

Mr. Sorby Returning

The Ministers Are Too Busy to Look Into His Harbor Scheme.

Member For Victoria Strongly Rebuked by the Premier for Breach of Faith.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, July 7.—Mr. Sorby left for Victoria yesterday. He was here on his dock project and was told by the government that nothing could be done at present regarding this matter. This was owing to the absence of Mr. Tarte, and the other ministers being too busy with the session to look into it.

Col. Prior in the House to-day called attention to the provincial statutes of British Columbia, which are now before the Dominion government containing clauses restricting the employment of Japanese, and asked that they be either disallowed or allowed. It was in the interests of employers of labor that they should know the result as soon as possible. He paid a compliment to the Japanese, but at the same time said that their presence in British Columbia interfered with the laboring classes. He then spoke of the Chinese.

Mr. Sutherland said Col. Prior was not always interesting himself in the Chinese question.

Col. Prior went on to say that he employed Chinese, as women could not be found in the province to do house work. Premier Laurier, in reply, said that Col. Prior had abused the privileges of the House in bringing up the question in the way he did, on a motion to adjourn, and that he was also guilty of a breach of faith, as it was understood that he was coming up to-day. The Premier also said that the government acted in obedience to the Imperial government in regard to the Japanese. It was necessary to do this. He was, however, prepared to consider and deal with the restriction of Chinese with a view of doing his best to meet the wishes of British Columbia.

Returns Produced.

When the House met to-day Clerk Crown Chancery was present with the election returns for West Huron and Brockville. They were referred to the committee of privileges and elections.

Mr. Borden, who made the motion, tried to justify his partisan language of yesterday by saying that what he said was no stronger language used than that by Sir Richard Cartwright on the charges against Sir Adolphe Caron.

Premier Laurier pointed out that the president was a poor one, as the government on that occasion refused an investigation, and it was on that account that Sir Richard Cartwright spoke. Had the Liberal government refused an inquiry he would have excused Borden, but in this case it was granted.

Evidently Mr. Borden did not expect this, but that the government would follow the example set by the Conservatives.

ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

(Associated Press.)
London, July 7.—The officials at the Foreign Office were to-day shown an Associated Press despatch from Washington yesterday, saying there was almost a deadlock over the modus vivendi of fixing the Alaskan boundary, neither side being willing to accept the provisional line proposed by the other.

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THE CONCESSIONS BY KRUGER.

Volksraad Adopts New Franchise Proposal—British Officers For South Africa—Statement by Mr. Balfour.

London, July 8.—According to the Digby News, the Transvaal Volksraad to-day agreed to the new franchise proposal whereby all persons now naturalized and persons who settled in the country prior to January, 1891, shall receive the franchise immediately. New-comers will be enfranchised after seven years' residence, sons of burghers at the age of 16 years, and those of Uitlanders at 21.

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Ashcroft, July 7.—While lowering some pipe yesterday into the shaft of the Micoque Gravel & Dredging Company's mine at Horseddy, in Cariboo, the rope broke, allowing the pipe to fall on and instantly killing John Hagen.

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