

## WILL NOT MIDDLE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

### Dominions Allowed a Free Hand

Colonial Secretary Tells Laborites to go Slow on Criticism

### Home Authorities Will Not Disallow Botha Government's Indemnity Bill Regarding Deportation of Strike Leaders—Parliament Rejects Labor Amendment 214 to 50.

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 12.—You could easily smash the British Empire in a day's debate in parliament if you tried to interfere with the autonomy granted to its various parts," was the gist of the reply given today by Lewis Harcourt, secretary of state for the colonies, to the amendment moved by the Labor members in the house of commons to the address in reply to the speech from the throne.

The Labor members suggested that the government withhold its assent to the bill of Premier Louis Botha of the Union of South Africa indemnifying the South African government for its act in deporting the labor leaders after the recent general strike there.

Without defending the action of the South African government, Mr. Harcourt pointed out that there were only 1,200,000 whites to 6,000,000 South African natives who, when work had ceased at the mines, became hungry and dangerous. He urged the speakers during the debate to be careful of the sensitiveness of the self-governing dominions and to refrain from saying a word of derogation in an autonomous government.

The Laborite amendment was defeated 214 to 50.

## COCHRANE GOING ON HEALTH TRIP

### Minister of Railways Plans to Leave for the Mediterranean Next Month

### FOSTER INJURED

Minister Has Four Fingers Crushed in Door of Ottawa Street Car, and is Likely to Nurse Them a Few Days—May Escape Delivering Budget Speech.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, intends to leave for the Mediterranean on a long holiday trip for the benefit of his health at the end of the present month. Mr. Cochrane, who spent several weeks in the north last autumn on account of illness, has remained in the capital for the first six weeks of the session and has been steadily attending to business, although his physicians would have preferred him to be away. He has been anxious to put his legislative work of the session in shape before leaving and hopes to put his estimates through the house before the end of the month. After that he will take a much needed rest, spending considerable time in the south.

Min. George E. Foster is home today nursing several lacerated fingers due to an accident received while boarding a street car in the early hours of yesterday morning on his way home from the house of commons. The slight was a bitterly cold one, and the street car conductor did not notice that Mr. Foster was at the door. The conductor slammed the door shut and Mr. Foster's fingers were caught. The conductor, finding that the door would not shut, gave the train the start. These are the first serious injuries Mr. Foster has received since he was badly crushed by his fingers being caught in a doorway for several days.

It is not certain yet whether Mr. Foster will be called upon to deliver the budget speech. Finance Minister White is daily proceeding, but he may have to go away for a month's rest before resuming his duties in the house and in that case the task of explaining increasing expenditures will devolve upon Mr. Foster.

## N. T. R. CONSTRUCTION OF TOO HIGH A STANDARD

### Much Heralded Report of Conservative Commissioners Before Parliament

### Find If Road Had Pusher Grades, Wooden Trestles, Sharper Curves, Smaller Workshops and Station Buildings, Millions Could Have Been Saved in Constructing—Says Line Through New Brunswick is Unnecessary at Present, at Least—Messrs. Gutelius and Staunton Two Years at the Job.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—The long awaited report of P. P. Gutelius and George Lynch Staunton, commissioners appointed on January 27, 1912, to investigate the cost of construction of the National Transcontinental Railway prior to the advent of the Borden government, was tabled in the commons this afternoon.

In a press report, carefully prepared with a view to political effect the 300 typewritten pages of the commissioners' report, exclusive of nearly 1,200 pages of evidence, are compressed into small compass giving without details the general findings of the commission.

In brief, the commissioners find that the road was constructed without due regard to economy of construction, and that the total amount unnecessarily expended, exclusive of the New Brunswick section, was \$24,000,000, at least.

The commissioners go out of their way to condemn entirely the construction of the New Brunswick section of the road at a cost of nearly \$25,000,000, as being premature and unnecessary for the present at least.

There are no specific charges of graft, though being only two or three small instances cited. It looks as if small sums might have been expended in Quebec for political or private gain.

### Standard of Road Too High

In none of these cases was any specific charge made and no documentary evidence submitted. The "waste" of expenses carried by nearly \$25,000,000, and if steel rolling had been done later instead of at the time of construction there might have been an additional saving of \$2,500,000.

One sixteen engine house there was, according to the commissioners, \$200,000 too much paid because the work was done by the contractor without first fixing prices. Too many station buildings were built, so the commissioners think, and the buildings themselves were larger, less necessary and \$200,000 might have been saved.

Similarly, an freight shed there might have been a saving of \$500,000. On the Cap Rouge station near Quebec, piers might have been built with ordinary open caissons for \$250,000 less, at the Chaudiere Cut, just east of the Quebec bridge, \$200,000 was spent to preserve the low grading.

### Further Grades Less Costly.

If pusher grades had been allowed in New Brunswick there might have been a saving of \$1,750,000.

The commissioners also find that there might have been savings by using light rail on sidings, by cutting out unnecessary double tracking, by reducing the height of embankments, by using steam pumping plants instead of gas-pumping plants, by cutting out all unnecessary fences, etc.

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## MAINE FARMER FROZEN TO DEATH WHILE DRIVING

(Canadian Press.)

Island Falls, Maine, Feb. 12.—Albert McLaughlin, a farmer of Oakdale, was overcome by the cold today while driving, fell from his wagon and was frozen to death.

## COL. SAM HAS THE BRITISH WAR OFFICE WAVING

### Minister Offers to Supply Ross Rifles to All Marksmen at Bisley Meet.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—Colonel the Hon. Sam Hughes is still busy exchanging cablegrams with the British war office with a view of reaching some amicable compromise in regard to the Bisley meeting. It is understood that the colonel is making considerable headway in bringing the war office round to his way of thinking.

One unique suggestion has been made. A wealthy Canadian has offered to bear the expense of equipping all of the British rifles used at the Bisley meet with aperture sights similar to those on the Ross rifle. Thus all competitors would be on an equal footing so far as the aperture sight is concerned. This is in addition to the offer recently made by Colonel Hughes to supply Ross rifles to all competitors at Bisley. Whether or not either of these suggestions will be acceptable to the British authorities remains to be seen.

The proposition made two or three years ago to the Laurier government to acquire the property round Old Fort Malden, near Amherstburg (Ont.), for a national park, is likely to be carried out, and a vote will probably be put in the supplementary estimates for the purpose. Options on the property have been secured through the national association, and these options have been turned over to the government.

### SCHOOL HOUSE AT NORTH HEAD LAID IN ASHES

Building Valued at \$5,000—Insured for \$3,000—Bucket Brigade Had a Hard Time Saving the Village.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Eastport, Feb. 12.—Fire this evening totally destroyed the school house at North Head, Grand Manan, which a year ago was swept by a disastrous conflagration.

The blaze was noticed at 8 o'clock, and a bucket brigade battled for an hour to contain the flames to the school building and only a shift of wind saved the settlement, as a nearby building had caught shortly before the wind shifted, and suffered slight damage.

The school house was valued at \$5,000 and the insurance is \$3,000. The fire caught from one of the stores in the school.

## SEE GREAT FUTURE FOR FREDERICTON

### Optimistic Speeches at Annual Dinner of Board of Trade.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 12.—(Special) The annual dinner of the Fredericton Board of Trade took place tonight in the A. M. C. A. hall, upwards of 100 being in attendance. A spirit of optimism was prevalent and was well illustrated by the address of President J. D. Palmer. During the progress of the dinner it was mentioned that Fredericton's population had increased appreciably during the year and further growth was sure during the next few years. Fredericton was forecast as the future railway and jobbing centre of New Brunswick.

## QUERIES ABOUT McLEOD'S PROMISE

### YORK TORIERS LINE UP FOR BATTLE

### Messrs. Scott and Guthrie Nominated for Local House Vacancy

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 12.—James M. Scott, independent Conservative and P. A. Guthrie, provincial government candidate were nominated today for the vacancy in York County's representation in the provincial house of assembly.

The expected Bear Garden took place both factions of the Tory party in York being out in force. Scott's following was numerous and showed that the old line Conservatives were behind the independent candidate.

Actual nominations were the order of the day. James M. Pinder, M. P. P. spoke in support of Mr. Scott and devoted his attention to Mr. McLeod. P. A. Guthrie retorted in kind.

Es. Mayor G. H. Thomas, who was charged by the machine with being unimpartial in his selection of Scott as a candidate, and H. M. Blair, secretary of the Provincial department of Public Works, who was very prominent during the nomination proceedings.

Mr. Scott said that he had taken the field on his own convictions, because he was against machine rule. He was not the candidate of James M. Pinder, M. P. P. Mr. Scott said he had been a life long supporter of temperance principles. He had no personal feeling against Mr. Guthrie but was in the fight to stay.

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Mr. Pinder said that he supported the independent candidate because he was not content to see H. F. McLeod, M. P. boss of the county of York, did not believe in "one man rule." The convention which had nominated Guthrie had been packed.

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## Will Fredericton Wharves Be Built?

### Carvell Wants to Know if Rogers' Methods Are at Work in York

### Minister of War Built 27 Armories in Ontario Last Year and 15 Are Under Way—Government Spent Over \$100,000 Advertising in American Newspapers in a Year.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—At the opening of the commons today, Minister of Labor Crothers objected to a press report stating that he had expressed himself against labor unions striking in the house. He said that the report was inaccurate.

"I have spoken to laboring men all over the country," he said, "and have advised them to join labor unions without reference to whether they were national or international."

F. B. Carvell asked if the minister of public works had promised that two new concrete wharves would be built in Fredericton this summer. He said that \$120,775 had been paid since November, 1913, to the Western Newspaper Union of the United States for advertising in American newspapers. During 1913 there were 14,174 American mailgrams, during 1912 there were 14,615 and during 1911 there were 11,751.

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This is what a pretty and prominent suffragist told the New York newspapers, but she did not go into details sufficiently to show the average woman how to do it.

### MEXICAN REBELS BLOW UP TRAIN AND KILL ESCORT

Mexico City, Feb. 12.—The rebels today blew up the oil supply from Tampico over the railroad into San Luis Potosi, this time emphasizing their work by the total destruction of a passenger train carrying the military, women and children, and wounding many passengers.

### WOODSTOCK MAN BUILDS A MINIATURE TRAIN

D. A. Wort, of Woodstock, driving the "Overland Limited," a miniature train which he built with his own hands.