

SIR SANDFORD FLEMING CHARGES SERIOUS CHARGES

In Letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier he Demands an Enquiry into the Affairs of the Canada Cement Company--Charges Misappropriation of Twelve Millions of the Company's Money.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 12.—Rather startling charges concerning the Canada Cement Company and its management are involved in correspondence laid before the Commons private bills committee today by Sir Sandford Fleming in connection with the company's bill to issue \$1,000,000 of debenture stock for preference stock. Sir Sandford makes charges and has written the prime minister demanding an inquiry. The measure originated in the Senate and passed it without difficulty. It came before the Commons private bills tonight and nearly went through it on Thursday. E. K. Macdonald insisted on further consideration. Today the bill came up again there being a large attendance, owing to the fact that a previous bill had aroused a good deal of interest. The discussion was proceeding when Col. Smith, of Stormont, acting chairman, read Sir Sandford's letter.

The letter was dated May 11. It protests against the passing of the bill, "in the documents enclosed," he writes, "will be found evidence to establish that an extraordinary misappropriation of capital has been effected through an intermediary agency at the very inception of the Canada Cement Company and that such misappropriation was effected by deliberate artifice under the guise of law. As results demonstrate, this first act of wrong doing appears to have set the necessity of seeking power from Parliament to substitute the debenture stock for the 7 per cent. cumulative. The Bonds which Sir Sandford Fleming gives show a balance face value of \$13,496,150, which should be accounted for.

In a letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier which accompanied his letter to the chairman Sir Sandford says: "That it came to my knowledge last year that several millions of the capital stock of the company had improperly passed into the hands of one man and his associates. The person alluded to was not justified in setting apart for use of himself and his associates a large over-issue of paid-up capital of the cement company."

Sir Sandford went on to say that when the company was formed there existed a company known as the Bond and Share Company. It is claimed that the Bond and Share Company obtained from the Cement Company \$100,000 of 10 per cent. cumulative preference shares of \$100 each, and 134,984 ordinary shares of capital stock of \$100 each, fully paid up; also five millions first mortgage 6 per cent. bonds. The face value of the transfer was \$28,998,400, reducible by \$770,000 cash paid the Cement Company, leaving a balance to be accounted for of \$27,228,400, which is further reduced by the value of the eleven properties transferred to the Canada Cement Company.

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NEW SALARIES FOR P. O. MEN

Mr. Lemieux Gets His Increases Through—House to Hold Morning Sessions Commencing on Monday.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, May 12.—In the House today Mr. Staples asked: On whose recommendation the Manitoba census enumerators had been appointed? "On the recommendation of persons in whom I have confidence," replied Mr. Fisher. Mr. Staples—Had the Liberal organizer for the Province of Manitoba anything to do with it? Mr. Fisher—"I decline to answer."

Mr. Lemieux put through his salary increases to officers in city post offices, in the money order exchange offices which will add \$51,550 to the pay list. In the larger city offices the increase will be: Stampers and sorters—Present rate, \$500 to \$600; proposed rate, abolished. Fourth class clerks—Present rate, \$500 to \$700; proposed rate, abolished.

First class junior B—Present rate, \$700 to \$800; proposed rate, \$600 to \$800. Third class senior B—Present rate, \$500 to \$600; proposed rate, \$500 to \$700. Second class junior B—Present rate, \$500 to \$600; proposed rate, \$500 to \$700. Second class senior A—Present rate, \$1,000 to \$1,200; proposed rate, \$1,200 to \$1,400.

First class B, and A—Present rate, \$1,200 to \$1,400 to \$1,600. First class A—\$1,600 to \$1,800. Chief clerks (new class)—\$1,800 to \$2,100. Superintendents—\$1,800 to \$2,500. There will be a change in the semi-staff offices. Formerly the clerks in these offices were paid by the local postmaster, out of his office receipts. Owing to the low wages paid the department recently took them over, but continued to pay their salaries out of the receipts of the office. In future they will be paid by the department as in the case of civil service offices. The change will be effective later in the session.

TRIP TO WASHINGTON FOR A STEAMSHIP MAN

Toronto, May 12.—Representatives of the fur trade from Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa and Quebec, recently visited Ottawa and urged upon the premier the value of a representative to accompany the Canadian commissioner to Washington in regard to the coming conference on the subject of pelagic sealing. The result of the visit is evidenced by the appointment of J. D. Allan of the firm of A. A. Allan and Co., who is instructed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier to proceed to Washington in connection with those appointments to act by the British government.

NOTED LAWYER FARMERS AND RECIPROCITY

War Secretary American Farmers Will Meet Finance Committee Of U. S. Senate And Talk It Out With Them.

Washington, May 12.—Indignant at the "insulting" inference that the farmers of the country had acted improperly in employing lawyers to aid them in their fight against Canadian reciprocity, N. F. Hull, head of the National Farmers' Union, today notified the Senate Finance Committee that he would have the attorneys of the farmers appear before the committee next week to answer any questions. Senator Stone had interrupted the reciprocity bill to ask that Allen and Graham, lawyers of New York, be subpoenaed to appear before the committee and bring with them copies of the literature they had distributed in opposition to reciprocity. His action was supplemented by the presentation of the Senate yesterday of a newspaper article questioning the identity of the clients of those attorneys.

"I'll tell you something about that," exclaimed Mr. Hull. "We farmers employed those lawyers, and it is the fact that I over knew of a senatorial committee to appear before a body appearing before it, to pay lawyers to furnish technical knowledge about tariff rates. That's what these lawyers did for us." He said the lawyers had been employed by the farmers for years upon occasions. Members of the committee questioned their right to subpoena the lawyers as Senator Stone suggested, and Mr. Hull settled the affair by promising to have the attorneys appear with all literature sent out.

MONKTON MAN IN PROVIDENCE CASE

John W. Baker An Important Witness In Litigation Arising Out Of The Estate Of Dr. Burton.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, N. B., May 12.—John W. Baker, the well known I. C. R. employe and manager of the Pickups baseball club, returned from Providence, Rhode Island, today where he had been giving evidence in the courts in the case to determine the rightful heirs to the estate of his half brother, Dr. Jacob Burton. When Dr. Burton died, it is claimed, he appointed his brother, John F. Burton, administrator, but a claimant appeared in the person of a young woman who claimed to be Dr. Burton's daughter. The girl claimant alleges a marriage of Dr. Burton in New Jersey in 1874 and John W. Baker of Moncton gave evidence that Dr. Burton was in Albert County, New Brunswick, at that time, and not in the States. If the case is decided against the girl claimant Mr. Baker expects to come in for a share of the estate.

A HALIFAX REGIMENT CELEBRATES JUBILEE

The 63rd Rifles, The Third Oldest Regiment In Canada —R. L. Borden Was Once a Private In It.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, May 12.—The jubilee of the formation of the third oldest militia regiment in Canada, the 63rd Rifles, was celebrated tonight. Thirty-six years ago, R. L. Borden, M. P., was a private in this regiment and Sir Hubert Tupper was the surgeon of the regiment. Tonight's celebration consisted of a reception at the armories with speeches by Gov. MacGregor, General Drury and Mayor Chisholm.

TO EXPUL ALL JEWS. Yekaterinoslov, Russia, May 12.—The provincial governor of Yekaterinoslov has given orders for the expulsion from the villages of the province of all Jews who are not possessed of permits of residence. He has also threatened the police with severe punishment if they fail to discover those subject to expulsion.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN EDMUNSTON DROWNING

Thomas Daigle, Owner of Scow Ferry, Through Swamping of which Six Lives were Lost, Arrested as Responsible for Accident--Ferry Cable was Found to be Rotten--One Body Recovered

Special to The Standard. Edmonton, N. B., May 12.—A sensation was created here today by the arrest of Thomas Daigle on a charge of having caused the death by drowning of the six persons who perished in the ferry accident on May 1. Daigle himself who was running the ferry at the time the cable broke, and the scow was swamped, had a narrow escape from drowning in the swift running stream. After the accident an examination was made of the cable, and it was found to be in a rotten condition. At the point where it broke, there were only five strands of the wire intact at the time of the accident. As a result of this examination, a warrant was sworn out for the arrest of Daigle a day or so ago; but as Daigle has been living on the American side the authorities decided to take no action until he visited this side. This afternoon he came over, and was promptly arrested, and lodged

in the jail. The news of his arrest caused considerable excitement, but owing to the disclosures made in regard to the rotten condition of the cable, little sympathy is felt for him. Pending criminal action against Daigle it is understood the Public Utility Commission may be asked to make an investigation into the cause of the accident. One Body Found. This morning a body, which is supposed to be that of young Alvin Phillip, son of H. W. Phillip, the C. P. R. station master here, was found about five miles down the river. The authorities at Van Buren were communicated with, but it was said that there was no coroner there whose commission had not expired. A word was sent to Coroner Levee Ayr of this place, who ordered the body brought on here, and proceeded to summon a jury to hold an inquest. The jury will meet on Wednesday to examine witnesses.

SMALLPOX IN QUEBEC Mayor GAYNOR INVITES STRIKE

Six New Cases Reported In Nicolet Yesterday And Compulsory Vaccination Will Probably Be Enforced. Montreal, May 12.—Some municipalities have written for delay in passing a compulsory vaccination law. Today Dr. Pelletier stated that in each case a reply had been sent saying that no delay whatever would be granted. A by-law must be passed at once, and it must be enforced. Reports of outbreaks from different points continue to come in. Today a report from Nicolet came in to the effect that six new cases had been discovered there. The board has sent an inspector down and he will see why it is the disease had been allowed to spread.

GAMORRISTS TRIAL STILL DRAGGING ON Erricone And Abbatemaggio Exchange Compliments In Court During Farcical Hearing Of Their Case.

Viterbo, May 12.—At the afternoon session Erricone said that the assertion of Abbatemaggio that the bag in the Alda cavern in Bangolia, a suburb of Naples, was organized for the purpose of condemning Cucculo to death was simply laughable, considering that fifty persons participated in the feast and that the barracks of the police and the municipal guard overlooked the spot and that it was impossible therefore for anyone to speak without being overheard; by the authorities. To this Abbatemaggio retorted that it was unnecessary to shout at the dinner, and that besides the Camorra had a jargon which would have been incomprehensible to any outsiders who might overhear it. Erricone, however, still insisted that he desired to have Cucculo done to death, he would not have sought the assistance of so many persons in its accomplishment. "Although weak looking, said Erricone savagely glaring at Abbatemaggio, "Never in my whole life have I needed the assistance of anybody to avenge myself, if vengeance were necessary. Everybody knows that," his manager, and the identification was made complete by a number of valuable rings which were still on his fingers. A body which previously had been taken from the ruins, and which was supposed to have been the body of Lafayette, was taken to Glasgow and cremated. This body, however, now proved to have been that of Richards, who acted as Lafayette's double in the carrying out of his illusion. Another member of the vaudeville company died today, this being the tenth fatality from the fire.

STAGE DRIVER DRAGGED OVER PRECIPICE, DIES. Medford, Ore., May 12.—Jack London, one of the last of the old time stage drivers, was fatally injured yesterday at Haze Hill, 15 miles from Grants Pass, while driving a four horse team, which had become frightened. Knowing that he was approaching a high cliff and sharp curve, London drew his revolver and shot one of the leaders dead. This failed to stop the team however, which dragged the dead horse several yards and over the embankment. London was thrown down the precipice and his skull fractured. Two passengers jumped from the stage and escaped with slight injury.

BAIL REFUSED IN GLACE BAY CASE. Halifax, May 12.—Judge Lawrence today delivered a decision in the case of Rex vs. Beal. In this case application was made for bail. The defendant is now held at Glace Bay on a charge of murder, in connection with the death by shooting of two men while attending a T. M. W. meeting. The judge refused to fix bail for the person charged with murder.

NEW YORK'S CHIEF MAGISTRATE Meets Delegation Of City Dock Department Employes More Than Half Way. New York, N. Y., May 12.—Strike if you want to, but if you do not, one of you will ever be employed by the city of New York again, while I'm mayor, was Mayor Gaynor's reply this afternoon to what he considered a veiled threat to strike on the part of a delegation of city dock department employes. The employes and William F. Yates, president of the marine engineers' association, sought the decision of the mayor on an appeal from the dismissal by Dock Commissioner Calvin Tomkins, of one of their number. The appeal was made yesterday. The mayor refused to hear Yates because he was not a city employe; to the others he said: "Give me a chance to read your appeal. I have heard it stated that this coming to me is under threat of a strike. If that is so, go right back and strike. Not one of you who strikes will be employed by the city again, while I'm mayor. If you have let a paper with me, and a grievance, it is going to be looked into. But go and strike right now, if you want to."

REMAINS OF LAFAYETTE THE GREAT TAKEN FROM EMPIRE MUSIC HALL IN LONDON—TEN DEATHS FROM FIRE. Edinburgh, May 12.—Lying amid the fire ruins of the Empire Music Hall, in the pit where the counterweights of the iron curtain were sunk, was found this evening the body of "Lafayette, the great," the vaudeville performer, who with a number of his company perished in the fire that destroyed the theatre several nights ago. The body was clad in silk tights and was in a good state of preservation. The features of the dead illusionist were easily recognized by his manager, and the identification was made complete by a number of valuable rings which were still on his fingers. A body which previously had been taken from the ruins, and which was supposed to have been the body of Lafayette, was taken to Glasgow and cremated. This body, however, now proved to have been that of Richards, who acted as Lafayette's double in the carrying out of his illusion. Another member of the vaudeville company died today, this being the tenth fatality from the fire.