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Ottawa, Nov. 24, 1906.

The Session of Parliament which began on Thursday of this week gives promise of unusual interest. It is the beginning of a new system. Sessions hereafter will commence in the Autumn instead of the latter part of the Winter, and the fiscal year is to close in March instead of June. The promised legislation of this year includes, a revision of the tariff, and the re-adjustment of Provincial subsidies. Other bills mentioned in the speech from the throne are a measure increasing the representation of Alberta and Saskatchewan in the Commons, one relating to the treaty with Japan, an amendment to the election acts, and certain Department bills. The address was the mainly historical, containing much solemn information long since familiar to all who heard it.

MR. HYMAN RESIGNS AT LAST.

From a political point of view the event of greatest interest on the opening day was the announcement made by the Speaker of the Commons that he had received from Hon. C. S. Hyman, Minister of Public Works, the resignation of his seat in the House. The Speaker stated that notice given by the Member for London was not in accord with the rules and he must have acted rather hastily. Two days before the Session the London "Advertiser" organ of the Government in Mr. Hyman's own city, announced that the Minister of Public Works was in ill health as the result of overwork and would be obliged to go South for a rest. But everyone knows that Mr. Hyman resigns on account of the discovery of the election conspiracy by which he was returned to the House of Commons when he became minister last year. The only wonder is that Mr. Hyman did not resign as soon as the statement of deputy returning officer Collins disclosing the conspiracy in which he and others were concerned had been made in court.

A SAMPLE GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

It is interesting now to recall the declarations and boastings of Ministers and their organs that the election of Mr. Hyman was a triumphant vindication of the Government policy of coercion in the West. As the Autonomy measure was made the issue in that campaign Mr. Hyman's majority was quoted from Victoria to Sydney as an indication of popular approval. The London election inquiry has shown that the majority indicated only the possession on the part of Mr. Hyman's friends of unlimited money, and their utter absence of moral scruples. Hence the conspiracy for the suppression of the will of the people. The ghastly story of these criminal operations, involving breaches of trust, perjuries and bribes by deputy returning officers especially selected for this very purpose, wholesale bribery tampering with ballots and other offences need not be told again. Mr. Hyman has

held the stolen seat through one session and part of another. Now he is forced to give it up. He and his colleagues must at the same time abandon the claim that the electors have expressed approval of the Government policy.

WHAT NEXT.

At the time of writing it is uncertain whether Mr. Hyman will retire from the Government or hold on to his office and go back for re-election. He is himself in the United States, and at a time when the affairs of his great spending department most need explanation there is no minister to explain anything. Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed the House that Mr. Hyman had tendered the resignation of his office, but that he, himself, had not yet thought it well to lay the resignation before the Governor-General.

NEW MEMBERS.

The leader of the Government and the leader of the Opposition introduced supporters returned since the last session. The new Conservatives are Mr. Marshall of East Elgin and Mr. White of North Renfrew. Some curiosity was felt concerning M. Robitaille, who ran as an Independent, and won an immense majority over the Government candidate in Quebec County, heretofore a strong Liberal constituency. Sir Wilfrid and his Postmaster-General had both taken the stump against Mr. Robitaille, as had several provincial ministers. Liberal members of parliament and senators. Mr. Robitaille was introduced by neither of the regular party leaders but appeared under the escort of Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Laverne, Independent or Nationalist Liberals. It is clear that the new member for Quebec county can not be included among the regular supporters of the Government.

CONSERVATIVE GAINS.

On the day before the House met two by-elections were held in Montreal, in districts which had given large Government majorities two years ago. St. Mary's division had returned a Liberal in 1904 by nearly a 1000 majority, and the Conservatives did not interfere in the by-election, as the Labour party had chosen a candidate and the Government was supporting the Ministerial candidate has been elected by an increased majority over the working man.

In the St. Ann's division the Conservatives put up a good fight and reduced the majority from 730 to 202. This result shows that the City of Montreal and the Province of Quebec offer great encouragement to courageous and organized effort in the Conservative cause.

A SOLEMN WARNING.

An address delivered in Toronto to the other day by Mr. J. M. Courtney, C. M. G., who has lately retired from the position of Deputy Minister of Finance, has attracted earnest attention. Mr. Courtney has served under every Prime Minister of the Dominion, and he now sounds a note of warning against present excessive national expenditure. He points out that large bond obligations of the country will fall due in a short time and that we are incurring great additional indebtedness. The ordinary scale of expenditure seems to him to be growing entirely too fast, and Mr. Courtney points out that a depression of business throughout the world would fall severely upon Canada if the present scale of national outlay is continued.

THE CARNIVAL CONTINUES.

But there is no sign around the Departments or on Parliament Hill of anxiety or of a disposition to retrench or even to watch the payment of money. On the contrary the want of vigilance, and the raids on the treasury, which were revealed in last session's parliamentary enquiries are still exhibited. An illustration of departmental methods has been furnished in the last few days by the suspension of five officers of the Immigration Department. These officials are charged with having put in bogus expense bills thus defrauding the country out of many hundred dollars. It appears that they have handed in other people's meal tickets and sleeping car checks as vouchers for expenditure that was never incurred. Yet all these accounts, some of which are said to be absurd on the face of them, were duly accepted and paid by the department of the interior after some alleged examination by its officers.

DISCOVERED BY THE AUDITOR.

The credit for the discovery of the frauds belongs to the Auditor-General's department, which is independent of government control,

and whose examiners, though they are not supposed to be familiar with immigration routine, saw at a glance enough in the accounts themselves and the bogus vouchers to easily excite their suspicion. It is a small matter, compared with the North Atlantic Trading Company swindle, but it shows incapacity and unreliability of one great spending department. When the Minister of the Interior was shown what was going on it was necessary for him to act. But it remains to be seen whether in case the men suspended shall be found to have committed criminal offences, he will treat them as he did his friend Mr. Wagner, who, after serving a term in jail for frauds committed in his office, was re-appointed at double his former salary, and at the same time encouraged to drum up the Galician vote at the Edmonton election.

AN INQUIRY THAT DID NOT HAPPEN.

Already it is manifest that the affairs of the Immigration Department will be subjected to rigid enquiry during this session. Questions are now on the order paper concerning the enquiry which Mr. Oliver promised to make into the charges against "Hug the Machine" Preston. Mr. Wilson of Lennox asks for copies of the evidence taken in this investigation and for the conclusions reached. It is not likely that his desire will be gratified, as the common impression is that the promise was broken and no enquiry held. Before Mr. Oliver had time to even begin the investigation he and his colleagues had promoted the officer accused to the important position of Trade Commissioner in the East. Yet it will be remembered that it was only upon the distinct and clear assurance of Mr. Oliver in his place as Minister, that several of his own supporters voted against Mr. Monk's resolution condemning Mr. Preston for his conduct in relation to Leopold (otherwise Lazarus) and the bogus Canadian Labour Bureau. Among those who pressed for and obtained this pledge were Mr. Guthrie of Wellington, Mr. Verville of Montreal and Mr. Johnston of Cape Breton. Probably the first and last mentioned only desired an excuse to vote with the Government, but that does not relieve the Minister of the Interior.

THE NORTH ATLANTIC AGAIN.

There will also be a further investigation into the North Atlantic Trading Company's operations. This fictitious concern has already received \$300,000 from the Canadian treasury for no definite service. Though the contract is cancelled, if the announcement of the Government made in the House last session can be accepted, there is reason to believe that claims for payment are still made, and that the Government is recognizing continuous obligations.

TARIFF REVISION.

The Finance Minister is understood to be anxious to get ahead with his tariff revision. He will certainly have no complaint of Opposition obstruction. The debate on the Address will not be prolonged and is likely to end on Monday. Mr. Fielding is therefore free to bring on his new tariff the first of next week if he has it ready.

THE DEBATE.

After Mr. Pardee and Mr. Demers as junior members had moved and seconded the reply to the Address. Mr. Borden took the floor and briefly reviewed matters mentioned in the Speech. He called attention to Mr. Courtney's note of alarm, over the rapid growth of expenditure, and referred to Mr. Fielding's appointment of Government officials in Shelburne and Queens to act as his representative at the polls in the recent by-election, all in defiance of a parliamentary pledge of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, and a unanimous resolution of the House. Concerning the London election frauds and the resignation of Mr. Hyman, Mr. Borden reminded the House that on the evening of that by-election a piece of crepe and an impolite missive had been attached to the door of his room in the parliament building. "Who is wearing crepe now?" asked Mr. Borden amid applause. The Opposition Leader pointed out that it had last year introduced measures against electoral fraud and corruption, and he once more affirmed his belief that a public prosecution free from partisan control should be appointed to see that election offences are punished. Mr. Borden reminded the Government of the promise of an enquiry into Preston's operations and asked what had been done to give effect to them. He showed that the sale of Crown lands in

the west at especially low prices to favourites was still going on and referred to the deal of July last when 385,000 acres of Alberta land were granted to a group of speculators and turned over at a profit of hundreds of thousands to other parties.

SIR WILFRID'S DEFENCE.

The premier, who followed Mr. Borden, apologized for Mr. Fielding's coercion of Government officials into campaign activity, by pleading that the Minister had signed the appointments of his agents in blank leaving them to fill in the names. Sir Wilfrid thought that Mr. Hyman had done right to resign his seat, but did not think he was called upon to give up his office. Mr. Hyman had desired to abandon his portfolio but his leader said that he had asked him to reconsider his determination. Concerning Mr. Preston the first minister admitted that the Commissioner had acted improperly and that by quarrelling with his associates he had showed himself unsuitable for his office. So he had to be removed but it was thought well to give him another office and this has been done.

Vigorous and aggressive speeches on the opposition side followed from Hon. George E. Foster, Mr. W. F. McLean, Mr. Chisholm and Dr. Sprule.

NOTHING DOING BY THE SENATE.

The death of Senator Kerr, of Cobourg, Ontario, makes the sixth vacancy in that chamber. Senator Vidal, the eminent and greatly respected temperance legislator, who died this month at the age of eighty-seven, was the only Conservative of those whose seats are vacated. The story is revived that Ex-Premier Ross of Ontario may be called to the Senate and made government leader in that chamber. There is evident need of such leadership if the Senate is to be restored to a position of usefulness. As it is, none of the measures promised by the Government will be introduced in the Senate, which will therefore have to adjourn for want of something to do until the Tariff Bill has been got out of the way of the House of Commons. It does not occur to the ministers in the Senate that Government bills may be introduced in that chamber as well as the other.

Rapid Transit of Mails.

The C. P. R. Express of Ireland, Capt. Foster, R. N. R., arrived at Halifax Thursday evening last after a record run of six days three hours and five minutes from Liverpool, and after discharging an unusually large mail proceeded to St. John, where she landed passengers and Oriental mails. Like a city of lights the big liner steamed up the harbor at a fast clip and anchored at 8.15. The company carried out to a letter the arrangements to bring the steamer right up the harbor. It was 8.40 when the first mail tender reached the side of the steamer and 9.05 when the first mail bag was passed over the side of the ship. At 10.40 the steamer was on her way to St. John, and at 11 o'clock the mail tender reached the deep water terminus with 841 sacks and 243 baskets of mail. The International mail flyer pulled out from Deep Water at 12.45 o'clock for Montreal.

It was estimated that the steamer lost fully two hours by transferring the mail in the stream instead of at the pier, it being contended that by docking she could have landed the mails and proceeded in much quicker time. On the first four days out the steamer encountered strong head gales and heavy seas, and on Sunday the storm became so bad that the speed of the liner was reduced. Steamer behaved splendidly, only damage received being a small portion of rail on bridge deck and lifeboat slightly broken. On Tuesday, 19th, a third class passenger, Mrs. Annie Prety, aged 36, who was on her way to Toronto to join her brother, died of heart failure, and was buried at sea with the usual impressive services. On the same date the Empress of Britain, homeward bound, was passed and greetings exchanged. The mail special over the Intercolonial railway from Halifax, carrying the English mails, landed at Halifax by the Empress of Ireland arrived at Montreal, Friday evening at 7.15 o'clock, making the run in 19 hours and fifteen minutes, which is understood to be a new record for speed between Halifax and Montreal.

The Empress arrived at St. John about 4.30 p. m. Friday and after landing mails for the Orient and passengers a special over the C. P. R. started for Montreal, carrying the over seas mails for the east. This special arrived in Montreal Saturday forenoon. With little delay the Oriental mails were despatched over the C. P. R. The train reached Vancouver at 8.08 Tuesday morning, having made the run across the continent in 36 hours and 58 minutes, establishing a new record. Passengers who landed in London on Friday, 18th inst., have crossed the Atlantic and the continent of America and breakfasted on the Empress of China on the Pacific in less than eleven days.

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