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ANDREWS NEWS.

Three masted schooner son, master, was brought by Mr. Clime, pilot, and the schooner Beane Park...

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FORKS ENGINEER. seven, engineer of the department, in confined to with a sprained leg; the...

ADY WORKER. The Slow Fat Sues. use coffee day after day of the serious work...

Feb. 21—There have been ministry at Seoul, Corea, as the Anglo-Japanese alliance...

PARLIAMENT.

Liberals Now Practically Control the Senate.

Contract With the American Bank Note Company Renewed for Five Years.

Auditor General Throws Light on a Salary and Mileage Grab by Two Senators—Commons Only Sat Till Six o'clock Last Evening.

OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—One volume of the auditor general's report was presented to the house today. It is full of good things for the grit party and shows how lavishly the government has made the money fly. One of the most interesting tables is the amount expended by the government in advertising, printing, etc., among government organs...

Among the payments to legal firms, under the heading of "legal expenses and taxed costs," the following sums were paid out: Blake, Lash & Cassella, of Toronto, \$3,338; Arthur G. Gobeney, of Montreal, \$1,977; E. H. McAlpine of St. John, \$1,249; J. J. O'Meara of Ottawa, \$2,996; W. B. Ross of Halifax, \$2,474; A. L. Sifton of Calgary, \$1,069; F. C. Wade, Dawson, \$5,526.

IN THE COMMONS. In the house today George Ritzel, the newly elected member for Victoria, was introduced and took his seat. Mr. Maclean introduced a bill regarding telephones and telephone companies. Its object is to give the government control and supervision of telephone poles, including charges for messages and rentals of telephones. These tolls may be revised from time to time by the governor in council. The bill also provides against unfair discrimination and against giving of rebates.

The debate on the address was resumed by Mr. Bourassa (liberal), for Labille, who demanded information about the forthcoming visit of the premier to the King's coronation and what he was going to do there. He moved an amendment regarding the question of railway transportation, which he said was not prompted by a spirit of antagonism.

Hon. Mr. Tarte was the next speaker. He strongly advocated the construction of the French River canal, but stated he was speaking for himself alone. He said the government could not prevent the acquisition of the Canada Atlantic railway by Americans. If, however, foreigners made an effort to secure the C. P. R. he for one would favor the government purchasing sufficient stock on the road.

Mr. Haggart endorsed the French River canal project as preliminary to a through canal from Georgian Bay to Montreal. After Messrs. Robinson and McLean had spoken the address passed and the house adjourned at 9 p. m.

THE ESTIMATES.

The estimates were tabled by the minister of finance tonight. The total amount to be voted is \$47,845,000, as against \$44,100,000, or an increase of three and three-quarter millions over last year. Adding capital expenditure proposed the increase is exactly three millions.

A new postal office is to be created entitled "chief superintendent of city post offices," with salary of \$3,000. There is no general increase in the wages of letter carriers, but stampers and sorters in some upper provinces cities get increases.

The militia estimates show an increase of \$67,174. More money is to be spent in annual drill, the increase under this head being \$40,000. I. C. R. items on capital account are cut down, but there is a big increase chargeable to revenue.

Half a million is to be voted on account of the St. Lawrence ship channel. OTTAWA, Feb. 17.—For public buildings in New Brunswick the items are: Maryville public building, \$9,500; Richibucto public building, \$8,000; St. John's public building, improvements, alterations, renewals, repairs, etc., \$20,000.

St. John immigrant building, \$10,000. For Harbors and Rivers in New Brunswick: Bay St. Lawrence breakwater, \$25,000; Black Brook (Logville) wharf, \$10,000; Cape Tormentine, repairs to breakwater, etc., \$15,000.

Carleton Place, \$20,000. Change Harbor breakwater, \$4,000. Clinton (Stonhaven) breakwater, \$25,000. Dipper harbor breakwater, \$5,000. Dunbar (Coles Point) breakwater, \$25,000. Grande Anse, extension and repairs to breakwater, \$9,000.

Hopewell Cape, new wharf, \$15,500. Miramichi harbor breakwater, \$20,000. Pointe-a-la-Peine, reconstruction of north pier and Groynes, etc., \$20,000. River St. John, including tributaries, \$18,000. River St. John—Wharf at Oromocto, \$1,500. St. John Harbor—New Point breakwater, \$20,000.

Shipigan harbor, extension and repairs to protection works, \$2,000. Upper Salmon River (Alma pier), \$5,700. NOTES. Col. Sam Hughes wants the table of precedence to be amended so that archbishops and bishops will not have precedence over ministers of other denominations.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—The proceedings of the house today lasted less than fifteen minutes. Mr. Cowan introduced a bill dealing with the drainage on and across property of the railway companies. Mr. Hartley, the newly elected member for Kingston, was introduced and took his seat.

Hon. Mr. Fielding said the government was prepared to go on with the estimates, but in view of the fact that the auditor general's report had just been laid on the table, he realized the opposition might desire some opportunity of looking into that document before taking up supply. He was, therefore, willing to let the matter go over.

The motion to go into committee of supply was then withdrawn and the house adjourned. NOTES. The liberal caucus this morning was presided over by Mr. Edwards, M. P. for Miramichi. As anticipated, the I. C. R. administration was the principal topic of discussion. Some of the eastern Quebec members and some from the maritime provinces were particularly wrathful over the way the patronage has been dispensed by Mr. Blair, and assurances were given that the minister would do better.

Ald. Dan Gallery of Montreal was made one of the Quebec whips. The debate on the address was continued, Hon. Messrs. Scott and Ferguson being the principal speakers. OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—There was an interesting discussion in the commons today on the subject of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty and the Alaska boundary dispute. The question was brought up by Bourassa, who moved for papers on the subject. These, the premier said, could not be brought down, as negotiations were still pending.

Bourassa then launched out into a tirade against the government for sacrificing the interests of Canada at the time the Clayton-Bulwer treaty was abrogated. At the very least the home authorities might have insisted upon a reference of the Alaska boundary question to arbitration.

Mr. Bourassa declared that Canadians received plenty of compliments from the British, but when it came to helping a Canadian case British officials were found siding with foreign governments. The British government, like procedure, aided with his battalions (Laughter). He called attention also to a remark made by Sir Louis Davies, who said that when in England he actually found British officials anxious to help the United States in this matter.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier declined to be drawn into a discussion of the question. The papers could not be brought down for the reason that the negotiations are still pending. He was not any more than the usual admirer of the British policy on the continent of America. Canada has many occasions had not received a word from him, but he hoped it had not yet come to a point where Canada wanted Great Britain to go to war with the United States because the negotiations were being prolonged.

Canada should preserve her friendly relations with the United States, even though sometimes our patience were sorely tried. He hoped before parliament rose he might be able to make some statement, in relation to the question of the subject, had been engaging the attention of the British government and the Canadian government as well.

R. L. Borden remarked that nobody had any fault to find with what the premier had said regarding the preservation of friendly relations with the United States, but the settlement of the Alaska boundary might be postponed for an indefinite period. The government had been dealing with it for three or four years, and this time last year the slightest progress had been made. This might continue for many years, and during the whole of that period the people of the United States would be in possession of territory which was claimed by Canada.

Was the house to be kept out of papers relating to the question of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty during the whole of that period? He saw a great deal of force in this objection which had been raised to such a course. It was true correspondence with reference to the Alaska boundary question might include references to a settlement of this portion of the papers and there could be no difficulty in elimination of this portion of the papers and bringing down the rest.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Detachment of Scots Greys Captured by Boers.

The Enemy Greatly Demoralized in Eastern Transvaal—Canadian Contingent at Durban.

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—A special cable to a morning paper from London says: General Kitchener's details of the operations in South Africa during January are published today in the official Gazette. Referring to the Tweefontein mishap, he says a court of inquiry was held on the affair, "which, in my opinion," he says, "was not satisfactorily covered by the explanations put forward. Considering the warnings which force resolved, directing them to be on the alert, the preparation made by them to meet a night attack seem, so far as I can judge at present, to have been most defective."

Incidentally Gen. Kitchener mentions that Major Colenbrander met a party of natives under Chief Linchwe 2,000 strong, marching in an endeavor to recapture stock that had been stolen the previous month by Commandant Kemp. As there were Boer women and children in the neighborhood, deplorable results might have occurred. Major Colenbrander ordered the natives to return, and they obeyed, much to the relief of the Boer families scattered in the district.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—A detachment of the Scots Greys, one of Great Britain's crack dragoon regiments has been cut up by the Boers at Klipdam. Major C. W. M. Fielden and Capt. E. Usher were severely wounded, two men were killed, and 46 captured. The news was received today from Lord Kitchener in a despatch dated from Pretoria Feb. 19. The Scots Greys formed part of Gen. Buller's column, the writer urges the latter, while moving on Nigel, Feb. 18, engaged a force of Boers at Klipdam. The Scots Greys became detached, were surrounded and were cut off. Gen. Buller was unable to dislodge the Boers from their position, so he continued his march towards Nigel. The Boers released the Scots Greys who had been made prisoners.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—The transport Mphahlati, from Halifax with the first section of the Canadian Mounted Rifles on board, has arrived at Durban from Cape Town. LONDON, Feb. 21.—In a despatch from Pretoria the correspondent of the Times says there is no doubt the Boers in the Eastern Transvaal Colony are greatly demoralized, and that they are so hard-pressed that many are reluctant to continue the struggle. In an intercepted letter from Gen. Piet Viljoen to Mr. Schalk-Burger, the writer urges the latter to do something to counteract the spirit of surrender among the Boers. It is rumored that Gen. Botha and Mr. Schalk-Burger are trying to arrange a meeting.

In spite of these indications, however, there is no ground for believing that the war will be immediately over, continues the Times, correspondent. The influence of the Boer leaders may still prevail, and, in any case, the majority would refuse to be bound by the action of the Boers in the eastern Transvaal.

ADHERERS TO HOME RULE.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—If any question remained as to the unlikelihood of a working agreement between Lord Rosebery and the Boers, the negative tonight in an address delivered by Mr. Henry James, the secretary of the Liberal League, in the house of commons, at Leicester.

After the customary structures on the government for its inactivity and wrong-headedness in failing to conclude an honorable truce with the Boers, Mr. James said that he declined to wipe the slate of the liberal principles and strongly reaffirmed his adhesion to home rule.

WILL SAIL FROM ST. JOHN.

OTTAWA, Feb. 19.—The war office has given permission to the department of militia to send fourteen men of 2nd contingent, left in hospital at Halifax, at the time the detachment left under Col. Evans, to South Africa by one of the hay vessels from St. John. The men are very anxious to serve.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 20.—The large and fashionable dry goods store of Corde & Mosby, on Broad street, was burned out tonight. The building and stock are a complete loss. The fire is supposed to have started at the foot of the elevator shaft, but it is not known how it started, as about \$120,000; fully covered by insurance.

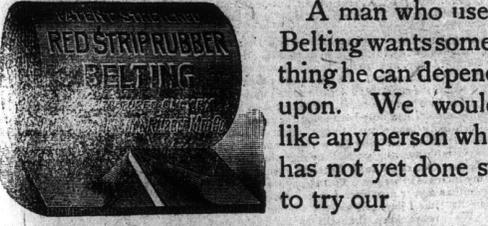
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