

MR. RUSSELL OF HALIFAX ON MR. BORDEN OF HALIFAX.

Ottawa, May 16.—In the House today Mr. Russell, in resuming the debate on the West Huron and Brockville elections, sarcastically said that he would like to approach the subject in the most temperate and judicial spirit in which it was discussed last evening by the member for East Simcoe (Bennett). (Laughter.) Dr. Russell paid a compliment to the minister of marine and fisheries and the member for Kingston (Britton) for the speeches they made and the fair way they dealt with the matter. Dr. Russell said that for a moment he wished to refer to the charges made that the Liberals and the government were burking an investigation. If there was any person on whom the charge could be properly laid it was the member for Halifax (Borden) who had charge of the motion. The West Huron election took place on February 21, 1893, and parliament met early in March. The declarations which were secured in the case were obtained in March. All the information that had been obtained in connection with the election of West Huron had been procured early in April and in sufficient quantity to be tried under the controverted elections act by petition. But this was not done. It was a grave comment on the actions of those who were in charge of the investigation for a committee that they failed to bring the case before the courts, where it could have been properly and fairly tried. They did not go to the courts, but instead they allowed the months of March, April, June and part of July to be done anything and then they brought their grievances to the House. The cases were brought before the House early in the session last year—and if those who are pressing it were those of getting the judgment of the House it could have been obtained—there would not have been the delay. In other words, if there was any disadvantage in not obtaining the judgment of this House last session the opposition were to blame for it. The member for Halifax was wholly to blame for the abortive attempt to inquire into this case. If there was any advantage at all to be obtained from a verdict of the House, for the fact that it is not obtained he was responsible. Mr. Borden had been so audacious about his motion being put this session as the member for Nainaimo (McLeans) was in reference to a bill on the member for Richmond (Gillies) in reference to tobacco duties, the member for Halifax might have had the matter brought before the House in the proper way. But Mr. Borden did not do so. He pushed the member for Westmorland (Powell) to have given a notice of it for him. Instead, however, Mr. Borden placed his motion on the order of the day. The motions were ahead of him. The only case which the member for Halifax gave for this was that he did not know but it would have been a matter of course. Now Mr. Borden was not in the habit of asking considerations of that kind in any cases in which he was engaged on the ground that he did not know the law or the methods of procedure. When making his speech last year Mr. Borden said that the reference of the case to the committee was going to interfere with the seat of the member. But that was not the course taken by the Conservative newspapers and indeed some of the Liberal papers were calling for Mr. Borden to resign. It was shown that the case was purely a political one, and that a gross injustice was being done both members, in an injustice which the member for Halifax admitted when moving for a committee. It was contended that we had not only the right to punish one of the officials of the House, namely the deputy returning officer, but also that the result of the investigation should affect the seat of the members. The member for Westmorland took the sting out of the House would not enquire into the majority by which a member was elected. The House on that occasion might have brought the returning officer to the witness stand and asked him to give evidence as to the man who had the majority of votes might be returned, but it did not. As for the privileges and elections committee it is not a committee which enquires into matters of fact. The members of that committee voted party. The Conservatives would support their leader and the Liberals theirs. Dr. Russell cited an illustration of this. At the committee the Liberals were of the opinion that a witness should not be called upon to disclose the secret of the ballot, until all other efforts to obtain the information sought for should have been exhausted. They voted for this while the Conservatives voted for the witness should at once say whom he voted for. No one could say that the committee of the Liberal members of the committee was not fair and reasonable but partisanship prevailed and the Conservatives voted against it. That illustrated how unimpaired such a tribunal was to try cases of the character discussed. Indeed parliament had not the necessary time to engage in such an enquiry. There were only two or three members of the committee present at its sittings yet all of them were appointed to sit in judgment on it. It was a travesty on justice and an utter farce to set everyone to follow his leader on the committee questions which were supposed to be judicially disposed of. There were proper tribunals for the return of the case. To talk about judicial proceedings and justice when questions of fact were involved before the privileges and elections committee was simply a farce. Dr. Russell asked what punishment could the House give to those returning officers if they were proved guilty? If guilty they should be sent to the penitentiary but what would the House do with them. It had no adequate powers to punish them. Where would it read them? They might be confined in a room during the sitting of the House and then

set at liberty. The evils of the kind were the only trouble before which the satisfactory punishment could be meted out. He (Russell) then took up the case of Donald Cummings, deputy returning officer at Coburn, who declared that the evidence showed him to be an innocent man. He was both morally and physically unfitted to perform the legitimate duties which were assigned to him. The member for Westmorland (Powell) brought out clearly at the committee that Cummings was not capable to handle the ballots in the way in which he was accused. So clumsily was he doing so on one occasion when Mr. Powell was asking him to examine them that the member for Westmorland took them out of his hands with the remark that he (Powell) could do it very much better and quicker than the deputy returning officer. If there were any expert work to be done says Mr. Powell, "I am the man to do it and not you." Dealing with the thirteen witnesses who swore that they voted for McLean and their votes were not included. Dr. Russell said that it happened frequently that a candidate did not get all the votes that he calculated upon. When Mr. McLean, the Conservative candidate, found himself disappointed in this regard he went round those who promised to vote for him and procured declarations from them. Of course having promised to vote for him they were not going to go back on what they said and having gone still further by giving him declarations to that effect they could not go back on them. To go back on these might lead them to be accused of perjury, and it was worthy of notice to see how these declarations of statements were obtained and how the witnesses were all looked after and instructed Mr. Beck who had charge of them. Any one who saw the unfair way on which these witnesses gave their evidence could come to no other conclusion than that having promised to vote for Mr. McLean they wanted to adhere to their statements that they would not vote for him. It was not matter whether they had voted as they promised or not. They said to themselves that it was no one's business as to how they voted. Some of them broke their promises under examination. But no matter what these witnesses did there was nothing Cummings could do. Cummings placed thirteen ballots in the box. Dr. Russell then took up the two kinds of ballots and said that supporting there were two kinds of paper used and there was nothing to show that Cummings placed them in the box. In his evidence Cummings was asked if he put into the box any ballots except those he got from the voters and he replied "I did not." As to the micrometer test, there was nothing to show that it was genuine or that it was not manipulated, but that the evidence of paper in the thirteen ballots. If these thirteen ballots were used for a purpose and it was known that this was done at the time, then they were not the votes of Donald Cummings. If they were spurious ballots they were not, initiated by Cummings, but if they were genuine ballots they would have been used by him. If any one did initial them and there was spurious ones they would try and make them to be as like those initiated by Cummings as possible. The fair-minded man who saw Cummings give his evidence could come to any other conclusion than that he was an honest and upright man. The witnesses admitted that in regard to Deputy Returning Officer Farr his appointment was made because he was a standing deputy for all elections in the town of Leeds, and he was drinking and the Liberals wanted him to act. But he did so and made a mess of it. Farr was a Conservative voted for McLean. The member for Richmond, Dr. Russell characterized him as the trafficker in affidavits. The most of them were made out on the same day. Prichett admitted that he was a perjurer and had in addition committed forgery and Judge Morgan said that he was a self-confessed liar. The member for Halifax quoted part of an affidavit of his on Friday night but he did not give the name. For some reason or another he left that for Mr. Powell to do. That Prichett is a self-confessed scoundrel was evident and Dr. Russell concluded by reading six affidavits from six deputy returning officers, in the Brockville election, giving the names of Prichett. The following is a copy of one of the affidavits, which is the same as the other six made by returning officers B. Bates, J. Cowan, James Beaton, A. Bates, E. M. Watson Jones, Rufus, William Smith: Dominion of Canada, province of Ontario, county of Leeds: To wit:—In the matter of the election of the electoral district of the town of Brockville, held on April 29th, 1899, in which William Henry Constable and Hon. Peter White were the candidates, I, William King, of the town of Brockville, in the county of Leeds, bookkeeper, do solemnly declare that I was the duly appointed deputy returning officer at polling subdivision number two, for the election of the town of Brockville, at said election. I have read the statements reported in the newspapers to have been made by Mr. Borden, M. P., in the House of Commons recently, relating to the said election and I say that as far as I am concerned and as far as I have any knowledge of the actions of the other deputy returning officers the statements imputing improper conduct to the deputy returning officers are false and unfounded. I do not know the man Prichett referred to by said Mr. Borden. I received my instructions solely from the returning officer. I conducted the said poll in a fair and impartial manner and I know no such frauds as are alleged were practiced there. I have resided in Brockville for fifty years and have frequently acted as deputy returning officer and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada evidence act, 1893. Declared before me at the town of Brockville in the county of Leeds, this fifteenth day of year A. D., 1900. (Signed) WILLIAM KING. (Signed) E. J. REYNOLDS, A. Commissioner.



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FREE HELP FOR MEN... AIR RIFLE.

Fishermen are to blame for Not Getting Their Weir Licenses-- Killing Land-locked Salmon-- Some Good Hauls --- Artesian Well-boring.

St. Andrews, May 15.—By the first of August it is expected that a thoroughly equipped telephone system will be inaugurated between this town and St. John, taking in St. George and Bonny River on its way here, afterwards stretching to St. Stephen and Calais. Initial steps toward that end are now being taken. On Thursday last Contractor Barnes, of Bouchoué, left St. John to pilot the route of the line to St. George. He reached the latter place on Saturday. From St. George a route up to May and asked whether it was the government's intention to take measures this session to curtail the Standard Oil Company's monopoly of petroleum products. On Tuesday last Barnes and Chief Lineman Hoyt arrived in St. Andrews and from hence they drove to St. Stephen. They told The Telegraph correspondent that work would be begun on the St. John end of the route the first of June. The line will be pushed through with all speed. The contractor says he has not yet started, but if he does it in two months he will be doing well. The Telephone Company are for the American business and for this end the fishery department has changed to anticipate a profitable business over the line. The line to St. Andrews will be brought into the business centre of the town. The surplus packing season began at Eastport on the 10th, when several factories were opened. The syndicate's tugboats were out and the boys used to take fish to a variety of camps. Many of our weirs are not yet in a position to take fish and will be some weeks before they are ready. The uncertainty which many fishermen felt relative to the issuance of licenses by the fishery department is gradually being removed, as the licenses are now coming forward slowly. Inspector Pratt, who was asked for an explanation of this slowness, said that it was due to the fact that the fishermen who waited until the last moment to forward their applications, and then sent them in when parliament was increased and could not receive prompt attention. The inspector thinks that all the delayed licenses will be forthcoming shortly. Fishery cruiser Curlew arrived in the harbor on Tuesday from the Islands, where Capt. Pratt had been adjusting weir grievances. The fishermen are having grand sport in tempting land-locked salmon from Chamcook lake. This spring some heavy catches have been made. In point of numbers, they are great, but the quality is poor. They caught between them 11 fine fish, varying in weight from 2 1/2 to 5 pounds each. Rev. E. W. Simonsan and Principal Day of the Grammar school, landed a 5 pound beauty a night or two ago. The heaviest fish taken this season was killed by Fletcher Stinson. It weighed 8 pounds and fought a splendid fight before it was gaffed. Connors Bros., Black Harbor, and J. P. Paul, Beaver Harbor, have been caught with a 10 pounder. Editor Armstrong has had an addition to his home staff. Mr. Thomas Kent, the Sussex well-borer, is now here and will be at the Algonquin Hotel. The hotel has already one artesian well, but the demands upon the water supply of the hotel were so great that it was necessary that a new well be made. Preparations are being made for a grand observance of Empire day. In the afternoon there will be a public meeting in Memorial Hall when, in addition to entertainment by the children of the schools, there will be addresses by prominent gentlemen of the town. In the evening the pupils of the intermediate department will hold a concert in the same hall, the proceeds of which will be applied to the re-erecting of the school library. Mrs. John Curry, widow of John Curry, a prominent resident of Hayside, who was gored to death by a bull several years ago, died on Monday morning last at the ripe age of 78 years. She was a kindly old lady and a devout Presbyterian. She leaves no family. Probate of the last will of John Cunningham, late of St. George, has been granted to his brother, B. L. Cunningham, and Mary Cunningham, his sister. The estate was valued at \$800. J. W. Richardson, proprietor. The Queen's birthday programme is an elaborate one and includes a Polymorphian parade, foot races, bicycle races, a tug of war, base ball or cricket match, a horse trot, slow horse race, a bicycle parade and a variety of other events. The Crown Against the Jews. London, May 16.—In the Queen's bench division of the high court of justice today Judges Ridley and Darling gave judgment in the case of the crown in the case of the government versus the Jewish Colonization Association, on a claim for succession duty amounting to £1,250,000 upon property valued at upwards of £8,000,000 settled by the late Baron Hirsch in 1882, upon the Colonization Association.

How the Talbot Tried to Run Down the Tug Uncas Because She Was Mistaken for a Blockade Boat-- One of the Incidents Which Was Kept Very Quiet.

One of these sudden Cuban downpours that leaves a man drenched and gasping had just passed over us, and the wind from shore brought to our nostrils the rank odor of the jungle. A tiny spot of light from the peephole in the masked binnacle played on the features of the man at the wheel. The tread of the lookout, the occasional creaking of the wheel, the hum of the engine, the hum of the propeller, and the muffled scrape of a shovel far down in the fireroom told that men were everywhere, quiet but ready. Suddenly the lookout forward stopped in his walk, leaned over the rail and, with the drowsiness driven from his eyes, he began to beat the engine and now and then the muffled scrape of a shovel far down in the fireroom told that men were everywhere, quiet but ready. "Light, o-o!" he shouted. The captain jumped from his seat in the forecastle, and he made in an instant. No need to ask "Where away?" The light showed clear and bright about five miles ahead. "Full speed," sang out the captain. The bell tinkled in the engine room, and as the engineer gave her steam the Uncas jumped like a race-horse down the gangway, a group of firemen stood ready to receive their mates who steered in the fiery hole below. In the language of the Cuban blockade runner, he was in a tight place, but one that he could get out of. "Send pilot," he said. "Every man of us knew that unless we could reach the harbor entrance ahead of the stranger there could be another vessel added to the fleet that lay inside Matanzas harbor waiting for our ships to relax their vigilance—see change to the westward there was a small village and toward this she was heading to pick up a pilot before attempting the entrance. More Than a Blockade Runner. As yet there had been no response from the shore to her signal. The red light still blazed, but in a moment it was dimmed by a line of flame from the deck. A rocket rose high in the air and burst, scattering a shower of blue stars. They saw her now. Lights began to show along the village and the bonfires puffed up along the hillsides, bearing the news east and west. Up on the bridge the captain smoked immense quantities of cigars, and then steering at the engineer through the speaking tube for more speed. We hung fast to her wake, drawing closer and closer to the long black line lying close to the water and the dim figures on her deck became clearer. In a moment an unwieldy tug, too large for a rifle, swung toward us, revealing what some had already suspected. "A torpedo boat!" cried one of the men. "She had thrown up the chase and slowly swung till she was broadside on. The captain lit a fresh cigarette, lit his revolver around and stepped back against the pilot house. "All ready, boys?" he queried. "Yes, captain." No. 2, little Hotchkiss one-pounder, slipped a shell into the breach and gave the gun's barrel a loving pat. "Too late to Avoid the Clash. "Full speed ahead! Stand by to ram!" came the commands in rapid succession, and the Uncas shot ahead. Every man, except the gun's crews, dropped flat and hid himself. Without a word the guns were trained on the torpedo tug. The helmsman gave her wheel a spoke and she began to strike her bow into the side of the torpedo boat. The Uncas was cut from deck to water. Men standing near her rail were knocked overboard by the impact, while the Uncas, with her engine room made the forward compartment of the Talbot seem a mass of flame. It was collision drill, fire drill and man overboard drill all in one. The crew of the torpedo boat were equal to the emergency. The boat was lowered hard and she was in the water before they had fished out their shipmates and put out the fire. The Talbot was bulkheaded into compartments after a fashion, and by closing the port midship bunker, in which the cut had been made, they kept her from sinking. But the water gave her such a list to starboard that she could not be steered, so we had to take her in tow. "We set off for the eastward, and arrived at the little island off Cardenas called Piedras King about daybreak. The mechanics patched up the leak with a piece of sheet copper, the pumps were set to going, and in a few hours the Talbot was on an even keel again. "There were many things to be explained at the conference held that day in the captain's cabin; the red light, the rockets and all the rest. Yet the explanation was simple, plain, after all. The Talbot had carried the regular signal, a red above two white, but her 10-foot stick of a mast was only high enough to show the topmost light above the funnels. Moreover, it was the Talbot's first experience on the blockade, and when the captain of her found himself off the coast after nightfall he had a very hazy idea of his location. He was sure of one thing—he had made for the coast, but he was not delivered, so he bumped around, touching off the fireworks, as he said, "to let the vessels on that blockade know he had arrived." And he succeeded beautifully. The correspondent on the newspaper launch at Key West sent a story when he saw a much-battered torpedo boat with a great patch in her side steam into the harbor next morning. But the captain of the Talbot was in his way, and out of sight of the blockade. He had never been a whistler, but the occurrence that is set down here—[St. Louis Globe-Democrat.]

Paper Currency Issued to Tide Over Siege Stringency. Owing to the scarcity of silver it has been found necessary to issue a paper currency for small amounts in Kimberley (namely, 2s, 2s, 1s, and 3d.). This will be redeemable on the termination of the siege, and is current for its full face value. All persons are warned that refusing to accept, charging commission on or paying less than the full face value of this currency is illegal, and will render the offender liable to severe penalties.—[Kimberley Mail.] Dewey at Knoxville. Knoxville, Tenn., May 15.—Admiral Dewey and his party, accompanied by various reception committees and members of the Daughters of the Revolution and many citizens, left this morning at 9 o'clock by boat for the birthplace of Admiral Farragut at Low Ferry, 13 miles west of this city. At noon the site of the old Farragut homestead was visited and Admiral Dewey, who served as a lieutenant under Farragut at Mobile Bay, formally unveiled a marble shaft erected to mark the birthplace of the first admiral of the American navy. Following the unveiling Admiral Dewey made an address in which he paid high tribute to Farragut and recounted his associations with him. The party returned to the city this afternoon, where a final reception was tendered Admiral Dewey by the Cumberland Club.

New York Strikers. New York, May 15.—A reply offer of the New York Central and Erie railroads to take back their employees at the old scale of wages has been made today or tomorrow it is expected by the striking freight handlers of roads. Commissioner Delahanty said today there was absolutely no change in strike situation. Discussing the Postal Frauds. Washington, May 15.—The Cuban frauds were discussed at today's meeting. No late news has been received throws any light on the situation and no expected that anything conclusively be known until the experts now on way to Havana have concluded their investigation and made their report. The pension of Postmaster Thomas A. Hendon, a great surprise to the president and the rest of the cabinet, and none of the matter of these frauds had been thoroughly investigated, it would be best to continue until all of the effects of the frauds were known, guilty or otherwise, of what was going on. It is believed that there was an spread conspiracy to defraud, but new facts may be developed, and government will settle the matter to the bottom. Boer Reception. Washington, May 15.—Today the Boer delegation which has just arrived in this country. The decision to make no unnecessary precedents against the delegate, but to treat them with as much liberality as is practicable, is a breach of the diplomatic propriety, if they have any credentials, delegates will be afforded opportunity present them to the state department. The Boer delegation, which is a line of action. But as it is under the administration that this party delegation does not come in as a diplomatic mission, the problem connected with their reception is considerably simple and our officials will not be called upon to extend any form of recognition to them. If the Boer republics, which might be regarded as interference in dispute which led to the existing war. A Reply to a Telegram Sent by Lord Curzon. New York, May 15.—Certain news have made the statement that Lord Curzon, viceroy of India, had said that no relief was needed in the famine-stricken New York committee of 100 on India relief yesterday sent the following to Lord Curzon. "New York, May 15.—"Dear Lord Curzon, "Committee of one hundred citizens here for famine relief. Newspapers say you are no longer needed. Can you say anything to the contrary? (Signed) "W. E. DODGE, Chairman India Famine Fund Committee, New York. "So far from our funds being any more needed, we are now in need of more and more money. Many in extreme destitution. All gifts received. (Signed) "LORD CURZON'S REPLY. Two Men Shot in St. Louis by a Doctor. St. Louis, May 15.—The distinguished feature in the street car strike today a riot, which broke out on the open of the Grand avenue line of the St. Louis Transit System, during the progress of which two men were shot. A British Transit Company and its 3,600 striking employees were no nearer an adjustment of their differences than they were a year ago yesterday. The Suburban Company ran on schedule day and night. The opening of the Grand avenue line of the Transit System, during the progress of which two men were shot. A British Transit Company and its 3,600 striking employees were no nearer an adjustment of their differences than they were a year ago yesterday. The Suburban Company ran on schedule day and night. The opening of the Grand avenue line of the Transit System, during the progress of which two men were shot. A British Transit Company and its 3,600 striking employees were no nearer an adjustment of their differences than they were a year ago yesterday. The Suburban Company ran on schedule day and night. The opening of the Grand avenue line of the Transit System, during the progress of which two men were shot. 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