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BOURASSA URGES THE HOUSE TO INVESTIGATE FOWLER'S CHARGES.

Premier Intimates that Time Has Not Arrived for Any Definite Action to Be Taken---Borden Denies that He Had an Agreement with Laurier to Pass the Matter Over.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 8.—The new tariff is all through the commons with the exception of one item relating to boots and shoes, which the opposition had held for discussion. This indicates that the end of the session is in sight. Another indication was the peaceful manner in which the insurance report was discussed. No one apparently wanted to engage in a war over it. When the house assembled this afternoon the desk of the late Edward Cochrane was draped with black and surmounted by a beautiful floral wreath.

Plus Michoud, the newly elected member for Victoria, N. B., was introduced by the prime minister and Mr. Emmerson and took his seat amid ministerial cheers. Before the order of the day the prime minister referred to the death of the late E. Cochrane. He felt certain that the death of that gentleman would be seriously felt by all the members of the house, perhaps no less by those who were not his intimate friends as those who were. He possessed many traits that endeared him to his colleagues, possessing an impulsive Irish nature, a warm Irish heart and gifted with the Irish wit. They would miss his cheerful countenance, and personally he was not sure that he would get mine the fiery but good natured lectures delivered by the deceased gentleman as to the administration of the government, and while he was earliest in expression of his opinions he was also generous.

The members on the government side of the house joined those in the opposition in offering to Mr. Cochrane's family their sincere condolence. It. L. Borden, leader of the opposition, thanked the Prime Minister for his kindly references to the late Mr. Cochrane, a man of very many characteristics, of strong intellectual grasp and a vast fund of information respecting public questions.

Mr. Lefurgey inquired whether steam communication had been resumed with P. E. I., and also asked that the Prime Minister should express his opinion with regard to the construction of a tunnel connecting the island with the mainland. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said he had no information on the first point, and with respect to the second, while he sympathized with the island in the matter, the government was at present being called upon for many other works of public importance such as the Georgian canal that they could not go further at present.

W. F. Maclean (South York), inquired whether the government intended to enforce the G. T. R. to carry into

ber of Parliament and some of its supporters to be guilty of graft and immoral conduct, and that those acts would be concealed if he was not attacked. That was a saw-off business against which the public sentiment was aroused and now the commission's report was before the House, action should be taken.

He protested against the idea that if there was nothing in the report to incriminate those men the member for Kings should be exempt from making good his charges.

Mr. Bennett, E. Simcoe, expressed his willingness that his conduct should be fully investigated and was surprised that the member for Carleton had not carried out his threat.

The prime minister said that when the matter came up a few weeks ago he had said that they better wait until the report of the commission was before the house to ascertain what action should be taken. The report and a draft bill were before them. Proceeding, Sir Wilfrid said: "The committee have reported that in their judgment there was no necessity for legislation. Beyond this they did not report anything."

In the course of reasons which they gave for this legislation they brought in names of certain members of the house. Whether or not there is in the report anything which would warrant this parliament taking action against any of its members, I am not prepared to say at this moment. The matter is still quite new amongst us and I have no opinion to express either way or other at this time.

The Prime Minister said that when the motion was last before the house he had promised that should necessary arise the allegation of the member for Kings should be investigated, and proceeding said: "To the opinion I have expressed I do not think I have anything to add or anything to retract. I do not understand at the present time how it is possible to investigate anything that has been said by the member for Kings. He did not mention any name or any offense. He spoke in a general way and I am at a loss to know what charges there are to investigate. Of course if that gentleman made no charge himself the report of the commission is before the house and he could, if he had anything to say, say it. He may have something grave in his mind or it may not amount to anything. Words of that kind are not such as upon which you can base a charge or an insinuation, but if he has anything against the character of members of the administration it is for him to make his charge."

Mr. Borden (Carleton) said that so far as he was concerned he had not been able to get through the report, but perhaps if the member for Laurier were often in his place in the house he would not have been able to do so either.

Mr. Bourassa—"I think I can often find out more in studying in my room than listening to speeches in this house."

R. L. Borden—"Very likely, perhaps that may be said of some of us today."

Proceeding, Mr. Borden denied that there had been any arrangement between himself and the prime minister to postpone the discussion, and Mr. Bourassa had no warrant for making such a statement. As he had declared before, he would join with the prime minister or the member for Laurier, in probing the matter to the bottom, and if Mr. Bourassa desired the discussion to proceed at once he was ready to go on at any time.

Mr. Bourassa—"What I desire is that the member for Kings should make good his charges or withdraw them."

Mr. Borden said that as Mr. Fowler was not present it was idle for Mr. Bourassa to address an empty chair and ask the member for Kings to go on that afternoon. He should wait until that gentleman was present.

The house went into committee of ways and means and resumed consideration of the tariff changes.

Mr. Fielding announced that it had been decided to take off the duty on German silver and nickel, but that the duty would remain on brass. The decision to make German silver and nickel free had been arrived at because it had been found that these articles were not being made in Canada.

The Minister of Finance also intimated a change in the seed grain, a new provision being added, namely field and garden seeds not specified as free and valued at not less than five dollars per pound in packages weighing not less than one ounce, 5 per cent, 10 per cent, and 10 per cent.

Mr. Foster called attention to the reduction of duty on newspaper matrices from 11-2 cents to 1-8 cent per square inch, and quoted from letters from a

number of leading Canadian newspapers, expressing satisfaction with the feature matrices supplied by the Canada Newspaper Syndicate and pointing out that the reduction of duty would practically put that factory out of business.

Mr. Fielding replied that a representation was made by a newspaper to the effect that the old duty was prohibitive, but he would look into the matter, and if it were found that justice had been done he would be willing to reconsider duty.

Replying to Mr. Taylor the minister of finance said that when an article could be used for a purpose other than that which made it desirable that it should be placed on free list it was dealt with by way of drawback.

That was to say that if it were proved that an article was only used for what might be called free list purposes then a drawback was given.

Mr. Fielding announced that wherever they had increased the duty since the 23rd November they did not propose to go back and collect it, and on the other hand where it had been reduced they would go back and give the parties the benefit. Only a few tariff changes remained to be disposed of when the house adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

Only one "BROMO QUININE."

Only one "BROMO QUININE." Similarly named remedies sometimes deceive. The first and original Cold Taster is a WHITE PACKAGE with black and white lettering and bears the signature of E. W. GROVE, 25c.

MINER KILLED BY EXPLOSION AT COBALT.

COBALT, Mar. 8.—This morning a miner named John Thompson was killed by a dynamite explosion at the Threewatch mine. Shots had been fired and Thompson who was a shift boss, was killed. He was a married man with a wife and four children living in Cobalt.

QUEEN PRAISES MISS MAXWELL'S BRAVERY.

OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—Lord Elgin cables Lord Grey as follows: The Queen has learned with great regret of the disastrous fire which occurred at the Protestant children's school at Montreal. Her majesty desires me to convey to you her great admiration of the heroic conduct of Miss Maxwell, who gave up her life in a gallant attempt to rescue the little children entrusted to her care, as well as her majesty's deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of this brave woman.

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SENATE MAKES SOME AMENDMENTS TO PROVIDENT FUND BILL.

OTTAWA, Ont., March 8.—In the senate today the bill to establish the government railway's provident fund was put through the committee after Sir Richard had agreed to some amendments. One made at the suggestion of Senator Loughheed admits women to the benefit of the funds. One suggested by Sir Mackenzie Bowell amends clause 17 so as to take any possible authorization from the minister to reinstate employees who have been dismissed for drunkenness and dishonesty. At the suggestion of Senator Robertson the medical examination clause was strengthened by declaring the examining board should be made by "a duly qualified practitioner."

POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIGH-CLASS IMMIGRANTS FROM CONTINENTAL COUNTRIES.

OTTAWA, Mar. 8.—The cancellation of the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company, has made it necessary for Canada to make some other arrangements for the high class immigrants from continental countries. An order in council has been passed under which bonuses will be paid to European booking agents for farmers, farm laborers, gardeners, stablemen, railroad laborers, navvies, miners and female domestics who are sent out as immigrants. It has been decided to pay a bonus of \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 each for children.

The bonus is to be paid to select steamship booking agents in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Holland, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Russia, France, Belgium, and Switzerland.

In view of the restrictive immigration laws the agents to whom the bonus will be paid are to be carefully selected by the Canadian assistant superintendent of immigration in London, in order that there may be no friction with the authorities in the various countries.

ANNUITY SCHEME NOT PRACTICABLE.

The St. John Teachers' Association met last night in the Foresters' Hall. Several interesting papers were read and miscellaneous business was transacted. The papers were on prominent Canadian writers, their lives, works and style. Miss Mary Morrison dealt with William Wilfred Campbell; Miss Hattie Smith with Theodore H. Rand; Miss Gibson with James DeMille.

A. E. G. McKenzie and W. M. McLean reported on the practicability of a superannuation system for teachers. An annuity scheme the committee found would be of little benefit to teachers who had reached middle age. For those younger in years if held out some advantages. The money nucleus would, however, have to be provided by the government or from some other outside source. The matter will be further considered.

It was felt that the deliberations of the association should receive more extended reports, and a press committee consisting of Messrs. Mackenzie, McLean, Lawrence and Miss Gilmour, was appointed.

After some argument about the proposed payment of the secretary, the meeting adjourned, without having come to any decision on the matter.

PURCHASED VALUABLE PROPERTY.

MONTREAL, March 8.—The Merchants' Bank of Canada today purchased from E. Renout the seven story building at the corner of St. Catherine and University streets, one of the best corners in the uptown district. The bank will utilize the lower floor for a banking room. The price is said to be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. The building was erected a couple of years ago.

AGREEMENT REACHED REGARDING MISPEC PULP MILL LEASE.

The Water and Sewerage Board met yesterday afternoon. Reports were made by Engineer Barbour and Director Murdoch about the conditions existing in regard to water power at the Mispec pulp mill. A letter from George McAvity was also read in reference to the matter. The members then discussed the matter privately, after which the following committee was appointed to confer with Messrs. McAvity and Stetson, who were present representing the St. John Pulp and Paper Co.: Mayor Sears, Aldermen Bullock, Christie, Goldrick and Willet. They will prepare a report for presentation to the council at the meeting this morning.

It was agreed on recommendation to make a change in the terms of the lease. The proposal is for the company to retain possession of the pulp mill at the present rental, but to let the lessees have it from one to ten years at their option year by year. At the expiration of ten years the lease to be renewed in terms of five years at the option of the city. The lessees to purchase the city's interest at any time upon a price to be fixed by arbitration. The lessees not to be given any right nor any definite quantity of water.

MUST HAVE CLEAN BILL OF HEALTH.

At a meeting of the Board of Health yesterday afternoon Dr. Levin was appointed as a health official to inspect all persons who had been working in the lumber camps and who are returning to Nova Scotia via the Prince Rupert. This was done at the request of the Digby Board of Health, who desire certificates from the local Board as to the freedom from smallpox or other infectious diseases of the men going to that town from the lumber camps. If necessary the men will be vaccinated.

A large number of the men who have been employed in the woods during the winter are now returning to their homes and Dr. Levin will be stationed at the Prince Rupert each morning it leaves for Digby, to inspect the men before mentioned. Other routine business was taken up by the Board.

EDWARD COCHRANE, M. P. DIED YESTERDAY.

OTTAWA, March 8.—Edward Cochrane, M. P. of Northumberland east, died at the Protestant General Hospital this morning. He was suffering from a cancerous growth in his throat and for some time has had to be fed artificially. He was 72 years old. He was first elected to the commons in 1882 and with the exception of one session in 1887, represented the constituency ever since.

METHODIST MINISTERS TRANSFERRED.

TORONTO, Mar. 8.—The transfer committee of the Methodist church, has arranged the following transfers of ministers among Canadian congregations: Rev. W. J. Deane, Newfoundland to New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island; Rev. T. A. Bowen, Nova Scotia to Alberta; Rev. J. E. Peters, Newfoundland to Hamilton; Rev. Anthony Hill, Newfoundland to Bay of Quinte.

TORONTO, March 8.—Seventy-five Chinamen were fined \$20 each in the police court today for being caught in a gambling house Sunday night last, and Le Chen, keeper of the place, was fined \$50.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY IN MONTREAL SCHOOL FIRE CASE.

MONTREAL, March 8.—The coroner's jury in the case of the death of sixteen scholars and Miss Maxwell on February 24th last rendered a verdict today.

The coroner's jury consisted of 15 men, and they were only 15 minutes in reaching their verdict, which verdict, it might be mentioned, was dictated by the coroner. Not only did they follow his suggestions, but he was eventually called upon to word the verdict. The jury was out 15 minutes. The verdict read:

"1. That the children who lost their lives were asphyxiated as the result of Mr. Hands having left certain doors open and thus involuntarily having allowed the smoke to reach and pass through the halls of the building."

"2. That the fire drill of which the school has boasted had been omitted, besides which the Protestant school commissioners should have ordered more frequent practice of the same."

"3. That Miss Maxwell, the teacher who lost her life, wasted too long in notifying the children of the upper stories of their danger."

"4. That the fire apparatus, namely exterior fire escapes, was missing from the building."

"We, the jury, are of the opinion that none of the grounds given above constitute a crime, and that the Protestant school commissioners cannot, therefore, be held criminally responsible."

"We suggest the following recommendations:

"That in each school a marshal or caretaker shall be employed who shall watch for such exigencies as that of the recent sad affair."

TORONTO, March 8.—Senator Chas. E. Casgrain died at Windsor this morning after a long illness.

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