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MANITOBA BOUNDARY

Premier Roblin Offered to Test Issue by Initiative and Referendum.—Laurier's Attitude of Inconsistency.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The present position of affairs in the matter of the extension of Manitoba boundaries was disclosed in the house today, when in reply to questions placed on the order paper by W. D. Staples, M.P., for Macdonald, the prime minister produced the correspondence which has recently passed between him and Premier Roblin of Manitoba. The correspondence is notable for the highly interesting proposals made by Mr. Roblin in a letter dated October 17 last.

"You have," said Mr. Roblin, "in your possession our proposals, which we regard as fair and just. If you are not prepared to accept them and will undertake to make an alternative proposition, I will undertake and endeavor to meet you in every possible way so long as your proposal will have for its basis equality of treatment. Anything short of equality will mean the placing of Manitoba in a subordinate position towards her sister provinces in the confederation.

"Possibly you may think I do not represent public opinion in this province in asking for this equality of treatment. Let me go a step further and say that if you will make your proposition and it turns out to be such as I cannot accept I will with your approval undertake to submit the two propositions directly to the people of this province for the consideration and decision, on the principle of initiative and referendum.

Evaded the Proposal

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in reply to this letter, evaded Mr. Roblin's proposal, but expressed his willingness to meet the Manitoba premier and resume negotiations on the boundary question at any time that might be convenient. The correspondence further discloses the fact that Premier Roblin, taking Sir Wilfrid at his word, arranged to meet him in Ottawa. Two visits were paid to the capital. At the first visit the premier pleaded the absence of Minister of Finance Fielding as a bar to immediate negotiations.

No Offer to Make

That Sir Wilfrid Laurier has no immediate or prospective intention of according Manitoba its rights is evidenced by his answers to Mr. Staples concluding queries, as to what the first minister was willing to concede in either land or money for the increased territory of Manitoba and whether Sir Wilfrid or his government had intimated to the government of Manitoba what they were willing to concede. To this question Sir Wilfrid replied "The prime minister has to answer that he is prepared to discuss this matter on the lines adopted by this House on July 13, 1908."

WILL SETTLE CLAIM.

Alberta Government Pass Much Discussed Great Waterways Bill.

Edmonton, Dec. 5.—Further intimation that the provincial government intended to settle any just claims arising out of the foreclosure of the Great Waterways railway agreement was given by Premier Sifton in the legislature yesterday afternoon, when he stated in committee of the whole that it was his intention to introduce a bill in a few days which would provide for the meeting of all just claims by the province. This refers to the claims which were made by contractors and others who were not settled with by the railway company.

The legislature passed in committee of the whole the Great Waterways bill and it will be finally passed on Wednesday. An appeal will be made to Ottawa by the Great Waterways people to have the bill cancelled under the clause in the autonomy act providing for unfair legislation. The natural resources resolution, as amended by George P. Smith, of Camrose, unanimously passed the legislature yesterday afternoon. The Opposition which had supported the original resolution also voted for the amendment since, in Bennet's words, it was better that the legislature present a united front to the Dominion parliament in urging for the securing of the control of the natural resources.

Cough Now, I'll Wait.

Calgary, Dec. 6.—The past few days have been bad weather for colds. That is it has resulted in a good many people catching cold, and there was a perfect epidemic of coughs and colds at the Church of the Redeemer last night.

"Will all those who have to cough do so now while I wait," Dean Paget who was delivering the sermon, said He mentioned that when he said an important word someone was sure to cough and the congregation was thus prevented from hearing the word.

"Cough now; I'll wait," he said.

One solitary diplomatic cough was all that broke the sudden calm and cessation from coughing in the few minutes that followed while the dean waited for the coughers to get all the coughing done they wanted to. Then he went on preaching his sermon. The coughing was infrequent and spasmodic after that.

Calgary Street Car Earnings

Calgary, Dec. 1.—For eleven months the profit on the municipal street car system is $91,763.36. For nine months of November just past the net earnings were $6,686.43. By the end of the year and December will be a good month for the street railway, because of the holiday season, the profits will equal two mills tax rate, according to the rpesent assessment.

The passenger earnings for the month of November amounted to $19,857.01, and the expenditures amounted to $10,170.58. The proportions, operating expense and revenue was over 51 per cent. The earnings of the railway for the first eleven months amounts to over $190,000.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Makes Kindly Reference to Canada in Regard to Arbitration of the Fisheries Dispute at Opening of Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The closing session of the sixty-first congress opened at noon yesterday. No business was transacted, both branches meeting merely to appoint a joint committee to formally apprise the president that the legislative branch of the government was ready to proceed, to call the rolls, and to adjourn, after adopting resolutions to the memory of those members, who had joined the vast majority since congress last met. The usual animation marked the opening in both the Senate and the House, but the reunion of old friends was the kind which saddens because of the heavy death toll in the past few months. In consequence the Senate was in session only 15 minutes, while the House occupied fifty minutes, before Speaker Cannon declared it adjourned.

President's Message.

President Taft's message to the two Houses of Congress was read this afternoon. At the very beginning he took up the matter of arbitrating the fisheries dispute between the United States and Great Britain receiving initial attention.

He said on this point: "The arbitration of the fisheries dispute between the United States and Great Britain which has been the source of nearly continuous diplomatic correspondence since the fisheries convention of 1818 has given an award which is satisfactory to both parties. This arbitration is particularly noteworthy, not only because of the eminently just results secured, but also because it is the first arbitration held under the general arbitration treaty of April 4, 1908, between the United States and Great Britain and disposes of a controversy the settlement of which has resisted every other resource of diplomacy and which for nearly 90 years has been the cause of friction between the two countries whose common interest lies in maintaining the most friendly and cordial relations with each other."

A MAJORITY OF TWENTY-FIVE

Government Had Smaller Margin In Third Division of House.—Do Not Wish for Investigation Into Public Accounts.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—The third division of the session was recorded this afternoon in a small House, with the result that the government majority of 53 on the Borden amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne dropped to twenty-five. It was preceded by a three-hour debate over a proposal made by Mr. Houghton of Lennox, the railway critic of the Opposition, that the public accounts for two years be referred to the Public Accounts Committee for consideration. The custom is to refer to the committee accounts for the preceding fiscal year only. Sir Wilfrid Laurier could not see why an established practice should be departed from and suggested as an alternative proposal that on the recommendation of the committee itself would provide for the referring of specific subjects of enquiry to the committee for a longer period than is the practice, more particularly in case of incomplete inquiry.

R. L. Borden supported Mr. Lennox's proposal, as did several Eastern Opposition members and the matter was only settled on a division of 98 to 73.

The evening session was taken up with a discussion of Mr. Pugsley's resolution to provide the sum of $75,000 to cover the cost of the Canadian section of the joint high commission to be named under terms of the treaty of the United States in respect to international waters.

Hon Wm. Templeman gives notice of the resolution on which will be based his bill to regulate the manufacture, importation, storage, handling, testing and use of explosive material of every description. The proposed bill will provide for the granting of licences to factories and magazines for the manufacture and storage of explosives, to provide for inspection and payment of fees for such licenses; authorizes inquiries into the causes of explosions and accidents caused by explosives, and the appointment of inspectors, etc.

Maj. Currie, North Simcoe, re-introduced his bill of last year, dealing with the question of pure food. Its object is to give ample protection to the public against the adulteration of foods. The most important provision of the bill is one suggesting the placing of the operation of cold storage warehousese under a commission.

ARCHBISHOP IS ILL.

Monsignor Langevin Laid Up in Montreal Hotel.

Montreal, Dec. 5.—His Grace Monsignor Langevin, the archbishop of St. Boniface, is at the hotel Dieu, in Montreal, confined by an attack of grippe. He was not i na position to give a personal interview when a representative called on him to enquire about the truth of the story from St. Boniface to the effect that a ban had been placed on eastern Canada papers, with the exception of Le Devoir and L'Action Social. Through his nurse, however, the archbishop replied that the Winnipeg despatch was without foundation, that he had not written the letter referred to, and had not given any instructions to have anyone to write it on his behalf.

IN CONTROL OF FREIGHT RATES

Canadian Pacific Railway Is In a Position to Block the Proposed Increase Throughout the United States.

Minneapolis, Dec. 5. — If there is confirmation of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's statement that the Canadian Pacific Railway would not raise its rates nor consent to an increase on the United States lines which it controls the rate war is over as far as the Twin Cities are concerned. In fact, the C. P. R. is in a position to block the proposed increase of rates throughout the United States.

Minneapolis shippers were aroused to a high degree of expectancy by the report of President Shaughnessy's attitude. Controlling the Soo Line, Duluth and South Shore and Wisconsin Central, the C.P.R. can give the Twin Cities an outlet both east and west.

With the Soo prepared to haul shipments for either the Atlantic or Pacific coasts and the Wisconsin Central giving direct connection with Chicago, the C. P. R. system occupies an impregnable position. Naturally other roads will not drive freight to the C. P. R. roads by raising their own rates and the rate system is so complicated that rates can hardly be raised in one part of the country without including all. So the prospect is that if the C. P. R. stands pat, there will be no rate increase.

At the Soo general offices in Minneapolis they have no information as to the statement of Sir Thomas and the press despatches rather puzzled them.

JOHN BULL'S ROAR.

Resentment Because of Unjust Statements Regarding Canadian Winter.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—A copy of an English weekly paper, John Bull, by name, dated October 29th of this year, has set on edge the ire of all Canadians into whose hands it has fallen, on account of the libelous statements it contains concerning life in the Dominion and the condition of affairs to be met with in this country.

For instance, John Bull, roaring, asserts that during the winter of 1909 or 1908—to a simple Canadian it is impossible to tell which year he means by the text—34,107 persons demanded shelter in the police stations of Montreal alone, and ,in the same city, 62,700 more hired beds in the Salvation Army's doss house.

Again, John Bull bellows forth that the winters here last seven months during which the thermometer touches 50 degrees below zero and stays there with several more statements of a like ilk and so preposterously absurd to any man, woman or child who has passed a winter in the Dominion of Canada that they are hardly worth denying.

The article, which is headed "The Canadian Siberia," has aroused a storm of protest amongst shipping men, business men, and, in fact all classes, who have the welfare of the country at heart.

TALK ELECTION NEXT FALL.

Report That Sir Wilfrid Has Decided to Appeal to Country.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—The Gazette today publishes the following from its Ottawa correspondent:

"There is a persistent report current that the government has determined to appeal to the country next autumn, and that with this in view Sir Wilfrid Laurier has abandoned his proposed visit to London for the coronation. As soon as parliament rises next May, it is said, he will devote himself to a tour of Quebec, the Maritime Provinces and Western Ontario where he will seek to educate the people on the naval question.

"The reason given for this change of front is said to be the demand of the Ontario Liberals to seek the endorsation of the government's naval policy at the hands of the electorate as although they intended to vote against Mr. Borden's amendment for an immediate general election to test public opinion on the naval proposals they feel that an election next autumn will be possible."

NO SEA SICKNESS

Ocean Travel Will Be Robbed Of Its Terrors.

Berlin, Dec. 6.—The Lolalanzeiger states that at the Congress of Shipbuilding Engineers the Emperor congratulated the Hamburg engineer, Herr Frahm, the inventor of a "pitching tank" to prevent the rolling of ships, and expressed the hope that the system would soon be introduced on board all vessels.

Herr Frahm read a paper demonstrating upon a model the effects of the invention which consists of U-shaped tanks extending from port to starboard through the hold. The water in them rises and falls as the ship rolls so as to neutralize the rhythmical movements of the latter.

The tanks have been tested on the two Hamburg-America liners Ypiranga and Corcovado. These vessels plying between Buenos Ayres and Hamburg this summer without tanks rolled to eleven degrees on each beam. This was reduced to two degrees when the tanks were in operation.

The Hamburg-America Line have directed tanks to be placed in the steamer recently ordered by them for their New York service.

Would Tap Coal Fields.

Edmonton, Alta., Dec. 5.—A new railway company, which will tap the coal fields in the south of the province, is being incorporated by a bill introduced in the legislature by Malcolm McKenzie, under the name of the Alberta and Bow Island railway lines. The company's incorporaters are D. B. McDowell, Chas. Peterson, and Donald McRae, of Winnipeg, and it is given power to build a line from Coutts southeast to the Bow river, from the Bow to Calgary; and also a line into Lethbridge.

MUST ABIDE BY RAILWAY ACT

Application of Canadian Northern For Approval of Location Plans of Alberta Branch Turned Down By Commission.

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—At a meeting of the Board of Railway Commissioners today, among the applications heard for the approval of location plans was one by the Canadian Northern Railway Company for approval of part of its Sudbury and Port Arthur division from mile 500 to mile 525, being near Nipigon in the district of Thunder Bay. The first point in dispute was that the applicant company found it difficult to ascertain certain portions of the line in getting a right of way of its own and asked to be allowed to use certain portions of the right of way of the Canadian Pacific. After considerable argument hearing was adjourned until next meeting.

The C. N. R. had an application on the order paper for the approval of the location plans from Stewartwyn westerly towards Rocky Mountain House in Alberta. Some time ago an application for the approval of the location plans was dismissed by the Board, as evidence was furnished to the board that the C. N. R., contrary to the provisions of the Railway Act, had proceeded to grade the road without approval of the location plans by the Board of Railway Commissioners.

Today the C. N. R. withdrew its application for the approval of the location plans along its line of railway from Stewartwyn westerly to Rocky Mountain House and asked that the Board be good enough to return to them all plans, profiles, etc.

The Board of Railway Commissioners will not approve a location plan for any portion of a line of railway where grading has been done before approval is obtained, as the same is a violation of the Act. It is understood that the Canadian Northern is applying to the Legislature of the Province of Alberta for a special act to overcome the difficulties.

GETTING BUSY IN ALBERTA

Night Sessions of Legislature to Be Held in Order to Rush Business Through by Christmas.—Provincial Debt.

Edmonton, Dec. 6.—Night sessions will be the rule of the legislature from now on in order to get through by Christmas. The following bills were advanced to third reading:—Amendments to Game Act; Alberta University Bill; Acts to prevent priority among execution creditors; to amend the Alberta Land Surveyor's Act; to incorporate the Lethbridge Y.M.C.A.; Respecting Lethbridge Charter; Respecting Peace River and Great Western Railway; An Act to validate transferring of Galt Park to the City of Lethbridge; A bill to incorporate the Pincher Creek, Cranston and Montana Railway. Charles O'Brien's Bill to amend the Coal Mines Act to give more protection to miners passed its first reading; the bill to allow osteopaths to practice in the province also passed.

Premier Sifton will bring down the estimates the latter part of this week and will follow with the budget speech on Monday. This is the announcement he made today. Estimates will not be discussed until after the budget has been brought down. There is expected to be considerable discussion on the estimates which are expected to provide for the disposal of money. In answer to a question by R. B. Bennet, Premier Sifton stated the follows:—The bonded indebtedness is follows:—The bonded indebtedness is $2,000,000 and the current indebtedness is $3,173,193, due to the Imperial Bank.

CHINA CREATES NAVY DEPT.

In Past Has Been Controlled by Tentative Board.—Will Reorganize

Pekin, Dec. 6.—An important step has been taken by China with the object of increasing the efficacy of her army and navy. The throne today issued edicts creating a navy department which up to the present has consisted merely of a tentative board for the consideration of naval affairs.

Prince Seai Sunn, uncle of the emperor, who recently paid an extensive visit to America, has been appointed president of the new department, and his full recommendations for the reorganization of the navy have been approved. The general staff of the army will be re-organized along modern lines as proposed by General Yin Tchang, who formerly was minister to Germany, and is now president of the war department. The throne points out in the edicts the necessity of making the army and navy effective, and with this in mind dismisses many of the officers of the old school, with a pension.

WILY CHINAMEN

Seek Deportation to Get Free Passage Home.

Kingston, Dec. 6.—An Ogdensburg, New York, despatch says "Hundreds of Chinimen have been arriving in Canada during the past few years and many of them have been successful in making their way into the United States territory. Immigration officials are exercised over the belief that the department is being worked by wily Chinamen for free transportation to their native land. They leave Montreal for a point near Rouse's Point, and from there are taken in automobiles across the line into American territory. They are said to wander about until they are arrested and are then taken to Plattsburg and later sentenced to be deported to China.

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FESTIVAL OF EMPIRE

Brilliant Scenes in London From May to October Next Year

London, Dec. 6.—A "festival of empire, imperial exhibition and pageant of London" will be held at the Crystal Palace from May to October of next year. Princess Louise, duchess of Argyll, is the honorary president of the ladies' committee, and the duke of Norfolk, the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Rosebery and Lord Roberts are members of the directing council which is presided over by the Earl of Plymouth. The purpose of the festival of empire is in no way political, as is shewn by the fact that both Mr. Asquith and Mr. Balfour are among its vice-presidents. Its aim is to make the inhabitants of the scattered lands of the empire better acquainted with each other. The coronation and the imperial conference, the two great events of next year, are expected to draw thousands of oversea visitors to London and the Crystal Palace is being prepared as a common meeting ground for them.

India, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa and Newfoundland are all sending contributions to the exhibition section, each exhibit having been manufactured or produced within the empire.

The parliament houses of all these countries will be reproduced in three quarter scale on the grounds of the palace, each house being surrounded with land arranged to look like its own native heath. In South Africa, the grounds will be laid out to represent the veldt, with gold and diamond mines dotted here and there, while the Indian part will consist of splendid palaces and teeming bazaars glowing with all the colors of the Orient. This group, which covers many acres, will thus give the effect of the empire in miniature, and a little railway, 1 1-2 miles around, will enable passengers to visit the places named, in ten minutes.

The English section of the ground will include old English fairs, a permanent camp of boy scouts, and a country life exhibition with real farm yards and their inhabitants. The pageant of London, which was the original idea of the promoters, will now take second place. By the time the exhibition is opened, the London, Brighton and South Coast railway will have completed the electrification of their line to the Crystal Palace, so that passengers will be able to reach the exhibition in twelve minutes from Victoria.

UNDESIRABLES DEPORTED.

Fifty Sent Out of Canada by Immigration Department.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—Deportation officers of the immigration branch of the department of the interior, have just returned from St. John and Portland, after sending out of the country the biggest batch of undesirable citizens that has left Canada for some time. Undesirables were collected at Montreal, where fifty in all, assembled from all over the country, several coming from as far west as Winnipeg. They were then taken by officers in two sections, one going to St. John and one to Portland, from which places they were shipped.

THE C. P. R. FLEET.

Manager on His Way With Big Plans From England.

Montreal, Dec. 6.—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy announces that Mr. Arthur Piers, steamship manager in England for the C.P.R., is on his way to Montreal with plans, specifications and tenders for the building of the new steamships for the company's Atlantic fleet. On his arrival these will be gone into and if found satisfactory by the president, will be signed before the end of the year. The order when given will be the largest of its kind in the history of the country and the steamships when completed for the spring of 1912 will be the most striking additions made to the Canadian mercantile marine.

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NO DECISION REACHED.

Government Has Not Decided What Support it Will Give Centennial.

Ottawa, Dec. 5.—The government has not yet determined its purpose as to the financial assistance it proposes to give to the Winnipeg exposition of 1914. This statement was made in the House this afternoon by Premier Laurier, replying to an inquiry by T. S. Sproule, member for East Grey. The premier made no further explanation of the purpose of the government than to say that it had "reached no conclusion."

Balloon in Wild Flight.

London, Dec. 5.—The balloon owned by the international ballooning club of Munich which rose from that city Saturday and moved first in the direction of Switzerland, landed today near Kirkwall, in the county of Orkney, Scotland, after a wild flight across the North Sea, during which one of the aeronauts, Herr Metzger, lost his life. After sailing to the southwest the little airship took a northerly course and was driven towards the British Isles by a terrific gale. Yesterday morning the balloon struck the sea and a huge wave swept across the basket. Metzger was taken away and drowned. His companions clung to their craft, which further lightened, ascended again and drifted over the Orkney Islands, where a successful descent was made. The surviving aeronauts, Disler and Joerdene, were unharmed.

Bad Flood in Paris.

Paris, Dec. 5.—The flood continues serious along the valleys of the Loire, Rhone and Garonne and there is but slight improvement elsewhere. All the country to the northwest of Nantes to the extent of about ten miles in length and five in breadth is a sheet of water. Reports from Nantes say that during the night the dike collapsed and that five villages to the southeast of the city were overwhelmed in a few minutes. Several thousand families by this disaster were added to the already large number of sufferers.

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Case Finally Dropped.

Brandon, Dec. 5.—Almost a year ago R. H. Hillen, president of the Belmont King Mine Co., was arrested on the charge of misrepresentation to those who had subscribed for stock in his company as well as on the charge of stealing some $250 from the company. Bail was set at $10,000 and litigation was commenced on a scale perhaps never before witnessed in the country. At the same time the charge of misrepresentation fell to the ground.

The prosecution kept the case from coming to trial as long as they could and after rearresting the accused and having put his company to an expense of many thousands of dollars have now dropped the case.