

## WILL OPPOSITION DROP THE FIGHT AGAINST RECIPROCITY?

Some of Mr. Borden's Followers Dissatisfied With the Party's Course—Legislation Important to the West Blocked in the House.

Ottawa, May 22.—Parliament adjourned on Friday night until July 18, having finally passed some 149 government and private bills and advanced considerable other important legislation. In moving the adjournment, Hon. Mr. Fielding, who was the prime minister from England, the consideration of the reciprocity proposal would be renewed, and it is expected they will then be put through to a conclusion. Whether the opposition will renew its obstructive tactics is at present problematical. There are those, even within its own ranks, who are none too eager to force the issue upon an arrangement which is still growing in popular favor and these argue that after their rural colleagues have had opportunity of learning the views of their constituents and Mr. Borden has toured the Prairie Provinces and there learned the sentiment of western people, there will be little further opposition to the ratification of the agreement. In any case, the government will proceed with plans to that end with increasing confidence and fortified by endorsements coming in by every mail from every province. A further supplement to the return of correspondence received, stated by Hon. Mr. Fielding on the last day of the session, showed the animosity of expression in favor of the arrangement.

### Western Legislation Blocked.

Two important pieces of government legislation, moulded upon representations from the western farmers, were unavoidably held over, owing to the vigorous and at times bitter, hostility on the part of the opposition. Hon. George P. Graham, minister of railways presented his bill to amend the Railway act by generally tightening the government control of these transportation companies. In it he included a clause designed to make the railways responsible for cattle killed upon the track. He stated that he and Sir Wilfrid Laurier had looked into the complaints of the farmers when they were in the west last summer, and believed that the westerners had good ground for asking redress from the present operation of the act. It was not just or fair to hold the farmer responsible for loss to cattle if they grazed within half a mile of the railway track, and it was proposed under the bill to take away this handicap. The minister stated that in drafting the clause the minister had consulted with the chairman of the railway committee and Mr. James Bower, president of the Canadian council of agriculture, who had declared that it met the views of the farmers. The clause, however, was bitterly fought by two members, Mr. Lancaster, of Lincoln, and Mr. Meighan, of Portage la Prairie, who succeeded in "talking it out" and thereby preventing its incorporation in the new bill. Mr. Meighan, who immediately thereafter left the house, thus avoiding any vote, had a division committee been reached. Mr. Lancaster criticized the farmers, who he declared, were "like infants" in this matter, and that the views of the farmers' association were "like a child of eight or ten years of age, who takes a dollar in one hand and in return signs away the farm to which it is entitled when it comes of age. Mr. Meighan joined Mr. Lancaster in his fight against the clause, and bitterly criticized Mr. Bower. They declared that farmers "did not know what they were doing" when they petitioned the government for this measure and approved of the clause drawn by Mr. Meighan and refused to let it reach a vote until the time devoted to the bill lapsed and the measure had to be adopted without the clause in question.

Again, on the last day of the session, the Conservatives blocked the government's effort to pass the grain bill providing for the operation of the elevators under a government commission to meet the views of western farmers. Hon. Frank Oliver, who was in charge of the measure, urged promptness in dealing with it in order that the commission might be named in time to apply the act to this season's crop. Mr. Haggart, Conservative member for Winnipeg city, opposed it, and in support of his position read a letter from the Winnipeg Grain exchange urging delay and asking the commission to be named in time to apply the act to this season's crop. Mr. Haggart, Conservative member for Winnipeg city, opposed it, and in support of his position read a letter from the Winnipeg Grain exchange urging delay and asking the commission to be named in time to apply the act to this season's crop.

### A. G. McKAY FOR OTTAWA CABINET

This is a rumor that is now going the rounds of Toronto and the Capital—Has Had Frequent Consultations With Premier.

Toronto, May 25.—A question that is being discussed in political circles here just now is the probable elevation of Hon. A. G. McKay, leader of the Ontario opposition to a position in the provincial cabinet. It is pointed out that the honorable gentleman has been in Ottawa several times lately and has held long conferences with Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Before he started on his tour of the province after the close of the provincial legislature he consulted the Federal leader and his tour was a demonstration of the confidence in McKay. Not a provincial issue was touched upon. Around Ottawa the rumor that McKay is the next man for Ontario for the Federal cabinet gains ground.

## LAURIER TELLS OF CANADA'S LOYALTY

New Governor-General Presides at Banquet to the Colonial Delegates

London, May 24.—The Duke of Connaught presiding at a dinner of the colonial delegates, said that the Imperial conference undoubtedly worked for the well-being and consolidation of the Empire, welding its parts into an indissoluble whole. Self-government by its constituent dominions was the most important British contribution to the science of government. It is entirely to be hoped that the universality of the Empire will give this development its full, definite and compulsory place in the future. His Royal Highness alluded to the marvelous emigration to Canada, congratulated Canada and Newfoundland on the fisheries award, which had been accepted loyally by the United States and said that Canadian made against him in certain of the press as the result of material believed to have been stolen for blackmailing purposes hawked around the eastern newspapers by Daniel McGillicuddy for some time and finally published anonymously. When the committee of investigation, asked for by the minister, met to consider the matter, the minister had received from the Canadian Northern Railway some \$99,000 for securing a transfer of land grants, which had been made by Mr. E. Young, superintendent of railway and swamp lands, and the minister had been urged upon the minister by the departmental officers who investigated the case at the time. Mr. Young gave evidence that the company was granted land by act of parliament, and that the land was not constructed, without restriction as to the location of the land. A subsequent order restricted the land to land selection to the area east of the Red River, the territory in which the land was not constructed. The minister declared that land must be fairly fit for settlement, as was customary in the past. The railway was constructed and when the company claimed its land grant it represented that the land was not more than 20,000 acres of land fairly fit for settlement at the disposal of the Government in the surveyed area. The minister declared that the land was not more than 20,000 acres of land fairly fit for settlement at the disposal of the Government in the surveyed area.

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## TAFI'S MESSAGE TO SCOTTISH CHURCH

Dr. J. A. McDonald Speaks to General Assembly and Conveys the Message of the President of the United States Received With Applause.

Edinburgh, Scotland, May 26.—A long applause welcomed the message received from President Taft on the subject of Anglo-American arbitration which was delivered to the general assembly of the church of Scotland here today by Dr. J. A. McDonald, of Toronto.

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## NEW THEOLOGY IS DISCUSSED

Pantheism is Adhered Says Prof. A. D. Miller—New Theology is Analyzed in all Aspects, in Restraint Addressed Audience Applauds Logic of Speaker.

Calgary, May 24.—"Pan-Atheism," the name applied to the theory adopted by many of the recent graduates of the Methodist church last evening by Prof. A. D. Miller, M.A., B.D., of Alberta College, Strathcona, in a manner that won unqualified applause. Of the ultimate failure of this new theology the speaker expressed a firm conviction; but his address was characterized by restraint and by the absence of bias in either argument or statement.

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## CROP CONDITIONS IN SASKATCHEWAN

Reports from Over the Province are Generally Satisfactory.

Regina, May 23.—The second of the bulletins on crop conditions in Saskatchewan has been issued by the department of agriculture. These bulletins, it may be explained, are based upon telegraphic reports received from all crop correspondents throughout the province. This telegraphic system of crop reporting which was inaugurated this year, marks a somewhat unique departure inasmuch as no other department of agriculture has adopted this mode of giving the public the most recent accurate information on the condition of crops in the province. The bulletins just issued indicates that crop conditions generally throughout the province are very satisfactory. The seedling was completed generally about the 15th, the fourth eastern portion of the province being first to have all the wheat in the ground. There will be some increase in the wheat acreage. In the southeast it will not exceed 5 per cent over last year's crop, while in the newly settled areas, the increase reach 25 per cent.

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