

DR. DANIEL IS HEARD ON NAVAL DEFENCE ISSUE

Member For St. John Declares For Immediate And Adequate Action—Government's Policy Is Roudly Scored.

NAVAL DEBATE RESUMED AT OTTAWA

Ottawa, Feb. 28.—At the opening of the House today Mr. Martin, of Regina brought up the report that a round robin has been circulated demanding the withdrawal of the naval bill. The petition in question, he said, had not been specially pushed by western Liberals, and it contained nothing about the naval bill. It simply was got up by private members on both sides, asking the leaders of both sides to allow members to get money by Easter. It contained no proposal to prevent the proper discussion of any measure. He had in his hand a part of the petition, it contained 70 names from both sides.

Mr. W. D. Staples asked how many Conservative names it contained. Mr. Martin tried to ignore and then to evade the question, but on being pressed, said that TWO out of the 70 members signing were Conservatives.

Mr. J. D. Taylor.

Mr. J. D. Taylor said that he was responsible for Conservative signatures. Their sole object was to bring about an early prorogation. There was general discontent on both sides of the long time it had elapsed, and the small amount of business which had been transacted.

Mr. Foster asked when the bank revision bill would be brought down. Mr. Fielding said that it was in an advanced condition but in consequence of the representations made that the Government should not bring it forward until the beginning of next session. The bank charter does not expire till July, 1911.

Mr. E. S. Lewis asked about the work of the committee on railways. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that he had held one meeting and will hold another this week.

Questions Answered.

At question time Dr. Schaeffer was told that the Government has paid to Manitoba in ten months ending 31 January on account of school lands, \$226,056.

Mr. Ribbles was asking that the Government help in establishing a bait freezer at Inverness, the work being done by the Inverness Fishermen's Bait Association at a cost of \$10,000. The building was not built but has been stored in the building having been completed only last summer. There are 14 boats fishermen there.

Mr. Jameson asked a question about a postoffice at Boars Back, in Digby Co.

Mr. Lemieux replied that in 1901 the postoffice was reported against establishing one and that another petition being presented it was found that another postoffice had been opened near the place.

The Naval Debate.

The naval debate was resumed, Mr. E. B. Devlin finishing his speech. Mr. C. A. Magrath followed in an original speech in which he strongly opposed the Canadian navy and advocated a contribution. "Let Canada," said he, "help Britain with the present emergency and then turn her face towards again and go on with her development. For Canada there are only two courses," he continued, "existence in the Empire, or fusion with the U. S. independence, or absorption and a Canadian navy might be the means of bringing independence about. Dealing with the navy and advocating the organization within it and with that development a Canadian navy might not harmonize with the Empire."

Mr. McKenna declared that there was no emergency and discussed Mr. Cowan's argument that the naval service bill alters the status of the Empire and the Crown and Great Britain.

Dr. Daniel said that his constituency would be one of the first to feel disaster to the Empire. He went on to say that this is not a new question proving that it is not an old question, that it confronts the Canadian people for the first time. Dr. Daniel also touched upon a statement by Mr. McKenna that the British statesmen have Tweedmouth's explicit request in 1907 that the overseas dominions should take some part in Imperial defence.

The Naval Debate.

"The people of England are not beggars," Dr. Daniel said, "and will spend their last shilling and their last man rather than go on their knees to the colonies and beg for help. More plain-ly than they have, Dr. Daniel also quoted Lord Rossburgh's request to the press conference to take back the message that all parts of the Empire should bear a share in its defence. As for the emergency there were none so bad as those who would not see."

Dr. Daniel said, determined him to vote against the bill. This word "may" empowered the government to withhold the navy from the Empire. It gave the government the chance for declaring the independence of Canada whenever it chose to do so. Such a radical change in the constitution should go to the people. It amounted to an offer of power to the government to be a vassal from the Empire. It would be a step towards the Empire, which has been the government in control of money under false pretences, on which Continued on Page 2.

Twenty-Four Dead In Western Snow Slides

Mining Region of Northern Idaho Suffers From Unusual Disaster—Small Army of Men and Boys Battle With Time and Cold in Effort to Rescue Those Buried in Avalanche.

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 28.—Twenty-four persons are known, tonight, to be dead as the result of snow-slides yesterday and today in the mining region of northern Idaho. To the 19 who perished in the avalanches at Mace and Burke, Idaho, last night and early today, are added three more who died in a similar disaster yesterday, when the camp of the Carbonate Hill Mining Company at Mullen, Idaho, today.

The fight against time and cold at Mace and Burke, has been waged bravely and persistently by the little army of men who hope to find under the heaps of ruins some who have escaped death. The rescuers have dug frantically for many hours. Every available man and boy has been pressed into service.

Mace is situated on a creek and the mountains rise high on either side of the town. The damage there was done by a fragment of the main body of the avalanche which, on Sunday night carried a construction train from the track as it plunged into the ravine. As it rolled up the other side it demolished houses in its path. The boarding houses of the Standard mine, where 300 miners were sleeping was missed by 120 feet.

The avalanche at Burke, occurred early today. That more lives were not lost at Burke, is due to Secum's Howe, foreman of the Hecla mine. Realizing the danger that threatened the sleeping citizens, he sent another party to arouse the inhabitants and urge to a safe retreat.

Four of those who lost their lives at Burke were members from the rescue party that had been at work at night. Among the last to be taken out of the snow alive at Mace was Mrs. George Hooper, and old woman who lived in the outskirts of the town. She was 15 feet under the snow and it took four hours to extricate her. She had suffered from the cold but not severely injured.

Burke is buried 50 feet under snow and earth. The slide is 3,000 feet long and fills the canon. James Rodgers, who was supposed to have perished, was rescued at Burke tonight. He had been buried in the snow eight hours.

Taft Praises Hebrew Race

United States President Pays Warm Tribute To Patriotism Of Jews—Have Not Neglected Opportunities.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 28.—In replying today to a delegation from the American Association of Foreign Language Newspapers, who called at the White House to protest against certain immigration bills pending in congress, President Taft highly praised the Jews who have come to America from various parts of the world and have become imbued with a true spirit of patriotism.

"The question of limiting immigration," he said, "is one of the most important of those which interest the population of Europe, which comes here rather by artificial means than those who have interest in it to have as many come as possible, is a question which has addressed itself to congress in the past. On the ground that the limitation was one which did not shut out those whom we most desire to shut out, and that the restriction—man who comes here with no loyalty to the new government—is the man who could easily pass a mental examination."

"Now, all I can say about this, because I cannot commit myself to any particular form of legislation, is that insofar as I am concerned, I shall sign no bill which would shut out any man who has the opportunity to be heard. It is possible that when a hearing is given, a safer conclusion is likely to be reached."

"In going about this country 13,000 miles as I did last year, one thing which impressed me more than anything else was the fact that the process we had gone through, of welcoming immigrants from every where and mixing them and amalgamating them into a distinct type of American, as distinguished from any of the people of the world, was made up, and that therefore, were we to impose unjust burdens and stop immigration, it should go back on that which has made this time, had enabled us to be a great people."

"I only want to say one more word. I visited the East Side in New York about two years ago and I was extremely impressed with the fact that this country confers and that this country confers and that there was no part of the country in which the real, true spirit of patriotism prevailed more deeply than there."

Lucky Remittance Saves C. A. Osborne

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 28.—G. A. Osborne, the distinguished gentleman who has been in the toils of the Winnipeg police for several days as the result of catching a draft on London, made his peace with the police authorities and left Winnipeg this afternoon with the expressed intention of never again being arrested. A lucky remittance from the old country which arrived here on Friday, enabled him to make restitution in full to the local merchants, who finally agreed to withdraw the charge of obtaining money under false pretences, on which Osborne was held.

LIBERAL DRESS RAILS

Montreal Herald Has Hot Shot For Liberals Who Are Striving To Discredit Commissioners Of Intercolonial.

GRAHAM URGED TO STICK TO GUNS

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The Montreal Herald has a hot shot for the Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Railways and Canals, Ottawa. The Herald says that Graham is to speak tonight for a brief while in the House of Commons on the Intercolonial railway bill.

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GOVERNMENT IN ENGLAND SAVED FROM DEFEAT BY ACTION OF OPPOSITION

Asquith Ministry Given New Lease of Life By Conservatives, Who Accept Premier's Programme Without Calling for a Vote—Administration to Stand or Fall on Veto Question.

EXTENDED SCOPE OF UTILITIES COMMISSION

Street Railway To Be Added To List of Utilities Coming Within Provisions Of Bill—Yesterday At Fredericton.

Fredericton, Feb. 28.—The legislature had another short session today and the house was in committee of the whole for the first time considering a number of government bills. There were only 19 members in the house. Street railways were added as coming within the scope of a proposed board of public utilities commissioners and there is some chance of boom companies also being added to the list.

Formal notice for the budget for Thursday was given today by the Hon. Secretary Finlay, but there is some doubt as to whether the budget will be brought in before Friday or sabbath the first of next week.

The law committee will commence work tomorrow morning taking up the Finance bill. The auditor general's report for 1909 was tabled today by the provincial secretary. It is issued this year in a new form from which one can get a comprehensive idea of how the provincial accounts have been spent and is a great improvement over the reports issued under the old administration and is a valuable asset to the government.

One important petition presented today was that in favor of the Intercolonial Railway Company's bill under which the company seeks authority to issue bonds to the extent of \$30,000 per mile. The province is not asked to guarantee the new bonds, but the bonds to be issued to pay off the old bonds to the extent of \$8,000 per mile, guaranteed by the province.

Mr. Thomas Malcolm, company promoter and contractor arrived today in his private car, accompanied by his lawyer, Mr. A. E. O. McKenna of Campbellton. Speaking with The Standard correspondent Mr. Malcolm explained the objects of legislation his company is asking for and said it was "to relieve the province of liability in connection with the railway." Resolving progress on the contract.

The road way, Mr. Malcolm said, some track work will be completed by the middle of June to complete. The Dominion subsidy of \$6,400 per mile and \$25,000 per mile of guaranteed bonds of the province government," Mr. Malcolm was asked.

"Not up to the standard demanded by the federal authorities," he replied. The house will spend most of tomorrow in routine work and will probably take up Mr. Tweeddale's St. John Valley Railway motion on Wednesday.

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OFFICERS OF BRIDGE COMPANIES ARE CALLED

Counsel For Accused Senator To Call As Witnesses Officers Of Co. With Which Accused Was Connected.

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 28.—Before Senator Bannigan takes the stand this week to give his version of the alleged transaction of April 23, 1901, respecting which Senator Bannigan is trying to brand him as a bribe-taker, his counsel will call as witnesses officers of the bridge company with which Conger was connected. The men that have figured prominently in the testimony in this connection are John Newell, the eastern agent of the Canton Bridge Company, who has an office in Albany; Eugene Latham, now a Gorton grader; and Frederick Sage, who, according to Conger told him of the alleged demands for \$10,000 "protection" money which came to the bridge company from Albany in 1905.

Attorney Martin W. Littleton, of the defense, said tonight that both Newell and Latham would be called to stand tomorrow. Thus far, the defense has not subpoenaed Sage and the impression here is that he will not be a witness. Conger declares that Latham acted as treasurer of the \$5,000 fund which the bridge companies collected in 1905 and contributed to the Republican campaign committee. Since then, Latham has severed his connection with the Gorton Bridge Company, of which he was treasurer in 1903. Mr. Littleton expects to call Latham by Thursday.

The National Hockey Charge Judge Magee With Partiality

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Feb. 28.—Hon. George E. Foster's counsel are of the opinion that they did not get a square deal when Judge Magee charged the jury in the case of Foster vs. MacIver and Mr. Cattanach expressed himself strongly, saying that they were object to the charge because of its unfairness to the plaintiff. Moreover, they considered that the jury brought in a verdict that was inconsistent and the reason for this was that they had listened to too much evidence which had no bearing on the case. It has been decided that the case will be appealed to the court of appeal, leaving out the divisional court entirely. This will be done by applying either to a judge of the court of appeal, or by securing the consent of the defendants.

REWARDED FOR HIS HEROISM

C. P. R. Presents Hero Of Spanish River Disaster With Gold Watch And Chain And Check Of \$500.

Montreal, Feb. 28.—Thomas Reynolds, the conductor of the train which was wrecked at the Spanish river bridge on January 21st, with the loss of over forty lives was ordered to report at the Canadian Pacific headquarters today. On arrival he was taken before Sir Thomas Shaughnessy by the president presented with a handsome gold watch and chain and a cheque for \$500 in making the presentation Sir Thomas said it was the company's recognition of Reynolds' appreciation of the duty of a railwayman which called for self sacrifice and devotion quite as much as that of the soldier.

At the time of the wreck Reynolds, though himself quite severely wounded went into the water and drew out passenger after passenger only resting when all that was possible had been done.

THE NATIONAL HOCKEY MEETING A LOVE FEAST

Montreal, Feb. 28.—The meeting of the executive of the National Hockey Association held today which it was prophesied would wind up in a lot of trouble was a disappointment to those who wanted trouble. Everything had evidently been fixed up and when the various trouble makers were calmly ruled out of order by the chairman and his decision quieted calmly accepted by the delegates. The end of the matter was that O'Sullivan, the Cobalt people announced that they would content themselves with a civil suit against Small and on Hall for striking an official in the same earlier in the season knocked off when they assumed the league that Hall wouldn't pay and the club would have to do it if the time was cancelled.