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**PARLIAMENTARY
REVIEW**

The third session of the tenth parliament of Canada was brought to a close with the usual ceremonies. It was the 95th working day of the session although, in actual sense, the session lasted for five months and six days. The speech from the throne dealt with the usual generalities. It referred to the continued prosperity of the country, to the enormous advance of commerce and reviewed the legislation just closed. Special emphasis was laid upon benefits of the industrial disputes act and upon the tariff legislation. There were no unusual features except that Sir Wilfrid was absent, his place was, however, taken by Sir Richard Cartwright, who as senior privy councillor, took his place to the right of the throne. There was not the usual crowd of ladies on the floor, but there was an unusual attendance of the public owing to the ceremony taking place on Saturday afternoon when so much of Ottawa takes a holiday. As the hand of the guards played "God Save the King" after His Excellency's departure the tired legislators and all the attendants upon parliament said "Amen."

They left with a full knowledge that the next session will be a stormy one, and with confidence that they had all done their duty. The declining days of the past session were robbed of a great deal of their interest and spiritiveness by the absence of the premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and two of his principal ministers, Sir Frederick Borden, the minister of militia, and Hon. L. P. Brodeur, minister of marine and fisheries. They are all in London, representing Canada at the colonial conference, which holds a front place in the interests of the British empire at large. This is the first time, at least in a good many years, that the first minister has been absent from the Canadian parliament when the picturesque proceedings in progress.

In their places, however, were proved and experienced leaders who might be depended upon to rise to the occasion should circumstances for evidences of their ability to prove their merit in that respect. In the commons there was as leader Hon. W. S. Fielding, the minister of finance, upon whom political gossip has already cast the mantle of the premiership, while in the senate that old political war horse, Sir Richard Cartwright, for the nonce, shouldered the responsibilities of the premiership and the general direction of the Liberal party's destinies while the occasion arise to require the assertion of authority.

It had been pretty well arranged, however, before the departure of Sir Wilfrid Laurier that all contentious subjects had been either settled or wiped off the slate for the time being, and that only such matters as might be disposed of without party strife or combat should come up in the final days of the session. Thus it was much of interest incidental to the closing proceedings was lacking when compared with previous sessions. Several bills which might have created somewhat of a fight that neither side was desirous of a show down. It was in fact strongly hinted in the press that there was an understanding between the leaders of the House to ward off further developments along these lines. This was, however, denied by the leaders, who claimed their willingness to have the situation cleared up.

In the meantime there had been a lively debate about the resignation of Mr. Hyman, who had gone away sick and had left his resignation behind him but in such shape that there was doubt as to its validity. There were rumors about him which Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated in the house were denied by Mr. Hyman and which statements were not able to the premier.

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him but later on an accusation was made against Hon. Mr. Emmerson by a New Brunswick paper of which Mr. Fowler is a shareholder. This led to his resignation and institution of libel actions against several papers which published the charges and these cases are now sub judice.

Mr. Bourassa made another effort to have Mr. Fowler prove or withdraw his charges, but the speaker ruled the motion out of order on a technicality.

As has already been stated these incidents constituted the most exciting of the sessions compared with which the ordinary legislation paled into insignificance. There were a few measures carried which aroused more than passing interest but the session was devoid of great questions or debates on matters of great party policy which have in the past stirred the interest of the country from the Atlantic to the Pacific. For instance, last session the Grand Trunk Pacific legislation was put through. Its passage was stubbornly and stiffly contested foot by foot by the opposition, but there was nothing like it introduced last session. Debates on religious teaching in the public schools in schools have in the past thrilled and aroused the passions of the people, but there was never a thrill to be had during the past session apart from the "wine, women and graft" talk.

The evidence which had been taken throughout the sittings of the commission was well known and widely commented upon and it so happens involved some of the operations in western lands of a number of members of parliament on the opposition side.

Whether justified or not, the charge was openly made in parliament that one of the main purposes of the institution of the commission was to rake up material to discredit a number of the leading members of the Conservative party. Mr. G. W. Fowler a New Brunswick member of the house had initiated a deal in western lands in which a number of his colleagues participated. The Union Trust Co., of which Hon. G. E. Foster is an official, was brought into it through his company assisting in financing the deal. The selection of the lands purchased was brought about and their transferable value considerably advanced, so it was said by the information given to the parties to the transaction by an official of a railway traversing the Canadian Northwest. In this way, it was alleged, by Liberal members that a number of their political opponents had prostituted their places in parliament by placing themselves under obligations to interests now which at any time be seeking their support for the advancement of legislation or interest to their property or on the other hand desirous of having their opposition to some legislation detrimental to their interests.

This situation led to taunts and insinuations of disclosures, by members on the Liberal side and it was in response to one of these that Mr. Fowler made his famous "wine, women and graft" disclosure threat. Here was a situation which contained all kinds of possibilities. The insinuation was levelled at the heads of the ministry and there was at once a clamor, led principally by Mr. Bourassa, for more definite charges or else for a complete withdrawal.

The situation became at once dramatic and intense. It was claimed by the independent press of the country that neither side was desirous of a show down. It was in fact strongly hinted in the press that there was an understanding between the leaders of the House to ward off further developments along these lines. This was, however, denied by the leaders, who claimed their willingness to have the situation cleared up.

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PRESS COMMENTS

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refused to do his duty, and defied the Captain and the whole quarter-deck. With two comrades, Bourassa and Robitaille, he was marooned on a coral island called Independence. Of late years the population of the island has been exceedingly sparse. Aside from a shortage in the coal bunkers during the latter part of the voyage, there was little else worth chronicling. Quartermaster Brodeur received leave of absence, and, with Master Gunner Borden, accompanied the Captain to the Admiralty office. It is said that the cost of the voyage was close to \$125,000,000, but this is not confirmed.

KILLED WRONG MAN

San Francisco, May 3.—The Examiner says today: The supposed desperado, who was killed at Wilson Monday night after a running fight with a posse of officers, has been identified as Count Otto Von Waldstein, of Austria, scion of a noble family, member of the Cardinal and of the richest man in Francis Joseph of this city, who knew him well, after the body of the young nobleman had been exhumed from the potter's field, was completed.

Count Otto died fighting, believing he was being attacked by a band of robbers. The posse thought it had run down Smith the murderer of John Marcovitch, of Oakland. Count Otto Von Waldstein left Austria and his family years ago because of a love affair. He fought through the Boer war and wandered to America, a poor man without a profession. He followed the reclamation service through the west. He quit work in Placer county the day before his death and started to walk to San Francisco.

TO HELP THE CAUSE.

Kincardine, Ont., May 3.—E. R. Masterman, manager of the Mansion House, closed his doors and pinned a placard in the window facing Main street. He then drove to Kincardine and took a train for parts unknown. On the placard were the names of about a dozen men and amounts he alleges they owe him for drinks, ranging all the way from 30 cents to \$7, and instructions to them to pay the amount to the western bank to the credit of the local option fund. It was there all day Saturday open to the public gaze, but was taken down at night.

C.P.R. TRAFFIC RETURNS.

Montreal, May 5.—The C.P.R. traffic for the week ending with April 30 was \$1,993,900. For the same week last year the traffic was \$1,087,000.

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Montreal May 2.—Nothing new has developed today in regard to the changes in the Sovereign bank. It is given out that there is not the slightest truth in the story that the bank was to be amalgamated with some other large institution.

For some time it has been understood that J. Pierpont Morgan and his associates have been acquiring a firm hold on the stock of the bank. Having become heavily interested Mr. Morgan desires that some modification should be made in the policy of the bank. The changes now made and those taking place are apparently the result of the purpose.

A meeting of the directors was held today. After it was over, the announcement was made that Mr. Jarvis had been prevailed upon to accept the presidency in succession to Mr. McDonald, who felt that his own active business interests prevented him from giving the bank as much of his time as he would desire. It was announced that the bank's business had grown at a phenomenal rate during the past year or two, and that the health of the present general manager, D. M. Stewart, had suffered considerably from the exacting nature of his work. In view of this, it is altogether likely that assistance will be afforded him by the appointment of a joint general manager. Mr. Jarvis will take up his new duties as president at once.

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