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THE HOUSE ADJOURNED FOR EASTER

Yesterday Afternoon was spent on Supplementary Estimates

Col. Hughes Proves too Much for Mr. Lemieux in an Interesting Little Passage.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 19.—The House adjourned for the brief Easter vacation soon after 6 o'clock today, after a quiet afternoon spent upon the supplementary estimates.

At the opening of the House H. B. Ames presented a report from the Banking and Commerce commission asking for power to sit during the sitting of the House to take evidence. Sir Wilfrid Laurier objected, and the motion stood over.

On the orders of the day Mr. Borden drew attention to a statement in the Toronto Star that he had made the Speaker apologize to Dr. Clark. That was entirely wrong, he said. He had asked Dr. Clark to apologize to the Speaker, and Dr. Clark had done so.

Mr. Pugsley quoted, and was with it, a despatch which appeared in the Halifax Herald dealing with his conduct on Saturday. He denied that he had seized Mr. Robidoux by the shoulder, and also denied that the disturbance had been noted in advance by the Liberal leaders.

The West Indies Service.
Mr. Pugsley asked if the contract for the service awarded for the new steamship service between Canada and the West Indies. He was anxious to see the steamers call at foreign ports.

Mr. Perley, who was acting minister of marine and fisheries, said the contract had not yet been awarded. The government fully realized the importance of the establishment of the service and he did not think there was any intention that the vessel should call at Berton. Any information on the subject would be laid before the House as soon as available.

On the vote of \$40,000 for the Stefansson expedition the opposition urged that Capt. Bernier should have been given command. Mr. Lemieux complained of it being given to a foreigner, and Mr. Perley pointed out that Mr. Stefansson is a native of Canada, having been born in Manitoba, where his father was a homesteader.

Mr. Lemieux asked if the government proposed to increase the rate of interest on deposits in post office savings banks.

Mr. Perley replied the finance minister. He went on to explain that the Dominion bank was now being worked at 3 1/2 per cent. They had kept a gold reserve of 10 per cent. of the deposits, which was more than the cost of management brought up to the cost to the government to quote 3 1/2 per cent. The present rate was fixed, he pointed out, by Hon. W. S. Fielding in 1908.

Mr. White also announced that the agreement with the Bank of Montreal which acts as the banking agency of the government had been renewed for five years more, with some slight modifications. The old contract which was for ten years expired at the end of 1912.

W. M. German, Hugh Guthrie, F. F. Pardee and W. E. Knowles made plans for an increase in the salary of country and district court judges.

The minister of justice said that the subject had been under consideration, "so far as I am concerned, favorably." He hoped to be able to give a decision shortly.

Col. Hughes in Debate.

Col. Hughes estimates brought a fine of \$5000 for the compulsory service" asked Mr. Lemieux.

Colonel Hughes: "I am not in favor, and never have been. I am in favor of national training by intelligence on the part of the public."

"E. M. McDonald: 'Are you in favor of a tax of \$5 a head on those who do not serve?'"

Col. Hughes: "No, I never said that."

Next Mr. McDonald asked if the militia department had engaged Lord Dundonald to come to Canada.

The minister: "No, the department has not arranged for, or invited, Lord Dundonald to come to Canada."

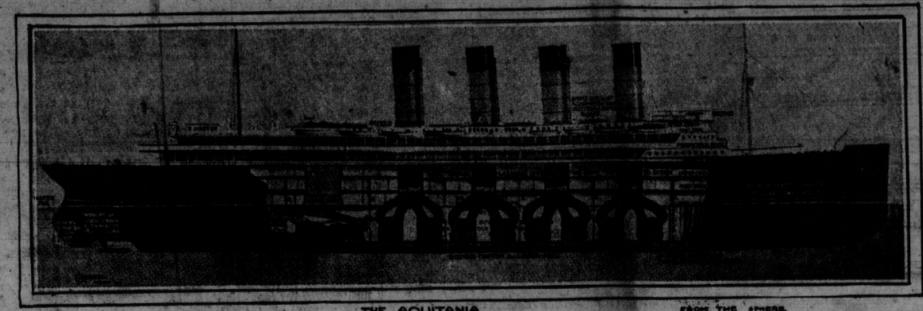
The talk then shifted to the Hon. Sam's private car and Mr. Lemieux asked how it was that he had been told on December 4th that the minister of militia had no private car.

"It was purchased after that date," answered the minister.

Colonel Hughes was quite unrepentant about this car. He gloried in it and invited the member for Rouville to ask questions about it. The car, he said, had been bought from the C. N. R. he could have bought it in the open market and paid two prices for it."

The sittings have been placed in it

FIRST DRAWINGS OF THE NEW GIGANTIC CONARD LINE STEAMSHIP THE AQUITANIA



The new Cunard steamship Aquitania, now building on the Clyde, will be nine hundred feet in length. She will have a longitudinal bulkhead dividing her from bow to stern. She will carry motor boats in addition to the regular lifeboat equipment as required by law.

PREFECT OF PARIS POLICE HAS RESIGNED

Louis Lepine, Who is Famous Throughout Europe Leaves Office After Twenty Years of Continuous Service.

Paris, March 19.—Louis Lepine, the popular prefect of Paris police, resigned office today after twenty years' service, interrupted only by an absence of two years when he served as governor general of Algeria from 1897 to 1899.

M. Lepine is 67 years of age. He served through the Franco-German war in 1870 as a sergeant major in the fortress of Belfort and after the siege of that place he passed into a volunteer regiment organized by Colonel Denfert-Rochereau.

When the war was ended M. Lepine was called to the bar at Lyon, his birthplace, and in 1877 was appointed sub-prefect of Laval. From 1886 to 1891 he was chief secretary of the prefect of police at Paris, and in 1893 he succeeded M. Lese as prefect of police.

M. Lepine was noted for his great activity during the troubles in Paris over the separation of church and state, when he was continually on duty to suppress disturbances at the churches, which were occupied by militant congregations.

He also attracted much attention by the aggressive manner in which he suppressed the gangs of "apaches" and rowdies which for a time infested Paris. He took a prominent part in the capture of the motor bandits, whose organization was broken up last year.

Virtually every monarch or head of a state in Europe knew M. Lepine personally, for he was present at their arrivals and departures from the French capital. He took sole responsibility for their safety during their journeys here. He was always in the midst of the fighting when violent labor demonstrations were in progress or when strikers got out of hand.

CHARTER GRANTED TO SUBURBAN RAILWAY CO.

New Corporation Will Commence Operations at Once WILL SPEND MUCH MONEY THIS YEAR

Bill Calls for Expenditure of \$50,000 Before next January and Other Large Sums in Succeeding Years—Great Benefit to St. John.

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Mar. 19.—The consideration of the remaining bills before the house was completed today and tomorrow morning, after the third reading of these bills has taken place, the first session of the sixth parliament of New Brunswick, which has been one of the most important in the history of the province, will be proposed by His Honor Lieutenant Governor Wood.

Street railway extensions from St. John city, into St. John and Kings counties, occupied the attention of the house this evening, when the bill to incorporate the St. John Suburban Railway Company, and to enable the St. John Railway Company to extend its lines into Kings county, were considered. Both bills were agreed to by the house with amendments.

The Suburban Railway Company is authorized to proceed with the extensions, with the provision that if they do not expend on actual construction \$50,000 before Jan. 1st, 1914, \$100,000 before Jan. 1st, 1915, and \$200,000 before Jan. 1st, 1916. This amendment, which was introduced by Mr. Tilley, meets the proposals of the company.

The House met at 2 o'clock, Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill to amend the act to establish a board of public utilities commissioners. He explained that the bill provided for the regulation of the extension of street railways. The board, under the provisions of the bill, may upon application of not less than fifty owners of real estate in any district, or a street railway, or a street railway, or an adjoining district, asking for an order of the board for the extension of the said railway, consider same and make such order as may seem fit and proper in the public interest. For neglect or refusal to obey this order the company shall be liable to a penalty of \$25 per day for every day it refuses or neglects to comply with the order.

Hon. Mr. Grimmer introduced a bill respecting shortland reporting in the county courts of the province.

Hon. Mr. McLeod presented the annual report of the commissioners of the general public hospital, at St. John.

Hon. Mr. Fleming introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Southamptown Railway Co. He explained that provision was made in the bill for an increase in the amount of the bond issue of the province from \$10,000 to \$12,000 per mile.

The House went into committee with Mr. Prescott in the chair and agreed to bills respecting the purchase of the property of the Moncton Exhibition Association, also to authorize the city and county of St. John to appropriate private lands with amendments.

The House went into committee with Dr. Morehouse in the chair and agreed to bills to incorporate Cedar Hill Cemetery in the parishes of Lancaster, St. John, to amend the acts relating to the town of Moncton and to empower the municipal electric lighting and power system and to issue debentures therefor with amendments.

The House went into committee with Mr. Dickson (Albera) in the chair,

BLOWN TO AN AWFUL DEATH BY DYNAMITE

Foreign Workmen on Valley Railroad Near Woodstock Torn to Pieces by Big Explosion.

Special to The Standard.
Woodstock, March 19.—By the premature discharge of dynamite, two foreigners were killed on the Valley Railroad on Scott and Kelley's contract at Bull's Creek this afternoon. Coroner Lindsay went from Woodstock and after viewing the remains, decided to hold the inquest in this town at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

It would appear from the position of the remains that they were being over the dynamite when it exploded. They were working ahead of the steam shovel, some 50 feet, when the accident happened. The remains were blown 100 yards from where the explosion occurred. One hand, was found 500 feet away, and a leg and foot were found 400 feet away. Both heads were blown off. Chief Kelley is getting the jury and witnesses ready for the inquest.

ASSASSIN OF KING GEORGE STAYS SILENT

Questions—Had But Poor Reason for Committing Awful Deed.

Salonki, March 19.—The assassin of King George is still in close confinement. At various periods throughout the night he was forced to undergo an examination but without eliciting any facts to show that other persons were implicated in the crime.

Schines is not a mad man but apparently weak-minded. He lived by begging and three weeks ago came to Salonki by way of Athens. He stayed for a few days at Voio Thessaly, where he delivered harangues, in which he declared that in a short time he would succeed in establishing equality; that there would be no longer either rich or poor and that work which was now accomplished in one hour would be spread out over two.

Interrogated as to why he assassinated the king, he replied: "I had to die somehow as I suffer from neurasthenia, and therefore wished to redeem my life. He appears to have been a wretched creature, subsisting almost entirely on milk. His family has long ceased to acknowledge him."

Schines for a time was an imprinter in the medical department of the University of Athens. He refused to give an explanation for the crime beyond the fact that two years ago he applied for assistance at the palace and was driven away by an aide de camp.

MANY KILLED IN BIG FIRE

Medicine Hat Cannery Burns —Wall Falls on Spectators With Fatal Results—Bodies Recovered.

Medicine Hat, Alta., March 19.—The big three story main building of Mackie's Canneries was totally destroyed by fire this afternoon, shortly before six o'clock and with the falling of the walls, five or more people were killed and ten injured.

The bodies of Freeman Wm. Stewart and Jonathan Brier and a boy, Harry Green, have been recovered from the ruins and nine others have been taken to hospitals suffering from painful injuries. Fully a thousand men are working on the ruins tonight in the expectancy of finding more bodies.

MISSING MAN FOUND IN BARN

Frenchman, Subject to Insanity, Wandered Away—Almost Starved to Death and Badly Frozen.

Special to The Standard.
Amherst, March 19.—A Frenchman named Doucet who lived on Maple Avenue, disappeared on Tuesday, March 11th and no word had been heard of him since that time. He was found this morning in a barn on the marsh. Doucet is subject to periodical insanity.

Robert Black found Doucet in one of the barns on the marsh. While getting a load of hay he noticed a disturbance on one side of the mow. After turning the hay aside Doucet was discovered. He was semi-conscious and had evidently been without food for ten days. Both of his feet were frozen so badly that if he survives amputation may be necessary.

FIGHTERS TO MEET

Los Angeles, Cal., Mar. 19.—Bud Anderson and Knockout Brown, who fought twenty slashing rounds to a draw at Vernon last Saturday, reached an agreement today for a return match. It will be fought either on the afternoon of April 13 or the night of April 15.

The Tuberculosis Bill

The bill to amend the act relating to the prevention and cure of tuberculosis was then amended.

Hon. Mr. McLeod said that it had been suggested to him by the premier that a provision should be added to the bill that payments by Mrs. Jordan will go toward the payment of the capital expenditures.

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OPPOSITION TO THE NAVAL BILL DYING

Easter Adjournment of Parliament Finds Liberals in a Particularly Bad Way.

Semi Official Statement Announces Introduction of Closure Resolution when House Resumes Unless Minority Abandons Senseless Obstruction.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, March 19.—The Easter adjournment finds opposition to the Naval Aid Bill dying unwillingly, but dying none the less. The big show put on by Mr. Pugsley and his followers, at the bidding of his seatless ex-colleagues, has been taken off and will not reappear. The obstruction has failed; the opposition knows it, knows that there will be no forced dissolution, and is confronted with the choice of giving up the whole business as a bad job, or inviting a closure.

IN A SEMI-OFFICIAL DOCUMENT ISSUED TONIGHT, THE STATEMENT IS MADE THAT UNLESS THE MINORITY ABANDON THE EFFORT TO USURP THE FUNCTIONS OF THE MAJORITY, NOTICE OF A CLOSURE RESOLUTION WILL BE GIVEN WHEN THE HOUSE RESUMES NEXT WEEK.

The situation is one of difficulty for the Liberal leaders for the reason that they have gone so far as to make anything like a dignified surrender impossible. They don't want the closure. They don't see the advantage of having the opposition out off its nose to spite its face, and they are disposed to beat a retreat with only a formal show of resistance. Thus, the probability is that after the holidays the Naval Aid Bill will go through without further trouble. WITH OR WITHOUT TROUBLE, IT IS GOING THROUGH.

A Liberal caucus was held this morning apparently for the purpose of clearing the purpose was achieved, but little else was done. The block-ers loudly applauded their efforts of the last couple of weeks and then decided to take no definite position as to the future of the naval bill, or of supply. They did do some talking about the prospective attack on Speaker Borden, for taking the chair during the riot of Saturday night. The action of the speaker will be discussed next week on a motion by Mr. Emmerson. The speaker, however, is not worrying about it, the authorities on the subject being absolutely clear.

The Liberal members go back to their constituencies tonight in much trepidation as to the reception that awaits them.

An Authoritative Statement.
Ottawa, March 19.—The following authoritative statement of the attitude of the government was given out this evening:

"In the speech from the throne on the 21st of November, last, it was announced that a bill for aiding and strengthening the effective naval forces of the empire would be introduced. Accordingly the Naval Aid Bill was introduced on the 5th of December last, immediately after the conclusion of the debate upon the speech from the throne. The necessary resolution to authorize the expenditure was passed through committee on the 10th of December, and the motion to concur on the committee's report came on the 12th of December.

On the last mentioned day the leader of the opposition (Liberal), moved an amendment to the resolution by which the bill was referred back to the committee with instructions to strike out all the clauses except the first clause, to substitute other clauses in lieu of the remaining clauses. The first clause of the resolution was therefore common to the policy proposed by the government and to that proposed by the opposition. That clause is as follows:

"From and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there may be paid and applied a sum not exceeding \$35,000,000 for the purpose of immediately increasing the effective naval forces of the empire."

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier's amendment was voted down on the thirteenth of February, after a long debate of nearly four weeks. The second reading of the bill was passed on the 27th of February, after a further protracted debate of nearly two weeks, and the house went into committee on the bill on the 28th of February. After a lengthy discussion the first clause of the bill which merely relates to its title, was adopted.

Evidence of Liberal Inconsistency.
"Since Monday, the 3rd of March, the committee has been continuously engaged in the discussion of the second clause, which is in the same terms as the first clause of the resolution and which forms part of the avowed policy of the opposition as well as that of the government. This clause has not yet been passed, although from March 2nd to midnight on March 15 there had been 232 hours of actual discussion upon it, nine-tenths of which had been occupied by the opposition. The perverse attitude of the opposition is demonstrated by the fact that for two weeks they have been obstructing a clause for which they twice voted.

"Up to the present the bill has occupied all the available time of parliament for more than three months. The debate thereon has filled four thousand columns of Hansard and if the proceedings in committee had been reported with the usual fullness the debate would have extended to more than 5,000 columns.

An Opposition Lie.
"It has been claimed that on Monday night, 3rd March, when the prime minister declined to adjourn unless some progress were made, clause two had been under discussion for only three hours. This is a complete mis-

statement, that particular clause embodied the principle of the bill and nothing more. It had been under discussion ever since the 12th of December last, and its adoption had been sanctioned and decided by the vote upon the second reading of the bill.

"Further lengthy discussion of that clause was manifestly obstructive as the opposition tactics during the past two weeks have established beyond any possible question.

Deliberate Obstruction.
"There can be no doubt that the opposition has been engaged in a deliberate and determined attempt to obstruct the bill and to prevent the passage of its provisions for effective aid to the common defence of the Empire. That attempt is evidenced not only by the length of the discussion, but by the defiant and insulting avowals of opposition members that the majority of the House were helpless, and that the minority were determined to prevent parliament from exercising its usual normal functions.

A Note of Warning.
"The present rule of the House being antiquated and out of date readily lent themselves to the tactics which have been adopted by the opposition during the past two weeks. Under these conditions if the opposition should persist in its determination to prevent the House from reaching a vote upon this bill it will be the clear course of the government to press for amendments to the rules, which, while securing all reasonable and necessary freedom of debate, will prevent persistent obstruction to provide for the public necessities and to proceed with the business of the country.

"Notice of such amendments permitting the debate to be brought to a conclusion after full but reasonable discussion will be placed upon the order paper next week.

"It is not the desire or intention of the government to press these amendments through the House at present if the opposition will give any evidence or assurance of their willingness to permit the vote upon the bill to be taken within a reasonable time. If, however, they persist in defiant obstruction the rules must be so amended that the proceedings of the House will not be reduced to a farce, and that the work of parliament and the business of the country can be carried on and brought to a conclusion within a reasonable time and under reasonable conditions."

Bramwell Booth to Visit Canada.
Toronto, March 19.—Word was received in Toronto today that General Bramwell Booth, Commander-in-Chief of the Salvation Army is coming to Canada on an extended tour, and will be in Toronto the first week in November. He is coming to attend the Territorial Congress, which will be held in Toronto in November.