

ELECTION BILL COMES UP SOON

Opposition to Make Strong Fight Against Proposed Changes

COURT OF APPEAL IN B. C.

Minister of Justice Gives Notice of Bill to Fix Salaries

Ottawa, May 4.—In the House of Commons this afternoon Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave formal notice that the bill to amend the elections act will be taken up. This is the bill which provides for the preparation of voters' lists in Manitoba and British Columbia independent of the lists prepared by the provincial authorities, and over which the session will take place, the opposition contending that there is no reason why treating these two provinces any differently from any other provinces of the Dominion as regards the preparation of voters' lists.

Mr. Borden asked if the government intended introducing any other new bills this session, and was told that it did, the premier stating that among them would be included a bill relating to the boundaries of the province of Manitoba. He promised a further statement on this tomorrow. Mr. Oliver informed Mr. Macdonnell that the government had not seen the advertisements of Thomas W. Lawlor of the Yukon Gold Company, and could not say whether or not the statements made therein were correct. Some discussion took place regarding a file from the department of marine and fisheries, regarding the purchase of fire extinguishers from a man named Parnell, in which it is alleged that August Lemieux of Ottawa was concerned. The matter came up on Friday last, and Mr. Brodeur quoted from the file, afterwards laying it on the table of the house. Mr. Blais complained that this file had disappeared from the possession of the clerk, and he appealed to the speaker to vindicate the authority of the house and order that the file be restored to the possession of the clerk.

Mr. Brodeur stated that the file had been required for use before Judge Cassels. To this Mr. Sprules retorted that Mr. Brodeur should have secured an order from the House allowing him to take possession. The speaker gave it as his opinion that the file had not been placed on the table by order of the House, and therefore did not have to remain in possession of the clerk. Mr. Foster wanted to know if Mr. Brodeur would put the file back on the table, and Mr. Brodeur replied that he would let Mr. Foster inspect it and send it across to him by a page.

Mr. Foster sent a letter from the file written by Mr. Fraser, superintendent of lights, to the minister in which he stated, after asking that an order be given for fire extinguishers: "As I mentioned to you the other day, Mr. Paton has been a very good friend of the Liberal party and a liberal one."

After some further discussion the matter was dropped. The House went into committee of supply at 11.30, and Mr. Pugsley stated that it was the intention of the government to extend the session to the end of the year, and that the money would be asked for in the supplementary estimates. The British Columbia legislature at a recent session passed an act to provide for the creation of a court of appeal for the province. In conformity with this proposal, Hon. Mr. Aylesworth tonight gave notice of a resolution fixing the salary of the chief justice at \$10,000 and the three associate judges at \$8,000 each.

The new civil service bill is to be taken up next week. Deputy Minister of Labor King has completed his report on presentation to the government on the result of his mission to London regarding the restriction of Irish immigration to Canada. The report may be brought down in the House tomorrow.

Rev. Dr. Chown's Mission. Toronto, May 4.—Rev. Dr. Chown, secretary of Moral Reform, of the Methodist church, left for Vancouver this afternoon. He will investigate the building of a factory in that city for the purpose of producing opium, if it is alleged that the Chinese, who are said to be backing the venture, would run in protest and assault on White in British Columbia. Dr. Chown will try to secure the passage of a local option law.

Overdose of Chloral. Toronto, May 4.—William B. Bentley, a barkeeper, took an overdose of chloral at the electro-therapeutic institute on Carlton street, and died in five minutes.

Challenges Investigation. Ottawa, May 4.—Auguste Lemieux, barrister, of Ottawa, and brother of the postmaster general, has challenged George Taylor, M.P., to bring before the public accounts committee for investigation his alleged connection with the sale of fire extinguishers to the government. The charge against Mr. Lemieux was made by Mr. Taylor in the Commons on Friday.

QUEBEC BRIDGE LOCATION

Site Further Up River May Be Selected for New Structure—Mr. Hays and Sir Wilfrid

Montreal, May 4.—Charles M. Hays, president of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and second vice president and general manager of the Grand Trunk, was escorted by Sir Wilfrid Laurier yesterday in the Windsor hotel, and rumor has it that a change in the location of the Quebec bridge was under discussion.

It is understood that the new bridge which the government is building will be further up the St. Lawrence river, near Batiscan, where the channel is narrower, which will obviate the necessity of a long approach. This would, of course, involve a change in the route of the eastern division of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Mr. Hays, however, says his visit to Sir Wilfrid Laurier was purely one of courtesy. The premier returned to Ottawa today.

BLACK WATCH

The Big Black Pig.

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Cruelty to Cattle.

Toronto, May 4.—Mr. Kingsford, the deputy police magistrate of Toronto, decided today that the A.T.R. were guilty of cruelty to animals in not providing a carload of cattle with food and water on a recent forty-hour trip from Warton to Toronto. He fined the company \$100 and costs, remarking that it was the extreme penalty allowed under the statute, and it was only possible for him to enforce such a penalty as the law allowed.

Mule Spinners Called Out

Montreal, May 4.—As a protest against the reduction of ten per cent in wages effective today, the mule spinners in the Hochelaga and Mercantile factories of the Dominion Textile company were called out today by the federation of textile workers. The mule spinners are the most expert workers in the cotton industry, and without them the company's employees will have to stop work for the reason that they will not have material to work with. Mr. Wilfrid Laurier, secretary of the Textile Union, declared the reduction in wages was not justified.

POWERFUL CRUISER

TO CARRY THE PRINCE

Indomitable and Escort Will Constitute Remarkable Squadron

Montreal, May 4.—A special London cablegram this morning revealed the latest news of the Prince of Wales's visit to Quebec. The Indomitable and Escort will constitute a remarkable squadron. The Indomitable is a unique vessel, a combination of a battleship and a cruiser, with a speed of twenty-five knots, and a displacement of 12,500 tons. She has a draught of 26 feet. She has eight 12-inch guns, and sixteen 4-inch guns, which are operated with the ease of rifles, so absolutely are they under control. The ship cost \$2,000,000.

The prince's escort includes four battleships of the Duncan class, the new armored cruiser Minotaur, and two protected cruisers, one of which will be the Arrogant. It will be accompanied by the fleet's command ship, the North American waters, and far exceeding anything any foreign power could provide.

It was a sister ship of the Arrogant, named the Gladiator, which the St. Lawrence sailed to her grave in the snow storm in the Solent on Saturday week. London, May 4.—The prince of Wales, presiding at the dinner of the Colonial institute, in the course of a long speech, referred with pleasant anticipation to his coming visit to Canada, and expressed regret that time did not permit of his extending the visit beyond Quebec.

Manitoba Crops.

Winnipeg, May 4.—Hon. J. Agnew, provincial treasurer, has just returned from a trip in the country, where he had a chance to see how the crops were getting on. "They are better than they have been for some years at this season," said Mr. Agnew, "and they are going to bring us the best wheat crop in years." The grain is well out of the ground and looking healthy. From present prospects we will have this year the best yield we have ever had."

Suspected of Holdups.

Toronto, May 4.—By the arrest this morning of Alexander Rose the police believe they have their hands on the man responsible for holdups, with violence, in Toronto recently. Rose was arrested on the charge of assaulting Miss Ethel Stitts in a fruit store on Yonge street on Friday night. Mrs. Max Finlay of Yonge street, who was held up in a store and assaulted on April 31, says Rose answers the description of the miscreant. Rose denies all charges.

Y. W. C. A. in Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, May 4.—The campaign started by the ladies of the Y. W. C. A. to raise \$75,000 for a Young Woman's Christian Association building is already an assured success. A thorough canvass of the whole city is being made, and it is said if the citizens respond as generously as they have done today the amount required will be over-subscribed when the lists close on the 15th inst. The business men of the city are taking great interest in the project, and are assisting liberally, both financially and otherwise.

Pacific Fleet at San Francisco.

San Francisco, May 4.—The first and second squadrons of the Pacific fleet arrived here this afternoon from Puget sound ports. They will await in the harbor the arrival of the Atlantic fleet on Wednesday and will participate in the naval review. To first squadron in command of Rear-Admiral James H. Dayton, consists of the cruisers West Virginia (flagship), the Pennsylvania, Colorado and Maryland. The second squadron under Rear-Admiral Bebbie, is composed of the Tennessee (flagship), Washington, California and South Dakota.

Western Elevators.

Regina, May 4.—The conference between the premiers of the three prairie provinces was concluded this afternoon and broke up without any preliminary arriving at any definite plan for taking over the elevator system of the west. The meeting was held at Regina, the grain growers did not send representatives to place the scheme before the premier, but George Langley, who was one of the grain delegates to Ottawa, attended the conference and laid the plan before them. It is probable that a further session will be held at some later date.

BOMBS ARE USED BY EAST INDIANS

The Authorities Unearth Plot Against Lives of High Officials

LORD KITCHENER INCLUDED

Examination of Men Arrested Shows Widespread Conspiracy

Calcutta, May 4.—The police are investigating the motive of the plot revealed here yesterday to murder Europeans by means of bombs and the more they go into the matter the more serious and widespread does it appear.

Documents seized at the house, where the bombs and explosives were being manufactured reveal that it was part of the plot to kill Lord Kitchener, commander-in-chief of British forces in India, and other high officials. The authorities believe they are facing an attempt at revolution. An examination of thirty prisoners arrested today confirms the gravity of the bomb conspiracy. In some of those in the hands of the police deny complicity in the affair, while others made startling admissions regarding the intentions of the organization against public officials and of actual attempts at the use of bombs, which however proved unsuccessful. One man said he traveled all over India in connection with the movement, which he described as a great revolutionary campaign against the government. The prisoners were remanded.

Shows Ease of Money

New York, May 4.—Easement of the monetary situation was sharply reflected in the sale of \$15,000,000 worth of municipal revenue bonds bearing interest at 3.5-4 per cent and extending for a term of six months. The bonds were sold to several banks and firms. During the winter revenue bonds were sold by Comptroller Metz bearing interest at six per cent. The marked lowering of interest rate, bankers stated today, evidences increasing confidence in the Ottawa river revenue bonds are issued in anticipation of the taxes paid in October, and these bonds will be redeemed the first week in November.

Ottawa River Raging

Ottawa, May 4.—Twenty houses are surrounded by a good depth of water at Gatineau Point today, owing to the great rise of the Ottawa river. The houses are almost completely submerged in the volume of water.

Nova Scotia Wage Dispute.

Halifax, May 4.—A conference took place today between the Port Hood mine management and the miners, the result being a temporary settlement was reached. Both parties to the dispute agreed to refer their differences to a board of conciliation and the men will return to work tomorrow.

LICENSING BILL IS

READ SECOND TIME

Heavy Majority in House of Commons—Irish Government Change

London, May 4.—The House of Commons tonight passed the second reading of the licensing bill by a heavy majority of 246.

Augustine Birrell, chief secretary for Ireland, announced tonight that the resignation of Sir Anthony Patrick Macdonnell, under secretary to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, will take effect in July.

RAIDERS DISPERSED BY BRITISH FORCE

Energetic Action of Sir James Willcocks Ends Disturbance

Simla, British India, May 4.—The promptitude shown by Major General Sir James Willcocks, commander of the British forces, in rushing his troops to the scene of the disturbance, has deprived the Afghan raid of present danger. He attacked the raiders on the Khyber Pass, and drove them back over the frontier, scattering them in various directions. Finding no support from the other tribes, the raiders are dividing away. According to advices received here, the Mohmand and other tribes are quiet and engaged in harvesting.

MYSTERIOUS SUICIDE

Deputy Surveyor General of New Brunswick Shoots Himself for Unknown Cause

Prediction, N. B., May 4.—W. B. Flewelling, deputy surveyor-general of New Brunswick, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth and breast in the basement of the departmental building this afternoon. No cause is known for the act, as Mr. Flewelling was apparently a man of quiet habits. The January 31, 1908, was issued today. The profits for the year including \$10,000,000 for the year ending January 31, 1908, were \$1,403,023, which was carried to the surplus account, making the total surplus on January 31, 1908, \$1,613,836.

The report states that work upon the proposed plant at Erie, Pa., has been deferred because of the existing business depression. The total sales for the year ending January 31, 1908, were \$70,777,159, an increase of \$10,305,255.

Ontario Election Write.

Toronto, May 4.—Writes for the provincial elections will be issued on Monday.

Brakeman Killed. Port Arthur, May 4.—Thomas Rundell, a C.P.R. brakeman, fell between the cars while making a coupling at Schreiber. He was brought to the hospital here and subjected to an amputation of the legs, which were crushed, but he died from the effects.

Saskatchewan Legislature.

Regina, May 4.—There was little doing in the legislature this afternoon, and the whole of the session was spent in committee. Permission was given to cities and towns to assess to the limit of two per cent for telephone purposes, and to rural municipalities to borrow to the extent of forty dollars per quarter section for similar use.

Winnipeg Picketing Case.

Winnipeg, May 4.—In the assize court this morning Mr. Justice Mathers heard the re-opening of the case of Cotter vs. Osborne, involving some fine law points and the municipal action for an injunction and damages amounting of \$25,000 for picketing, conspiracy and boycotting by the plumbers against the journeymen plumbers, gas and steam fitters, helpers local union No. 52, in July 1907.

Guadeloupe Elections.

St. Thomas, D.W.I., May 4.—Advices received here state that the municipal elections in the different communes of Guadeloupe on Saturday passed off without incident. Prior to the elections rumors were current to the effect that disturbances were very probably the result of the presence of a number of Guadeloupean soldiers. The rumors were current to the effect that disturbances were very probably the result of the presence of a number of Guadeloupean soldiers. The rumors were current to the effect that disturbances were very probably the result of the presence of a number of Guadeloupean soldiers.

ELEVEN ARE DEAD FROM HOTEL FIRE

Tragedy at Fort Wayne, Indiana—Some Persons Missing

Fort Wayne, Ind., May 4.—At 8 o'clock this morning the death toll resulting from yesterday's New Avalon hotel fire stood at eleven known dead, with several persons still unaccounted for. Just at daylight the body of a man was recovered from the ruins, the first to be exhumed from the heaps of debris since Sunday evening. The body was identified as that of Charles Benjamin of Detroit.

A revised list of dead follows: J. R. Mitchell, Chicago; Ellis, Isaac March, Chicago; William Mitchell, Duluth; B. C. Johnson, Panama; Joseph W. Davis, Chicago; Benjamin Chaudron, Detroit; R. E. Trilley, a Texas land owner. An unidentified woman supposed to have been Miss Mary Burnett Mithawick, in whose unidentified body of a man.

Chas. Burke, 57, of the hotel, who was sent to the morgue, and thought to be among the dead, reappeared today. Burke's story of the fire tends to corroborate the statement that the flames started from an overheated furnace in the basement. He says he saw the flames in the basement shaft on the third floor before he knew the fire had been discovered from the office.

SUSPECTS INCENDIARISM

Keoper of Store in Town Near Edmonton Found to be Guilty to Ashes

Edmonton, May 4.—There is a strong suspicion that incendiarism in the early morning fire of May 2 at Augustin Leitz, who conducts a general store in that town, is the cause of the fire today in connection with a big fire completely destroyed his store last Saturday morning. He came to the headquarters of the R. N. W. M. P. at Port Saskatchewan. He expects to go to the fort tonight and swear out a warrant against the suspected parties.

Leitz was in Edmonton last Friday and on Saturday night he found his store in ashes. After hearing all the circumstances connected with the fire he decided to lay information against certain suspected parties on the charges of burning the store.

Get Increase of Pay.

Moncton, N. B., May 4.—As a result of an interview with Hon. Mr. Graham and Mr. Butler in Ottawa, the Intercolonial telegraph operators have been granted an increase of pay of ten per cent.

Quebec Elections on June 2.

Montreal, May 4.—It is learned tonight on good authority that a meeting of the legislative assembly will be held in Quebec tomorrow morning and that at this meeting it will be decided to dissolve the legislature, the general elections to take place on June 2, the same day as the provincial election in Ontario.

Election Fight in Corsica.

Alsace, Corsica, May 4.—The excitement in the elections at the village of Lodi on Sunday developed into a pitched battle. The rival parties ranged themselves into two camps. They are now armed with shotguns and keep up a frequent fire. The number of victims is unknown, but it is believed that five men were killed, or wounded. Troops have been dispatched from here to the scene of the disturbance.

ELECTRIC PROFITS

Annual Report of General Electric Company Shows Substantial Return

Schneccady, N. Y., May 4.—The annual report of the General Electric company for the year ending January 31, 1908, was issued today. The profits for the year including \$10,000,000 for the year ending January 31, 1908, were \$1,403,023, which was carried to the surplus account, making the total surplus on January 31, 1908, \$1,613,836.

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MAY MEAN FIGHT AGAINST COLOMBIA

Venezuela and Panama Said to Be Threatening Their Neighbor

OVER BOUNDARY QUESTION

Occupation of Town By Colombian Troops Stirs Up Panama

Cartagena, Colombia, May 4.—The government of Colombia has reason to believe that the government of Panama is intriguing with Venezuela to declare war upon this country. It is known that the occupation of Jurado on the Atrato river, the boundary line between Panama and Colombia, has suggested the Panama government the occupation of Jurado was done on the advice of the United States government, which held it.

One of Secretary Taft's chief missions to Panama is to try to adjust the matter.

New York, May 4.—Passengers who have just arrived in New York from Santiago, Colombia, bring news of the presence of President Reyes at Santa Marta, a Colombian seaport on the coast of Colombia, over toward the Venezuelan frontier line. During the absence of General Reyes from Bogotá, the brother-in-law of General Angelino, is acting as president. General Reyes, presence at Santa Marta is said to be connected with the Jurado incident, the occupation of the little town claimed by both Colombia and Panama, and recently occupied by Colombian troops, the fact that Senor Restrepo, the confidential agent of the Colombian government to Caracas, Venezuela, recently left that city after having failed to come to an understanding with President Castro with regard to the boundary dispute between Colombia and Venezuela, and with the approaching visit of Secretary Taft and Wm. Nelson Cromwell to the isthmus of Panama.

The boundary dispute enters into the situation that appears to be developing in the southern shore of the Caribbean. Panama, according to the Colombians, who come into port today, is seeking to depose Colombia, of which she was a state before the successful revolution of 1905, certain territory along the Atrato river, which includes the town of Jurado. Venezuela's claim, or rather the Colombian claim, is that the town of Jurado is a part of the Goajira peninsula, as well as a certain area in the vicinity of Cucuta, Colombia, which she claims at the present time stand in as much as Senor Restrepo has left Caracas, there is no longer any diplomatic intercourse between Venezuela and Colombia.

Panama, on the other hand, it is declared, desires to extend her territory so as to include Jurado.

When Colombia heard of these assertions she immediately took steps for the purpose of bringing the matter to an issue. The passengers from Santa Marta to other parts of the country, cable today from Panama that Colombia occupied Jurado on the advice of the American government, and this is taken as a clear indication that Washington will support Colombia in the controversy.

Panama, it is declared, would like to embroil Colombia with Venezuela on the eastern frontier, as such an outcome would give her a better chance to force her claim for territorial extension on the western frontier. Venezuela and Colombia have fought over this boundary line before, and should the matter come again to conflict, a Venezuelan invasion might be expected.

King and Queen Return.

London, May 4.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra returned to London this afternoon from their Scandinavian tour.

Stolypin's Daughter Married

St. Petersburg, May 4.—Mlle. Stolypin, daughter of the Russian Premier, was married here this afternoon to Lt. Bok, the Russian naval attaché at Berlin. The wedding ceremony was attended by members of the cabinet and of the diplomatic corps and representatives of high society in St. Petersburg.

Toronto's Electric Power.

Toronto, May 4.—The city council by an unanimous vote has decided to ask the Ontario government to buy the power from the Hydro Electric commission. Hon. Adam Beck and those associated with him were complimented on getting cheap power for Ontario municipalities.

Drowned in Fraser.

Vancouver, May 4.—David Clarke, a station agent at Lytton, and with connections in Toronto, was drowned while crossing the Fraser at Lytton on the ferry last Tuesday. There was a load of hay aboard and the swift current caused the ferry to list and turn turtle. Clarke was unable to reach shore.

John Dillon's Case.

Montreal, May 4.—John Dillon, the book agent who shot and killed Constable Shea and wounded Chief Detective Carpenter and Constable Foucault and who was himself shot by the police, was brought before Police Magistrate Lafontaine today and remanded till Thursday. Dillon was dressed in the height of fashion, including a Prince Albert, coat, grey checkered trousers, patent leather shoes and silk hat. He was charged with the murder of Constable Shea and attempting to murder Chief Carpenter and Constable Foucault on April 1st last in St. James street.

MR. PARENT EXPLAINS

Speaks of Plan Followed by the Quebec Bridge Company in Securing Design

Ottawa, May 4.—In an interview today to make reference to some of the findings of the royal commission which investigated the collapse of the Quebec bridge, Mr. Parent, president of the Quebec Bridge company, and chairman of the National Transcontinental Railway committee, said he was informed on good authority that in spite of the utmost attention to every detail, the collapse of the bridge was a similar great disaster, one of the largest.

Cooper of New York, who was considered the best man in the United States for making a selection.

At all events, Mr. Parent said, there could be no visible connection between such remote actions of the company's part, and the disaster which occurred ten years afterwards, and which was solely due to scientific errors, the commission of which would likely have been unavoidable under any other bidding conditions, since it is now admitted that professional knowledge at large is still deficient on the experimental strength of large bridge members in the United States.

Butcher Knife Used.

Kingston, Ont., May 4.—Beefsteak Jack's restaurant on Ontario street, was made gory last night by a family.

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