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Quebec Conservative Members Attack Policy on Immigration

WANT FRENCH CANADIANS

Sir Frederick Borden Denies That He Threatened to Resign Office

Ottawa, Feb. 10—Today was the day of the Quebec members in the House of Commons. After the routine proceedings had been disposed of, the French language made its appearance and held the floor until the House adjourned, as usual on Wednesday, at six o'clock. The talk arose on a resolution moved by Dr. Paquet, the Conservative member for L'Islet, calling for copies of reports and documents between the interior department and immigration agents in the United States.

Dr. Paquet drew attention to the vast sums the government had spent in endeavoring to induce immigration into the northwest from the middle States of the American Union, and declared that if the same energy had been displayed in endeavoring to bring back the French Canadians who have emigrated to New England and other states, the immigration policy of the government would have possessed a more national spirit.

Hon. R. Lemieux defended the government. He declared that since 1896, the outflow of French Canadians into the United States had practically ceased. The government had plugged up the leak.

Mr. Monk condemned the governments policy, and declared that so long as the government continued its present policy of quantity before quality, the newcomers would not be the most desirable citizens.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur followed in another defence of the government, and the debate was continued by Messrs. Nantel, Bureau, Talbot, E. B. Devlin and others, until six o'clock, when the motion for papers was carried.

During the hour devoted to routine, Mr. Graham informed Mr. Gervais that the government had not entered into nor was it about to enter into, any agreement with any person or any company for the construction of a branch line between Montreal and the National Transcontinental railway, under which the subsidy already voted would be paid.

Mr. Blain asked if it was the intention of the government to increase the duty on hog products, as required by the Dominion Swine Breeders' association, and was told by the premier that he would have to wait until Mr. Fielding had made his budget speech.

Mr. Lapointe was told by Mr. Fisher that $30,000 appearing in the estimates was for the construction of an experimental farm at Rosthern, Sask.

Sir Fred. Borden denies the statement in a Toronto paper that he had threatened to resign because an appropriation for militia camps was left out of the estimates. The vote for this annual training is $860,000, which is considerably larger than has been made in any previous year, with the exception of last year, when the expenses were exceptional, due to the movement of troops to the Quebec tercentenary.

The second reading has been given to the Southern Central Pacific railway bill, introduced by McIntyre (Strathcona) and sent to the railway committee.

Senator Campbell has introduced in the senate a bill "relating to the water carriage of goods," to apply to both domestic and foreign trade.

It is rumored in parliamentary circles that ex-Speaker Sutherland will succeed Justice McLenan on the Supreme Court bench.

The whole catch of fish in Canadian waters by Canadians, including fish products, seals, etc., during the season of 1907, comprising the winter fishing of 1908 to March 31, is valued at $25,500,000. This is a falling off of $750,000 compared with 1906.

Mrs. Ralph Smith, wife of the member for Nanaimo, last night addressed a crowded meeting of the Ottawa Equal Suffrage association, in behalf of the extension of the franchise to women. Mrs. Smith advanced a number of strong arguments and citations in support of her plea, and made a distinct impression on the fashionable audience. She was tendered a vote of thanks by the association.

Fire at Carman

Carman, Man., Feb. 8.—Fire destroyed the hardware store of Walton & Cleave about six o'clock Saturday morning. Loss, ten thousand dollars.

Lead Ore in Nova Scotia

Truro, Feb. 8—Considerable interest has been aroused among mining speculators over the announcement of the discovery of lead ore in Musquodoboit district.

Will Stay in Winnipeg

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—From the pulpit yesterday morning Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, pastor of Westminster church, announced that he had decided not to accept the call to St. James Square Presbyterian church, Toronto.

Ontario Tragedy

Shelburne, Ont., Feb. 8—Geo. Ernest Stewart, who killed John Spanhouse and his son James, yesterday, was brought before Magistrate Rutherford today and remanded until Thursday. The prisoner admitted to his guards that he killed Spanhouse and his son, but would give no reason for doing so. Mrs. Spanhouse, who was shot twice by Stewart, died of her wounds this morning.

Out of Work

Toronto, Feb. 10.—Arthur Follis, a young married man who has been out of work for a year, shot himself last night and died of his wounds while on his way to the hospital.

Bank of B. N. A.

London, Feb. 10—The Bank of B. N. A. has declared a dividend of 30s. and a bonus of 10s. a share. The sum of $100,000 was added to the reserve and $75,000 carried forward.

The Intellectual Reference

London, Feb. 10—Addressing the Dudley chamber of commerce today, Postmaster-General Buxton referred to the cheapness in magazine postage to Canada, which had benefitted the publishers of trade journals and magazines. There were now, he said, several English magazines circulated in Canada which previously were totally excluded on account of heavy postage.

Hill Lines in Manitoba

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—Petitions are now before the Manitoba legislature, and bills will shortly be introduced for allowing James J. Hill to build further railways in the province and also to form a company which will purchase all these railways and control them under one name. This legislation will permit the Hill forces to concentrate their work in the province.

Collector Small Dead.

Toronto, Feb. 10.—John Small, collector of customs for Toronto, died this morning as the result of a paralytic stroke suffered some weeks ago. He was appointed collector of customs in 1891, and had then represented East Toronto in the Commons for thirteen years, being a Conservative whip for some years. He leaves a widow but no family.

CALIFORNIA HOUSE YIELDS TO PRESSURE

Bill For Segregation of Japanese Students is Refused Passage

Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 10.—Yielding to the pressure brought to bear by President Roosevelt and Governor Gillett, the California assembly today reversed its previous position by reconsidering the former vote on the segregation of Japanese students in the public schools and finally rejecting the measure by a vote of 41 to 37. An effort by the supporters of the bill to further reconsider was lost by a vote of 38 to 36, and the assembly is now clear of any Japanese measure objected to by the national administration. The school bill is still to be considered in the senate, having been presented there by Senator Saminetti, but there is little expectation that the measure will be approved when brought up.

"I am highly pleased," said Governor Gillett. "The east has been deeply concerned in the measure pending here and I feared that if the anti-Japanese legislation were pressed at this time it would have a disastrous effect."

Governor Gillett tonight said that the next matter to be taken up by the assembly would be the proposed appropriation of $10,000 for the compiling of a census of Japanese in California. He said that if from the data so gathered it was found necessary, congress would be urged to pass an Asiatic exclusion measure.

"Under the agreement between Japan and our government," said Governor Gillett, "the former is pledged to restrict immigration as much as possible. If the Japanese had grounds for abrogating this arrangement and decided in view of the unfriendly action on the part of the California legislature to revoke these restrictions on the immigration of her people, all our ports would be open to the latter. If then we went before congress and asked for support from the east for a general Asiatic exclusion law, the latter might advance the adverse argument that we had the situation well in hand at one time, through fair agreements, and lost our advantage by the acts of our legislature against the wishes of the president."

Washington, Feb. 10.—The following telegrams were given out at the White House tonight without comment: "Sacramento, Feb. 10.—To the President, Washington. School segregation bill killed in the Assembly today by vote of 41 to 34. (Signed) J. N. Gillett."

The White House, Washington, D.C., Feb. 10, 1909. To Governor J. N. Gillett, Sacramento, Cal. Acept my heartiest congratulations. All good Americans appreciate what you have done. Pray extend my congratulations individually to all who have aided you. I feel that the way in which California has done what was right for the nation makes it more than ever obligatory on the nation in every way to safeguard the interests of California. All that I personally can do towards that end, whether in public or private life, shall most certainly be done. (Signed) Theodore Reesevelt."

"Sacramento, Cal., Feb. 10, 1909. To the President, Washington, D.C. Assembly just considered and refused passage to Japanese school bill. My congratulations. (Signed) P. A. Stanton."

"The White House, Washington, D.C, Feb. 10, 1909. Hon. P. A. Stanton, Sacramento, Cal. Acept my hearty thanks and congratulations for great service you have rendered. On behalf of the people of the United States I thank the people of California and their representatives in the Legislature. (Signed) Theodore Roosevelt."

Blaze in New York.

New York, Feb. 10.—Fighting the fire from the elevated railroad structure in front of the building, firemen today confined a threatening blaze at 109 Bowery to the building in which it originated. The building, a five story structure occupied by Alexander Bros., dealers in household goods, was burned out causing a loss estimated at $150,000. The elevated road traffic service was held up for more than half of the morning while the fire was in progress.

VISIT TO BERLIN MAY MEAN MUCH

Sir Charles Hardinge Holds a Private Conference With Chancellor

SERIES OF CEREMONIES

King Edward the First Foreign Monarch to Be Guest of Municipality

Berlin, Feb. 10.—Great weight is lent to the political significance of King Edward's visit in consequence of the extended private conference which Sir Charles Hardinge had this afternoon with Prince Von Buelow. The subjects under discussion have not been made public, but the fact that the Under Secretary of the Foreign Office was closeted with the Chancellor is regarded here as highly important, becase it indicates that the royal visit is not altogether a visit of courtesy.

The King sent to Chancellor Von Buelow a pair of magnificent bronze busts of himself and the Queen.

During the course of the afternoon, the King and Queen visited the Empress Frederick memorial house, after which the King, who is displaying the greatest interest in the growth of Berlin since his last visit, undertook a long auto trip through several districts of the city.

The Emperor and King and Empress and Queen took part in a brilliant court ball in the White Salon of the palace tonight. The Imperial Princes and Chancellor and Princess Von Buelow, the members of the Prussian cabinet, with their wives and diplomatic representatives, the leading military officials and many prominent in civil life were present. The Emperor wore the uniform of the Prussian Hussars. The costume of the Empress was white, while that of the Queen was pale yellow silk, trimmed with gold. Dancing was continued until an early hour in the morning.

King Edward today enjoyed the distinction of being the first foreign monarch who has ever been the guest of the Berlin municipality.

After the ceremonies at the town hall, His Majesty proceeded to the British embassy, where the ambassador, Sir W. Goschen, gave a luncheon in his honor. Previous to the repast His Majesty received a deputation from the British colony in Berlin to present him with an address. The King made an important speech, which he read from a manuscript. He said, among other things:

"The hearty and enthusiastic welcome which the Queen and I have met with in Berlin will surely find a grateful echo amongst my people on the other shore of the North Sea, and it will conduce to a consolidation of the friendly feeling between them and the German people, for whose culture and progress in the realms of art and music we all have a sincere and warm admiration. You, who reside in this fine capital, can do much to convince the Germans of the sincerity of our friendship toward them."

Her Majesty the Queen also was present at the luncheon and the guests included Chancellor Von Buelow and his wife, Foreign Secretary Von Schoen and all the foreign ambassadors in Berlin.

SPAIN WAS AFRAID OF ATTACK BY U. S.

Correspondence Makes Plain the Reason For Surrender in Cuba

Madrid, Feb. 10.—Following the publication of certain cablegrams exchanged between the Spanish government at Madrid and General Blanco at Havana, relative to the surrender of Cuba to the United States in 1898, it is now claimed that the fear of an American attack upon the coast of Spain and a subsequent revolution in this country was the official reason for Premier Sagasta's decision to make peace with the United States. Moreover, this decision was reached before the negotiations for the surrender of Santiago were concluded.

These facts are disclosed by the further publication of the correspondence between General Blanco and Premier Sagasta at the instigation of Blanco as a defence against the charge of cowardice made against the Spanish army in Cuba by a Catalonian deputy.

A despatch received by the Spanish government on July 8, 1898, from General Blanco, insisted that the army, although crippled by the loss of Cervera's fleet, was ready and anxious to continue the war, but both the minister of war and Premier Sagasta replied on July 12 that as the Americans were masters of the sea, and were preparing to attack the Balearic Islands and the Spanish coast, which would be certain to produce an uprising in the interior, peace was imperative. General Blanco, protesting to the last, finally agreed to surrender.

Regina Bakers' Combine

Regina, Sask., Feb. 10.—The starting of a new bakery here and the cutting of prices reveals the fact that a combine has existed among the master bakers of the city. The new man started in business because the older bakers would not sell him bread unless he agreed to retail at the standard price. He has now started in opposition, and has cut prices by one quarter.

The efforts of the master bakers to whip him into line have thus far failed, and it is likely that a general reduction in the cost of living will result.

Halifax School Bonds

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 10—The tender of the Royal Securities Corporation for the $105,600 loan for school purposes at 99.61 per cent. was accepted by the finance committee today.

Traffic Earnings Increase

Montreal, Feb. 10—Traffic earnings of the Canadian Pacific Railway for the first week of February, show an increase of $328,000, compared with the same week a year ago.

Guilty of Murder

Toronto, Feb. 10.—The jury last night returned a verdict of murder against Walter Blythe, the sectionman who beat his wife to death with a poker at Agincourt on January 3rd,

Steamer Wrecked.

Castellon, Spain, Feb. 10.—The steamer America, belonging to either the Fabre line or a Barcelona shipping company, has been wrecked off the coast of this province. Her passengers and crew, sixty in number were saved. The heavy sea prevailing makes it impossible to make any effort to salvage.

Northern Crown Bank

Winnipeg, Feb. 10.—The annual meeting of the Northern Crown Bank was held here today. The net profits for the year, inclusive of a balance of $82,841.77 at the credit of profit and loss account for 1907, were $215,427.63. This was disposed of by appropriating $86,298.75 for dividends and carrying $128,128.88 to the credit of profit and loss account. The statement was considered satisfactory. Sir Daniel Macmillan, Winnipeg, was re-elected president, and Edward Gurney, Toronto, and Capt. William Robinson, Winnipeg, vice-presidents.

CANADIAN PACIFIC PUBLICITY PLANS

New Agency in London Will Carry on a Vigorous Campaign

Montreal, Feb. 10.—Speaking of the general agency to be established in London by the Canadian Pacific, J. S. Dennis said that through it all information relating to western Canada will be handled. The value of this agency, with a staff of men who know the local conditions, and who will devote all their time to answering enquiries relating to Canada, advertising and lecturing, distributing literature and generally carrying on what may be termed an intelligent and persistent publicity campaign, will be evident.

This general agency will be under the direction of George B. Gray, who has had long experience of conditions in western Canada, and an organization of several hundred sub agencies has been established in Great Britain and on the continent throughout the different booking agents. In addition, an illustrated lecture campaign is being carried on in the smaller centres. A series of personally conducted parties has been arranged, leaving each month, so that persons who have become interested will be brought out under a competent superintendent and finally located on land. This campaign has already been productive of marked results, as is indicated by the fact that on the first personally conducted party, leaving Liverpool on February 26th, one hundred people will come to Canada.

He also stated that the general agency would be in a position to provide information regarding industrial openings in the Dominion and to answer intelligently the large number of inquiries that are now coming to hand both from British and European points, regarding the opportunities for the investment of capital.

To Limit Appeals

Toronto, Feb. 10—The Ontario legislature at the forthcoming session will consider a bill to limit appeals from jury verdicts.

Malt House at Lethbridge

Lethbridge, Alta., Feb. 10—The Lethbridge Brewing and Malting company will erect at $75,000 malt house here during the coming summer.

Shipment of Gold

New York, Feb. 10—The National Bank of Commerce today engaged $200,000 in gold for shipment to Buenos Ayres.

East India Murder

Calcutta, Feb. 10.—Ashutes Biswas, a public prosecutor, was shot dead today in the court of Alipur, a suburb of Calcutta, by a youthful Bengali. Biswas was the official who prosecuted in the recent anarchy conspiracy case. This revival of assassination, after a period of comparative quiet, has caused a sensation. The murderer was arrested.

Big Fire in Buffalo

Buffalo, Feb. 10—Fire tonight destroyed the entire south end of the block facing on Michigan Scott and West Market streets. The Buffalo produce exchange and two commission firms were burned out, involving a loss of about $225,000. The worst blizzard of the winter was raging, and for a time, the whole produce commission district was in danger. The building in which the produce exchange was located was burned just a year ago, and had recently been rebuilt at a cost of $100,000.

Killed by Live Wire

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Herbert Demers, lineman of the Ottawa Electric Company, was electrocuted this morning at the top of a pole opposite the supreme court.

Kept Out of Mails

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The application of R. C. Edwards, of the Calgary Eye Opener, to have that publication readmitted to the mails has, after several days' consideration, been refused by the postmaster-general.

MARINE AFFAIRS STILL TROUBLED

Two of Principal Officers of Department Said to Have Resigned

NO RAILWAY SUBSIDIES

Important Reservation in Connection With C. P. R. Capital

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The report of Justice Cassels regarding the affairs of the marine department has not yet been discussed, nor has any action been taken. It is said that two of the principal officers of the department have handed in their resignations. Several members of parliament are taking up the cudgels on behalf of the lesser officials and some interesting developments are anticipated.

Regarding the request of the province of Alberta for the construction of railways in that province, Hon. C. P. Graham informed Mr. McCarthy that it was not the intention of the government this year to add to the obligations already incurred in aiding railways.

In answer to Mr. Paquet, Mr. Oliver stated that during the last fiscal year 1,997 immigrants were deported. During the year immigration into Canada was: United States, 58,312; Great Britain, 120,180; France, 2,671; Belgium, 1,814. The amount expended in each of these countries was; United States, $250,000; Great Britain, $270,000; France, $20,000 and Belgium, $7,000.

This evening the House made good progress in committee of supply. When the postoffice estimates were under discussion Mr. Taylor, member from New Westminster, was informed that a city delivery service would be instituted in New Westminster city.

In the House of Commons today Hon. Mr. Graham tabled a copy of the order in council approving a $50,000,000 increase in the capital stock of the Canadian Pacific railway. An important reservation not made public heretofore was that this increase should not be deemed capital expenditure in the construction of the railway within the meaning of the clause of the company's act of incorporation, providing that the rails charged should not be reduced until the railway was earning a certain percentage of its capital stock.

Old Paper Changes Hands.

Princeton, N.J., Feb. 6.—The Princeton Press, the weekly newspaper published here, which was founded in 1786, changed hands today, Charles S. Robinson, who edited the paper for the last forty years, retires and Edwin M. Morris, editor of the Princeton alumni weekly, assumed its management.

Ottawa Society Agog

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Owing to stories running in the newspapers about a certain woman who is said to have been refused presentation at the drawing room and also because of some incident at the opening of parliament, the sergeant-at-arms has issued a statement denying any question of the woman's social undesirability.

MAURETANIA BEATS RECORDS EASTWARD

Makes Average of 25.20 Knots Between New York and Queenstown

Queenstown, Feb. 8.—The Cunard steamer Mauretania passed Daunt's Rock lightship at 5:10 p.m. today, thus establishing a record for the long route. The liner covered the distance, of 2,934 miles at an average speed of 25.20 knots. The day's runs were 491, 605, 594, 567, 582 and 95 miles to Daunt's Rock. The passage was made in four days, twenty hours and 27 minutes.

A tender met the Mauretania at Roche's Point, but the heavy sea prevented her going alongside. Consequently the Liverpool pilot had to be put on board by a whaleboat. The Mauretania had to take on with her to Liverpool the mail and the fifty passengers who desired to disembark at Queenstown.

The Mauretania has beaten every record going East, those of average speed, the highest day's run and the records for the long and short route from New York to Queenstown. This improvement is due undoubtedly to the new propellers with which the vessel was equipped previous to starting out from England last month.

Death of Engineer

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 8—John Cooper, a Wabash engineer, fell from his engine near Simcoe yesterday, and sustained injuries which caused death.

Aged Widow Killed by Fall

Halifax, Feb. 8—Catherine, widow of Miles McIntosh, 78 years of age, today tripped while going down stairs and fractured her skull. She died an hour afterwards.

Death of Alex. Monro

Vancouver, Feb. 8—Alex. Monro, roadmaster of the C.P.R. for many years, died today of cancer. He came to British Columbia on Onderdonk construction in 1882, and was one of the best known railway men in the west.

Frozen to Death

Wawanesa, Man., Feb. 8.—S. P. Henderson, a well-to-do farmer near here, was frozen to death while walking home on Saturday night. He was found half a mile from his house.

Agen Missionary Dead

Toronto, Feb. 8.—Rev. John D. Doel, missionary to the Indians in northern Ontario, died today, aged 94. He was blind and deaf due to exposure in his work.

Prosecuting Usurers

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—Proceedings were begun today under the money lenders act for the prosecution of four more Ottawa money lenders on the charge of usury. This makes ten parties in all who will have to appear before the police magistrate.

Introducing Yahks

Ottawa, Feb. 8.—The probability of introducing a new animal into Canada is becoming a possibility. A herd of six Asiatic yahks is coming to the Ottawa experimental farm, and they will, when others arrive, be sent to the western lands in an endeavor to populate the Northwest and Labrador with them. The Yahks can stand cold and live on scanty coarse rations. The flesh is similar to that of an ox.

Fisheries Treaty.

Washington, Feb. 6.—The British foreign office has signified its assent formally to the treaty between the United States and Great Britain, signed by Secretary Root and Ambassador Bryce, for the arbitration of the Newfoundland fisheries dispute. The treaty is now ready for the senate. Ratification by that body is necessary before the issues covered by it can be submitted to the Hague court.

LEPINE WOULD SHOW SCOTT BURIAL PLACE

Offer Said to Have Been Made By Man Who Directed Firing Party

Winnipeg, Feb. 8.—Ambros Lepine, the lieutenant and adjutant general of Louis Riel, president of the provincial rebellion government that held possession of Fort Garry during the winter of 1869-70, says that for a consideration named he will point out the spot where the body of Thomas Scott, the murdered martyr of the Red River rebellion of 1869-70, lies. Negotiations to this effect have been under way for several weeks.

The grave of the young Canadian, Thomas Scott, who was shot at the stone gate, near where Main Street and Broadway now intersect, in the city of Winnipeg, has never been discovered by his family, friends or brethren of the Orange order, to which he belonged.

It was on a cold March day in 1870 that the firing party under the command of Ambrose Lepine, adjutant general of the rebellion halfbreed guard at Fort Garry shot to death Thos. Scott under the verdict of a court martial and with the approval of the president of the pseudo republic Louis Riel. Whatever disposal was made of the body has been a mystery to all except those men. The weather that day and during that week had been exceptionally cold, and the theory that the body of the young loyalist had been placed in the Red River through a hole in the ice has been generally accepted.

CHINESE CONSULATE

Prospective Official Establishments at Ottawa and Vancouver—Chinese Board of Trade

Vancouver, Feb. 8.—Within three months China will establish a consulate-general at Ottawa and a vice-consulate at Vancouver. Tung Chin Lin, attache of the London embassy, who came here first to adjust the Chinese riot damage claims, has been here several weeks making preliminary arrangements.

The re-organization of the Chinese board of trade of Vancouver, which occurred on Saturday night, was an important step in linking Chinese trade interests in Canada direct with the Chinese imperial department of trade at Pekin, whence the charter of the Vancouver organization is derived.

The new board has inaugurated a movement among the Chinese of Vancouver for financial support for the university which British Columbia is to establish. The subscription will amount to at least six thousand dollars. The object is to divert Chinese students now going to the United States from Canada to attend college here. A census of Chinese in Canada is now in operation.

FRANCE'S LOSS

Deaths of Catulle Mendes and Coquelin Cadet, Actor, Occur on the Same Day

Paris, Feb. 8—Death claimed today two of the best known men in France, Catulle Abraham Mendes, the poet and novelist, and Ernest Alexandre Honore Coquelin, known familiarly as "Coquelin Cadet," one of the last of France's celebrated actors.

M. Mendes' body was found mangled in a railway tunnel near St. Germain, he having accidentally from a moving train.

M. Coquelin, striken down by the news of the death of his brother Benoit Constant Coquelin, known as "Coquelin Aine," on January 27, expired this p.m. in the arms of a faithful valet.

Baron Von Oppenheimer, with whom M. Mendes dined last night, explained today that the poet was melancholy and complained of extreme fatigue. There has been no suggestion of suicide or foul play in the death of M. Mendes, and the finding of his cane and hat beside the body confirms the authorities that he inadvertently stepped off the car in which he was riding before the train was clear of the tunnel, and fell out to be ground beneath the wheels.

FIGHT WITH THE WHITE PLAGUE

Annual Meeting of B. C. Anti-Tuberculosis Society Held Here

REPORTS WERE RECEIVED

Progress of Work During Past Year and Prospects For Futur- Discussed

Gratifying progress is being made in the fight underway against tuberculosis in British Columbia and that it is intended during the present year to materially augment the facilities for handling consumptives at the Tranquille Sanitariub were two of the most important points arising out of the annual meeting of the subscribers and the governors of the anti-tuberculosis association which took place last evening at the city hall. His Worship Mayor Hall occupied the chair during the earlier part of the proceedings, and on his retiring to attend another gathering, Rev. W. Leslie Clay presided. Among those in attendance were the following: Mrs. B. Tye, Mrs. F. Fortune, Kamloops; Mrs. Fagan, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Ross, of Vancouver; Mrs. Morley, Mrs. Muhn, Mrs. Wilkerson, Mrs. Janion, Mrs. J. T. Phelan, of Vancouver; R. E. Brett, F. G. Quick, A. J. C. Galletly, A. Planta, of Nanaimo; James B. Kennedy of New Westminster; Dr. A. P. Proctor, of Vancouver; Rev. J. Calvert, of Mission City; Dr. Fagan, Dr. Hasell, Dr. Irving, medical superintendent of the sanitarium and W. W. Shaw, of the same institution.

It was announced that the first business was in connection with the general organization in dealing with which all subscribers were entitled to a hearing. The secretary, Dr. Fagan, submitted the constitution and bylaws as amended. On motion they were adopted. A resolution endorsing what had been done by the directors in the past relative to the expenditure of funds, etc., was introduced and unanimously carried. After the announcement was made that the Sanich municipality had made a generous contribution to the treasury of the association the meeting adjourned.

Governors Meet.

Immediately thereafter the governors of the organization, which includes representatives from the different provincial centres where there are anti-tuberculosis auxiliaries at work, convened. The initial business taken up was the reception or the report of the directors of 1908. In part, it follows:

The board of directors beg to present their report for the year 1908 to the governors and subscribers.

There were five meetings held during the past year. At each meeting reports were submitted from the different sub committees, and instructions and authority was issued as to proposed undertakings. The following is a summary of the work done:

The first meeting of the board of directors elected at the first meeting of the court of governors, was held at the city hall, Victoria, B. C., on Friday, March 6, 1908.

Mr. M. P. Gordon was appointed permanent chairman of the board.

The following committees were appointed:

Executive Committee—Mr. M. P. Gordon, Drs. Wm. Stephen, A. P. Proctor and C. J. Fagan.

Finance Committee—Messrs. A. J. O. Galletly, A. S. Barton and A. J. Dallain.

Mr. Wm. Fortune presented a claim for $1,000, which stated he had paid as a commission on the sale of his ranch, and he asked that this sum should be repaid to him by the society. After consideration it was decided to refer the question to our solicitor for such action as he considered right, and on his advice the claim was refused.

Accounts.

The board has given great attention to the question of handling accounts. Many suggestions were made and a system which the board considers simple and practical is now in force.

Telephone.

After considerable difficulty and delay a telephone system has been installed between Kamloops and Tranquille. A ten year agreement as to the working of the system has been signed by the Telephone company and our Society. The agreement is based on business principles and the Telephone company were generous in their terms. Up to date the system is working to the satisfaction of all.

Motor Boat.

A motor boat was purchased for $700. It is in the charge of Mr. Shaw, our farm manager, and has proved to be very useful.

The Canadian Pacific Railway company have generously constructed a siding near Tranquill station at which our lumber, coal, and other heavy articles are deposited. By means of a chute all such heavy articles are transhipped to a small barge and taken across the lake, by the motor boat, to the sanitarium. The work done this year has more than repaid the society for the expense of this boat.

On the 1st of anuary last year there were sixteen patients at Tranquille. This number taxed our accommodation to the utmost and just as soon as conditions permitted, six cottages were built, which enabled us to accommodate thirty patients.

The handling of thirty patients with very limited kitchen and dining room accommodation necessitated the doubling of work in serving meals. This difficulty will be fully realized when it

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