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Scandal in Quebec Legislature is Big Topic of Discussion at Ottawa

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QUEBEC SCANDAL OVERSHADOWS EVEN TARIFF ISSUE AT OTTAWA GRAHAM IS DOMINANT FIGURE

Opposition at Ottawa, Tho Seriously Disturbed by Quebec Situation, Seem Bent on Pressing Cheaper Food Campaign—Conservative Caucus May Decide for Free Wheat.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The political situation is more than interesting. The debate on free wheat in the house is remarkable for the effective arguments made in its favor, and for the fact that the other side is an un-defended cause. No one speaks against free wheat. Several strong government supporters are for free wheat, but evidently they have decided to wait and see what the government will do with the proposition when they bring down the budget.

From the few words dropped by Hon. Robert Rogers this afternoon there is not much to be expected from the government. What may move them will be the talk in the Conservative caucus, where the matter will be up, but a few straight speeches in the house from western Conservative members would change the situation.

The opposition are evidently bent on other amendments in favor of cheaper food, lower tariff on agricultural implements and perhaps for an increase in the British preference.

Spotlight in Quebec.

But even free wheat is only secondary in interest compared to the scandal in the Quebec Legislature, now being unfolded, and to the newspaper changes going on in Montreal. Sir Hugh Graham seems to be on top and to have got Hon. W. S. Fielding into his service. The consolidated Herald-Telegraph may be a Liberal organ. It will also be a Graham newspaper. The scandal is a source of danger to individual members of the Liberal party, if not to the party itself.

The Toronto Globe and The Montreal Star are both demanding that the situation be probed and the guilty ones punished. Sir Lomer Gouin must be greatly perturbed, especially if it be the fact that the whole scandal arose out of the attempt of the Montreal Tramways to get a renewal of their franchise and that Sir Lomer had decided to refuse it. His friends are being damaged by an organization created by Lorne McGibbon to head off the extension of the franchise.

Everyone here believes that the charges in Quebec are substantially true, but that the means used to trap the members were not of a creditable character. A strong argument will be made to the sentiment of the public that it was not a square game.

The Montreal Star of tonight hints

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Eva Booth Seriously Ill

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—(Can. Press.)—Eva Booth, head of the Salvation Army in this country, who for more than a week past has been ill in the Salvation Army barracks here after a nervous breakdown in Elmira, was reported tonight to be in a grave condition. She suffered an attack of influenza, which developed into pleurisy and tonsillitis. Intestinal troubles have complicated her case, giving grounds for anxiety.

LAI D CHARGES IN UPPER HOUSE AT QUEBEC

Bergevin and Berard Accused by Newspapers in Presence of Crowded Galleries—Macnab and Nichols Ordered to Appear Before Special Committee Today.

(Special to The Toronto World)

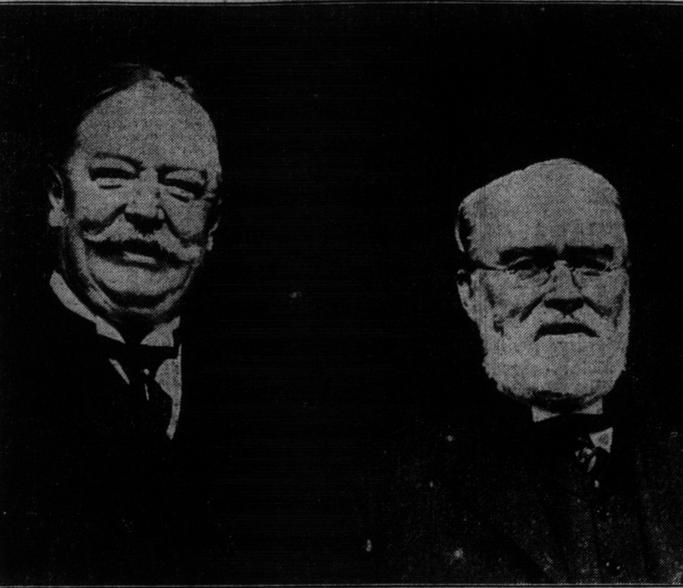
QUEBEC, Jan. 28.—The appearance of Messrs. Nichols and Macnab of The Montreal Daily Mail at the bar of the legislative council, Quebec, tonight, provoked a lively scene in the house, whose galleries were crowded by an excited public. In reply to the speaker, Hon. Mr. Ferguson, the newspaper men repeated the statements they made last night in the legislative assembly, only in this instance the accusations of corruption were directed against two members of the upper house, Hon. Messrs. Bergevin and Berard. It was alleged they had accepted bribes for promoting the decoy bill of the Montreal Fair Association.

Refused to be Drawn. The debate arose, however, in regard to Hon. Messrs. Gilman and De Varennes, two other members, who were alleged to be implicated in corruption. The house wished to fix responsibility for accusing the two as named upon Messrs. Macnab and Nichols, but they firmly reiterated that what The Daily Mail said was that Mr. Mousseau, member of the assembly, had told Mr. Hyland, promoter of the bill, that payments were to be made to Messrs. Gilman and De Varennes. The house was abruptly adjourned at ten o'clock and Messrs. Nichols and Macnab were ordered to remain at the bar.

When the house resumed at 11 o'clock Mr. De Varennes asked: "Have

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EX-PRESIDENT TAFT AND SIR JOHN GIBSON



Photograph taken by The World's staff photographer, posed especially for The World, immediately after the arrival and reception of the distinguished visitor.

SIR JAMES HAS A NEW TROUBLE

Disorder Has Developed in His Left Knee, But Its Seriousness is Not Yet Known.

A development in Sir James Whitney's struggle for life, which was first noticed yesterday afternoon, is giving his physicians some concern. Inflammation has made its appearance in the left knee, accompanied by some swelling and redness. This condition was noticed at one time during the Premier's stay in New York, and was there ascribed to rheumatism. It passed away very soon.

The latest bulletin from Sir James' bedside is given below:

10:30 p.m. "Sir James Whitney has rested well today, sleeping quietly for two or three hours. Some swelling and redness appeared in the left knee this afternoon and there is some fever. He is taking nourishment well."

Dr. McPhedran.

Discussing this bulletin last night Dr. McPhedran said that it indicated that Sir James had been infected with a new disorder, the seriousness of which he could not judge.

"Infection is the thing most to be feared in the case of a man in Sir James' condition," said Dr. McPhedran. "I sent out the bulletin you received in order that should any change for the worse appear tomorrow the public would be prepared. The advance sale of seats, which opens at the theatre this morning, promises a bargain-day appearance."

Important Seat Sale Announcement. The inimitable acrobatic comedians, Montgomery and Stone, with the third brilliant star, Elsie Janis, will be at the Princess Theatre next week in the wonderful musical fantasy, "The Lady of the Slipper." The advance sale of seats, which opens at the theatre this morning, promises a bargain-day appearance.

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Senator Ross Coming To General Hospital

Hon. Sir George Ross, who has been seriously ill in Ottawa, was placed on board the train for Toronto last night and will reach the General Hospital at 7 o'clock this morning. He will be conveyed to the General Hospital in the H. Ellis private ambulance.

CAN NOW AFFORD TO LAUGH AT HIS DEFEAT

Ex-President Taft Says He Proved No Great Success With the Present Generation, So is Trying His Luck With Next—Talks on Popular Government.

Enthusiasm cordiality and spontaneity of welcome were conspicuous notes in the reception accorded ex-President Taft at the open meeting in Convocation Hall last evening, under the auspices of the Literary and Scientific Society of the University of Toronto.

Eight o'clock was the hour appointed for the gathering, but long before this the scheduled time long lines of eager and expectant candidates for admission had formed before the two entrances, reserved, one for ticket-holders and the other for the less fortunate.

Before 8 o'clock the hall was practically filled, but later, after the guest of honor and his attending entourage had taken their places, some who doubtless feared disappointment were rewarded by finding seats in the rear. The audience was largely composed of students.

The interval of waiting for the arrival of Mr. Taft and party was enlivened by voluntaries on the organ, played by Mr. Ernest MacMillan, and

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BOTHA'S COURSE CREATES DANGER

Deportation of British Subjects Recognized as Stirring Up an Awkward Question.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—(Can. Press.)—The question of the legality of the deportation of the South African labor leaders arouses searchings of the heart here, even among the papers which are most ready to applaud Premier Botha's "vigorous and courageous action." The Telegraph, in an editorial, which does not hesitate to accuse Bain and his colleagues of having started a revolution and failed, seeks, in common with the other Conservative morning papers, to justify Gen. Botha on the ground that he faced the danger of a native rising.

At the same time, the Telegraph realizes that a very delicate and difficult situation has arisen for the imperial government. "It is useless to deny," says the Telegraph, "that it is a new thing for British subjects to be deported in this summary fashion by one of the dominion governments, and, if as alleged, the deportation is illegal, it will be difficult for the imperial government to acquiesce, without a request for an explanation and for justification."

JIM MOULTON FATALLY HURT

Man Who Sold Papers at York and King for Twenty-Five Years, Broke His Neck.

In the death of Jimmie Moulton, who fell downstairs at 152 York street and broke his neck yesterday afternoon, the corner of York and King streets once an old and familiar figure, "Jimmie" was more than eighty years old, and for nearly twenty-five of them he sold papers to the bottom. He was picked over heels to the bottom. He was picked up by the police ambulance summoned to convey him to the General Hospital. Before he arrived at the hospital he was found to be dead, having broken his neck in the fall.

The body was removed to the morgue, where an inquest may be held.

HAMBURG - AMERICAN TO BEGIN WEEKLY SERVICE

Will Compete Directly With C. P. R. and Allan Line in Canada.

MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Official announcement is made here tonight by A. L. Cronmeyer, passenger traffic manager of the Hamburg-American Line, that his company will next month start a passenger and freight ship service of weekly sailings from Hamburg to Canada, making Halifax the port of call in winter, and Montreal in the summer.

HID CASH WHEN WAITER CAME INTO ROOM

Mousseau Showed Ready Presence of Mind, It is Alleged, When Awkward Discovery in Chateau Frontenac Seemed Imminent—Was Astounded at Over-Generosity.

(Special to The Toronto World)

MONTREAL, Jan. 28.—The Daily Mail tomorrow will publish further evidence of corruption in the promotion of the private bill of the Montreal Fair Association in the Quebec legislature.

The story again relates to J. Octave Mousseau, member of the private bills committee of the legislative assembly. The scene is in the room of Mr. Hyland the detective, at the Chateau Frontenac, where Mr. Mousseau is being entertained once more to a modest wine supper. He called to collect the balance due under the agreement for promoting the bill in the assembly. Mr. Hyland, however, was out of funds apparently, for he said he would have to go down to Montreal and draw on Mr. Sampson, his colleague. "But," he said, "I must I would pay the balance when the bill was thru the house."

"Well," explained Mr. Mousseau, "the measure is thru the assembly now, and we must do something for the fellows there."

Present of \$1000.

Mr. Hyland says he gave Mr. Mousseau \$1000 in bills of five hundred dollars each, telling the chairman of the private bills committee that the money was for himself, and that the additional funds he would bring from Montreal would be for "the other fellows."

"I am astounded at your over-generosity," exclaimed Mr. Mousseau, expanding himself in his chair. He placed the bills on the table at the side of the plate, and just then a waiter knocked at the door and entered abruptly. Mousseau immediately dropped his table napkin over the bills. "He came rather too soon," he remarked to Mr. Hyland.

"Ah, well," said the financier, "I see you were equal to the occasion." It is said that these payments brought the total amount paid to Mr. Mousseau up to \$1150.

NO FREE WHEAT, ROGERS HINTS REPLYING TO LIBERAL URGINGS

Final Pronouncement is Delayed, However, Until Finance Minister Delivers Budget Speech—Western Farmers Forced to Dump Wheat on British Market.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28. (Special.)—

The entire sitting of the house today was devoted to discussing the amendment to the sitting moved by Dr. Neely, the Liberal member for Humboldt, urging the government to at once remove the duties upon wheat and flour imported from the United States, and thereby secure free access for Canadian wheat to the markets of the United States. Strong arguments in favor of free wheat were presented by Liberal members from the west, including Hon. Frank Oliver, Mr. McCraney, Levi Thompson of Qu'Appelle, Sask., and Dr. Molloy of Provencher.

It was a matter of comment that the Conservative members from the west took no part in the debate. Indeed, so far as the government was concerned, it was an undefended case. Hon. Robert Rogers contented himself with saying that tariff changes should only be announced and discussed in the budget debate, and clearly indicated that the wheat and tariff duties would not be removed, at least at the present session.

Higher Prices in United States.

Dr. Neely presented a strong case for the west. The western farmer, he said, had a poor crop in 1913, and a poor price in 1913. To make any money he had to have the American as well as the British market, and a market to which he would have access after the close of navigation. All the members who discussed the subject at all agreed with Dr. Neely in saying that prices were higher and freight rates lower in the United States. The matter, they said, had now simmered down to the question: Shall the western farmers be allowed to export their wheat or export themselves?

Mr. Thomson declared that the Canadian miller paid the farmer a lower price

ONTARIO CABINET MAY GIVE AID IN CRISIS

Civic Deputation Ask for One Hundred Thousand Dollars to Tide Toronto Over Two Bad Months—Demonstration of Unemployed Held Yesterday.

The provincial government is prepared to take a part in relieving the unemployment in Ontario thru the large number of men out of work.

Following an appeal from the workless army in Toronto, the numbers of which are increased daily by recruits from all parts of the province, the cabinet last evening issued a statement favoring the general trend of the request for co-operation. Whether a money grant will be advanced depends on the results of an immediate investigation of existing conditions. If the city desires to set men at work house-building upon civic lands without an approach to the ratepayers, a detailed proposal will be welcomed.

The conference with the cabinet, in addition to representatives of the unemployed, included Mayor Hocken, Controllers Simpson and Church and President Watt of the organized labor interests, each of whom urged the government to take some immediate action.

The suggestions in summary were that the city be allowed to place men at work upon city property in the building of huts or shacks. The cabinet was asked to veto the statute calling for the sanction of a public vote, and to advance \$100,000 to relieve the present distress. This sum, on a basis of ten dollars per month to each of the 5000 unemployed, would serve for the coming two months and pass the crisis.

City Doing Its Best.

The mayor stated that the city had done all possible and put a great many to work on sewers and other work which was not needed at present. The government might take extraordinary or temporary measures in the same direction. It was a matter of provincial importance and all cities were waiting to see the result.

The action of the federal government was quoted by Controller Simpson.

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POOR OLD BILL!



BUSINESS IN CANADA CHECKED BY BIG CONTRACTION IN LOANS

Shrinkage of Nearly Fifty-Nine Millions Shown in December Statement Causes Unfavorable Comment at Ottawa—Conservatives Hint That Bankers Are Playing Politics.

OTTAWA, Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The statement of Canadian banks for December issued today furnishes food for reflection upon the causes which led to the business depression from which Canada suffered. Compared with a year ago, there is a decrease of nearly fifty-nine millions in current loans in Canada. Such a tremendous withdrawal of money must have had a serious effect upon business conditions in this country and the opinion is quite freely

expressed among conservative members of parliament that political reasons have been at the bottom of the situation. If that is so, it may be expected that the matter will be discussed in parliament at an early date.

Compared with November, the December statement shows decreases of upwards of twenty millions, both in total assets and liabilities, and a large decrease in paid up capital due to the liquidation of the Sovereign Bank.

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