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Weather Report.

Toronto (noon)—Gales West to N., fair and cold; Wednesday decreasing northerly winds, fair and very cold.

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GOVERNMENT CONTINUE TO PLAY SECOND FIDDLE TO THE OPPOSITION.

Union Members Keep Morris Party on The Dance Explaining Things

INTERESTING TIME

Opposition Show That It Is Unconstitutional to Keep Two Departments Vacant

The Opposition scored again at the House of Assembly yesterday afternoon. It was really an Opposition Day and but for the couple of brief speeches by the Premier one would hardly know there was a Government at all.

The session opened quietly and pleasantly and some of the visitors were under the impression there would be very little doing but with such an active Opposition as is in the House at present, one can never tell when the Government will be made sit up, and this happened yesterday.

Vacant Offices.

The trouble arose over the Government's neglect to fill the two vacant ministerial offices, that of Minister of Agriculture and Minister of Justice, and at the point of the bayonet the Premier was made to admit that he has yet done nothing.

The Speaker took the chair at 3.15. MR. GRIMES presented a petition from Barened on the subject of a wharf, and also one for a well, and spoke earnestly in support of both.

MR. JENNINGS presented a petition from a number of residents of his district, on the subject of a public wharf. He explained the existing conditions and as he is thoroughly familiar with the place, hoped it would receive proper treatment at the hands of the Government.

MR. STONE presented one from New Chelsea for a road, and also one from Long Beach, S.W. Arm, Random, on the same subject.

MR. COAKER presented a petition from the residents of King's Cove on the subject of a shed on the public wharf.

It is very essential there, a sum of \$200 would put a suitable place there.

VALUES HEART AT \$500,000

New York, Feb. 4.—Miss Monica T. Borden, a beautiful girl of 19, living with her parents at 668 Riverside Drive, yesterday started, a Supreme Court action for the recovery of \$500,000 damages from Octavio Ghinle, a millionaire importer, of No. 42 Broadway. She alleges he failed to keep his promise to marry her.

Ghinle, who is 27, is the son of a very wealthy Brazilian.

Large quantities of fish are shipped from that place and merchants would be able to put their fish there from where it could be put on the steamer without difficulty.

He also presented one from the residents of Charlottetown on the subject of a road to Port Blandford.

Also one from St. Brendan's on the subject of a road. This was largely signed, among the signatures being that of Rev. Fr. Mackey.

MR. MOULTON presented one from Burgeo on the subject of a road.

MR. CLIFT presented a petition from the residents of the Groa's Islands, asking that the Groa's Islands be made a port of call. This was not the first time such a petition was presented. It is a great hardship on them for their goods to have to be landed at Conche, to which place they had to go for it by open boat.

MR. COAKER rose to support it. The place has no communication with St. John's. A couple of hundred fishermen reside there, and there is considerable business. Open boat traffic is dangerous; accidents have occurred there and the people deserved that it be made a port of call. The water is deep, and the place is easy of approach.

MR. STONE in a brief speech also ably supported the petition.

MR. HICKMAN presented petitions from Grates Cove and Churchill's Gut on the subject of winches. There is

no shelter at these places; boats have to be hauled up each evening and winches would be of inestimable benefit to the fishermen.

MR. TARGETT presented a petition from New Melbourne on the subject of a road.

Notice of Question.

Notices of question followed.

MR. HALFYARD.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay on the table of the House a detailed statement showing all monies, both ordinary and special, expended on Marine Works in Carbonear District from June 31st 1913, to date, together with the names of those by whom said monies were expended.

Answer: Is being prepared.

MR. HALFYARD.—To ask the Minister of Public Works if any money was sent to Change Islands this winter to pay for shovelling snow; if so, what amounts and to whom sent.

Answer: No money has been sent.

MR. HALFYARD.—To ask the Minister of Public Works to lay on the table of the House a statement, with detailed account, of all monies paid for repairs to Court House at Holyrood for the year 1913.

Answer: Being prepared.

MR. HALFYARD.—To ask the Hon. Minister of Justice to lay on the table

LEAVES ESTATE OVER \$5,000,000

New York, Feb. 4.—A cable to the New York Herald from London says:—The late Wm. Langham Christie, formerly a member of Parliament and M. P. L., who died in November, aged eighty-three years, left an estate worth over \$5,000,000 on which the death duties amount to nearly \$725,000.

FRANCE TO RAISE SHIPS SUNK BY THE BRITISH

Paris, Feb. 3.—The French Admiralty is awaiting bids from wrecking concerns on the task of raising thirteen warships, carrying \$1,000,000 in bullion and 1,804 guns, which were sunk by the English in 1692 off Cape de la Hogue.

of the House a statement, in detail, of the amount paid Magistrate O'Toole for allowances and expenses over and above his regular stipend, from 1909 to 1913.

Answer: It will be ready next week.

MR. HALFYARD.—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary to lay on the table of the House a statement of the amount paid for compiling the Output Telegraphic Despatch, for the years 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, and the name of the person or persons to whom the amount has been paid.

It was tabled.

MR. HALFYARD.—To ask the Minister of Public Works if, about six years ago, the Government sent material to Victoria Cove, Fogo District, to build a post office? What was done with that material, if sent? Does the Government own or claim any part of the Post Office now at Victoria Cove, Fogo District?

Answer: Waiting for information from the Post Master General.

MR. KENT.—To ask the Rt. Hon. the Prime Minister whether any negotiations are, or have been, going on between the Government and any person, or company, in relation to the telephone system of the Colony, for in relation to the telephone system in St. John's; if so to lay upon the table of the House a copy of all letters, documents and papers bearing upon the same.

Answer: There are no negotiations.

MR. STONE.—To ask the Hon. Colonial Secretary if any commission has been appointed to enquire into the question of compulsory education as

FEILDIA NS BLANK ST. BON'S PILING UP SCORE OF 3-0 IN SLOW HOCKEY MATCH

Game Not Up to Expectations—Attendance Rather Small—Few Penalties.

The Line Up

Feildians: N. Hunt, F. Rendell, C. Strong, E. Pinsent, J. Trebble, T. Winter, A. White. St. Bon's: S. Walsh, M. Power, J. Higgins, W. Callahan, S. Shortall, L. Edens, W. Grant.

Referee—C. Parsons. Timekeepers—W. Martin, J. Carmichael. Penalty—J. Vinnicombe.

GOALS

1st Half: Winter (Feildians)10 min.

2nd Half: Winter (Feildians)11 min. Grant (For Feildians)23 min.

Penalties

White (Feildians)2 min. Callahan (St. Bon's)2 min.

The game started at 7.35 before a

small number of spectators, considering the boisterous weather. The ice was in perfect condition and a fast game was expected as both teams had good players of good reputations and are about evenly matched.

The game opened well and at times was fast but it was not up to expectations. After a lively start, Strong of the Feildians, got down to business right away, made an attack on Walsh brought it to the other end of the rink and Walsh was called upon again to show his skill, which he did splendidly. Callahan now tried his luck and sent a beauty to Hunt, but Nix had his eyes wide open and drove it back to mid-rink. There it was captured by Winter who dashed off with it at great speed and sent a shot from the wing which beat Walsh and scored the first goal for the Feildians.

Time 10 min.

Good Combination

The puck being centered the Feildians forward line bucked up and did some pretty combination work and Walsh was kept busy, until Higgins broke away with it only to be stopped by Strong who put on a spurt and sent Walsh several shots, but could not get it past him. Pinsent and Winter showed some fine combination the best seen yet this year, but luck was against them in scoring. They tried shot after shot but Walsh saved well.

Higgins did some individual play but was met each time by Rendell who sent the puck back again to the St. Bon's quarters on each occasion. The St. Bon's boys worked hard and several tries were made to equalize. When the bell sounded for half time the Feildians had one goal to their credit, and St. Bon's nil.

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LARGEST DRY DOCK IN WORLD AT HALIFAX

Ottawa, Feb. 3.—Halifax is to have the largest dry dock in Canada, or for that matter, in the world, and the Public Works Department has sent down surveyors to determine the exact location. The Halifax dock will cost about \$1,000,000 to build.

Second Half

The second half opened with more vim and the St. Bon's began to attack the Feildians goal, and Hunt was forced to save several times, which was no trouble to him. Shortall opened up with a run but did not get far when he was met by White. The referee seeing it was done by foul play placed White on the fence for two minutes.

Winter now gave the spectators a good exhibition of stick-handling and kept the puck well in the mouth of the St. Bon's goal and excitement was high for a few moments. The St. Bon's backs did marvellous work, Walsh saving beautifully, until Winter landed in the second goal eleven minutes from the start.

The game now was interrupted for five minutes owing to Strong receiving a blow in the face and had to retire to the dressing room to doctor his nose.

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OUR CURLERS AT HALIFAX.

The Curling Association received the following message from Halifax, last evening: "Duder and Jackson won to-day by 21 to 6, and 16 to 9. Montgomerie plays to-night."

A SUGGESTION

As the Premier is not blessed with a super abundance of brains on his side of the House, I would strongly advise him to give due consideration to the Opposition, as judging from their actions to date they are much superior in wisdom and judgment.

—STEPHANO.

United States Favors Safety Regulations To Govern Shipping.

Suggestions of Recent International Conference Will Likely Be Adopted by the Senate Next Week.

Washington, D.C., Feb. 5.—Although ratification of the convention of the International Congress on Safety of Life at Sea, has not yet been made part of the administration's legislative programme, it is believed here that prompt action will be taken by the Senate, when the convention is laid before it February 15.

The recent disaster on the Virginian coast is expected to hasten action on the treaty, which will serve to make the ideas of the convention, the law for ships which sail from American ports.

Legislation Necessary.

Legislation will be necessary to penalize violations, but it is believed that Congress will act quickly to prevent possible disasters of this sort in the future.

The convention goes into great details on the subject of safety for life at sea. It first takes up the construction of ships along stancher lines than at present; it provides rules for more careful navigation, and demands better equipment for steamships engaged in passenger traffic.

Its exact language has not been made public, but it is known that among the requirements will be more watertight compartments, higher bulkheads, extending these compartments to higher decks, sufficient life boats

and life raft equipment to care for all passengers, wireless on all steamships and a continual watch by operators. Wireless apparatus shall have at least a 250 mile radius and storage batteries must be provided to take care of the wireless in case of injury or flooding of a steamer's engine room.

Life Boats.

On the subject of life boats the convention provides that every passenger ship must carry three "life-boat men" for the smallest size boat and when motor boats are used, men trained to run them must be employed. The convention permits life boats that will carry 210 persons, but it is not believed that they will be found practicable.

It has been pointed out that the principal argument against such large boats is the fact that if one were destroyed it would at once put an extraordinary demand for space on the other boats.

Another feature of the convention is the demand for safer navigation on the high seas. It provides for slower speeds at night and will force the big trans-Atlantic companies to steer away from the iceberg regions where the Titanic met her fate. In times when such bergs are to be found.

Advertisement for The Daily Mail featuring the slogan 'A WORD TO THE WISE!' and 'To the Reader!', 'To the Advertiser!', and 'Keep Posted'. It lists subscription rates and advertising benefits.

Journalist Exposes The Unionist Game.

A. P. Nicholson, Parliamentary Correspondent for The Times, Resigns Post on Dispute as to Unionist Methods

DISLIKE THE TACTICS

Reveals in The Daily News Their Plan to Force a General Election on Asquith in May

London, Feb. 2.—Since the editorial staff of the Pall Mall Gazette resigned in a body, and while the assistance of the late Sir George Newnes, founder of the Liberal Westminster Gazette, because a new proprietor wanted to change the political complexion of the Pall Mall Gazette, there has been few episodes in English political journalism which have attracted more attention than the resignation of A. P. Nicholson, who for many years has been chief parliamentary correspondent of the Times. Nicholson has given up one of the prize positions in the London Press, because he was unable to accept certain methods whereby the Unionist party in parliament intends to carry on their campaign against the Liberal Government, and which methods, as a writer of the Times, he has been required to present in a favorable light.

Went To The News

From the Times, Nicholson has gone to the Daily News, in which to-day he writes on the Unionist plans in a way calculated to stir up considerable dust in the political arena. The Unionists, according to Mr. Nicholson, have just circulated their agents throughout the country to prepare for a general election in May next, and he intimates that it is the intention to bring dis-

solution about either by creating disorders in the House or some other device. Parliament meets to-morrow week for its third session under the Parliament Act. If the session can be brought to an untimely end, the two years' work which the Liberal party has spent in passing such measures as the Home Rule Bill, to which the Lords refused to assent, will have been unproductive. Under the Parliament Act, if the present parliament is dissolved during its forthcoming third session the government, even if returned to power by a new election, would have to begin the Parliament Act procedure all over again. For instance, the Home Rule Bill would require to be re-introduced as a new measure. Similarly with the Welsh Disestablishment Bill. Thus the two great measures with which the Liberal party is identified would be hung up for another three years before they could obtain royal assent, and appear on the statute books.

Timely Warning

The Daily News gives Mr. Nicholson's article the greatest prominence, describing it as a timely warning both to the nation and the Liberal Government. Over and above, the risk from Unionist attacks. Premier Asquith's movement, according to some sound observers of British politics, is just now facing a serious danger from within its own ranks. Botha's deportation of the strike leaders from South Africa has roused the English Labor party to an extreme pitch of exasperation, the full force of which will fall upon the Asquith cabinet unless the Premier succeeds in a task which the newspapers of all parties agree is almost impossible. So serious is the situation that judgment must be declared that judgment must be suspended until all the circumstances of the deportation and Botha's justification of his conduct are available.