

LOTS OF WORK FOR AUTUMN SESSION OF BRITISH HOUSE

Will Pass Home Rule Bill and Other Measures

TROUBLE IN LORDS

Certain to Reject Legislation Urged by Lower House -- Decks Are Cleared for Action.

London, Aug. 7.—While the house has not passed any important bills at this session, it has cleared the decks for the autumn session...

Have Been Kept Busy.

The government is heartily glad of the adjournment. Ministers have not had an easy time keeping their forces together and have had to depend on occasions entirely on the Irish vote to carry them through.

WEST INDIES RATIFY THE TRADE PACT

Now Only Remains for Canada to Adopt the Agreement.

Improved Cable and Steamship Service Next to be Arranged --Tenders Called for Fast Line.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 7.—All of the West Indian colonies concerned in the conference of last winter have now ratified the reciprocal trade agreement...

Effect on Canadian Ports.

There also are questions relating to the share of the trade to be obtained by the several Canadian sea ports.

When Hon. Geo. E. Foster was in England the cable situation was advanced considerably. Mr. Foster was able to demonstrate to Mr. Sargent the British Postmaster General, that the rates now charged, often are impossibly high.

MEXICANS ATTACK AMERICAN TROOPS GUARDING BORDER

U. S. Soldiers Retaliate—Rebel Patrols Believed Responsible for Firing—Near the Scene of last Encounter.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 7.—Mexicans fired again last night on United States troops on guard on the border. The firing this time occurred almost opposite the El Paso market, northwest of El Paso, three or four miles from where shots were exchanged last week between United States troops and Mexicans.

GOVERNMENT WHIP RESIGNS HIS SEAT TO ENTER BUSINESS

Rt. Hon. Alexander Murray Elevated to Peerage—Serious Blow to Liberals at Critical Juncture.

London, Aug. 7.—A peerage has been conferred on the Hon. Alexander Murray, Master of Elibank, chief government whip, who has resigned his seat in the House of Commons.

ROOSEVELT CHIEF OF PROGRESSIVE PARTY IN CHICAGO CONVENTION

Scenes of Wild Enthusiasm Greet Nomination of Chief of Bull Moose Clan.

Governor Johnson Chosen as Running Mate—Platform Defines Party's Attitude and Reasons for Its Existence--Adopted by Unanimous Vote -- No Discord in Ranks of Teddy's Followers.

Chicago, Aug. 7.—Singing "Onward Christian Soldiers" and the "Battle Hymn of Republic," delegates to the first National Convention of the new Progressive party tonight acclaimed Colonel Theodore Roosevelt of New York as their candidate for president and Governor Hiram W. Johnson of California, as their choice for vice president.

Marking a new departure in the proceedings of National Conventions, the two candidates immediately were formally notified of their nomination and in the midst of deafening cheers appeared before the delegates to voice their acceptance and to pledge their best efforts to the coming campaign.

From a gallery a big American flag was dropped. To it was attached a picture of Mr. Roosevelt in a rider uniform. It was greeted with an outburst of cheers. Enthusiasm became pandemonium and in the midst of the tumult, Minnesota delegate broke loose the state standard and started up the centre aisle.

Officers of ROYAL ARMY AND NAVY WERE ELECTED YESTERDAY AND WILL BE INSTALLED TODAY--Address by Supreme Regent's Representative.

London Paper Warns Asquith Not to Stray Too Far From Home--Suggested Defence Pact.

London, Aug. 7.—Truth, this week, says a section of the press is extraordinarily anxious that the Prime Minister, Rt. Hon. H. H. Asquith, should spend what is termed a "patriotic holiday" in Canada with Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill.

MURDEROUS MEMBER INSANE. Budapest, Aug. 7.—Julius Kovacs, a deputy in the lower house of the Hungarian parliament, who fired three times at Count Tisza, the speaker of the lower house on June 7 and shot himself, was today brought before the police magistrate who discharged him on the ground that he was insane.

MORE OIL WELLS. Special to The Standard. The Maritime oil fields is erecting buildings and machinery on the farm of J. R. Taylor, Upper Bonchester for purpose of boring for oil and gas.

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AMERICAN SHIPPING GOES FREE

Senate Refuses to Eliminate Section of Panama Bill Exempting United States Owned Vessels From Charge.

Washington, Aug. 7.—By a vote of 44 to 11 the senate late tonight refused to strike from the Panama Canal Bill the provision exempting American ships from payment of toll on passage through the Panama Canal.

GOOD RECEPTION FOR THE DUKE

Salute Fired by Means of Series of Dynamite Discharges at St. Annes—No Fish Secured by Royal Party Yet.

Special to The Standard. The Earl Grey, with the Duke of Connaught and party on board, arrived at St. Annes today. An unique reception was given the party. A series of holes were driven in the sand rock at the front of St. Annes Mountain and charged with dynamite, and as the steamer came around the head of the bay a salute of 21 charges of dynamite was fired.

PRISONER TAKES TO HIS WHEELS AND ELUDES GUARDS

Adelard Guay Escapes from Quebec Jail and Keepers are Compelled to Pay His Fine.

Quebec, Aug. 7.—Another prisoner escaped from the Quebec jail at noon. The prisoner was Adelard Guay, who was serving a term of two months. Guay got away by scaling the wall of the prison and running across the Plains of Abraham.

EMPRESS SAILS FOR LIVERPOOL TO BE REPAIRED

Extra Week's Pay for Crew to Induce Them to Cross in Damaged Liner—Carried No Passengers.

Quebec, Aug. 7.—The Empress of Britain sailed from this port four o'clock this morning bound for Liverpool, where her bow, which was stove in by her recent collision with the Helvetia, will be permanently repaired.

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MINNEAPOLIS WOULD HAVE CAPTURED THE MILLING BUSINESS

SPARED NO EXPENSE ON NEW LINE

Former Transcontinental Commissioners Lavish in Expenditures.

Construction of Road Through Route Selected Proves Costly—Interesting Land Transactions to be Probed.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 7.—When the commission which is investigating the construction of the Transcontinental Railway returns to Ottawa, it is likely that the former commissioners, Messrs. Parent, Young, McIsaac and Calvert, will be examined as to their policy when in office and asked to explain a number of matters which have arisen during the progress of the inquiry.

The extravagance which was repeatedly alleged in parliament concerning the construction of the road is understood to have been fully substantiated in the inquiry. The location was most expensive and hard and fast regulations regarding this have caused outlays of thousands of dollars where a slight variation would have greatly reduced the cost to the country.

GOVERNMENT PLANS TO TAKE OVER SUMS UNCLAIMED AT BANKS

Unclaimed Balances Increased \$38,000 and Drafts \$10,000 for Year—May Never Reach Owners.

Ottawa, Aug. 7.—According to a government return issued, there are unclaimed balances in Canadian banks totalling \$676,147; unclaimed dividends of \$38,859, and drafts on bills of exchange, \$49,851.

These balances will in all probability be taken over by the government as has been suggested several times in the banking and commerce committee of the commons, as it is doubtful whether much of it will ever be claimed by the owners.

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Parliamentary Return on Reciprocity Dealings

OPINION IN STATES

Official Papers Expressed Belief that Canadian Trade Would be Diverted North and South -- Mr. Bryce's Share.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Aug. 7.—There has been printed as a parliamentary return the correspondence between the British Ambassador at Washington, James Bryce, and the government of Canada with reference to reciprocity.

On June 22, 1910 Mr. Bryce apprised the Canadian government that the American government was ready to take up reciprocity negotiations. The Canadian government replied that this would be impracticable until the autumn.

There then is a hiatus in the correspondence and the next communication is dated February 6, 1911. The McCall reciprocity bill then before congress diverged from the text of the reciprocity agreement on the subject of pulpwood. The secretary in charge of commercial affairs at the embassy drew Mr. Bryce's terms to this and he notified the Canadian government. Mr. Bryce went on to give information as to the prospects of the American reciprocity bill passing congress and to advise the Canadian government to defer action until it was clear that the American bill would be passed.

On this point," he wrote, "no official action was taken by the embassy which assured itself privately that the matter had not escaped the attention of the members of the committee."

Mr. Bryce kept the Canadian government informed as to the progress of the measure at Washington. April 21, for example, he transmitted to Ottawa the Democratic bill for amending the free list, and in doing so added that the purpose was "to reduce prices further by increasing competition," and that other proposed reductions of duty were designed "to compensate farmers for the fall in food prices."

Included in the returns are numerous United States official papers on the subject, including several reports favorable and adverse to reciprocity. This includes Mr. McCall's argument that the milling trade would be centered in Minneapolis and Canadian trade thence north and south.

Washington, Aug. 7.—Naval demonstrations at San Francisco, Manila and New York, on October 14 and 15 were ordered today by the Navy Department. Simultaneously with a review of the Atlantic fleet at New York, the Pacific fleet will rendezvous at San Francisco and the Asiatic at Manila. Officials say there is no political significance in the order.