U.S. SENATE AND RECIPROCITY

Washington, May 28.—The senate finance committee has but a few more witnesses to appear before it on the reciprocity measure. Monday and Tuesday, it is expected, will wind up the hearings unless more applications are received meantime. The committee plans to go into executive session Wednesday. How long the committee will deliberate no member has guessed. When it is ready to report, many senators have predicted, it will submit the bill without recommendation as was done at the last session. The friends of reciprocity, including President Taft, also hope it will be reported without amendment.

The Democratic house leaders plainly are troubled over the doubtful situation in the Senate. Speaker Champ Clark has declared, however, that while he does not like the hot weather in Washington, there must be a vote in the Senate on Canadian reciprocity if congress has to "sizzle" through burning suns "until snow flies."

As to the Senate action on the farmers' free list bill, popular election of Senators, reapportionment, statehood for Arizona and New Mexico, and wool tariff revision, the Democrats are believed to be not so insistent. There is an assurance now that the popular election of Senators measure will be disposed of in the Senate June 21, the date fixed for a vote.

HOW NESBITT GOT IT

The name of J. B. Phillips, who is today under arrest for shooting his wife in their St. George street home last night, recalls the story of the transfer of the option of the Keeley Mine, the option which had so much to do with the smashing of the Farmers' bank.

The story is a good one, and is vouched for by one on the inside as absolutely true. It appears that about two years ago Phillips was in Cobalt. He had secured an option in the mine from Keeley, Jowsey and Wood, and had held it for some little time. For some reason or other Phillips was not particularly well identified with this option and was anxious to dispose of it. Enters now upon the scene that great figure in high finance, Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, then president of the Farmers' Bank. One day Phillips with a companion was walking down a street in Cobalt, when a resplendent figure, sturdy of shoulder, an immaculate silk on the back of his head, a cigar gripped vigorously in his teeth, hove in sight.

"There's a man who looks as though he had money. See if you can't sell your option to him," said Phillips' companion.

Extraordinary as it appears, that is exactly what happened. The jovial doctor was a bank president in those days, and mining options looked good to him as investments for the bank's surplus funds. He took the option from Phillips. The latter, it is said, got little for it, a small amount of cash and some shares of the stock, together with some commission.

With his option in his pocket the doctor trekked back to Toronto where W. R. Travers presided over the cash. He evidently thought the president had done a good stroke of business, for the books show that the bank paid over some $500,000 for it. George Wishart, New York financier, is the next on the list of the dramatis personae, and Travers was the next man to bear the option, like a fiery cross. It turned up promptly in New York in Travers' possession and Wishart took over a big lump of it.

The doctor was the best looking thing in Cobalt, so he naturally was the man to get it," said the teller of the story. All of which goes to show that a silk hat, a frock coat, and a good cigar have their drawbacks.—Toronto Star.

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