

PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Bourassa and the South African War.

Sir Charles Tupper Will Make an Example of the Press Gallery Man Who Lied About Him.

Conservative Caucus—Binder Twine Sales Made Public—The Senate Adjourns Until the 26th Inst.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—In the house today, John McNeil, the newly elected member for Sherbrooke, was introduced by Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Pope, and received with great conservative applause.

Mr. McNeil called attention to the report that the Leinster Regiment, now stationed at Halifax, had been ordered for service in South Africa. He wanted to know whether arrangements had been made or would be made to supply its place with a Canadian militia regiment.

Hon. Dr. Borden replied that he had no information with reference to the Leinster Regiment, except what he had seen in the papers. The subject was too wide a one to be discussed in the formal manner in which it had been brought forward.

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evoked, and he repeated his speeches not once but many times.

Hon. Mr. Foster paid a glowing tribute to the loyalty of French-Canadians, and declared if they had to make the choice between France of today and their present condition not an intelligent French-Canadian in the dominion would make the transfer.

In this matter of the sending of a contingent, the administration had utterly failed to grasp the importance of the situation. What a pitiful confession the premier made when he said last night he was waiting for the public opinion! If he was waiting, why did he open his mouth to the Toronto Globe correspondent on the 3rd of October, when he stated that the government had no constitutional authority to act; no money; they could not do anything, and that they did not intend to do anything?

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for them to do to stir up ill-feeling between the two races in this country. Had Quebec been disloyal in 1812, or even called on, nobody would ever have been called upon to sit in a Canadian parliament. This government asked for no service submission from its followers. All it asked was strict allegiance to the respecting man could give. The government had done on the contingent matter all that they should have done.

Mr. Macdonald introduced a bill today to amend the bankruptcy act. It is founded on the imperial measure, which has worked well, but differs from the imperial act by omitting any reference to voluntary assignments.

The collapse of the debate on the address caused great amusement to the conservatives. A direct challenge had been thrown out to Tarte, but neither he, Bourassa nor Monet would speak.

The minister of militia today received a cable from Col. Other, commanding the militia from fever of J. E. Parley of St. Thomas, Ontario, at Belmont.

Mr. Mackenzie Bowell filed his notice of motion today calling for all the correspondence in the controversy between Gen. Hutton and Col. Hughes.

Mr. Ingram introduced a bill to amend the Franchise act 1898. He wants provision made that Canadians now in South Africa shall be entitled to vote in the return before the elections, and shall not be barred by any present legal requirements as to residence, etc.

Sir Hibbert Tupper was told by Mr. Sifton that no original proceedings have been instituted against any officials mentioned in evidence taken before Wm. Ogilvie, respecting Yukon affairs.

Sir Richard Cartwright, after reciting commented upon the fact that no amendment had been offered. The contingent was a free gift from Canada, and therein lay its value.

adept Monday. He hoped the government would offer a Canadian militia regiment to garrison Halifax, thus leaving a British regiment free for active service.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the department of militia was engaged at this moment in correspondence with the war office closely touching this matter, but he was not in a position to make a definite statement.

Sir Charles Tupper again called attention to the press statements that Canada had consented to the abrogation of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier—The government has no objection to answer the question, but small the sanction of the imperial authorities is required.

Sir Charles Tupper complained that a maliciously false report of his speech had been sent to the Winnipeg Free Press by the Ottawa correspondent.

The premier said he would not pass judgment until he had an opportunity of looking at the paper and judging of it calmly. He was perfectly ready to support any motion in order to prevent misrepresentations of speeches in the press.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—Hon. Mr. Fielding will on Friday move the house into committee of the whole on the following resolutions: 1. Resolved, that it is expedient to provide that from and out of the consolidated revenue fund of Canada there shall be paid an amount of \$1,500,000 towards defraying any further expenditures that may be incurred in connection with the sending of Canadian volunteers for active service in South Africa.

2. In addition to the said sum there shall be paid and applied a further sum not exceeding \$1,500,000 towards defraying any further expenditures that may be incurred in connection with the sending of Canadian volunteers for active service in South Africa.

3. The word "expenditures" in the foregoing resolutions includes the following: "A." All expenses of every kind in connection with the raising, enrolling, arming, equipping, provisioning, despatching and transporting of the said contingents up to the time of their arrival at the place of embarkation in South Africa.

"B." The payment of the officers, non-commissioned officers and men composing the said contingents up to the time of embarkation as aforesaid, at the rates authorized by the regulations of the department of militia and defence.

"C." All separation allowances paid to the widows and children of each married non-commissioned officer and man at the rates laid down by the imperial regulations.

OTTAWA, Feb. 7.—What with the hay already sent to South Africa and that which has been ordered by the war office in Canada, the total quantity of hay to be sent will be about 18,000 tons. The Marquis will likely sail from St. John next week with about 2,000 tons and the Jeneta between the 15th and 20th with 1,500 tons.

"This house insists on the principle of the sovereignty and independence of parliament as the basis of British institutions and the safeguard of the civil and political liberties of British citizens, and refugees, consequently, to consider the action of the government in relation to the South African war as a precedent which should commit this country to any action in the future.

"That this house further declares that it opposes any change in the political and military relations which exist at present between Canada and Great Britain unless such change is initiated by the sovereign will of parliament and sanctioned by the people of Canada."

Dr. Sproule will again bring up his resolution in favor of parliament granting a bounty on all beet root sugar manufactured in Canada.

Dr. Roddick gave notice of a resolution setting forth the desirability of assimilating and making uniform the standards of education for the professions of medicine and surgery in Canada by establishing a central authority to deal with the question and to constitute a dominion medical council, in which the legislatures of the various provinces may, if they see fit to do so, vest such powers as are necessary to effect the above purposes.

Mr. Taylor elicited the information that the binder twine today that the binder twine on hand at Kingston penitentiary August 1, 1896, was sold to Coll Bros of St. John, N. B., at the following prices: Manila (Maple Leaf brand), \$5 per hundred weight; mixed (Beaver brand), \$4.50; sisal, \$4. The binder twine manufactured at Kingston penitentiary between Aug. 1st, 1896, and July 31st, 1897, was sold to the Hobbs Hardware Co.: Manila, \$5.25; mixed, \$4.75; sisal, \$4.40. The output between Aug. 1st, 1897, and July 31st, 1898, was sold to Bab & Sons, Ottawa: Manila, \$4.95; mixed, \$4.45; sisal, \$4.15. The output between Aug. 1st, 1898, and July 31st, 1899, was sold to Hobbs Hardware Co.: Manila, \$7.25; mixed, \$6.15; sisal, \$6.

Col. Prior was informed by the minister of militia that the government had taken steps looking to the repatriation of the 100th (Leinster) regiment. Correspondence, the minister added, is now going on between the Canadian and imperial authorities.

At this point Sir Wilfrid Laurier brought up the complaint made by Sir Charles Tupper yesterday that his speech on the address had been falsefully reported in the Winnipeg Free Press by Mr. Magurn of that paper, the false statement being that Sir Charles had accused the French-Canadians of disloyalty. The premier had a letter from Mr. Magurn, in which he stated that he was not a member of the press gallery; that he did not write or dictate or even see the report to which the honorable gentleman takes exception.

The letter concluded with the remark that as an apology had been mentioned it ought to come from Sir Charles and not from the writer.

Sir Charles Tupper replied that he had since learned that the writer of the report in question was Mr. Mackenzie and not Mr. Magurn, the editor of the paper, who was also in the gallery, but the offence had been further aggravated by the publication of an item in today's issue of the same paper to the effect that Sir Charles had refrained from attempting to establish the accuracy of his assertion. Now, as for Mr. Magurn, Sir Charles continued, it would be in the memory of the house that he had lied about him in the report in question and regard to a proceeding before one of the committees of the house in such a gross manner that the chairman, the present Judge Lister, deemed it required an apology. This time, it appeared, however, the writer of the report, and if these people hoped to escape the consequences of misrepresentation in this way they were mistaken.

Mr. Magurn, the responsible editor of the paper, was in the gallery beside its correspondent when the report was written, and had aggravated his offence by insolvency. Was the report true that he had accused French-Canadians of disloyalty, or was it a lie?

"A lie," shouted the opposition members in unison. Never in all his life, continued Sir Charles, warmly, had he attacked French-Canadians. Let it be shown that he had and he would at once retract from public life. (Cheers.) No man could more steadfastly have discouraged racial and religious rancour in this country, as the records would abundantly show, and he would therefore avail himself of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's promise of the previous day to assist in depriving of the privileges of the press gallery the man who had slandered him in this respect.

tion this country or empire could offer which would induce him to tarnish the character and prestige he had always endeavored to maintain, namely, equal rights and equal justice for every Canadian, irrespective of race or creed; every man in Canada to be judged simply upon merit and ability as to the advancement which he could secure.

The debate was continued by Bourassa (Liberal of L'Abatte), McIntosh (the new member for Sherbrooke), Carey and Clarke Wallace. The latter said he would be glad if the subject by treatment of our volunteers by the government was to be regarded as not being "a precedent."

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—The following telegram was received at the militia department this morning from the Allen line: "Pomaranian passed St. Vincent, Cape Verde Islands, at eight o'clock this morning. Seven horses dead."

A conservative caucus was held today, when organization was discussed. Committees were appointed to prepare work to distribute campaign literature and for securing certain changes in the electoral laws.

The senate is still discussing the debate on the address. Senators Prime-rose and Miller made excellent speeches today; Miller's being a brilliant defence of Sir Charles Tupper, and an eulogy of his efforts in protecting the rights of the minority. The senate will adjourn tomorrow until the 26th.

Wainwright, assistant general manager of the Grand Trunk, has had an interview with several members of the government to urge the transfer of the subsidy of one million dollars for the Quebec bridge to the Grand Trunk.

BANK BURGLARS ARRESTED. DANVILLE, Que., Feb. 8.—Burglars blew open the vault and safe of the Danville branch of the People's Bank of Halifax here about 3 o'clock this morning. The burglars completely cleaned the safe of the contents, securing about \$5,000 in cash. WINDSOR MILLS, Que., Feb. 8.—Windsor Mills was put in an uproar about 8 p. m. by the announcement that six burglars had broken into the safe with over \$5,000 of funds of the Danville branch of the People's Bank of Halifax, were being followed into town by a posse of officers and citizens of Danville. Snow is over three feet on the highways and the only way travel can be made. Thus hope was raised that the burglars might be captured. The posse of officers and citizens met the burglars on the outskirts of the town. The burglars drew revolvers and blazed away. The posse and return fire was made with rifles, shot guns and revolvers. After a warm struggle the whole band of burglars, six in number, were captured and about five thousand dollars in cash recovered from the safe. The posse also recovered a lot of burglar's tools. The money had been divided equally among them. High Constable Mies of Sherbrooke arrested in taking the prisoners to Sherbrooke jail. They will arrive at preliminary hearing at Sherbrooke tomorrow. Two of the burglars were quite seriously injured. One was shot through the head and the other through the shoulder. The prisoners gave the names of Edward McCarthy, Frank Allan, Williams, Andrew Mortimer, James Moore and John Brooks.

FREDERICTON. Fredericton Mining and Development Co.—F. H. Risteen's Condition—Recent Deaths. FREDERICTON, Feb. 8.—An examination of candidates for position of official and special court stenographers will be held in the near future. Those interested in examination are required to send in applications to T. F. Allan, clerk of the supreme court, before February 10th.

The Fredericton Mining and Development company held its first regular meeting here yesterday and elected the following directors: John Black, J. D. Hazen, F. St. John Bliss, W. W. Boddy, George Black and Parker. The directors also elected the following officers: J. D. Hazen, president; J. Black, vice-president; Geo. Black, managing director.

Geo. Black, Wm. Boddy, Geo. Pinder and George Armeureux leave on the 21st instant for the Yukon to view several claims controlled by the company.

John Scott, a well known resident of St. Marys, died this morning at Victoria, B. C. He had been in the city for treatment a few days ago. He was 78 years old and leaves two sons, Joe St. Scott, with whom he lived at St. Marys, and John Scott of Maguway.

The death also occurred of one of the oldest residents of the county, George Jones, who had passed his ninety-second birthday. He died at the residence of his daughter, Humbert Thomas, at Springhill.

Bishop Kingdon entertained the sidesmen of the Cathedral at dinner at his residence last night. The finances of the corporation were considered and found in a very satisfactory condition. During the year over one thousand dollars was expended in improvements of the church building.

E. H. Allen presided at the meeting of a number of citizens at Church hall last night which is believed to have been called with the view of interesting some of the business men in civic affairs. The meeting appointed a committee of five men from each ward to nominate candidates for the approaching civic elections, and they are expected to report at another meeting to be held some time next week.

A telegram received yesterday from Riverside, California, states that Frank H. Risteen, a well known court stenographer, who went to that place last fall in search of health, was very low, and the doctors were of the opinion that he could not survive more than a fortnight. The telegram was sent by Mrs. Risteen to one of her husband's intimate friends.

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