

# AN UNGLORIOUS SESSION FOR THE OPPOSITION

Saw the Break up of the Party—Lost Ground from the Very Outset.

WHAT GOVERNMENT HAS ACCOMPLISHED.

Session Devoid of the Spectacular—Government Put Through Long List of Important Measures.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Ont., June 12.—The session of parliament which closed today had few features. It has been free from the spectacular and the picturesque, the reason for this being the weakness of the opposition which was manifest to a painful degree, painful in that it saw the complete break-up of a once great party.

The government reaffirmed its adherence to the trade policy which has guided the Conservative party since 1878. At the same time it was emphasized that the tariff was created for the people and in their interests would be revised from time to time as economic conditions demand. The tariff revision brought down was consistent with that doctrine. The reductions on agricultural implements were of the farmer without transferring it to the shoulders of the manufacturer, while the steel and iron duties were a minor character. The changes in customs schedules were made in view to the interests of all Canada and were not designed to benefit any special class or section of the country.

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## NEW FRENCH MINISTRY WAS SHORT-LIVED

Last Only a Day—Defeated Yesterday on its Declaration of Policy.

Paris, June 12.—Amid frantic applause by the members of the Chamber of Deputies today, the ministry of Alexandre Ribot, which was formed only yesterday, succeeded in securing a vote on its declaration of policy and then given a vote of lack of confidence. Premier Ribot and his ministers immediately picked up their portfolios and left the chamber to present their resignations to President Poincaré.

When the sitting of the chamber came to an end, two motions were before it—one approving the application of the three year military service law for the present, which was part of the premier's declaration of policy, and the other disapproving of the new cabinet on the ground that it was not representative of public opinion as indicated by the recent general election, in which the Socialists and others opposed to the military service law gained notable victories.

Mr. Ribot declared that he would not accept the second motion. This brought M. Jaures, the Socialist leader, to his feet with the question whether confidence in the ministry was involved on the priority of the two motions. He received an affirmative answer.

The division on the military service law showed a vote of 306 to 262 against it, and later a motion disapproving the cabinet, proposed by Deputy Albert Dalmeier and Louis Fugère was adopted by a vote of 374 to 187.

Following the defeat of the government it was rumored in the corridors of the Chamber of Deputies that M. Ribot would be asked again to try to form a new ministry.

## NEW AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE

Washington, June 12.—President Wilson today chose Representative William Graves Sharp of Illinois, Ohio to be ambassador to France, and sent his nomination to the senate.

## The Grits Guilty of A Breach of Faith

Plotters Ignore Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Promise and Block Provision for Increased Senatorial Representation—Both Agreements Faithfully Adhered to by the Government.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, June 12.—"A more deliberate and cynical breach of faith has seldom been witnessed in public life," was the way in which one of the cabinet ministers described tonight the action of the opposition in breaking the agreement which had been entered into between Premier Borden and Senator Loughes with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Senator Bostock regarding the bill to increase the western representation in the senate.

The opposition always insisted that the latter question should be coupled with that of redistribution. A unanimous agreement for redistribution was arrived at between the two parties with respect to all of the 234 constituencies except one, and the question as to that one was by agreement left open for discussion in the House of Commons.

There was also a distinct agreement between Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Borden and the party leaders in the senate that the bills providing for increased representation in the senate and western provinces in the senate should be passed as a unit and that an amendment should be passed asking for an amendment to the British North America Act so as to provide for such increased representation.

Both agreements have been honorably carried out by the government in the strictest sense and with the most fidelity but the reverse has been the case with the opposition and the members of the government are exceedingly bitter over the matter tonight. After procuring every possible concession and advantage by means of the agreement as to redistribution the Liberal leaders in the senate today by Senator Bostock, the Liberal leader, having a clause added to the Liberal bill for redistribution which would repudiate the agreement for additional representation of the western provinces in the senate. This repudiation was carried out in the senate today by Senator Bostock, the Liberal leader, having a clause added to the Liberal bill for redistribution which would repudiate the agreement for additional representation of the western provinces in the senate.

## SERVICE NEAR SPOT WHERE EMPRESS SANK

Mass to be Celebrated Aboard Vessel for Catholic Victims Imprisoned in Sunken Steamer.

Montreal, June 12.—The Norwegian collier Storstad will probably be released from custody by the Admiralty Court some day next week on giving bonds in connection with the action for \$2,000,000 damages taken against the Storstad's owners by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company because of the sinking of the steamship Empress of Ireland. It is said the case will not be heard in the admiralty court until the official inquiry into the Empress disaster under the chairmanship of Lord Mersey is well advanced. The Storstad will be taken to Quebec for repairs. The work of overhauling her will be done by G. T. Davis and Sons, Quebec, who have been awarded the contract.

A funeral service for the Catholic dead who are still imprisoned in the hull of the sunken Empress is being arranged at Rimouski. The services will be conducted from a boat chartered for the purpose.

## DISAPPEARED FROM STEAMER, BELIEVED HE IS DROWNED

Sydney, N. S., June 12.—Chas. MacDonald, a young Baddeck man, employed at Hawkesbury, disappeared from the steamer Blue Hill while on the passage today from Baddeck to Grand Narrows and is believed to have fallen overboard and drowned. His friends at Baddeck say he was subject to fainting spells, and the theory is that he fell overboard in one of these. Search was made by the Blue Hill on her return trip but there was no sign of the missing man. He was on his way to Hawkesbury after spending a few days with relatives at Baddeck.

## JUDGMENT RESERVED IN RESTIGOUCHE CASES

Fredrickton, June 12.—The Appeals Court on Thursday reserved judgment in the Restigouche County council cases.

Patrick J. Gray vs. Delbert O. Stevens, R. St. J. Freese moved to set aside a verdict for plaintiff and to enter a verdict for the defendant, or for a new trial, or for a reduction of damages. W. B. Chandler, K. C., contra. Court considers.

## REDMOND AND COMMITTEE AT LOGGERS' HEADQUARTERS

Nationalist Leader Says Majority of Provisional Committee of Irish Volunteers Are Not Supporters of the Party.

London, June 12.—John Redmond, the Irish Nationalist leader today, declared war on the provisional committee of the Nationalist Volunteers, a majority of whom, he asserts, are not supporters of the Irish party.

Although the provisional committee at a meeting held in Dublin June tenth, verbally welcomed Mr. Redmond's cooperation in the Irish volunteer movement, but followed this up with a call to the volunteers in each county to elect a representative to serve on the committee, and this action the Irish leader interprets as a refusal of the committee to accept his proposal.

Mr. Redmond's proposal, which was added to the committee in control. A meeting of the Irish Nationalist discussed the matter in the House of Commons this afternoon, and subsequently Mr. Redmond issued a letter declaring that the action of the committee "amounts to a refusal to accept my offer of cooperation."

Pointing out that the committee originally was a self-constituted body, Mr. Redmond proceeded:

"I am informed on good authority that a majority of them are not supporters of the Irish party, while of the rank and file of the Irish volunteers at least ninety-five are supporters of the party and its policy. This is a condition of things which plainly cannot continue."

Declaring that the rank and file and the responsible leaders of the Irish people are entitled to demand some guarantee that an attempt shall not be made in the name of the Irish Volunteers to dictate the policy of the National party, Mr. Redmond finds the best guarantee of this to be the presence of the governing body of men of proved judgment and steadfastness, as suggested by him. He regrets that the committee "should so hastily have repudiated" his suggestion.

"It is of the most vital importance to the National cause," the Irish leader says, "that this matter should be settled in an amicable spirit, and unless the committee can see a way to reconsider their decision and adopt the proposal I have made I must appeal to all supporters of the Irish party in the volunteer movement to support the government of the volunteer movement which is possible to elect a governing body which shall have the full confidence of the country."

## NEW BRUNSWICK BOILER DROWNED IN STATES

Son of Postmaster Barry, Cape Tormentine, Lost Life off Schooner En Route from Boston to New York.

Special to The Standard.  
Sackville, June 12.—A telegram from Fall River, Mass., to Mr. Richard Barry, postmaster at Cape Tormentine, Thursday morning, says: "Your son Jack was drowned this morning from the schooner Hattie Read on route from Boston to New York. The telegram does not state that the body of the unfortunate young man has been recovered, and Mr. Barry has wired for more particulars. The father is heartbroken over the sad tidings as this was his youngest son aged 21, who was very well thought of by all. The sympathy of the whole community is extended to him."

## WESTMORLAND YOUNG WOMAN SUICIDES

Miss Pearl Johnson of Port Elgin Takes Fatal Dose of Carbolic Acid—Despondency Over Poor Health Only Reason Known for Deed.

Special to The Standard.  
Sackville, N. B., June 12.—A telephone message received here today from Port Elgin conveyed the sad news that Miss Pearl Johnson, a native of Port Elgin, committed suicide last night by drinking carbolic acid. Miss Johnson was a daughter of Mr. James Johnson, harness maker of that town. Relatives and friends of the deceased girl cannot fathom reason for her rash deed other than that she had been in poor health for a few weeks past and probably became discouraged.

She was very popular among the younger generation of the town and much sympathy is expressed on all sides for her sorrowing parents. She was twenty years of age.

Miss Johnson has been working for some time past as a clerk in the boot and shoe factory owned by Mr. E. W. Head. She went home from work last evening apparently in her usual spirits and was down town later in the evening. About half past ten o'clock she went to her room and shortly afterwards Mr. Read at whose home she was boarding, was startled by a scream. He went into her room and discovered her in a semi-conscious condition with a bottle of carbolic acid lying on the floor beside her. He immediately telephoned for her father and Dr. H. R. Carter who lives nearby, and although everything possible was done she died half an hour after midnight. She leaves to mourn her death besides her father and mother, two sisters, Miss Blanche and Miss Jennie, both at home. A letter addressed to her father was found beneath her pillow the contents of which are not made public.

## LORD MERSEY EXPECTED AT OTTAWA TODAY

Chief Justice McLeod and Sir Adolphe Routhier, of Empress Royal Commission, Already at Ottawa.

Ottawa, June 12.—Lord Mersey is expected in Ottawa tomorrow and will confer with Sir Adolphe Routhier and Chief Justice McLeod, the other members of the Royal Commission appointed to inquire into the Empress of Ireland disaster, relative to beginning the investigation at Quebec next week. Sir Adolphe Routhier and Chief Justice McLeod arrived this afternoon and a conference will be held tomorrow with the minister of marine.

## HOUSE PROROGUES WITH THE USUAL CEREMONIES

## Final Draft Methodist Station Sheet Ready

The Changes Among St. John Ministers—Delegates to General Conference at Ottawa in September Chosen Yesterday.

Special to The Standard.  
Chatham, N. B., June 12.—The Methodist conference began today's session with an effective address on the subject, "Revival and Prayer," by Rev. Hammond Johnson, pastor-elect of Charlottetown, who was recommended acceptance of the report of the evangelistic committee, presented by Rev. H. E. Thomas, Sunday, August 30, was set aside as evangelistic Sunday, when the work will be explained and the church called to prayer.

Rev. Dr. Morton, treasurer of the superannuation fund, presented his report. The fund is in a flourishing condition. The following were elected as delegates to the general conference at Ottawa, September 23 to October 10:— Ministers, Revs. F. A. Wightman, president of the conference; Dr. Howard Sprague, Geo. Steele, H. E. Thomas, Thos. Marshall, Geo. E. P. Dawson, Dr. Clowen, J. H. King and J. L. Dawson. Laymen, Hon. Josiah Wood, Haut. governor of New Brunswick; Col. P. S. Moore of Charlottetown; Alfred Rowley, R. Duncan Smith, E. Macchum of St. John; S. McLean, Henry Smith, J. A. Lindsay, Dr. Palmer.

Reserve delegates, J. J. Wobball, E. T. C. Knowles, St. John, and E. H. Knight. The balance of the afternoon was taken up receiving delegations. Mrs. Thos. Clark, district organizer of Chatham district presented the report of the Women's Missionary Society. That splendid organization today 1,212 auxiliaries with 40,766 members, 322 mission circles with 16,558 members, and raised last year nearly \$200,000. Rev. J. W. Howe returned missionary from Japan, and Dr. Horne of St. John representing the British and Foreign Bible Society were both introduced and briefly addressed the conference.

In the evening the time honored reception service was held. This was conducted by Rev. Dean Sprague, of Mt. Allison University. The young men who had completed their term of probation and course at Mt. Allison, Francis H. Littlejohn, Owen H. Peters and Benjamin W. Turner, were received into full connection with New Brunswick and P. E. I. conference and will, next Sabbath morning, be ordained to the work of the Christian ministry. Each of these young men related the story of his conversion and call to the ministry.

The motion for the reception and ordination was then moved by Rev.

G. M. Campbell, D. D., of Mount Allison Ladies' College. Dr. Campbell made a vigorous and pointed address. He spoke of the things that made qualifications for the ministry of this day, "First let us emphasize the manhood of the ministry," said he. "The minister must be blameless in body as well as soul and spirit. The manhood of the ministry must be trained manhood. The present age demands a learned ministry, not an educated ministry alone but a ministry acquainted with all the problems affecting life today and capable of leading those under its charge but it must not only be a trained man but a gentleman who stands high in the community and failure in the proprieties will lower your standing. Let your minister be a learned gentleman but a good man. An unconverted man or an unlearned man has no place in the gospel ministry."

We do not become Christians by subscribing to a formula or by adopting a philosophy but we become Christians by being found from above." In concluding, Dr. Campbell urged the ministers to be real ministers of Christ.

The motion was seconded by James Lamont of Fredericton in an able and business-like address. The final draft of the station sheet was made this evening in committee and will be ratified at the meeting tomorrow. The changes in the original draft for places outside of St. John were Charlottetown (First Church) Jacob Heaney added as supernumerary (Grace Church) F. H. Littlejohn instead of E. A. Westmorland, Little York and Wainlow—J. L. Lund and E. Westmorland. Mount Stewart is to be supplied.

The final draft of the St. John district was as follows: St. John city: Queen square, Hammond Johnson; Centenary, W. H. Barclough, J. C. Berry, supernumerary; Exmouth street, W. G. Lane, W. B. Thomas, supernumerary; Portland, M. E. Thomas; H. D. Marr, secretary Bible society Alberta and George Steele, superintendent of missions; Carleton, H. E. Thomas; H. J. Clark, supernumerary; Carmarthen street, Robert Crisp; Zion, Spryfield, H. Hamsar, J. Gilbert Earle; Silver Falls, J. J. Pinkerton. Sussex, H. C. Rice; Newton, Ben. W. Turner; Apohaqui, J. F. Rowley; Springdale, H. Hamsar, J. Gilbert Earle; C. Creed, T. J. Delnatad, supernumerary; St. Martins, E. E. Pythee; Jerusalem, L. L. Wason; Wolford, J. S. Greer; Kingston, J. E. Shandlin.

## GREECE WANTS MASTERY OF AEGEAN SEA

Anxious to Get Secure Foothold Before Turkey's New Dred-noughts are Ready for Sea.

London, June 12.—The Daily Telegraph naval correspondent suggests that the real reason for the attitude of Greece against Turkey is a desire to secure mastery of the Aegean Sea before the new Turkish dreadnoughts building in England are ready for sea. The Greek minister to Great Britain had an interview yesterday with Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister, to whom he explained the attitude of the Greek government.

The Daily Telegraph's Athens correspondent says the Greek minister in Constantinople has been instructed to demand the cessation of persecution of Greeks in Asia Minor and the reinstatement in their homes and on their properties of fifty thousand refugees who sought shelter from the Turks in Greek territory. A guarantee also is demanded, according to the correspondent, that these refugees be not again molested.

## BOILER EXPLODES, THREE ARE KILLED

Toronto, June 12.—Three employees of the Brosses Company wholesale produce merchants, 7476 Front Street East, were badly scalded late today by the unexpected rupture of steam from the company's boiler which burst them against the walls of the boiler room, stunning them for some minutes. The injured: James Perry, 55 Metcalfe street; Engineers Percy Alpe, 436 Gerrard street east; Louis Kemp, 61 Nasseau street.

The boiler, which is located in the basement, was not streaked, but the

## Governor General Gives Assent to 186 Bills Passed During Session.

REDISTRIBUTION BILL GOES THROUGH.

Address to Imperial Parliament For Consent to Enlarge Senate, is Amended so as to Give P. E. I. Four Members in the Commons.

Ottawa, June 12.—Prorogation of parliament was successfully accomplished at four-thirty this afternoon, an hour and a half behind schedule time. The delay was caused by a temporary deadlock this morning over the senate's amendment to the bill providing for increased senatorial representation from the west. The Liberal majority in the senate carried an amendment declaring that the nine new senators to be appointed from the west should not be appointed until after the dissolution of the present parliament. The government leader, Hon. Mr. Loughes, intimated that this amendment would not be acceptable to the government, and that if it were insisted upon the government might refuse to pass the redistribution bill. The deadlock, however, was straightened out during the noon recess, but not before a precautionary postponement of prorogation had been made.

When the senate met again in the afternoon the Liberal majority sent back to the commons the bill providing for the increased senatorial representation, as amended. Senator Loughes announced that the government had decided to let the redistribution bill go through, despite the amendment to the other bill, and it was accordingly passed without debate. In the commons however, the senate's amendment was promptly rejected by the government and in consequence action with regard to the increase in senatorial representation must be deferred until next session.

## Gov-General's Farewell.

There was the usual ceremonial attendant upon the prorogation proceedings. His Royal Highness, the Duke of Connaught, was escorted from the galleries by galleons dragons with panache flying. He was received on Parliament Hill by the scarlet coated company of the governor-general's footguards while the guns boomed from Nepean Point. In the senate chamber there was but a small attendance of members but the galleries were well filled with the society people of Ottawa. His Royal Highness gave assent to the legislation passed, totaling in 186 bills, the tangible results of the session's labors. He received the farewell address of parliament.

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## GOVERNOR GENERAL'S FAREWELL TO PARLIAMENT

Ottawa, June 12.—Presentation of the joint addresses of both houses of parliament to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught on the occasion of his departure from Canada took place subsequent to the prorogation ceremony in the senate today. The addresses were read by the Speakers of the two houses and in reply His Royal Highness said:

"I desire to thank you, the members of the senate and of the house of commons of Canada in parliament assembled, for the very gracious address which you have presented to me on the occasion of my approaching departure from Canada.

"Most deeply do I appreciate the kindly sentiments expressed by the representatives of the Canadian people. They have touched me most deeply.

"During my three years of office it has been my earnest endeavor to be acquainted with the many problems affecting the welfare and progress of this great dominion. Nothing has struck me more than the energy and tenacity shown in all circumstances by its people, and I hope that a strong sense of duty will always pervade those to whom its destinies are entrusted.

"Of the loyalty and devotion to the King and to the Empire I have had many proofs, and I hope Canadians will always be true to themselves and to the great dominion with which I have my pride to be connected.

"I wish and I thank you from one heart for the generous expressions of sympathy and our daughter, and we desire to assure you of the prayers we make for the continued happiness, peace and prosperity of Canada.

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## MINISTERS ARE LEAVING THE CAPITAL

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, June 12.—With the prorogation of parliament there will be a scattering of cabinet ministers immediately. The Ontario ministers will all take part in the provincial campaign. They are Messrs. Crothers, Kemp, Foster, White, Reid, Cochrane, and Hughes. Mr. Cochrane has already gone to Northern Ontario.

Hon. Robert Rogers left this afternoon for Winnipeg. He will throw himself into the provincial campaign in Manitoba. Mr. Roche and Arthur Meighen will follow him immediately.

Hon. Martin Burrell will go to British Columbia later on, and the most of the Quebec ministers will go to their homes for a rest.

The Premier will probably remain in the capital for some time. His present intention is to make a tour of the west before the summer is over. It is not known yet who will accompany him, but it is probable that Hon. Arthur Meighen will be his right hand man throughout the tour. This will prevent Mr. Meighen going to Europe this summer as he had intended.

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