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At The Federal Capital

Public business in the House of Commons during the week ending, March 19th, progressed quietly. Generally speaking, there was very little sharp debating across the floor of the House, with the exception of a couple of outbursts on the part of the Leader of the Opposition, which ended, as is usual in his case, in simply nothing. On the first occasion during this week on which the Leader of the Opposition considered it incumbent upon him to make a little bit of fuss was when the motion was made from the Government side to go into committee of supply. He took strict objection to vote supply until all the volumes of the Auditor General's report were tabled. Three volumes of the report had been presented prior to this time, the fourth was expected any day, but the Leader of the Opposition took occasion to read from a memorandum which he had, that under the Liberal Government on certain years which he was careful to select, all the volumes of the Auditor General's report had been presented at a comparatively early date. After he had fumed for a while and exhausted himself, the Leader of the Government quietly intimated that Mr. King had been particular not to state the years during the Liberal regime when the Auditor General's reports were very late in being presented to the House. He showed that on many occasions volumes of this report had not been tabled for over three months after the session had commenced. In the present instance three volumes were presented within a month of the meeting of the House, and the fourth volume may be expected any time. It was evident that when the statements of both Leaders were compared, Mr. King was about as far at sea as usual. He took occasion a couple of days later to make another exhibition of himself, when it was announced to the House by Mr. Speaker that Sir Herbert Ames, who is now employed as Secretary in connection with the Council of the League of Nations in Geneva, had resigned his membership in the House. It appears that Sir Herbert, when in Canada in July last, left his resignation in the hands of two members with instructions when to make it public. The resignation was dated at Ottawa, the 14th day of February. Mr. King was not sufficiently wise to understand how these things are done, and when the matter was explained in half a dozen words by the Leader of the Government, there was a very considerable laugh at the expense of the Leader of the Opposition. These were Mr. King's principal contributions to the science of Government during the week in question.

During private members' days some debates of considerable importance took place in the House. One of these was the resolution by a private member advocating the development of Canadian natural resources. The mineral resources of Canada in the various provinces, especially in the West, were passed in review, and comparisons were made with the measure of development that has taken place and the manner of

conducting this development with how these things were done in the United States. A very considerable amount of information was presented during this debate. As is usual on such occasions, those who participated to the greatest extent were Western members, who are very desirous that the latent mineral resources existing in that vast territory should be developed as far as possible, or that such legislation should be passed as would enable to encourage more rapid progress in this direction. After the question had been very fully discussed as usual the resolution was withdrawn. Another resolution was debated which was not so important generally, aimed at bringing about the conclusion of a public work that has been long before the people, and upon which a great amount of money has been spent. This is the Hudson Bay Railway. Of course, these members who come from close proximity to this work, some of them at least, are very anxious that the work should be completed, but under the present circumstances, and with the very large deficits that result from the operations of the Canadian National Railways, there is no chance at all that this work will be recommenced in the very near future. As a matter of fact, from ample evidence produced, it does not seem clear that it would be of any great national advantage that this work should be completed at all. There is an idea among a number of those best acquainted with the circumstances that it is almost unfortunate that it was ever commenced. However, the state of the case is that several millions of money have been spent, and more than 360 miles of this railway has been built, and now whether or not it will be best to continue it to the terminus is a question involving very considerable doubt in the minds of many. However, for the present, nothing will be undertaken by the Government, because of the inability to furnish money. The Minister of Railways, Hon. Dr. Reid, presented the annual financial statement of the Canadian Government Railway for the year ending 31st December, 1920. To say the least, the information furnished by this statement is not at all encouraging. On the contrary, it is of a very, very serious character. Last year the deficits on the year's transactions amounted to some forty-eight million dollars. It was hoped then that the year 1920 would make a better showing, but the very contrary is the fact, and the deficit for the year 1920 is over sixty-nine million dollars. These are just the bald statements relative to the result of the year's operations, as compared with that of last year. The whole question will be thoroughly discussed at a later stage when the estimates of the Minister of Railways shall be up for consideration. Until then, we will leave the matter just at that.

Apart from what has just been said, the balance of the time of the House for the week in question, aside from routine business questions and notices of motion, etc., so far as Government business is concerned, was devoted to Supply. Agriculture and Justice were the two Departments whose estimates were under consideration in committee of supply. Considerable progress was made with the voting of estimates for both these Departments. Many questions were asked and considerable heckling of one kind or another was indulged in from the Opposition benches; but both Hon. Mr. Doherty, the Minister of Justice, and Hon. Dr. Tolmie, Minister of Agriculture, were always able and ready to give information, and always gave it in that courteous and comprehensible manner for which both Hon.

Ministers are remarkable. Of course, the consideration of estimates of supply in committee of the whole afford the widest possible scope for eliciting information and enquiry into every particular in connection with the operation of all Departments of the Government. This is the great underlying principle of responsible Government, that the people's representatives have a right to all the information that can be obtained relative to how the Government has spent the money supplied to them for the past year, before they can secure new supplies on the estimates of the year under consideration. The principle is excellent and ideal; but it must be said that advantage is taken of it by those who are very desirous of affording difficulties for the Government to go very far afield for questions. As a matter of fact their conduct is not infrequently more of an obstructive nature than anything else. However, this is always expected, and ministers know very well when they come to ask supplies for the Departments that they must be prepared, with the greatest patience possible, to answer such questions as may be put to them. As stated above, both ministers made very considerable progress with their estimates before the end of the week.

The resignation of the Right Hon. Bonar Law, Lord Privy Seal in the Lloyd George Government, and Leader in the Imperial House of Commons, which was announced in the House of Commons by Premier Lloyd George on Thursday evening last, came as a bolt from the blue. The resignation, as the retiring leader's letter indicates, was in consequence of a breakdown in health. As a matter of fact, it was announced that his physicians had informed him that he must either retire immediately or run the risk of collapse at any moment. It had been known that the great leader's health had been very much impaired in consequence of his herculean labors, but it was not expected that the case was as serious as it is. This goes to show that great leaders, who unsparingly devote their time to the business of Government in these troublous conditions in which we live, take their lives in their hands. This serious consequence of sincere devotion to the business of the people, as is here indicated, is not peculiar to Canada alone, but exists in Great Britain, and probably in many other British Dominions. In our own country, as all know, Sir Robert Borden sacrificed himself to carry on the public business in order that Canada might occupy the place due to her during the war and since then. Now here comes the great leader of the British House of Commons breaking down, and running the risk of almost certain death at short notice, unless he entirely throws off the cares of public business. Not very much has been known except in a general way, of the manner of man and leader Bonar Law was up to the present time; but now, since his retirement from the British leadership, it comes out that he was a most marvellous man. He was the right hand man of Premier Lloyd George. As a matter of fact, the Prime Minister of England has said that he would be absolutely unable to carry on, during the tremendously troublesome times during and since the war, if he had not had the incalculably great assistance of Bonar Law. Near home we have an estimate of what manner of man and leader he was. Sir Robert Borden made the following statement in connection with the retirement of Bonar Law from the Lloyd George Government:

"A year ago last month Mr. Bonar Law told me that his physicians had imperatively ordered his retirement from the exhaust-

ing duties of official life. Thus his resignation does not surprise me. Perhaps more than any other Canadian, I had the opportunity of realizing and appreciating his public service during the years of strife and agony through which we have passed. No spirit more unselfish, no self-sacrifice more complete and loyal, no patriotism more earnest and devoted, can be found in the record of any statesman within our Empire during that period. To these great qualities he added a conspicuous ability and an unflinching energy that rendered his service second to none. The grateful thanks of his countrymen and their warmest wishes for the complete restoration of his health will attend him in his retirement."

Parliament adjourns for the Easter recess on Wednesday evening, March 23rd, and will reassemble on Tuesday March 29th. This will afford an opportunity for those of the members from Ontario and Quebec, and perhaps some other places not so far away, to spend their Easter holidays with their families. But those from the extremes of the West and East will hardly be able to avail themselves of any great benefit from the "holidays," so far as visiting their homes is concerned. They will remain at the capital in order that the continuity of the session may not be altogether destroyed. When Parliament reassembles after Easter, it is very likely that the progress of business will be accelerated, and that we shall have day and night sessions for each of the five working days of the week, and later on, as is usual, shall be morning sessions and Saturday sessions. When it comes to the Saturday sessions, then it may be said that proration is looming up.

See Settlement
 London, March 23.—The Foreign Ministry informed the Star today hope is entertained that the matters in dispute with the Canadian packers may be amicably arranged without reference to third party arbitration. The request for arbitration came from the packers in accordance with the contract terms, which provides that this might be resorted to when other attempts at settlement had failed. It hopes that discussion between the principals will obviate this necessity. The dispute hinges on the clauses in the bacon contract, which officials assert, guarantees the Ministry against the loss which has in fact been incurred. On the other hand the packers contend that the guarantee is implied pending the arrival of the packers' representatives and the drawing up of the terms of reference. The Ministry officials are disinclined to prejudge the issue by comment.

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 Retailers, Jewellers, Manufacturers and Sales Tax Licenses as required under the Amendment to the Special War Revenue Act, 1915, are ready for issue, and application forms may be had from the undersigned.
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Legislative Assembly.
 Prince Edward Island
 Rules Relating to Private Bills.
 36 All petitions for Private Bills must be presented within fourteen days after the commencement of the session exclusive of adjournment.
 37 No Private Bill shall be brought into the House, but upon a petition first presented, truly stating the case at the peril of the suitors for such Bill, and such petition must be signed by the said parties.
 38 A committee shall be appointed at the commencement of every Session consisting of five members of whom three shall be a quorum, to be denominated, The Private Bills Committee to whom shall be referred every Private Bill, and no proceedings after the first reading shall be had upon such Bill until such Committee has reported thereon to the House.
 39 So soon as the Committee has reported any Bill, such Bill together with any amendments that may be suggested by the Committee, shall be printed at the expense of the parties who are suitors for such Bill and printed copies thereof delivered to the members before the second reading if deemed necessary by the Committee.
 40 No Bill for the private interest of any person or persons, Corporation or Corporations or body or bodies of people shall be read a second time until all fees be paid for the same into the hands of the Clerk of the House.
 41 No Bill having for its object the vesting in or conferring upon any person or persons, Municipality or Body corporate the title to any tract of land shall be received or read in the House unless at least four weeks notice containing a full description of the land in question has been published in the Royal Gazette and in other newspaper in this Province of the intention of such person or persons Municipality or Body Corporate to apply for such Bill.
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