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RIFLE QUESTION UP IN COMMONS

Colonel Hughes Comes to the Defence of the Minister of Militia

MR. BORDEN'S ARGUMENT

Government's Helplessness in Matter of G. T. P. Supplies

Ottawa, May 25.—By a vote of 55 to 18, the resolution of Dr. Worthington condemning the government in connection with the Ross rifle was voted down in the House of Commons. The feature of the debate today was a verbal warfare between Col. Hughes and George W. Fowler. Before the discussion was resumed, Mr. Aylesworth's bill to restrain the use of tobacco by young persons was introduced and read the first time. Mr. Aylesworth said the bill might not fully satisfy those who desired the prohibition of the sale, manufacture and importation of cigarettes. The bill proposed to make it an offence punishable by fine to sell or furnish tobacco in any form to young persons of either sex of sixteen years or under. The bill would impose restrictions on young persons purchasing cigarettes. For the first offence the punishment was to be a fine of not more than \$10, and for the second the fine of \$1, and for the third offence \$2. Another clause gives policemen power to seize away tobacco from young persons when they are smoking it on the streets.

Mr. Armstrong asked if it were true that the Grand Trunk Pacific was using Seattle instead of Vancouver as the Pacific coast point of departure for Prince Rupert. He stated that he was informed that all purchasers of supplies in eastern Canada were shipping to the west over the Grand Trunk via Chicago.

Mr. Graham admitted that Seattle was growing largely at the expense of Canada, but he feared that the government had no power to compel any one to send his shipments by any particular line. The first speaker in the rifle debate was Col. Speaker Hughes, who on rising said that he was glad to see the government side. He prophesied that the day would come when his fellow members on the Conservative side would see that they were wrong in the matter of the Ross rifle. He defended the Ross rifle, and he stated that the majority favored it almost exclusively. There was a difference of opinion as to whether the Ross rifle should be used, but it was stated that Canadian stone would be utilized exclusively. Two new bridges are to be built across the Ross river, one at Albert and one at Borden street, by which the provincial asylum is to be built this year at some point in the north of the province. The premier declined to state the exact location of the institution, but said four places were under consideration, of which Saskatchewan was not one.

Mr. Haultain suggested that some one should take the departmental information in connection with the purchase of a site for the Moose Jaw institution, and use that information for private advantage. The information turned over to the government at a price of \$2,500 on the price paid for a few weeks previous. He thought the gossip in this connection was sufficiently serious to warrant the public account committee holding an investigation and examining the real estate agent who put through the deal, but the government declined to do this.

Ontario Lady Barrister. Toronto, May 25.—A third woman has been called to the bar of Ontario in the person of Grace Hewson of Barrie.

Fifty-four Drowned. Brussels, May 25.—A despatch received here from the West Coast of Africa announces that the steamer Ville de Brugeois was wrecked by a tornado on the Upper Congo. Six Europeans and forty-eight blacks were drowned.

New Trial for Harden. London, May 25.—The supreme court today set aside the verdict of the lower court under which Maximilian Harden, the Berlin editor, was found guilty of libel against the Marquis of Salisbury. The Marquis of Salisbury, and ordered that the case be retried by the lower court. Harden was cleared by the crown as he went to and left the court room.

Fires in New York. New York, May 25.—Fire which broke out between 12 and 1 o'clock this morning in a five-story building on Park street, occupied by J. Goldstein, a manufacturer of gold jewelry, caused a substantial loss for two hours and caused a loss estimated at \$100,000, half of which was covered by the insurance company.

Smallpox on the Prairie. Regina, Sask., May 25.—Provincial Health Officer Seymour noted a very considerable increase in the number of smallpox cases throughout the province in the state of Minnesota. The reports of the department show that several cases of smallpox, Effortia, are being made by a great number of immigrants at the boundary of the state of Minnesota.

Marriage Rumor, Revived. New York, May 25.—The report that Prince Belle de Sagan and Madame Grace were married in Hoboken, N. J., yesterday, was today corrected. It is asserted that they were married at an hotel in Hoboken the night before last. The report that they were married at the Hotel Bellevue, N. Y., was also corrected. The report that they were married at the Hotel Bellevue, N. Y., was also corrected.

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