# COMMITTEES TO DEAL WITH THE NATURAL RESOURCES

Borden Introduces Resolution Which is Endorsed by Laurier

But Premier Expresses His Readiness to Carry It Further

Suggests Separate Committees for Each of Canada's Resources

Of TANGE Beb. 1.—Parliament did an day's work without controversy ing today and went home at ten o'clock with a clear conscience. It Towever, the private list was chaned up early and the govern-ment got some of its affairs through the Speaker left the chair. A were laid on the table and a per of the items were passed, there two bills advanced through all s the protection for level crossings was the protection for level bill of Mr. Lancaster, which has passed bill of Mr. Lancaster, which has passed in the house and failed in the senate in two previous sessions. The other was a ent bill introduced by Mr. Oliver to make some changes in the lands act of last session.

In a compact speech full of interest ing information gleaned from many sources, Mr. Borden submitted a resolution which, if accepted in the form suggested by the prime minister, will extend the sphere of parliament's use fulness and prove of incalculable benefit to the Dominion. The motion was in the following terms: That in the opinion of this house it is acvisable to appoint a select standing committee on matural resources, who shall have auth ority to inquire into and consider and report upon all matters appertaining to the conservation and development of the natural resources of Canada, including fisheries, forests, mines, minerals, waterways and water powers, and to whom may be referred from time to time any report, document or matter touching the subject which they are appointed to consider.

Last session Mr. Sinclair, Liberal member for Guysboro, moved a resolution in favor of the appointment of a select committee to consider the subject of fisheries, and in the course of jects they had in view if a committee a discussion favorable to the proposal was appointed for fisheries alone. the leader of the opposition threw out a committee might be extended to forests and minerals and other resources as well. Since then Mr. Borden appears to have devoted special attention to the question, and the resolution he introduced today is the result. The leader of the opposition approached the consideration of the subject in no critical or partisan spirit. His object frankly expressed was to urge upon the house the necessity of a step which he regarded as of vast importance in the interest of the country and his speech lucid, comprehensive and informative, was fully in accord with that intention, and it was in the same

TO CARRY IT FURTHER.

spirit that his proposal was met by

Indeed Sir Wilfrid Laurier not only bate stood adjourned. accepted the resolution in substance but expressed his readiness to carry the work of the selection of a committee might be properly distributed and thoroughly covered Mr. Borden sug-practices. He explained that the vestigated by a sub-committee.

The Prime Minister while heartily time. ndorsing the idea underlying the reso- Dr. Barr introduced a bill to facililution pointed out that a group of sub- tate crossing of failroads by telephone committees might be rather cumber- wires. some, and he suggested that it would be more in accordance with the objects they had in view if a committee nard, Hon. Mr. Brodeur announced Rev. Mr. Ganong intends going up river this morning and will probably be in Fredericton to superintend the were appointed to deal with the fish- that negotiations were in progress with eries alone, another for minerals and imperial government for the transfer a third for forestry, waterways and water power, these three resources being intimately allied. Apart from inherent advantages of such an arrangement Sir Wilfrid thought it would be Bourke, of New Westminster penitenin the interests of public business if tlary, had been asked to supply the select committees of the house were Department of Justice with any incomposed of fewer members and were formation regarding the escape of Bill

EAGERLY ACCEPTED.

bate was adjourned.

national resources, Mr. Borden more P., and that there was no truth in the than hinted at state ownership of the statement that the government could, water powers of the country and of not get on with Mr. Morse. mines not under immediate operation. "I have not any doubt,' he said, "that if our forests are properly conserved our water powers will prove a more valuable a set to the people of Can-ada than our coal and other minerals combined. They should be conserved as a valuable asset and held in trust by the state for the benefit of whole people." Dealing with mines fie declared that they should be administered under such a policy as would prevent waste and speculative exploit-ation, and so far as they are not needwants beef he simply tells the butcher he wants some meat, and he gets a ed for in mediate operation the state should retain control and perhaps in future go a step further than that. chunk, pays the price and goes home

DID NOT BLAME GOVERNMENT. In support of the resolution he dwelt

blame the government for lack of in-itiative in regard to adopting a policy of consenvation and development of forestry, but in the course of the past year he had been greatly impressed by the lack of authoritative informa-tion available to those who desired to ain the extent of the country's forest resources. As an example of what might be accomplished in that direction he pointed to literature issued by the United States for, estry service under Dr. Pinchot, from whose recent address at Ottawa he quoted at some length. He also paid a tribute to the work of Dr. Fergon of the University of Toronto, from whom he said he had obtained the best information it was possible the best information it was possible to get bearing on the extent of Canada's forest resourcese. The fisheries were of such importance that a sub-committee might profitably give them special consideration, while in regard to waterways he advocated a comprehensive policy of conservation and development based upon the probable needs of the entire country. Summing up, Mr. Borden touched upon the supposed tending den touched upon the supposed tend ency of parliamentary influences. do not regard that view as a very healthy development," he said, "but I would suggest that perhaps we migh assist in restoring to parliament influence of a parliament, not partisan, but a parliament earnestly striving to do some work in public interest if we could have committees such as would take into consideration matters of great public interest. The question of pulpwood, for instance, was not generally understood by the people of the country and a committee taking up that matter and investigating it could do a work which could not be undertaken by th

CONSIDERED APART.

Mr. McLean of Lunenburg hoped that the fisheries would be considered apart from other resources and suggested that the duty on tree seeds should b removed in order that reforestation might be encouraged.

Dr. Sproule thought steps should be taken to determine ownership of water powers as between Dominion and

SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had not a word of dissent to express as to the principles involved in the resolution. The government were prepared to accept it, but he had no suggestion to make. The resolution as framed laid down a very wide sphere of action. It proposed to deal with fisheries, forests, mines, waterways and water powers under one committee. He was afraid that a committee with powers so comprehensive would be rather cumbersome and he would suggest that it presents to its readers tell in brief the would be more in accordance with ob- result of the work.

water powers were intimately connected they might be considered by a tion can claim 2,077 families in the they had more committees composed The total in the families of this beof fewer members than at present so lief is 7,308. that the activity of members could be spread over more matters of importance. If the leader of the opposition would accept these suggestions he (iSr Wilfrid) would agree to the proposal. Mr. Borden-"I am prepared to fall

n with suggestion to appoint four or five committees. The reason why I did not propose separated committees was that I thought it would be regarded as a too startling departure." Without further discussion the de-

Hon. Mr. Aylesworth signalized his appearance in the new parliament toit several steps further. In order that day, introducing his bill to prevent gested that each of the resources spe-cified in the resolution should be in Act passed two years ago for the same purpose. The bill was read a first

Miner which he had not already fur-

Sir Fredericton Borden informed Col. The leader of the opposition eagerly accepted the Prime Minister's suggesstruction, including one at Petewawa, tion, and in order that the form of resolution might be fully considered destrong that the government had taken

In presenting the motion and em-phasizing urgency of conservation of Mr. Morse, vice-president of the G. T. In the evening the house went into committee of supply and passed a number of items, the government evi-

dencing their desire to push on the work of the session. EASY SHOPPING. There is little trouble attached to shopping in Buenos Aires. When a citizen with a piethoric purse goes to market he buys his vegetables in piles eval Edwin G. Eastman, of Exeter, conducted the prosecution, while the development of the prosecution of the development of the prosecution of the pros Nothing is bought by weight. If a man

the The Kind You Have Always Bound

### PROMINENT FIGURE IN NOTORIOUS DIVORCE



This noted English beauty has been named as co-respondent in the action rought by Mrs. John A. Stirling, The trial now in progress in Edinburgh, has developed a series of sensations in volving the names of many notables.

# ROMAN CATHOLICS LEAD IN NUMBER OF FAMILIES CAPITAL DONE

religious census of the city was completed last evening, all the supervisors having reported to headquarters. The figures which The Sun today

It will be seen that the Roman Ca- most sanguine expectations. Mines and minerals might very well of families in the city, the large num- some difficulties which the visitors had the suggestion that the scope of such be the subject of another special com- ber of 2,082 belonging to that faith, to meet, and considering the size of mittee, and as forests, waterways and The individuals in each Roman Ca- the campaign and the fact that the tholic family were not taken. The Church of England denomina-

found most interesting. Rev. J. B. Ganong, the supervisor of the work, when seen by a reporter for The Sun last evening stated that the work was now practically completed and the success had surpassed his Mr. Ganong stated that there wer

census was well carried out. third committee. It would be better city as belonging to their faith. This would not be surprised if a few fami-While Mr. Ganong states that he for general business of parliament if also is a surprisingly large number. les were unintentionally omitted, the figures presented are quite accurate. He feels that the main object of the Though there are 1,678 families of campaign has been accomplished.

Baptist belief, there are 6,596 believ-The grand totals of the largest deers in that faith. The figures of the nominations are:

GRAND TOTAL.

	No. of Femilies. No. in Family.	Number Urder 18,	Number Attencing Church.	No. of Boys 13 to 18.	Number in Sunday School.	Number in Family over 18 in S. S.	No, of Boarde	No. of Servants.
Presbyterian. Baptist Salvation Army Disciples C. of England Christian Scientists Congregationalists Plymouth Brethren	147 549 169 610	1457 1012 2152 195 232 2113 3 28 43	3654 2705 4922 379 451 4928 30 82 66	314 519 519 52 49 499 4	1681 1081 2404 269 278 1926 5 38 41	525 310 796 118 65 368 8 5	270 220 358 61 22 400 4 9	114 96 228 18 7 153 2 1

census there on February 11. · The cards will be distributed immediately to the different pastors. Some

Rev. Mr. Ganong intends going up of the city clergymen have already felt the excellent results of the census takbe in Fredericton to superintend the ing. They have been able to learn the names of many persons favoring their church whom they previously did not

OF SERIOUS CHARGE

EXETER, N. H., Feb. 1-The verdict of not guilty was returned tonight by he jury in the superior court which had been listening to the evidence in the case of Dr. Herbert A. White, charged with murder in the second degree on account of the death of Miss Mary A. Lane, a 19-year old girl of Stratham. The jury was out only one

Miss Lane died in the hospital at Portsmouth on September 29, 1908, from acute peritonitis which was declared to have resulted from a criminal operation, performed before the girl entered the hospital. The defense introduced in behalf of Dr. White at whose house the girl had, for a time been employed, was

duted the prosecution, while the de-fense was looked after by Attorney Samuel S. Emery, of Boston.

TORONTO, Feb. 1.-Fire in McKendry & Co. retail milliners and shoe alers premises, Yonge street, near fruter, at six o'clock tonight, did estimated at \$50,000. It is ostly covered by insurance.

A BEGINNER

"Won't you take my seat?" said the man in the street car as he lifted his hat to the pretty girl. "No, thank you," she replied. "I've been skating all the afternoon, and I'm tired of sitting down."-Puck.

A boy was asked to explain the difference between animal instinct and human intelligence. "If we had instinct," he said, "we should know everything we needed to know without learning it, but we've got reason, and so we have to study ourselves most blind or be a fool."

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in 1-lb. and 1-lb Tins.

WERE ISSUED

Building Inspector Submits Report

SHOWS DECREASE

87 Permits for Wooden Buildings and 14 for Brick

Below is the text of the building inspector's report for the year submitted at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Common Council. It shows a slight decrease in the building activity of the year as compared with 1907: To His Worship the Mayor and Com-mon Council, City of St. John, N. B.:

Gentlemen—I have the honor to sub-nit the annual report of the transac-tions of this office being for the year nding Dec. 21st, 1908.
One hundred and one permits were issued during the year at a cost of \$270,150. Permits for wooden buildings

umber 87 at a cost of \$159,900. For brick, 14 permits were issued at a cost of \$110,250. Total, \$270,150. The number of permits for 1907 were three more than 1908. In 1907 the buildings were more expensive—Cold Storage building, Y. M. C. A. building, I. C. R. flour warehouse, military stores addition, which have been completed

tills year.		12
Buildings are class	ified as f	ollows:
wood.	Number	Value.
Dwellings	58	\$101.850
Factories	. 5	8,700
Churches	9	2,000
Stores and dwellings.	8.	12,250
Warehouses	75 Sec. 1	28,000
Stores	9	20,000
Foundries	1	
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Total	87	\$159,900
Brick.		Value.
Banks ,	4	\$34,500
Dwellings	4	4,350
Halls	9	
Stores and halls	2 .	17,000
Warehouses		9,400
Schools	1	5,000
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Total	-	
Total	14	\$110,250
7.00 T. 18 T.		-

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 1 .-There was lively discussion over Scott Act matters at a committee meeting visitors volunteered their services, the of the city council this evening and employment of paid spotters to enforce the act was roundly condemned. That perjury of the most flagrant character has been committed in the police court here during the past week was admitted by all members of the board, and it was agreed that drastic measures should be employed to put a stop to it. By a vote of eight to two the council adopted a resolution authorizing Ald, Winslow, chairman of the administration justice committee, to withdraw all informations in Scott Act | by congress in 1893 and stated that a cases how pending where the evidence against accused parties was procured by spotters by means of fraud and de-

It is understood that cases against Alonzo Staples and Arthur Ryan, druggists, now being tried at Police Court, will be withdrawn tomorrow. The action of the council is a slap in the face to Chief of Police Winter who engaged Spotters McQueston and Belyea, now operating here.

MONCTON, N. B., Feb. 1.-The Hotel Brunswick was damaged by fire to the extent of between three and four thousand dellars this evening. The fire broke out in the new ell over the laundry and originated from a defective chimney. It ate its way between the ceilings and was difficult to get nan ed. at. For nearly three hours the fire department poured two or three streams of water into that section of the building on fire and the ell was badly gut-

Discovered at 4.30 The blaze was first discovered about 4.30, and it was half-past seven before the last spark was extinguished. The kitchen was one of the places flooded with water, and guests and ocnts of the hotel were compelled to take supper at the American. Some

thirty rooms in all, including servants' barters, were gutted and the roof The flames were kept from spreading to the main part of the hotel, but the moke penetrated almost every room and for a time the whole building was threatened. Some of the occupants of the house having rooms in the ell lost their personal effects. Among the losers were Mrs. (Dr.) Oberg, S. J. Sturgis, Harry Twigger, manager, and some of the servants. The furniture and bedding in the nooms were more or less damaged by fire and water.

The loss on the building and furniture is covered by insurance. The com-panies carrying insurance are repre-sented here by Masters and Snow, F.

McCuly and H. B. Jones.

D.J. Collis Browne's COUGHS, COLDS, NEURALGIA, GOUT. DIABRHEA, DYSENTERY, & CHOLERA. RHEUMATISM, TOOTHACHE

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IMPORTANT SHIPPING CASE

Argument Before the Chief Justice

DECISION RENDERED

Injunction on Captain of Bark Conductor Dissolved

A very important shipping case was decided by the chief justice yesterday at Washington by Secretary Root involving the forms of the bill of lading and the clauses to be included therein on cargoes shipped to South

American ports. George S. Cushing obtained on Januard 27th an injunction from the chief justice preventing the bark Conductor from sailing on the ground that the captain or the bark had refused to sign ordinary bills of lading and claiming to be paid demurrage. An application was made to dissolve the injunction, and the hearing came on on Saturday and was adjourned until yesterday. The argument before the chief justice yesterday was as to what clauses should be introduced in the

bills of lading. Mr. McLean, K. C., contended that the bills of lading should contain the following clause in addition to the clauses contained in the bill of lading presented for signature: First, "Vesse not accountable for splits, checks and stains." "Quality and measurement unknown to master." Mr. McLean contended that this was the ordinary and usual clause put on bills of lading of cargoes shipped to South American ports, and supported his claim by a number of affidavits from leading ship Second Mr. McLean also contended that the clause "All other conditions as per charter party" should be added to the bills of lading, and cited the case of Serraino v. Campbell, 1 Q. B., 1891, page 284, to that unless those words were included in the bill of lading the ship-owner would lose his claim for demurrage against indorsees of the bills of lading. Third, Mr. McLean contended that the bill of lading should contains the same clause as regards dangers of navigation as was in the charter party, and that the words in the bills of lading, "dangers of the sea' 'was not sufficient. The full clause should read "Dangers of the seas, fire and navigation of every nature and kind." Fourth, Mr. McLean also drew the attention of the chief justice to the fact that the charter party in this case contained a reference to an act passed reference to that act should be incorporated in the bills of lading; that the words "All other conditions as per charter party" would not include perils of the sea or in other words would not include what is called in England the "negligence clause." To support this contention he cited the case of Kruger v. The Noel Tryan Shipping Company, Appeal Cases, 1907. This was a case decided by the House of

Lords end was to the effect that the clause, "all conditions as per charter party," would not include the negligence clause and that should specially be referred to in the bill of lading, and Mr. McLean asked that the clause that had received the approval of the court in Smith v. Sieveking, 4 E. and B., 945, should be adopted and included in the bill of lading, namely, "all perils excepted as per charter perty."

Mr. Barnhill, K. C., in answer, conterded that the captain of the ship was bound to sign the bill of lading as presented and that his refusal to sign entitled them to an injunction. His heror the chief justice decided that the injunction should be dissolved on the captain of the bark Conductor. signing bills of lading with the clauses added which Mr. McLeyn contended should be included and which are above

Mr. Taylor contended that the injunction should be dissolved with costs, as the plaintiff had obtained it by concealing material facts, and further that the bill of lading tendered was no: a proper bill of lading. His honor the chief justice reserved

the question as to costs and also as to the damages suffered by the owners of the bark through its detention under the injunction. These matters are to come up at a future time. For a long time there has been great doubt here as to what clauses could be inserted by shippers in bills of lading for goods shipped to South Am- give it sympathetic welcome.

erican ports. It has been conte some shippers that the clause bill of lading requiring the to sign bills of lading as practically compelled captains such bills of lading, even if the fered from the charter party.

### CANADA PREPARED DRAFT OF TREAT

No Grounds for Complaint That Terms Were Kept Secret

LONDON, Feb. 1.-The Canad correspondents of the English pa are sending reports of Canadian of plaints that the terms of the wa ways treaty between the United S and Canada, which recently was sig the British ambassador, James Br were kept secret from Canada In reply to these complaints, British foreign office has issued statement that from beginning to the whole affair was negotiated the full knowledge and acquiesce of the Canadian government, at who instigation the draft of the treaty wa prepared by Canada or referred Ottawa md concurred in by the Can adian government before being em bodied in the treaty.

# OFF ON THE BALTIC

Captain Sealby, Crew and Sew eral Passengers Rescued From Baltic Also Go

(New York Herald.) Aboard the Baltic, of the White Sta dine, which left for Liverpool yester day, were Captain Wm. Ly Binns, wireless hundred and ninety-two men of the crew of the Republic and four passen gers delayed by the sinking of that

The passengers were Dr. and Mrs. Martin W. Waldstein, of South Orange; Chas. L. Law, of Vancouver, B. C., and Dr. A. Lamb, of this city. Dr. Lamb was presented with free transportation to Naples and return by the officials of the White Star line, in recognition of services rendered by him on the Republic following the collision. Captain Sealby was cheered loud and long as he walked up the gangplank and he received an additional ovation when the Baltic cast off her lines and

swung out into the stream. He had nothing to say other than that he wa going to visit his family in England and would take a short rest before assuming another command Binns announced just before the ship left that he had refused an offer of \$1,000 a week for a period of ten week on the stage. "JACK" BINNS' MODESTY.

"I don't wish to pose as a little god," said Binns. "I have a mont leave and will spend that time havi a pleasant visit with my relatives England. Then I propose to go back work for the Marconi Company, and trust by that time the public will have forgotten about the Republic, and will once more be allowed to do work as plain John Binns, wireless op

### BALKAN WAR CLOUD FAST DISAPPEARING

SOFIA, Feb. 1.-It is believed the Bulgarian government that t difficulty with Turkey is in a fair to settlement through the interven tion of Russia with a proposal fo financial arrangement, which anticipated, will be acceptable to parties. It is understood that bef submitting the proposal to Bulgra Russia sounded the Porte and asc tained that Turkey would raise obstacle, while the British and Fre representatives here strongly urg acceptance upon Bulgaria.

Today Premier Malinoff had a le onference with the Russian ag and later he received the British French agents, to whom he said t Bulgaria had accepted the Russia proposition in principle and would



## WEATHER UP TO AVERAGE

January Real Winter Month

SEVERE STORMS

Precipitation Decidedly Great er Than Average for Month

"You can state that the month nuary had a temperature above th verage, while the precipitation wa sidedly greater than the ordinary Such was the statement made to porter for The Sun yesterday by D ctor Hutchinson at the Observatory During the month St. John experi the greatest storm in recen years. This occurred on the 5th and 6th. Street car and railroad track were inundated; wash-outs were num erous, while enormous damage wa done to schooners as well as privat esidences. The rainfall during t

storm amounted to 3.84 inches. ighest velocity was 84 miles per h at Point Lepreaux, while the wi eached 60 miles per hour in this city There were six days during the nonth during which the mere went below the zero mark. The lowest egistered was on the 17th, when 9.6 pelow zero was shown at the Observatory. The mercury also went below ero on other days, viz., 1.6 degrees or the 8th; 1.3 on the 13th; 2.8 on the 14th; 9.4 on the 16th; 6 on the 19th. The highest temperature throughou

the month was 53 degrees above on the ary amounted to 6.53 inches. This included 3.9 inches of rain, .83 inch of sleet, rain and melted snow, and 18

In some parts of this province ideal winter weather has been experienced. nere being plenty of snow. At Fredericton on the 2nd of the month the mercury fell to twenty-seven degrees elow the cipher. The highest registered there was 49 degrees. The city had three inches of rain with 28 inches of snow during the month.

At Moncton the winter was quite cold, as low as 20 degrees belonw being registered. The highest reached was 56 degrees above. The rainfall amounted to 1.3 inches with 15 inches of snow. At St. Stephen the highest was 53

legrees and the lowest was 13 below. There were 2.4 inches of rain and 34 nches of snow. The thermometer at Sussex went as low as 19 degrees below zero. Fifty-six grees was the maximum tempera-

## with 22 inches of snow. LIKE A RIBBON

Great Ice Bridge at Niagara Carried Away Yesterday

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Feb. 2 .-One of the greatest sights in ice jams probably ever seen occurred in the chasm below American and Horse Shoe Falls at about 10.30 o'clock this morning, when the great ice bridge of 1909 was carried away and with it a half-dozen refreshment and souvenir shacks, the occupants of which barely scaped from being carried down the iver on the floe. The ice from Lake Erie for the last few days has been flowing over the Horse Shoe Falls in illions of tons, filling the river from the ice bridge almost to the base of Horse Shoe Falls, the falling waters pounding it down under the ice bridge with such irresistible force that finaly the great jam, which was from 300 o 400 feet in depth, was rent like ribon with a force of jumping waters.

### SEVENTEEN DEAD IN A MINE EXPLOSION BOS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 2.—Sevenen men are dead as a result of an explosion in the No. 2 Short Creek mine of the Birmingham Coal Company, ten niles west of Ensley, today. Five of the men are white and twelve negroes. The explosion occurred just before noon and it thought to have been caused by a windy shot.

The mine is practically uninjured. Alex. Bonneyman, manager of the ompany, was the first to leave Birmingham for the scene of the disaster, although Mine Inspectors Millhouse and Flynn hurried to the scene to render what aid they could and to make an inspection. Officials of the company did not know the exact number of the men in the mine at the time of the acent. Ambulances were sent from Ensley to the scene and late tonight will be rushed to the ill-fated

EDINBURGH, Feb. 2. - It is proed that the fishery cruiser Minna shall call quarterly at the lonely island of St. Kilds, in the Outer Hebrides, in order to pay old-age pensions to the ers who are qualified.

