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WEATHER REPORT.

Toronto (noon)—Moderate N. W. to N. winds, fine and decidedly cold today and on Saturday, then likely to become stormy again.

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OPPOSITION REFUSE THEIR SUPPORT TO MORRIS FISHERY RESOLUTIONS.

Make Dignified Protest Against The Unseemly Conduct Of Hon. J. C. Crosbie In House Of Assembly On Wednesday.

DEMAND THE DISMISSAL OF OFFENDING MINISTER

Yesterday's session of the House of Assembly was perhaps the most memorable since Parliament opened. A long list of questions on the order paper was disposed of. Real interest began with the debate on Supplemental Supply.

Doctor Lloyd wanted information on the vote of \$20,000 for the promotion of Agriculture. Last year's vote of \$40,000 had all been expended by January 2nd of the present year. Up to Nomination Day \$36,000 of the vote had been expended. Within three or four months of the General Election virtually the whole grant had been spent, and the problem which he now wanted solved by the Finance Minister was how the Government proposed to get through its Agricultural Policy this year on the vote of \$20,000 now asked for.

Sir Edward Morris explained that Exhibitions were to be cut out this year. The amount asked for was to be spent on fixed charges, paying salaries, etc., the balance left would go to purchase seeds and stock.

Natural Increase.

Mr. Kent contended that any growth in our agricultural industries was due to natural increase. Cutting the grant in two, as had been done and continuing on the lines of last year was merely an absolute throwing away of the \$20,000. The year before last the vote of \$40,000 had been over expended by \$10,000, and he could not see how any curtailment of the expenditure of former years could take place, if the so called Agricultural Policy of the Government was to be continued on the present lines.

He then pointed out that the time has come when we should take this

matter seriously; this "backing and filling" method which we have to-day was the same method employed in Canada 25 years ago. It was not until a system of Experimental Stations, Model Farms, Societies for the distribution of stock and the principle of Homestead Farming had been adopted and worked hand in hand together that any good and lasting results were obtained in the Dominion of Canada.

The Leader of the Opposition strongly protested against the practise of transferring balances from one account to another to make up deficits—the manner in which it had been done in the past was contrary to the letter and spirit of Audit Act.

No Authority.

There was absolutely no authority for the Auditor General to do as he had been doing in passing such accounts. All balances should be expended on the objects for which they had been voted by the Legislative or written off as drop balances. The expenditure on salaries and what the Prime Minister calls "fixed charges" will this year reach \$15,000 of the \$20,000 voted; in other words it will take \$15,000 to spend \$5,000 in seed and stock; if this was not a remarkable proposition he (Mr. Kent) would like to know what is.

The Minister of Finance tackled the proposition of defending the Government's policy; he not only failed to justify the Carnival of Waste which had taken place last year, and preceding years, in connection with the Agricultural Farce, but gave strong evidence to the Committee and those attending the session that he had very little knowledge of the manner in which the grant had been spent. His failure to bluff Opposition members on the "giving" out prior to the General Election, caused the Minister to descend to those tactics employed by him in former years.

He gave the House an exhibition of rudeness, which though it measured

THEY HONOR HIM.

An encouraging sign of the increasing popularity of Mr. Coaker is every day more and more strongly evidenced by the applause which greets him when he rises to speak. To still the cheering and clapping the Chairman has frequently to call order, order.

We know that the intelligence of our people here in town would rise superior of mean prejudice and give honor where honor is due.

Now that they have had a chance to see Mr. Coaker at closer range, the suspicion with which many viewed him is giving place to admiration for the man's sterling worth.

Yesterday a rowdy in the gallery tried to still the applause given Mr. Coaker, by even resorting to assault on the applauder.

Mr. Coaker and his fishermen, are fighting against rowdism on the part of certain members of the House. They are fighting for the dignity of the House, and it is a wholesome lesson that brawlers and peace disturbers in the gallery might well learn too.

\$62,000,000 FOR THE JAPANESE NAVY

Tokio, Japan, Feb. 16.—Japanese House of Representatives have adopted the budget which provides an appropriation of \$62,000,000 spread over five years for the expansion of the navy.

New Instrument Of Destruction

Buc, France, Feb. 20.—An inflammable dart for use by aeroplanes was tested yesterday in the presence of military air experts and with satisfactory results.

The dart carries a small reservoir containing gasoline which explodes on contact. Its purpose is to set fire to dirigible balloons or buildings.

Two Lives Lost; Million Damage

Los Angeles, Feb. 20.—Two lives were lost and damage estimated at One Million Dollars was wrought by a rain storm in six Southern California counties during the last few days.

Commissioners Are Coming.

Ottawa, Feb. 20.—The Dominion Trades Commission will meet in Canada next year; the Commission is at present in South Africa.

It will during the present year make a tour of Newfoundland and Canada, beginning in Newfoundland toward the latter end of July, and right across Canada to coast, spending three months altogether.

British Judge Declares Conditions Printed On Back Of Steamship Tickets Invalid

London Feb. 17.—The Court of Appeal dismissed the appeal of the White Star Steamship Company from a decision of the King's Bench Court on June 30, declaring illegal the condition printed on the steamship tickets exempting the company from liability for loss by a passenger even through the negligence of the company's servants.

The question of legality of this exempting clause had been raised in a test case brought by an Irish farmer claiming damages for the loss of his son in the Titanic disaster.

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Dr. Lloyd arose to a point of order. The statements made by the Minister were utterly untrue. He must insist that the Minister be compelled to show ordinary courtesy to members of the House.

Mr. Clapp then gave the Minister of Finance an uncomfortable five minutes.

Mr. Cashin now told the back row members that they had not been long enough in the House and in politics to become corrupted and claimed that when he left the Bond Party, twelve years ago, he became the "foundation stone" of the present Government.

Mr. Targett replied. No Union man could corrupt him or get him to do anything which he did not believe to be right.

Hon. Mr. Cashin—"You are not corrupted yet, wait until you are here 20 years."

At Face Value.

Dr. Lloyd was willing to take all the statements offered in explanation of the expenditures made under the head of promoting agriculture at their own value; the tactics of the Minister were simply intended to throw dust in the eyes of the people. He (the Finance Minister) did not own all the sincerity. We have as much on this side of the House as there is over there, and any one who stated that he (Dr. Lloyd) was not honest and sincere in any criticisms he had made or which he might hereafter offer was lying and he threw the taunt back in the teeth of those who made the insinuations.

He did not wish to profess to speak infallibly he knew, but he did speak with a sincere desire to do his duty by the House and to the Country. And furthermore, if the Finance Minister continued as he was doing this afternoon, the Opposition was quite prepared to play up to his play.

The courtesy of postponing the debate on the Agricultural Vote was acknowledged; but the member for Trinity insisted that a postponement might have been demanded as a matter.

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Karluk's Crew Likely Safe

Letter From Seattle Says Stefansson Explorers Probably Floated Away In Warm Current

New York, Feb. 17.—According to a letter from Seattle, Wash., received here by a relative of Captain Robert Bartlett, to the Stefansson exploring vessel Karluk, seafaring men there are said to be of the opinion that the Karluk is not lost.

The letter reads in part:—

"I just called up the Maritime Exchange and a Captain Stevenson, who is familiar with conditions around the Behring Sea, told me that 'Bob' Bartlett is not thought to be lost. He said that the ice broke up and changed positions and that the boat floated in a warm, swift current away from its location and that it would probably float for two or three months before it would make a landing.

"Think They Are Safe

"Northern sailors all feel confident that the boats are safe. They are going to notify me if they get any report. They say they were well supplied with provisions and will not starve."

Captain Bartlett's relatives also has a letter from Captain Bartlett, received a short time ago, and dated at sea on board the Karluk, in latitude 62.04 north, longitude 165.07 west, July 7.

In this letter Captain Bartlett says, in part:—

"Our intention is to go to Herschel Island, near the mouth of the Macken-

THIS "MISER HAD LOTS OF 'DUST.'"

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Grace Woods, hair dresser, told county investigators she married a romantic "miser" when he showed her two "sacks of gold." Afterwards, she said, she found the sacks full of coal and sawdust.

MAY RACE FROM NEWFOUNDLAND TO THE IRISH COAST BY AIRSHIP.

Outcome Of Announced Plan Of Wanamaker To Finance A Trip Across the Ocean

Toronto, Feb. 8.—A special cable to the Mail and Empire from New York says the Aero Clubs of America and Great Britain have under consideration now the proposition of organizing a race from Newfoundland to Ireland as a result of Rodman Wanamaker's announced plan of co-operating with Glenn H. Curtiss to build a machine for trans-Atlantic flight. The fact that numerous other attempts, both here and abroad are under way to make a satisfactory water flying machine to capture the Lord Northcliffe prize of \$50,000, has made this plan necessary to secure the safety of the aviators and the success of the venture.

Since the first announcement of Mr. Wanamaker's intention at least six other serious efforts have been uncovered. In New York city three large water flying machines have been financed and actual construction on them is either already under way or contemplated for the immediate future. In France it was announced today, three more are under construction to compete with the trans-Atlantic expedition planned by Mr. Wanamaker. It is the belief of airmen here that still others are being considered, but kept secret for the present.

THE FLIGHT.

New York, Feb. 16.—Features of the proposed trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to the Irish coast, a distance of 1,900 miles, to be made by Glenn H. Curtiss, are:

Means of locomotion—200 horse-power flying boat, being specially constructed by Mr. Curtiss.

Altitude—The boat is expected to make an altitude of 10,000 feet in twelve or fifteen hours.

Fuel—Sufficient gasoline will be carried to fly the machine at 60 miles an hour for more than 30 hours.

Protection—The course will follow the regular track of ocean liners, and it is thought the airmen will at no time be out of the sight of vessels.

Reward—Lord Northcliffe has offered a prize of \$50,000, and the Women's Aerial League has added \$5,000 and a trophy.

POISON AS BEAUTIFIER

Frankfort-on-Main, Feb. 15.—Carl Hopf, druggist and former fencing master, was put on trial on the charge of killing his two children, his father and his first wife, by administering poison, and with attempting to kill his second and third wives and another person.

The accused admitted that he gave a poisonous drug to his three successive wives, ostensibly as a means of improving their looks.

COURT'S DECISION AGAINST WHITE STAR CO.

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Officer Gets \$10000 Award Sued the British War Office For Defamation of Character.

London, Feb. 20.—The British War Office system of confidential reports by which officers in the army may be condemned and sentenced to professional ruin without being heard in their own defence is seriously censured by the Judge King's Bench Court. A jury awarded Sir Edward Adam, formerly in the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the sum of \$10,000 damages against Sir Edward Ward in his capacity as permanent Secretary of the War Office. Major Adam, who distinguished himself at the siege of Ladysmith, South Africa, was at one time employed in the special service of Japan. He brought suit for a libel alleged to be contained in a letter written and published by Sir Edward Ward, saying that Major Adam had retired from the army in consequence of adverse reports.

Major Adam contended the letter suggested he had been guilty of dishonorable conduct or of incompetence.

Colonel Seeley, Secretary of State for War, Sir John French and Sir Reginald Braid were among the witnesses called in the case.

The Secretary for War refused to produce the alleged defamatory reports in court, on the ground that it would be against the public interests to do so.

QUEBEC MEMBERS ARE FOUND GUILTY

They Received Money From Detectives In Connection With the Fair Bill Recently.

Quebec, Feb. 12.—Both the Legislative Council and Assembly investigation committee made public their reports to-day, and, as was expected, Messrs. Berard, Bergevin and Mousseau are found guilty by their colleagues. The reports contain no recommendations to the House, and here was little discussion upon their finding, but it is possible that their consideration may be taken up next Tuesday.

The Assembly committee finds the evidence proved that Mr. Mousseau received from the American detectives, Biddinger and Mahoney, the sum of \$4,150 in connection with Bill No. 58 to incorporate the Montreal Fair Association of Canada.

Mr. A. Labelle, the advocate in charge of the Bill, received from the American detectives in connection with this Bill an amount of \$1,567.97, but he declares that he neither offered nor promised nor paid anything to any member of the Legislative Assembly. The evidence shows, however, that Mr. Labelle was aware that Mr. Mousseau received one or more sums of money in connection with the Bill with a view to bribery.

The committee says the accusations made against Messrs. Bergevin and Berard have been justified by the evidence. It has been established that after having in the first place refused, they ended by taking money in connection with Bill No. 158.

Will Not Impeach Bishops

Archbishop of Canterbury Has Decided Against Heresy Prosecution

London, Feb. 17.—The Archbishop of Canterbury has decided definitely against instituting impeachment proceedings against the Bishops of Uganda and Mombasa, Church of England prelates in Africa, on charges of heresy and schism arising out of their action at Kikuyu conference, East Africa, last June. An attempt was then made to unite all Protestant denominations against the increasing power of the Roman Catholics in East Africa, and a general communion service was held.

The matter is now to be referred to the consultative body of Bishops of the Church of England, which meets in July. The Bishops will then be asked to decide whether the scheme for a federation of Protestant missionary societies proposed at the Kikuyu conference contravenes the principles of the Church order, and whether the Holy Communion service which closed the conference at which many of the communicants were not members of the Church of England was consistent with the principles of the Church of England.

Liberals Lose Bye-Election.

Unionist Candidate Defeats C. F. G. Masterman By 24 Votes.

London, Feb. 20.—The first bye-election necessitated by the recent changes in the Asquith cabinet resulted in the defeat yesterday of C. F. G. Masterman in the Southwest division of Bethnal Green by 24 votes, the Unionist candidate Major Wilson being elected. Masterman was appointed Chancellor of Duchy, Lancaster, to succeed C. F. Hobhouse, who becomes Postmaster General.

The Liberals solace themselves with the fact that it was a triangular fight in which the Socialist candidate secured 216 votes, most of which they claim would have otherwise been given their candidate.

Though the result must damage the Government it cannot be taken as a direct verdict against the Irish question, since Home Rule evoked but little genuine interest during the brief campaign.

With the exception of returning a Unionist at the Khaki election of 1900, Bethnal Green has been represented in the Liberal ranks for thirty years.

The receipt of the news in the Commons it produced a scene of intense excitement. The Opposition cheered themselves hoarse.

Masterman, explaining the Government's defeat, said it was due to misrepresentation of the Insurance Act.

Scurr, the Socialist, exulted in the Government's reverse, saying that now the Insurance Act must be amended, the Government will be compelled to move faster.

It is believed a seat will be found for the defeated Minister in Derbyshire.

The Daily News, the Government organ, declares that Masterman was beaten by an elaborate organization,

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