

OBSTRUCTIONISTS CONTINUE TACTICS

Hold up Important Bill of Minister of Interior to Exclude "Undesirables"

Ottawa, April 8.—A bill calling for the exclusion of undesirable immigrants in the House of Commons this afternoon by the Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of interior, who, in committee of the whole, further explained the bill as an amendment to the immigration act. The object of the act was to make a further provision for the exclusion of undesirable immigrants. The present act provides for the exclusion and deportation of undesirable immigrants at the expense of the steamship company bringing them to Canada. It has been discovered, however, when the immigrants embark in ports outside their native land, it is not possible to return them to that land and they must perform remain. A regulation was passed on January 8, requiring immigrants to have a through ticket from the land of their origin or be subject to exclusion. This applied to Asiatics. In two instances Japanese from the Sandwich Islands, who are not under the jurisdiction of the Japanese government, were deported. A similar situation existed in regard to Hindus from Hong Kong and when during March a large number of Hindus arrived, and it was attempted to enforce the regulation, proceedings were taken by transportation companies and the regulation was set aside on the ground that the government in council could not delegate power to a single minister. The regulation was subsequently amended to suit the courts, but it was felt by the government that the regulation should be embodied in the laws of the country.

Act Never Questioned.
Hon. Mr. Haggart wanted to know if Canada had the power to exclude British subjects for other purposes than quarantine. Mr. Oliver answered that the present act passed in 1906 had never been questioned. Mr. R. L. Borden, in view of the explanation, could not understand the necessity of an act of parliament relating to exclusion as the amendment seemed to provide for everything. The premier further explained the government's idea. It was asking parliament to create a new cause for the exclusion of those not coming from the land of birth. Mr. Borden still did not understand the reason for a parliamentary enactment. Mr. Oliver thought it would be easier to deport undesirable, who had been allowed to land. Besides the steamship companies would better understand that having brought the people from lands other than those of their origin they did so at their own peril.

Called Immigrants Animals.
Col. Hughes said he personally would prefer the Hindus, who had served the King in India, to the ex-convict Yankee who had been an anarchist in his own country or in Europe. Later he referred to some immigrants as "animals." There were protests and Col. Hughes said many of them are not worthy of the name of human beings, yet many of them are at work and it is admitted by the government. He proposed an amendment to exempt such immigrants as have served in the regular or auxiliary forces of the empire. Mr. Macpherson replied to Colonel Hughes: "The Hindus are not suited to become good citizens." Col. Hughes retorted, "I prefer black gentlemen to white anarchists." Mr. Monk reinforced by Mr. Borden raised the point that this created a new cause of exclusion and would also exclude Englishmen coming from the colonies or France.

The premier admitted the force of this argument stating the point was worthy of serious consideration. Mr. S. McCarthy, Calgary, called attention to the report that 10,000 acres had been taken up for a Japanese colony in Alberta. Mr. Macpherson replied that the C. P. R. had applied for leave to bring in 100 Japanese, stating the Japanese government had no objection but would not grant passports except with the consent of the Dominion. That shows the Japanese are living up to their agreement and I believe from this day on, we shall never again have such an influx of Japanese as last year.

The premier held the treaty under international law would be interpreted to allow Canada the power to regulate the Japanese immigration. In this respect, at least, he thought that the legal position of the government was right. It then being just six o'clock the premier wanted the bill read the third time so as to get it to the senate before adjournment as the need of the law was great.

Hold up the Bill.
Col. Hughes: "Will you accept my amendment?"
The premier: "Certainly not."
Then, replied Col. Hughes, "we can not let the act pass. I want it clearly understood that I am in favor of a white man's country and also a decent country."
The bill had to stand over.

During question time Mr. Lavender was informed it was the intention of the post office department to issue a new series of postage stamps on the occasion of the centenary at Quebec, these to be printed both in English and French.

Slave Lake Fishing Privileges.
H. B. Ames (Con., Montreal) asked if fishing privileges on the Lesser Slave Lake had been leased and if so to whom they were assigned and who was at present exercising control. He was told in reply that the lease was granted to J. H. MacKenzie, of the Imperial Fish company, who assigned it to the Athabasca Fish company. The lease was exclusive for a period of ten years at a rental of \$10 annually. The lessee agreed to spend \$300 each year for the three years and

TEMPERANCE FORCES WIN A FRESH VICTORY

Great Meets Great As Temperance and Liquor Forces Fight Out Hottest Campaign Known—Lunches Served By Opposing Forces.

Chicago, April 8.—Illinois cities and towns for the first time had an opportunity to vote directly on the question of saloons, unclouded by other questions and the result was disastrous for the liquor interests. Following the prohibition victories of last fall, when mass meetings of the counties in the lower part of the state voted out saloons, the temperance people today invaded every precinct of the state where the elections were held and made heavy gains. The election followed the hottest campaign ever known since the Civil War. Both sides admitted that the result would be a fair one, but each side expected to win the question of saloons.

Every article known to politics was resorted to by both sides to arouse the voters. In the smaller cities and towns women served coffee and lunch just outside the lines of the polling places while the liquor forces served free drinks and elaborate lunches everywhere.

Prayer services were held in the churches. School children sang temperance songs paraded the streets. Every body of every class and condition was to be seen in the streets. The prohibitionists carried several of the great victories throughout the state and the liquor interests captured several of the principal cities but by greatly reduced majorities.

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TO ABOLISH VERTICAL WRITING IN SCHOOLS

Result of Conference of Deputy Ministers of Education of Three Provinces Held in Regina—New System to be Introduced After Mid-Summer.

The vertical system of writing now in use in the public schools will be abolished at midsummer and a slanting system introduced which, it is believed, will be more satisfactory in every way. This was the decision reached at a conference of the deputy ministers of education of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba held in Regina last week. The matter was under consideration by the department of education for some time with the above result. Efforts are being made to have a suitable copy book introduced for use in the schools with the new system, and it is probable that the book used will be the same in each province.

D. S. McKenzie, deputy minister of education, who returned yesterday from a trip to Regina, stated to a Bulletin representative this morning that a conference was held in Regina last week. D. P. McColl, deputy minister of education of Saskatchewan, the deputy minister for Manitoba and himself, were present at this conference. General educational matters pertaining to the three prairie provinces were discussed. The question of introducing new text books for use in the public schools was considered and it was decided that as far as possible the three provinces should act together in this matter so as to have a uniform system of text books in the west if this can be accomplished without interfering in any way with the plans of the provinces.

WORK OF THE TUG VICTOR

Kept in Commission by Instructions From Dismissed Official.

Ottawa, Ont., April 8.—In the public accounts committee, W. H. Nobis, assistant commissioner of lights for the upper St. Lawrence, called attention in respect to the charter of the tug "Victor" from Mr. Merwin, Montreal, in the case of the tug "Victor". The agreement was made by J. P. Fraser, one of the officials recently suspended by the government, and the tug was chartered for \$25 a day for the tug and furnished coal and supplies. Merwin was paid at the rate of practically all the time from June 28, when the tug arrived in Prescott, although from November 3 to 17 it did not do any work. The witness laid the tug off on October 31, but a few days later received a telegram from Fraser, who was in Vancouver, to put her in commission again.

To Hon. Mr. Brodeur the witness explained that the telegram from Vancouver from Fraser was not on the departmental files because it was marked "personal."

Mr. Bennett: "Would the witness read the telegram?"

Mr. Noble: "If the minister has no objections?"

Mr. Brodeur: "Certainly I have none."
Noble read the telegram, which read: "Keep Victor in commission till close of navigation."
Asked by Mr. McCarthy whether he considered it his duty to do his duty when he signed the contract for the tug, the witness said there was some difference between duty and instructions. "I will carry out my duty," he declared, "whenever I get an opportunity to do so." The examination was not continued.

Surprised at American Interference

Tokio, April 9.—The reported raid by the Japanese on the native staff of the American on the general at Manden could not be confirmed at Tokio. The Japanese papers are wondering why the Americans are interfering on behalf of the Chinese in spite of the explicit treaty stipulations providing for Russo-Japanese jurisdiction of the railway zones in Manchuria. They express the hope that the altruism of the American authorities will not investigate them to assist the Chinese in the recovery of imaginary rights.

Money Package Stolen

Ottawa, April 9.—A package containing \$274 has been stolen from the Graveland post office. It was unregistered and addressed to the Trades Bank, Ottawa.

QUEBEC ELECTIONS SOON

Report that Gouin Will Go To the Country in May.

Quebec, April 7.—In the face of the reported opposition Premier Gouin seems to have decided to hurry on the provincial elections at the earliest possible date. The premier wants next Wednesday, April 15th, to see the end of the present session of the Legislature and an almost immediate appeal to the electors is to be made by the government with a view of bringing the people to the polls on May 15th.

Though not yet officially announced it is certain that Premier Gouin has made a definite private statement to that effect, and that such a result is expected by his followers and confirmed by their statements. It is also certain that the premier has issued instructions to have all bills rushed this week. Gouin has the premier stated for the bench, but today he stated definitely that he would take part in the next election.

Youthful Criminal Murders Mother

New York, April 9.—Capping an amazing career of crime which had kept him within the walls of the reformatory institutions almost since infancy, Edward Gossop, 24 hours after his release from prison today, murdered his aged mother, who had just welcomed him to her home in Brooklyn and given him food. The excuse for the foul crime is that he could have saved his last imprisonment.

WOMAN IN THE CASE

Young Canadian Official May be Arrested for Breaking Laws.

St. Paul, April 9.—United States District Attorney C. C. Haupt said he knew of no act of a Canadian States secret service man with regard to arresting Herbert Wright. If any arrest was made in connection with the action taken by the federal authorities in St. Paul, Mr. Haupt said and the woman never had got as far as St. Paul, and that she was immediately compelled to return to Emerson. According to Mr. Haupt, young Wright, who is an immigrant officer, tried to get the woman across the border, regardless of warnings given by the United States immigration officials. Finally, Wright hired a man to smuggle the woman across the border, and the man was immediately discovered by the authorities and forced to return to Emerson.

Allowed Out on Bail

Thief River Falls, Minn., April 9.—Canadian Customs Inspector L. E. L. with his father, Mayor Wright of Emerson, Manitoba, appeared before a United States Commissioner in Thief River Falls, Minn., today, charging an undesirable alien across the international border. The man was based on a deposit of a hundred dollars and returned to Emerson. The case is still pending.

Foules Retaining

Emerson, Minn., April 9.—It is stated here that the warrant under which Wright was held in the city for a year and a half, was recently released from Winnipeg, and who claims he is a Canadian citizen.

FINANCIAL SITUATION IS ON A SANER BASIS

H. B. Shaw, Superintendent of Union Bank, Says Stringency Has Had Good Effect—Expects Alberta to Be Greatest Province in Dominion and Edmonton one of the Greatest Cities.

H. B. Shaw and H. Vibert, the western superintendent and inspector of the Union Bank, are in the city stopping at the Windsor. They are making their semi-annual tour of the western branches, and for the past few weeks have been visiting the branches in the south of the province. In speaking to a representative of the Bulletin this morning, Mr. Shaw said: "The bank has 97 branches in the west, 22 of which are in Alberta. The branches on the south of the province are all in the best of condition and the farmers are going in for the same state as well as more than pleasing. The conditions of the whole country are very satisfactory considering the past year, but the policy of the bank is a very conservative one, perhaps as much as some of the other banks. Still, even now we must be though the crop conditions are promising and the cattle are improving, anything going wrong during the coming summer the people would feel the stringency of the past year."

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Fish and Game Association Wants Trout Hatchery Established There.

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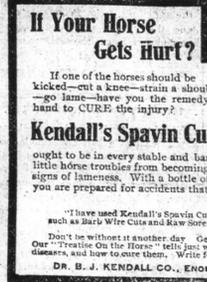
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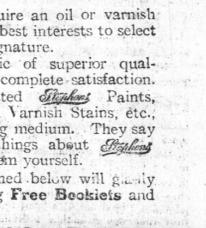
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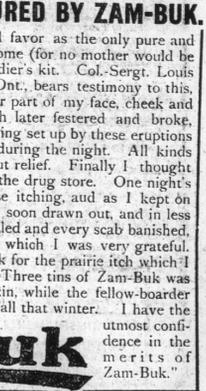
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