

STILL TAKING ON COMMISSION

Liberals at Commission Stage Repeat Their Objections to Proposed Board to Deal with Tariff Matters

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—Mr. Burrell introduced his bill for the aid and encouragement of agriculture. The plan adopted would be to appoint C. C. James, deputy minister of agriculture of Ontario, to effect a survey of agriculture of several provinces. The bill provides for power to grant money in aid, based on a population basis.

The house went into committee on the tariff commission bill. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the commissioners should be simply statisticians. This commission, however, was destined to prepare briefs for the minister of finance. Free traders would get the worst of the briefs prepared by the statisticians.

Mr. Borden said that the government would not select a man because he was a partisan, but it would not reject a man because he had political opinions. Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 15 years had never appointed a Conservative to anything, and now he declared that this principle was an outrage.

Mr. White said that the opposition to the bill was not thoroughly sincere. The Liberals had made not a real but a sham fight, on the second reading. They had been creating hysteria. These commissioners would have judicial and administrative functions, and he wanted men capable of getting facts and sifting them out.

Mr. White went on to argue that the commission must be more than mere statisticians, instancing the need for an investigation into the cost of production in all its branches. He declared that the commission should be greatly interested in eliciting the facts.

The discussion continued through the afternoon. Just before 6 o'clock Mr. Henderson delivered a telling speech, showing how the Liberals while in power increased the tariff under cover of pretexts which the proposed tariff commission would have shown to be untenable. He instanced the following increases:

Firearms from 20 to 30 per cent; clocks from 25 to 30 per cent; watches from 25 to 30 per cent; linens from 25 to 30 per cent; domestic cottons from 25 to 30 per cent; colored cottons from 25 to 30 per cent.

CABINET RUMORS

Mr. Asquith is Reported to Resign

LONDON, Feb. 15.—The Daily Graphic this morning suggests that Mr. Asquith is about to resign the premiership, and that he will be succeeded by Sir Edward Grey. It further suggests that Secretary Haldane's mission to Berlin was to explain that although Sir Edward Grey has been credited with an anti-German policy, his succession to the premiership will not interfere with Great Britain's desire for an entente with Germany.

As an evidence confirming this idea, the Graphic points out that Premier Asquith's private secretary, Vaughn Nash, recently has been appointed to another position under the government, and that it would be difficult for the Graphic to avoid a conclusion that Mr. Asquith no longer requires a secretary.

Viscount Haldane, war secretary, is steadfast in declining to discuss the objects of his visit to Berlin. He returned to London yesterday. Public opinion is inclined to connect the bestowal of the annual honor of the Order of Merit on Sir Edward Grey with the Haldane mission.

NANAIMO, Feb. 12.—Early yesterday morning the body of a man was found on the colliery track here with the right arm and leg completely severed from the body. The victim was identified as an Indian named Harry Manson, aged about thirty years, who was well known in the city and district. Manson, making his way home to the reserve, had attempted to board a train in motion bound in that direction and falling in his attempt had fallen off the wheels passing over him and inflicting the injuries mentioned. Manson was well known to football enthusiasts in this district, having been a member of the Indian team which made quite a reputation a few years back.

LAUNDRY PREMISES GUTTED BY FIRE Spectacular Sunday Blaze at Victoria Steam Laundry Company's Premises, Yates St., Attracts Thousands

Fire, believed to have originated at the rear of the boiler-room gutted the two-story frame premises occupied by the Victoria Steam Laundry on Yates street on Sunday afternoon. The flames quickly spread through the rear of the building and running up into the roof were burning through the roof before the alarm had ceased sounding. The loss will not be large, probably not exceeding \$5,000. The building was a ramshackle affair about to be demolished in a few weeks and while there is estimated to have been machinery of a value of \$10,000 in the place, little damage was done to it except by water. Probably \$2,500 will cover the loss. Insurance for the amount of \$10,000 on the building and \$15,000 on the plant, was carried. The company has just commenced operations on new premises on North Park street. It will be some two or three months before these are ready for occupation and serious inconvenience will be occasioned through this delay.

LIQUOR ACT TO BE AMENDED

Drastic Provisions Relating to Sale of Intoxicants to Minors and Interdicts—Hon. Mr. Bowers's Bill

Short, but exceedingly drastic in its provisions, is the bill to amend the Liquor Act of 1910 which Attorney General Bowers introduced in the legislature yesterday and which is designed to eliminate minor defects in the law as they have revealed themselves in practice. Through some of these defects the spirit and intent of the act have suffered—through others, the licensees.

As an example of the latter it has been shown to be a common practice for dealers operating under city, whole-saler licenses to sell their wares out into the "unorganized" country districts with kegs of beer and cases of bottled goods, these being readily sold to men employed in logging and railway construction camps, etc., to the loss of the local licensees and not infrequently to produce disturbances of the peace. This reprehensible practice it is proposed to make an end of by the inclusion in the act of a new sub-section, attached to section 53 as it appears in the revised and consolidated statutes, reading as follows:

"No licensee having a wholesale license for the sale of liquor from the licensing authority of any municipality shall sell liquor, either himself or by an agent, or allow liquor in his possession or under his control to be sold outside the municipality in which he is so licensed, without having had first granted to him a wholesale license under the provisions of this act."

Another feature of the act affording in its original form a loophole for the commission of serious abuses in the sale of intoxicants to minors is clarified and strengthened by the amendment of section 77 to broadly prohibit licensees from "giving, delivering or furnishing" intoxicants to minors for any purpose or upon any pretext whatever.

A variation in the text of the statute comprehensively meets the possibility of escape pointed out by his honor Judge Lampman in a Victoria case not very long ago, when a little girl of ten was supplied with beer, the vendor feeling himself justified in the transaction as the child was allegedly acting merely as an agent or messenger for her mother.

The most striking innovations and features of the amended bill are, however, found in its three sections dealing with interdicts, section 101 making the intoxicated person a compellable witness and should he refuse upon examination to give information as to where he obtained liquor, rendering him liable to a penalty, upon summary conviction, of \$20, and in default of thirty days imprisonment, with or without labor; the discretion of the convicting magistrate, in section 102, is enlarged to include the power to order the person to be committed to the workhouse for a term not exceeding thirty days; and in section 103, which is a new section, providing for the appointment of a constable or other peace officer under the influence of liquor may be forthwith apprehended, with or without warrant, and compelled to divulge the source of his supply. This section is drawn in the following terms:

STOCKHOLDERS ENJOY BENEFIT

Mr. James J. Hill Tells Investigating Committee at Washington Story of Lake Superior Ore "Melon"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—James J. Hill, chairman of the board of the Great Northern Railway, told the Stenley trust investigation committee today a story of himself in the role of a philanthropist to the stockholders of the railway company.

Mr. Hill told how he had bought properties for more than four million dollars, turned them over for that amount to the Lake Superior Ore Co., Ltd., as trustee for the railway stockholders, and had the stockholders enjoy the increased value of the property which accumulated rapidly and amounted to millions.

The railway magnate was questioned at length regarding the lease of these ore lands to the United States Steel corporation for development—a lease which the corporation recently decided to cancel on January 1, 1912. In this land there is estimated to be about 100,000,000 tons of ore of which steel corporation value at \$1 a ton.

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AUSTRALIAN LINER WILL BURN OIL Big Steamer for the Union Steamship Company to Have Big Tanks for Oil Fuel

The new liner building at the John Brown yards for the Victoria and Sydney service of the British mail-steamers to burn oil. She is to be of 13,500 gross tonnage, 522 feet 6 inches in length, 66 feet beam and triple screw, driven by combination turbine and reciprocating engines. The tanks will be constructed to carry sufficient oil for the round voyage, and will be shipped at Vancouver, the question of loading fuel there had been the subject of the attention of the Union Steamship Company for some time past, and investigations have been made with a view of ascertaining the possibility of vessels taking oil fuel at "tank up" the coast.

WANT BAGGAGE INSPECTED Officers of Pacific Coast Company's Steamers Ask That Greater Inspection be Made

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Claiming that the recent attitude of the customs department in failing to search the person or baggage of passengers boarding steamships at Puget Sound is working an injustice upon steamship men, Capt. N. H. Hays, superintendent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, will file a protest to Collector Stratton, Monday.

Do These Items Interest You?

COPAS & YOUNG'S

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, including flour, sugar, butter, and marmalade.

WE SAVE YOU MONEY Copas & Young Anti-Combine Grocers Corner Fort and Broad Streets

"Lorna" Extract of Wild Flowers of Eskoos. A deliciously fragrant and most beautiful perfume—an odor that lasts long.

CYRUS H. BOWES Chemist Government St., near Yates

Builders' and Contractors' Supplies A SPECIALTY The Hickman-Tye Hardware Co., Ltd

This Week, a Free Demonstration of EDWARDS' SOUPS Will Be Held Here Under the Supervision of Miss Kramer

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