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Toronto (midnight)—Increasing N. E. winds; some local snow falls towards evening or at night.

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GOVERNMENT SEEKS LOAN OF \$2,000,000 TO FINISH RAILWAYS

But Government Are Not
Sure It Will Be
Enough.

MORRIS STILL AT SEA.
Can't Even Tell the Number
of Miles to Be
Constructed.

The House met at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. The oldest visitors to the Assembly do not remember a session when such general interest has been taken in the deliberations of our legislators.

Amongst the visitors this afternoon we noticed Mr. W. Scott of Grand Falls and Mr. H. J. Crowe; both these gentlemen are deeply interested in the Bill to regulate the employment of men engaged in logging, which is now in the Committee stage, and upon which it was thought some debate would take place yesterday afternoon. But the resolutions submitted to a Committee of the Whole House, on the subject of raising a further sum of \$2,000,000 (Two Million Dollars) by loan for the extension of the railway system of the Colony occupied the time of the House until 6.30 o'clock, when an adjournment was taken until this afternoon.

Loan of \$2,000,000.
These resolutions, boiled down, mean that a further loan of \$2,000,000 is to be raised this summer in dear old London, by our frenzied finance Premier. In other words the five branch lines, which he assured the House and the Country in 1910, would cost \$4,000,000, will cost at least \$2,000,000.

Not is this the worst feature of Sir Edward's career as a railroad builder, he was not prepared yesterday in answer to questions put by the Opposition to say how many more miles of road were to be built. He did say, however, that the terminus of the Fortune Bay branch would be somewhere in the vicinity of Terenceville. The Burin peninsula must wait, and so will the other sections to the West have to wait, that took the bait in the campaign last fall and voted for Morris's policy.

Petitions Presented.
Petitions were presented by Mr. Higgins from Torbay for a road and by Mr. Downey from Highlands, St. George's, on the subject of local improvements in that settlement. Mr. Stone (Trinity) and Messrs. Abbott and Winsor (Bonavista) also presented petitions from their respective districts on various public matters.

Mr. Higgins asked the House to grant a retiring allowance to Robert Pittman, an old and faithful public servant, who through increasing years and loss of sight is no longer able to do the work required of him.

The Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Kent, seconded the proposition of Mr. Higgins and we think the whole House was in full accord with the prayer of the petition.

Leave was granted the Minister of Finance to introduce a Bill providing for certain retiring allowances.

The House then went into Committee.

DEPORTED STRIKERS REFUSE TO GO ASHORE

Say They Will Remain on the
"Umgeni," and Return to
South Africa.

Gravesend, Feb. 24.—Nine of the ten labor leaders, deported from South Africa, on board the S.S. Umgeni, on Jan. 27th, declared their intention to refuse to leave the vessel when she arrived here to-day. They said they would remain on board the steamer until she returned to South Africa.

Bain, General Secretary of the Federation of South Africa, acting as spokesman, said:

"We were pressed on this vessel against our consent. We do not intend to leave it until we land again in South Africa."

A big welcome arranged by labor leaders here had to be called off.

NEWFOUNDLAND KILLED AT HALIFAX.

Halifax, Feb. 24.—Michael Young, aged 30, of St. John's, was killed to-night while working in the hold of the Manchester Trade. He was struck by a bag of slag. Deceased leaves a widow and two children.

tee of the Whole on resolutions to provide for the raising of a loan to provide for the extension of the telegraph system, further extension of light-houses and for the construction and improvement of public buildings.

The explanations offered by the Finance Minister of the manner in which the loans authorized for similar purposes, since the Morris Government came into power were in no wise satisfactory to the Opposition, and will form the subject of further comments.

Placentia District fared nicely on telegraph extension; \$35,000, about, is the amount required to re-coup the exchequer.

Mr. Clift wanted to know, if when the loan is raised, the District of Twillingate will be refunded its share of the grant voted by the Legislature last session for roads and bridges, and which has been spent on telegraph extension in other parts of the Country.

Cost \$20,000.
The Finance Minister told the House that the public building at Bay Roberts cost \$20,000; Grand Falls, \$15,000; Spaniard's Bay, \$9,500; Fresh Water, in the District of Bay de Verde, \$5,200.

The Finance Minister in answer to Mr. Clift said the Harbor Grace public building cost \$18,000; Mr. Cashin will have to use the multiplication table on this estimate to get within hailing distance of the actual amount. He will most probably consult the Chairman of Committees, Mr. Parsons, to get straightened out on this item before the House meets again.

Members were astounded to hear the defense put up in explanation of the wild cut estimates made from year to year on the cost and mileage of the branch railway lines. The graft of the Laurier Government railway extension scheme in Canada was offered a defense of the administration of Sir Edward Morris by his Minister of Finance yesterday afternoon; and it is little wonder when Mr. Coaker rose to address the Committee, that he expressed himself as immensely surprised at the statements made by Mr. Cashin in introducing those loan resolutions.

He (Mr. Coaker) roundly scored the Government for the manner in which the Country had been misled on the cost of the branch railways—it appeared that year after year things were going from bad to worse and when the Morris Government went out of power its greatest failure would be blundering on railway building.

We had heard a lot yesterday afternoon on the condition of the A.N.D. Co. and the Bishop's Falls Company. What, if anything, had the Government done to help those industries?

Mr. Coaker then read to the House a statement of the duties paid by the A.N.D. Co. last year on sulphur, alum and machine oil, &c., which he said should be allowed into the Colony for use by those Companies, at a more reasonable tariff, if we wanted to encourage the present pulp and paper operations, and induce others to go into the business in this Country.

Agitating.

Mr. Coaker's remarks seemed to agitate the Prime Minister to no considerable extent. He delivered a labored address of half an hour, which was a part repetition of his speech on loans and railways for the past four years, and which he (the Prime Minister) promises to inflict on a long suffering public for a fifth time, when discussing the Loan Bill in detail at a later date.

The Coaker Sealing Bill; Act relating to representation in Twillingate District; Combine and Monopolies; and White Slave Traffic Bills passed the

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UNWARRANTABLE INTERFERENCE IN POLITICS

J. B. Wheeler, a Pensioner,
Rushes Into Public
Print
TO DEFEND MORRIS

And the Wasteful and Use-
less Agricultural
Policy.

Yesterday's News contained a long letter from J. B. Wheeler of Musgrave Hr. in which he lauded the Morris Agricultural Policy which has cost over \$200,000 and accomplished so little.

Mr. Wheeler is a pensioner, and has to thank the Morris Party for a nice wage of about \$250 a year.

We would remind all such pensioners that by their action in becoming a charge upon the Public Revenue, that they are debarred from interfering in political matters upon which the Country is divided in opinion.

Mr. Wheeler should in future give political issues plenty of sea room for the Opposition would be justified in severely censuring such inroads upon political morality if such occurred again.

Mr. Wheeler fails to remember that some \$8000 of the grant was wasted the past fall upon so called Agricultural Exhibitions, that about \$5000 is wasted at headquarters on two Commissioners who are almost agriculturally ignorant and for a secretary, that \$2000 more is wasted upon the local secretaries for writing reports.

No money ever voted in this Colony was ever spent so uselessly and with such little results and it is no wonder to many that the government have now determined to waste only \$20,000 for the year 1914-1915, as against the \$55,000 that will be expended under this heading by the last of next June.

In conclusion we advise all such

TWO STEAMERS RUN ASHORE IN STORM

"Sachem" and "Riversdale"
 wrecked, But Crew
Safe.

Norfolk W. Virginia, Feb. 24.—With a severe snow and wind storm raging on the coast, the British steamers Sachem and Riversdale are ashore, near here.

They were to-day in a more dangerous position than at any time since they struck last week. The crew of the Sachem are still aboard that vessel.

The Riversdale's cargo of lumber is being thrown overboard and saved in the beach. Her crew is ashore.

NOTICE!

F. P. U. MEETINGS

F.P.U. Meetings for Members of the Union will be held in the MECHANICS' HALL on WEDNESDAY, MARCH the 4th, MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 9th, 10th to 11th of MARCH.

Those Meetings will open at 7.30 p.m. and a MOVING PICTURE display, with other amusements, will occupy the time to 8.30 p.m. Only Union Members can attend, and there will be no charge or collection.

On those evenings at 8.30, President Coaker will take the Chair.

The subject to be discussed at those Meetings will be "The Seal Fishery from the Sealers' point of view," "A Standard Cull of Cod Fish," "Cold Storage in view of Providing a continuous Bait Supply for Fishermen," "Logging Conditions from the Loggers' Standpoint," and "What the Fishery Department Should Be."

Every Member wishing to speak will have an opportunity and votes upon all of those subjects will be taken.

On THURSDAY, the 12th, the Annual Sealers' Meeting will be held in one of the largest Halls available, when Addresses will be delivered by several prominent speakers. Admittance at this Meeting will be by TICKET, and all Sealers will be welcomed—whether Union or Non-Union.

The names of the speakers will be announced later.

W. F. COAKER,
President F. P. U.

ASQUITH STILL MUM AS TO HIS INTENTIONS REGARDING ULSTER

Says Government Are Not
Applying For A
Truce.

WON'T SURRENDER
Don't Intend to Betray The
Cause of The Nationalists.

London, Feb. 24.—In the Commons to-day the Opposition tried to obtain from Premier Asquith a disclosure of the concessions to be offered Ulster in the Home Rule Bill, by supporting the resolution introduced by Falle, Unionist member for Portsmouth—"That the House considers it imperative in the interests of public peace that the Premier should submit his proposals without delay."

The Premier refused to divulge the proposals, saying the Government was prepared to put forward its suggestions at the earliest moment they could be adequately considered by the

Revolution-Ridden Mexico Troubles the Great Powers

CABINET DISCUSSES
BENTON EXECUTION

U.S. Will Endeavor to Secure
Protection for Foreigners
in Mexico.

Washington, Feb. 24.—A Cabinet meeting to-day afforded President Wilson an opportunity to talk over with his official advisers, the latest information at hand as to the execution of William S. Benton.

One direct effect will be a manifesto of some kind by the United States to the Constitutionalists that foreigners must be given ample protection.

It is suggested that Washington may seek to reach an understanding with Villa through consular officers where-by the Constitutionalists agree not to take summary action with respect to any foreigners until they have previously notified Washington officials.

Members are to devote their few remaining days to other matters and subjects than political discussions regarding issues that have aroused the indignation of the electorate to such an extent as this Agricultural Policy has.

SAYS UNITED STATES IS RESPONSIBLE

Dog-in-the-Manger Policy
Has Led to Anarchy
in Mexico.

London, Feb. 21.—The Manchester Guardian asks whether Sir Edward Grey's statement that the United States has no responsibility for the killing of Benton, is not mere playing with words.

If that were so, it says, the Monroe doctrine would be a mere instrument of international anarchy, whereas President Wilson's whole policy has been with a view to make it a force for order and good government. If we are not responsible, then the States is.

We certainly do not wish to drive the States into intervention, but it cannot deny the other Powers the right of defending their own interests, and at the same time refuse them the right to defend themselves.

CHANNEL TUNNEL SCHEME REVIVED

London, Feb. 24.—In the Commons, Roland McNeil asked the Premier if he was aware that an attempt was being made to revive the Channel Tunnel project; and, if so, whether it differed in any respect from the proposal condemned by military opinion many years ago, and consequently vetoed by the Government.

Mr. Asquith replied that until the investigation, now being conducted on behalf of the Government, was completed, it was not advisable to give a detailed reply.

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All citizens who wish to support the movement are requested to sign their names to the same before Friday, the 27th inst.

W. G. GOSLING,
Chairman Citizens' Committee

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