

PARLIAMENT BOWLED OUT CROCKET'S CHARGES

Forty-eight Majority Against Motion of Censure of Minister of Public Works

Dr. Pugsley Proves the Falsity of Member for York's Base Insinuations in Regard to Purchase of Richibucto Wharf—Shows Conclusively That Government Got a Great Bargain in Acquiring the Property—Conservative Members Entertain With Real Mouth Organs at the Close.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, April 21.—The House of Commons today spent a longer time in discussing the purchase by the government, for \$5,000, of the so-called "sawdust" wharf at Richibucto in 1908, than it spent in putting the Naval bill through the committee stage; almost double the time it gave to the third reading of the bill, and almost as long as it spent altogether in putting the new immigration bill through all three stages.

The opposition's piece of resistance "scandal" of the public accounts committee this session, developed at about a dozen meetings of the committee, and exploited last night in a three hours speech by Mr. Crockett, and again today by Dr. Pugsley, was by far the most effective and convincing explanation of the whole transaction given by Mr. Crockett and Hon. Dr. Pugsley.

Insinuations of collusion on the part of the minister of public works in paying the wharf, formed the major part of the opposition case. Though challenged to do so by Dr. Pugsley, Mr. Crockett declined to make any formal charge of wrong doing on the part of the minister.

The one kernel of fact on which all the insinuations rested was that the wharf which Thomas Murray sold to the department for \$5,000, had been a previous transfer of the property for \$700; it was in the public interest to secure the wharf, and instead of paying too much for the property the government had got a bargain, as was shown by the fact that an offer had been received from Messrs. Logie, a reputable and well known business firm, to buy it back for

\$5,800. As conclusive evidence of this latter fact Dr. Pugsley noted that two-thirds of the property secured had been resold to the Messrs. Logie for \$3,800.

The net result of the whole transaction was, therefore, that for \$1,500 the government had got the most valuable part of the wharf property and was now in a position to afford Richibucto much needed terminal railway facilities at the water front.

No One to Back O'Leary's Statements.

In conclusion, he laid stress on the fact that Mr. Crockett had been able to bring to the public accounts committee no witness outside of Richard O'Leary, a prejudiced partisan, who was prepared to swear that the government had not got a good bargain. Not a single resident of Richibucto or of Kent county had been produced who could say that the government had paid too much. On the other hand, all the other evidence taken before the committee showed that the government had got good value for the public money.

In winding up the discussion, after an all day debate, Mr. Borden expressed great indignation at the "enormity" of the whole transaction, and he endorsed the wording of Mr. Crockett's resolution, declaring that said purchase was a corrupt and fraudulent transaction, which deserves the severest condemnation of the house.

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The division was characterized by something unique in the history of parliament. It was the only one in which a series of duets on mouth organs.

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STRUCK ANOTHER GUSHER IN ALBERT

Well, With Yield of 800,000 Cubic Yards of Gas Daily, Tapped Yesterday

HOSPITAL LOOTED

Moncton Authorities Find That Epidemic Building Had Been Practically Stripped of All Its Furnishings During Past Few Months.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Moncton, April 21.—The Maritime Oilfields Company this afternoon made another big strike of natural gas in well No. 8 at McLatchey's, near Hillsboro. The new well is 800 feet north of No. 7 and at a distance of a little over 1,000 feet of sands were struck. Today a flow yielding over 800,000 cubic feet of gas per day started.

The yield of natural gas from the different wells, including the latest, is estimated at 2,000,000 cubic feet daily. O. P. Boggs, manager, visited the well this afternoon and was greatly elated at the recent strike of oil and gas.

Recent investigation by the city authorities has led to the startling discovery that the epidemic hospital has been burglarized and hundreds of dollars worth of stuff stolen. The building hasn't been used for two years but tenants have occupied the premises from time to time. The place had been vacant for the past few months and no one seems to have visited it, except if the furniture, bedding, clothing, etc., belonging to the city, remained in the building.

A short time ago the city decided to sell the epidemic hospital and build a new one in a more isolated location, and it was then that the discovery was made that almost everything loose had been carried away. The stolen goods include bedding, wearing apparel for the patients, dishes, lamps, rugs sufficient to provide for the accommodation of forty or fifty patients.

This is not the first time the hospital has been robbed. Some seven or eight years ago a lot of the same kind of furnishings, amounting to \$200 or \$300, was stolen from the same building.

An effort will be made to ferret out the perpetrators of the theft, and a little prospect of any of the stuff ever being recovered.

N. S. PROHIBITION BILL PASSES

House and Legislative Council Rush Measure in Short Order

MAJORITY RULES

Amendment That Three-fifths Vote Be Required to Put Act in Force in Halifax Voted Down; Clubs Cannot Be Formed to Secure Liquor for Members.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

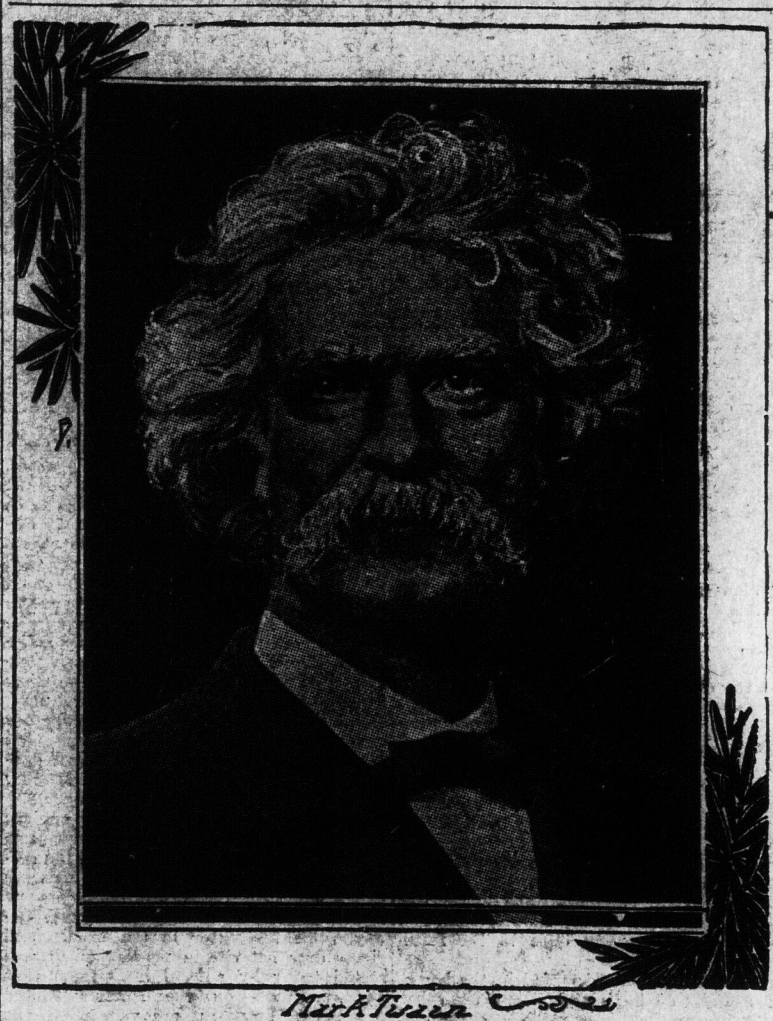
Halifax, N. S., April 21.—The house of assembly gave the prohibition bill its third reading at 6 o'clock this evening when it was sent to the legislative council for concurrence. That body took the bill up at 8 o'clock and by midnight had given it the first, second and third reading.

The liquor interests tried to get an amendment through the council requiring a three-fifths majority of the ratepayers of Halifax in the referendum, which shall take place if this city is to be brought under the act. The council refused, however, and it stands that a majority of the votes cast in the plebiscite for or against license shall be sufficient.

The council made one amendment which provides that it shall be illegal, under the act, to form clubs to secure liquor for members.

The house will prorogue at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

MARK TWAIN, THE GREAT AMERICAN HUMORIST, DEAD



Succumbed to Heart Disease

Grief Over the Death of Daughter Hastened His End

Returned from Bermuda Recently Hopeless of Recovery—Was a Prolific Writer and a Great Traveler—An Inveterate Smoker, Though Doctors Think It Didn't Hurt Him.

(Associated Press.)

Redding, Conn., April 21.—Samuel Langhorne Clemens (Mark Twain) died peacefully at his home here at 6:30 o'clock tonight of angina pectoris. He lapsed into coma at 3 o'clock this afternoon and never recovered consciousness. It was the end of a man worn out by grief and agony of body.

Yesterday was a bad day for the little knot of anxious watchers at the bedside. For hours, the grey, aquiline features lay moulded in the mirth of death, while the pulse sank lower and lower, but late at night Mark Twain passed from stupor into the first natural sleep he had known since he returned from Bermuda and this morning he awoke refreshed, even fairly cheerful and in full possession of all his faculties. He recognized his daughter, Clara, Mrs. Ossip Gabrieliowitch, spoke a word or two and finding himself unequal to conversation, wrote out in pencil: "Give me my glasses."

"They were his last words. Laying them aside, he sank first into reverie and later into final unconsciousness. There was no thought at the time; however, that the end was so near."

At 5 o'clock, Dr. Robert Halsey, who had been continuously in attendance, said: "Mr. Clemens is not so strong at this hour as he was at the corresponding hour yesterday, but he has wonderful vitality and he may rally again."

At the deathbed were Mrs. Gabrieliowitch, her husband, Dr. Robert Halsey, Dr. Quinard, Albert Bigelow Paine, who will write Mark Twain's biography and is his literary executor, and the two trained nurses.

Restoratives—digitalis, strychnine and camphor—were administered but the patient failed to respond.

Although angina pectoris is characterized by severe pain and deep depression of spirits, Mark Twain did not die in anguish. Sedatives soothed his pain, but in his moments of consciousness the mental depression persisted. On the way up from Bermuda, he said to Dr. Paine, who had been his constant companion in illness:

"Lost Hope."

"This is a bad job; we'll never pull through with it."

On shore once more, and longing for the serenity of the New England hills, he took courage and said to those who noted his enfeeblement in sorrow:

"Give me a breath of Redding air once more and this will pass." But his ideas pass and tired of body, weary of spirit, the old warrior against sham and snobbery said faintly to his nurses: "Why do you fight to keep me alive? Two days of life are as good to me as four."

Mark Twain was for more than fifty years an inveterate smoker, and the first conjecture of the layman will be that he weakened his heart by over-indulgence in tobacco, but Dr. Halsey said tonight that he was unable to predicate that the angina pectoris from which the humorist died, was in any way a sequel of nicotine poisoning. Yet it is true that after his illness began, the doctors cut down Mark Twain's daily allowance of twenty cigars and countless pipes to four cigars a day. No deprivation caused him more discomfort. He tried to smoke on the steamer while returning from Bermuda and only gave it up because he was too feeble to draw on his pipe. Even on his death-bed when he had passed the point of speech, and it was no longer certain that his ideas were lucid, he would wave an imaginary cigar and smiling, expel empty air from under his heavy moustache, stained with smoke.

Where Mark Twain chose to spend his declining years was the first outpost of Methodism in New England, and it was among the hills of Redding that General Israel Putnam, of revolutionary fame, mustered his sparse ranks.

There Mr. Clemens reared the white walls of the Italian villa he first named "Innocence at Home," but a first experience of what a New England winter storm can be in its whitest fury, quickly caused him to change it anew "Stormfield."

Through the lanes, the Innocent at Home loved to wander in his white dunnets for lonely gossip with the neighbors. They remember him best as one who above all things loved a good listener, for Mark Twain was a speechy talker, stored with fairy tales for the little maids he adored, and racy, ruder speech for masculine ears. It is a legend that he was vastly proud of his famous mop of white hair and is getting it to just the proper artistic disarray.

The death of H. H. Rogers, a close friend, was a severe blow to Mr. Clemens. The death of his daughter, Jean, who was seized with an attack of epilepsy last fall, while in her bath, was an added blow from which he never recovered. It was then that the stabbing pains in the heart began. Mark Twain died, as nearly as it can be ascertained, at 6:30 o'clock.

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MARITIME MILITIA ORDERS GAZETTED

Col. Drury's Tenure of Command Extended to May 1--Several Promotions in 62nd Fusiliers.

Ottawa, April 18.—Militia orders issued today announce the following:

Maritime provinces command: The period of tenure of the appointment of Colonel and temporary Brigadier-General C. W. Drury, C. B., A. D. C., as officer commanding, is extended to May 1.

62nd Regiment, St. John Fusiliers—To be major: Capt. Frost, vice J. L. McAvity, promoted; to be captain, Lieut. D. D. McArthur, vice H. J. Smith, transferred; Captain F. G. Sancton is transferred to the corps reserve; to be captain, Lieut. F. E. May, vice F. G. Sancton.

Vancouver, B. C., April 17.—(Special)—Right Rev. John Dart, D. D., Anglican Bishop of New Westminster (B. C.), died in that city Saturday.

For Stream Drivers

Kip 10 in. Laced Boots \$4.00
Chrome 7 in. " 4.00
Chrome 10 in. " 5.50

For Fishermen

Storm King First Quality Rubber Boots, \$5.25
Short, First Quality Rubber Boots, \$4.25
Oil Grain, 20 inch Leg Hand made Boots \$5.50

These are the goods that give satisfaction. Open evenings until 8.

Francis & Vaughan

19 King Street.

ONTARIO FARMER KILLS ANOTHER

Struck Victim Dead With an Axe While They Were Butchering a Pig.

Toronto, April 21.—(Special)—Albert Holmes, 45, a Boulton was cutting up a pig on Holmes' farm today near Cayuga (Ont.), when Holmes struck Bolt with two blows on the head with an axe, killing him instantly. Holmes had recently bought the farm from Bolt, and, thinking he had paid too much, the transaction seems to have unhinged his mind.

TWO QUEBEC YOUNG MEN KILLED IN GYPSY CAMP ROW

Mike Murphy and Wife, Two of the Band, Arrested Charged With Murder.

Hull, Que., April 21.—As a result of trouble between gypsies and young men of Shawville, Pontiac county, two men are dead, and a gypsy named Mike Murphy and his wife are under arrest, held in court for the killing. The two young men who were killed are Harry Flowers, aged 22, and William Dale, aged 30, both members of respectable families of the village. Early last evening seven or eight young men visited the gypsy encampment and are said to have been annoying them, which made Murphy angry with the result that he ordered them out of the locality. At the same time he caught up his rifle and ran after them. At a distance of about 100 yards from camp he discharged his firearm, instantly killing Flowers and Dale.

AVIATORS BARRED FROM N. S. COMPENSATION ACT BENEFITS

Amendment to the Bill Passed Legislature Yesterday in Interests of Aerial Company Conducting Experiments.

DELAY IN OPENING MARCONI STATION

Will Not Be Ready for Commercial Business Till Next Month.

Halifax, April 21.—The growing importance of aerial navigation was shown in the Nova Scotia legislature today when an amendment was made to the workmen's compensation act which deprives men engaged in aviation experiments from participating in the benefits of the act which compels employers to indemnify workmen who may suffer temporary or permanent disability through accident while at their work, and which directs that relatives be compensated in case of death by accident at their work. The amendment to the law provides that nothing shall be paid in case of accident to aerial navigators.

LOGS RUNNING FREELY AT FREDERICTON

River Has Risen Over Two Feet and Coming Up Fast—Royal Gazette Notices—Other News of the Capital.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., April 21.—The river here has risen over two feet since the rain began and a further rise is looked for. Reports from points up river are to the effect that the river is coming up everywhere. A rise of three feet is reported from Woodstock. Logs are running here quite thickly. They are supposed to be from the Tobique.

T. H. Bullock, of St. John, conferred with the road committee of the city council tonight concerning an application of the Imperial Oil Company to get permission to erect a gasoline tank in Aberdeen street. A petition against granting it was received by the committee. It was signed by over sixty residents of Aberdeen street and vicinity. The application of the company was refused. J. S. Neill has offered to allow the company to erect a tank in the vicinity of his warehouse, and the offer will likely be accepted.

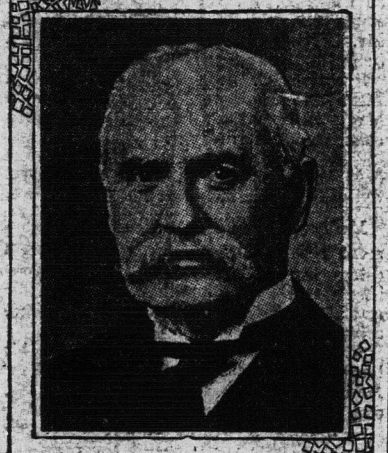
The U. N. B. Dramatic Club will present the annual college play tomorrow night. As You Like It will be the bill, and the students have spent much time in preparing the play. A dress rehearsal was held tonight, and the play promises to be one of the best ever put on by the U. N. B.

The marriage of B. B. Manzer, of Woodstock, and Mrs. Sarah L. Colter of this city was solemnized at the bride's home this morning by Rev. J. R. McConnell in the presence of relatives and friends. The bride wore a blue cloth travelling dress with hat to match. She was attended by her niece, the daughter of Alexander Gibson, ex M. P., as maid of honor. Luncheon was served and the happy couple left for Halifax where they will embark on the S. Empress of Ireland on a honeymoon trip to the old country. The bride received many valuable presents, including a par set with diamonds from the bridegroom. Mr. and Mrs. Manzer will reside in Woodstock.

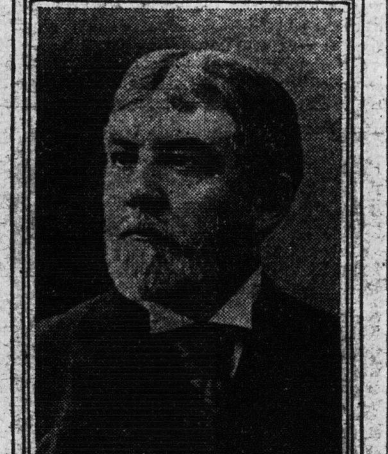
The first river salmon of the season was brought to the city from Kingsclear yesterday and sold for thirty cents a pound. J. D. McLaughlin expects to have his drive out of Three Brooks the last of this week and his Little Tobique drive is doing well. W. J. Noble, who operates on the Baker branch for Cushing & Co. wires that driving conditions are favorable.

THE OLD GUARD STEPPING OUT

Washington, D. C., April 21.—New days are dawning for the United States senate, and their coming is not altogether cloudless. So close upon the announcement of



the retirement of Senator Aldrich that nervous politicians had hardly recovered their equilibrium there has come the statement that Senator Hale, of Maine, will



not again seek reelection. These two have shared the Republican leadership of the senate. That they should retire at the same time has given rise to the widest speculation and rumor.

CHINAMEN, WHO BEAT WOODSMAN TO DEATH, GOT OFF EASILY

Port Arthur, April 21.—(Special)—Two Chinese, Lee Ming and Lop Lee Loy, who were charged with killing Mike Redmond, woodsman, in their restaurant at West Fort William last February by beating him over the head with a bottle after he had angered them by throwing water on the floor, escaped with very light sentences. The pandemonium was renewed on the part of the Nationalists, who shouted: "Pigott!" "Dublin Castle!" "We won't stand for it," and cheered for Parnell. The scene was continued for several minutes and finally Mr. Churchill moved down and Mr. O'Connor's motion was rejected, 164 to 64.

WILD SCENE IN BRITISH HOUSE

Motion to Abolish Pension to Sir Robert Anderson Started Uproar

IRISH INFURIATED

Declared Government Should Not Continue \$4,500 a Year to Confessed Author of "Parnellism and Crime"—Reference to Phoenix Park Murders Adds Fuel to Flames—Motion Finally Lost.

(Associated Press.)

London, April 21.—Memories of the turbulent scenes of Parnell's time were revived in the house of commons tonight during the discussion of a motion by T. P. O'Connor to reduce the civil service estimate by \$4,500, the amount of Sir Robert Anderson's pension.

In an autobiographic article recently, Sir Robert Anderson admitted authorship of the famous Parnellism and Crime series of articles which appeared in the Times in 1887 and culminated in the publication of the Piggott forgery. The Irish members of the house announced their intention to obtain, if possible, a government investigation of the affair, with a view to depriving Sir Robert of his pension, on the ground that his act was a breach of official confidence, because he had been the head of the investigation department of Scotland Yard.

Mr. Balfour, leader of the opposition, agreed, at tonight's session, with Premier Asquith and Mr. Churchill, in condemning Sir Robert's action as improper, but Mr. Churchill, as home secretary, declined to interfere to deprive him of his pension.

The debate was proceeding quietly but with acerbity on the part of the Nationalists, one of whom declared that Sir Robert's articles were an attempt to revive old charges against the Nationalists, in order to help the Tories in the coming election when the Right Hon. James Henry Campbell, member from Dublin University, in the course of his speech, referred to the Phoenix Park murders and the Piggott letter in terms that excited the highest resentment from the Irish benches. There were loud demands for Mr. Campbell to withdraw his offensive expressions. The chairman, declining to interfere, a perfect uproar ensued, Mr. Redmond exclaiming: "It was an outrage," while others cried "Send for Parnell!"

The chairman and Secretary for War, Haldane vainly appealed to the house to allow Mr. Campbell to continue his speech.

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RUSH OF AMERICAN SETTLERS TO CANADA BIGGER

Canadian Agent Reports Great Exodus, Via St. Paul, Across the Border.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, April 21.—Hon. Frank Oliver received today from W. J. White, inspector of Canadian immigration agencies in the United States, a telegram giving some illuminative information as to the character and extent of the present rush of immigrants from across the line into Canada.

Mr. White notes that yesterday there passed through the St. Paul office from a single locality in Missouri twenty families, comprising sixty people, taking with them \$70,000 in cash and effects valued at \$15,000.

During the past two days 150 people were ticketed at St. Paul for Canada, where they intend to take up land. They had no less than \$200,000 in cash and effects. "This kind of a movement," says Mr. White, "has been going on all the spring. Most of the trains for Canada go out in two or three sections and special trains are going every day."

WOLTER SQUIRMS AT TESTIMONY OF GIRL COMPANION

Tells of Ruth Wheeler's Accused Slayer Stealthily Working at Fireplace at Night

New York, April 21.—The trial of Albert Wolter, with its morbid accounts of the slaying of little Ruth Wheeler by choking and burning in the fire place of Wolter's room, moved expeditiously today.

The prosecution rested its case today soon after Wolter's companion, Katie Mueller, a fragile girl, almost sick with fright, had testified to seeing Wolter at night stealthily at work on the tell-tale fire place.

Wallace Scott, Wolter's attorney, outlined the defense in an address to the jury, which lasted only ten minutes.

Wolter will take the stand in his own defense. According to Mr. Scott he will call a second witness—a girl—to show that the body was on the fire escape until late Saturday, two days after Ruth Wheeler disappeared. Further Scott said, he would prove that Wolter left the house Friday early and did not return.

Wolter squirmed nervously in his seat as he heard Katie Mueller tell of the fireplace incident.

STEAMER BURNED AT ROTTERDAM DOCKS

Rotterdam, April 21.—The Holland-American freight steamer Somnelysky, with cargo ready to sail for Boston, was completely destroyed by fire today.

The Somnelysky was formerly the Rotterdam. She was built at Newcastle in 1887. She measured 6,210 tons gross, and was 410 feet in length.