

PUBLIC TO BE KEPT IN DARK

Ottawa Declines to Take Country Into Confidence In Matter of Tariff Situation.

Montreal a Great Port Says Fielding—Parliament Rises For Easter Holidays.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 23.—Parliament rose today for the Easter holidays with the government refusing point blank to give any information whatever on the tariff situation.

Mr. Fielding refused to admit the right of parliament even to this extent. He declined to answer the question, "I agree," he said, "that an answer to it would not involve the disclosure of any secrets, but it would involve a disclosure of policy which I think would rather embarrass the freedom of negotiation which all desire that the government should have."

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Mr. Fielding dwelt upon the importance of Montreal as a national port and intimated that the government was prepared to be generous in providing the means for its development.

RAILWAY TIED UP BY CRAZED PASSENGER

Three Killed in Fight Which Held Up Traffic On Baltimore And Ohio Railway Last Night.

DESPERADO IS AMONG THE DEAD

Wilmington, Del., Mar. 23.—An exciting fight in which three men were killed occurred on a northbound Baltimore and Ohio R. R. train today.

O. E. Wellman, aged 40 years, of Philadelphia, conductor of the train, Samuel Williams colored, aged 54 years, Pullman porter, whose home he said to have been in Jersey City; J. H. Bethea, aged 40 years, of Dillon, S. C.

The injured: John O. Wiley, aged 40 years, a park guard of Wilmington, shot in the hand and leg.

Others were grazed by flying bullets. The triple tragedy was the result of an altercation between Bethea, who was a passenger and Williams, the porter in the Pullman parlor car.

Betha, who had been drinking heavily shot the porter through the heart with a revolver. When conductor Wellman saw the porter fall and ran to the scene to render aid.

At Standstill. Travel over the Baltimore and Ohio R. R. was also at a standstill. When the battle had lasted about an hour, the police realized that they would be unable to drive the man from the car.

The desperado fired a number of shots at the firemen, but they were not injured. Subsequently, Bethea, drenched with water, staggered to the platform and the police once more called upon him to surrender.

Opposition Failed In Last Frantic Attempt To Prevent Building of Valley Railway

Mr. Robinson Moves Amendment to Bill Which, As Provincial Secretary Explains, Would Virtually Mean Death of Proposal --- Opposition Defeated All Along the Line.

Tobique Dam Bill Set Down Today For Third Reading When Final Effort Will Be Made to Defeat Measure --- Prorogation Likely Now Before Easter—Yesterday at Fredericton.

IMPOSSIBLE OF CONSTRUCTION.

Mr. Tweeddale said unless there were some means for providing for some difference in grade it would be impossible to construct the road so as to be operated by the Intercolonial.

Mr. Maxwell said it would be a pleasure to listen to his honorable friend if he had any assurance that he was honest in what he said, but no one who knew him would doubt that his criticism was purely factious.

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Government Scores In Investigation

Probing of Public Expenditures In Albert Company Fails To Reveal the Dishonesty Charged By Opposition, and Bottom Falls Out of Case of Robinson, Labllois et al.

Fredericton, N. B., March 23.—The government scored heavily today in investigation of Albert county bridges.

Mr. J. McKenzie of Albert, who wrote Mr. Robinson that the work had cost twice what it ought to have cost, was examined.

At the outset he admitted that when he wrote the letter he had not seen the bridges. He criticized, but only retailed gossip, and when pressed for information refused to give the name.

Three Bridges. Within the past few days, at the request of Mr. Robinson he had visited three bridges, but he confessed that he had no real knowledge of the work done.

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GREAT BRITAIN AND ITS BORDER

Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P., Tells Boston Audience of the Task Which Confronts British Empire.

Text of Illuminating Address Delivered Before Canadian Club of New England City.

Boston, Mar. 23.—The task which confronted George Washington and Alexander Hamilton in the construction days following 1784 was not unlike that which confronts the statesmen of the British Empire at the present time.

It was not until after 1840, he said, that real development began in the constitutional relations, and it has by no means ceased.

The discomfure of Robinson and Labllois was as complete as the vindication of the members for Albert and the department of public works.

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ST. F. X. WINS SOUNDS KNELL OF RACING

Mount Allison Downed By Nova Scotia Collegians On Question Of Compulsory Settlement In Trade Disputes.

Ontario Jockey Club Speaks Out For First Time In Regard To Miller Bill Now Before House.

Sackville, N. B., March 23.—St. Francis Xavier defeated Mt. Allison in debate here tonight on the question of compulsory arbitration of labor disputes.

Mr. Justice Russell announced the decision to the chairman of the evening, Dr. W. W. Andrews.

The Mount Allison debaters were Mr. John Ashbury—10, Mr. Norman Guy—11 and Mr. Perry Fitzpatrick—13, while Mr. M. J. Coady—10, Mr. S. McDonald—12, and Mr. J. M. P. Coady—10, upheld St. Francis Xavier's side of the debate.

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FOLEY BESTS M'INNIS WITH SPRAINED WRIST

Fifteen Round Bout At Halifax Called In The Seventh On Account Of Injury To Champion.

Halifax, March 23.—The boxing bout here tonight between Tom Foley the Maritime champion and Jim McInnis, ex-champion of Maine, which was scheduled to go fifteen rounds, was terminated in the seventh on account of Foley spraining his wrist in the third.

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BATTLESHIP MAINE STILL REMEMBERED

Washington, D. C., Mar. 23.—The bulk of the ill-fated battleship Maine, sunk in the harbor of Havana will be raised so that the remains of any of the sailors dead, that may be within the wreck may be recovered, and so that an examination may be made to determine if possible, the manner in which the vessel was destroyed.

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