

LEMIEUX AND PUGSLEY ON RACK

Postmaster General Attempted to Deny His Bad Break at Montreal Dinner

Pugsley's Department Pays in Rental 18 Per Cent. on Building Investments

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Ottawa, Jan. 24.—The Opposition today completely exposed an excuse made by Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux a few days ago.

At the Manufacturers' dinner in Montreal Mr. Lemieux was reported to have said that the present fiscal system had lasted for 20 years.

Questioned by Mr. Neeley of Montreal, Mr. Lemieux said that he had really said fifteen years. The French papers had reported him so.

Today Mr. Perley brought the matter up. The facts as to the French newspapers and their reports of Mr. Lemieux's speech are as follows:

La Canada contains no report whatever of this passage. La Patrie reports him as saying 20 years. La Presse reports him as saying 25 years.

Mr. Lemieux said that he was sure that he had not said 25 years but had said 15 years. Mr. Borden, Mr. Ames and E. M. MacDonald had been present. He would throw himself upon the recollection of the leader of the Opposition.

Mr. Borden rose and said that his recollections were entirely different from that of Mr. Lemieux. He distinctly recollected that the Postmaster General had said 20 years and that the word "fifteen" was not used.

What made him recall the circumstances was that he turned to the man on his right and said, "He should have said 20, but 15." Mr. Ames was not in the house.

E. M. MacDonald then rose, said he had been near Mr. Lemieux, made a reference to the word "fifteen" and that he had spoken must have been drinking and then said that he had noticed that Mr. Lemieux had said "fifteen."

The House as a whole laughed heartily at Mr. MacDonald's speech.

Rents Overpaid. The debate of the day had to deal with the rents paid by the government for several buildings which it has leased in Ottawa to accommodate certain branches of the public service.

On a motion to go into supply Mr. Blain moved the following amendment: "That the action of the government in renting certain buildings in the city of Ottawa at prices which give the owners annually from 15 to 18 per cent. on the cost of their property, is unbusinesslike."

Mr. Blain took up the case of the "Regal" building. The present owner recently paid \$47,000 for it and expended \$25,000 more on it, a total of \$72,000 invested. The department pays a rental of \$16,995 a year, and after the owner has paid his taxes, insurance, and other charges, he has a net income of \$14,484, or 18 per cent.

Major Sam Sharpe took up the case of the building on the corner of the Seybold building at a cost of nearly \$3,000, the lease stipulated that there must be a good elevator in the building.

Mr. Pugsley quibbled badly on small issues, and then argued that the rentals were not excessive when compared to those of other buildings in Ottawa.

The division took place shortly after 12, the amendment being defeated by 104 to 61 on a strictly party vote.

NEW STAMPS ISSUED AFTER CORONATION. Canadian Design May Not Be Prepared Until British Pattern Is Decided Upon—Coming Out in June.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—It was announced at the post office department today that nothing had as yet been decided in regard to the new issue of Canadian stamps bearing the portrait of King George, the delay being due partly to the absence of the Postmaster General on his South African tour.

In any event it is improbable that the design will be decided until after the British government decides on its design. When Queen Victoria died a new set of stamps was not issued until after the coronation of King Edward, and it is thought the same course will be followed in the present instance. The post office officials therefore, say there will be no new issue until after the coronation next June.

WRITER LOSES BRAVE FIGHT FOR HIS LIFE

David Graham Phillips Died At 11 O'clock Last Night Victim Of Insane Man's Fancied Grudge.

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New York, N. Y., Jan. 24.—David Graham Phillips has lost his brave fight for life. He died in Bellevue hospital late tonight, a victim of Fitzhugh Coyle Goldsborough, an eccentric and emotional musician, who, although of refined tastes and aristocratic southern stock, shot the novelist down yesterday for a fancied grudge, then killed himself. Phillips fought valiantly to live, but six bullet holes were too much even for his grit and sturdy constitution.

He was conscious up to a quarter of an hour of his death which occurred just at five minutes past 11 o'clock. At the bedside were his sister, Mrs. Carolyn Prescott, his brother Harrison W. Phillips, his personal physician, Dr. Eagan Fuller and Dr. Donovan, of Bellevue. The immediate cause of death was hemorrhage of the right lung, which had been pierced by one of the steel-clad bullets from Goldsborough's automatic revolver.

Up to 8 o'clock the novelist was resting quietly and both physicians and relatives were hopeful of the outcome. He had been conscious all day and had received visitors, among them his sister, his brother, U. S. Senator Beveridge, of Indiana and several writers of note. Their visits were extremely brief, but all who came went away optimistic. Senator Beveridge will have charge of the funeral arrangements. He returned to Washington this afternoon, but will probably come back to New York in the morning. In the meantime it is thought that Phillips' body will be taken either to the Princeton club or the National Arts club.

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Dr. Murray moved a vote of thanks, seconded by E. C. Prescott, and the meeting closed by all singing "God Save the King."

ALBERT CONSERVATIVES ORGANIZE FOR FRAY. Every Parish Represented at County Convention Held at Albert Yesterday. Largely Attended Public Meeting in Evening Addressed by Government Leaders in Fighting Speeches—Challenge to Opposition to Prove One Pre-Election Pledge Unfulfilled.

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Albert, N. B., Jan. 24.—The Liberal-Conservative Association of the county of Albert met in annual session in Oulton Hall at 2 o'clock today. The reports of the retiring president, Councilor Fred W. Goddard, of Elgin, and Secretary Treasurer I. C. Prescott, were considered and passed as read.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—John L. Peck, Hillsboro, President. Wm. Rommel, Alma, Vice President. I. C. Prescott, re-elected, Secretary, Treasurer.

Votes of confidence were passed unanimously attesting to the high standing of R. L. Borden, leader of the opposition at Ottawa, and to Premier Hazen and his government.

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PREDICT BUSY HOUSE SESSION

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This reform has long been advocated as a means of arresting the continued decline in the price of consols which heretofore, owing to difficulty of negotiation, have been held mainly by wealthy individuals and financial institutions.

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FLEET ADMIRAL RETIRES TODAY. London, Jan. 24.—Sir John Arbuthnot Fisher, first Baron of Kilivernstone, admiral of the fleet, will retire from the navy tomorrow under the age limit. He was born in 1841, and has been admiral of the fleet since 1905.

SENATE HOLD INTEREST BILL

Mr. Miller's Measure Criticized As Giving Borrowers Too Much Liberty—Sent To Banking Committee.

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Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 24.—There was considerable discussion in the Senate today on the bill to amend the Interest Act, which was introduced in the Commons by H. H. Miller, of South Grey, and which passed the Lower House.

The second reading was moved by Senator McHugh, who explained that it provided that after a mortgage was due it could be paid by a borrower's notice or a month's interest.

Objection was raised by Senator Power on the ground that lenders should be protected as well as borrowers. The law now required three months' notice, and he thought it should be continued. He doubted the authority of Parliament to deal with the matter, and it looked like an invasion of the domain of contract and civil rights.

Senator David suggested this was a matter for the provinces alone to deal with, while Senator Chouquette thought the bill should be sent to the banking committee without the principle being endorsed.

Senator Loughheed thought the bill would operate to the disadvantage of borrowers and would force lenders to foreclose more frequently than at present.

Sir Richard Cartwright suggested the bill had better go to the banking committee and it might be well for the committee to consider the advisability of inserting a provision requiring notice from lenders where repayment on a mortgage was demanded.

The bill was therefore given a second reading and sent to the committee. The following bills were given their second reading:—Respecting the Walkerton and Lucknow Railway Company.

Respecting the British Columbia Southern Railway Company.

Respecting the Guelph and Goderich Railway Company.

Respecting the Kootenay and Arrowhead Railway Company.

NOMINATIONS IN P. E. ISLAND COUNTY. Halifax, Jan. 24.—Nominations for the Queens county vacancy in the Prince Edward Island legislature caused by the resignation of Wm. Laird Liberal, were made at a convention in Charlottetown today.

The Liberals nominated Geo. W. McPhee, a young lawyer of Charlottetown, while the Conservative choice was John J. Buntain, a farmer, and up to 10 years ago a Liberal.

The parties stood 16 to 14 before Laird's resignation.

MORRIS DENIES LARGER NAVY. Morris Denies Larger Navy For Austria. Budget Provides For New Warships And Extension Of Consular Service In United States And Canada.

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St. Johns, N. F., Jan. 24.—Emphatic denial of statements published in some Canadian newspapers to the effect that he had turned down an offer of reciprocity alleged to have been made by Secretary of State Knox during the recent fisheries conference in Washington, is contained in a statement given out tonight by Premier Sir Edward Morris. In his statement Premier Morris says:—"In justice to President Taft, Secretary Knox and other representatives of the United States who conducted the recent fisheries negotiations in Washington, I wish to categorically and specifically deny statements which were telegraphed to certain Canadian papers on Jan. 17, alleging that the American government offered Newfoundland reciprocity treaty and that I turned it down. Some of these papers go so far as to allege that Secretary Knox made this offer at a private meeting arranged for the purpose and that a statement was made by me in an interview given on the night that I left Washington for home, to the effect that I had refused an offer."

"These statements are absolutely false. It is untrue that Secretary Knox made such an offer, that any private meeting was held for such a purpose, that I gave any such interview or made any such statement."

Premier Morris further points out that the statements in the Canadian papers, which only reached here today, were not sent out from Washington until five days after he had departed from there, the delay being explained by the statement "that certain circumstances prevented a publication of the fact before, but that it is now presented without fear or possibility of denial."

Notwithstanding this, Premier Morris denies the statement unequivocally.

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MILEAGE BASIS FOR SLEEPERS

Railway Commission Fix Pullman Charge at Sixty Cents for Hundred Miles

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Montreal, Jan. 24.—The railway commission assembled here today gave their formal approval of the new sleeping and parlor car tariffs which will go into effect on the 15th of February. As pointed out by Chairman Malisee, the new tariffs will make a general reduction in Pullman car rates, in spite of the fact that the rates west of Calgary will be higher by two mills per mile than in the eastern sections of Canada.

The new tariffs, Judge Malisee said, were the first effort to put the sleeping and parlor rates on a scientific mileage basis.

East of Calgary, six mills per mile would be charged for sleeping car berths with a 20 per cent. discount on the upper berths. In the case of parlor cars 5 mills per mile will be the charge.

West of Calgary sleeping car rates will be computed on the basis of eight mills per mile, with a 20 per cent. discount on upper. The railway companies explained the differences by saying it cost more to haul the cars through the mountains. The parlor car rates will be two-thirds of a cent per mile.

Judge Malisee, in giving approval, said that the commission hesitated in approving the high western rates, but as the companies were anxious to have the new rates come into force on the 15th of February, they had decided to give consent to their adoption on the condition that the rights now agitating for lower railway rates in the Canadian West be not interfered with. In this case, he said, would be presented before the commission this week.

The adoption of the new tariffs would, Judge Malisee pointed out, do away with the old complaints in regard to the upper and lower berths. Hitherto, he said, tariffs had been based on no scientific principle. A great deal of unfairness would now be done away with.

He gave as an example, the Pullman rates between Ottawa and Montreal, and Toronto. In both cases the charge was \$2. The distance in the first case was 263 miles, and in the latter 232. With the new tariffs the rate from Ottawa to Montreal would be \$1.50.

He said that although in some cases there would be increases, considered as a whole, the new tariffs could mean a reduction.

BILL OF FARE FOR ONTARIO HOUSE

Government Will Build Railway Into Porcupine Territory And Amend Licensing Laws—Good Surplus Announced.

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Toronto, Jan. 24.—The provincial legislature assembled here today. The Speech from the Throne, after reference to the death of the late King, stated that plans were being drawn up for a new residence for the lieutenant-governor.

The experiment of using prison labor on the roads in the Porcupine district was declared to be a success. The government will build a railway into the Porcupine country.

The completion of the provincial hydro-electric power transmission scheme is noted with satisfaction. The agricultural situation in the province is in a most satisfactory state. An increased appropriation will be made for bringing in farm laborers and domestic servants from the Old Country. Amendments will be introduced to licensing laws during the session. A good surplus for the year is announced.

NOBODY TO BLAME IN FARMERS' BANK

Police Commissioners Absolve Officers From Lack Of Energy In Prosecuting—Waiting For Crown To Act.

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Toronto, Jan. 24.—The police commissioners of Toronto, after a two-hour session this afternoon, passed a resolution absolving the police force from blame for lack of energy or want of promptness in proceeding against any of the persons accused in connection with the failure of the Farmers' bank.

The commissioners pointed out that the police had no authority to act except on the orders of the crown official. The resolution was prompted by sweeping criticisms made by a Toronto evening newspaper.

TYPHOID EPIDEMIC.

Ottawa, Jan. 24.—Ottawa decided tonight to rent two buildings as emergency hospitals during the typhoid epidemic, one an old school and the other the Geological survey building just vacated. The hypochloride treatment of the water supply will be started at once. Just now all hospitals are full and nurses cannot be secured.

A conservative estimate places the number of typhoid cases in the city today at about 25. All the hospitals are full and fully half the case are in the homes of the victims.

CRITICISM FOR GOVERNOR OF SOUTH AFRICA

Action Of Viscount Gladstone In Commuting Death Sentence On Native Strongly Condemned.

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London, Jan. 24.—Great excitement and resentment have been aroused in Rhodesia and South Africa generally, according to despatches received here on account of the new governor Viscount Gladstone, commuting the death sentence passed on a native for criminal assault on a white woman.

Influential meetings of protest have been held in Bulawayo and elsewhere at which Governor Gladstone's interference has been hotly denounced. Prominent men connected with Rhodesia but living in England, declare that as there are barely 20,000 Europeans in Rhodesia to 600,000 natives, it is absolutely indispensable that capital punishment in such cases should be carried out. Otherwise there would be lynchings.

For Viscount Gladstone who is on his way to Cape Town, it is said that he must have had special reasons for his action, that he only reprieved the accused after consulting with the judge, and that in general he is entirely in agreement with his predecessors on the question of the death penalty. Gladstone's appointment as governor of United South Africa was not popular and it is probable that a strong agitation will be raised against him, based on political feeling.

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