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AN EXTRAORDINARY ARRANGEMENT.

Which Clearly Involves a Violation of the Principle of Constitutional Government.

Special From our Own Correspondent.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 28.—The only business of special interest to the west in the House today was the introduction of the London and London West Bills, by Messrs. Meredith and Fooley respectively, and the only business of general note was the announcement by the Attorney-General that the Hon. C. F. Fraser, the Commissioner of Public Works, was in such a state of health that he had decided to relinquish public life. Sir Oliver Mowat paid a high eulogium to Mr. Fraser, who, he said, would still remain at the head of the Department, but take no degree of responsibility for the acts of his colleagues, or be in any way identified with the Government.

Mr. Meredith followed in a strain that was in the highest degree complimentary to the retiring Commissioner of Public Works as a man, but he entered a vigorous protest against the proposed plan of procedure by which a man could be a member of the Government and still disclaim responsibility for the acts of that Government. The constitutional rule, Mr. Meredith held, is that the Government should be a unit and all its members in accord on any measure that may be presented by any one. Under the proposed arrangement with regard to Mr. Fraser he would be responsible in no degree for anything that might be proposed by his colleagues; yet he would still be in a position to advise and counsel the Government. He paid a high tribute to the abilities of Mr. Fraser and regretted the physical disability which deprives the Province of his services; but still he held that in the proposed arrangement the principle of constitutional government is being violated.

The real fact of the matter is that Mr. Fraser is a very sick man—that is patent to anyone who has seen him of late. But it is also patent that the Government cannot afford to lose his services at this juncture. This is the key to the extraordinary arrangement proposed by the Government, the objection to which is so clear and apparent that the wonder is that it was ever proposed. Nothing but "party exigencies" of the most urgent kind could ever have suggested such a measure, which is the plainest case of "whipping the devil around a stump" ever attempted.

A discussion occurred on the sawmill privileges on the Moira River which occupied the House for the rest of the afternoon.

ELECTION PETITIONS.

Dr. Willoughby asked:—"In how many cases, since the introduction of the bill, have petitions been filed against the return of members to this Legislature, and in how many of such cases has a scrutiny taken place, and what was the cost in each case of the scrutiny?"

Hon. Mr. Gibson replied as follows:—"The ballot was first used in this Province at the general elections in 1875. Since the ballot was first introduced there appear to have been 82 contested election cases, made up as follows:—29 in 1875, 7 in 1879, 21 in 1883, 3 in 1886, and 22 in 1890. There have been other contested elections, but the above appear to be the only ones which went to trial, and are made up from the records found in the journals of the House. I can find no official record of scrutines. There was one in Lincoln in 1875, and there was one in South Wentworth in 1879. I do not know whether there were others. I believe that in the petitions for unseating members formal applications for scrutines have been made, which, however, were not found necessary, as in the majority of instances the cases were brought to a termination before it became necessary to enter upon a scrutiny of the ballot. There are no statistics available from which I can prepare a statement respecting the cost of scrutines."

THE ESTIMATES.

The estimates for the coming financial year were laid before the House today. The refund amount is \$23,314.86. The amount to be voted on capital account is \$209,592, and on colonization roads, \$104,390. The total amount of the estimates is \$9,415,068, made up as follows:—Civil Government, \$244,000; legislation, \$124,300; administration of justice, \$414,823; public institutions maintenance, \$770,523; education, \$885,142; immigration, \$8,325; agriculture, \$177,775; hospitals and charities, \$176,159; maintenance and repairs of Government and department buildings, \$73,246; repairs to public buildings, \$14,000; charges on Crown lands, \$125,300; miscellaneous, \$179,190; unforeseen and unprovided, \$50,000.

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LATEST BY CABLE.

The Parish Councils Bill Again Before the Lords.

THE THUNDERER'S LATEST ARTICLE ON CANADA.

A Supposed Bomb Found at Nottingham—Attempted Bomb Outrage at Prague—Premier Crispien on the Italian Anarchist Conspiracy—Trades Unions and the House of Lords—No Evidence Given at Berlin to the Report of a Conflict on the Russo-German Frontier—Fatal Result of a Violent Outrage in London—Meeting of the Colonial Institute.

The House of Lords to-day the Parish Councils Bill as amended by the House of Commons, was considered. On motion of Lord Salisbury, the minimum of population making parish councils compulsory was altered from 200 to 300. The motion was passed by a majority of five. Several others of the amendments of the House of Commons were agreed to.

A Students' Demonstration. Three thousand students paraded the Rue De la Sorbonne, Paris, this evening about the "Vive Zola." The demonstration was directed against M. G. Perinard, Brunetiere, the well-known writer and lecturer, recently admitted to the French Academy, who was compelled to abandon his usual lecture owing to the tumult.

Bomb Found at Prague. A glass bomb, containing gunpowder, nails, bullets, etc., was picked up to-day in front of a loan office at Prague. A half-burned fuse was attached to one end of the bomb, indicating an attempt had been made to explode it.

A supposed Bomb. A glass bottle containing a liquid in which were pieces of glass and iron was found at Nottingham last evening. The supposed bomb was sent to the Home Office for examination.

The Parliamentary committee of the Trades Unions' Congress has issued a manifesto with reference to the Employers' Liability Bill, appealing to workmen not to submit to the Lords' attempt to block industrial progress, and urging them to elect delegates to the national conference to be held March 17. This meeting will be followed by a demonstration in Hyde Park on March 18.

Sudden Death of a Singer. Madame Pattey, while singing in concert at Sheffield last evening, fainted and was carried from the stage. She did not regain consciousness and died this morning. Madame Janet Monach Pattey (born Whytock) was an eminent contralto singer. She was born in London in 1843 in 1867 she sang at the Worcester Festival, and in 1877 made a professional tour through the United States. In 1893 she was married to Jno. G. Pattey, an opera singer of considerable eminence.

Britain and the Colonies. The annual meeting of the directors of the Colonial Institute was held last night. The report presented states that the movement for increased trade between the mother country and the colonies is taking a firmer hold on the merchants and manufacturers of Great Britain; while the promotion of commerce between Canada and Australia also evokes the deepest interest and approval. The proposed all-British cable between Canada and Australia was also referred to and most heartily endorsed.

An Outrage in London. While Emil Meyers, secretary to the Danish Consul in London, was sitting alone in his office in Tower Hall, last Thursday, an unknown man rushed in and dashed a quantity of vitriol into his face, blinding Meyers and causing him to lose consciousness for a moment from pain. The miscreant then plundered the premises and escaped, and has not been captured. Meyers died next day, presumably from his injuries. An inquest was held yesterday, and the jury returned a verdict that the evidence obtainable was insufficient to account for his death.

The Conspiracy in Sicily. In the Italian Chamber of Deputies to-day, Signor Crispien, the Prime Minister, explained the Government's reasons for proclaiming a state of siege in Sicily. Documents which came into possession of the authorities at Massa di Carrara proved the existence of Socialist and Anarchist plans to reorganize and repeat their uprising on a scale approaching the proportions of a revolution. With this view foreign Anarchist leaders were flocking to Sicily. At a meeting of foreign and Italian Anarchists recently held in Marsala, it was resolved to foment an uprising of the peasants in Sicily. Promises were made to the peasants to divide the lands among them. This outbreak was to occur during 1894, when, according to the representations of the conspirators, a foreign war would break out, Piedmont would be invaded and a Russian fleet would occupy Italian waters. These revelations having been discovered, the Government promptly seized all Anarchist property and documents to be found, and proclaimed a state of siege. The statement of Premier Crispien, together with the submission of documents he mentioned, made a profound impression upon the Chamber.

The Times on Canada. The fifth of the Times' articles on Canada appears to-day. It goes on to show, besides the dominant national sentiment which binds Canada to the Empire, Canadian trade interests lie with Great Britain rather than with the United States. "Upon the American continent," the Times says, "Canada holds a fairly independent trade position, giving security to her political status, but her great drawback is toward Great Britain. The Conservative party, however, is staking too much on the hope of securing preferential trade with Great Britain. It should rather recognize the need of a lower tariff, and do something to encourage return cargoes and greater Anglo-Canadian trade. The first object of Canadian statesmanship should now be to make the outlook is toward Great Britain to live in." The writer predicts the Conservative party, with a handsome surplus for the year 1892-93, will go to the country in 1894 or '95. The Times says the thing will have to be done cautiously, but that the Conservative party will not resist the general sentiment of their own supporters in favor of an approximation to free trade.

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