the court opened. He has been stationed at Aurora as a special officer to enforce the Auto Act, for which he is paid $2.50 per day. Last year he handled four cases and the year before three.

The judge first took up a particular case where an information was laid by Constable Petch and his honor

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BLOOR ST. VIADUCT ONLY MATTER OF TIME

Members of Works Committee Declare Extension is Both Necessary and Certain.

That there is growing among the aldermen a strong sentiment in favor of the eastward extension of Bloor-street by means of a viaduct across the Don Valley to connect with Danforth-ave., was made strikingly evident at the meeting of the civic works committee yesterday afternoon.

The question arose when Ald. Saunderson spoke in advocacy of a viaduct across the Don from Wellesley-street to Broadview-avenue, the cost of the undertaking having been estimated by the city engineer at $270,000. At the previous meeting of the committee Ald. Saunderson had the city engineer's recommendation for a steel bridge crossing the Don at Winchester-street referred back for consideration of the viaduct plan.

The committee, however, showed itself to be impressed with the merits of Sherbourne-street extension as opposed to the Wellesley-street extension.

"It will eventually have to come," asserted Ald. McBride, a statement with which Ald. Stewart most emphatically agreed. Mr. Rust concurred with the view that the extension was desirable, but said that the cost would be considerable.

"The money would be well spent," persisted Ald. McBride, and Ald. Adams joined in, with the assertion that the Bloor-street viaduct was only a question of time.

The city engineer claimed as an advantage of the Wellesley-street viaduct that the cost would be less. The land damages would not be material, altho the trustees of St. James' Cemetery would have some claim for compensation.

Ald. Foster said it had been estimated that the Bloor-street viaduct would cost about $375,000, and he thought its advantages would more than compensate for the additional outlay, with which Ald. McBride agreed.

On motion of Ald. Saunderson, Mr. Rust will report on both projects.

ISSUE NEW WARRANTS FOR LOCKHART RUSSELL

Attorney-General's Department to Try and Secure Extradition of Mining Man.

Strenuous efforts will be made at once by the attorney-general's department to secure the immediate arrest of Lockhart Russell, who was charged jointly with Frank Law with conspiracy to defraud the public in affecting the prices of stocks of various Cobalt propositions in the hands of Law & Co.

Two warrants were sworn out for Russell at that time, but upon neither charge could he be extradited. Later, ten additional warrants were issued, upon each of which Russell is charged with obtaining money under false pretences.

Before Magistrate Kingsford yesterday evidence of nine witnesses was heard on four of the charges, putting the matter in shape for the immediate extradition of Russell, who is said to be in Ohio.

The hearing was held in the room behind the police court, and the utmost secrecy was observed.

Frank Law was the principal witness. Four witnesses were also brought from Cobalt and Haileybury.

The sitting, which was opened in the morning at 10 o'clock, was continued in the afternoon.

W. H. Price, special prosecutor for the crown, conducted the examination of witnesses.

When the charges were first laid, Russell was supposed to be in London, Eng., and various promises were made that he would return to Toronto to answer. Some time ago it was learned he was at his old home in Ohio.

SIX—STORK BRINGS—SIX SIX-WEE CAMPBELLS—SIX

STEUBENVILLE, Ohio, Feb. 28.—Six perfectly formed children were born here to-day to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Campbell. Three of the infants died within an hour after birth. One boy and girl will live, it is said. Three were boys. Mrs. Campbell weighs less than a hundred pounds. The combined weight of the infants was twenty-three pounds. Physicians declare the case to be one of the most remarkable known. Campbell is a millworker and has four brothers. To the family of two of these, twins have been born, and each of the other brothers is father of triplets.

Campbell's first wife died after becoming the mother of triplets.

Campbell served for twelve years in the United States navy and fought under Schley off Santiago. Two of his brothers are now with Admiral Evans' fleet in the Pacific.