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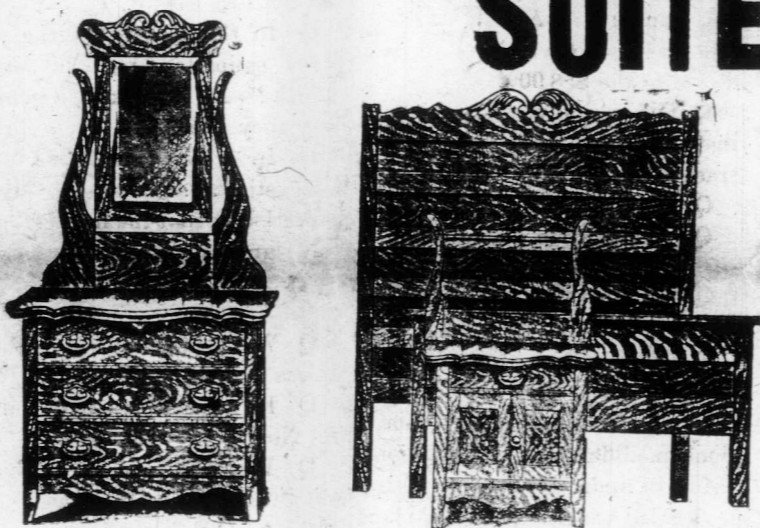
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THE ELECTION ACT!

Battle Continues Through the Week.—Conservatives Stand by Rights of Manitoba and British Columbia.—Refusing Vague Terms of Conciliation, and Demanding equal Justice to All Provinces.

SIR WILFRID CONTRADICTS.

But is Faced With Printed Evidence of His Error.—Finds That There was a Like Bill in 1903 and Sir Charles Fitzpatrick Killed It.

THE MARINE INQUIRY.

Chief Engineer Anderson Believes That Contractor Dictates Appointments of Office Who Give Him Contracts.—A Minister in Contracting Company.

Transcontinental Investigation

Majority of the committee Making It Hard For the Accused.—A Warning to Others Who Notice Fraud in Government Work.

Ottawa, May 16th, 1909.
The Government attempt to obtain control of franchise and registration in Manitoba, British Columbia and part of Ontario, has not yet succeeded. The debate on the Election Bill continued until Wednesday night with the Opposition steadily refusing to accept the measure. On Tuesday Sir Wilfrid found it necessary to take the floor and make a vigorous offer of conciliation. In a general way the Premier announced his willingness to appoint Judges to deal with the lists in the provinces where intervention is proposed. The Opposition had previously stated that it was willing to accept such Federal action as might be necessary in any Manitoba constituencies where Federal and Provincial electoral boundaries crossed each other, provided the re-arrangement were placed in the hands of judges. But only a few constituencies are in this position, and it becomes clear that the intersection of constituencies is only an excuse.

THIS IS TOO VAGUE.
What the machine desired to do was to take from the two provinces which do not have Liberal Government, the absolute control of the electoral list and franchise, assuming power to add and strike off names, doing this on the eve of the election with little notice, and with every opportunity to repeat the "red line" outrage of 1904, with extensions into Manitoba and Ontario. Sir Wilfrid's partial backdown may be real or only apparent. He has a fine gift for using language with double meanings, and the uncertain proposition of Tuesday could not be accepted until the Opposition could find out what it meant.

THIS IS LOGICAL.
The Conservative position was clearly defined in the debate. The party was and is ready for a general Dominion franchise system, treating all the provinces alike, placing registration in the control of judges, giving full publicity and ample notice, right of appeal, and all possible opportunity to obtain a complete, fair, judicial list in which both parties can have confidence. The party will not accept a Federal control of franchise, applying only to two or three Conservative provinces, and used to override at the last moment before the election the list prepared by Judges under provincial law, which lists are known to be as carefully and honestly made as those of any of the other provinces which the Government does not propose to disturb. They believe that the people of Manitoba and British Columbia are no less capable than those of Saskatchewan or Quebec or Nova Scotia, of preparing their election lists. They are able to prove that far more errors have occurred and more offences have been committed against the electoral rights of the people in other provinces than in Manitoba. Therefore they stand against this discrimination and resent the insult contained in it.

NO INTERFERENCE THEN.
Such is the language of the Manitoba Conservative Members, Dr. Roche, Sobushoff and Mr. Staples.

Such is the declaration of Mr. Borden and his comrades from other provinces. They have shown that Sir Wilfrid Laurier found no cause for interference because of franchise wrongs committed in Nova Scotia by the dominant party; that no action was suggested when the Robt. Essex election list conspiracy in New Brunswick added more than 400 forged names to an honest list of less than 100 in one district of the constituency formerly represented by Mr. Pagny, now one of Sir Wilfrid's colleagues. The present conspiracy,—for it is really a plot between the Government at Ottawa and the same Manitoba machine which carried out the red line outrage,—was attempted in 1903 and failed.

TO THE HONOR OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE.
That failure is an interesting story. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, now Chief Justice of Canada, was Minister of Justice. When the scheme was brought to him to carry through he rejected it with scorn, and made it impossible for anyone else to complete the programme. Everything had been arranged, the bill was prepared and printed, but the Minister of Justice smashed that conspiracy. When Sir Charles Fitzpatrick gave place to Mr. Aylesworth the Manitoba machine took heart again, and the deadly part of the bill of 1903 was tacked on to the electoral reform measure of 1905.

SIR WILFRID'S UNFORTUNATE DENIAL.
When Sir Wilfrid was told of this in the House this week he emphatically contradicted the whole story. He declared that no bill had been printed or prepared and no such measure had been contemplated. The Premier asserted this positively in the House on three occasions, declaring on Tuesday: "No act was contemplated by the Government and no bill was prepared, that I say most decisively" (Hansard page 5871.)

THEN A BILL WAS PRODUCED
"Yes, after giving the Premier a chance to reconsider and inquire and then receiving a third contradiction, Mr. Staples was able to produce and hand to Sir Wilfrid in printed form, just as it came from the Government Bureau, the draft of the bill of 1903, on the same lines as that now before the House. Sir Wilfrid still declared that he never saw it, which goes to show that he either forgets, or that some mean things are done officially by his colleagues without consulting him. At all events there was the bill intended to be made law before the election of 1904 killed by the present Chief Justice of Canada, resurrected by Mr. Aylesworth, trust upon Parliament against the wish of those Liberal members who are of the same moral type as Sir Charles Fitzpatrick.

TREASURE SHIP MONTEALM.
The luxurious ice-breaker Montcalm, now at the bottom of the St. Lawrence, has not broken much ice during the four years of her Canadian career, as she has been undergoing repairs most of the time when not engaged in excursion trips.

But the Montcalm has made large breaks in the Dominion Treasury. The contract price was \$265,233, and repairs have cost \$119,377, furnishing, including silver plate and cut glass \$6,853. Total, including maintenance, \$657,725.

A COSTLY BRIDGE.

Arbitrator Schreiber has made an award to the contractor of the Hillsboro Bridge at Charlottetown, which brings the cost to the Dominion of that structure up to \$1,500,000. When it is remembered that the first Government estimate of cost was half a million, and when the work has begun parliament was assured that it would not cost more than \$300,000, we begin to understand how the Transcontinental is costing two or three times the Government estimate. It is wise to multiply by two, and safer to multiply by three, any advance statement of the cost of a work undertaken by a Laurier Government.

COLONEL ANDERSON TESTIFIES.

Commissioner Cassels investigated the Department of Marine on Monday and Tuesday and then quit for six weeks. It is suggested that when he gets through with his Exchequer Court business it will be vacation time and that the inquiry will be resumed toward the end of the year, perhaps after the elections. The Commission has made some progress, for the first witness called from the department was the chief engineer, and he distinctly and emphatically stated that he shared the views of Commissioners Fyche and B. Z. in regard to "lack of conscience" in purchasing certain supplies. Col. Anderson has been in the service a third of a century and has held the position of chief engineer since 1880. Down to a few years ago he had charge of light-house buildings and equipment, buoys, and other aids to navigation. Then the control of lights, buoys and everything in that connection, except the construction of buildings, was taken away from him and given to J. F. Fraser for whom the new office of Commissioner of Lights was created.

A GOOD CHANGE FOR THE CONTRACTORS.

Now began a career of extravagant expenditure in various directions. The Merwin contract, some of which have been expended, resulted in that middleman receiving over a million from the Dominion Treasury. About the same amount has gone to T. L. Wilson's Company for buoys, and large amounts to another company promoted by Mr. Wilson, which sells carbine to the Government. Col. Anderson declared his firm belief that contractor or Wilson's influence was used with the Government to have Mr. Fraser placed in charge of this spending branch. The Chief Engineer himself had reported and protested against the wholesale and expensive changes which resulted in large contracts to Mr. Wilson. These large deals could not have been made had Col. Anderson remained in charge. While he stated that he had no proof of dishonesty on the part of Mr. Fraser in the matter of these contracts, he could not help entertaining suspicions. This witness did not volunteer such testimony. In fact he urged that his suspicions should not be given as evidence, but since counsel insisted upon his giving opinions he did so. They were based upon the general view that the extravagant expenditure and the unjustified contracts began when Mr. Fraser took charge. He had a strong conviction that Mr. Fraser's promotion was due to the contractor's influence.

CONTRACTORS AND MINISTER.

Contractor Willson was himself on the stand a short time and denied that he had anything to do with Fraser's promotion. He, however, made the interesting statement that when he organized the Company, which sold carbine to the Government, he secured for him \$40,000 worth of stock in payment for his patents, and of this he gave \$10,000 to the late Hon. James Sutherland, at that time member without office in the Laurier Government, Mr. Wilson's statement is that this \$10,000 stock was a payment to Mr. Sutherland for the services of the latter in inducing the Bronson family to take stock in the concern. But it will be seen that with one of the contracting firms in the Ministry might not be necessary for Mr. Willson to personally interfere in securing the promotion of Superintendent of Lights. Mr. Sutherland became Minister of Marine in 1902 and was afterwards Minister of Public Works.

THE CONTRACTOR IN CHARGE.

In 1904, began the larger and more profitable contracts for buoys (Continued on fourth page.)

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Little Elmer—Oh, well, don't worry. Moby you'll still have a chance to live in history as somebody's grandfader.

Mrs. Fred. Laine, St. George, Ont., writes:—"My little girl would cough so at night that neither she nor I could get any rest. I gave her Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup and am thankful to say it cured her cough quickly."

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"Where is the other fig?" said the governor to him, having been told of the present beforehand.

"I ate it."
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"Like this," said the servant, swallowing the other.

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"How is poor Smithers getting on?" said one man to another.

"Well," said the other, "Smithers is now almost recovered from the beetle! he gave his wife last Saturday night!"

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