

PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Blair in Defending His Railway Deal,

Says Trade in Maritime Provinces is no Better This Year Than Ten Years Ago.

Mr. Powell, in Reply Quotes Fielding's Statement That There is a Revival of Business from One End of Canada to the Other.

OTTAWA, May 30.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated at the beginning of the sitting today that the government would not acquiesce in Sir Charles Tupper's suggestion that the gerrymander bill be withdrawn.

The afternoon was devoted to the discussion of two bills from the inland revenue department, one relating to distillery regulations, the other defining the size and character of apple barrels. Hon. Mr. Joly got much involved in explanations of the last mentioned amendment, and the committee rose without getting through it.

Commissioner Ogilvie's report of his Yukon investigation is not a long document. It sets forth that the commissioner decided at the beginning to hear no evidence relating to events subsequent to last August. When this decision was announced the miners' committee and the proprietors of Nugget newspaper withdrew from court and refused to prosecute.

Hon. Mr. Blair moved the second reading of the Drummond railway contract bill, but on the suggestion of Tupper and Foster the motion was withdrawn, pending the introduction of the Grand Trunk bill, of which notice was given last evening.

The house then proceeded to the consideration of the Quebec harbor bill which occupied attention until midnight, and the house adjourned at midnight.

OTTAWA, May 31.—Mr. McDougall of Cape Breton, following up the inquiry raised several times by Mr. McInerney of Kent, wanted Sir Louis Davies to state what conclusion had been reached as to the close of the lobster season.

Mr. Robertson brought up the alien labor law and the Grand Trunk strike. He has heard that aliens are to be imported to take the place of section men of the Grand Trunk who are on strike, and read a statement of De Barrie of Buffalo that there was no truth in the statement, as to the suspension of the alien labor law.

Mr. Robertson could not understand why Sir Wilfrid Laurier's understanding that the alien laws of both countries should be in abeyance did not restrain De Barrie as well as the Canadian department of justice.

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A RESOLUTION AGREED TO. On motion to go into supply this evening, Sir Charles Tupper moved the following resolution, merely remarking that he thought it would be found acceptable to the whole house and that the government could not object thereto.

"This house is of opinion that it is required by our parliamentary system that every branch of the public service should be represented directly or indirectly in the houses of parliament.

"This house is further of opinion that ministers of the crown, having entire control over public departments, are bound to assume responsibility for every official act.

"This house is further of opinion that ministers of the crown should not permit blame to be imputed to any subordinate in the manner in which the business of the country is transacted, except only in cases of personal misconduct, for which the political heads have the remedy in their own hands.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier accepted the resolution, stating that the government had no intention of disclaiming responsibility for its officers.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper's reflections on Major Walsh were conceived in wanton malice and had been rebuked by the electors of Brockville.

Mr. Laurier withdrew his language and observed that he regretted Tupper's conduct was such that he could not describe it in parliamentary language.

Mr. Laurier observed that this was an extraordinary apology to come from a man whose reputation rested chiefly on his manners.

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PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE.

The public accounts committee devoted the whole morning to an attempt to get information respecting Sir Oliver Mowat's criticism of Mr. Sifton's excessive payments to his Manitoba friends in connection with the bogus prosecution of 1898.

The auditor general, Mr. G. P. B. Fraser, then minister of justice, protested against these charges and payments in a letter to Mr. Sifton. This letter was seen by some of the officials of the department of justice, and one of them gave testimony about it last year.

The auditor general stated that he formed this opinion from the contents of the letter of the file and from his consultation with Mr. Mills, who succeeded Sir Oliver Mowat, and did it on the ground that it was a private and confidential letter.

Mr. Borden of Halifax, who was examining, asked the witness what Mr. McDougall's reason was for supposing the letter was private.

The solicitor general and Sir Louis Davies objected to this question being asked, and it was ruled out. An appeal was made against the decision of D. C. Fraser, the chairman, but at this point the objection was withdrawn.

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THE CLOSING EXERCISES OF THE YEAR WELL ATTENDED.

OTTAWA, June 1.—Hon. Mr. Blair moved the house in committees on the new Grand Trunk contract. He devoted the first hour of the discussion to the attempt to show that the present tariff arrangement between the government and the C. P. R. was injurious to the traffic of the Intercolonial.

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N. B. UNIVERSITY.

The Closing Exercises of the Year Well Attended. Orations by Dr. Parkin, Prof. Bailey, and Others—Mr. Sweet the Valedictorian.

FREDERICTON, June 1.—Friends of the University of New Brunswick crowded its halls and library this afternoon to listen to the interesting convocation exercises.

"Science in New Brunswick in Relation to the University" was the title of the address in praise of the founders, delivered by Dr. L. W. Bailey, professor of chemistry and natural science.

After referring briefly to the collegiate work of the past year as having been satisfactory, he proceeded to sketch the gradual growth of scientific study in the province both within and without the college walls.

The first pioneer in this direction was Dr. Cresner, who in 1838 and the two following years made a geological exploration of the province and gathered the data for construction of the first geological map of the province, which, however, was never published.

A committee of students, and another representing the Alumni Society waited upon the university senate this morning, and called attention to the project for securing an engineering building.

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