

A WHOLE HOUR'S SITTING.

THE MEMBERS AT OTTAWA STILL BUSY DOING NOTHING.

The Canadian Pacific Railway Agreement The New Factory Act—Bills Allowed to Sleep.

Special Despatch to The World. OTTAWA, Jan. 31.—The longest a trifle over an hour today and accomplished but little.

Replying to Mr. Blake, Sir Hector Langevin, said no tariff of rates had been proposed by the Canadian Pacific company since that laid before the house last session.

In answer to Mr. Lister, Sir Hector Langevin said the contract for the erection of public buildings at Amherstburg had been let to Patrick Nevin for \$17,000, he being the lowest tenderer of five. The requisite security was given.

Twelve bills down for a second reading were allowed to stand.

Dr. Fortier moved for copies of reports on the London international fisheries exhibition by the commissioners of Canada attending it. He and Mr. Kaulbach occupied half an hour speaking on the question.

Mr. Royal asked for a select committee to consider the question of navigation of the Hudson bay. The matter was allowed to stand.

Mr. Lister moved for a statement giving the names of all persons in the public works department as extra or copying clerks, whose salaries have charged to particular works since 1881.

Sir Hector Langevin promised the information.

Mr. Lister moved for a return giving the names of persons who have been offered to sell lands at Amherstburg to the government for custom house or postoffice buildings.—Carried.

Mr. Blake moved for copies of all representations by, and correspondence with, the manufacturers' association or the trades and labor council, or any one on their behalf, or any other individuals or organizations on the subject of the proposed factory bill.

Sir Leonard Tilley said the government had communications from the trades and labor council, Toronto, asking for a copy of the bill. He heard nothing further about the matter. Last session several delegates called on him in reference to the matter, but he was ill. Carried.

Mr. Blake moved for copies of orders in council, departmental regulations, circulars and correspondence with reference to the question of duty on freight charges.

Mr. Bowell asked Mr. Blake to make some limit as to the extent of the correspondence. Mr. Blake said the correspondence regarding isolated cases only was not wanted, but the general correspondence touching important cases.

Mr. Blake moved for a statement of the sum expended in each year since the change of system by each department out of the lump vote for sessional retires; also for a statement for each year since the change in the system of public buildings, including the heating of public buildings, including wages as well as fuel, now paid under the lump vote.

Sir Hector Langevin said the information would be contained in the annual report of the department.

Mr. Shakespeare moved for copies of all correspondence between the superintendent of Indian affairs in British Columbia, or any other person, and the dominion government respecting the recent troubles with Indians at Metlakatla.

Mr. Peterson (Brant) moved for copies of correspondence and agreements between the government and the Canadian Pacific railway on the subject of immigration to Manitoba and the Northwest.

Mr. Gault moved that the house adjourn two days next week to give members an opportunity to attend the Montreal Carnival.

The absence of Sir John Macdonald from the house this morning was laid over.

The resolution regarding aid to the Canadian Pacific railway was the last absorbing topic in the lobby today. Notwithstanding all reports as to what the government would probably do, there is no use denying the fact that the announcement by the government was a surprise to a large majority of the house. They did not expect that the government would grant so much, but it is stated on all hands that such consideration will be offered the different provinces in view of the members supporting the resolutions as will be satisfactory.

New Brunswick and Nova Scotia will be pacified with having Halifax made the winter terminus of the Canadian Pacific railway. Quebec will push for an increased subsidy and speedy relief from her present financial extremity. Some tangible consideration will be given Ontario and thus the great interests of the country will be sacrificed and the dominion subjected to what is spoken of here as the largest steal ever perpetrated in the country. The fact that the company gives only security which practically belongs to the government is severely commented on. The company have spent fourteen millions over and above the cash subsidy. The government sent Schriber to Montreal to search the books and assure himself as to the statement. Among certain followers of the government, and indeed among a great many followers, there is a strong feeling of distrust. The opposition say that the country must collapse, sooner or later, under such a regime. They say it is now a game of grab all round, and the country cannot keep up under it.

The time for receiving private bills will positively expire Feb. 9.

D. A. Fleck, secretary treasurer of the Ontario & Pacific, is here, settling with the men who were engaged on a survey of the route.

The senate will adjourn tomorrow until Feb. 13.

ENGINEER NICK LONG.

He Sticks to His Trade, Risks His Life, and Saves the Passengers.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Jan. 31.—A Nashville and Chattanooga passenger train ran into a rock six miles from here, twelve miles from a similar accident on Tuesday. The conductor was seriously injured and several other trainmen hurt. The engine was demolished. When Engineer Nick Long first saw the rock, which was an immense boulder that had fallen in the cut, the engine was about thirty feet from it, running at a speed of twenty-five miles an hour. He told the fireman to jump from the cab. Long remained at his post, reversed his engine, and was applying the brakes when the engine struck it. He succeeded in preventing what might have resulted in the death of every passenger on the train. Long miraculously escaped with slight injuries. A liberal purse was raised by the passengers and presented to him.

A MOST HORRIBLE CRIME.

A Laborer Murders and Hacks His Wife to Pieces.

MOUNT AUBURN, Ohio, Jan. 31.—Patrick Harneis, laborer, brutally killed his wife this morning early and endeavored to chop the body in pieces and hide it. He had been addicted to drink.

Harneis was arrested after a desperate struggle in which he was seriously hurt. Mrs. Harneis was the mother of five children, and would soon have given birth to a sixth.

Her Mother-in-Law.

MERIDEN, Conn., Jan. 31.—Edward Barbois is about 17 or 18 years old. He is small for his age and has always lived at home. He earns anywhere from 80 cents to \$1 a day. He has been keeping company with a girl named Emma Keefe, who is a little over 15 years old. Saturday night they determined that their courtship had been of sufficient length, and that their love for each other was sufficient to last an ordinary lifetime. They went to Hartford and were married; some say by justice, others say by a clergyman, who performed the ceremony. At all events they were united in matrimony, and returned on a late train Saturday night with his young bride, and very properly took her home. He smilingly introduced her to his mother-in-law.

The smile soon vanished from Edward's face. His mother, a spunky little French woman, took a different view of the affair than the young benefactor before her did, and grabbing him by the collar she gave him a sound thrashing with a cowhide in the presence of the justice of the peace, and others claim it was a clergyman, who performed the ceremony. At all events they were united in matrimony, and returned on a late train Saturday night with his young bride, and very properly took her home. He smilingly introduced her to his mother-in-law.

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THE CITY AND COUNTY.

A CONFERENCE REGARDING THE COURT HOUSE.

The Civic Committee's suggestion—Warden Jackson on the Resignation—Mayor Bowell's Views.

There was a subdued feeling of expectancy in the county council chamber this afternoon. The court house committee of the city council were waiting in the room on the alert. The arrival of the city clerk, the chairman of the finance committee, the chairman of the public works committee, and the chairman of the committee on the proposed new court house, were awaited with interest.

Mr. James, reeve of Markham, introduced a bylaw to appoint a commissioner to take the census of Riverside with a view to erecting a place for the same.

At this moment the city clerk, Mr. Walker, who had been appointed to the position of city clerk, was introduced. He had been appointed to the position of city clerk, and was introduced to the council.

The committee of the city council have determined to meet on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Walker, who has been appointed to the position of city clerk, and will be introduced to the council.

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LAST NIGHT'S FIRES.

The burning of Brinkley church and the fire of last night ought to be considered providential warnings. If we do not regard them as such and profit thereby the city will receive a terrible visitation.

There is something radically wrong with the water supply, and the mechanical appliances at the disposal of the fire brigade. What these things are we leave to the water committee and the fire committee to ascertain.

But there is one thing we wish to impress all. Some night the whole of the city will be swept by fire for a mile or more. It is covered with frame buildings of all kinds, lumber yards, coal yards, shipping wharves, schooners, cars, etc., a conglomeration of inflammable material.

It is in connection with this part of the city that the water pressure is weakest, by reason, we are told, of the fact that the pressure is dissipated before the nozzle is reached. This, we understand, could be obviated by putting hydrants on the ends of the wharves.

If the council is wise they will not let another day pass without doing something.

GORDON AND BAKER.

Anxiety Regarding the success in the Sudan.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Sir Samuel Baker writes to the Times that the position of Gen. Gordon is absolutely unprotected in the deserts of Sudan. The hearing of a large sum of money is not only extremely dangerous, but also a direct challenge to disaster. His friends must watch his movements and await developments with the keenest anxiety.

Deep anxiety is felt regarding Baker Pasha's hazardous attempt to relieve Tokar. Baker will take with him four hundred Egyptian infantry, 300 Egyptian cavalry, 2000 Sudanese, two galleys and two rockets.

Gen. Gordon has sent a telegram to Khartoum saying: "You are men, not women. Be not afraid. I am coming." He has also sent a telegram to Cairo, advising the youth sent with him as the new sultan of Darfour has been incapacitated by drink ever since he left Cairo. It has since been discovered that the wrong man was sent.

Gen. Gordon leaves Assuan to-day en route for Khartoum. He has written a letter to El Mahdi asking him to send European prisoners in his possession to Khartoum.

Gen. Gordon formerly a servant in the office of Hicks Pasha, has joined El Mahdi and been made a general. Peace has been completely restored in Egypt to the Abyssinian frontier. The British are heartily rejoicing in it.

The battle all the dogs in the town. Only the wind howls on the roof of the house. There will be nothing left on Feb. 1, unless relief and the inhabitants intend to stay and cut their way to Suakin. They say they had better be killed than starved.

CONSERVATION OF CHANGE.

Defalcation of a London Firm of Stock Brokers.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—H. W. Thomas, Sons & Co., stock brokers, have been declared defunct. They were carrying large speculative accounts. One member of the firm has absconded.

The failure of H. W. Thomas, Sons & Co., brokers, has caused the greatest commotion in the stock exchange. Business is almost at a standstill. The losses in the stock exchange amount to about £25,000. The firm owes £300,000 to clients.

The assets are believed to be nil. The firm has been in business since 1850. It was one of the oldest firms in the city.

FOR THE RELIEF OF LANDLORDS.

A scheme to Place Irish Property Holders on their Feet.

DUBLIN, Jan. 31.—Owing to the depreciation of landed property a scheme is in preparation for the relief of owners. It is proposed to establish a land bank, with a government guarantee, which will be empowered to lend money to landlords to pay off incumbrances created before the land acts of 1881, and thus enable them to tenants for the purpose of purchasing holdings.

Socialism in Austria.

VIENNA, Jan. 31.—The apprehension of further socialist disturbances has led to the adoption of extraordinary measures by the ministry. They have published an ordinance prohibiting a kind of martial law in districts of Vienna, Kornuburg and Wiener Neustadt. Special measures will be taken in reference to suspicious letters and dangerous publications. In Vienna and Kornuburg trial by jury has been suspended.

Have the French Been Repulsed?

PARIS, Jan. 31.—The report that Admiral Courbet lately stormed Bacchin and has been repulsed, is pronounced without foundation.

La France reassures that Admiral Courbet lately attacked Bacchin and was repulsed with losses equal to those sustained at Sontay. The same paper says the French met 25,000 well-armed and strongly-armed Chinese regulars under the walls of Bacchin.

The Prince of Wales' Escape.

BRESTON, Jan. 31.—The Prince of Wales started on his return to London to-day. A large crowd assembled at the station and cheered him enthusiastically. The train from London to Bristol, upon which he was known to be travelling, was watched along the entire route by detectives. The mayor of Bristol received letters threatening death to the royal family.

Rebels in Utah.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A despatch from Tobermory, on the island of Mull, one of the Hebrides, says six men belonging to a secret society of Mull have been arrested on a charge of conspiring to destroy public buildings with dynamite and subvert her majesty's government.

THE OLD WORLD IN BREEZE.

At Stettin, Germany, 34,999 pieces of America cotton were examined and 1509 were found to contain trichinae.

Many emigrants were absent from the first levee of the season given by the lord chamberlain, owing to Lord Rosebery's recent suspension from managerial functions.

FIGHTING AGAINST HOPE.

TWO LARGE GRAIN WAREHOUSES SWEEP AWAY BY FIRE.

The Water Pressure Worthless—Ald. Farley Interviewed—The Most Magnificent Conflagration ever Witness