

Provincial Parliament

The Wages of Workmen on Government Works-Mr. Helmecken's Resolution.

Mr. McInnes's Amendment Prohibiting the Employment of Chinese and Japs.

Legislature, Wednesday. There was without doubt the liveliest session of the Legislature at the Wednesday sitting that has yet been witnessed this session, and the end of the question debated has not been reached, as each one was adjourned. In some cases the debate yet to come on some points promises to take even longer yet.

The first subject of discussion was the resolution of Mr. Helmecken as follows: "That, in the opinion of this House, all government contracts should contain such condition as will prevent abatement of such wages as are generally accepted as current in each trade for competent workmen in the district where the work is carried out, and it is hereby resolved that the work to which the foregoing policy shall apply includes not only work undertaken by the government itself, but also work aided by a grant of provincial public funds and all works carried on under franchises granted by the government, and that the aforesaid policy shall be forthwith applied to every department of the public service and to all parties now performing services for the government."

Mr. Ralph Smith seconded the resolution, but on the amendments proposed by Mr. McInnes, was put in the rather curious position of voting against the motion, or to speak more particularly, of voting for the amendments which were opposed by the supporters of the resolution. In fact there were no opponents of the resolution in the original shape it was made, but the amendments offered by Mr. McInnes, as follows: "That the resolution be amended by inserting between the words 'forthwith' and 'applied,' in the seventh line following the word 'embodied in an act and'; also by adding thereto the following words: 'also that in all contracts, leases and concessions of whatsoever kind entered into or made by the government, provision be made that no Chinese or Japanese shall be employed in such work, but that the same shall be restricted to the persons who are embodied in an act and'."

The division was then called, and on demand the names were taken down, the amendment being lost on the following division: Yeas: Messrs. McInnes, Gilmore, Staples, E. C. Smith, Oliver, Kidd, North, Brown, Martin, Curtis, Munro, R. Smith and Houston—13. Nays: Messrs. Green, Hall, McPhillips, Helmecken, Turner, Dunsmuir, Eberts, A. W. Smith, Ellison, Chiford, Eulton, Hayward, Garden, Tudlow, Prentice, Wells, McBride, Pooley, Murphy, Rogers, Hunter, Taylor, Dickie, and Mounce—21.

This was the first division so far this session, and considerable interest was evinced. Messrs. Houston, Kidd, Munro, Neill, and Ralph Smith voted with the opposition, making the vote stand 13 to 24. The debate was continued, Mr. Martin taking up the second part of the amendment, pointing out that while the government might not be ready with legislation on the other point, there was no reason why they should not take up the second proposition, which afforded a ready and effective weapon in the timber leases which were continually falling due and need not be renewed unless the clauses sought to be introduced were embodied in the new lease, and this would be the means of drying a goddamny out of competitive employment. It was quite competent for the House to pass a resolution instructing the government as to the clause that must be embodied in such leases. The same was true of hydraulic leases, which were leased at nominal figures and should be made to include these provisions. He was surprised that any member should object. They were agreed as to principle, the only difference was the opposition were willing to take up an effective measure while the government supporters were willing to take an excuse for a promise. It was perfectly certain they had no intention to have any legislation on this subject this session. But as to this, why not do it? It was clearly beyond the despicuousness of the disallowance power of the Dominion government. Here is something we can do."

Mr. Helmecken asked leave to adjourn the debate as he had not sufficiently understood the clause as proposed to be made. Mr. Tatlow's resolution on the Mongolian immigration question evoked a long speech from Mr. Brown, who moved the following amendment: "That all the words after the word 'Resolved,' in the first line, and in lieu of the words 'in this House,' in dealing with the question of Oriental immigration, to cast aside all considerations of party and political partisanship, and to take such action as will demonstrate to the world how fair and far-reaching the question really is."

"That an humble address be presented to His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor, praying him to advise His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada that, in the opinion of this House, the Chinese Immigration Act, 1900, will prove wholly inadequate even in approximately checking the tide of Chinese immigration, while it leaves the even more threatening influx of Japanese absolutely unrestrained; and further to advise His Excellency that it is the settled conviction of this House that unless Chinese and Japanese immigration be promptly and effectually checked, not only will laborers and artisans of European races be driven from the province, but all trades and industries other than those exclusively, or almost exclusively, engaged in manufacturing for export the raw material of the province will pass into the hands of Chinese and Japanese."

Mr. Hunter remarked on what he called the exaggerated language of the amendment, and Mr. Helmecken moved to adjourn this also, as he had an amendment to offer. Liquor License Bill. The consideration of the clauses of this bill in committee took up a good portion of the remaining time of the House, and then at 5:45 the motion to adjourn called for half an hour's wrangle as to sitting at night to get on with the work of the session. Nothing more came of it than the assurance of the hon. Finance Minister that as soon as the estimates were brought down they would be prepared to take up night sessions.

Mr. Martin—That is it. Throw it at large or let the government introduce it, which he had already introduced, and if the resolution, if the House should amend it, as it saw fit. The government should state its policy on the question and take credit for such an important change as this was. It was opposed to the principle of responsible government that an important matter of public policy should emanate from a private member, and especially a government supporter, in lieu of the cabinet, a committee of which should have charge of all such affairs. The opposition, while not ready to support all the government might do, in this case would have been willing to support the resolution.

Hon. Mr. Wells—A similar resolution had been introduced into the Imperial House by a private member, and it had passed by general consent. Mr. Helmecken—This resolution stands by itself and the amendments proposed by the member for North Nanaimo are the same amendments sought to be added in the Ontario House. He thought the resolution would commend itself to every member of the House. He had no objection to the amendment offered by the member for Cariboo, but would strongly oppose any other changes, as he was sure the government would bring in a bill dealing with the matter before the end of the session.

Hon. Mr. McBride—It is a general rule that such matters should be brought in by the government, but there was precedent for the present action. The government was not opposed to the action urged by the amendment, but they were not yet ready to go that far. It was a grave question and should be dealt with in a careful manner. Time should be taken to consider it. He therefore asked that the mover of the amendment would withdraw it.

Mr. McInnes agreed that it was a grave subject, but he could not excuse the government for not having a policy on that account, as it had been before the people for years, and every man in the country had made up his mind on it. Therefore the government should be able to make up its mind on the question without having to wait.

Mr. Martin said the references to the amendments offered at Ottawa being thrown out were not parallel, as in the East they were not so interested in the matter as we were. The mover assured the House that the government would bring in an act, and the Hon. Minister of Finance thought that the department had been well administered, and Mr. Martin took the opposite stand. Mr. Staples moved for a return showing all hydraulic mining leases granted in Athol, in Mr. Huron for a return of the dates of the elections for the three years just past.

The Attorney-General informed Mr. Tatlow that there was a suit pending between the Dominion and Provincial governments as to the ownership of Stanley park, and that it was not advisable to make any change of ownership while the case was pending. Mr. Tatlow inquired if there had been police patroling the Fraser river and that the action followed the receipt of the following telegram for a Dowling special: "Representations made that intimidation exists on Fraser river and licensed fishermen unable to fish. Matter outside jurisdiction this department, and pertaining to provincial government. Can. protection be given fishermen?"

In response to Mr. Tatlow the hon. the Attorney-General stated that the government does not intend taking any steps to validate tax sales, especially government tax sales, held in New Westminster district in 1899. Mr. Tatlow asked the hon. the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works the following question: Is it the intention of the government to introduce special legislation to encourage the manufacture of wood pulp, and to revise the schedule of charges for water used to create power for said manufacture? The hon. the Chief Commissioner replied as follows: "The government is now considering the most advantageous means of encouraging this very important industry."

Mr. Tatlow asked the hon. the Provincial Secretary the following question: Is it the intention of the government to cancel the present very satisfactory list of voters in the city of Vancouver electoral district? The hon. Mr. Prentice replied as follows: "Yes," which pleased the member very much.

On Monday next Mr. McInnes will ask leave to introduce "The Game Protection Act, 1900." On Friday next Mr. Hall will ask leave to introduce a bill intitled "The Extra-Provincial Investment and Loan Societies Act."

Mr. Tatlow will on Friday next ask the hon. the Attorney-General to furnish authoritative information as to the number of persons permitted by the Japanese regulations to emigrate from Japan to Canada each month? On Friday next the hon. Mr. Eberts will ask leave to introduce a bill intitled "An act to amend the Land Registry Act."

Also a bill intitled "An act to amend the Judgments Act, 1900."

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LAWN TENNIS (From Tuesday's Daily).

BATTLE OF GIANTS.

Now that the tennis tournament is in full swing in this city the appended description of the recent battle royal between M. D. Whitman, champion of America, and W. A. Larned, ex-champion of Canada, at Niagara-on-the-Lake, will undoubtedly prove of interest. Whitman, it will be remembered, accompanied by stars, of almost equal magnitude, Davis, Ward and Wright, last season, September, gave Victorians many exhibitions of the highest order of tennis, besides making many friends, who will follow his career with more than ordinary regard. Speaking of the match between Whitman and Ward the Toronto Globe says: "The match with the ex-Canadian champion, W. A. Larned, was another long five-set battle, full of beautiful tennis, winding up with a heart-throbbing finish almost as exciting as yesterday's. Larned plainly felt the effect of the previous days' struggle, but even so it is doubtful if he could have beaten Whitman, who played superbly almost all the time, always using his head and bracing himself, body and head, for a cool and determined effort at the critical moment. Larned, on the contrary, though certainly very brilliant, often failed just when needed during different sets, and through lack of staying power went to pieces during the last three games. Miss Violet Summerhayes successfully defended her title as lady champion in a steadily played game by three sets to one, and Fischer and Hackett defeated Dr. H. H. Wright and Miss H. Tyrwhitt Drake by three sets to one. Fessenden, of Pennsylvania, won the handicap in similar fashion from Paterson of Toronto, who will be seen, was practically forced by lack of time to throw away the game. On the whole the tournament, for brilliant tennis and sustained excitement was the best ever held at Niagara.

"The match opened with both men playing the back court game. Larned was unsteady, but was as usual, being his head. With his score 9-2 Larned fell against Whitman, but careless returns into the net gave Whitman the game, and the same thing happened at 4-3. In spite of these two failures to get level the New Jersey man made five, all by beautiful headwork, in getting out of difficulties, but in spite of lovely place shots got the champion, 7-5, by his usual careless returns into the net. In the next set Larned had things pretty much his own way. He quickly got over his little failing and used his science and cool, accurate eye to get Whitman into all sorts of difficulties. He got to the net frequently and almost always scored the point, taking the game, 6-3. The next set was almost the reverse of the previous one. There was a succession of net rallies, but it was Whitman who had Larned in difficult places. The fourth set was a most extraordinary one. Whitman won the first game and then Larned took the next six straight, with two sets to one against Whitman, passing his opponent time and again, and not putting a single ball into the whole set. Whitman was very much worried and could make no headway. Larned's first game was a love one, all placed shots, and he also secured another, with a further one after 4-0. "The battle commenced in the fifth set with both men playing a cool, heady game. The pace had slowed down, both men getting to the net, essaying safe place shots. Whitman ran the score to 3-1 and Larned then took three games straight, Whitman only obtaining a single point, an out by his opponent. Excitement was now keyed up to a high point, the tension being so great that a casual remark by a spectator was instantly hushed. It looked for once as if Larned's perseverance was to be crowned with success. Whitman rose to the supreme moment, and time after time lifted a difficult ball from the net just over Larned's head, and the latter was too exhausted to run back and get it, except perhaps to return it weakly into the net. Whitman got the next two games and then Larned made it 5-5 by using his supreme strength in placing a "down" service in the extreme corner and then placing well to the other side. Now it was a struggle for every point. Whitman scored 30 on two lovely low back-hand cross courts. Larned got 15 by a "cocking line" drive. Whitman made it 4-15 by the usual half lob and got the game on a similar one that the ex-champion put into the net. Larned had now shot his bolt and was done, and Whitman got a love game on three nets and an out, secured in the usual way. Whitman practically won on his superior "steadiness, his bringing every reserve into play when needed and his ability to gauge the psychological moment" and clinch the match. Larned certainly played the more brilliant tennis, and if his physical condition continues to improve will give Whitman the battle of his life at Newport."

THEIR TOUR EAST.

Unfortunately the match which was announced to take place between the Victoria and New Westminster teams on the Oak Bay grounds on Saturday next will not be played. W. E. Diebner, of the local club, having last night received a telegram from Mr. Mahoney, captain of the Westminster team, saying that they would be unable to come down on Saturday. The Royal City team will leave Westminster for their Eastern tour on August 16th, their intention being to return a fortnight before the exhibition commences. They will be under the management of A. E. McNaughton, who formerly played with the Victoria team, and who was one of the "most" skilful, stick-handlers in the country. The touring aggregation will be as follows: R. E. Cheyne, A. W. Gray, W. S. Galbraith, C. K. Snell, T. Gifford, Jr., Latham, George Oddy, F. Lynch and S. Peeler. Besides these, there will be two spare men and a field captain. One spare man, it is understood, will be T. Oddy, and the other, if it can be arranged, will be H. Ryall, one of the veterans, and whom the others wish to act as secretary-treasurer. The team will probably play two matches in Toronto, with the Toronto and Tecumseh's; two in Montreal, with the M.A.A.A. and Shamrocks; and one with the Capitals, of Ottawa. Possibly they will also play in Winnipeg, on their way back, with a team picked from the Winnipeg and Victorians of that city. The following have been appointed a collecting committee, to canvass the respective districts: J. Reichenbach, J. J. Cambridge, W. G. Armstrong, to see the merchants; B. H. Cheyne, Royal City; Mills; H. P. Latham, City Hall; J. J. Cambridge, John Maloney, court house; C. Oddy, N. Brown, asylum; T. Proctor, power house; John Watson, fire hall; J. B. Grant, G. O. M. Dockrill, the club; L. J. Lewis, Brunette Mills and Sapperton; R. Dynes, B. J. Robertson, penitentiary.

TRIBLESOME TO THE ARMY.

During the civil war, as well as in our late war with Spain, diarrhoea was one of the most troublesome diseases the army had to contend with. In many instances it became chronic, and the old soldiers still suffer from it. Mr. David Taylor, of Wind Ridge, Greene Co., Pa., is one of these. He uses Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and says he never found anything that would give him such quick relief. It is sold by H. H. Cross, wholesale agents, Victoria and Vancouver.

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attending the dance to be given by the club on Thursday evening. In order that tea may be served without interfering with the play on courts numbers one and two, number three court will be closed at 4 o'clock and the gate on Belcher street opposite number three court thrown open. Spectators sitting on the club house side of the courts are requested when going to tea to leave the grounds at the main entrance and re-enter the gate at number three court. By this means interference with play on the other courts will be prevented. The club feels that all spectators will put up with a little inconvenience to assist in carrying on the play. Yesterday's results were as follows: J. D. Pemberton beat T. Lane, by default. H. Combe beat K. Crawley, 6-0, 6-0. Alexis Martin beat B. Prior, 6-1, 6-3. Capt. Bowler and Mrs. Grant beat P. S. Lammpan and Miss A. Bell, 9-7, 6-3. J. A. Rithet beat B. Tye, 6-2, 6-0. B. G. Goward and Miss Macrae beat W. Wilson and Miss Wilson, 6-1, 6-1. H. A. Goward beat D. M. Rogers, 10-8, 6-3. J. F. Foulkes and Mrs. Burton beat A. G. Langley and Miss Tyrwhitt Drake, 6-8, 6-1, 6-3. P. Byrne beat E. H. T. Drake, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5. A. T. Goward beat F. B. Pemberton, 6-1, 6-1. B. Schwengers beat B. G. Goward, 6-3, 6-0. Mrs. E. Crow Baker beat Mrs. Leather, 7-5, 6-1. D. M. Rogers and Miss Paton beat W. Pemberton and Miss Musgrave, 6-0, 6-5, 6-1. R. H. Pooley and Miss D. Green beat J. D. Pemberton and Miss Cornwall, 6-2, 6-4. Miss Kitto and Miss Macrae beat Miss Goward and Mrs. Burton, 4-9, 6-2, 6-3. Miss H. Tyrwhitt Drake beat Miss V. Heisterman, 6-4, 6-2. G. S. Holt and H. A. Holmes beat P. S. Lammpan and G. H. Barnard, 7-5, 6-4. B. Schwengers and H. A. Goward beat T. Lane and E. H. T. Drake, by default. H. Barkley beat E. W. Carr Hilton, 6-2, 6-6. B. R. Powell, owe 15, beat H. Combe, 15-2, 6-2, 7-5. B. R. Powell, owe 15, beat H. Combe, 15-2, 6-2, 7-5.

THIS MORNING.

This morning's matches at the tournament were witnessed by a large number of spectators, who liberally testified their appreciation of the various well played competitions and their admiration of the prowess of the competitors. Perhaps the most exciting game this morning was that between Miss Kitto and Miss Livingstone, both ladies playing with great self-possession and skill. Miss Livingstone certainly made a hard struggle and was defeated after a very well contested match, 6-4, 6-1. The results this morning were as follows: Miss Mr. Macrae defeated Miss M. Tyrwhitt Drake, 6-3, 6-1. P. Byrne and Miss Prior defeated F. C. Cummins and Miss Heisterman, 6-4, 6-2. Miss Musgrave defeated Miss Fraser, 6-2, 6-6. G. H. Barnard and Mrs. Crow Baker defeated B. H. T. Drake and Miss M. Dunsmuir, 6-4, 6-1. Miss B. Kitto defeated Miss Livingstone, 6-4, 6-2. B. Bell defeated P. S. Lammpan after a hard game, 8-6, 2-6, 6-3. H. M. Hills defeated F. B. Ward, 6-0, 6-3.

Among the competitors during the present tournament will be noticed former champion C. Longe, who plays his first match to-day with R. Pooley. The committee in charge of arrangements for the dance at the Dallas Hotel on Thursday evening are making satisfactory progress, and the event promises to be of most enjoyable character. The evening of the dance, the B. C. Street Railway Company will run a special car service. SOME CLEVER EXHIBITIONS. As each day of the open tournament now in progress passes by additional interest in the play is manifested. The disposal of the preliminary sets prepares the way for the great events of the tournament, the adhesion of the week's competitions, and the demonstration of the finest hitorics of the game by expert players whose names have become synonims of skill in the local game of tennis. Events that are looked forward to by enthusiasts with no inconsiderable degree of interest and excitement are those in which Miss Goward and J. F. Foulkes, the champions, will be called upon to demonstrate their right to the continued possession of their titles titles they have sustained so well in the past. These two players will have formidable competitors on Saturday, and a regal contest is anticipated.

Yesterday noon the match between the former champion, C. Longe, and R. H. Pooley was won by the latter—4-3, 4-6, 6-4. Mr. Longe was evidently out of practice, but showed up somewhat to better advantage in the doubles, in which he and B. Johnson defeated A. G. Langley and W. Pemberton—6-3, 7-5. A match fraught with very clever play and productive of corresponding excitement was that between Mrs. Burton and Miss Berridge, in which the former carried off the palm after an extremely well-contested match. The result yesterday afternoon was as follows: M. Burton beat Miss Berridge, 6-3, 6-2. H. Combe and Alexis Martin beat B. G. Goward and W. P. Gooch, 6-0, 6-4. R. B. Powell beat W. S. Fraser, 6-1, 6-3. H. A. Goward beat A. G. Langley, 6-3, 6-4. Miss Livingstone and Miss Musgrave beat Miss S. Pemberton and Miss M. Cornwall, 6-0, 6-0. Miss Macrae and Miss Kitto beat Miss Prior and Miss M. Prior, 6-4, 6-3. H. S. Powell beat H. F. Hilton, 6-1, 6-1. D. M. Rogers and Miss Violet Powell, dec. 3-6, 15, beat J. F. Foulkes and Miss Paton, owe 30, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5. A. Coles beat G. H. Barnard, 6-4, 6-6, 6-3.

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