

PARLIAMENT.

Blair Has to Produce the Information at Last.

It Took an All Night Session to Convince the Minister of Railways.

That Canadian Commoners Are Made of Sterner Stuff Than His Old Time Followers in the New Brunswick Legislature.

OTTAWA, June 6.—The premier brought down today the correspondence concerning the claims of Prince Edward Island on the dominion. The demands presented this year are substantially as stated by previous deputations, with an additional claim of a share of the prairie award. The latter grows out of the prairie decision on the jurisdiction of the provinces over coast fisheries, under date March 28, 1899. Mr. Laurier replies, taking up the claims one by one, as to the claim growing out of the failure to provide continuous steam navigation Mr. Laurier thinks that is met by the purchase of the new steamship that is to go on the route next winter. The larger claim of over two million dollars growing out of underestimates at the time of confederation of the obligations of the rest of the dominion is met by Mr. Laurier's suggestion that the position would be changed if the federal government would construct a railway from Charlottetown to Murray Harbor. This project, with that of a bridge over the Hillsboro river, is under consideration, and the premier hopes the federal government may be able to make some arrangement on this matter before the session closes. As to the division of the fishery award, Mr. Laurier gives Mr. Davies as his authority for the statement that various legal questions are involved, and that it will be necessary to make up a friendly case and submit it to a competent court. The premier does not see his way clear to take over any more prairie from the province, and does not hold out much hope of concessions on minor points involved in the claim.

The house was in committee this afternoon on Blair's bill giving effect to the agreement with the Grand Trunk for extension to Montreal. The house remained in committee during the afternoon and evening. A large part of the time was devoted to a fruitless attempt to get the details and reports on which Mr. Blair had stated the cost of certain bridges and rights of way on the route. Mr. Blair had stated that he had this information from his engineer, but declared that he had no statement of the engineer to bring down to the house.

Among the members who sought information and refused to accept Mr. Blair's assumption were Foster, Bergeron, Wallace, Sproule, Borden, Clancy, Bell of Plouffe, McDougall, Henderson, Powell and Hilbert Tupper. Mr. Laurier supported Blair in his reticence. Finally Mr. Borden took the point of order that as Mr. Blair had referred to the engineer's reports he ought to lay them on the table. Mr. Borden, as chairman of the committee, declared the point not well taken. An appeal was taken by Sir Herbert Tupper. Speaker Edgar had gone to bed, and Chairman Brodeur, as deputy speaker, took the chair as speaker and decided that Chairman Brodeur had decided properly. On an appeal to the house the chair was sustained by a vote of sixty-five to twenty.

The discussion was resumed at 1:40 a. m. OTTAWA, June 7.—The government refused to allow the house to adjourn until the bill should be put through committee, and at three o'clock this morning the discussion was still going on. Shortly after three o'clock the government gave up the struggle to get the bill through, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that the committee rise. The house thereupon adjourned.

NOTES. The minister of agriculture received this evening a despatch from Dr. Montambert at Grosse Island, stating that on account of disease among the Doukhobors just arrived it would be necessary to detain the whole party of two thousand in quarantine. The nature of the disease is not stated. A Quebec report says five deaths occurred on the passage.

OTTAWA, June 7.—Replying to Mr. Gauvreau of Temiscouata, Hon. Mr. Blair stated that the summer time of the bill to amend the Intercolonial railway will go into operation June 15.

Sir Louis Davies informed Mr. Ganong that no one had been appointed special fishery guardian in place of the late C. E. Boardman of Milltown, N. B.

Hon. Mr. Blair informed Mr. Bell of Plouffe that W. H. Truesman, barrister, of St. John, has not been appointed to any position in the department of railways and canals.

Mr. Ganong moved the first reading of the bill to amend the Weights and Measures Act. He explained that the bill related to the sale of fish by the hoghead. Herring and sardine fish were sold in Charlotte county by this standard. The trouble was that fish sold were not measured in the hoghead and there was no certainty as to the quantity of fish constituting a hoghead. The bill before the house provided that a hoghead of fish shall equal five barrels of twenty-five gallons each.

The Grand Trunk strike, brought up on a motion of Mr. McLean, was discussed till six o'clock. Mr. Powell and Mr. Tupper gave an account of their interview with General Manager Hayes, both stating emphatically that Hayes agreed to take all the men back and negotiate the subject of wages afterward. They regard the refusal of the company to take all the men back as a distinct violation of the agreement.

The discussion was going on at dinner hour.

Discussion of the Grand Trunk strike was resumed after recess and continued until 10 o'clock.

The house went again into committee on the Grand Trunk bill and made some progress with the several sections of the schedules.

NOTES. The minister of agriculture is informed today that there are ten cases of smallpox among the Doukhobors at Grosse Isle.

COLLECTOR COSTIGAN'S CASE. Inspector Barrett of the Manitoba inland revenue district testified today concerning the affair of ex-collector Costigan. He said that Mr. Costigan was an exceedingly capable officer, but for one fault. He confirmed previous testimony as to his various absences from duty and of the money difficulties. Mr. Barrett said that he had been very anxious to find the absent officer during his two disappearances. The witness had reported the facts to Ottawa. He had written to Commissioner Kiall that from a departmental standpoint Mr. Costigan's conduct was excusable and was due to alcohol, the result of which was that Costigan was morally speaking as irresponsible for his conduct as the veriest lunatic. A year before this, Mr. Costigan had confessed the irregularities respecting the Virden remittance, then explaining that he had got drunk on whiskey for gripe and it had got the better of him. Mr. Costigan had then pledged himself to abstain wholly from liquor for all time, or to resign his office. Witness recommended that this pledge be accepted. It was after this that the two disappearances and the financial troubles took place. The misappropriation of the \$200 led to Mr. Costigan's suspension. The shortage was then made up by personal cheque given by witness himself. The money to meet this was put in his hands by Mr. Costigan's friends. Mr. Costigan was suspended in January, 1898, and remained off the payroll until April. For three months after this he was paid as collector at Winnipeg, though the duties of that office were performed by Inspector Barrett himself, and Mr. Costigan was appointed at Ottawa and his successor was appointed at Winnipeg.

William J. Tupper, who was subpoenaed by Hon. John Costigan as a witness in the case, appeared today. Neither Mr. Costigan nor any other member had any questions to ask him and he was discharged.

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its determination that the Grand Trunk deal must go through at the sitting. The opposition was disposed to facilitate the business, but demanded a statement from Mr. Blair as to the amounts of traffic handled last year by the G. T. R. and I. C. R. over the lines used jointly. This information, promised to Mr. Borden a fortnight ago, was not forthcoming. Mr. Blair said that there were no records in the department giving this information.

Mr. Foster led the opposition till six o'clock this morning, when he went home, but arrangements were made to keep up the discussion until Mr. Blair brought down the facts, or Saturday night came.

Towards noon Sir Charles Tupper came in, and the premier in the course of the morning succeeded Sir Louis Davies as leader of the house. A cabinet council was held in the afternoon, and shortly after Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved over to Sir Charles Tupper and told him that Mr. Blair desired to make a statement.

Mr. Gillies of Richmond, N. S., was then in the midst of a speech, but a hint was given by Sir Charles to bring it to a close. Then Mr. Blair announced his own backdown. He assured Mr. Borden that he held him in high esteem and intended no discourtesy. He had returned from the Grand Trunk the return asked for and would be glad to communicate to the house. He did so, giving the figures in full, as far as he had them.

Sir Charles Tupper expressed satisfaction that a way had been found out of the difficulty, and stated that though the dead-lock had arisen after he left the chamber, last night, he was confident that the opposition had acted within its rights. Mr. Foster had stated to him privately that if the information asked for was given, the discussion could soon be closed. Sir Charles was then taken ill three o'clock, when the committee adjourned, and after two hours' discussion reported the bill.

The house was in supply till six, passing the remainder of Sir Louis Davies' estimates, when it adjourned for the night.

NOTES. The senate stands adjourned till next Tuesday.

The secretary of state announces that the government telegraph line to Dawson will be completed this year.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell again asks for correspondence between the federal and provincial governments regarding amendments to provincial franchise acts, giving appeal to judges from the revisors.

PERSONAL. William Beer and wife, formerly of Charlottetown, P. E. I., are on their way east.

AT CORN HILL. Wedding on Saturday.—Death of Mrs. Margaret Brown.—Cheese Factory Active.

CORN HILL, Kings Co., June 7.—On Saturday evening a quiet wedding took place at the residence of James A. Dunfield, when his daughter Sarah was united in marriage to William O. Dunfield, Rev. G. F. Francis performed the ceremony. Only near relatives of the bride and groom were present.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Brown, widow of the late John Brown, took place Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. She was aged eighty-three years and age. She came out with her husband from Scotland about fifty years ago and settled in Corn Hill. Since her husband's death thirteen years ago she has lived with her children, of whom there are five sons and three daughters—John W., who lives on the homestead; James H., manager of the cheese factory; Alex. M., merchant of Pettitcodiac; R. A., station agent of Bloomfield; Hugh M., of Caltonville; Mrs. M. Burnett, Portland, Me.; Mrs. S. M. Earnest, and Mrs. E. A. Saunders of Pettitcodiac. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. F. G. Francis.

Corn Hill Cheese Co. is taking in over 3000 lbs of milk per day. The cheese are shipped as fast as they are ready and cannot supply the demand. Another vat has been ordered for the new factory at Killam's Mills. David W. Stockton has gone to Waltham, Mass.

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COUNTRY MARKET.

A Correspondent Complains of Its Management.

Special Privileges Alleged to be Enjoyed by Some Dealers—How It Works Out.

A correspondent writing to the Sun to complain of the way the country market is conducted, says:

What we want in such a place as the country market is protection, order and every one doing any business of an irregular nature. Some traders in the market have unlimited advantages over others. I don't know why it is, but it is the case. One of one particular and prominent dealer in the market who is supposed to be reserved for country people for the sale of potatoes, but is continually kept in use by those traders who, I might say, do their whole business there under the pretence of occupying one of those so-called stalls, very much to the disadvantage of other people who have to keep all their produce in their stalls. Now, I can't see for the life of me where there is any fairness in that kind of business, and to be brief in the matter, I would ask the director of public safety, who seems to be the controlling power, to instruct the deputy clerk to correct this abuse which has been going on for some time, and place every one on a level and carry out to some extent the laws made for the people.

There is considerable complaint with reference to the market. There are in the market the regular stall holders, the butchers, the sell-wholesalers, and the commission men, who have the half dozen stalls at the head of the market. It is charged that these commission men encroach on the space supposed to be reserved for country people, as the instance referred to in the above communication. It is also charged that several out of the stalls have permanent agents who have what practically amounts to a fixed location in the market, where they do all the business. It is also charged that several of the stalls are let by arrangement to some one, which the city gets no more revenue than is got from the person who comes occasionally and must take whatever price the market may offer. It is further charged that the commission men offer for sale stuff that is sent from some of the city stores, the quality not being up to the requirements. The storekeepers' own trade will sell in the market, and they will sell in the market, being apparently held by them. Of course, the reputation of the market as a place of business would suffer from such sales, and the revenue of the stores would increase. The whole matter is one that should be looked into. All occupants of the market should receive impartial treatment, and the interests of the country people should be protected. The fault does not appear to lie with the clerk of the market, but with the system under which the affairs of the market are conducted.

JUNE WEDDINGS.

St. Luke's church, prettily decorated for the occasion, was the scene of a very pretty wedding Tuesday afternoon when Miss Josephine Louise Horne, daughter of the late Joseph Horne, was united in marriage to Robert L. Johnston, one of the city's most popular young men. The wedding guests included only members of the families of the bride and groom, but the church was filled with people anxious to witness the ceremony. At the hour fixed, four o'clock, the bridal party entered the church and approached the chancel, where they were met by the groom and his groomsmen, J. G. Rainnie, who sang the hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." The bride wore a very becoming blue and fawn check-travelling suit, trimmed with white satin. The hat was a brown, fancy straw, trimmed with blue and brown ribbons. The bridesmaid, Miss M. Louise Hume, wore a light fawn dress, trimmed with white satin and black velvet. Her hat was of old rose straw, with two shades of old rose ribbon. The bride carried a beautiful bouquet of pink and white roses. The ushers were Ralph Humphrey and Robert J. Armstrong. Rev. R. P. McKim read the service that blended the two lives together, and the choir at the conclusion of the ceremony chanted the proper canticle. As they were about to leave the church the joyful strains of the wedding march sounded from the organ and St. Luke's bell rang out a merry peal. There was an immense crowd at the depot when the happy couple started off for Ottawa, Toronto and Quebec, before returning sailing down the St. Lawrence through the Thousand Islands. The bride received very many beautiful presents. Her mother gave her a fine piano and a set of dining room furniture. J. M. Humphrey & Co. gave the groom a handsome mahogany desk. The groom presented to the bride a handsome seal sacque and to the bridesmaid an opal and diamond ring.

The marriage of John A. Sinclair, of the legal firm of Moore & Sinclair, to Miss Laura M. Campbell, daughter of A. R. Campbell, took place at six o'clock Tuesday morning at the residence of the bride's father, No. 105 Waterloo street. Rev. Dr. Bruce performed the ceremony. The bride, who was unattended, wore a handsome blue cloth tailor-made, travelling gown, with hat to match. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair left for Boston and New York for a honeymoon. On their return they will reside at No. 12 Richmond street. They received many beautiful presents.

Wednesday morning Dr. W. F. Roberts, one of the best known of the young physicians of the city, was united to Miss Lillian G. Granville, a popular north end young lady, at her father's residence, Main street. The house was artistically decorated with flowers and the ceremony was performed under a beautiful floral arch by Rev. J. A. Gordon. The bride, handsomely gowned in a travelling suit of blue, was attended by Miss Gracie Roberts, who was prettily costumed in blue and white organdy. After the ceremony, the large number of guests who had come to offer their congratulations, sat down to a dainty wedding breakfast. Dr. and Mrs. Roberts left on the Halifax express and will visit points of interest along the coast. The two cities, and then will tour the northern part of New Brunswick. After their return the newly wedded couple will reside on Douglas avenue.

The presents received testified to the popularity of the contracting parties. Among these were, besides many others: Piano from bride's father; ornamental clock, Main Street Baptist choir; brooch set with pearls, from the groom; and a handsome marble clock from the north end salvage corps, who also decorated their building with flags and hunting in honor of the event in the life of their popular physician.

A quiet family wedding took place Wednesday afternoon at 3 p. m., at the residence of Charles F. Woodman, Milford, when his niece, Miss Annette Woodman Akers, was united in matrimony with Hon. Charles Mansfield Bruce of Malden, Mass. Mr. Bruce is associate justice of the First District Court of Eastern Middlesex, Mass. The ceremony was performed by Rev. A. S. Morton, pastor of the Fairville Presbyterian church. Only the immediate friends of the family were present. The bride was dressed in a very handsome tailor-made gown of tan cloth. Both bride and groom were very unaccompanied. The presents were numerous and in many cases costly. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce left by the C. P. R. in the afternoon for a bridal trip through Quebec and other parts of Upper Canada, and will spend some time fishing on the Temiscouata lakes before returning to their home in Malden.

At St. David's church Wednesday morning, J. Milton Barnes of the C. P. R. telegraph operating staff, was married to Miss Emma Woodfield Gordon, granddaughter of Moses C. Gordon of this city. The wedding was a quiet one, the guests including the family relatives. The bride wore a pretty blue cloth travelling suit, with hat to match, and carried a large bouquet of white roses. The church was prettily decorated for the occasion, and the choir, augmented by several voices, sang the wedding hymn, "The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Bruce. Mr. and Mrs. Fredericton left by the morning train for the upper provinces before returning. They received many beautiful presents. The staff of the C. P. R. telegraph company gave a fine onyx table and piano lamp, and the choir of St. David's church handsomely remembered their late organist. Many friends will wish the young couple happiness and good fortune.

colva was united in holy matrimony with Miss Fannie Louise, Mr. Roden's youngest daughter. The marriage service was said by Rev. W. W. Rainnie, the parlor in which the ceremony took place having been prettily decorated for the occasion. Miss Roden wore a very handsome white silk dress and carried a large bouquet of white roses. When the ceremony was concluded the wedding party sat down to a sumptuous supper, where congratulations and speech-making were the order of the day. After supper Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm drove to their new home on Duke street. The friends of the bride and groom presented them with numerous costly and useful presents.

A quiet home wedding took place at 6:30 Thursday morning, when Charles Freese, of Freese Bros., Germain street, was united for life to Miss Bertha Lake, second daughter of Justice (L. Lake). The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. J. Francis, pastor of St. Stephen's church, at the residence of the bride's parents, 343 Union street. The bride was handsomely gowned in a blue cloth travelling suit. Both bride and groom were unattended. The happy couple received many beautiful and costly presents. One of the most handsome of these was a music rack from the choir of St. Stephen's church, of which both are members.

On Wednesday afternoon a happy event took place at the Church of the Assumption, Carleton, when Miss Katie Barrett was united in marriage to Fred Carr of this city. Only the intimate friends of the bride and groom were present. The young couple received many beautiful and costly presents from their numerous friends, and they left on the C. P. R. for a short trip, after which they proceeded to Campbellton, where they will make their home. The bridegroom was Francis Edward Greenwood, C. E., of Boston, and the bride Miss Ida King, daughter of the late Joseph King of St. Martins. The bride wore a handsome white satin dress, with pearl trimmings, and a veil with orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses and ferns. The bridesmaid, Miss Annie King, sister of the bride, was attired in white muslin, and carried a bouquet of pink roses. Ben. Wisart, of St. Martins was best man. After the ceremony a supper was served, and then the bridal couple in a handsomely decorated carriage started for St. John to catch the train.

At the residence of Isaac T. Stockford, Westmount road, on Wednesday night, Miss Margaret E. Stockford was united in marriage to Albert B. Coates, accountant with W. Frank Hatheway. The nuptial knot was tied by the Rev. Mr. Stewart of Coburg street church. Miss Maud Gibson acted as bridesmaid and Chas. Robertson was best man. None but the relatives of the contracting parties were present at the ceremony. The bride received a lot of valuable presents.

HALIFAX. Nova Scotia Man Drowned in British Columbia—A More Trouble About the Elevator. HALIFAX, N. S., June 8.—Hugh McDermott of Shubenacadie today received news of the drowning of his son, Hugh, in British Columbia. He was fording a river on horseback, when the water carried the animal off his feet and the young man was swept down stream to his death. The Halifax Board of Trade are now alarmed lest the grain elevator will not be ready for use this winter, which would be a disappointment for a second season. The council of the board held a meeting today, the result of which was that a telegram was sent to Hon. Mr. Blair, asking him to take action. Contractor Keffe should have had the work done on January 22nd last. He recently visited Ottawa, so the Board of Trade say, and obtained a release from the penalty of \$200 per day since January, and got an extension of time till October, but the board alleged at the present rate of progress the work will not be completed this winter.

IN SOUTH AFRICA. LONDON, June 8.—The morning papers are beginning to talk quite seriously of the possibility of war in South Africa. Mr. Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, in his speech in the house of commons yesterday announced that his reply to the petition of the Uitlanders, which had been held back pending the result of the conference at Bloemfontein, would now be presented to the Transvaal.

This reply is semi-officially described as "explicit but conciliatory," but it is believed to be in the nature of a practical ultimatum. The resources of diplomacy are regarded as exhausted with the failure of the conference. Nothing is left, it is felt, but a resort to force.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Times says: "At the close of the conference Mr. Kruger declared that he was pleased at the friendly way in which matters had been discussed, and hoped they would understand each other better in future."

BANGOR, Me., June 8.—The authorities have acted promptly and effectively in the Levant outrage case, and the result will be the arraignment in the municipal court in this city tomorrow of a number of the members of the mob which so shockingly seized Rev. Geo. Higgins, invaded the sacred precincts of the law and order, and brought a blue upon the fair name of the state of Maine.

The less a man stays at home the more his wife finds him out.

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