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GOVERNMENT'S BUSY SESSION.

PROTEST FROM FREDERICTON TO OTTAWA

Minute-in-Council on Question of Representation--The Harmsworths' Pulp and Paper Mill Project--Big Railway Scheme--Several New Companies Being Organized.

Fredericton, March 12.--(Special)--The local government took action tonight against the losing by this province of any representation in the commonwealth.

The government was in session morning, afternoon and evening. Present: Twelve. Attorney General Pugsley, Hon. C. H. Ibbotson and Hon. L. P. Harris attended.

One of the most important matters under consideration was the question of New Brunswick's representation in the Canadian Commons, and the government adopted a minute-of-council expressing strongly the opinion that this province is entitled to retain its present representation.

The question of the government is based on paragraph 4 section 51 of the B. N. A. act, which provides that there shall be no reduction in the representation of a province unless by agreement of its population to the aggregate population of Canada--when the last redistribution was made, his diminished by one seat, or upwards in proportion to the population of the province.

It is understood that Messrs. Harmsworth after making careful test of the water power at Grand Falls on the Nepequin--the proposed location--are of opinion that it is sufficient for their purposes, and if the government will accede to their propositions they will establish the industry there.

One of the features of the proposition is that they be granted long-term leases of the lumber lands such as exist in Quebec. The government promised careful consideration, and the members seem to think that if the propositions of the Harmsworths, in whole or in part are granted, legislation will be necessary.

H. Barry, K. C., and W. T. Whitehead, M. P. P., a delegation representing the New Brunswick Telephone Company, were heard regarding a bill to incorporate the Fredericton Electric Light and Power Co. They seek to have the rights of the telephone company safeguarded.

Praser Winslow and Gilmore Brown were heard on behalf of the Fredericton Electric Light and Power Co., and the matter will be further considered on March 23.

Letters patent were granted to the Consolidated Coal Company, composed of G. S. Dow and others. Fredericton capitalists, who have a mine in Queens county and propose to operate it on a large scale at once. Their head office will be Newcastle Bridge, Queens county.

The matter of granting incorporation to the Dalhousie Lumber Company was discussed. Some objections were raised by the citizens of Campbellton, in regard to granting this company power to establish electric lighting, telegraph and water supply systems in that town.

Letters patent were granted incorporating that company, but provisions were inserted providing that no lines of wire or water pipes shall be laid by the company in Campbellton without their first obtaining the consent of the town council, that no water pipes shall be laid by the company except in the parish of Dalhousie, that no part of the system shall be used other than for the uses of the company, except by the consent of the board-in-council. It was also provided that for the use of highways outside Campbellton, the company must get the consent of the municipal council of the county.

Action was taken by the government along the lines laid out in the protest, along with the Maine legislature by the attorney general, memorializing the dominion government to use its influence to ward preventing the passage of the bill for its object the diversion of the waters of the Allegash river from the St. John river before the passage of the bill, and giving business along the River St. John. Sir Robert Bond, premier of Newfoundland, has applied for the right to obtain a moose in this province for transportation to that colony, to be used for furs and to increase the supply.

NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN RAILROAD.

Andrew Carnegie Ready to Provide the Funds for Such an Enterprise

Washington, March 11.--Andrew Carnegie is so convinced that the proposal to incorporate existing and projected railroads of North, Central and South America into a vast intercontinental system of over 10,000 miles is feasible that he is ready to finance the enterprise. This announcement was made by ex-Senator Henry G. Davis of West Virginia to the diplomatic representatives of American republics who met at the state department this afternoon.

CUBANS TIRED OF AMERICAN FIDDLING.

Havana, March 12.--The publication of Washington dispatches regarding the amendments to the reciprocity treaty by the United States senate, has caused a renewal of apprehension among business men that the treaty may remain unratified until the next session of the United States congress.

ENGINEER FOUND DEAD AT THE THROTTLE.

Tamaqua, Pa., March 12.--Brakemen making an investigation to discover why a freight train did not answer their signals found the engineer, Charles Gerry, dead in his cab here today with one hand clamped to the reverse lever and the other on the throttle. A few hours afterward Charles Lindemuth, another Reading company engineer, was overcome by gas running through the North Mahony tunnel and he will likely die.

WANT TO EXHIBIT POPE'S JUBILEE GIFTS.

Rome, March 12.--Negotiations have begun with the Vatican with a view to securing the placing on exhibit at the St. Louis exposition of Pope Leo's jubilee presents.

NEW DEFENDER FOR CANADA'S CUP.

Toronto, March 12.--(Special)--The new Canada's cup defender, designed by Arthur G. Payne, Southampton (Eng.) for Norman Macrae of Toronto, has arrived at Oakville and is now safely located in the big building used by Captain James Andrews for the purpose of yacht construction.

A NEW THEATRE FOR MONTREAL.

Montreal, March 12.--(Special)--Sparrow syndicate, which now controls the four English theatres in Montreal, will build a new theatre for vaudeville and burlesque. Craig street, which will have seating capacity of 2,500.

CANADA'S LAWMAKERS BEGIN THEIR WORK.

Opening of Parliament at Ottawa Thursday With Big Attendance; Mr. Curry of Windsor, N. S., Declines Senatorship; New Members Take Their Seats; Commission on Transportation.

Ottawa, March 11.--(Special)--Lord Minto opened the third session of the ninth parliament of Canada today, with all the pomp and ceremony usually attendant upon the event. The weather was excellent and the crowd was large. Their excellencies, attended by the vice-regal staff and accompanied by a dashing escort of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, entered the eastern gate and, as the entrance came upon the grounds the first gun of the royal salute boomed out the signal from Battery Point.

The guard of honor of the Governor General's Foot Guards presented arms and the crowds cheered as his excellency's carriage reached the main tower and, with a gay retinue of uniformed officers in his train, Lord Minto passed on to the state chamber doors and on to the state chamber was crowded.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

Lord Minto having taken his seat upon the throne, the usual message was dispatched to the lower house and the faithful and obedient commons having assembled at the bar of the senate his excellency opened parliament in the following speech from the throne:

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I am glad to be able to congratulate you on the continued prosperity that prevails throughout the dominion. Canada has received many blessings during the past year which will be gratefully remembered.

I had the pleasure of visiting London last summer in anticipation of the coronation of his majesty and to meet all parts of the empire, bringing with them assurances of loyalty and affection.

Representatives of this government participated in the important colonial conference which was called by his majesty's government in connection with the conference, including the documents submitted by the Canadian representatives, has already been given to the public by his majesty's government.

ment in London. I feel assured that much good will result from the bringing of the leading public men of the great self-governing colonies into direct contact with each other and with the statements of the mother land.

The great influx of population into our Northwestern territories and the very large additional areas of fertile land which are being brought under cultivation combine to further press upon us the need for increased transportation facilities for the forwarding of our grain and other products to the markets of the world.

A treaty has been entered into with the United States, under which the proper delimitation of the boundaries between Canada and Alaska is to be judicially determined by a tribunal of six impartial jurists of repute.

As a result of the recent decennial census the representation of the different provinces must be adjusted as required by the British North America Act, and a bill will be introduced for that purpose.

A bill with respect to the creation of a railway commission, the amendment of the patent laws, the militia act, Chinese immigration, the re-organization of the department of marine and fisheries, the settlement of railway labor disputes and various other subjects will be submitted to you.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons, the public accounts will be laid before you and have been prepared with due regard to economy and the rapid growth of the dominion. Honorable gentlemen of the senate and of the House of Commons, I say that the consideration of these matters and in the performance of all of the labors which will devolve upon you, your deliberations under divine guidance will tend still to increase the prosperity and well-being of the empire.

Senator Frost and Senator Legris will move and second the address in the senate, and Col. Thompson will move and second the address in the commons.

IN ST. JOHN'S INTERESTS.

Hon. Mr. Blair Gives Every Attention to Delegates at Ottawa--They See 'About Dredging and About Bay of Fundy Matters.

Ottawa, March 12.--(Special)--Hon. A. G. Blair, minister of railways, spent the greater part of the forenoon today with the St. John delegation. They called first on Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, and talked over with him matters connected with shipping and navigation.

Mr. Prefontaine promised to look carefully into all the matters referred to him and manifested a desire to aid them in the wishes of the delegates as far as it was possible for him to do so.

Mr. Blair afterwards introduced the delegation to the minister of public works. They laid before Mr. Sutherland the necessity of carrying out improvements in the St. John harbor.

The delegates were well pleased with the attention which Mr. Blair gave to them and the interest which he and the other ministers of the crown paid to the subjects which had been laid before them.

Cost of Proposed Canal, \$101,000,000. Albany, N. Y., March 12.--The Davis-Bostwick bill calling a bond issue of \$101,000,000 for a thousand ton barge canal, was reported favorably by the senate canal commission today.

SAILOR TURNS KING'S WITNESS

TRYING TO STAMP OUT THE CATTLE DISEASE PLAGUE.

United States Issues Very Stringent New Regulations in the Matter.

Washington, March 12.--The department of agriculture today announced a new code of regulations for the suppression and extirpation of contagious and infectious diseases among domestic animals in the United States. The regulations revoke those of April 15, 1887. The new regulations require all persons owning, managing or transporting animals to exercise reasonable diligence to ascertain that the animals are not affected with any contagious or infectious disease, nor exposed by contact with other animals so affected or being in pens or vehicles contaminated by diseased animals before such persons offer them for transportation or introduce them into public stockyards or on public highways or lines of interstate traffic.

All persons having charge of affected or exposed animals are required to keep them confined and away from other animals and no person controlling premises where animals have been diseased or exposed or vehicles which have been so exposed or contaminated shall allow them to be occupied by healthy animals until the danger of infection is removed.

Any state or territory, where there exists a contagious or infectious disease among animals is to be considered an infected locality. The movement of susceptible animals into or through an infected locality will be governed by these regulations and any vehicles used for their transportation must be cleaned and disinfected according to the secretary's orders.

The shipment or removal of hay, straw, forage or other similar material, or of any meats, hides or other animal products from an infected locality may be prohibited when deemed necessary. No animals susceptible to a contagious or infectious disease, or the products of such animals, or hay and similar material originating in or passing through a foreign country where such a disease exists, will be admitted into the United States when their importation would endanger the live stock industry of the United States.

The regulations also provide for the quarantining of limited portions of any state or territory and for compensation to owners of animals slaughtered. Violation of these regulations or other similar orders of the secretary of agriculture is punishable by a fine of \$100 or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or by both fine and imprisonment.

MR. CURRY DECLINES SENATORSHIP.

A report has been received here that Rufus Curry, of Windsor, Nova Scotia, will not accept the senatorship last has been given him. It is thought, however, that he may reconsider the matter, and will yet accept. Should he decide otherwise, he will have to resign as the appointment has been out through.

Halifax, N. S., March 12.--(Special)--Rufus Curry, of Windsor, who was appointed to the senate today, authorized the statement that he would decline the honor. Mr. Curry was informed only last night of his appointment, but after carefully considering the matter concluded that, for personal as well as for business reasons, he would not accept the office.

Mr. Thomson, of North Grey, was also introduced, and received the applause of the opposition. In the senate chamber, Messrs. Frost and Legris were introduced.

THREE CANADIAN DOCTORS TURNED DOWN IN AFRICA.

Physicians Who Left Canada With Contingents Barred Out from Practice.

London Paper Claims That Wrecker of English Companies Became American Citizen Some Years Ago.

SUDDEN DEATH OF MRS. JOHN B. CALKIN.

Wife of Ex-Principal of Nova Scotia Normal School Passed Away Yesterday.

Truro, N. S., March 12.--(Special)--The death occurred today, suddenly, of Mrs. Calkin, wife of John B. Calkin, ex-principal of the provincial normal school. The deceased had been in poor health for some time, but was around at her household duties as usual this forenoon. While going up stairs her heart failed and she fell backward and death was instantaneous.

Deceased was a daughter of the late Rev. Somerville, Kings county, one of the leaders of the old branch Presbyterian church, known as the Covenanters. Mrs. Calkin was a sister of Arthur Somerville, Truro, and widow of the late Dr. Geo. Smith of Barwick. She leaves four children. Mrs. T. B. Patterson, Truro; Mrs. Rev. Geo. Seaton, Pictou; Mrs. Geo. J. Wilson, Truro, and W. B. Calkin of Pennsylvania.

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TRAGEDY ON A SAINT JOHN BARK.

Seaman Flohr Corroborates Story of Murder of Captain Shaw, Two Officers and Four of the Crew--Protest Against Dumping Undesirable Emigrants into Canada.

Montreal, March 12.--(Special)--A special London cable to the Star says: "In the Liverpool police court today, before the alderman, several witnesses of the bark Veronicas were charged with the murder of Captain Shaw, the chief and second officers, and four of the crew of the Veronicas."

"Seaman Flohr turned king's witness, corroborating the allegations of Thomas against the other prisoners. The accused are almost certain to go to the gallows. [The bark Veronicas was owned by William Thomson & Co. of this city. Captain Shaw was a native of P. E. Island. He was recently heard which resulted in a burglar being set free on the recorder receiving a promise that he would emigrate to Canada and start life afresh. The case provokes protest in the press.]

"A Canadian writes to the London Daily Express, saying that this is not very view of the strong agitation to exclude criminal immigration from England. That writer treats the recorder's award that a steamship company carrying undesirable emigrants to Canada may be compelled to bring them back at their own expense as a gross injustice. He writes: 'We have no corn in the dominion for such persons, but we do want straight-forward, honest men, who are able and willing to work. We have no use for any other class.'

"Another old Bailey prisoner who desired to emigrate was sent back to the prison hospital for a month as suffering from disease. These instances are so common in the dominion of the need of a most vigilant Canadian inspection, also the need of vigorous protests to the British government. Mr. Chamberlain would certainly never be a party to any such proceedings."

TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF FISHING CREW.

Vessel Capsized, One Man Drowned and the Others Were 56 Hours Tied to the Wreck.

Seattle, Wash., March 12.--The fishing and sealing schooner George W. Prescott, of Victoria, was capsized and completely wrecked Monday morning 30 miles off the Columbia River. One member of the crew, an Indian, was lost.

The steamer Montara, from San Francisco, which picked up the crew yesterday, brought them to Seattle today.

For more than 48 hours the Prescott and her crew floundered in the waves. Finally the crew were compelled to tie themselves to the wreck and await assistance. For fifty-six hours they were frenched to the skin, without food and every minute expecting to be dashed to pieces.

The crew consisted of four white men and 15 Indians, under command of Capt. Ramboe.

DEATH OF PATRICK DEVOY, ST. STEPHEN, AGED 99.

St. Stephen, March 12.--(Special)--Patrick Devoy died Wednesday night, aged 99, at the home of his daughter, Miss Mary Devoy. Deceased was probably the oldest citizen of Charlotte county, and up to the time of death was in possession of all his faculties. He was for years a prominent farmer of Dumfries.

Deceased leaves three daughters, Mrs. Thomas Lawler, Mrs. Joseph Lyons and Miss Mary Devoy, of this town, and five sons, prominent business men of the county. The funeral will take place Friday morning from the church of the Holy Rosary.

PLUMMER'S OPINION OF CANADIAN SOLDIERS.

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