

Smith, Clifford, Houston, McInnes, Hall, Rogers, Hunter, Dickie, Mounce, Nays—Stables, E. C. Smith, Hawthornthwaite, Gifford, Garden, Fulton, Curtis, Tatlow, Green, McBride, Semlin, McPhillips, Taylor, Kidd, Paterson, Wells, Dunsmyth.

Mr. McBride said he was not satisfied with this explanation. The Premier—"Well, you won't get any more."

THE CUMBERLAND FIRE. Man in Custody—Warrants Issued For Two Others. Nanaimo, May 27.—As a result of an inquiry as to the origin of the fire at Cumberland, which destroyed the stables belonging to the Wellington Colliery Company, one man is now under arrest and warrants have been issued for two others, charging them with setting fire to the buildings. The case will come up before the magistrate to-morrow.

TERRIBLE EARTHQUAKE IN ASIATIC TURKEY. Five Hundred Houses Demolished—Very Few People Escaped—Many Soldiers Among Victims. Constantinople, May 28.—Advice which reached here to-day from Asiatic Turkey stated that a terrible earthquake occurred on April 29th at Melazghed, in the Vilayet of Van, eighty miles south-east of Erzerum, on the Euphrates. The town was totally destroyed, with its entire population, numbering 2,000, including 700 Armenians, as well as the troops forming the garrison. In addition over 400 houses in neighboring villages collapsed.

THE COL. AND HIS GAME OF BLUFF. GENERAL DISGUST OF HIS STATEMENTS. Opposition Standing Firm in a Refusal to Aid the Premier—Other Combinations Forming. (From Thursday's Daily.) There is a feeling of angst over the big morning, and repetition of the lobbying and wire pulling yesterday.

THE COMMITTEES' CENSURE. The report of the select committee of the Legislature appointed to enquire into the Columbia & Western land grant scandal has been laid before the House. In considering the sweeping nature of the condemnation of the government as a whole—not merely of two members of it—contained in that report, it may be well to remember that the indictment was drawn up by a body on which the government had a majority. The summary of the events leading up to the denunciation is very full and we believe accurate, and if the findings are couched in strident language the emphasis is none the less pronounced.

dent belief that he was sending them away back into silence and obscurity. But he was mistaken. Mr. Eberst danced into view and hurled the unwelcome enormities at the head of the Colonel with a force that completely dazed him. The ex-Attorney-General followed this assault with a few words straight from the shoulder that left the Colonel in a groggy condition. The Premier could not counter when he was charged with being a party to all the deals which have brought the government into disrepute and the present crisis upon the Legislature. He knew too well that they were true and that in taking the course he did he had played the part of a treacherous man, of a miserable trickster, of a politician with such an insatiable desire for office that he would sacrifice his moral integrity and ambition. Small wonder his Provincial Secretary deserted him and gave a practical illustration of his belief that the position of the Colonel was indefensible. Then the ex-Chief Commissioner stepped up and administered a few kicks to the poor grovelling creature that was really the public domain. Therefore no good reason has been advanced by the government for the extraordinary sacrifice that was proposed to be made of the rich lands of the people, except that the C. P. R. coveted them and that the government desired to keep on good terms with that company, from which, as the executive agent naively pointed out, it had received so many substantial favors in the past, probably at election and other times. The government as a whole, and the head of the government in particular, not one or two members of it, was responsible for the proposed criminal violation of the terms of the grants.

AN INEXPLICABLE STATEMENT. The Premier practically said in the House Wednesday that he had an unqualified promise of dissolution from the Lieutenant-Governor. We do not believe for a moment that he has anything of the kind. We are quite certain that it is an unheard of thing for a minister to make such a statement on the floor of a legislature. If the statement of the Premier be true it means that Sir Henri Joly has deliberately placed in the hands of the House a club with which to intimidate the House into granting supply. We know there is not a single individual in British Columbia with any knowledge of the manner in which public affairs are conducted who believes that Sir Henri Joly would commit any such political act. The statement of the Premier was either one of his characteristic bluffs, perpetrated in ignorance of political ethics and of the relations that should obtain between the Lieutenant-Governor and his adviser, or in his eagerness to grasp at the consolation of hope the Colonel misunderstood the purport of Sir Henri's observations. Whatever the cause of the extraordinary lapse, it is clearly the duty of the opposition to resist to the utmost any such threats as those made yesterday until a satisfactory explanation is vouchsafed.

We are satisfied that when Sir Henri the Lieutenant-Governor takes all the circumstances of the case into consideration—the report of the select committee in which the condemnation of the Premier is so emphatic, the passage of the vote of want of confidence in the House, and the indiscreet—to use a very mild term—utterances of Colonel Prior in the legislature yesterday, he will become convinced that the remainder of the government should be sent after its major part.

THE CANADIAN NORTHERN RAILWAY. GUARANTEEING BONDS OF PART OF ROAD. Legislation to Be Introduced—Grand Trunk Pacific Line—Mining Commission.

Ottawa, May 28.—A bill will be brought down in a day or so guaranteeing the interest of bonds of that part of the Canadian Northern railway from Grandview to the town of Edmonton, a distance of 620 miles, at 3 per cent, on \$13,000,000. The government will take a first mortgage as security on the road. The government will also loan the balance of \$13,000,000 at 3 per cent. The government can borrow this money at 2 1/2 per cent. Legislation will also be asked to guarantee the bonds amounting to \$3,000,000 on the Quebec bridge.

CHINESE TAX. The Chinese bill, which passed the Commons, will be read a second time in the Senate next week, and will no doubt pass. It will go into effect on the first of January next. A petition from British Columbia against it, with 300 names, was laid on the table of the House yesterday by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Mining Commission.

Justice Britton, of the High court of Ontario, has been appointed a commissioner to enquire into the coal concession and other mining leases in Yukon territory. E. J. Hardman, one of the ablest mining experts in Canada, and a graduate of the mining institute of Boston, will assist Justice Britton as an expert, and Dr. Lacombe, M. P., Montreal division, will be secretary. The commission will look into the whole matter having to do with coal concessions in the Yukon.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC. The railway committee sat two hours and a half yesterday, discussing the Grand Trunk Pacific without making any real progress. No clause was passed. A delegation from the Trans-Canada proposition opposed the bill. They admitted that the company was not regularly organized. Several members talked in favor of government ownership and having a government road built from Quebec to Whitefish, Manitoba. One question all agreed upon was that the road should be all Canadian, with ports on the Pacific and Atlantic on Canadian soil. Some questioned if the G. T. P. would not still adhere to the Portland port, notwithstanding any restrictive legislation. They did not believe any legislation would prevent this. At the close of the meeting a resolution was passed providing that the bill be taken up to-day and made the first order until passed.

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SAILING OF SHAMROCKS. Sir Thomas Lipton's Racing Yachts Have Sailed From Gourock For Sandy Hook.

Gourock Scotland, May 28.—Sir Thos. Lipton's fleet, consisting of Shamrock III, Shamrock I, the steam yacht Erin and the ocean tug-Crusier, whose combined crews number 170 men, sailed from here for Sandy Hook at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Great crowds of people bade them farewell, flags were everywhere displayed and bands, whistles and sirens combined with the cheering of a great multitude, gave the cup-challenger a special send-off.

POLICE MAY STRIKE. They Demand an Increase in Salary of \$15 Per Month.

Eric, Pa., May 28.—This city will be without police protection next Monday if the members of the force do not get an advance in salary from \$60 to \$75 per month.

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