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SIR WILFRID LAURIER IN MAS-TERLY SPEECH EXCORI-ATES BOURASSA.

Anxious to Investigate Charges, But Gossip-Improper Payments for G. T.P. Construction Refused.

OTTAWA, March 31.-For weeks ottawa, march 31.—For which post my denial, or in regard to which post both political parties and the pose my denial, or in regard to which \$100,000 after payment of all expenses. dian lines. country generally have been disturbed by certain undefined allegations Member for King's, New Brunswick. It has been said of him that he had the Government, and Members of the members of the House of Commons. House, which seriously reflected upon reality a direct accusation.

ler had employed the words women, wine and graft, but that gentleman, although impulsive and aggressive, was courageous enough to approach the verge of accusation, but had good sense and sound discretion to retain his self control and not assume at this point in this self control and not assume at the property belonged, in the people more for carrying freight and thus earned a larger surplus, but he preferred to leave the surplus over and above the cost of operation of the lines they had rather than to bring rather than to racing with other corporations for the construction of new lines.

At this point is this point is this point in this people. details of the incident.

Bourassa the Purist.

At this juncture there obtrudes himself into the arena one Henry Bourassa, Member for Labelle, who recognises in the incident an oppora purist of the "Holier than thou" type. This bombastic, self-constituted censor of the Canadian public life acclaims himself the custodian of the public conscience, and assumes a Divine right to purify the political atmosphere.

This spectacular political oppor-This spectacular political opportunist, announced his intention of bringing the Fowler incident before er it was to investigate charges of that the House, and on Tuesday he was aurier. In his opening observations newed.

in presenting this matter, inasmuch nor unsubstantial insinuations. Sir as the future and the fate of either Wilfrid concluded a brilliant speech in political party, as at present constituted, is utterly indifferent to me." Here is an alleged Liberal openly stating that even if his action involves the destruction of the Liberal party, to which he saye he belongs, he is indifferent. The House received this statement with manifestations of disapproval, but when the gentleler and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, disapproval expressed itself in vigorous goans and hisses.

anxiety that certain Member of the House should prefer charges against certain other Members. Speaking for himself, he said he might be asked the question, Why do you not make charge yourself? Why do you not take the risk? His reply to this was

This confession was received by

and cries of Oh. oh. sonally he did not possess any information on the subject. This was a dal monger-this valiant assailant of absentees, invited honorable Mem-

He Had No Evidence.

"If I had a tittle of evidence in my session I would make a charge, virtue, but this did not prevent the misguided youth from suggesting paid out of this fund by the Finance Department in accordance with the microbe which has scourged the tro-

Sir Wilfrid described the resolution as the most remarkable he had ever seen in a long parliamentary carreer, and as he proceeded to dissect the spech of Mr. Bourassa, and expose its malignant motive, its ill-content of the parky its object.

The Opposition, finding that an account had been presented to the Covernment of the Covernmen cealed menace to the party, its ob-vious insincerity, its evident bid for ernment and not paid, promptly susnotoriety, he was endorsed by ring-ing applause from all parts of the of recognising that the Finance De-

character of Members of the House a very businesslike and most comemployed these eloquent terms: mendable manner. It must not be for-"I can only to say to my honorable gotten that even had the money been friend from Labelle that every man in paid it would only have been a case this House is an honest man, that of charging to the wrong account every man in this House has the right | money that was justly payable by the to walk with head erect, that every Grand Trunk Pacific. by some one who has the courage to complish no useful purpose. make such a charge. It will no do to Will Ignore Rumors and Street say there are rumors, but since when under British institutions have rumors been the subject of investigation. If

which I can meet, to which I can op-I can offer my explanation."
Sir Wilfrid quoted from the resolued by certain undefined allegations of a roving character, and upon it this. He had been advised that some levelled against no person, naming no freight rates were the lowest in the cars of goods shipped for the west charge, disclosing no offence, and as world. made charges against Members of the premier well said is levellel at 214

Speaking on the subject of the com-House, which seriously renected them, mittee of enquiry asked for by Mr. deficit into a surplus, and attached carried through to the point where their honor. The Conservative press, mittee of enquiry asked for by Mr. much weight to the fact that in the competition ceased. This was only their honor. The Conservative press, anxious to make party capital, example and the incident, and made it appear that what amounted merely appear that the complete that the complete that the complete that the complete that the comp suggestion or insinuation, was in committee to investigate and who is to which had resulted so creditably to good thing if the railways were com-In the heat of the debate Mr. Fow- granted and what shall be the evi-

his self control and not assume a At this point in this speech the position which might become unten- Prime Minister faced Mr. Bourassa and However, everything left un- pointing his finger at him proceeded to able. However, everything left the said and undone by Mr. Fowler was administer a verbal castigation which in the House on Tuesday, and those promptly supplied by the Opposition that young man will not easily forget. press throughout the country, and The Rt. Hon. gentleman reminded the the result has been a period of un- House how difficult it was to deal in confined themselves to quotations from rest and uncertainty as to the exact rumors, that Mr. Bourassa had repeatrumors, that Mr. Bourassa had repeated gossip and street talk affecting the dealt with the relations of Hon. Geo. E. Foster to the companies with which but had also said that he had no proof he had been identified. The allegator he would bring it forward. With tions against Mr. Foster, clustered flery eloquence and perfect diction the Prime Minister continued: "All I have to say to my honorable

friend is, if he has not the proof, why tunity to pose before the people as does he mention it at all? The rumors which have been floating in the air Mr. Foster had received payment by the House." This briliant passage was received with tumultuous cheers by the sup-

kind that the committee was required given an opportunity by Sir Wilfrid the applause was again and again re-The Prime Minister again asserted "I wish to say that the motive which impels me to bring this matter again before the House, is one which impels me to bring this matter again before the House, is one which impels me to bring this matter as one body politic." and he points out the case of Germany as an example.

To be for certain purposes, as one body politic." and he points out the case of Germany as an example.

There was any dispute between that there was any dispute between the case of Germany as an example. think will commend itself to my any member would be given the fullest colleagues. I may, perhaps be able to investigation, but that the House of claim that I have some advantage Commons would not deal in rumors

these words: Premier's Masterly Peroration. "If the honorable member for Labelle or any one else has charges to make against myself or against any of make against myself or against any of my coleagues he is welcome to make them. Let him do it in a parliament. of Paynton and the incorporation of them. Let him do it in a parliament-ary manner, let him formulate his the villages of Craik and Fleming know it. man proceeded to say that a saw-off charges and an investigation shall take as town municipalities. had been arranged between Mr. Fow-Public life has its duties and its re- \$100,000, instead of \$40,000. sponsibilities, and it has perhaps more to suffer than to enjoy, but after all there is one thing which we should, on sixteen being added to the continually

strike below the belt." both sides of the House with jeers his seat amid cheering whoh could be district. heard far beyond the precints of the Continuing he said that he had House, the member for Labelle, his is given includes the following justices

Public Treasury Well Guarded. strange statement for him to make, for only a few weeks ago he uttered a grave insinuation against the hondling of the public moneys and graft or of a public man who was not in in connection with departmental af his seat at the time. Thus it was that fairs, it is interesting to review the this purveyor of rumor—this scan- latest case brought before the Public Accounts Committee of the House.

It appears that as an incident to the pers of the House to blacken the re- building of the Grand Trunk Pacific putations of their colleagues without Railway, certain bonds are guaranteed evidence, without cause, without jus by the Dominion Government, and the tification, for the sole and only rea- proceeds of these bonds stands to the son that he might destroy the party credit of the Minister of Finance to be Peculiar Germ That Causes Yellow to which he has proved a traitor, and to humiliate the great head of that party—Sir, Wilfrid Laurier and work done. The amount to be paid feed his own insatiable appetite for from time to time by the Government, which practically occupies the position misguided youth from suggesting that others, who possess no more information than himself, should assail the honor and integrity of prominent gentlemen.

Mr. Bourassa, who may fittingly he described as a self-conscious iconoclast, concluded a rambling distinction of the items of the trust, but heretofore with the terms of the trust, but heretofore without any suggestion of wrong-doing. Recently it was represented to the Government that the proper proportion of approximately \$900,000 was payable and a statement and vouchers for the amount was sent in. Upon examination of the items the Reliway Dayart.

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asking for a committee of the House with roving powers to wield a muck-rake, and conduct an inquisition into the private affairs of every Mem-ray and conduct affairs of every Mem-ray are an amount was sent in. Upon examination of the items, the Railway Department auditor found certain sums included which he did not think came within the definition of construction axpenses, and he declined to certify such sums amounties to \$162,000.

House. When the Rt. Hon. gentle-partment, ever alert to detect any imman paid a tribute to the personal proper demand upon it, had acted in

man in this House has the right to For several days the Public Accounts his character until that character has Committee was engaged in probing been taken away from him, not by this affair, and it was afterwards takinsinuations, not by the tittle-tattle en into the House and much time was of the street, but upon a charge made wasted in a discussion that could ac-

Surplus on Intercolonial.

The statement presented to the House by Hon. Mr. Emmerson, Ministo the country a surplus exceeding United States railways than on Cana-Mr. Emmerson accentuated the fact

The minister alluded to the confitions under which he had changed a deficit into a surplus, and attached carried through to the point where be the accuser? Let this committee be the department. He stated that he pelled to devote themselves to the

Insurance Report.

This report came up for discussion ers that he had, as manager of a trus fund, caused the company to make an investment in which he himself participated and shared in the profits. It was also disclosed by the report that at last fell into the gutter, and the way of commission upon transactions honorable gentleman gropes in the gutter and brings these rumors into It was pointed out in this connec-

MUNICIPALITIES.

The current number of the Saskatmation of the establishment of the village of Humboldt as a town municipality, notice is also given of the Among certificates of incorporation

ate anything that he has in his mind recently issued are included those of and that he thinks ought to be in the Regina Heating and Plumbing vestigated and tomorrow the investiga- Co., Ltd., and the Balfour and Broadoans and hisses.

Mr. Bourassa expressed his great test in the name of parliamentary life, given of the authorisation of the in the name of parliamentary dignity, change of name of the Western Hardagainst the speech that was made this afternoon by the member for Labelle. Hardware Co. Ltd., with a capital of

one side of the House or on the other, expanding list of schools in the Pro-"I am not going to give the Gov- always endeavor to maintain, that is vince. The number of school districts ernment or the Opposition a chance to say, that in our daily conflicts we empowered to borrow money exceeds should fight fair and square, and never the number of new districts formed by one, the total being seventeen. As the Rt. Hon gentleman resumed Nine additions are made to the herd The appointments of which notice

heard rumors of wrongdoing on the part of Members of the House. He had heard this on the street and in the corridors of the House, but pertain the chamber.

House, the member to be desired, his of the peace: Jas. Tennant, Kyle; S. C. Field, Etoimami; Wm. Hopkins, Saskatoon; C. G. Seay, Fertile Valley; K. N. MacLeod, Rudy; Hugh Maher, Salary and Salary North Battleford; Chas. H. Spicer Theodore; C. H. Slack; Bearerdale W. A. Smith, Goose Lake, and Hector McLennan, Borden. The following license commissioners are also gazetted: Jos. P. Long, Battleford; J. A. C. Day, Battleford, and Alex. R. Chisholm, Bresaylor.

LITTLE BLUE TADPOLES.

Fever. WASHINGTON, April 4.-The yel low fever germ has at last been idenof trustee for the bond-holders, is arrived at by a system of certificate and audit, given and made by officials connected with the Railway Department. Thayer, professor of pathology in the Many milions of dollars have been University of Texas.

MATTER BROUGHT TO THE AT-TENTION OF THE SENATE BY SENATOR PERLEY.

OTTAWA, Ont., April 5 .- Today Senator Perley complained that the railways were so busy extending their ines through the west that they had no time or capital to obtain more power. The result was that farmers could not get their grain to market. They had to borrow money and pay interest to banks.

Hon. Mr. Scott said the Government had brought pressure on the railways to provide adequate power. there are rumors against one or any of my colleagues, it is open to any man comed by the people at large, and reto take up these rumors and to bring to take up these rumors and to bring flects great credit upon the minister motive works were loaded up with them forward in the shape of a charge, who has the pleasure of announcing orders. Conditions were worse on

> Senator Jones thought there was yet reached North Bay. Some cars shipped on November 10 had been

### LORD MILNER ON **COMING CONFERENCE**

SEES NO REASON WHY DIFFER ERENT PARTS OF EMPIRE SHOULD NOT ORGANISE.

MONTREAL, April 3.-A special London cable says: In the forthcoming number of the National Review,

He believes it is a practical possibility to organize the component parts of the empire "for certain purposes, government, to recover control for my private carriages and drove chewan Gazette contains the procla- Downing Street. True, no man in around with my private secretary." his senses, dreams of such a thing, but though in this country we all

> "If the Canadian government still regard any proposal for the organized permanent consultations between the states of the empire like those con tained in Lyttleton's despatches as FUND WAS OBTAINED IN SUBcalculated to interfere with the workings of responsible government, it is better that the Hon. Alfred Deakin and Sir Joseph Ward should convince them that this is not the case, than that any Englishman should attempt to do so.

"We British imperialists will be better employed if we concentrate our efforts upon removing prejudices, which still prevent many people in the country from responding to such overtures as the colonies are prepared to make."

LIVES OF LITTLE VICTIMS PLACED AT \$800 EACH IF SETTLED OUT OF COURT.

tary of the Board has received a notification of claims for damages replete the total. It appeared a stupen-dous undertaking. But the determination of the sixteen children. As tion of the workers overcame the difficulty and the collection of this sum is the world's record for a single day's no answer has been given, but Rev.

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Church, who is acting on behalf of the parents, looks forward to a favorable response. He is acting on the advice of two prominent legal firms, HB- and in case an amfeable settlement is not reached, the matter will be acting and reached and reached the matter will be acting and the acting on behalf of the courts.

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SAN SALVADOR, April 4.—The figures are \$45,938,207, as compared that he was acting on behalf of the courts.

SAN SALVADOR, April 4.—The official organ of the Government, in setting forth the reasons for Salvadors and the setting forth the rea within the definition of construction into the private affairs of every Member of the House.

Sir Wilfrid's Eloquent Reply.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier arcse to really the House was crowded, every Member soon was only available, and the billis presented to the moneys held in trust, were properly spaced by the company, the manner of the company, the manner of the company the manner of the company the manner of the construction and the properly available to the particular space of the manner of the construction in the former year. This means an increase in the formation of the formation



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### **RESIGNATION OF** GOV. SWETTENHAM FOR PAST 9 MONTHS

STANDARD PUBLISHES INSIDE INCREASE OF \$8,800,000 OVER INFORMATION ON SIR ALEX-ANDER'S WITHDRAWAL.

is not nearly time enough to be de- resigned in consequence of a perempabout \$600,000. to apologise to Rear Admiral Davis. move it would impossible to avoid the time of the Kingston earthquake, suspicion, amounting in some quart- saying, "We were the best of friends ers almost to mania, that we were during the whole time the admiral seeking to interfere with colonial self- was there. He had the use of one of

### know this, it is evident that in the colonies, especially, perhaps, in Canada, a good many people still do not FOR OTTAWA CITY

SCRIPTION CAMPAIGN LAST-ING TWO WEEKS.

The great task which has occupied the attention of every association member for the past two weeks culminated in a mighty triumph on

true born Canadian. When it was first announced that expenses quite clear. The working the Rideau Falls to Minto bridge. It the association had set itself to win expenses for February of this year will be blasted out as quickly as pos-MONTREAL, April 4—One of the latest results of the disastrous fire in Hochelaga Protestant School some weeks ago is an attempt on the part of the parents of the little victims to obtain from the Protestant School Rear of the secretary of the association, Mr. J. W. Woods, general some compensation for their the secretary of the association, knew the secretary of the association that the secretary of the association the secretary of the association that the secretary of the secretary of the association that the secretary of the association that the secretary that the secret Board some compensation for their the secretary of the association, knew Board some compensation for their the secretary of the association, knew does not represent the total loss of london, April 3.—R. D. Holt was deaths. In consequence the secre- no such word as fail. On Thursday profit for the record of the road for elected yesterday to represent the deaths. In consequence the secre- no such word as rail. On the record of the record of

# FISCAL RETURNS

SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR ANNOUNCED IN HOUSE.

OTTAWA, ONt., April 5-The today declares it is able to publish for statement of the revenue and expenthe first time the circumstances lead- diture of the Dominion for the nine is of whether that the preent Chinese famine proaching colonial conference. Lord ing to the resignation of Sir Alexand-months of the fiscal year ending with Milner regrets that the description of "imrecolonial" is still preferred to "imnerial" and that only three weeks in the control of the paper says that according to the resignation of Sir Alexandmonths of the nscal year ending with period of greatest agony is yet to march shows a revenue of \$65,814,day weeks must pass before
457, an increase of \$8,800,000 over
there will be relief from the nscal year ending with period of greatest agony is yet to come.

Many weeks must pass before perial," and that only three weeks in ing to Sir Alexander's own statement the same time last year. For the perial," and that only three weeks in ing to Sir Alexander's own statement every four years is directed to it. This in a letter to an intimate friend, he voted to settling the affairs of the em-The expenditure is only about

would do so, but a compulsory apol- nine months showing a betermen of proaching. So terrible is the situaeight millions seven hundred thou-There was an increase in the cap-

## OF STORMY WEATHER IF PRESENT MILD WEATHER

CANADIAN PACIFIC PROFITS IN FEBRUARY WERE CONSID-ERABLY REDUCED.

MONTREAL, April 4-Some interesting statistics showing the cost to the railways of the recent hard winthe rankways of the recent hard win-ter in the West, and, in fact, through-out the Dominion, have been set OTTAWA, April 4.—Ottawa is to forth by the Canadian Pacific Railhave a \$200,000 Y.M.C.A. building. The way. The gross earnings of that bridge are prepared for a flood. greatest subscription movement in history of the city has been completed amounted to \$4,268,206, while the and 14 days of constant organized effort have netted \$200,423.

Amounted to \$2,200,200, while the forced upon it is also the opinion of last year amounted to 4,224,450, many. It was with difficulty that it

for February of this year. This increase, however, in the whether it is staunch enough to hold gross earnings is very much more its own against the onrush of water. than offset by the great increase in Unless the weather changes a flood is Thursday night one hour before mid- the cost of running the road due to expected to occur. night. The achievement illustrates the extremely severe weather sufwhat can be done by concentrated effered throughout the Dominion. The a flood this year than for some years fort coupled with enthusiasm. The heavy snowfall and extreme cold past," said City Engineer Ker. "The very magnitude of the campaign made it at times almost impossible to ice is the thickest that it has been for success possible, for it produced that operate trains at all in the West, many winters, and if the break comes feeling of fighting against big odds and even when operation was prac- suddenly there will be great danger which ever brings out the best quali- ticable, it was only at a very great of a jam." ties and pluck characteristic of the cost and damage to rolling stock. Work was commenced on Thursday The statistics make the additional at clearing the western channel from

this great sum from the pockets of amounted to \$3,646,218, as against sible. The Eastern channel has al-Ottawa's citizen's, none other than \$3,018707 for the same month last ready been cleared. optimists said it was possible. It year. This meant an increase in run-would have daunted anyone but those ning expenses of \$627,500. The net

## CHINA FAMINE

SUFFERING IS UNPRECEDENTED AND CANNIBALISM IS IN-DULGED IN EVERY DAY

WASHINGTON, April 7 .- The Red their American friends. A cablegram from the editor of the North China News at Shanghai, says that the sesuch a course were necessary, he \$100,000 more than for the previous verest pinch of the famine is ap-

### SERIOUS FLOOD IS FEARED AT OTTAWA

CONTINUES OVERFLOW IS INEVITABLE

OTTAWA, April 4.—There is every prospect that if the present thaw continues there will be a serious flood through the Rideau River district this spring. Although the river has been cleared of ice up as far as St. Patrick

thus showing an increase of \$43,754 braved the torrents last spring, and in its present condition it is doubtful