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## GOVERNMENT MUST DROP THE MANITOBA ELECTION OUBRAGE

### Opposition Members Threaten to Refuse to Vote Money for Supply Until Government Gives Up Idea of Forcing Obnoxious Election Bill Through.

Ottawa, May 8.—A sensation has been caused by the disappearance of the ballots in the recent by-election in Stanstead, Que. In the house today, R. L. Borden read a telegram from Sherbrooke to the effect that the clerk of the crown in chancery had been summoned to appear before the election court at Stanstead and had reported that the box, purporting to contain the ballots of the by-election in January, contained the ballots of the election of 1904.

The prime minister said the matter was brought to his attention a week ago and it was being looked into. He added that the late clerk of the crown in chancery was an honorable and painstaking official, to which Mr. Borden agreed.

Dr. Reid called attention to the report of the rammings of the ice breaker, *Montcalm*, at Quebec.

Mr. Brodeur said he had given instructions to the wreck commissioner to hold an investigation at once.

Mr. Brodeur read the letter of Deputy Minister Goddard asking for leave of absence. Writing March 21, Col. Goudreau said: I have worried every moment since the publication of the Civil Service Commission's report containing the accusations against the officials of the department of marine and fisheries, which I feel are both unjust and untrue. I am convinced that a full and complete investigation will establish this and will clear the public mind of all the insinuations and reflections that have been made against them. As my presence in the department as deputy had might in some quarters, be considered as prejudicial to the fullest inquiry, I beg to renew for the third time my application for six months' leave of absence, preparatory to superannuation. I court the most rigid examination of all the department's transactions, so far as I am concerned, and by placing myself in your hands I hope to assist you in that regard.

Mr. Fielding returned today from New York and he took the first opportunity to deny that his visit had anything to do with the question of the change of the route of the Transcontinental Railway. The report from New York was entirely without foundation. He went there on personal affairs and had no negotiations with any financiers with respect to the bonds of the Transcontinental Railway. He added that there had been no negotiations with regard to a change of the route and no negotiations of any kind as to the matters referred to in the report.

The debate on the Aylesworth bill was continued by Mr. Scrofford, (Portage la Prairie) who asserted that there was no proper system of registration in Manitoba and declared that in his own riding the lists were stuffed with 600 or 700 Conservatives.

F. D. Monk, who followed, said the bill at first seemed innocent enough, but on closer examination it was found to be the most nefarious, most mischievous and most wicked piece of legislation that had ever come to his notice. He thus characterized the measure because it was a clandestine departure from the principles adopted by parliament for the purpose of controlling the forthcoming election.

Mr. Monk had not lost faith in the prime minister who had given the closest attention to the discussion and who had no part in the framing of the bill. Proceeding he accepted the opinion expressed by Dr. Roche that the provision in respect to the unorganized portions of Quebec was put in for a blind, claiming that

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## GOVERNMENT WILL BE ASKED TO HELP

### Harbor Improvements Committee Will Ask for Assistance in the Courtenay Bay Scheme.

The harbor improvements committee of the new council, with the committee from the board of trade, consisting of T. H. Estabrook and H. B. Schofield, held the first meeting in City Hall last evening.

E. T. P. Shewen, engineer of the public works department, and Hurd Peters were also present. The result of the meeting was regarded as satisfactory. Four motions in the form of recommendations to the common council were passed.

With regard to obtaining borings in Courtenay Bay, it was decided to ask for authority to open negotiations with a view to the local government bearing half the expenditure. Authority will also be sought to negotiate with the C. P. R. for a release of the 1,600 feet fronting on the

Beacon bar which the city made over to the company some years ago, the object in view being the future development of that section.

The council will also be asked to empower the committee to interview the Dominion government with a view to making a survey of the flats to the south of Sand Point, with the idea of extending the dredging. The location of any new wharves will not be decided until after consultation with the transportation companies but it is the intention to have as much information as possible.

A resolution was passed recommending that the Dominion government be asked to provide the funds to extend the break-water to Partridge Island. The dredging now being done by the W. S. Fielding is being done by the W. S. Fielding with the idea of this channel being closed.

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James C. Doherty, who lost his liquor license through changes in the ownership of the building in which he kept a saloon, returned yesterday from Fredericton, where he had been interviewing members of the government urging that he be allowed to take over the license of M. Barney, who is giving up his business in Church street. Mr. Doherty was promised consideration, but as yet has received no assurance that his request would be granted.

At a meeting of a sub-committee of the board of works, yesterday afternoon, to award the contract for 600 barrels of tar, the tender of Carite, Patterson & Co., at \$2.80 a barrel for gas house tar, being the only one received for that class of tar, was accepted. The same firm tendered \$3 a barrel for coke tar.

The annual church parade of the Sons of England lodges will be held this year on Sunday, May 31. Headed by the band of the 62nd regiment, the members of the two lodges will march to St. Paul's (Valley) church, where Rev. E. B. Hooper will preach.

position in the country in the last twelve years, and he was going to spoil the last few years of his administration. He did not believe in, but would withdraw the bill.

Duncan Ross (B.C.), adjourned the debate and the house rose at 11:15.

## BALLOTS FADED AWAY INTO AIR

### Sensation in a Quebec Court Over Stanstead Election Case.

Sherbrooke, Que., May 8.—An extraordinary disclosure was made here today when the election petition against Mr. Lovell, M. P., for Stanstead, came up for hearing, nothing less than that all the ballots in connection with the election had disappeared from the office of the clerk of the crown in chancery at Ottawa.

The election was caused by the death of the late member, and was held in January of the present year. Immediately afterwards it was contested on the ground of corruption, and the conservative lawyer, T. Chase Casgrain, served notice on the clerk of the crown in chancery for the production of all the election papers.

When the case opened this morning, Mr. Foley, the clerk of the crown in chancery, was called, and said he wished to make a statement. He said that the late holder of that office had died on April 8 last, and he had been appointed on April 28, and had received the de-

mand for the papers in the Stanstead election, but on looking for the papers he was unable to find them. He found the envelope, which had contained these papers, endorsed in Mr. Lamouche's writing. In this envelope were the papers of the previous Stanstead elections, but the only thing left concerning the election, now being contested, was a rubber stamp, and further search proved equally fruitless.

This remarkable statement caused a sensation, and will undoubtedly lead to a thorough investigation.

W. E. Foster, president of the board of trade, has appointed T. H. Estabrook and H. B. Schofield to act with the committee of the common council in reference to harbor matters.

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