

SHOOK HIS FIST IN BASTEDO'S FACE

Fisheries Clerk Webster Was Violent in His Language.

SAID HE WOULD OUST SUPERIOR

Didn't Like to Take Instructions from the Deputy Commissioner and Claims Was Humiliated.

Toronto, Feb. 14. — The inquiry into the allegations brought by Mr. J. S. Webster against Mr. S. T. Bastedo, deputy minister of the fisheries branch of the public works department, the head of his department, was continued before Mayor J. C. Judd, of London, special commissioner, in the Parliament Buildings, this morning.

Mr. Webster was cross-examined by Mr. J. F. Hellmuth, counsel for Mr. Bastedo, and interesting cases of his occasionally violent insubordination against the authority of the deputy minister were revealed. The witness, too, did not deny that he had used insulting language to Mr. Bastedo on the street, and shook his fist in his face, for all of which he claimed provocation. A pretty personal feud between Mr. Bastedo and Mr. Webster was disclosed.

Mr. J. E. Jones, for Mr. Webster, opened his cross-examination of Mr. Bastedo by drawing an acknowledgment from him that, acting under orders from the Hon. Mr. Latchford, he had returned nets to the Rev. Father Cowley, which had twice been confiscated from Charleston Lake, in which no netting was permitted.

"And this was within a few days of election?" queried Mr. Jones.

"Yes," answered Mr. Bastedo.

Counsel for complainant then read a letter from Mr. McIntosh, of Killarney, stating that the issue of pound nets, which are of a very destructive nature, to strangers, who fished in the Georgian Bay, had made the local fishermen very bitter against the Government and certain concessions to that sentiment must be made if the district were to be carried by the Liberals.

Mr. Jones continued to read letters from license-holders and patronage-seekers from all parts of the Province, taken from Mr. Bastedo's file, all of which had been put into Mr. Bastedo's hands for answers. The majority were all veiled threats against the Government if their requests were not complied with.

The mutilated letters were then dealt with, the majority from a Mr. Haggart, Great trouble was gone by the lawyers to erase some blue pencilling on an advice to the minister from the overseer. When the marking had been removed, the words, "Mr. Julian is a Conservative in politics," were found.

Mr. Jones—Did Mr. Julian get his license?

Mr. Bastedo—Yes.

Mr. Jones desired to look into other and more private papers. To this Mr. Hellmuth objected, as the matter had been sprung upon him. The commissioner himself promised to look into them.

A case of active political interference in an election at West Huron was lodged against Mr. Bastedo by the complainant, who desired to deal with it right away.

"This is too much," caustically remarked Mr. Hellmuth. "Why not go back to the seventeenth century? This is not correct. My case had been closed. These new allegations will require time to investigate. I want a full inquiry, and I won't take this question up until I have got witnesses."

The matter will be dealt with at a later date, witnesses being brought from Goderich.

Cross-examining Mr. Webster, Mr. Hellmuth said: "Do you remember Mr. Bastedo asking you to go to North Bay last September?"

"Yes."

"Did you go?"

"I did not."

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"I may have done so."

"Did you say that you 'would get him out?' Will you swear that?"

"No, I will not."

"Did you shake your fist in Mr. Bastedo's face on the 27th of December?"

Witness—I suppose I did. Mr. Bastedo purposely pushed into my room to insult me.

"Mr. Bastedo said you were not 'chief clerk'?"

"Yes, and he further humiliated me by having 'Clerks' placed on my door instead of 'Chief Clerk'."

In regard to the license of Bowman, Mr. Webster states that he went to Mr. Matheson and asked for its cancellation and not to Mr. Bastedo. The license was suspended.

"Did Mr. Bastedo communicate his instructions direct to the clerks or through you?"

Mr. Webster said he was never used. "Did you say to a man," said Mr. Hellmuth, with biting sarcasm, "that if he couldn't do his work you would have to get some one else?"

"I was jollying the man," said Mr. Webster.

"Oh, oh; that's the sort of man you are, concluded counsel.

"There is a charge here," said the court, "that you were inaccurate in your work. Were you ever spoken to by Mr. Bastedo?"

Mr. Webster said he was not.

Mr. T. P. Callaghan testified to hearing the bad language used by Mr. Webster about Mr. Bastedo when the complainant was discussing how he had been treated. Answering Mr. Jones, the witness stated that he mentioned the matter a few days later to Mr. Bastedo. "Title, tattling, eh?" asked Mr. Jones.

To the court, Mr. Callaghan said that Webster said: "I have got rid of Ellis and I will drive out Bastedo."

A TALENTED ARTIST

The Musical Achievements of a Young Canadian Girl.

Living in Peterboro there is a young lady whose real talent as a musician is attracting much attention. Not only is she a pianist of brilliant technique, she possesses as well that sense of learning the meaning of things which is usually called, for the want of a better name, temperament. Of wide scholarship in her art, she is particularly well equipped for the work of teaching and it is not remarkable that her pupils, both in Peterboro and Toronto—for she has a class there—have found her admonition and example most stimulating. But it is as a composer that Miss Roger has awakened the most interest. Songs written by her are appreciated and sung by many prominent artists in the United States, such as Vernon D'Arville, the Chicago baritone. She writes naturally; her melody is fluent and her accompaniments are always musically. There seems every reason to believe that the reputation which this Canadian girl has already won will grow and reflect credit not alone on her, but on the country, where she was born.

These remarks are called forth by a glance at a booklet just issued by Miss Roger and containing extracts from the many kind words which her artistic achievement has occasioned. Incidentally it might be well to point out that Miss Roger has been a constant friend to the Goulay piano since it came on the market. She says in a recent letter to the firm of Goulay, Winter & Leeming: "I am really delighted with the Goulay which I have in my studio. It is giving perfect satisfaction."

KINGSTON MAY GET IT

Defeated Tory Candidate Says Whitney Promised Normal School.

Kingston, Feb. 14.—Kingston is slated for one of the new normal schools. Donald M. McIntyre, late Conservative candidate in the bye-election, says he had assurance of the Government that a normal school would be established here.

The city will press for the fulfillment of the promise.

DE MARCO WANT NEW TRIAL

His Friends Say He Did Not Murder John Hoban.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—An application will be made to the court of appeal today, to secure the release of, or a new trial for, Chas. De Marco, who was convicted of the murder of John Hoban.

The murder was the outcome of a stabbing affray in "The War," since the conviction, two Italians have come forward and stated that they saw the affair, and that it was a big man who stabbed Hoban, whereas De Marco is a small man.

Another effort is being made to secure the release of Ted Harsh, the Chicago man who is under arrest here on a charge of forging theatre tickets. Chief Justice Meredith refused an application for a writ of habeas corpus, and this morning Mr. J. B. MacKenzie, Harsh's counsel, appeared before Chancellor Boyd.

The case was not concluded, but in the course of the argument Chancellor Boyd remarked: "If we can get rid of these criminals from the United States, you may be sure we are not going to keep them here."

Miner's Fear Shocks.

Houghton, Mich., Feb. 14.—Many miners are resigning their positions in the copper mines in this vicinity, owing to the continued earthquakes, or air blasts, which have now become so frequent and dangerous that the miners fear for their lives. Until last week no particular damage was done, when there commenced a series of shocks much more violent than at any time in the past. Each day since then there have been numerous shocks.

We suppose a man is called "woman's protector" for the reason that he protects her from others imposing upon her, preferring to do it all himself.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN HELPED SAYS "C.B."

Policy of Protection Had Much To Do With Arousing British Voter.

London, Feb. 14.—Explaining that the King's speech would tell all the public possibly desired to know, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the premier, made no announcement of his party's policy tonight at a complimentary banquet given him by the National Liberal Club.

"There will," he said incidentally, "be no surprise in it for you and no mystery about our policy."

Adverting to the election he declared it was not the swing of the pendulum, but the great revolt of the Liberals who had arrayed against the heavy battalions of materialism, including newspaper combinations, which were a bar to free press, and the weight and the wealth of that which calls itself society, that is, those who loved adventure, ease and speculation.

All the best life of the nation had been aroused.

"Let us while discarding the remedy not leave the disease alone. I am grateful to Chamberlain for keeping before us the condition of the people in question."

The premier hoped that the Unionists' conference would evolve a policy plain to the people.

He welcomed the Labor members as helping to make the most advanced representative Parliament in the history of the nation.

**GRAVE PERIL OF
ARCTIC WHALERS**

Ships Fast in the Ice and the Crews Face Famine and Disease.

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 14.—Frozen up in the Arctic Sea, several thousand miles from civilization, with scurvy breaking out among the crews, ten American whaling ships are in a bad plight around Herschel Island, Corp. Munro, of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police, has just arrived here from the far-off post, having left there last July.

Four ships had spent the winter at Point Barrow, on Herschel Island. They were the Rowhead, Karluk, Herman and Bonanza. Eight other ships from the United States, and one from England, were also in the area.

The summer season in those waters gives the whalers only about six weeks to work, and nearly every winter some ships are obliged to stay at Herschel Island on account of their tardiness.

In 1897 sixteen ships wintered there, and 75 per cent of the crews died, either of starvation or scurvy.

A ROYAL TROUSSEAU

Wedding Clothes of the Duchess Sophy Will Be Elaborate.

Berlin, Feb. 14.—The trousseau of the Duchess Sophy Charlotte of Oldenburg, who is to be the bride next month of Prince Eitel-Fritz, the Kaiser's second son, will be made in Germany.

The wedding dress consists of thick white crepe de chine, both dress and train being richly embroidered in silver and gold. For her state entry into Berlin the duchess will wear a pink and rose-colored dress and a white cloak embroidered with gold, trimmed with Russian sable, and lined with ermine, the whole designed in empire style. For the journey from Oldenburg to the capital she will wear a cream-colored cloth dress trimmed with sable.

The dress the youthful duchess intends to wear to the gala performance at the opera will be made of sea green silk with silver embroidered drapery falling down in front. After the wedding festivities the princess will don a costume of delicate lavender-colored cloth with jacket to match.

NORWAY TO FORTIFY

Will Strengthen Her Inner Line of Defense if Not the Boundary.

Christiania, Feb. 14.—The Norwegian Government is preparing to fortify the inner defense line of fortifications on the Swedish frontier. According to the agreement between Norway and Sweden the old fortifications were to be razed to the ground. They never pleased the military experts, and the army authorities are now endeavoring to figure out a fortification programme which shall not be too expensive.

It is expected here that Sweden will follow the example of Norway. At the time of the breaking away of the union, objections were raised to the enormous expense which a double set of fortifications would entail upon the Scandinavian Peninsula, but there appeared to be no help for it.

France and the city of Paris have spent nearly \$700,000 this year in entertaining royal guests and paying for the journeys of the President.

"C.B." AND CABINET TAKE THE OATH

Speaker Lowther and Commons in Interesting Ceremony at Westminster.

London, Feb. 14.—Shortly after the reassembling of the House of Commons at noon today the speaker-elect, James W. Lowther, accompanied by a majority of the members, proceeded to the House of Lords, where the speaker-elect was confirmed by the royal commission. The speaker-elect occupied the chair in the Lower House and awaited the arrival of the Black Rod from the royal commissioners. When the officer had delivered his message, the speaker-elect went to the Upper House and acquainted the commissioners that "his majesty's faithful Commons, in obedience to his command, had elected a speaker, and, as the object of their choice, he submitted himself with all humility to the King's gracious approbation." In reply the lord chancellor declared that "his majesty most fully approved and confirmed him as speaker."

On behalf of the Commons the speaker then laid claim "by humble petition to all their ancient rights and privileges," and these being confirmed, the speaker and Commons retired from the bar.

On his return from the House of Lords, the speaker reminded the House of Commons that the first thing to be done was to subscribe to the oath required by law, and standing upon the upper step of the chair, he himself took the oath of allegiance to the King. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the premier, and the other cabinet ministers, took the same oath, and the swearing in of the rank and file commenced, and will be the only business transacted by the House for the rest of the week. Members who prefer to do so on the ground of religious belief, can make affirmation instead of taking the oath.

**WILL SEEK TREATY
WITH DOMINION**

Roosevelt Takes Active Measures to Preserve Beauty of Niagara Falls.

Washington, Feb. 14.—A large deputation saw President Roosevelt today and asked him to aid in the effort to preserve Niagara Falls. The deputation believed the Federal Government had greater power in the matter than the State Government, and quoted legal authorities to substantiate this contention.

President Roosevelt was in accord with the views of the deputation and he expressed not only his interest, but his enthusiasm in the suggestion made in the petition. He told the members of the delegation he would do all in his power to preserve the grandeur of the falls of Niagara.

To this end he wrote immediately a letter to Secretary Root directing him to take up the subject of a treaty with the Canadian authorities.

The petition set forth that the signers have been advised by eminent counsel: "That the jurisdiction of the United States over the waters of Niagara River is superior to that of the state of New York."

"That upon the exercise of the powers inhering in the United States, jurisdiction by the state of New York will therefore cease."

"That for the effective protection of the waters of the Niagara River, a treaty or convention between the United States and Great Britain is necessary."

The petition further cites letters written by Attorney-General Moody and former Attorney-General Griggs and Knox, expressing opinions concerning the diversion of water above the Falls of Niagara occurs in a stream through which passes an international boundary, action in regard to this diversion can only be properly instituted through diplomatic channels, it not being within the power of congress to institute such action.

It is indicated by the petition that action for the preservation of Niagara Falls, to be effective, must be initiated by the President through diplomatic channels.

It also is indicated by quotations from official letters that the Canadian authorities are willing to take up the subject with the American Government.

A German consular officer, writing to his Government, points out the enormous possibilities of Brazil's forests, and calls attention to the fact that an American company, with \$5,000,000, is beginning to exploit some of the best regions.

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