

PARLIAMENT MAY FINISH ITS WORK ON FRIDAY

Government Legislation Will Be Finished and If Nothing New Turns Up the Members Will Go Home This Week—The Bounties to Iron and Steel Extended for Four Years Longer—Fielding's Remarks on Subject.

Ottawa, April 23.—At the afternoon session of the House Mr. Fielding made a statement as to what legislation was to be dropped for the present session and what legislation would go through. It was possible, but not probable that there would be some further supplementary estimates. Some items may have been overlooked.

The Dominion Lands Act or Patent Medicine Act would not be proceeded with. He hoped that in respect to the remaining legislation it would be disposed of within the next few days. It was impossible to say which day the House would prorogue. That would depend on the progress made to-day. He had no doubt prorogation would be reached within the next three or four days, and prorogation may be reached on Friday.

Mr. Borden—What day do you say? Mr. Fielding—Friday, as far as the government is concerned. There is some private legislation that is contentions, but as far as government legislation is concerned the business could be finished on Friday.

That may be a little early, but honorable gentlemen on the other side have intimated that they desire to bring the session to a close. A bill was introduced providing for the salaries of the judges of the supreme court of Saskatchewan and Alberta. This has already been explained when the resolution was introduced.

Iron Bounties.

Mr. Fielding then introduced his resolution incorporating the new iron and steel bounties. He said that petitions had been presented to the House, largely from Ontario, objecting to the passing of the bounties. Those, principally, who signed these petitions did so because of their objection to the bounties on principle, but many others may have done so through misapprehension as to the burdens imposed upon the taxpayers through these bounties. It would be generally admitted that any industry was deserving of encouragement it would be that of iron and steel, for a country that did not develop its iron and steel could not be called progressive.

Mr. Fielding said that it was intended to continue the bounties for three and a half years beyond July 1st, at which date they should have expired and as a basis of new bounties they would have 55 per cent. of

the original bounties, which were \$3 per ton on pig iron from native ore, and \$3 on steel. Practically the new bounties would date from Jan. 1 and run for four years. This for 1907-8 would give a bounty of \$1.10 on pig iron made from foreign ore and a reduction to 70 cents and 40 cents respectively in 1909-10. In regard to pig iron manufactured from native ore in order to give such manufacture encouragement an advantage of \$1 would be given in the bounty for three years and 50 cents in fourth year.

Mr. Fielding next explained the bounties for electric smelting. The amount was the same, but the period over which they ran was put forward two years. It would take at least two years to begin work.

The statement that the bounties would amount from \$18,000,000 to \$25,000,000 was grossly exaggerated. To take last year's and add about 10 per cent. each year and they would only be \$7,500,000, to which would be added \$500,000 for electric smelting. The government considered that at the expiration of the extended period the bounties should cease.

Foster Says His Occupation is Gone.

Mr. Foster maintained that what Mr. Fielding told them to-day the Conservatives told them years ago, but the Liberals only laughed at them. The Conservatives inaugurated the bounties to keep the people at home, to bring foreigners here and to build up towns and cities. That was what Mr. Fielding said to-day, and that was what they had always said. He felt that his occupation was gone in preaching protection.

There was just one heresy which Mr. Fielding retained and that was that bounties would serve the purpose of protecting the iron industries of the country as well as customs duties. The Finance Minister expected that within four years the bounties would disappear, but he had said that some years ago. That was only done to give a little comfort to his old-time friends. He suggested that Mr. Fielding and himself would go and convert the stiff-necked farmer of Ontario into their way of thinking at the next general election.

Mr. Paterson—May I go too? Mr. Foster—There are limits to one's temper.

DURHAM BRIDGE.

Durham Bridge, April 20.—Owing to the long winter the people of this place are unusually glad to see the snow disappearing and warmer weather returning.

Miss Gertrude Douglas, who has been visiting Miss Lily Haffner for the past week, went to Zionville on Monday.

Mr. George Estey made a flying trip to the city on an important business to-day.

The Orangemen of this place intend holding their monthly meeting in the Durham Bridge hall to-night.

Mr. Duff of Halifax will address the meeting.

The Church of England sewing circle held their weekly meeting to-day at Mr. George Van Horne's. The ladies of the Methodist Church held their sewing circle to-day at Mr. Isaac Brown's.

Mr. Archibald Hanson has been at Mr. Wesley Clowater's for the past few days.

Mr. Arthur Hanson has purchased a new organ.

We miss the pleasant face of Mr. Samuel Ward lately, as he has gone to Bangor.

Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson and little son, of Tav' Creek, were visiting Mrs. Tomlinson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael McNeill, have returned home.

We are glad to know that Mr. Wesley Hanson is recovering from an attack of sore eyes.

It is reported that Mr. Alex. McPherson is contemplating moving to Zionville soon.

Miss Nettie Hanson is collecting for the Methodist church for missionary purposes.

Mr. Norman Hanson is busy shipping wood by I. C. R. to Fredericton.

Mr. Arthur Sewell closed his saw mill at this place to-day.

Misses White and Clarkson, from Stanley, who have been visiting Miss Lily Hanson, returned home to-night.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Michael White has recovered from his severe illness.

Mr. Whitfield White and son Vivian have returned from the lumber woods, where they have been surveying all winter.

Friends of Mr. Wilfrid Estey will be glad to learn that he has recovered from the severe fall he had not long ago.

The Frink brothers entertained a number of friends at their hospitable home one evening last week.

Miss Charlott spent Sunday at her home in Gibson last week.

DOUGLAS.

Douglas, April 19.—The weather still is very cold and disagreeable. A number of our young men have gone to the drives.

Mrs. Brock Currie had the misfortune to have his house burned, but it is said there was \$400 insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Hallett gave a party in honor of their daughter.

ARCTIC BOWLERS WON LAST NIGHT

Queen Hotel Team Started Off With a Good Lead but Were Behind at the End.

By playing a much stronger game in the last two strings and especially in the third string when their opponents were in the air, the Arctic Rink alleys bowling team won the candle pin match last night at the Arctic alleys from the Queen Hotel alleys quite easily.

The game attracted quite a crowd of spectators and was remarkably interesting although made uncertain by the in and out performances of some of the bowlers, whose scores varied like the wind on a spring day.

Finally the Arctic team pulled off a victory but this was only after they had played hard. At the end of the first string the Queen Hotel team had a lead of 25. In the second string Jack Fairly and Elias Keith put on scores of 111 each, while Habbitt and Charlie Randolph, making 104 and 105 respectively, and the Queen Hotel lead was cut down by 11 points. In the third string the Queen Hotel team took the tologan and the Arctic team got busy. Mayor McLeod and Jack Fairly making 102 each, while Spencer Sterling put on 117. In this game the Arctic Rink alleys team won out by 72 pins, making their total majority 58.

The scores were as follows:

Arctic Rink Alleys.
S. Staples, 79 77 85.....241
H. F. McLeod, 89 85 102.....276
J. Fairly, 89 111 102.....302
S. H. Sterling, 85 84 117.....286
B. Keith, 81 111 77.....269
Totals, 423 468 483.....1374

Queen Hotel Alleys.
F. P. Hatt, 93 95 78.....266
S. W. Habbitt, 99 104 93.....296
S. F. Randolph, 89 105 85.....279
R. Anderson, 88 87 82.....257
F. Trombley, 79 70 73.....222
Totals, 448 457 411.....1316

Empire—Ed. O'Connor.

Spares and Strikes.

The teams will meet again next week at the Queen.

Sandy Staples was sick and that evening up for the Queen having to play a substitute.

Fred. Hatt has earned the reputation of being the Moses who led the Queen Hotel out of the wilderness.

PLASTER ROCK.

Plaster Rock, April 20.—The big mill of the Tobique Mfg. Company will resume operations for the summer on Monday. The firm have a large quantity of lumber to manufacture and intend cutting largely into stock boards for the American market. Owing to the cold weather, stream driving is later than usual, but no doubt during the coming week the village will be awakened by the drivers.

The Baptists of this place held a very successful basket social on last Thursday evening and upwards of \$48 was realized, which will go towards the new church, which they intend building during the coming summer.

The Roman Catholics will also build as soon as the frost is out. Mr. Fraser, who has donated a substantial amount for the beginning.

The Foresters of Arthurville held an oyster supper and dance in Tweeddale's hall last week. Forty-six couples took supper and enjoyed the dancing till an early hour. Among those who attended from here were Messrs. T. C. Campbell, Felix Charlette, H. Gibson and A. S. Turner.

Mrs. Donald Fraser has returned from visiting friends at Fredericton and St. John.

Mr. Donald Fraser, Jr., spent Friday here and left for Fredericton on Saturday.

Mr. J. S. Clayton, the general station agent, returned yesterday with his family from Nashua.

Among those registered at the New Victoria are J. S. McLean, St. John; J. Stewart, Toronto; A. Currie, Keswick; D. Ogilvie, South Tilley, and B. Smith, St. John.

Miss A. M. Hall and Miss L. C. Tennant spent Sunday at Arbutuckle. Elmer Gaudin and Ernest Ferguson of Riley Brook are in town.

Mr. Abner Copp left for Woodstock Thursday.

Mr. Wheeler has been tuning the pianos here during the past week.

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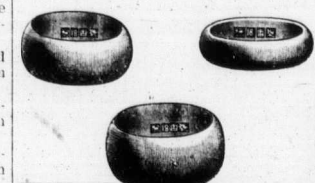
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