

COL. SAM HUGHES STEERFULLY REBUKED BY HIS LEADER

R. L. Borden Announces that He Does Not Agree With the Remarks Made About the French Clergy-- Bourassa Asks Hughes to Apologise--Postage on Books and Magazines to be Reduced.

OTTAWA, April 15.—In the common today Postmaster General Lemieux announced that while postal rates on newspapers and magazines from the United States had been increased from one cent a pound to four cents, the rate on newspapers and magazines from Great Britain had been reduced from eight cents a pound to two cents. This had been done to encourage the circulation in Canada of British publications.

To Mr. Foster he said the whole cost of carrying the British publications was estimated at 25 to 30 thousand dollars.

Mr. Armstrong declared German goods were taken into England and reshipped, thus fraudulently avoiding the surtax and obtaining the British preference.

Mr. Fielding said the last time Mr. Armstrong had been heard on this subject it was in abuse of the surtax, now he wanted it enforced.

Mr. Bourassa said the remedy was to abolish the British preference and this should be done if Canada was given no reciprocal advantage by Britain.

Colonel Sam Hughes, who on Tuesday was called upon by Mr. Fielding to withdraw his declaration that clerics were not for the country, said he had used his statement as a defence had when he said: "Of all tyranny, ecclesiastical tyranny is the worst."

He had no criticism to offer to the French people or French-Canadians, but he would not retract the criticism he had made of the French clergy who had been expelled by the French government that they should not be given a welcome in Canada.

Mr. Bourassa said the French people and the church of Rome would continue to exist in spite of Col. Sam Hughes. If it were not for the fact that the words would be published by a respectable portion of the press he would have allowed Col. Hughes' words to pass unnoted into the oblivion that shrouded his military and political deeds.

Col. Hughes had shown ignorance of French-Canadian, British and the world's history. Every one knows that the fact the British flag was flying over Canada was due to the efforts and teaching of these men whom Col. Hughes declared the curse of the country.

The leader of the opposition said Mr. Bourassa had credited Col. Hughes with utterance he had not given voice to. He did not think it would be profitable to discuss what he had recently taken place in France. He did not concur with Col. Hughes' objection to French clergy coming to Canada, and so far as he has the right to speak for the party which he led he desired

to dissent as emphatically as possible from the expression of any such views as had been made by Col. Hughes.

Mr. Borden paid a tribute to the character of the French priesthood. He has as much experience as had Col. Hughes with French priests who came to Canada, and he could testify to the good work they were accomplishing. He thought Col. Hughes had made the remark complained of in a moment of warmth and would withdraw it as soon as he realized its injudiciousness.

Mr. Borden thought the matter should not be debated further, and Mr. Fielding agreed with him.

Hon. Mr. Lemieux protested against the language used by Colonel Hughes. The Catholic clergy and faith had been in Canada a school of true loyalty and patriotism.

EARTHQUAKE RIDES OUT TWO MEXICAN CITIES; MANY KILLED

Telegraph Communication Cut Off and People Are Living in Terror

Chilpancingo and Chilapa Totally Destroyed, and the Escape of Other Cities Would be Little Short of Miraculous--One Report Says 500 are Dead--Number May be Greater--Aid Asked For.

CHILPANCINGO, Mex., April 15.—This city has been completely destroyed by one of the most serious earthquakes that has ever visited this section.

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BOYS THAT SPREAD COVERS HAD MERRY TIME LAST EVENING

Annual Meeting of Nos. 1 and 2 Salvage Companies

After the New Officers Had Been Elected, the Balance of the Evening Given Over to Gaiety.

The Salvage Corps and Fire Police, both No. 1 and No. 2, held their annual meetings last night.

The meeting opened with Capt. W. H. White in the chair, and the following members were elected officers for the ensuing year: John Bond, foreman of No. 4 Engine Co.; Capt. Morey, Geo. W. Mullin, and Mr. Williams.

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NOVA SCOTIA BOY IS VALEDICTORIAN

MONTREAL, Q., April 15.—Robert MacLean Benzie, Pictou, N. S., has been elected by final year students in medicine at McGill to read their valedictory address of medical convocation at the end of May.

This is the third successive year that the valedictorian has been selected from among Maritime Province representatives.

H. MacCreary, valedictorian in 1905, was a New Brunswick man and R. S. McArthur, last year's orator, was from Prince Edward Island.

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WEST END BAZAAR OPENED BY MAYOR

Immease Crowd Present—J. Bond Leads in Voting Contest for Most Popular Fireman—Prize Winners

The Carlton Cornet Band fair in the City Hall, West End, opened last evening with an immense attendance.

The various games and contests were well patronized. The five door prizes and their winners were: 1st, barrel of flour, William Macaulay; 2nd, fifty pounds of sugar, Ed. Cusick; 3rd, two dozen bottles of pickles, Robert Allen; two dozen cans of corn, Pearl Napier; twenty-five pounds of tea, Leonard Smith.

In the voting contest for the most popular fireman, C. H. Jackson and J. Bond were separated by but two votes. The total vote stood: J. Bond, 93; C. H. Jackson, 91; J. A. McAndrews, 82; C. F. Brown, 73; John Campbell, 30.

OCEAN CITY, N. J., April 14.—F. Wistar Brown, whose three children disappeared on Friday, today secured a warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Susan B. Maxwell, on suspicion of being the woman who accompanied the children home from home. Mrs. Maxwell is a pianist, who was in business for two summers in the Board Walk here.

ARCHIBALD TAPLEY DIED YESTERDAY

Was Member of Well Known Firm of Steamboat Owners and Lumber Manufacturers.

Archibald Tapley, one of the members of the firm of Tapley Bros., of Indian town, steamboat owners and lumber manufacturers, died at his residence No. 45 Holly street yesterday afternoon.

The late Archibald Tapley was one of the best known citizens of Indian town and was also generally and favorably known throughout the city and along the river counties of the province.

He was born at Sheffield, Sunbury Co., in October 1828. He came to St. John in 1847 where he worked with David Tapley and afterwards entered the firm. Since 1868 they have carried on the business successfully.

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Believed Many Were Killed

CITY OF MEXICO, Mex., April 15.—Word from the centre of the great destruction of the earthquake of last night was first given to this capital by the Associated Press after repeated trials made during last night and this morning.

From messages received at the telegraph offices here up to noon it appears that the entire southern half of the republic including the lower country and the "Mesa" belt felt the shock of last night.

Messages from as far north as San Luis Potosi and as far south as the city of San Juan Bautista, in the state of Tabasco reports that the shock was felt in varying degrees.

OTTAWA, April 15.—The finance minister has given notice of a resolution by which the government will lend to the Quebec Bridge Co. \$5,675,000 at three per cent.

500 Reported Dead

CITY OF MEXICO, April 15.—The "Banko Nacional" (National Bank of Mexico) has received a telegram saying that five hundred lives were lost in the destruction of Chilpancingo and Chilapa.

The telegram adds that both cities were completely destroyed. In government circles the report is not credited.

It is admitted that both cities were severely damaged, but it is not thought that the deaths will approximate five hundred, owing to the fact that the houses are massive and built of stone in order to resist earthquake shocks.

The federal authorities here have been appealed to by the governors of the districts of Bravos and Chilapa for tents as the inhabitants in the stricken cities are living in the open having constructed dwellings of palm leaves and branches.

The governor of the state of Guerrero has dispatched military engineers

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