

think Mr. Laurier should be expelled from Parliament while the Liberal members think no blame attaches to him, but that the member making the charges should be removed.—The debate on this question lasted from three o'clock on Thursday afternoon until a quarter to five on Friday morning, when Mr. Laurier was escorted by a straight party vote of 30 to 36. Sixty-two other members, many of whom were absent, "passed," thus recording in advance their support of whatever stand the rest of their respective parties might take.

G. G. C. CO. BILL

Ottawa, April 28.—The bill to incorporate the Grain Growers' Grain Company was considered by the private bills committee on Tuesday and again on Friday. There was some objection to the wide powers asked for by the company with regard to mining, manufacturing, milling and the holding of real estate, but the committee finally decided to report the bill with a few technical amendments.

BRITISH-AMERICAN PEACE PROPOSALS

London, April 28.—What Premier Asquith described as "this venerable guild hall," without whose seal of approval no popular movement in London is really launched, witnessed today a meeting for the adoption of resolutions pledging the city to the support of Anglo-American complete arbitration. The lord mayor of London, in his scarlet robes and with the mace in front of him, held the center of a temporary stage. On the right was the prime minister, at his left former

Premier Balfour, leader of the opposition in the House of Commons, while seated about the mayor were the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Westminster, Lord Lansdowne, the lord-high chamberlain, Lord Strathmore, high commissioner of Canada, Sir Joseph C. Ward, premier of New Zealand and other notables. Over their heads the union jack and the stars and stripes were entwined.

Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour spoke eloquently of the treaty first proposed by President Taft, declaring that it would mark a new era in civilization, but both pointedly disclaimed that a power must between Great Britain and the United States providing for the submission of all differences to arbitration would mean an alliance between the two countries. Mr. Balfour warned his hearers, that should he said, those in the world felt more the burden of preparing for war, that the treaty would mean the immediate reduction of armaments. The meeting represented the democracy of England rather than the aristocracy. Among those on the platform were the bishop of Hereford, the Earl of Aberdeen, lord lieutenant of Ireland, Sir George N. Reid, high commissioner of Australia, agents of all the other British colonies, along with representatives of the banks, the railways and the steamship companies of England.

After declaring that the projected treaty implied no menace to the rest of mankind and did not provide for an Anglo-American alliance aggressive or defensive, the premier continued: "But we may hope and believe that other things will follow. It is not for us to debate or to preach to other nations, but if the United States and Great Britain resources war a step will be taken of immeasurable and incomparable significance in the onward progress of humanity." Mr. Asquith then moved the following resolution: "That the meeting of citizens of London assembled in the Guildhall cordially welcomes the proposal of the United States in favor of a general treaty of arbitration between that country and the British empire and pledges its support to the principles of such a treaty as serving the highest interests of the two nations and as tending to promote the peace of the world."

The resolution was received with tremendous applause which continued until Mr. Balfour rose to second it. The Archbishop of Canterbury, the Archbishop of Westminster, Chief Rabbi Adler of the United Hebrew congregations of the British Empire and Rev. Frederick Brotherton Meyer, minister of Regent's Park chapel, who spoke for the free churches also seconded the resolution. Premier Ward of New Zealand, who spoke briefly for the colonies, received an enthusiastic reception. Lord Asquith, Lord Rector of St. Andrews University and Lord Rothschild, who were unable to be present, telegraphed their regrets.

AUSTRALIAN REFERENDUM

Melbourne, April 26.—The Referendum proposals regarding amendments to the constitution of the Commonwealth were voted upon today, and enormous public interest was shown in the contest. The proposals of the Labor government were defeated both by an aggregate majority and by the total vote for Australia. The figures indicate the plurality of 90,000 against the amendments, and it is said this in all probability will be doubled when the full returns are to hand. The press describes the result as a smashing blow to the political trade unions. It is noteworthy that many electorates held by the labor party voted heavily against the amendments.

Watt, the Victoria treasurer, regards the vote as against Socialism. Though the Labor leaders admitted they feared defeat, they did not think the result would be so decisive as it proved to be. The outcome of the voting is a surprise even to the Liberal party. Ex-Premier Deakin, who took a prominent part to secure defeat of the measure, declares himself satisfied with the result, which he regards as a reaction of the people against the domination of the Labor party. Deakin expects that with improved organization the Liberals are certain to recapture the seats lost in the last election. Only the fact that Premier Fisher is now on the way to the imperial conference is said to stop the labor government from resigning as a protest.

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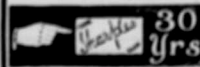
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Federal government greater power in certain matters. The attorney-general, Mr. Hughes, addressed a memorandum to the state premiers several months ago indicating to what extent the Commonwealth purposed exercising its increased powers in the event of the amendments being ratified by the people. Mr. Hughes summarized these intentions under two headings: (a) legislation necessary to give effect to what is known as the "New protection"; and (b) such amendments of the industrial acts as may be necessary for the prevention and settlement of industrial disputes, and to give effect to the policy of a fair wage for all workers. The minute sets out that any new Commonwealth industrial legislation will aim, not at superseding, but only supplementing the state laws. The Commonwealth, he said, did not seek enlarged powers to trespass on the state's domain, but to work effectively in a sphere in which the state cannot, by reason of geographical limitations and other circumstances, operate unaided, and in which the Commonwealth is at present hampered. The states would retain, he said, their powers to make concurrent laws in trade, com-

merce, and industry, and exclusive powers in regard to land settlement, development, and protection of natural resources, education in all its branches, public health and morals, and social relations.

C. P. R. STOCK RECORD

On Saturday, April 29, Canadian Pacific stock at Montreal went to the record figure of \$231½, which was bid for the stock. Holders asked 234. Later sales were made at 233.

IMMIGRATION FIGURES

April 25.—The total immigration into Canada for the fiscal year ending 31st March last was 313,684. The immigration from the United States was 121,451 and by ocean ports 189,633. The total immigration for the previous fiscal year was 208,794; 103,798 being from the United States and 104,996 entered by ocean ports. The increase for the last fiscal year was 49 per cent.

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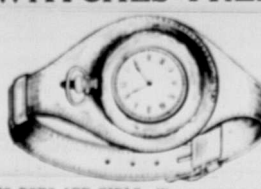
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