

THEY CAME TO BLOWS

The South Carolina Senators Fought in the Chamber.

Tillman Offered Reflections Which McLaurin Resented.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was signalized in the U. S. senate by a fist fight. The day was set apart by the nation to afford the American people opportunity to pay fitting tribute to the memory of the first president, and was today the occasion of one of the most sensational scenes ever enacted in the senate chambers. The two senators from South Carolina were the active participants in the affray.

Mr. Tillman in the course of a speech upon the Philippine tariff bill made serious reflections upon the honor of his colleague, Mr. McLaurin. In brief he charged that his vote in support of the ratification of the treaty of Paris had been cast through the exercise of improper influences.

His statement was developed in a colloquy between him and Mr. Spooner (Wisconsin). Mr. Tillman at first declined to mention names, but when the Wisconsin senator reminded him that "he owed it to himself, to the senate and to the country to name the man," Mr. Tillman indicated that he referred to his colleague from South Carolina. Little imagining that his words were likely to be prophetic, Mr. Spooner remarked sententiously: "I will leave the senator to figure that out with his colleague."

Mr. McLaurin was not in the chamber at the time, but was engaged in committee work. He was sent for and appeared as Mr. Tillman continued his speech.

Pale as ashes, Mr. McLaurin rose to address the senate, speaking to a question of personal privilege. He reviewed Mr. Tillman's charges briefly, and then denounced the statement made by his colleague as a "wilful, malicious and deliberate lie."

"Scarcely had the portentous words fallen from his lips when Mr. Tillman, sitting a few seats from him, with Mr. Teller, of Colorado, between them, sprang at him. Mr. McLaurin, who had half turned toward Mr. Tillman, met him half way and in an instant the two senators, having swept Mr. Teller aside, were engaged in a rough and tumble fight. Mr. McLaurin received a heavy blow on the forehead, while Mr. Tillman got a bad punch on the nose, which brought blood.

Assistant Sergeant at Arms Leighton sprang over desks to reach and separate the combatants, and himself received several blows. He got between them finally and by main strength wrenched them apart. Senators Warren (Wyoming) and Scott (W. Va.), two of the most powerful men in the senate, leaped to his assistance and pinioned the arms of the belligerent senators and forced them into their seats. Intense excitement prevailed in the senate and galleries, which were thronged with people who had been attracted by the spirited debate.

Everybody was on his feet. Not a word, however, was spoken. Finally order was restored partially, and in the midst of intense excitement the senate went into secret legislative session. For two hours the senators discussed the event behind closed doors. When the doors were opened it was made known that both of the South Carolina senators by unanimous vote had been declared to be in contempt of the senate. They were permitted by a vote of the senate to make apologies to the senate.

The statements were listened to by both the senators and the people in the galleries with breathless interest. Senator Tillman left the capitol when adjournment was taken for recess and did not return for the night session. Senator McLaurin was in the chamber about 8 o'clock, but left early. Neither senator when seen at his home would make a statement.

LIGHT DOCKET

His Honor Judge Forin held county court chambers at the court house yesterday. Only one matter was brought up, this being an application by J. L. Abbott, for the plaintiffs, to secure an emergency process in the county court case of Agnew & Co., vs. Wark. The order was granted.

CONDUCTORS CHANGE

Conductor A. D. Mars, of the Spokane Falls & Northern road, has returned to the main line to relieve Conductor Dodds. Frank Ellison, of the freight department, will take the Northport-Rossland run pending the return to duty of Conductor James Doyle, now on leave in California.

Richard Plewman, managing director of the Winnipeg mine, has returned from a visit to the property. He expresses himself as well satisfied with the outlook for the mine. The shipments from the Winnipeg for January were only 110 tons, while the output for February already exceeds 200 tons, showing consistent and substantial increase in production.

IMPROVING THE ROAD

MANY MEN PUT TO WORK ON THE NELSON AND ROBSON SECTION.

THE NEW BRIDGE AND OTHER BETTERMENTS NOW IN HAND.

The Canadian Pacific has started work in earnest on the spring improvements to the section of the road between Robson and Nelson. The early commencement of operations on this section is due to the desirability of having the road in first-class condition in anticipation of the operation of a through passenger service between Nelson and Midway.

At the present time ten extra gangs are at work and the men engaged aggregate 150, which is to be increased from time to time as stronger forces can be worked to advantage. The company has an appropriation of a quarter of a million to expend in improving the 28 mile section in question, and when the work contemplated under the appropriation is finished the road will be as good as any other section of similar length in the division. A large slice of the appropriation will go toward constructing the Kootenay Crossing steel bridge, to replace the present wooden structure, which is deemed to have outlived its usefulness. The filling for the new bridge is already almost completed and the advanced sections are to be pushed ahead as rapidly as possible. An appropriation has also been made of \$16,000 to improve the bridge at Slocan Crossing, near the famous fishing grounds. The balance of the available funds will be devoted to altering the curvatures and gradients at various points.

Two steam shovels are to be brought into the Kootenay-Boundary division and one of these will be worked on the Rossland branch. It is proposed to improve existing conditions at Boomer's Bluff, where the annual spring thaws usually bring down slides that interrupt traffic and otherwise cause trouble. A slide is to be cut off the face of the bluff, and incidentally the grade at that point will be somewhat lowered. Otherwise no important work is contemplated on the Rossland branch at the present time.

HINTS FOR GIRLS

HOW TO PRESERVE HEALTH AND GOOD COLOR.

Pale, Sallow, or Anaemic Girls Restored to the Bright Freshness of Youth by Natural Means—Good Health Within the Reach of All.

From the Sun, Orangeville, Ont.

Miss Maggie Brownlee, of Orangeville, is a young lady well known to the residents of the town and greatly esteemed by all her acquaintances. Like thousands of other young girls throughout Canada, Miss Brownlee fell a victim to anemia or watery blood, and for a time, as she says herself, feared she would never again enjoy robust health. Experiences like Miss Brownlee's cannot fail to be of benefit to other pale and anaemic girls, and for this reason she kindly consented to give a statement to the Sun for publication. "My illness," said Miss Brownlee, "came on very gradually, and at first it merely seemed as though it was a feeling of depression and tiredness. I kept getting worse, however, and finally had to give up a good position. I was at times troubled with a throbbing, racking headache; my appetite gave out; the least exertion tired me, and my heart would beat painfully. My limbs seemed to feel like weights, and at other times there was a sinking sensation which I can scarcely describe. I was treated by a good doctor and took a number of remedies, but without any improvement in my condition, and I began to fear that I was doomed to be an invalid. One day a friend who called to see me spoke very highly of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and what she said interested my mother so that she bought a few boxes. I began taking them, and in the course of a few weeks there was no room to doubt that they were helping me. I continued taking the pills for a couple of months or more, and I felt as well and strong as ever I had been. It is about a year since I gave up taking the pills, and I have not since felt the need of any medicine. I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a grand medicine, and should be taken by all pale and feeble girls."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills make rich, red blood with every dose taken, thus restoring the bloom of health and the brightness and freshness of youth to the pale and sallow cheeks. Through their action on the blood they cure such diseases as anaemia, nervousness, headache, rheumatism, dyspepsia, St. Vitus' dance, heart troubles, diseases of the kidneys, etc. These pills also cure the ailments that make the lives of so many women a constant misery. Which bear the full name Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Can be procured from druggists, or will be sent by mail, post paid, at 50c a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

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ASKED TO WALK OUT COMPANIES

SHADY CHARACTERS WHOSE PRESENCE WAS NOT MUCH WANTED.

SOME OFFENDERS WHO HAD TO APPEAR BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE.

A few crooks came into the city for the Carnival. Chief of Police Ingram recognized the faces of men who are under police surveillance in Northport, Spokane and Boundary points, and had the men shadowed during the day. Two of the outfit were deemed dangerous, and received notices to leave town instantly, with the alternative of a prosecution for vagrancy. The crooks chose freedom, and walked out.

Yesterday morning Sergeant Bradshaw was summoned to Washington street north by a report that a woman was being beaten. On arriving at the scene of the trouble he found John Johnson, a Finn, full of rum and executing a war dance on the street. Johnson was promptly arrested and taken to the cells, where he was afforded an opportunity to cool his heels. At yesterday's session of the police court Tom Kennedy, charged with robbing a sample room at the Allan House, was arraigned. He was remanded to Wednesday next, when the evidence in the case will probably be submitted.

Three more gamblers contributed to the civic treasury yesterday. The men were Mark Peakey, James Ryan and John Hayden. Their assessment was \$50 each, the same amount as has been levied on other knights of the nimble pasteborders. The fines from this source will make a handsome addition to the city's cash balance for February.

William Preston, drunk and disorderly, was allowed to depart on suspended sentence.

THE CLOSING EVENT

PRESENTATION OF THE PRIZES TO THE WINNERS AT THE CARNIVAL.

CELEBRATION VOTED A SUCCESS AS COMPARED WITH PREDECESSORS.

Rossland's fifth annual Winter Carnival was brought to a conclusion at the skating rink on Saturday night, when His Worship Mayor Clute presented the prizes given by the Carnival committee to the fortunate competitors in the sports. After the final in the senior hockey series a table was placed on the rink in the face of up-dress. He conveyed the thanks of the committee and of the corporation to the citizens and visitors who had assisted by their services and attendance at the various attractions comprising the celebration in making the two-days entertainment successful. A genuine effort had been made to afford the best winter conditions, and he believed all would corroborate his statement when he expressed the opinion that the Carnival now concluding had been as successful as any in the history of the Golden City. (Loud applause.)

His Worship then proceeded to distribute the prizes and trophies to the successful contestants, addressing to each recipient a few words of congratulation. The champions were loudly applauded, and similar honors in greater or less measure were extended to other prize winners. The presentation of the Rossland Cup to the representative of the Nelson hockey team was the signal of an ovation from the partisans of the Green and White, while Rossland friends extended the guard of success to the representative of the Junior Rossland hockey club who received the Thompson Cup. Friends of the individual prize winners saw that their successes were properly celebrated with applause.

While the proceedings at the skating rink closed the program proper, the Carnival was continued down town for several hours. Police regulations were relaxed in favor of those who celebrated the day's proceedings, and there was no lack of enthusiasm. Summing up the outcome of the Carnival it may be stated that the celebration was decidedly successful as compared with the picture painted by the pessimistically inclined among citizens. The affair as a whole probably compares on an equality with preceding demonstrations.

It will be agreed that much of the credit for the success attending the Carnival is due to H. W. C. Jackson, secretary of the general committee, who has worked untiringly and intelligently for the past month in connection with the celebration. Mr. Jackson's pecuniary interest is trifling as compared with the time and energy he has devoted to the event, and the committee may consider itself fortunate in having at its disposal a gentleman who could originate and execute with the ability displayed by its secretary. Various members of the general committee have also worked well in connection with the demonstration, and their services will be thoroughly appreciated by citizens generally.

COMPANIES ARE SUED

Alleged Failure to Comply with Terms of the Act.

Affairs of the Colonist Newspaper Come In to Court.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 22.—Charles Dore Tristan Atkinson, of 197 Cornwall street, Victoria, has entered suits against the following companies for non-compliance with the Company Act in failing to deposit the names of directors, etc., with the registrar of joint stock companies and other alleged contraventions: The Bryon N. White Co., Limited, Sandon; Brady Bros., and E. J. Matthew, constituting the Lucky Jim Mines, of Kaslo; Nelson & Fort Sheppard Railway Company, Nelson; Jackson Mines, Limited, Kaslo; Great Northern Railway Company, having its head offices in this province in the city of New Westminster; the Washington Mining Co., Limited, of Kaslo; Payne Mining Co., Limited, of Sandon; White-water Mines, Limited, of Kaslo; Idaho Mines, Limited, of Rossland; Old National Bank of Rossland; and the Red Mountain company, of Rossland.

The date of the Victoria bye-election has been changed to the 10th proximo. Mayor Hayward may be the government candidate.

Mrs. Joan Dunsmuir, mother of the premier, and Forbes George Vernon, shareholders in the Colonist, have asked an injunction to restrain James Dunsmuir and his new board of directors from assuming control of the newspaper.

Mr. Algernon Lennox, writing from Callas respecting the missing Condor, says: "When the missing warship Condor was stationed in Panama Bay in April last with a view to the protection of British lives and property in the event of any revolutionary movement on the Colombian isthmus, I made the acquaintance of her officers and also knew the boat well. I voyaged from Colon to Southampton with one of her officers going home on sick leave who, in conversation with me, anticipated the reported remarks of Captain Sclater, referring to the ship's behaviour in heavy weather, and stated that should the guns break loose from their lashings the Condor would infallibly be lost owing to her huge rolling."

Three members of the crew of the sealing schooner Fawn of this city, which was wrecked on the west coast a few days ago, arrived here this morning from Port Townsend, where they were landed by a sailing ship. The schooner was a total wreck. The Fawn belonged to the Victoria Sealing company, and with equipment was valued at about \$67,000. She was insured.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

"THE SOMETHING JUST AS GOOD" SUBSTITUTED FOR Paine's Celery Compound

BEWARE OF DRUGGISTS WHO SELL IMITATIONS KNOWING THEM TO BE SUCH.

"The Something Just as Good," which is a poor and worthless imitation of life-saving Paine's Celery Compound is foisted on many an unsuspecting buyer by dishonest and greedy druggists and dealers who have no slightest interest in the welfare of the sick and afflicted. Their thoughts are wholly centered on extra large profits; it is a matter of indifference to them whether you or your friends live or die. We have recently come into possession of one of the imitations referred to, we have had it chemically examined, and find it unfit for human use.

The large majority of our druggists are honest and sympathetic men, and will never condescend to substitution or deception. You should however, when anyone suggests the "Something Just as Good," or offers you a vile imitation for the Paine's Celery Compound which alone can meet your case, at once resent his impertinence and leave his store. All honest and straightforward druggists gladly recommend Paine's Celery Compound to their customers and speak with pleasure about the wonderful cures it has effected.

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NO DECISION.

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THE SLIDE TROUBLE

STRUGGLE WITH THE MUD AT SEVEN DEVILS AND HENDRIX CUT.

IMPEDIMENTS TO TRAFFIC REMOVED FOR THE TIME BEING.

Hard work on the part of the operating section of the Spokane Falls & Northern engineering department has overcome the immediate trouble at Seven Devils and Hendrix Cut that was the cause of the long delays in the arrivals of the Spokane trains this week. Last night's train reached the city on time. Unless a frost sets in further trouble may be expected, and the company is likely to be confronted with the necessity of the extra work that has been set on each spring since the road went through.

Seven Devils is located, as most Rosslanders know, a short distance north of Boscberg, which is just 37 miles from this city. Hendrix Cut, the second point where trouble has occurred in the past and undoubtedly will again, is ten miles this side of Seven Devils. The conditions at both points are such as to present engineering difficulties almost overwhelming. It is variously estimated that the Seven Devils slide has cost the Spokane Falls & Northern road anywhere from \$100,000 to a quarter of a million dollars, quite aside from the annoyance and damage sustained through delayed trains and interrupted traffic.

The slide rises almost from the bank of the Columbia river into a foothill several hundred feet high. The material composing the hill is red clay, and the side of the slide is the fact that the hill is literally full of springs. These springs find an outlet into the Columbia by small rivulets and largely by seepage. The latter keeps the soil more or less thoroughly soaked, and any conditions which tend to increase the amount of moisture in the hill, such as the present thaw, overcharges the springs and starts the hill moving. Since the railroad was built through, uncounted thousands of yards of material have flowed down over the track into the river. Various plans have been tried with a view to preventing the annual interruption to traffic. The first step in this direction was to cut the hill away a considerable distance from the track, but when the next spring came it was demonstrated that the mud came down as usual. Then hydraulic was tested, and for weeks a powerful stream played on the hillside, making a clear space on the land side of about 80 feet. This was not sufficient to keep off the mud, however, as the events of the past few days proved. An effort has also been made to take the moisture from the hill by pumping, but the heavy expense involved in an attempt to do this on any practicable scale makes the plan undesirable.

Passengers looking at the Seven Devils slide from car windows are prone to ask why the company does not avoid the hill by trestling at the edge of the Columbia. This would be the easiest solution to the problem, were it not for the fact that no bottom can be found in the river bed at that point. Experiments have been made along this line, but it was demonstrated that piling driven into the river bed simply sank out of sight and was lost.

Eventually it is probable that by altering the conditions and clearing a wide space on the land side of the tracks a measure of immunity from slides can be secured. At Hendrix Cut much the same obstacle has to be overcome, but the engineering difficulties are probably easier of solution there than at Seven Devils.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Notice.

Gigantic mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On Dominion mountain.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, agent for Charles E. Bennett, Esq., Free Miner's Certificate No. R. 56683, intend sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this Sixteenth day of January, A. D. 1902.

KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Notice.

Duke mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the west slope of Sophie mountain.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for the Allan G. White estate, F. M. C. No. B. 55807, and Nicholas Reuter, Free Miner's Certificate No. E. 42554, intend, sixty days from the date hereof to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this Twenty-second day of January, A. D. 1902.

KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS

Notice.

Parrott and Gambetta mineral claims, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of West Kootenay District. Where located: On the south slope of Lake mountain.

Take notice that I, N. F. Townsend, acting as agent for Charles E. Bennett, free miner's certificate No. B. 42093, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above mineral claims.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 28th day of January, A. D. 1902.

N. F. TOWNSEND.

T. Mayne Daly, Q. C. C. R. Hamilton.

W. de V. le Maistre.

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ON A WAR FOOTING.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—The secretary of the admiralty, H. O. Arnold-Forster, introduced the naval estimates for 1902-03 in the house of commons yesterday. The estimates show a total of £31,255,000, as compared with £30,875,000 last year. In the course of an accompanying statement, Mr. Arnold-Forster remarked that no thinking man could have anticipated any reduction from the estimates of last year, in view of the fact that the country was engaged in a difficulty 7000 miles away.

In regard to the naval reserve the secretary of the admiralty said the government has discovered that there were legal objections to the engagement of men in Newfoundland. The movement would, therefore, be temporarily abandoned, but legislation would be introduced legalizing the engagement of men in every part of the empire.

He also said that the progress of naval construction during the past year had been unparalleled. The present estimates, said the secretary, gave the government £15,000,000 for new ships, and it was intended to spend the money. No fewer than 40 ships would be put in the water during the present year, and next year there would be under construction 60 ships, in addition to 27 others that would be laid down. Besides this a large program of reconstruction was being undertaken, thereby adding greatly to the fighting power of the fleet. Guns of more formidable caliber would be mounted on many vessels and six-inch guns of the latest and most improved type would replace the 4.7 guns.

Referring to the smaller craft, the secretary said that unexpectedly rapid progress was being made with the submarine fleet, and that several vessels would be added to this fleet. A new type of torpedo boat destroyer has been devised, and it is hoped to secure better results than in the case of existing vessels.

In giving further details of the admiralty's program the secretary concluded by saying that what the admiralty was determined on was to prepare the fleet for war, a preparation for that day of trial which it was hoped would never come, but against which the admiralty was in duty bound to provide.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS

Speech from the Throne at the Opening of the House.

The Government Has a Majority of Two on First Vote.

VICTORIA, Feb. 20.—At the opening of the legislative assembly session today the lieutenant-governor read the following speech:

Mr. Speaker and Gentlemen of the Legislative Assembly:

I have the pleasure in welcoming you to the third session of the Ninth parliament of British Columbia. Since you last met the province has been favored with a visit from Their Royal Highnesses, the Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York. The warm welcome and loyal enthusiasm which everywhere marked their reception demonstrated to them the continued and increasing devotion of his subjects in this part of the empire to the person of His Majesty, and the very favorable impression produced on Their Royal Highnesses was to me exceedingly gratifying.

I have the pleasure in announcing to you that the coronation of His Most Gracious Majesty, King Edward VII, will take place on the 20th of June proximo. The premiers of the several provinces of Canada have been officially asked to attend, and it has been my pleasure to convey His Majesty's invitation on behalf of my first minister, an acceptance of the invitation.

It is to be regretted that the war in South Africa unavoidably still continues. There is, however, every indication of hostilities being brought to a satisfactory conclusion. It is to be hoped, when an opportunity will be afforded to the citizens of this province, bearing arms there to return to their homes.

In view of the unfavorable conditions which affected the mining industry during 1901, it is especially gratifying to know that the output of the mines considerably exceeded that of any previous twelve months, and that the year closed with several detrimental causes removed, and with prospects of greatly increased activity and development.

Negotiations with the authorities at Ottawa, begun last year, have been continued by my government, and a conference has been agreed to for the further discussion of matters affecting the relations of the Province of British Columbia and the Dominion of Canada under the Terms of Union.

A report will be laid before you concerning the results of the commission to enquire into and adjust where possible, freight rates on agricultural products. It is satisfactory to state, as a consequence, that substantial reductions have been made, and shipping facilities have been improved. It is also a matter of very great satisfaction that the agricultural industry in this province is so prosperous.

To further the interests of the stock raisers of the interior, a measure will be submitted providing for the establishment of a system of cold storage in connection with abattoirs. The subject of fishery development is one which has been receiving greatly increased attention, and the efforts of my government are in the direction of placing this industry on a more satisfactory footing.

Steps will be taken with a view to the introduction of a fair measure of redistribution.

Measures will be submitted for your consideration having for their object the encouragement of immigration and the settlement of unoccupied lands.

A measure will also be submitted for the purpose of consolidating existing loan acts and of obtaining authority thereunder for the issuance of a new loan. Under the authority of legislation of last session agreements have been entered into with several companies for the manufacture of pulp and paper, and negotiations are now being carried on for the establishment of these industries.

Negotiations are being carried on for the purpose of securing the construction of a railway from Esté Inlet to Yellowhead Pass to connect with the railway system on Vancouver Island, and for the construction of the Coast-Kootenay railway.

Legislation will be introduced dealing with taxation and assistance to hospitals. Estimates of revenue and expenditure have been carefully prepared with a view to strictest economy being exercised, and will be submitted without delay.

I now leave you to your deliberations with the sincere trust and belief that your efforts will be productive of much good and earnestly invoke on your behalf the divine blessing.

OPPOSITION IN CAUCUS.

Owing to the Chamber being late in arriving last night, the opposition caucus did not convene till ten o'clock. The caucus was protracted till three this morning. Sixteen members were present, out of a house of 36. Mr. McArthur and Booth seats will have a majority of two.

Mr. McArthur was selected leader of the opposition, with Green, Tatlow, Nelson, Munro Murphy and Helmen as an advisory committee. The opposition claim that as Hawthornthwaite, who was not at the convention, will not support the government, they will have a majority of two. But Curtis arrived last night and was at the caucus. The opposition will permit the government to seat a speaker without opposition. The government sent a message to the caucus, asking that a committee be appointed to meet them, but the opposition were unwilling to offer two seats to the cabinet and the speakership if the would join forces with the government to defeat Martin. This was refused.

THE FIRST VOTE.

In the house today C. E. Pooley was