

PARLIAMENT.

House Deeply Moved by Death of Lt. Borden.

The Premier and Mr. Davin Eloquently Voice Its Sympathy With the Minister of Militia.

Closing up the Business of the Session—Grand Trunk Collected Bridge Toll on a Corps—A Rumor that a Short Sitting of the House will be Held in November.

OTTAWA, July 12.—After routine, Mr. Foster made a statement in some Ottawa correspondence that the Nova Scotia government had presented a claim for payment of subsidies given by the province to the Western Counties railway. The statement was that the federal parliament had in 1887 declared this railway to be for the general benefit of Canada and consequently took over the obligation to repay the province, and that the federal government had appointed Judge Burton to arbitrate this claim.

Mr. Foster said it had been done in order to open up a large question as to the general benefit of Canada and consequently took over the obligation to repay the province, and that the federal government had appointed Judge Burton to arbitrate this claim.

Hon. Mr. Fielding said the Nova Scotia government had made such a claim, but the federal government had refused to entertain it, except to refer it to arbitration.

The solicitor general introduced his bill to regulate and make uniform the rates of fire insurance, but explained that it would not be pressed this session.

The solicitor general moved non-concurrence in the senate amendments in the judges' bill.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick made a violent speech against the action of the senate and was fighting for provincial rights.

Mr. Monette of Hochelaga and Fortin of Laval seconded this appeal.

Mr. Bergeron (conservative) of Beauharnois, said he would not be intimidated by these attacks on himself and Mr. Casgrain, who had opposed the bill.

Mr. Monet of LaPrairie and Napierville said this session had been a hard one for provincial rights.

Mr. Davin discussed the constitutional aspects of the case, Mr. Bourassa added his voice to the campaign, and a number of Richmond and Wolfe followed.

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The item of the Gilbert contract on the Cornwall canal. This is a vote in settlement of an old claim of a Cornwall canal contractor for the loss of prospective profits by reason of a change of plans.

Mr. Haggart condemned the transaction, stating that he had refused to pay this claim and that the payment had no justification.

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coming census there should be separate columns showing the origins of the French-Canadians of Quebec, Acadians, and Scotch and French half-breeds of the Northwest.

Hon. Mr. Fisher was disposed to agree with the suggestion, and would consult with his officers as to its feasibility.

On the further vote for the Paris exhibition, Hon. Mr. Fisher said Mr. Tarte had written to him.

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THE SENATE.

The senate cleared its order paper today with the exception of the bill increasing the salary of the senior judge of the circuit court of Montreal by \$500.

There was a curious rumor going the rounds of the lobbies today to the effect that parliament would be called together in November for a short session.

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Arrival of Special Teachers Engaged in England.

By Prof. Robertson Under the Macdonald Sloyd School Fund to Lead Manual Instructions in Canada.

OTTAWA, July 17.—Three of the special teachers who were engaged in England by Prof. Robertson under the Macdonald-Sloyd school fund to come to Canada to take charge of the work of establishing manual training in connection with the public schools in the various provinces have arrived in Ottawa.

Albert H. Leake of Leicester has been engaged to lead the manual training movement in England for the past ten years and has had charge of a set of six centres in Leicester in manual training with the different materials, such as paper, cardboard, wood, metal and glass.

T. B. Kidner has also just arrived from England. He left this morning for Truro with directions to give all the assistance he can in introducing manual training into the schools throughout the province of Nova Scotia.

Mr. Kidner received his training at the technical college in Bristol and afterwards became an instructor in one of the large centres under the London school board. He has also had training in the continental schools of manual the work which has been opened there.

Mr. Paterson delivered a campaign speech of great length, and Messrs. Sproule and Davin replied.

Hon. Mr. Mulock then sprang his "fair wages" resolution, which has been on the order paper for months.

As this is the first time the opposition has strenuously fought for when the matter first came up in the house, Mr. Davin said the assurance was satisfactory, and the resolution then passed unanimously.

On the motion to adjourn the house Sir Wilfrid Laurier made the following reference to the death of Lieut. Borden: Before this motion is put I am sure that the house will agree that I may properly take this opportunity to confirm the sad rumor which has been circulated through the corridors of the house this afternoon to the effect that Lieut. Borden, son of the minister of militia and defense, met his death yesterday in South Africa.

The rumor is unfortunately true. This afternoon the sad rumor which the governor general received a telegram from Lord Roberts, informing him that, yesterday, near Pretoria, Lieut. Borden was killed in action.

Lieut. Borden was a young man who enlisted recently to fight for the Queen in South Africa. He was only 23 years of age, a young man of great intelligence, a model in every way. He had, as I am informed, already made a mark in his career, attracting the attention of his chiefs by his coolness under fire, by his daring and by his courage, and by his amiable disposition.

This precious life has been cut short by the uncertainties of war. Now this event, I am sure, will reach the heart of every member of this house. He is the son of a prominent member of this assembly, and an old member of the house, and, as I am reminded, the only son. Whatever bitterness there may be of strife I am sure that before such misfortunes all such bitterness disappears, and that both sides of the house friends and foes will unite in offering to the bereaved father and to the bereaved mother that sympathy which can be the only solace of such a misfortune on this side of the grave.

Nicholas Flood Davin of Western Assiniboia said I would wish that the honorable leader of the opposition (Sir Charles Tupper) were in his place in order that he might echo the sentiments which have been so fitly expressed by the right hon. gentleman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

A great statesman, sir, belonging to Athens, said that of great men who died the whole earth seems to be the mausoleum. I think it may be said that even of the humblest here, who dies now under modern conditions on the battlefields of the civilized world, there seems to be in attendance and to watch what is going forward, and I am sure there is not a man in Canada, or for that matter a man in the British empire, who will not have heard of the death of this young man, just 23 years, with all the bright hopes of youth and already crowned with the laurels of fame.

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