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ADMIRABLE SPEECH BY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE IN THE COMMONS.

Hon. Mr. Fisher's Facts Settle Criticisms of Sir Richard Cartwright's Statements--Conservative Exodus to the South Changed to Influx from United States.

Ottawa, April 4--(Special)--The minister of agriculture contributed an excellent speech to the budget debate today. Hon. Sydney Fisher, in resuming, said he did not intend to speak on the subject but for certain statements made by opposition members with the view to controvert what Sir Richard Cartwright had said on the census. The member for Pictou particularly endeavored to do this. Sir (Fisher) desired to say that what Sir Richard had said was incontrovertible and he would show this was the case. For instance, Mr. Bell (Pictou) said that there were no industrial establishments taken less than \$200 of an output in 1891. As a matter of fact there were 380 establishments given in the census of 1891 with outputs under \$200 per annum or a total output of \$44,500 which gave an average output of \$115. The instructions to enumerators in 1891 were to the effect that none who were absent from Canada for more than a year should be counted. This was wholly disregarded by the enumerators in 1891. He would show that if there was any swelling of the lists in the province of Quebec to increase the population it was done during the 1891 census and not during the last census. In 1891, it was shown in Quebec that the population was very much larger in certain constituencies than was shown by the parochial census. Then, in regard to the last census the population was larger in some of the constituencies than was shown by the parochial census. In 21 constituencies in Quebec there were, by government census, 40,000 more people than were given in the parochial census or a difference of 2,000 a constituency. By the 1891 census there was only an increase of about 200 in each of these constituencies. This, he said, ought to be satisfactory proof that the census of 1891 was being inflated by the enumerators, and that the census of 1901 was a fair census.

Ottawa, April 7--(Special)--There was very little business of a preliminary character in the house today. An act to incorporate the Strait of Canso Bridge Company was read a third time, after being amended by Mr. Wade (Annapolis), providing that no tolls be levied except they are first approved by the governor general in council. Hon. Mr. Fisher in reply to Mr. Taylor said the cost of taking the census of 1891 was \$456,904 and in 1891 \$570,115. The 1901 census has so far cost \$636,296. The probable cost to complete the census will be \$1,370,202, making in all \$1,700,000. Mr. Fisher told Mr. Lemieux that the Canadian government intended making an exhibit at the Japan exposition in 1903. To Col. Hughes, Premier Laurier said the government had under consideration the question of introducing a bill this session to fix May 24th as the day for official observance of the Kings birthday. Mr. Lennox (Simcoe) resumed the budget debate. Mr. Wade, of Annapolis, followed. He said that protection was generally understood to mean protection for the manufacturers only, one of the principles of government which should be observed was to do the greatest good for the greatest number. From the 1891 census 85 or 90 per cent of the people of Canada were not in a position to receive any benefits from a protective tariff. It was necessary that there should be a tariff for revenue purposes and naturally there were differences as to what tariff should be. Last year the opposition wanted a pronounced policy and this year it was to be a declared policy. The Fruit Growers' Association never complained of any unfair treatment by the government, on the contrary the members of the association expressed the view that they were grateful to the government for what the administration is doing. The association asked the government to do that which the fruit trade requires it the steamer which were granted a subsidy should run at intervals of 10 days instead of 15 days, that the speed be not less than 12 knots. Many favored a higher speed but it was finally agreed upon to ask 12 knots. A uniform and cool temperature was also required. If the subsidy was not large enough for this then it should be in the form of a grant. The minister of railways was asked to make apply five to eight cents instead of three to five. Mr. Wade went on to point out the great prosperity of the country and ridiculed the idea that the maritime provinces would become a pastoral people if there was no declared policy as predicted by Mr. Dorden. Pointing to the great mining interests of Nova Scotia he said that by August next the Dominion Steel Company would be turning out 1,000 tons per day at a profit of \$2,000,000 per year. To the Intercolonial, he congratulated the minister of railways on the way in which the route had been operated. He would like to ask if there was a man on the other side of the house who would advocate making the Intercolonial a financial success. Not one of them could take that. They would not raise freight rates to do this, and did not see how as well as the east get the benefit of this advantage. Besides general interest in the products to the maritime provinces. Mr. Wade made a reference to the victory of the Canadians at Hart's River, and Mr. Patterson moved the adjournment of the debate on the budget and will speak tomorrow. The debate will close at tomorrow's sitting.

ACCIDENT AT MONCTON.

Boy Falls Over Railing in I. C. R. Offices and is Seriously Injured. Moncton, April 7--(Special)--Lewis McCoy, the 12-year-old son of G. McCoy, of the I. C. R. shops, lies in a critical condition in the hospital as the result of a terrible fall in the I. C. R. general offices this evening. He fell over the railing to the ground floor, 20 or 30 feet. He was picked up unconscious. Besides general injuries his right thigh was badly broken. It is supposed the lad was sliding down the banisters coming from the third story, but lost his balance. His escape from instant death was a miracle. His injuries are serious.

MAYOR OF CALAIS.

J. M. Johnson Elected by More Than 150 Majority. St. Stephen, N. B., April 7--(Special)--Calais held a very spirited election for mayor and aldermen today. J. M. Johnson, the Republican candidate, defeated Kallish, Democrat, by more than 150 majority. Four Republican aldermen and three Democrats will constitute the next board. The religious cry cut a figure in this election to the detriment of Mayor Kallish.

CANADIANS FIGHT BOERS TO A FINISH.

Nine Dominion Officers and Men Killed and Forty Wounded in Desperate Battle--Lieutenant Markham, of St. John, Hit in Arm.

THE ENEMY WERE BRAVELY BEATEN BACK.

Kitchener Mentions Distinguished Work of Men from Canada--Full List of Wounded Not Yet Obtainable--Men Under Lieut. Carruthers, of Kingston, Held Post Till Every One Was Killed or Wounded--Mentioned in House of Commons.

London, April 4--There was severe fighting all day long on March 31 in the neighborhood of Hart's River in the southern extremity of the Transvaal, between part of Gen. Kitchener's force and Boer, resulting in the repulse of the Boers after heavy losses on both sides. The Canadian Rifles especially distinguished themselves, one party, commanded by Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, holding its post till every man was killed or wounded. Lieut. Carruthers' official report, dated from Pretoria yesterday evening, says: General Kitchener (Lord Kitchener's brother) sent Colonel Keir and Colonel from Vriekul, Western Transvaal, March 31, to go towards Hart's River. They struck the track of guns and directed on a running fight for eight miles, following the track through the bush. Emerging on a plain, large Boer reinforcements advanced against their flank, forcing the British troops to take up a defensive position, which they hastily entrenched. Fighting ensued at close quarters until the Boers were repulsed on all sides. Delessy, Kemp and other leaders vainly attempted to persuade their men to renew their attack. Officers and men participated in the engagement, but they had suffered too heavily and cleared away to the northwest and south. The British man was killed or wounded. The Canadian Rifles especially distinguished themselves, one party, commanded by Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, holding its post till every man was killed or wounded. Others of the force showed great steadiness, allowing the Boers to advance within two hundred yards of them and repelling them in a steady fire.

Ottawa, April 4--(Special)--Just before the house of commons rose for dinner at 12 o'clock the minister of military and naval dispatch announcing the Canadian casualties in South Africa and added: "While all this is very sad indeed there is satisfaction to be derived from the fact that our men are maintaining the reputation that they have already achieved in South Africa, and they continue to prefer death to capture." Both sides of the house applauded this latter remark of the hon. member. His Excellency Lord Minto, up to a late hour had not received any further details concerning the engagement in which the Canadians were engaged. He following is an exact copy: "Kleinhar's River, dated March 31st. Second Canadian Mounted Rifles killed, wounded, 40 non-commissioned officers and men; officers wounded, severely, Lt. R. H. Ryan, in forearm; slightly wounded, Lt. Geo. B. McKay, in hand; Lt. E. F. Markham, in the arm; Lt. W. L. London, in the shoulder; names of non-commissioned officers and men not yet received. The casualty list in this of any of the engagements in which Canadians were, is the largest since Paardeberg, when there were 89 killed and wounded, when there were 113 killed and wounded. Lt. Bruce Carruthers, who, along with a section of the second Canadian Mounted Rifles distinguished himself on March 31st, is well known in Ottawa and Kingston, where his family resides. Carruthers enlisted as a private in "D" company of the first Canadian contingent in December, 1895, and was closely associated with the Ottawa boys with whom he was a general favorite. He was always a cool, uncomplaining fellow and cared nothing for danger. His magnificent stand is not at all a surprise to those who know him intimately. He was one of those men who would sooner die any day than give in and be conquered. Doubtless he had a section of men with him, who were of the same spirit and under his command it would certainly be a case of die or die. Shortly before enlisting with Col. Evans, he was married. Miss Carruthers resides in Kingston. Kingston, Ont., April 4--(Special)--Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, mentioned in war despatches as commanding the Canadian who fought the Boers to a finish, is a Kingstonian, son of the late John Carruthers, a former wholesale grocer. He married Miss MacPherson in December, just before going out on the mounted rifles. Mrs. Carruthers is here and anxiously awaiting final tidings as to her husband's fate. Lieut. Carruthers' command consisted of Toronto and western men. Toronto, April 4--(Special)--No details are to be had of the fighting in which the Canadian Rifles were engaged in South Africa. The only names are those mentioned in the cable received by the governor general from the casualty department at Cape Town. Lieut. London is a Toronto boy, son of J. S. London, of the Standard Bank. He attended R. M. C. Kingston, until given command in Mounted Rifles. Lieut. Ryan is from Nova Scotia. Lieut. Markham is a member of a well-known Montreal family and was formerly an officer in the 5th Royal Scots. London, April 5--From Brussels a correspondent of the Morning Post writes that Dr. Leyds has received a despatch

Private P. Hendy, Roseland, B. C. Private Alexander McDonald, Fort Steele, B. C. Private H. Hawes, Halifax, N. S. Private J. N. Haswanger, Halifax, N. S. Released men state that Corporal W. A. Kinley, Toronto, and Private T. B. Day, are killed. The names here given are in addition to Lieut. Ryan, McKay, Markham and London, wounded, mentioned in the first cable. The St. John man, Darrah, mentioned probably belongs in the vicinity of Miramichi. A Telegraph reporter visited several families of the name living in the city but could obtain no information as to his identity beyond the opinion that he was one of that branch of the family residing near Miramichi. The names of the next of kin of N. C. officers and men of the Canadian Mounted Rifles killed are as follows: Campbell--Mother, Mrs. A. Hinton, St. Marys, Ont. Milligan--Margaret Milligan, Clarke, Ont. Perry--John Perry, Galt, Ont. Robertson--Mrs. James Robertson, London. Sherrett--Mother, Jennette Sherrett, Bedford, Ont. Vollrath--Chas. Vollrath, Armstrong, B. C. West--Father, J. West, Coldhurst, England. Day--Father, D. C. Day, Shawlow Lake, Ont. Kinley--Father, Henry Kinley, Selkirk, Kingston, Ont. April 6--(Special)--The receipt of the casualty list in South Africa is a source of regret to many persons here, particularly in view of the fact that Lieut. Bruce Carruthers, in command of the famous troop, was a French coach, hackney and heavy draft horse. "Your committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the services of Mr. Russell as chairman of the committee for the past six years." The bill incorporating Bath village for fire and water purposes was agreed to in committee with amendment moved by Mr. Appley requiring a two-thirds vote of the taxable property before it came into operation. The bill relating to the Westmorland Mining Company was agreed to in committee. Mr. Copp explained that it was intended to remove any doubts as to the validity of the letters patent under which the company had been incorporated. The bill to incorporate the M. Welch Telephone Company was agreed to in committee. This company is authorized to build telephone lines in Carleton county. On motion of Mr. Hazen the bill amending the act incorporating the Roman Catholic Bishop of St. John was considered in committee. He explained that this act had been made to extend to the diocese of Chatham and under it the bishop of St. John and Chatham were authorized to hold lands yielding an income of \$20,000 a year in St. John and Chatham respectively and \$5,000 a year in the other parishes. On motion of Mr. Barnes the bill to amend the act incorporating the Kent Telephone Company was considered in committee. Mr. Russell said this bill was hardly an amendment to the act of incorporation because it allowed the company to extend its lines to Chatham whereas the act limited it to Richieuville and portions of Kent county. He thought also there ought to be some time specified in which the company would be bound to construct their line. Mr. Copp agreed and thought the time should be limited to two years. On the suggestion of the attorney general progress was reported with leave to sit again. On motion of Hon. Mr. Dunn the bill to amend the St. John Firemen's Mutual Relief Association act was considered in committee. Mr. Dunn explained that a new bill had been substituted for the one presented to the house, providing for the government of the association by means of a board of trustees. Agreed to. The bill relating to the Royal Trust Company was considered in committee. Mr. Hazen asked if the company had paid a fee in proportion to its capital stock. The attorney general--They have paid usual double fee, but before they can do business they must deposit with the gov-

ONE MORE ST. JOHN MAN.

Private Derrah the Only New Brunswicker--The List of Casualties. Ottawa, April 6--(Special)--The list of casualties at Hart's River received here today shows the severity of the engagement. Out of 11 men killed, seven were enlisted in Ontario, one of the two British Columbia men killed, Peter, was also an Ontario man. The other was a Quebec man, enlisted in Montreal. There are three in the wounded list from the marriage provinces. The names are largely from Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia. Sherrett, among the killed, was the great bicycle rider from Brantford. The British army contingent and passed through all the engagements, 32 in all, unscathed. There are 30 casualties in addition to the four officers already announced and there are still 21 to be accounted for, making 53 in all. The list received today is as follows: Killed. Sergt. John Campbell, Guelph, Ont. Corporal Alf Sherrett, Guelph, Ont. Private W. E. Peters, Cranbrook, B. C. Private M. G. Huston, London, Ont. Private C. N. Evans, London, Ont. Private W. P. K. Milligan, Peterboro, Ont. Dangerously Wounded, Since Dead. Private A. West, Montreal, 37. Private D. H. Campbell, Brandon, Man. 138, shoenight, John K. Minchin, Guelph, leg. 289, Pte. Clayton S. Carson, Toronto, forearm and hip. 267, Francis A. Smith, Toronto, chest. 198, John William Miller, or Millan, London, jaw and leg. 177, William Stokes, London, thigh. 676, W. F. Smith, Ottawa, arm. Slightly Wounded. 475, Farrier Sergt. Norman M. Doman, Galt, Ont. 168, Sergt. A. E. Monro-London, grazed. 232, Corp. John Charles Bond, Toronto, grazed. 189, Clarence K. Robinson, thigh. 181, P. A. Pyke, Guelph. 183, John Aspyden Kendall, London. 635, Pte. Frederick Cooper, Toronto, wounded thigh. 629, Frederick Chas. Wildman, Hamilton. (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

SIXTY BILLS HAVE SO FAR BEEN PASSED IN LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Twenty-eight Still to Be Considered--Government Aid for Maritime Fat Stock Show--House Likely to Be Prorogued Early This Week.

Fredricton, April 3--The house met at 3 o'clock. Mr. Osman rose to a question of privilege. He said a report of what had been done in the public accounts committee appeared in the Sun today, which represented the auditor general as stating he had no vouchers for Mr. Hickman's accounts, except that they were ordered to be paid by the government. Such a report was entirely misleading. Vouchers had been shown for all the charges, and the accounts were fully illustrated by the vouchers. It was only recently that reporters had been admitted to the public accounts committee and they ought to give correct reports. Mr. Dunn introduced a bill to amend the general mining act. He explained that it enabled miners to take out a lease instead of a license and authorized the government to fix the rates of royalty. The attorney general, in the absence of Hon. Mr. Tweedie, introduced a bill to amend the act for the development of the coal areas of Queens and Sunbury. He explained that the object was to authorize the government to issue guaranteed bonds to the company as work on the railway was completed, in the same manner as railway subsidies were given. Under the act as it stood no portion of the bonds could be issued until the railway was completed. These bonds would be issued on the certificate of the engineer that the work had been done. Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the return of the debenture indebtedness and first of April, 1903, of the province of New Brunswick. Mr. Copp introduced a bill relating to the marsh lands in Bedford; Mr. Shaw one to enable St. John to operate a street railway in St. John and Lunenburg; Mr. Robertson one to amend the St. John Graving Dock act. Mr. Osman gave notice of inquiry with regard to a bridge over the Petitcodiac river between Moncton and Salisbury. Mr. Young introduced a bill to amend the law relating to peddlers in Gloucester county; Mr. Allen one by which the Fredericton act to amend for agricultural purposes. Mr. Russell submitted the final report of the committee on agriculture as follows: "At the meeting of the committee held this day, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Resolved, that in the opinion of this committee, to improve the horses of the province on the lines demanded by the public, the government should import thoroughbred stallions, French coach, hackney and heavy draft horses. Your committee desire to place on record their appreciation of the services of Mr. Russell as chairman of the committee for the past six years." The bill incorporating Bath village for fire and water purposes was agreed to in committee with amendment moved by Mr. Appley requiring a two-thirds vote of the taxable property before it came into operation.

ermment either 3 per cent provincial bonds or money bearing 3 per cent interest to such an amount as the government may deem necessary. Mr. Hazen said the company was practically getting incorporated to enable it to do business here. If they were coming here for the first time they would have to pay a fee in proportion to their capital stock. He thought they ought to pay the fee, although incorporated in another province. The attorney general said this was a matter for the standing rules committee. There was a difference between a new charter and the recognition of a company already chartered. The bill made no mention of capital stock. The company would have to pay the provincial tax. The bill was agreed to. On motion of Mr. Shaw the bill relating to the trustees of the Centenary Methodist church, St. John, was agreed to in committee. Mr. Shaw explained that his object was to enable the trustees to issue bonds retiring old bonds maturing, about the bridge over the Shediac river, the Lezer Brook bridge, the Harshawman Brook bridge and regarding a new bridge over Deale's Brook. Mr. Most presented the petition of Campbell for a bill relating to that town. The house went into committee, Mr. Osman in the chair, in consideration of a number of bills. That to change the name of James Lorr Haman was explained by Mr. Appley. Haman's parents died when he was very young and he was brought up by Lambert Williams, who agreed to leave him his property on condition that he change his name to Williams. Another reason is that he intends to get married, but before doing so wants his name made Williams. The bill was agreed to. A bill amending clause 100 of the Consolidated Statutes and taxes was committed by Mr. Copp. It provides that in case of dissatisfaction over assessment an appeal can be taken from the assessors to the valuator which will reduce the taxes of anyone over-rated and raise those who have been under-rated. The bill was agreed to. Mr. Copp committed the bill to declare and change the name of Leonard Stiles, now known as Leonard Stiles, and Leonard Stiles, and he wants to make certain that his name shall be Leonard Stiles. The bill was agreed to with amendments. Mr. Allen committed the bill further amending the municipalities act. It provides that a teler may have his name transferred from the district in which he is registered to the poll where he is acting as seller. Agreed to. Mr. Lawson committed the bill amending the act incorporating the village of Perth Centre for fire and water purposes. Agreed to with amendments. Mr. Purdy committed the bill relating to the water supply in St. John city. It enables St. John to appropriate land upon which to erect a reservoir. Agreed to with amendments. Hon. Mr. Pugsley said he would introduce a bill amending the elections act and asked members to file any suggestions they had so that they may be embodied in the bill. It being 6 o'clock the speaker left the chair until 7:30. The house resumed at 8 o'clock. The order of the day being called, Mr. Osman spoke. The members of the Carleton in his criticism of the government, found everything to condemn and nothing to commend. He found fault with their total expenditure because they were too large and with the details which made up these expenditures because they were too small. He found fault with the government's immigration policy and a great deal of fault with the hand book which had been prepared by Mr. Hickman. Mr. Hickman's hand book has been much criticized, but it is not a discreditable book and no things are set forth in it which are likely to attract people to our shores. The opposition complain that immigrants brought out cost too much, but if it be true, as is often said, that every immigrant is worth \$1,000 to the country, the sum paid for their passage is not large. He had been much interested in the route given by the member for St. John with regard to the royal reception in that city, and he particularly deserved great credit for the manner in which he had carried it out. That member was one of the gentlemen who was lost to the Conservative party because of the Moncton policy of the leader of the opposition. That policy had been the destruction of the Conservative party in New Brunswick, for it was a policy which no self-respecting man would follow. He himself had been forced to leave the Conservative party in consequence of it. He was glad to be able to congratulate the attorney general on the able manner in which he had handled the eastern extension claim. The opposition and the leader of the opposition himself, when a representative at Ottawa, had been somewhat of a wet blanket in regard to it. It was well that it had been trusted to so able a man as the attorney general. The leader of the (Continued on page 2, fifth column.)

KRUGER'S ELDEST SON SWears ALLEGIANCE TO BRITAIN.

Pretoria, April 6--Casper Kruger, the eldest son of former President Kruger and 24 other relatives of Mr. Kruger bearing the same family name, are among those who have recently taken the oath of allegiance to Great Britain.