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LONDON, THURSDAY, APRIL 24.

MR. PROUDFOOT'S GRAVE CHARGES.

Specific charges of corrupt and improper conduct have been laid against Sir James Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna by the member for Centre Huron, Mr. Proudfoot.

The charges have been referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections by order of the Prime Minister. The Opposition asked for a reference to a Royal Commission of two judges. The refusal of the Public Accounts Committee to permit Mr. Proudfoot to ask questions bearing upon the transaction which is the basis of his charges, made it doubtful whether the majority of the Privileges and Elections Committee would allow sufficient latitude.

It has been acknowledged by the Prime Minister that Hon. Mr. Hanna accepted a campaign contribution from Mr. George C. Taylor, of Taylor, Scott & Co., while that firm was under contract with the Government. It is now further alleged:

1. That this sum was given on the understanding that the company's financial claim against the Government would be satisfied.

2. That Mr. Hanna manipulated the opening and granting of certain coal tenders, and that there were grave irregularities in connection with the purchase of certain self-feeding stokers.

3. That when these matters were laid before Sir James Whitney he consented to grant Taylor, Scott & Co. a fiat, which would permit them to bring their claim into court.

4. That the condition was laid down that the fiat would not be used for three months, and that in the meantime the Provincial Secretary endeavored to procure a letter from Mr. Taylor withdrawing all the charges made by the said Taylor.

5. That in November, 1911, when the election was approaching, Mr. Taylor again brought pressure on the Government and succeeded in having his claim referred to an arbitrator, although the officials of the Government reported that it was wholly unfounded.

6. That the arbitrator was appointed on Nov. 18, 1911, and made his award on Nov. 24, 1911, granting the firm \$21,068.02.

Mr. Hanna in the House affirmed his innocence of every charge except that of the election contribution. He said he had been pursued for a year and a half by the accusations with regard to the coal tenders and self-feeding stokers, and he alleged blackmail.

The charges are now before the Privileges and Elections Committee. Conservatives and Liberals should weigh the evidence impartially. Public opinion should also demand that no evidence be suppressed.

THE CALIFORNIA ANTI-ALIEN LAW.

Newspapers in the United States are discussing the law that has just been passed by the legislature of California prohibiting the Japanese and Chinese from holding real estate. So far as the Oriental races are concerned the law is one with which we have nothing to do. Whether it is wise policy to try and keep out the Japanese from California is for the people of that state to say. Whether or not the law is in conflict with the treaties made by the United States with Japan is for the Federal Government to decide. More than that, it is difficult for people in these eastern parts, where there is no danger of an overflow of an undesirable Oriental population, to realize the importance of this question to those who live on the Pacific coast. The arguments are not all on one side.

But while the new law is intended, apparently, to apply to the Japanese and Chinese, these races are not mentioned in it. We have not seen the entire bill, but the following summary is given by California correspondents of the New York press and may be assumed to be correct:

"As amended, the measure provides that an alien may hold land for one year, or in case of a minor, for one year after attaining his majority, but at the end of that time the property escheats to the state unless the owner has become or has

declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States. An alien gaining land by inheritance may hold it for one year only under the same conditions.

All property owned by an alien shall be sold or disposed of within three years from the passage of the act, unless declaration of intention is made, and leases shall run for not more than five years. Those in force when the act is passed shall be declared void at the expiration of five years.

The provisions of the act are not to apply to property acquired prior to 1894, but the provisions do apply to corporations where the majority of the stock is held by aliens.

Unless there is legislation not included in this act to the contrary, the alien law will apply to Canadians and all British subjects just as much as it does to the Japanese. Under its provisions, no one can buy or lease land and hold it for more than one year, unless he is a citizen of the United States. If there are any British subjects holding land in California which has been purchased or leased since 1894, they will have to get rid of it inside of one year, or it will be confiscated.

Of course, a regulation of this kind ought to suit the opponents of reciprocity, who desire "no truck with the Yankees." But the worst of it is that it will not apply to any extent to the small man who was the chief object of solicitude on the part of those ultra loyalists. This class of Canadians will not be buying California lands. The parties to be affected are the corporations, the manufacturers, the banks, and the wealthy men of the country. For these there will be no investments in California. And these are the only classes that could be trusted to deal with our neighbors, according to the anti-reciprocity people.

Well, the question can be left to time and President Wilson to settle. We do not expect that Mr. Borden will have any such bill passed through the Canadian Parliament. To be consistent, he ought to do so. There are a number of alien corporations that have branch factories here. Legislation would compel them to sell out to Canadians ought to be encouraged from a Conservative loyalist point of view. But no one need worry about this. "No truck with the Yankees" is only a campaign cry, not intended for working purposes.

GAG LAW PASSED.

By a majority of 55, all the Nationalists present voting with their allies, the closure resolutions have been adopted in the House of Commons.

It is a triumph for Mr. Rogers, but what of Mr. Borden? He had declared from the hustings that unless Parliament gave "IMMEDIATE" assent to his naval proposals he would dissolve it and appeal to the country.

Mr. Borden has been credited in some quarters with a desire to fulfill this promise. Whether this be so or not, his promise has been broken, and freedom of debate has perished with his pledge.

It is now open to the Government to force the naval bill through the House of Commons. In so doing, its gift of Dreadnoughts will be robbed of any grace which it might have had in British eyes. But for Mr. Borden's tergiversation Canada's contribution to Imperial naval defence would have taken a shape which would have represented the unforced and almost unanimous will of the Canadian people. Now it is the product of mean party exigencies, and the act of a faction, not of a people.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S FARE- WELL.

Sir Charles Tupper, in his 93rd year, has sailed again for England, now his home. There is pathos in his remark that he will probably never see Canadian shores again. As the sole surviving father of Confederation, he has become almost a legendary figure.

It is to be regretted that Sir Charles' last public utterance before leaving the country should have been intensely partisan, but it is even more to be regretted that he should have abandoned his own patriotic attitude of four years ago. Today he expresses approval of the Borden contribution and upbraids Sir Wilfrid Laurier for opposing it. Four years ago he upheld the Canadian navy and felicitated Mr. Borden upon his support of the Laurier Government on that question. On Nov. 27, 1907, he wrote to Mr. Borden as follows:

"My dear Mr. Borden,—I have read with much interest the communication of the Times on naval defence in today's issue of that paper. I regard that question as more important than any mere party issue, and am glad to learn that you are resolved to maintain the patriotic attitude of the Conservative party assumed last session. A few years ago, when Canada was struggling to open up for British settlement the great granary of the world, a few gentlemen here raised the question of a Canadian contribution to the Imperial navy. I joined issue with them, and was sustained by the press and public opinion.

"I cannot avoid thinking that a fearful responsibility will rest upon those who disturb or destroy the compact entered into on this vitally important question."

The compact Sir Charles referred to was the Canadian navy resolution of March, 1909, unanimously adopted by the Canadian House of Commons.

That compact has been destroyed, and the "fearful responsibility" rests upon the Borden Government.

Sir Charles' farewell words might have been more appropriate.

The Ottawa Government has made the gag, but will the Opposition wear it?

Swatting the fly is good, but starving the fly is better. It lives on filth.

The Montenegrins have captured Scutari, against the order of the Great Powers. Now, what are the Great Powers going to do about it?

"I would send you round the world in a sailing ship if the law permitted me so to dispose of you," said Justice Sir John Banks to two militant suffragettes. Many of us would consider that a reward, not a punishment.

Mr. Hanna says that attempts to blackmail him have been made for a year and a half. If this be true, he should welcome the Proudfoot charges, and the fullest inquiry, as a means of putting an end to the annoyance.

The late Sir Richard Scott had been in public life continuously for fifty-one years, when he resigned the office of secretary of state in 1908. He held several cabinet positions at Ottawa and Toronto during that long period. Against his character or his public acts there was never the whisper of scandal. He bequeathed a memory of high-minded and useful public service. To the last his faculties were keen and his bodily vigor almost a miracle.

In some respects Canada is ten years behind the United States. It is safe to say that if allegations were made about an American combine such as were made in the Ontario Legislature about the thread combine, no state attorney-general or legislator would have dared to treat them with the contempt shown by Mr. Foy. We boast of the superior enforcement of the law in this country, and justly so in many regards; but in relation to trusts and combines the law in this country is almost a dead letter.

DR. CAMPBELL'S DISMISSAL.

The papers show that from quite an early date in his career as cabinet minister, Mr. Thomas Crothers appointed himself an assistant to the Postmaster-General in dictating the policy of the department. In order to impress his henchmen with his power he ordered the inspector to look to those henchmen for instructions. Inspector Campbell did not consult them, but still retained the obsolete idea that the service came first and Mr. Crothers' politics after.

He speedily discovered that he was wrong, and that under the Crothers-Pelletier regime every little parish politician in the country is a recognized boss over the postal employees, and exercises influence enough to secure the dismissal of even high officials who do not bow-low to him. How do the men of the postoffice service regard that sort of tyranny?

CONFESS, MR. HANNA.

Back in 1908 Mr. Taylor contributed a sum of money to Hon. W. J. Hanna for the party campaign fund. Can Mr. Hanna recall any other incidents of that kind? When he is on the professional let him rinse his conscience clean.

PERHAPS NOT.

Militia camps are to be "dry" this year, but it is safe to predict that many a kit will hold a "pocket pistol" or two.

SIR WILFRID'S DICTIONARY.

Frequenters of the Dictionary of Common have often noted Sir Wilfrid Laurier's use of a large dictionary, which at a nod the pages bring and carry away. Some have thought that to constant use of the dictionary is due his remarkably effective use of English words. It would appear that he also refers to the dictionary for apt illustration and rhetorical suggestion. For example, when closing the other evening his speech on the closure resolution, he said: "Just as the word 'justice' is a word which would come against himself and ended by reciting, with great effect, Shakespeare's words: 'This even-handed justice commends the ingredients of our poisoned chalice to our own lips.'"

The quotation is given in Webster's dictionary under the word "justice," where, while waiting his turn, Sir Wilfrid had no doubt found it.

STARVING THE FLY.

Dirty lanes, unclean yards, exposed heaps of refuse, piles of mud warmed by the strengthening heat of the sun—all these are ideal places in which the fly can start the season, as she has been accustomed to do. The swarms of the swatters will kill with more effect on a fly which has been weakened by preliminary starving. Flies are not good as hunger strikers. Swatting is good, but starving is better.

WE SHOULD SAY NOT.

[Duluth Herald.] But the censors will never stand for taking pictures of a real hot baseball game.

THE SECOND CITY OF THE EMPIRE.

The detailed census returns of Calcutta, the "second city of the Empire," as its inhabitants call it, have just been published. They reveal a total population of 42,349,307, which is 62,562 more than Bombay. It has grown enormously in the past 30 years, despite the fact that the death-rate still stands at 34.9 per thousand, and twice the rate of London. Although the western community is steadily increasing, it numbers in all only 12,808, and of these 7,650 were born in Europe and against 1,984 were born in Scotland. The Eurasians (or Anglo-Indians, as they are now officially called) total 14,469. But this figure is approximately only; many persons of mixed parentage regularly return themselves as Europeans.

Calcutta is a remarkably polyglot city. No fewer than 51 separate languages are in use among its inhabitants, 28 of them being Indian. Bengali is the mother tongue of almost exactly half the population, English of 28,430. The largest industry is jute, which finds employment for more than 29,000 persons. India is one of the countries where a census of religions presents little difficulty. The Hindus of Calcutta number 604,553; the Mahomedans 241,587, and the Christians 29,551 (or 4 per cent). The remarkably large number of 34,680 persons (practically all, of course, males) are employed in the public service. There is an extraordinary disparity in the sex ratio. The proportion of females in the city being only 475 to every 1,000 males.

POISONED BY SILVER

Harry Gunther Struck in Abdomen by Piece of a Whiffetree.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Dashedwood, April 24.—Harry Gunther, aged 40, for many years driver of the stage between here and Exeter, is dead after a brief illness with blood poisoning. While working in his garden recently his team became frightened, and a silver bar from a whiffetree penetrated his abdomen.

BREAKWATER FIRST SAYS WEST LONDON

Residents Will Vote Solidly
Against Electrification Under
Conditions.

SAFETY FIRST ESSENTIAL

Local Men for Publicity and Parks
Posts Favored by the

West London Progressives say that they will vote against electrification if the breakwater is not given attention before anything else. At a meeting held on Wednesday night one member said: "We will go solidly against the electrification scheme if they do not attend to the breakwater." All other members present applauded the stand taken and avowed their intention to vote against anything that will interfere with the breakwater.

The progressives are of the opinion that both the publicity commissioner and parks superintendent should be local men. The members feel sure that London men would be equal to the position.

The Chipman report received its fair share of discussion and the question was asked why the report did not contain an estimate for the breakwater. The progressives are of the opinion that all schemes now before the people should be thoroughly gone into before they are submitted to the people. The members would like to see engineer Ashplant make an estimate on a breakwater and have it submitted to the people for ratification.

RUNAWAY CAR HITS FREIGHT

The main line of the Grand Trunk Railway was tied up for some time in East London Wednesday night, when a runaway steel coal car, sideswiped an eastbound freight train near Adelaide street. The coal car was thrown from the tracks and imbedded in the ground up to the axles, and its load of coal thrown into one of the backyards that abut on Grand Trunk property.

The box car, which was struck by the coal car, was badly demolished and turned over on its side. The coal car was one of a string, which was being shunted in the yards east of Adelaide street, preparatory to being sent out on a freight. The coupling broke, and the car started down the tracks at a considerable rate of speed. The switch leading on to the main freight track was open, and the car took it, colliding with the freight. A large crowd gathered at the wreck, and a rumor to the effect that several people had been killed was circulated about the city.

Shamrock and Rose Drama Makes a Hit

A capacity house greeted "The Shamrock and Rose," a pretty Irish drama, put on by the St. Peter's Dramatic Club of this city in the auditorium of the Holy Angels' Church, in St. Thomas on Wednesday night.

That the audience appreciated the efforts of the players was shown by the unstinted applause. During the intermission some excellent specialties were put on by Miss Margaret Hickey, Mr. C. Nopper and Mr. E. Hardy.

The funds realized will go to augment the church building fund. After the performance the women of the congregation treated the visitors to refreshments.

The parts taken by the members of the club were: Barney O'Grady, Mr. Roy Nopper; Squire Fitzgerald, Rose's father, Mr. Fred Rumball; John Desmond, an outlawed patriot, Mr. Alex. Wilson; Shaun Carey, Mr. J. Jos. Hevey; Capt. Beck, Mr. Fred Waud; Lieut. Douglas, Mr. Hugh Overend; Thornton, Mr. Eric Lovess; Driscoll, Mr. Arthur Richardson; Rose Fitzgerald, the Rose of Wicklow, Miss Veronica Crumme; Ellen O'Rourke, Barney's shamrock, Miss Anna Kiley; Nana Desmond, John's sister, Miss Margaret Kilgallen.

Ferry Goes Over Dam Three Girls Drowned

[Canadian Press.]
Troy, N. Y., April 24.—Gertie Breen, Nellie Maguire and May Ahearn, each aged 30, living on Green Island, and employed in collar factories here, were drowned this morning when the steam ferryboat Ambrose went over the state dam at Ingham's avenue and capsized.

A fog on the river overcast the pilot, and his compass was defective. Four men passengers and the pilot and owner, William B. Curley, were rescued. The bodies of the victims have not been recovered.

Had Weak AND Dizzy Spells.

Those feelings of weakness, those dizzy spells and "all gone" sinking sensations, which come over some people from time to time, are warnings that must not go unheeded.

They indicate an extremely weakened condition of the heart and a disordered state of the nerves.

One dizzy spell may pass off, but the next may be more serious. It is a warning that must not be ignored.

Those who are wise will start taking Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, before their case becomes hopeless. They have no equal for reviving and strengthening the heart, and invigorating the nerves.

Mrs. A. E. Martell, Rockdale, N.S., writes:—"I was troubled for a long time with my heart, had weak and dizzy spells, could not sleep, and would have to sit up the greater part of the night. At last I got a box of Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills and they did me so much good I got another, and after taking it I could sleep as well as before I was taken sick. They are the best medicine I ever heard of for heart or nerve trouble."

Price, 50 cents a box; 3 for \$1.25, at all dealers, or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

Boys' Wash Suits and Blouses

5 DOZEN BOYS' WASH BLOUSES, fit boys 5 to 11 years, soft turnover attached collar. Regular price 35c. On sale. 20c.
2 DOZEN BOYS' KHAKI INDIAN PLAY SUITS—Fit boys from 5 to 12 years. Regular price 75c. On sale at..... 45c

6 dozen Boys' Buster Brown Wash Suits, light and dark colors, fit boys from 2 to 8 years. Prices..... 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50
2 DOZEN BOYS' LINEN SUITS—Two pairs trousers and cap with suit. Fit boys 6 to 12 years. Price..... \$1.50

Women's Wash Dresses, \$2.95

60 only Women's Wash Dresses, gingham, muslins and print materials, light and medium shades, stripes and spots, neatly trimmed. Back fastenings. Worth \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50. On sale. \$2.95

House Dresses

5 dozen Women's House Dresses, low and high neck, short and long sleeves, front and back fastening, good variety of colorings. Worth \$1.25 and \$1.50. On sale at..... 98c

Gloves

16-button length French Lambskin Gloves, gray and tan only, practically all sizes. On sale. \$1.49 per pair.
12-button Long Silk Lisle Gloves, fine quality, in black, tans, white. Sizes 6 to 7½. Per pair..... 35c

Hosiery

Women's Mercerized Lisle Hose, in white and black, reinforced in all wearing points, "Radium Brand." Sizes 8½ to 10. 25c Per pair.
Men's Llama Cashmere Socks, our best 25c line, sizes 10 to 11. This week 21c only.

Colored Nets

Colored Point d'Esprit Net, all-over embroidered pattern. In brown, rose, Copenhagen, lavender, reseda, 18 inches wide. Regular price \$1.00 yard. On sale at just half price, 50c at per yard.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO., 239, 241, 243 Dundas Street

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEEDS \$250,000 FOR UPKEEP ALONE

Number One Committee Enters Estimates of \$204,175 and Further Expenditures Are Required.

Estimates for the board of education for this year in the neighborhood of \$250,000. The estimates of No. 1 committee total \$204,175, to which must be added the amounts required by No. 2 and the audit committee.

On Wednesday afternoon No. 1 committee decided \$45,500 would be required for the Collegiate Institute and \$153,625 for the public schools. The Collegiate estimates are less than last year, although

\$550 has been added this year for the Cadets. Last year's total for the Collegiate was \$41,255, of which amount \$45,455 was expended. The salary list for public school teachers will be \$148,800 this year, as against \$132,700 last year. Collegiate salaries on the other hand show a decrease from \$14,350 to \$12,250.

The total increase of \$14,255 may be largely accounted for by the natural increase in school population, following the recent extension of the city's boundaries.

The firing was general on both sides for a few minutes, but no other person was struck.

A band of strikers had lined up on the Millford road about a mile from the Draper mills, and were intercepting Draper Company employees, when the police appeared on the scene. The strikers were ordered to disperse, and according to the police, answered with a volley of stones.

Firing followed within a few minutes, each side claiming afterward that the other started it, and on the first volley an unidentified Italian workman was shot through the neck. He died within a few minutes.

The strikers withdrew after the death of their comrade, and the Draper workmen continued to the mill. The clash was followed by a doubling of the police force in this town and Millford.

Salute for Burns

Bomb Exploded in Hall Where Labor Leader is to Speak.

[Canadian Press.]
Manchester, England, April 24.—An immense window of the Free Trade Hall was blown out during the night by a bomb, which exploded beneath the platform. The police entertain the theory that the bomb was intended to provide a militant suffragette salute for John Burns, president of the board of trade, who is to speak in the Free Trade Hall tonight.

Hopedale, Mass., April 24.—The first fatality in connection with the strike at the Draper Company occurred today when an Italian striker was shot and killed in a clash between police and pickets on the outskirts of the town.

CHAPMAN'S

ALTERATION SALE

The entire store contributes to the week-end sale. These are specimens of the pricing we are offering.

Waists
25 dozen Embroidered Lawn Waists, ¾ sleeves, open back, fine materials. Worth \$1.50 and \$2.00. Sizes 34 to 42. On sale at..... 98c

Raincoats
Special values in Women's Raincoats, guaranteed rain-proof. Special prices, \$5.00, \$6.50, \$8.00 and \$10.00.

Women's Suits
Black and Navy Tailored Suits, new style coat, set-in pocket, trimmed with buttons, high waist skirt, sizes 16, 18, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42. On sale. A bargain. \$12.50

Petticoats
5 dozen Black Petticoats, made of regal taffeta, fine goods. Worth \$1.35. 98c On sale at..... 98c

Dress Goods, 29c Yard

A BARGAIN THAT SHOULD CROWD THE STORE TOMORROW (FRIDAY).

An unusually large line of Dress Goods at 29c per yard, selected from our regular stock, including 50c, 75c and 85c values. One of the biggest bargains we have ever offered. Look at what the assortment consists of: Six pieces Fancy Voile, in navy, brown, tan, white, rose and lavender. Were 50c and 85c yard. 3 pieces Striped Lustre (black and white and blue and white), were 50c and 75c a yard. Black Satin Berber, regular 50c yard. Navy Blue Satin Berber, 50c value. One piece Cream Cheviot Serge. One piece Pink Cashmere. Five pieces Colored Cheviot Serge. Two pieces Crepe de Chine, besides other broken lines. Your choice at 29c yard.

Women's Vests

15 dozen Summer Vests for women, short sleeves and sleeveless, trimmed top, good quality. Friday and Saturday only, each. 11c
4 Vests for 42c

WOMEN'S UNION VESTS,

large size, natural color. Were 50c. At each..... 37c

Byron Collars

10 dozen Stiff Byron Collars, plain linen or handsomely embroidered, with hem-stitched edges. Some embroidered in colors. Were 25c and 35c. On sale at..... 19c

Short Kimonos

28 only Women's Short Kimonos, beautiful materials and patterns, trimmed with ribbon. Regular price \$1.25 and \$1.75. On sale at..... \$1.00

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INQUEST OPENS

Jury Will Investigate Killing of Little Child by Express.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
Bluevale, April 24.—The jury, which, under Coroner Dr. Kennedy, of Wingham, will investigate the killing by the G. T. R. express on Tuesday of the two-year-old son of Robert Turvey, viewed the remains yesterday and then adjourned until Friday. The jury is composed of Thomas Stuart, W. J. Hudson, J. Hudson, J. Hall, F. Churchill, H. Nethers, H. Bosman, W. Garnett, L. Jewett and C. Agar.

AVIATOR KILLED.

Berlin, April 24.—The German aviator, Dunetz, was killed this morning at the Johannisthal aerodrome in the suburbs, by falling from a considerable height when flying in his aeroplane.

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