

FIELDING EXTENDS TERM FOR PROLONGED STEEL BOUNTIES

Resolution Also Provides for Bonuses for Electric Smelting--Informs House that So Far as Government's Business is Concerned, Prorogation Can Take Place Friday or Saturday.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 23.—In the Commons this morning Hon. Mr. Fielding stated that the address on provincial subsidies would be taken up tomorrow. To Mr. W. F. MacLean, who asked if the Bank of Montreal was to have anything to do with the new government loan, Mr. Fielding said that as he had declared a short time ago some government loans would mature, the government proposed to extend them for four years at 4 per cent. The Bank of Montreal would act as agent for the government.

At the opening of the afternoon sitting of the house the minister of finance said: I think perhaps it might facilitate the business of the house in closing days of session if I should state now what measures on order paper the government desire to proceed with and which shall be brought forward in the session. Most of the motions on order paper which are of a controversial nature will have to stand, so far as I know all legislation that is contemplated is now before the house by way of notice. It is possible that not probable that we may have to bring down some further supplementary estimates, including some items that may have been overlooked, but I don't think that there will be any. It was the prime minister's desire to bring down a measure this session which he had had to lay aside, in respect of the celebration of the 300th anniversary of the founding of the city of Quebec, which he thought desirable should be of a national character. It is expected that city will contribute towards the fund out of municipal moneys and also the government of the province.

The deputation from Quebec which waited on the government in connection with the matter of the strong representations which created a most favorable impression on the minds of the ministers of that board. The government had therefore come to the conclusion that the national character of the movement should be recognized. If the prime minister had endeavored to bring the matter up in the present session, but it was not possible and he desired to make arrangements to the honor of the government recognize the importance of the movement and next session the government will not only introduce a measure in connection with the Dominion Lands Act or Patent Medicine Act. With regard to the remainder of government business I hope that it will be disposed of in the next few days. It is impossible to fix a precise day on which the session will end, for much will depend on the progress made today. So far as government business is concerned I have no doubt that it can be concluded in the course of the next three or four days and prorogation may be reached on Friday.

R. L. Borden—What day? Minister of Finance—So far as government business is concerned Friday. There is, I believe, some private legislation which is contentious, but so far as government business is concerned I see no difficulty in reaching prorogation on Friday or Saturday.

Hon. Mr. Fielding moved the iron and steel resolutions extending the term for the bounties to 1911 and providing for bonuses for electric smelting. Mr. Fielding said there had been a good many petitions, chiefly from Ontario, against the continuation of these bounties. He thought many signatures were given under misapprehension. He believed it would be generally admitted that if aid was to be given an industry it should be given to the iron and steel business. A country which did not develop its industries could not be regarded as progressive. There were several reasons why aid was better given in the former bounty than custom duties. The chief was that many other industries would be affected by an increase in duty on steel and iron that a general revision of the tariff would be necessary, and the aid would be made practically permanent. Increasing duties on iron and steel would increase the duty and cost of agricultural implements and many other things. The country would bear the burden of aid whether in the form of bounty or duty.

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CHATHAM TO HAVE COUNCIL OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CHATHAM, N. B., April 23.—About 40 members of the St. John Council, Knights of Columbus, are expected to arrive here tonight to join the organization and installation of members of the proposed Chatham Council No. 2 of the Knights of Columbus. For some time efforts have been made to organize a council for this vicinity and the work has been crowned with much success. The new council will start a membership of 60 or 80 knights charter members and a committee has been formed to decorate the rooms in the old college building, which is the proposed headquarters of the organization. The installation of members and officers will not be completed until quite late in the evening. Several of those instrumental in organizing the local council have been members of the St. John branch.

NO OPPOSITION TO HON. C. W. ROBINSON IN WESTMORLAND
MONCTON, April 23.—Hon. C. W. Robinson will have no opposition here from the Conservatives of this county. Such was the decision, reached here today by the opposition in convention.

ROYAL MILITARY COLLEGE EXAMINATIONS MAY 14
OTTAWA, April 23.—The examination for admission for the Royal Military College of Artillery district No. 2 at St. John, N. B., will commence on May 14. The board will be: President, Lt. Col. G. R. White, D. O. C.; members, Maj. F. Hart, 2nd Regt., and Lt. F. R. Lovegrove, 8th P. L. N. B. Hussars.

ICE AT FREDERICTON TAKES ANOTHER START
FREDERICTON, April 23.—The ice opposite the city made another start about 6 o'clock this evening and ran some distance, when it again became jammed between the bridges. Today has been very warm and the ice consequently is in a precarious condition and will probably run out soon. It is understood that Chief Assessor Henry has tendered his resignation to Mayor McLeod on account of the inadequate salary granted to him for carrying the new law into effect. A meeting of the City Council has been called for Friday night next to deal with the matter.

LANCASTER BILL KILLED IN THE SENATE
OTTAWA, April 23.—The Senate killed the Lancaster bill limiting ten miles an hour the speed of trains over unguarded highway crossings in thickly settled portions of cities, towns and villages. The vote was 37 to 14.

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CHATHAM NEWS
CHATHAM, April 23.—Ex-Mayor Nicol was in St. John on Thursday. Mrs. E. W. B. Scovill returned on Friday, after a pleasant trip to St. John. Noonan Maher, operator at the station, spent a few days in Moncton last week. Miss Margaret H. Henderson of Donaghton has successfully passed the examination for entrance into the Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston. May 15th will be observed as Arbor Day in the public schools.

SHIP BUILDING ON MIRAMICHI
A Slight Renewal of Old Industry in Evidence
Plans for New Craft Means Plenty of Work for Workmen—A Powerful Side-Wheeler Under Way

CHATHAM, N. B., April 23.—A slight renewal of the busy ship building days of the Miramichi, when the North Shore custom houses were famous over half the known world, is in evidence this year, and with vessels under way or projected for the season considerable employment is defined for artisans and workmen. On the stocks in Miller's foundry yard is rising a new and powerful addition to the fleet of river side-wheelers. This steamer is being built for the Miramichi Lumber Co. and will ply between the mills here and the upper reaches of the Miramichi, towing lumber and materials for the mills. Her design is rather new to the river, though Anderson at Burnt Church has a steamer of the same type. Mr. Miller has combined the lines of a lighter and a trim steamer in such a fashion that though powerful and fast she will be able to take a waterway draft of two feet can be obtained. While to a certain extent an experiment, the success of the venture seems assured. The boat's dimensions are: Length, 78 feet; beam, 13 feet; hold, 5-8 feet; draft, 2 feet.

Mr. Miller is also installing the boiler and engine. The boiler will be of locomotive type and will be furnished by the Robb Engineering Co. of Amherst. The engine will be of 70 horse power. The boat was started in January and a crew of a dozen men have been working steadily at it since then. It is expected that the steamer will be ready for service about the middle of May. Alongside Miller's foundry, at W. S. Loggie's wharf, timber is being collected to build a 50 ton schooner for the company's business. Daniel Desmond, who is superintending the work on the Miramichi Company's steamer, will build the schooner for the W. S. Loggie Co. The schooner will be a two-masted, 50 feet keel, or 60 feet over all, 19 feet beam, 5-8 feet hold. The keel and bottom planking to the water line will be of birch, the deck frame and sides will be of spruce. At Shipyard Messrs. Loggie are arranging for the building of a 25 ton schooner with gasoline engines as an auxiliary power. This boat will run between the wharf and the wharf at Chene and is designed particularly for freight of a perishable nature. James Desmond at the West End is still engaged on his contract for building lighters for the Summer Co. of Bathurst. While other undertakings may crop up the present outlook is a good one for the ship builders.

FIRE DESTROYS A HOUSE NEAR TRURO
TRURO, N. S., April 23.—The residence of H. J. Fulton, secretary for G. M. Jarvis, district superintendent of the Bible Hill, caught fire at 6 o'clock this evening, probably from sparks from a smokstack in the vicinity. There is no fire apparatus nor water mains at Bible Hill, and Truro's chemist, Mr. F. Hart, had to be called in to blow Truro's firemen and neighbors removed the contents but could not save the building. Insurance company was called in to pay for the loss. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

WAS TO HAVE BEEN MARRIED SOON
RALEIGH, N. C., April 23.—Swept over the falls, four men were drowned in Cape Fear River today at Buckhorn Falls, Chatham County, thirty miles from Raleigh. The dead: H. Thornton of St. Paul, Minn., general foreman of a construction company erecting a power plant. A. E. B. Brady of Monroeville, assistant foreman, and two negro laborers. The men were coming down the river in a naphtha launch which was kept in the current and carried over the falls. The bodies have not yet been recovered. Thornton was to have been married here Sunday and his fiancée, Miss Thelma Lindgren, was to have left St. Paul today to join him in Raleigh.

FERNIE, April 22.—President Sherman spent Saturday night with Mr. Mitchell, returning to Fernie on Sunday. He says that whether the strike is settled immediately or not there is sure to be a coal famine next fall and advises the people to get coal. The operators say Sherman had hoodwinked the men at Fernie by saying at a meeting held a week ago Sunday that the men over the pass were out. He then sent emissaries over the pass saying the Fernie men were out.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE IS UP TO GREAT BRITAIN

Canadian Offer Stands, but if Britain Does Not Respond, Canada Will Seek Reciprocal Trade Elsewhere--Negotiations Under Way with France, Italy and Austria--Imperial Defense Discussed.

LONDON, April 23.—It, as expected, the colonial conference closes on May 4th, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has arranged to leave London for Paris on May 6th or 7th, and will proceed to Ottawa where he expects to meet Mr. Fielding shortly after. It is stated today on impeccable authority, that it will altogether depend upon the result of next week's discussions at the conference on the preference, and especially upon the attitude of the British ministers, what the Canadian ministers will see their way clear to escape from their election pledges sufficiently to admit the principle of preference even on the existing British tariff. In that case the Canadian ministers will feel perfectly free to proceed with negotiations with foreign countries to admit them to a part of the benefits of the British preference under the new intermediate tariff. The Canadian ministers' position, as they are prepared to submit it to the British ministers, is as follows: "Canada has gone the limit as far as advances to the motherland are concerned. It is now up to the mother land to reciprocate. Canada does not ask her to reciprocate, but if she does not the mother land can scarcely blame Canada if she enters into trade arrangements elsewhere. In no way would such arrangements interfere with Canada's imperial sentiment, though the mother land may be sorry she has missed the opportunity. The case will build the schooner for the W. S. Loggie Co. The schooner will be a two-masted, 50 feet keel, or 60 feet over all, 19 feet beam, 5-8 feet hold. The keel and bottom planking to the water line will be of birch, the deck frame and sides will be of spruce. At Shipyard Messrs. Loggie are arranging for the building of a 25 ton schooner with gasoline engines as an auxiliary power. This boat will run between the wharf and the wharf at Chene and is designed particularly for freight of a perishable nature. James Desmond at the West End is still engaged on his contract for building lighters for the Summer Co. of Bathurst. While other undertakings may crop up the present outlook is a good one for the ship builders.

recognizes and affirms the need of developing for the service of the Empire a general staff selected from the forces of the Empire as a whole which shall embody military science in all its branches, shall collect and disseminate to the various governments military information and intelligence, shall undertake the preparation of schemes of defense on a common principle and without in the least interfering in questions connected with command or administration shall at the request of the respective governments advise as to training, education and war organization of the military forces of the crown in every part of the Empire." At today's sitting of the conference the foregoing resolution was agreed upon, which means that there will be no monetary contribution for the creation of the central staff on which selection preferences dependencies can be represented if they choose. Sir Frederick Borden states that there is not an atom of truth in the statement that an imperial army is to be created, Canada maintaining 4,000 men and the other colonies proportionately. He also knew nothing of Botha's proposal. The resolution regarding a central staff meant in its practical aspect not a great deal more than was being done at present. Referring to the interchange of staff officers he said that it is not binding on any one. Discussion of the naval section of imperial defense has been adjourned to Thursday. The first lord of the Admiralty Lord Tweedmouth, outlined a scheme for imperial naval defense and lengthily discussed its general trend at the conference this morning. The remarks of colonial premiers on the subject were in favor of the discontinuance of colonial contributions, which hitherto have been sunk in a general naval expenditure and the substitution of a system by which the colonies may man and keep up a certain number of ships, to be supplied by Great Britain and to undertake to maintain coal stations and ammunition food depots available to the imperial navy. Lord Strathcona presiding today at a conference to secure the teaching of hygiene and temperance in the schools of the empire said that as a result of the teaching of temperance in the schools of Ontario, it is almost impossible to find intoxicants in farmers' houses.

MARKET TOLLS UPSET PRICE \$4,000
Safety Board at Meeting Yesterday Decided to Raise the Price of Stands All Around

CUT HER THROAT WITH POCKET KNIFE
Sackville Lady Will Probably Recover—She is Nearly Seventy Years of Age

There was a short session of the Safety Board yesterday afternoon. The board decided what charges would be made for the market tolls and stalls. Valuers are to be put on a certain property near the corner of Rodney and Union street, West End. The rentals of two city lots near the corner of Ludlow and St. James street were also fixed. Other minor business was transacted. Those present were Chairman Vanwart, Ald. Bullock, Ald. Rowan, Ald. Lewis, Ald. Hamm, Ald. Tilley, Ald. Baxter, Ald. Sproule, Ald. Christie, Director Wisely, Chief Kerr and the Common Clerk.

The market rentals and tolls were first discussed. Director Wisely favored putting the upset price for stalls at \$3.50, the same as it was last year; also to charge \$50 each for the rental of eleven of the commission stalls, and \$89 for the rentals of each of the remaining five. The centre aisle of the market, he thought, should be reserved for the country people.

After much discussion the board decided to make \$4,000 the upset price for tolls and to rent six corner stalls for \$80 each, five ordinary stalls for \$20, and five for \$30, and to keep the centre of the market for the country traffic. Ald. Baxter next moved that the city put a valuator on a certain property in West End, near the corner of Rodney and Union streets. The motion was carried, and John A. Adams was asked to view the property.

An application from R. G. Thompson to lease a lot on St. James street, near Ludlow street, was read. The board decided to fix the rental mentioned in the letter. The board decided to fix the rental at \$15 per annum. An application to lease another lot in the same neighborhood was also read. The rental of the second lot was fixed at \$12. After some further discussion concerning city lands near the West End the meeting adjourned.

WINNIPEG, April 23.—The city assessment roll, made up and shows a total of ninety-five millions an increase of fifteen millions over last year.

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