MILLER ACCEPTS COMPROMISE BILL

Anti-Gambling Bill is Passed by House of Commons. Little Interest Exhibited.

Ottawa, April 15—The House of Commons this evening, with practically no discussion, put through to its final stages, H. H. Miller's anti-gambling bill, along the line of the compromise proposed by the minority members of the committee which discussed the bill. In order to do this and on motion to go into supply arising out of the speech by the Hon. Sydney Fisher, the work of the department of agriculture was temporarily adjourned.

Mr. Miller in a short speech explained to the House he had decided to accept the compromise offered on the day the bill was defeated in the house. Then it was seconded by John B. McColl, one of the minority members of the special committee which considered the original bill, and Mr. Miller moved the amendments agreed to and the discussion in committee was confined practically to answering a few questions.

Glen Campbell put in a plea that provision be made for a loonger period of racing than is allowed by the bill in the event of Winnipeg holding a world's fair, and was told that that should be made the matter of special legislation. Mr. Campbell wanted a guarantee as to that but none was offered.

The remainder of the day was devoted to a discussion of agricultural matters, and the passing of private bills, including the St. Lawrence power transmission bill, which has been one of the bones of contention this session. When the House finally went into committee on estimates it was after 5.30 o'clock and W. D. Staples protested vigorously that they should be gone on with.

Glen Campbell also protested and after one more item was passed the committee rose. In reply to Geo. Taylor, Hon. Mr. Fielding said that the naval bill would be taken up Monday.

The Compromise Bill.

The compromise anti-gambling bill, given a third reading in the House is as follows:—

1—Section 227 of the criminal code is repealed and that the following is substituted therefor—227—a common betting house is a house, office, room or place—

(A)—Opened, kept or used for purpose of betting between persons resorting thereto, and (I) the owner, occupier or keeper thereof, (II) any person using (III) any person procured or employed by, or acting for or on behalf of any such person, (IV), any person having care or management or in any manner conducting thereof.

(B)—Opened, kept, or used for purposes of any money or valuable thing, received by or on behalf of any such person as aforesaid, as or for a consideration (I) for any assurance or undertaking, expressed or implied, to pay or give thereafter any money or valuable thing on any event or contingency of, or relating to any horse race, or other race, fight, game or sport, or (II) for securing, paying or giving by some other person of any money or valuable thing on any such event or contingency.

Other Sports Included.

(C)—Opened, kept or used for purposes of recording or registering bets upon any contingency or event, horse race, or other race, fight, game or sport, or far the purpose of receiving money or other things of value to be transmitted for purpose of being wagered upon any such contingency or event, horse race, or other race, fight, game or sport whether any such bet is recorded, or registered there or any money or other thing of value is th received to be so transmitted or not, or.

(D)—Opened, kept or used for purpose of facilitating or encouraging or assisting in making of bets upon any contingency or event, horse race or other race, fight, game or sport, by announcing betting upon or announcing or displaying the results of horse races or other races, fights, games or sports or in any other manner, whether such contingency or even, horse race or other race, fight, game or sport occurs or takes place in Canada or elsewhere.

Covers Every Place.

(1)—The word "place" as used in this section and in preceding sentences includes any place, whether enclosed or not, anywhere wherever it is used permanently or temporarily, and whether there is or is not exclusive right of user.

The section 230 of the said code is amended by adding thereto the following paragraphs:

(E) Being the owner or other person in control of premises occupied or used as a disorderly house knowingly alters any contrivance whatsoever upon said premises for purpose of preventing, obstructing or delaying entry of any constable or officer authorized as aforesaid into any such disorderly house, or any part thereof.

Liable to a Year.

Section 235 of said codeis repeated and following is substituted therefor—235—everyone is guilty of an indictable offense and liable to one year's imprisonment and to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars who (A) user of knowingly allows any part of any premises under his control to be used for the purpose of recording or registering any bet or wager, or selling any pool, or

(B) Keeps, exhibits, employs or knowingly allows to be kept, exhibited or employed, in any part of any premises under his control, any device or apparatus for purpose of recording any bet or wager or selling any pool, or.

(C) Becomes custodian or depository of any money, property or valuable thing staked, wagered or pledged in any case or transaction in which such staking, wagering or pledging is itself contrary to the provision of this act, or,

(D) Records or registers any bet or wager, or sells any pool upon the results (1) of any political or municipal election, (2) of any race, (3) of any contest or trial of skill or endurance of man or beast.

Pool Selling Prohibited.

(E) Engages in pool selling or bookmaking or in the business or occupation of betting or wagering, or makes any agreement for the purchase or sale of betting or gambling privileges or for the purchase or sale of information intended to assist in bookmaking, pool selling netting or wagering, or.

(F) or advertise, publishes, prints, exhibits, post up or sells, applies or offers to sell or supply, any information intended to assist in, or intended for use in connection with bookmaking, a pool selling, betting or wagering upon any horse race or other race, fight, game or sport, whether at time of advertising, printing, publishing, exhibiting, posting up or supplying such news or information, such horse news or information, such horse race or other races, fight, game or sport has or has not taken place, or,

(G) Advertises, prints, publishes, exhibits or posts up any offer, invitation or inducement to bet, or,

Affects Telegraph Companies.

(H) Wilfully and knowingly sends, transmits, delivers or receives any message by telegraph, telephone, mail or express conveying any information relating to bookmaking, poolselling, betting, or wagering, or intended to assist in bookmaking, pool selling, betting or wagering, or (I) aides or assists in any manner in any of the said ways which are by this section forbidden.

(2) Provisions of this section and of sections 227 and 228 shall not extend to any person by reason of his becoming custodian or depository of any money,property or valuable thing staked or to be paid to owner of any lawful race, sport, game, or exercise or to be paid to owner of any horse engaged in any bona fide race, to a private bet between individuals not engaged in any way in a business of betting, or to bets made or records of bets made upon race course of any incorporated association during actual progress of a race meeting conducted by such association upon races being run thereon, or to make by such association of information or privileges to assistt or to enable the conducting of bookmaking, pool selling, betting or wagering upon race course of such association during the actual progress of a race being conducted by such association upon races being run thereon or to bookmaking, pool selling, betting or wagering upon such race course during the actual progress of a race meeting conducted by such association upon races being run thereon.

Provided, that as to race meetings at which there are running races no such race meeting continues for more then seven days of continuous racing on days on which such racing may be lawfully carried on, and provided that no such association holds in any one year more than two race meetings at which there are running races, and there is an interval of at least twenty days between the meetings, and provided that such race meeting is held upon the race course of a racing association now incorporated or upon a race course located in or within three miles of a Canadian town or city having a population of not less than fifteen thousand people, by a racing association hereafter incorporated.

Provided also that as to race meetings, at which there are trotting or pacing races, no such race meeting shall continue for more than three days, on which racing may be carried on, in any one week, and that no race meetings, at which there are trotting or pacing races shall be held on the same grounds for more than fourteen days, in all in any one year."

SEEDING HALF FINISHED.

In Pierson District of Manitoba—Seed Bed Perfect.

Pierson, Man., April 13—About fifty per cent .of the wheat in this district is already seeded. Probably ten per cent. larger acreage will be seded to wheat in this district. This has ben a most extraordinary season and farmers were very dubious about sowing too early. If weather continues fine all the seeding ought to be finished by the end of April except some flax and barley. The seed bed could not be in beter shape, a little dry perhaps, but rain is not needed at present.

Anti-Tuberculosis League Formed.

Regina, Sask., April 12.—On the motion of Attorney General Tourgeon, at a public meeting held this evening in the City Hall, presided over by Chief Justice Wetmore, the Regina branch of the Saskatchewan Anti-Tuberculosis League was formed, following an address by Dr. Seymour, commissioner of public health, and Dr. Porter, of Ottawa. The following officers were elected: Hon president, J. F. Bole, M.L.A.; president, Hon. Justice Johnstone; secretary-treasurer, A. L. Gordon.

Excitement Was Too Great.

Winnipeg, April 15—Feeling fatigued but unwilling to break up an entertainment in the Scott Memorial hall this evening, Mrs. Robert Hunter stole quietly away, and walking home, she fell when on Main street, dying almost immediately. Heart failure was the cause of death. Mrs. Hunter was 63 years of age, and her family had been greatly interested in the concert for the Protestant orphanage, a daughter selling over half of the thousand tickets that were sold, but the excitement apparently had been too much for the mother.

Referred to Railway Commission

Ottawa, April 15—In the house today on motion Sir Richard Cartwright the bill to provide for the control of cable and telegraph rates was referred to the railway commision, so that representatives of the cable companies would have an opportunity of being present. In committee the consideration of Hon. Mr. Oliver's bill to amend the Immigration Act was completed and the bill was reported.

Philadelphia Strike Settled.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 15—The strike of Philadelphia Rapid Transit employes which began February 15th, was settled tonight. The terms are said to embody the offer of Mayor Reyburn made on March 20.

WEST STILL SHIPPING LAST YEAR'S CROP

For Seven Months of Current Crop Year About 105,000,000 Bushels of all Grains Have Passed Under the Notice of the Government Officials in the West.

Winnipeg, April 13.—A consideration of the prospects for this year's crops in the West does not entirely obliterate a realization of the fact that the crops of 1909 are still "doing business." The advent of spring has given the farmers a strong desire to bend their energies towards active work in the fields, but ploughing, harrowing and seeding have not absorbed all their attention. In spare time a little concern for the delivery of grain to the elevators or loading platforms has been shown, and the records of inspections for the present month indicate that a fair amount of activity, considering the season of the year. was manifested. The total inspections for March are 7,502 cars. consisting of 5,076 of wheat, 2,041 of oats, 250 of barley and 133 of flax. For the same month last year the total was 6,804 cars, consisting of 5,202 of wheat, 1,304 of oats, 146 of barley and 152 of flax. The early break-up has probably contributed to the eagerness of farmers to send forward their offerings. They are apparently in a position to hold longer if they choose. but they do not care to market their stuff during the period when the roads are in bad shape. The present high level of prices is also a factor in the psychological process which induces the owner of grain to liquidate. Hard cash is as useful as hard wheat at this season of the year, and no man makes a great mistake in releasing his grain. He might make more by waiting for a few weeks, especially as displays of fireworks usually occur in the speculative markets in the spring months. But the money in the bank looks well, and the majority of farmers in this country can afford to run the risk of losing prospective profits. The ups and downs of a gambling campaign are not sufficiently attractive to the ordinary agriculturist to make a prolonged holding advantageous.

Enormous Receipts.

The inspections for March bring the total for the seven months of the crop year up to startling proportions. Since September 1, 1909, the officials have examined cars containing 105,000,000 bushels of grain. In this quantity wheat represents 74,400,000, oats 23,600,000, barley 3,750,000 and flax 8,250,000. For the same period in the preceding crop year the total was about 67,000,000. Wheat is responsible for a little more than half the increase, and of the coarse grains oats are easily the most conspicuous in the returns. And the country has not yet been drained of its produce. The quantity which is still being held on the farms and in the interior storehouses will come through between now and harvest, and it will not be a matter of surprise to those who realize what last year's wonderful production means of the deliveries continue at the rate of 7,500 cars per month for the rest of the crop year. The heavy deliveries during March have been important in themselves, but they have been noteworthy because they prove that the farmers have plenty of grain to ship. The record-breaking inspections during the first six months may have left the impression in some quarters that a decided selling tendency had taken possession of the agricultural community. The story of the past months shows that the grain was persistently held back by shrewd men, who realized the nature of the market on which they were depending. The grain which is still being held will sell at a good profit, and, while increased offerings may be expected when the roads resume their normal condition, there is no sign of a pressure to unload. The grain is coaxed out by the strength of the markets.

What Used to Be.

Comparisons with "what used to be" in this portion of the Dominion serve to illustrate the advances which have been made in the production of the chief cereals. The deliveries of wheat during the past seven months have been larger than the total output of all grains ten years ago. Oats, barley and flax now have a fairly large portion of the stage for their part of the performance, and they acquit themselves creditably. The value of the deliveries of coarse grains at current quotations makes an amount which would have looked large to the bankers of the west at the close of the last century. The race between wheat and its companions is an interesting one, and it is bound to grow more interesting from now on. Time was when the only grain worth considering here was wheat, and the development of the rough varieties was slow. Wheat has already been relegated to second place in the statistics of output, oats having a long lead. In exports wheat is, of course, the main item, and it will hold first place in that procession for a long time to come. The reason is that by far the greater part of the wheat is shipped out, the proportion assigned for domestic consumption being less than 20 per cent. On the other hand only a relatively small quantity of oats can be shipped out with profit. The great demand for these lies in the west, and it absorbs more than 85 per cent. of the output. Barley and flax are minor considerations as yet, and there is no prospect that they will increase their relative importance in the near future

Excellent Quality Maintained.

The "rush" to sell wheat during the first six months may have been induced by a desire to take monetary advantage of the superior quality. for which the yield of 1909 was noted. But the last is practically as good as the first. In the inspections for March the proportion of contract grades is more than 87 per cent, while the average for seven months is slightly over 88 per cent. In no other year has a high quality been so consistently maintained throughout the deliveries ,and it is evident that the percentage for the whole of the current crop year will show little decline from the level which has been established. It is estimated that more than 30,000,000 bushels of the last crop are still to come forward for inspection. but a good deal of this is now in the interior elevators. In few countries will it be found that more than 30 per cent. of the exportable surplus in wheat is held in reserve seven months after harvest. Even if the returns from this year's activity should happen to be smaller than usual, the surplus from the crop of 1909 will help materially towards making up the shortage. And to judge by the way the weather is shaping up at present, the chances are against a shortage for 1910. There is more probability of congestion in grain shipments.

RAILWAYS CHANGE HANDS.

Wall Street Reports a Number of Big Transactions.

Wall Street, New York, April 13.—Representation of the Pearson syndicate on the Rock Island board was announced today when S. F. S. Pearson, and Percival Farquhar were elected directors. They succeeded E. T. Boggs and R. S. Shofield, resigned. The Pearson syndicate has purchased considerable Rock Island securities recently and it is known that the purchases have been made with the knowledge and approval of the dominating influences of the Rock Island system.

In connection with Dr. Pearson's election it is rumored that he and his associates for some time past have also been large purchasers of Lehigh Valley by the Rock Island. Newman Erb and his associates in the Ann Arbor road have purchased control of the Chattanoga Soutehrn Railway. Mr. Erb and his associates returned from an inspection trip over the property and plans are under way for further improving and developing the road. These plans are not ready for publication.

Trainmen of the New York Central decided today to allow their demands for increased wages to be settled through arbitration by E. E. Clarke, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and P. H. Morrissey, president of the American Railway Employees and Investors Association. Engineers of the Seaboard Line system reached an agreement today whereby they will receive an average increase in wages of six per cent. in all branches of the work.

Officials of the International Paper Company announced that the backbone of the strike in their mills had been broken, through the return of about 1,000 men to work, with applications by other employees for their old places. Hereafter the plants of the company will be run on the "open shop" plan.

HE HAS FLED TO CANADA.

Boy Who Killed Companion in Prize Fight.

Passaic, N. J., April 13.—Gilbert Trehou died here tonight from a solar plexus blow received in a boy's prize fight last Tuesday night. With brief intermissions, he had been unconscious since he was lifted out of the ring and carried to a hospital. Frank Kieser, who is named in a warrant as the other principal, is missing, and the police hear he has fled to Canada. Henry Knackstadt, superintendent of a Presbyterian Sunday school here said to have been the referee. was arrested yesterday and released on $500 bail.

Trehou and Kieser were both nineteen years old, both pupils of the Passaic High school, and both of good family. Reports of their quarrel differ, but it is understood that there had been bad blood between them for some time, and that on Easter Sunday they agreed to settle their differences with the gloves. Both went into training, and last Monday declared themselves fit. Word was passed about among their friends, and Tuesday night a small crowd met in a vacant lot behind an oil tank and squared off the ring. Neither of the boys knew much about fighting, but both were willing and made up in savageness what they lacked in skill. In the seventh round Trehou went down under a double blow from Kieser, and did not rise again. The crowd, scenting danger, melted away but two remained and carried the injured lad to a hospital, where he died.

THE TRAFFIC IN COCAINE.

Sensational Feature in Philadelphia's Crusade Against it.

Philadelphia, Pa., April 13. — A sensational development in the investigation of the Pharmaceutical Board which is carrying on a crusade against the illegal sale of cocaine in this city was made today. Benjamin P. Ashmead, United States Government inspector of Drugs for the port of Philadelphia, was arrested on a warrant charging him with being connected with the traffic. The warrant was sworn out by a man whose name is withheld, who charges that Ashmead is the largest distributor of the drug to peddlers in Philadelphia.

Dr. Christopher Koch of the State Board, who is directing the crusade, said this afternoon that it was possible for Ashmead to obtain cocaine at $3 an ounce and sell it to peddlers at $8 an ounce. These peddlers, Dr. Koch said, in turn sold the cocaine in small quantities to users of the drug at a profit of between $25 and $30 and sometimes $40 an ounce.

Death Due to Exposure.

Hamilton, Ont., April 12.—The coroner's jury inquiring into the death of the infant of John Roberts at a farm near Dundas, tonight found death due to exposure, but attached no blame to the mother, Lizzie Corrocoran.

Sale of Tobacco to Minors.

Columbus, Ohio, April 13.—The senate has passed the Dilmar House bill forbidding the sale of tobacco in any form to minors under 18 years of age. The bill as it passed the House fixed the age limit at 21.

Lethbridge Unions Win Fight.

Lethbridge, Alta., April 12.—The building trades unions, which have been on strike for the past eleven days, returned to work this morning, having got practically all their demands from the contractors.

ASQUITH TO USE CLUB ON LORDS

If Veto Resolutions Are Not Passed He Will Ask King To Create 500 New Peers

London, April 15.—The ministerialists are jubilant this morning over last night's happenings in the House of Commons and the state of the first stage of the policy of "Thorough" which they and the Redmondites have together, after many weeks of pressure, forced on the cabinet. The Commons have accepted by majorities ranging from 98 to 103, resolutions abolishing the finance veto of the Lords, restricting their legislative veto and shortening the duration of parliaments to five years. The most deadly difficulty in this stage was the dissentions in the cabinet arising from the inconsistency of Sir Edward Grey, and other ministers, upon the simultaneous reconstruction of the second chamber as promised in the King's speech, but Sir Edward has suppressed himself for the moment and the cabinet apparently remains united.

The second stage of the crisis opens on Monday, when Premier Asquith moves the time limit upon the budget debate. Redmond has power then to defeat the ministry. He remains uncommitted, but the hearty way in which the Nationalists joined in the cheering of Asquith last night confirms the growing belief that they will act on the principle that although Nationalist Ireland does not love the budget it loves the Lords still less, and further, that Lloyd-George will be able to compensate Ireland in next year's budget. Hence the ministry stands every chance of being allowed to proceed to the third stage of the crisis, which will be reached at the end of May or early in June, and will be in essence an attempt to coerce the King to overrule the Lords.

The Premier's Promise.

Premier Asquith's undertaking, which roused the ministerialists, laborites and Redmonites to such enthusiasm last night, is that when the Lords fail to accept the Commons' veto resolutions, he will immediately advise the Crown to take steps to ensure the passage of the resolutions through the Lords in the present parliament. Mr. Asquith suggested it would be disrespectful to the King to state the precise terms of this advice, but his statement is accepted as meaning that he will ask the King to threaten the Lords with the immediate creation of 500 peers. Further, in the event of the King's refusal of an immediate Royal pledge, Mr. Asquith undertakes not to ask for a dissolution unless the King gives a conditional pledge to create peers in the event of a Liberal victory at the elections.

He Would Resign.

Should the King also refuse this conditional pledge, the Premier's words are accepted by his followers as an undertaking that he will resign and leave the King to get through the political crisis and financial chaos as best he can.

The Times' comment is as follows:

"Either way, His Majesty is to be subjected to embarrassment and indignity such as no occupant of the throne has had to endure since the revolution of 1688. Mr. Balfour rightly declared that Premier Asquith's proceedings are nothing short of destruction of the constitution. The act goes beyond the Lords and degrades the monarchy into a party weapon. In Mr. Balfour's words: 'The price minister has bought the Irish vote for the budget, and the price is the dignity of his office and the great traditions of which he of all men ought to be the guardian.'"

The ministerial position is summed up by the Chronicle today, which says:

"The King is a constitutional monarch. His government means government in accordance with the will of the government. The will of the government is the veto resolutions which the Commons have accepted."

IRISHMAN HURLS BRICK.

Through Window of London Times Office Because of a National Grudge.

London, April 15—Horace Davis, an Irishman, called at the office of the Times this evening and demanded to see the editor. When told that the editor did not come to the office in the evening, Davis hurled a brick through the window, smashing the plate glass. He was arrested and taken to the police court. There the magistrate asked him:—

"What grudge have you against the Times? "Every decent Irishman has a grudge against the Times,' the prisoner retorted.

"I know that this is no place to talk politics," the prisoner continued," but I am thinking about Piggott."

The magistrate remanded him.

Scarlet Fever Epidemic in Regina.

Regina, Sask., April 15.—By order of the medical health officer, in consequence of an outbreak of scarlet fever, all the day and Sunday schools in the southern part of the city are to be closed, as well as the free library. About twenty cases have been so far quarantined by the health authorities and it is hoped that the drastic steps now taken will stamp out the outbreak. All the cases so far reported are of a mild type, and no deaths have so far occurred.

New Westminster to Have Y. M. C. .

New Westminster, April 13—The members of the Y. M. C. A. of this city have inaugurated a campaign to raise $35,000 to build and equip a Y. M. C. A. building. Mr. Sale, western secretary, has the campaign in hand and during the first two days $20,000 was raised and the management feel that in the remaining three days of the campaign that the additional $15,000 wil lbe raised and possibly more, as the people are giving th escheme their best support.

A. & G. W. RAILWAY INQUIRY

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Mr. Walsh next took up a letter, dated January 3rd, 1907, from Winnipeg to Cornwall from Faulker, who secured the option and afterwards purchased the Athbasca Railway charter. He told of a conversation with W. H. Cushing at the time, en route to Calgary, in which he showed, by his conversation, that he would be very severe in his attitude towards the guaranteeing of bonds.

Engineer Woodman's Estimate.

Mr. Walsh also produced from the files a report by Engineer Woodman, of the syndicate, on the estimates of the cost of the road to Fort McMurray. Woodman fixed the cost of the proposed road at $12,270 per mile. Upon this it was thought an application for bond guarantee of $13,000 a mile should be asked:

"What did you do after June 6th, 1907, to follow up your efforts on the provincial government?" asked the commission counsel

"I think I had a conversation in Montreal with Mr. Cushing. I think that was in 1908."

"Did you make any further efforts in 1907?"

"I kept pegging away all the time on behalf of the railway."

At this point the court adjourned till two o'clock.

TO SEND A VESSEL TO THE HUDSON BAY

Federal Government Will Actively Proceed With Great Railway Project—Investigation to be Made of Navigation Condition of Bay and Straits.

Ottawa, Ont., April 15.—As a Globe's criticism that adequate steps have not yet been taken to ascertain the conditions with regard to the navigation and other obstacles to the operation of the Hudson Bay route. Hon. Mr. Graham pointed out that survey parties had now been in the field nearly two years and had reported very fully as to the physical condition of the country through which the road would run. Meteorological records as to the conditions in Hudson Bay and Straits were available covering a period of the last fifty years.

Careful surveys had been made of the harbors at Port Nelson and Fort Churchill. This summer the government would send up a vessel to the straits and bay to make further investigation of the navigation conditions throughout the summer and fall, as long as the straits remain open.

It may be further noted that in the supplementary estimates to be brought down shortly there will be tangible evidence of the government's intention to proceed at once with the carrying out of undertakings which has been under consideration for years past.

In reference to the Prince Albert despatch stating that survey parties for the Hudson Bay and Pacific railway are waiting an announcement from Ottawa, before starting out. Hon. Mr. Graham says he knows of no announcement that is to be made from here affecting the proposed road.

DENY REPORTS OF TROUBLE.

Conservative Caucus Pledge Confidence in Leader Borden.

Ottawa, April 12.—While Leader Borden, Hon. John Haggart, Mr. Blain and several of the Senator members of the Opposition sat in the Commons this morning and listened to Hon. Mackenzie King explain his bill for the control of combines and mergers, the members of the Opposition sat in caucus from 10.30 until one o'clock this afternoon and discussed combination within the party and domestic affairs generally.

After nearly three hours of consultation an official announcement was made at the adjournment that the reports which have been appearing for the most part in the town press during the past fortnight, as to family squabbles and general disorganization, were unfounded in fact and that a unanimous resolution had been passed declaring unswerving loyalty to Mr. Borden.

The uniting of the party by resolution is, however, not regarded generally as marking by any means an end of present dissension within the ranks over the question of leadership and policy. The question of the future relationship of Messrs. Foster and Monk to the party organization is left in abeyance, but it is understood that Mr. Borden is left with a free hand to carry out any re-organization he may deem desirable.

His protest against the lack of discipline and united front on matters of party policy had been thus far effective. The question of the date of holding the proposed federal convention was also discussed. The majority of the members seem to favor the holding of a convention next September or November, instead of in June, as originally proposed. This will be definitely decided at a further caucus tomorrow, when a recommendation of the sub-committee in charge of arrangements for the convention favoring such postponement will be considered.

WAS TWO YEARS ON FIRE

Gage Coal Mine at St. Charles, Mich., Abandoned.

Detroit, Mich., April 13.—After fighting fire and smoke almost continuously for two years in its mine at St. Charles, Mich., the Gage Coal company today gave up the unequal contest and abandoned the property. With it is also abandoned a valuable salt block owned by the G. H. Sommers company.

The Gage mine has two shafts, and the fire, which started in December, 1908 slowly spread through the whole mine. All the workings have been closed and the machinery removed, which will allow the shafts to slowly fill with water. The property is valued at upwards of a million dollars.

Whitney Says it is Important.

Toronto, Ont., April 12.—"This is a very important occurrence. Nothing more important has happened since confederation." These were the words used by Premier Whitney in regard to the news that the Dominion government had refused to disallow the Hydro-electric legislation.

Child Burned to Death.

St. Leonard, Que., April 12:—A child named Frenette was burned to death in a fire set by itself, which destroyed the barn.

SLEET STORM TIES UP TRAFFIC IN WINNIPEG

Storm of Blizzardlike Violence Sweeps Over Manitoba—Street Railway Service in Winnipeg Paralized—Telegraph Wires Down—Asphalt Pavements Unfit for Traffic.

Winnipeg, Man., April 15.—After six weeks balmy weather a storm, the worst since Christmas, and blizzard-like in character, broke over this section this morning, and so far as the city is concerned speedily tied up all traffic, but for an intermittent service on the street railway. The glare of ice covering everything, completely stopped all vehicular traffic, while so strong was the wind that pedestrians navigated the streets under difficulty. It will not damage the spring wheat which is not above the ground in most places and nowhere enough advanced to be hurt.

Worst in Years.

Not for years has the city been so inconvenienced by a storm as yesterday. The ice sleet forming on the wires and rails paralyzed the street car service, in some cases breaking the wires. The telegraph wires suffered, the C.N.W. not having a wire out of the city from the middle of the afternoon up to this morning. The sleet coating on the asphalt pavings made them so slippery that many city firms called in their teams early in the day, some horses however, were so badly injured by falls that they had to be shot and the police diverted traffic off the asphalted streets at several points. Sidewalks were equally dangerous but while falls were many only one person, Mrs. Dawson, was seriously injured. The railway service was not materially effected.

TO ABOLISH CHILD LABOR.

Important Action Taken at Textile Convention in Memphis.

Memphis, Tenn., April 12.—By adopting a resolution to give the manufacturers equal strength with the raw material producers the third Southern Textile Conference took the first important step today in what promises to be the most important meeting ever held in the interest of southern child labor laws.

This action was taken upon the resolution of Albert A. Hill, representing the International Typographical Union of Nashville, Tenn., and was done so that whatever demands are made by this conference on the legislatures of the Southern States may be made in the name of business, capital and labor.

Governor M. R. Patterson, who called the meeting and asked the executives of ten other states to send delgates, made an address of welcome on behalf of the State of Tennessee, and said he hoped the meeting would be productive of the good purpose for which it was intended, namely, the adoption of a uniform child labor law in the southern states.

HAYS RETURNS FROM ENGLAND.

Flotation of Alberta and Saskatchewan Branch Lines Guaranteed Bonds Not Yet Effected.

Montreal, April 15—Chas. M. Hays has returned from England. While on official announcement was made it was learned, however, that one object of his visit, the flotation of several guaranteed bonds for Alberta and Saskatchewan branch lines had not yet been consummated, owing, it is stated to certain formalities being not yet complete. Official confirmation of the fact that the Grand Trunk Pacific will have their own fleet on the Atlantic and Pacific was given, the latter first, but it will be some time before either will be begun. Mr. Hays spent this afternoon in conference with General Manager E. J. Chamberlain, who leaves for the West almost immediately.

REGINA SECRETARY RESIGNS

I. H. C. Lawson Severs Connection With Board of Trade.

Regina, Sask., April 15.—I. H. C. Lawson, secretary of the board of trade, has resigned.

The claim of James Stratton for $6,250 for the executors of James Flanigan, as commission for services alleged to have been rendered in the sale of the Western Hotel and other properties in Saskatoon, which was recently the subject of an appeal before the supreme court en banc, has been dismissed by a judgment just handed down. The court held that Stratton did not bring the buyer and purchaser together.

Word was receivtd in the city today from New Orleans, that the application of Saskatchewan for dispension to form a Temple of the Ancient Arabic order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine has been refused, owing to the opposition of Winnipeg and Calgary Shriners.

Every family and especially those who reside in the country should be provided at all times with a bottle of Chamberlain's Liniment. There is no telling when it may be wanted in case of an accident or emergency. It is most excellent in all cases of rheumatism, sprains and bruises. Sold by all dealers.

NEWS OF

SION.

Bulletin News Service.

A quiet wedding was solemni Sion on Sunday, April 10th, Charles W. Drayton, of Heaton was united in marriage to Miss B. Tarplee, also of Heaton The ceremony was performed by J. N. Hughson, of Independence sion, at the residence of J. J. S Sion, Alberta. The couple w side for the present at Riviere Barre, when they will make their at Heaton Moor.

Revs. J. H. Geoghegan, A. and J. N. Hughson are writing annual circuit examinations a berta College, Edmonton.

Sion, April 14th.

RED DEER.

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W. J. McLean, principal o schools, wil resign on June 3 order to take fourth year uni work in the east.

The case of ex-Councillor P against Councillor Galbraith t seat him from the municipal c on the ground that he had so property to the Red Deer Adv Limited, and was thereby disqu from taking his seat in counci dismissed without costs by Scott, who held that the propert not been transferred.

N. H. Sorenson, of Marke has bought eleven acres of la the north of town two miles, tablish a pig fattening station, has contracted for the buttermilk the Red Deer government cre for five years.

The council has before it a position to buy the property o Red Deer Exhibition Associ Limited. As every member o council is a stockholder in the ciation, an interesting legal poi arisen as to the right of any me of the council to vote on the m or even to vote on a by-law to s the matter to the property owne

Red Deer is to have a free ex delivery.

R. G. Dawe has arrived from ronto to join the survey staff Alberta Central, now working e

Five rafts of lumber from the West Lumber Company's yards Red Deer this week down the riv Fieldholm, 100 miles due east o gary.

T. H. Lockhart, assistant pri of the Indian Industrial Schoo leaving in a few days for Ham where he has acquired an intere a job printing business. He has his Ross avenue property for $3

Word has been received to sto road work in this constituency. action is necessary, it is presu owing to the supplies voted by Legislature being exhausted.

The Bishop of St. Albert held firmation services here today.

Red Deer, April 13th.

BELVEDERE.

Bulletin News Service.

The Belvedere Public Hall As tion held their first entertainme their new hall on Wednesday ing, March 30th, which proved a success in every way and was attended, many from Lawton and side districts being present, an doubt many more would have present had the river been navi and the trails in a better state. E one there enjoyed themselves.

The first part of the programme sisted "Mrs. Jarley's Waxwo Mr. C. A. Roberts took the par Mrs. Jarley; P. Brant and St Mills that of the attendants, the figures were: Brittannia, Johnson; Robinson Crusoe, F Lucas; Lady Macbeth, Josey nelley; Dick Whittington, G Roberts; Father Time, Willie say; Mary the Milkmaid, Mills; May Queen, Augey Don Deceased Mr. Jarley, Harold L Sleeping Beauty, Gladys Lucas Prince, Norman Roberts; Jack ner, Jimmy Mills; Mother Hub Mable Lucas. Mrs. Jarley's de tion of the figures and her ma and the side play of the atten created any amount of fun, whi figures went through their move in quite a clock-work manner.

part was brought to a concl by the figures singing the chor tional, "O Canada, Beloved F land." Afterwards Mr. C. A. Ro being chairman of the associ occupied the chair and made a remarks regarding the purpose hall, and asked those present all they could to help the com in furthering same. Mr. H. also made a few remarks and upon the future of the district informed us that it would not b before women suffrage would existence, and that he was in of this.

The second part consisted of a cert with the following progra Recitation, Mrs. J. Mills; comic Mr. N. Robinson; chorus, Ju Choir; recitation, Harold Lucas; Gordon Roberts; chorus, Ju Choir; recitation, Mable Lucas; Mr. C. A. Roberts; chorus, Ju Choir, "God Save the King"; a panist, Mrs. C. A. Roberts.

The next part was the selli the supper baskets by Mr. H. The bidding was quick and hig proved most gratifying, makin amount of $77.85.

During the supper, Mr. Roberts, the schoolmaster, gav eral very good selections o phonograph, after which dancin gan to the lively music of pian violin and went along brisk strong until daylight. An enj night was then brought to a cl the singing of "Auld Lang Syn Morris Brothers, of Wild Hor ley, have brought their engine f separator into the district rea this year's threshing, their trai ing impassable as a rule later

A. E. Nash, accountant, Edm and N. Robinson, of Wainwright been on a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Ramsay are prond parents of another fine bo Ploughing has made a start district and in some cases whe been sown. This is the e