

LIBERALS REFUSE TO INVESTIGATE

Public Printing Bureau Shown to be Rotten, but Will Not be Exposed. Mr. Northrup Moves for Royal Commission to Make Thorough Investigation, but Motion is Defeated on Straight Party Vote.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, April 25.—The Laurier government early this morning once more rejected a demand for the investigation of a department confessedly under the deepest suspicion.

Mr. Northrup this afternoon moved for the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate the printing bureau, on which the secretary of state has issued a report showing it to be utterly rotten.

The government made a very feeble defence, Mr. Murphy arguing that he had done all that was necessary in the way of investigation and his colleagues showing a marked disinclination to help him. Indeed the Liberals showed themselves very shy of the debate, but rallied to defeat the motion by a straight party vote.

Mr. Northrup asked the premier if the government still was determined under no circumstances to allow an investigation of the department.

The government a few years ago appointed a royal commission to inquire into the civil service, replied Mr. Wilfrid Laurier. An investigation would be granted if sufficient evidence were produced.

Well then, Mr. Northrup asked, would the premier consider it sufficient if he proved: 1, incompetence; 2, lack of frankness of officials; 3, lack of the spirit of loyalty; 4, usury permitted to flourish; 5, laziness and insubordination; 6, drunkenness; 7, contracts let without competition and without any record in writing; 8, defective bookkeeping; 9, dishonesty; 10, deception; 11, forgery; 12, perjury.

If all that were proved there would be no need of further evidence, said the premier. Thereupon, Mr. Northrup quoted from Mr. Murphy's report of his investigation to prove that all these evils existed.

Extravagance Shown. Mr. Northrup added some instances of extravagant buying. Some items for last year were: For dictionaries, \$68; brief bags, \$45; alarm clocks, \$25; directories, \$5,000; law books, \$2,861; typewriters and supplies, \$60,000; subscriptions to periodicals, \$2,214.

Mr. Murphy took the ground that there was no need for further inquiry. He had held an inquiry, and had applied a remedy. Mr. Murphy said that he had begun to investigate in November, 1908, and Mr. Northrup had waited until this late date to propose an inquiry.

RESIDENTS OF ALBERT INDIGNANT

Meeting of Protest Passed Strong Resolution Against Curtailment of Salisbury and Harvey Railway Service.

Special to The Standard. Alberta, April 25.—A very large meeting of the residents of the parishes of Hopewell, Harvey and Alma to protest against the proposal of the Salisbury and Harvey railway, convened in Orléans hall here, this evening. A. R. McLellan was appointed to the chair and M. B. Dixon acted as secretary.

The first speaker was Alex Rogers, who at the time of the building of the Albert Railway, was one of the members representing the county in the general assembly at Fredericton. He told of the subsidies granted and of the bonus of \$70,000 which has since been a burden upon the taxpayers of the county.

I. C. Prescott explained at some length the object of the meeting, and stated that notices had been posted by the Salisbury and Harvey Railway notifying the public that after the first day of May next the line south of Hillboro would be shut down. Mr. Prescott said that the matter was of great importance to him as well as to the taxpayers in this part of the county, as the company was under contract to haul his deals from his mill to the place of shipment.

The chairman, Mr. McLellan, spoke at some length in reference to the procuring of what was known as the \$70,000 as a bonus which, in a fit of generosity or insanity, the people voted to tax themselves, was altogether unnecessary. The running of the road had never been satisfactory. But now that their heavy tax had about been paid, it was certainly unjust that the road should cease operations.

On motion a committee was named composed of Alex Rogers, I. C. Prescott and A. R. McLellan to draft a memorial expressing the wishes of the meeting. The following resolution was unanimously passed: "Whereas notices have been posted by the management of the Salisbury and Harvey Railway that after May 1st, 1911, no trains will be run further south than Hillboro, therefore, Resolved, that this meeting hereby protests against such action and hereby petitions the Railway Commission of Canada to take the matter in hand and require that the railway be put in running condition and that trains be run through from Salisbury to Albert the full length of the line."

This was passed unanimously amidst great enthusiasm. On motion the secretary was directed to secure the memorial to the Railway Commission, and the newspaper reporters were asked to give it the widest publicity.

It was truly an indignation meeting and men of all shades of politics and in all walks of life were entirely agreed upon the steps taken to secure for them, if possible, their rights in this matter.

words on it. The matter was discussed at length and with bitterness. After an hour of it Mr. Wilfrid Laurier asked that it cease, but Mr. Pugsley in disregard of this request sought to read a letter from the writer of the article in the Globe.

DETERMINED TO MAKE END OF THE LORDS

Amendments Tending to Give Them Some Power Quickly Defeated in British House of Commons.

London, April 25.—Yesterday's session of the House of Commons was again continued into the small hours of the morning. It was noticeable by reason of the prime minister invoking the so-called "kangaroo" clause, whereby whole pages of amendments to the parliament bill, for the curtailment of the powers of the House of Lords were skipped at the chairman's discretion.

An important amendment, proposing a joint session of the two Houses in cases of disagreement, was opposed by Mr. Asquith, on the ground that such a plan would always give the House of Lords the last word in legislation and in his opinion it would be impossible to devise a scheme which would not place the representative body at the mercy of the second chamber.

This amendment and another proposing instead of a joint session, a conference of ten members from each House, were both rejected by large majorities. After this a number of amendments selected by the chairman for the most part, proposing various modifications on the delaying power of the House of Lords were all rejected after the application of closure.

VESSELS LOST ON THE BANKS

French Schooner and Brigantine Went Down After Collision With Ice Floes—No Lives Were Lost.

St. Pierre Martinique, April 25.—The loss of the French banking schooner Victor Helene, of St. Malo, France, formerly the Gloucester fish-boat, and of the French brigantine Bettina, the latter carrying passengers and merchandise from St. Malo, France, for St. Pierre, was reported here today by vessels of the fishing fleet which brought ashore safely all who had been on board the sunken craft. The sinking of both vessels occurred on the Grand Banks after collision with ice floes. The cargo of the Bettina consisted largely of supplies for the French fishing fleet.

PIRATES LOOTED WRECKED STEAMER

Shanghai, April 25.—According to passengers who were rescued from the Pacific mail steamship Asia after the vessel was wrecked on Finger Rock, on Sunday, the officers had to use their revolvers to keep a fleet of Chinese pirate craft at bay while the passengers were being transferred. Directly the Asia was abandoned the pirates looted her. It is estimated that the total loss of ship and cargo amounts to \$1,500,000.

The passengers also relate that when Captain Gaskroyer, of the Asia, was the rocks through the fog it was too late to save his vessel. He ordered full speed ahead, with the object of

PARIS POLICE HEAD TO QUIT



M. Lepine, Custodian of Many Secrets, and Most Powerful Police Official in the World to Resign.

Paris, April 25.—Lepine, the most famous and most powerful police official in the world; Lepine, the little man who knows the Paris doings of all the kings of Europe for more than 20 years; Lepine, said by many to be the most powerful man in France, will resign his post as prefect of police.

Should a king come to Paris for a frolic and get into a rumper in Montmartre or elsewhere, Lepine is there to keep things quiet. And he does. If he chose to talk he could turn loose more scandal than any other man in the world.

When Lepine signs his name it is just "Lepine." Nobody knows his first name scarcely. His visiting cards are plain Lepine. But it'll take a big man to fill Lepine's shoes when he's gone, little man though he is.

TRIBESMEN WERE BEATEN

Sultan's Troops, Aided by French Column Inflicted Heavy Losses on Cherada Tribesmen Yesterday.

Tanger, April 25.—Further news from Fez, received by the British legation tonight says that the route through the Molejamas territory is now open and the consuls have decided to allow Europeans wishing to leave the city to do so.

Captain Brenard, in charge of the French column and the Sultan's forces had a sharp fight with the Cherada tribesmen, who are trying to intercept a supply column from Alcazar. The rebels were completely routed by the artillery fire. The French losses were not serious.

It is reported that a French newspaper representative, M. Houel, who left here, Fez recently has been captured by the rebels and maltreated. He is reported to be in the way of capturing the steamer firmly on the rocks in order to prevent her from sliding into deep water. There was no panic and the prompt action of the officers against the Chinese pirates seemed to restore the confidence of those on board.

A MESSAGE READ FROM THE KING

King George V. Sent Congratulatory Message to New York Meeting in Celebration of Bible Anniversary.

New York, April 25.—Letters from King George of England and President Taft were read at Carnegie Hall to night at a notable gathering in celebration of the three hundredth anniversary of the publication of the King James version of the English Bible.

The Right Rev. David H. Greer, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of New York, presided at the meeting and every seat and box in the vast auditorium was filled. The ceremony was held under the auspices of the American Bible society, and the demand for tickets was almost without precedent in the history of Carnegie Hall. The audience led by a choir of a hundred voices, sang "How Firm a Foundation." James Wood, of the society of friends read the Scripture from a first edition of the King James version, printed in 1611.

After delivering the King's message Ambassador Bryce spoke. The King's message was dated Buckingham Palace, and was read by Ambassador Bryce.

BANKS PLING UP THE CASH

Preparations Under Way for Financing Crop Movements—Slack Business Drives Money to Banks.

Washington, D. C., April 25.—Bank reports from all sections of the country indicate an enormous pilage up of cash. Reserves and central reserve cities especially report large holdings. Two conclusions are drawn from the condition by treasury officials. One is that a slackening condition of business is naturally driving the money into the banks. The other is that the banks are beginning early to prepare themselves for late summer and autumn demands of the interior. A conservative loan policy is reported prevailing in all sections, in view of the fact that the federal treasury gives no promise of aid in the way of public deposits during the crop moving season.

Treasury officials predict that the next call on the national banks will show a continued close hoisted policy on commitments and correspond gains in cash.

FAMOUS OLD CASTLE BURNED

Oldenlo, Prussia, April 25.—The ancient castle of Schulerberg was completely destroyed by fire today. It was erected in 1643, and was filled with many objects of great historic interest.

Ottawa, April 25.—The announcement of the appointment of Senator Roy, of Edmonton, to be Canadian commissioner to France, is expected shortly. Ex-Gov. Forget will probably succeed him in the Senate.

LABOR MEN WILL FIGHT TO FINISH

LAW EXPERTS WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON

Eminent Authorities on Questions of International Law will Attend Convention Which will open Tomorrow.

Washington, April 25.—Eminent authorities in international law will participate in the discussions at the fifth annual meeting of the American society of international law in this city next Thursday, Friday and Saturday. President Taft is honorary president of the society. Senator Root, of New York, president and secretary of State Knox, V. P.

At the opening session Thursday evening there will be a general discussion of "The Status of resident aliens under international law." At Friday's session, there will be a discussion of "The Admission and Restrictions upon the Admission of Aliens," and kindred topics. President Taft and Justice White, of the Supreme Court of the United States, will attend the banquet, which will conclude the proceedings Saturday night, the speakers including the Japanese ambassador, Chas. Fitzpatrick, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Judge Martin A. Knapp, of Commerce Court, and Representative David J. Foster, of Vermont.

GRAIN BILL IN SENATE

Some Discussion Regarding the Dealing in Grain by Persons Interested in Western Terminal Elevators.

Ottawa, April 25.—The Senate today discussed majority and minority reports of the committee which dealt with the grain bill. Acting for the majority, Senator Loughheed moved to strike out this section which provides that no person owning or interested in any terminal elevator shall buy or sell grain or be interested in any form of grain storage.

Senator Davis protested against this. He said Canada had been invaded by the United States grain which had built strings of country elevators and controlled most of the terminals at the lakes. He charges the mixing and the manipulating of grain and strongly advocates the bill as prepared as best able to meet the situation.

LONDON BANKER IS CHARGED WITH FRAUD

London, April 25.—Alfred W. Carpenter, the proprietor and manager of Charter Cross Bank, a private institution, which closed its doors on Oct. 17, was arrested today charged with obtaining money through fraud and false pretences. He was remanded under bail of \$50,000.

Counsel for the public prosecutor's department mentioned in particular a case which he said was like others and had brought about the arrest of Carpenter. The defendant, he said, had induced C. H. Parker to deposit \$3,500 two days before the bank failed with a deficiency of \$8,495,000.

Union Officials Arrested in Dynamiting Case will have Best Lawyers Money Can Hire.

Detective who Arrested McNamara is Himself Arrested on Charge of Complicity in Kidnapping—Lawyers Arraigned on Same Charge.

New York, April 25.—Timothy Healy, president of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, and of the best known labor leaders in the country, joined with Samuel Gompers here today in denouncing the arrest of McNamara Brothers and McNamara as a plot against labor by capital. During the recent car strike at Philadelphia he said he had frustrated a plot to "plant" dynamite in his hotel room and then blow up one of the transit companies power houses.

"Knowing what they were willing to stoop to in our own case, it is not reasonable for me to believe," he said, "that the men under arrest are the victims of a similar and more successful conspiracy. Capital will stoop to anything to retain grip on the throats of the workers of this country. I know Jim McNamara personally. I know him to be an honest, law-abiding citizen and incapable of the outrages attributed to him by the enemies of labor."

"It is not difficult for capital to find things which will commit crimes that are later fastened on the shoulders of honest men. I tell you these dynamitings are a series of things all over the country during the past year are only a part of a plot; this capital has framed, in a last desperate effort to crush total unions. But if money will buy total unions, will hire able lawyers and labor will see that the McNamaras and any others who may be arrested with them have the best talent in the country to defend them."

Detective Burns in Arrested. Indianapolis, April 25.—Detective William J. Burns tonight was served with a warrant charging him with complicity in the alleged kidnaping of J. J. McNamara, a secretary and treasurer of the International association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, said to be implicated in the Los Angeles Times explosion. Three lawyers were arrested today on the same charge and they spent two hours in jail because of delay in obtaining bonds for them. They are Walter Drew and J. A. G. Badoff, of New York, counsel and assistant counsel for the National Erectors association and W. Joseph Ford, assistant district attorney.

MOTHER SAW CHILD GET FATAL BURNS

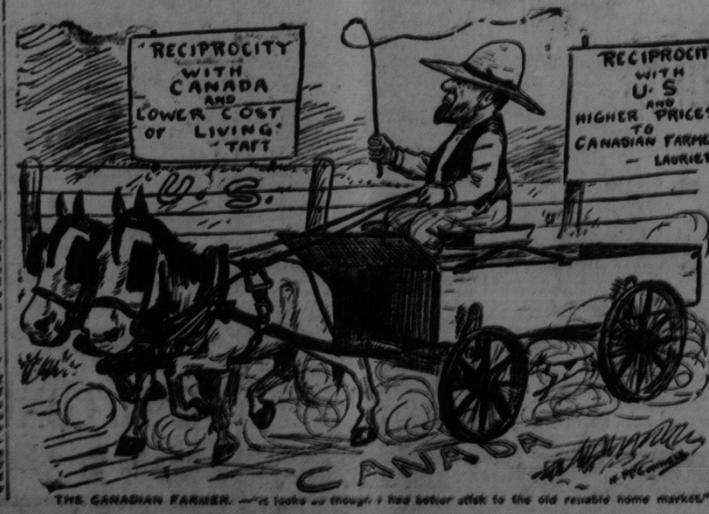
Little Girl Watching Fire When Flames Enveloped Her—Westmorland Smallpox Outbreak—Scott Act Case.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, April 25.—The ten year old daughter of Thomas S. Taylor, of North River, near Salisbury, was fatally burned last evening. While watching a burning brush in a field her clothing caught. The mother who was attracted by the child's screams, was badly burned in trying to tear off the burning clothing. The child was so badly injured that she died this morning.

Ned Armstrong was sentenced in the police court today to three months in jail for theft. A man named Doucet arriving from Campbellton gave Armstrong money with which to buy liquor, but Armstrong disappeared with the cash, hence the charge. Fred Lobane was today convicted of violation of the Scott act and fined \$50. His place was raided a short time ago and 30 bottles of liquor found. This has been destroyed. Stringent regulations have been adopted by the county board of health for the suppression of smallpox in Fox Creek and Pausnet; but there are still many cases and eight or ten houses under quarantine. No new cases have appeared in town.

A BALLOON TRAVELS FASTER THAN EXPRESS. Dusseldorf, Germany, April 25.—The Drigible balloon Deutschland II, with passengers, made a flight today from Aix La Chapelle to this place in 58 minutes. The fastest express train covers the distance in 30 minutes.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES



THE CANADIAN FARMER.—It looks as though I had better stick to the old reliable home market!