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**PROROGATION COMES WITH
FRENCH TREATY HELD UP AND
ALL-RED ROUTE AT STANDSTILL**

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—Parliament prorogued this afternoon after a sitting in which several interesting developments took place.

First of all Sir Wilfrid Laurier brought down the correspondence with regard to the coming conference on Imperial defence. A perusal of it will show that the Government made an extremely grudging and ungracious reply to the Imperial conference, and that the colonial office with skillful suavity converted a semi-refusal into an acceptance.

Treaty Held.
Further developments were that the Franco-Canadian treaty is further held up, the French Chamber of Deputies having withheld ratification until the wheels of the All-Red Route are driving heavily. Early in the hours of last night's protracted sitting, the Government was compelled virtually to apologize for having appointed Mr. J. S. Ewart as legal representative on the Hague Fisheries Arbitration.

Subsidiary Defence Conference.
The correspondence over the subsidiary defence conference is as follows:—
"On March 30th, Earl Grey forwarded to Lord Crewe particulars of the debate on Imperial defence of March 23rd.

On April 28, Lord Crewe acknowledged the despatch and stated that the Imperial Government noted with much satisfaction the action of the Canadian House.

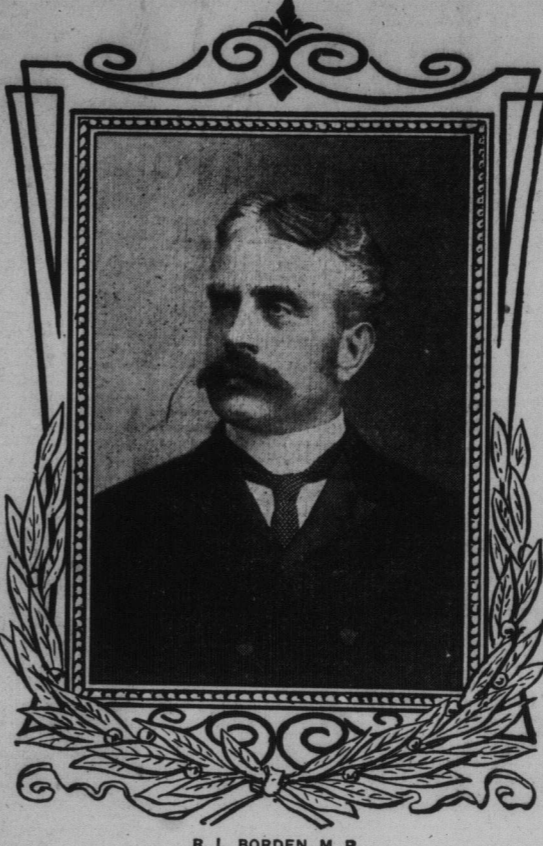
On April 30, Mr. Asquith as president of the Imperial conference sent a message to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. After once more expressing satisfaction he continued:— "The Dominion Government proposes that its defence minister should come here at an early date to confer with the Imperial and naval authorities upon technical matters arising upon that resolution. H. M. G. Government have also been recent patriotic proposals made by Australia and New Zealand demanding very cordial and careful consideration, both as to the principle and detail. I desire, therefore, to commend to you the following important suggestion, namely, that a conference of representatives of the self governing dominions convened under the terms of resolution one of the conference of 1907, which provides for such subsidiary conferences, should be held in London early in July. The object of the conference would be to discuss the general questions of naval and military defence of the Empire with special reference to the Canadian resolution and to the proposals from Australia and New Zealand to which I have referred.

"The conference would be merely consultative in character, private, and its deliberations would be assisted by the presence of the members of the committee of Imperial defence, or of other advisers of His Majesty's Government. I am addressing a similar message to the other members of the Imperial conference. I am intimating to the other Prime Ministers that I assume that as the consultation will be generally upon technical or equal technical military matters the other Dominion secretaries, or their representatives by their ministers of defence or failing them, by some other members of the Government assisted by expert advice.

Lord Crewe's Opinion.
In transmitting this message Lord Crewe added: "I am strongly of opinion that an early confidential ex-

**GOVERNMENT HAS DEFIED PUBLIC OPINION,
BROKEN ALL PROMISES FOR 'HOUSE CLEANING'
AND REFUSED REQUESTS FOR INVESTIGATIONS**

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Ottawa, Ont., May 19.—Mr. Borden this afternoon gave out the following interview with regard to the session: "The Government has been upon the defensive throughout the session. Their policy of refusing invitation and defying public opinion has been not only maintained but carried to a more extreme limit than ever before. The 'house cleaning' demanded by important Liberal journals immediately after the general elections has not even been commenced. No river of investigation has been poured through the Augean stables. The Cassels Commission made only a limited inquiry into one department, the government refused our motion to extend that inquiry to other great spending departments of which one at least is in a worse condition than was ever the Department of Marine and Fisheries. Investigation was refused into the St. John harbor dredging scandals, and the Government boldly announced that no attempt would be made to recover the \$35,000 paid out of the public treasury through the contractor for the exercise of political influence. In Great Britain upon the publication of a report such as that of the New Brunswick Central Railway Commission, public opinion would have compelled the immediate retirement of the minister concerned. Here the Government and its organs consider that virulent but ineffectual abuse of the commissioners is a sufficient answer to the charges. They do not even promise an investigation. While clinging to degenerate and unworthy methods of administration the government has made no advance in policy. Rather it has sought to repair its tattered policies of the past, for example by taking power to borrow money for the purpose of loan-



R. L. BORDEN, M. P.

**BY MOST DARING DAYLIGHT
HOLD-UP ROBBERS SECURE
\$1,500 IN EXPRESS OFFICE**

Special to The Standard.
Truro, May 19.—One of the most daring hold-ups in the history of the town took place shortly after one o'clock this afternoon, when two strange men walked into the office of the Canadian Express Company, near the I. R. C. station, and while one covered Clerk Burgess with a revolver, the other went through the safe, taking cash amounting to \$1,500 and everything of value in sight.

The police side with the result that three persons were taken into custody, but all were released on being taken before Burgess, the subject of the hold-up, who declared they were not the men.

Is Not Clear.
However, Burgess is not clear as to the description of the men who went through the safe. He was too intent on watching the muzzle of the gun to take a good look at the customer, but he is quite clear as to the description of the man behind the gun, who was dressed in a faded brown suit.

Three Arrested.
The three men taken into custody were Michael McVarrish, Alexander Morris, and Jallop Smith, the latter belonging to Halifax, but Burgess stated that none of these was the man.

When the men entered the express office, Burgess, the clerk, was washing an ink bottle, the safe, which was open, standing nearby. The first intimation he had of what was going on was when he looked up into the muzzle of a 32 and was told to keep quiet.

The other man then coolly went through the safe, and having finished hurried from the building, the man with the gun continuing to cover the clerk till the robber with the loot was well out of the way.

Near by Burgess was a loaded revolver, but he was too frightened to make a break for it, and also too frightened to seize it and give chase to the man who had been holding him up.

Instead he walked to a door at the esplanade side of the building and called to some men standing before the express office, and asked them to send a cab for P. W. Leaton, the agent, who was at his home on Queen street, taking his noon meal. By this time the robbers were well under cover.

Saw Two Men.
Joseph Johnston says that he saw two men about that time enter Victoria Park, that they passed him, and asked what time it was. For several days past, two men answering the description of the two men have been about town, sleeping in a barn at nights. If these were the two men who committed the crime, they were getting the lay of the land, and they seemed to have studied the situation pretty well, as to time and values.

The express company's officials will not say what the loss is from what can be gleaned in apparently well informed circles, it foots up to \$1,500. Royal Bank had deposited a package containing \$1,000. Davison Hills, M. L. A. \$100. However or in what way the other \$400 was made up could not be learned.

Detective Hanehan arrived from Halifax by the Maritime express, and is making investigations as to the men who committed the deed made their way to the woods they may continue on through Sheet Harbor and attempt to escape from the country by water.

Word of the hold up at Truro was received by the local police last evening together with a description of the suspects. The authorities here are on the look-out for them. They will have difficulty in passing St. John should they head this way.

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**HAVE GIVEN
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Special to The Standard.
Toronto, Ont., May 19.—After a fight of over two years to establish a nine hour working day the machinists and amalgamated engineers of Toronto have given up the struggle and have given permission to their members to work in any of the machine shops of the city. When the fight was commenced a large number of the small shops conceded the shorter work day, but the big shops resisted the demand of the Union, the trade depression existing at the time, consequently a large number of men were out of employment and when the strikers vacated their positions the unemployed machinists were only too glad to fill their places.

However, declare they have not given up hope of establishing the nine hour day and will wait for a more favorable opportunity to gain that concession for which they have been fighting.

**MAY PURCHASE
HORSES FOR
WORK OF CITY**

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, N. B., May 19.—H. P. Timmerman, industrial commissioner of the C. P. R., arrived from St. John today and is at the Barker House.

The general meeting of the Road and Fire Committees of the City Council was held this evening at City Hall when the proposal to purchase a pair of draft horses for city work, including hauling the watering wagons and doing the city's general trucking was considered. If horses are purchased they will be kept at the fire station. The proposal was looked upon with favor and Ald. Ed. Moore and Kitchen were appointed to look into the cost of keeping horses, etc., and report to the Council.

**CONTRACT FOR
SUBSTRUCTURE
OF NEW BRIDGE**

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, N. B., May 19.—Hon. John Morrissey, as Chief Commissioner of Public Works, has awarded the contract for the substructure of the new steel bridge over Salmon River at Chipman, Queens Co., to Contractor Chas. J. B. Simmons, of this city. The contract price is about twelve thousand dollars. The contract for the superstructure will be awarded in a few days.

Hay, and totals nearly \$2,000. There was some insurance. A small child, son of G. B. Nixon is occupant of the premises, innocently set the fire.

**PROVINCIAL SECRETARY HAS
COMPLETED ARRANGEMENTS FOR
SUPPLYING OF NEW TEXT BOOKS**

The Standard learned from Hon. J. K. Flemming, Provincial Secretary, last night that arrangements have been completed whereby the new supply of new school books for the province will be ready long before the opening of the next school term. The entire stock will be in Fredericton by the first of July and there will be no delay in getting the books out to the vendors in the various parts of the province.

The stock includes the geography, health reader, grammar, arithmetic, French reader, and copy book.

A Superior Book.
The grammar is a new book and strongly recommended by the text book committee of the teachers of the province. Notwithstanding that it is much superior to the one in use at present the new grammar will be sold for 25 cents, while the present one costs 35 cents.

The copy book will sell for 3 cents instead of 8, the price at present. The pleath readers will be supplied at a great reduction. The latter are being bought by Messrs. J. and A. McMillan, of St. John. An excellent offer was made to Mr. Flemming in regard to the health readers by an outside firm but the Provincial Secretary finding that the work could be done quite as satisfactorily here, preferred to keep it within the province.

Each of the three parts of the new arithmetic will be sold for 10 cents instead of 15 cents as at present.

A Big Saving.
Mr. Flemming when asked about the arrangements with the vendors said that there will be enough difference between the net cost to the province and the price the vendor asks to pay the vendor his ten per cent. commission. This means that the cost to the province will be very small. In fact all the province will have to pay is the freight on the books going out to the vendor and some incidental expenses connected with the handling of the books at Fredericton.

Mr. Flemming will arrange to have the vendors secure a printed card showing the old cost of the books and the new price.

Treated All Alike.
In making his arrangements with the vendors the Provincial Secretary has not discriminated between Conservatives and Liberals. He has treated all alike. Right in his own town one of his strongest opponents applied for and was given the right to sell the books.

It will be seen by the above quotations that the saving to the province due to the decrease prices of school books will be very large.

**FT. MAHONE
MONUMENT
UNVEILED**

Petersburg, Va., May 19.—After fighting today over historic roads and battlefields through clouds of choking white dust, President Taft attended the unveiling of a shaft of granite and a heroic figure in bronze placed on the bloody battlefield of Fort Mahone to commemorate the valor and heroism of General John F. Hartranft and the Pennsylvania soldiers of the Third Division of the Ninth Corps of the Union Army.

**ALLAN LINER MONGOLIAN
CAUGHT IN ICE OFF ST. JOHNS;
HALIFAX AGENTS ARE HOPEFUL**

St. John's, Nfld., May 19.—The Allan Line steamer Mongolian, bound from Glasgow and Liverpool for St. John's, Nfld., Halifax, N. S. and Philadelphia, with hundreds of passengers on board was caught in a dangerous ice jam one mile off this city today.

It is feared that if the wind increased before daylight, the Mongolian will be driven ashore and become a total wreck. Should such an accident occur, it is thought that the passengers can escape by walking over the densely packed ice floes.

Rescuer Caught in Ice.
Just returned from the ice-packed waters of Belleisle Strait, where she had been abandoned by her crew and later recovered, the coastal steamer Prospero had been despatched by the agents of the Allan Line here to attempt to reach the Mongolian and take on board the passengers for St. John's, Nfld., Halifax, N. S. and Philadelphia. The little steamer had but just passed the harbor mouth when the ice barrier became impregnable and further passage was arrested. There she kept company during the night with the greater steamer Mongolian which was equally helpless in the unrelenting grip of the surrounding ice.

Mongolian's Trip.
The Mongolian left Glasgow on May 5 and Liverpool a few days later with nearly 600 passengers for this port, Halifax and Philadelphia. She met the first of the great fields of ice yesterday but up to this morning her progress was fairly steady.

With the approach to shore the Mongolian met more strenuous resistance when the narrow harbor of St. John's was sighted, the great steamer forced its way through the ice floes until a position about a mile off the harbor opening had been gained. There she stopped, the power of the engines and the stout hull unable longer to successfully cope with the great irregular stretches of ice.

It is possible that should the steamer be able to back from the ice she may proceed to Halifax and land her passengers.

Built at Glasgow.
The steamer Mongolian was built at Glasgow in 1890 by D. and W. Anderson and Company. Since that time the steamer has been in the service of the Allan Line S. S. Company, Limited, of Glasgow, plying between various ports of Europe and North America. She flies the British flag.

The steamer has a gross tonnage of 4,838 and a net capacity of 3,088 tons. She is 298.2 feet long; she has a breadth of 45 feet and a depth of 34.4 feet. She has a gross tonnage of eight compartments and has two decks. Water is carried as ballast when necessary. Her engines, which are triple expansion, generate a nominal horsepower of 600.

**LIQUOR MEN
WILL HELP
INSPECTOR**

Special to The Standard.
Brookville, Ont., May 19.—Believing that the best way to fight local option is to live up to the law, the Brookville hotel keepers at a meeting held today, decided to observe the regulations to the letter, and to support the hands of the inspector. No selling will be done during prohibited hours. Bartenders offending will be summarily dismissed.

**FALL RIVER
MILLS TO CUT
WAGES SOON**

Fall River, Mass., May 19.—A reduction amounting to 10 per cent in the pay of thousands of workers in the print cloth mills of Fall River during the six months beginning June 14 is possible, according to an announcement made tonight. Under the sliding scale agreement between the workmen and manufacturers, the margin between the price of cotton and the price of print cloth is figured from time to time and every six months wages are adjusted to correspond with the margin. Tonight the textile council composed of representatives of labor unions made the final report in June and President James Tansey announced afterward that the margin had fallen to 74.923.

DEFICIT IS \$2,000,000.

Havana, May 19.—The Secretary of Finance, Senor Villegas, said yesterday that the forthcoming budget would reach a total of fully \$20,000,000 leaving a deficit over the regular revenues of \$2,000,000, which, is expected, would be covered by the receipts from the national lottery.

NOTES TO RAISE TOBACCO TAX.

St. Petersburg, May 19.—The Douma yesterday passed the first reading of the bill increasing the excise duty on tobacco.

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**BAD OUTLOOK
FOR CROPS IN
ONTARIO**

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Toronto, May 19.—Hon. James Duff, is pessimistic over Ontario crop conditions.

"Unless we have a good spell of dry warm weather, agricultural conditions this year will be very serious," he said tonight.

"This is the most backward spring in forty years, and only a spell of steady warm and dry weather can save the situation."

**SENATOR
SULLIVAN
VERY ILL**

Special to The Standard.
Kingston, May 19.—Senator Sullivan is confined to his home here, and is in very poor health. He was not able to attend to his sessional duties this year.

LARGE BARN BURNED.

Hartland, N. B., May 19.—Last evening fire destroyed the large barn on Dartus Nixon's farm at Lower Brighton. The building was one of the largest and finest in the county. The loss includes a hog, four hundred bushels of oats, fifty tons of