

LIBERALS ARE WASTING MOST TIME TAKING

Statistics in Parliament Show That Government Members Are Principal Offenders in Obstructive Tactics.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 21.—In the House today W. S. Middlemore, of North Grey read a statement in a Liberal newspaper accusing the opposition of having adopted obstructive tactics in the House.

Remarking that the despatch had a "sublime indifference to truth," he gave statistics of the debates to date since the last day of February. These showed that the Liberal orators occupied 687 columns of Hansard, and the Conservatives only 549 columns. Excluding the Farmers' bank debate, the Liberals had talked 614 columns and the Conservatives 407. Reciprocity had been discussed on portions of five days, and of this the Conservatives had talked 162 columns and the Liberals 285. He concluded, therefore, that the government had obstructed more than had the opposition, if there was obstruction.

The members indulged in what will probably be the last competition of the session in the presentation of resolutions for and against reciprocity. The list was 7 against and 4 for reciprocity. When it was over Hon. Geo. E. Foster observed that, while it was interesting, the rules were being unduly stretched, Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed with the member for North Toronto, and said that in future the rules would be more closely observed.

A Reminder for Sir Frederick. Mr. Crockett (York) quoted from a speech made by Sir Frederick Borden in Boston in October last, when the minister of militia was reported as saying that the general attitude of Canada in regard to the reciprocity negotiations was to let well enough alone.

Sir Frederick said that while the report was fairly accurate, he did not recall using these words. When he made the speech however, he had no idea that the United States would make an arrangement which would not include manufactures. "I would not be foolish or wicked enough," he added, "to refuse to accept an open market for our natural products, the conferred blessing that could be gathered upon the producers of the Dominion."

Mr. Northrup moved a resolution condemning the labor department for failure to prevent the Grand Trunk strike and for failing to oblige Mr. Hays to keep his promise, would be reinstatement of the men. This was debated at some length and the House then went into supply, the amendment being declared lost on a division.

To Serve Bay From St. John. The marine estimates were taken up and Mr. Jameson elicited an interesting statement from Mr. Brodeur, Mr. Jameson advocated having the light house service of Digby, Yarmouth and Annapolis counties on the port of Digby. Mr. Brodeur said that he favored putting the whole of the Bay of Fundy under the St. John agency. He did not know however, how Halifax would like this, the whole of Nova Scotia hitherto having been served from that centre.

The Life Saving Service. Mr. Jameson made a plea for a vessel for life saving service, situated at Digby, holding that it should be kept at Digby through the winter to give assistance to the fishermen. Mr. Brodeur answered that the St. John boats would be available.

Mr. Jameson said that three or four hours delay might mean the loss of lives of the fishermen imperilled, and that it would take some hours for the boat to get to the vicinity of Digby from St. John. In view of the facts that the government had provided for the eastern part of Nova Scotia, that it had two boats at Halifax and two at St. John, it should have a boat at Digby.

Mr. Crosby appealed for better means of educating Canadian seamen in navigation. In connection with the vote for a new life saving station, Mr. Jameson appealed for a station on Digby Neck, suggesting Centreville as a good point. From Westport where there is a station to Victoria Beach, where it is proposed to establish a station, is 45 miles, while it is proposed that there shall be another at Parker's Cove, only 10 miles further on.

L.C.R. TRAINMEN MEET MANAGEMENT TODAY

Conference Will Be Held in Moncton When Several Differences Will Be Considered For Adjustment.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, March 21.—The adjourned meeting between representatives of the Intercolonial Railway Trainmen and the board of management will take place tomorrow. The matter of increase in wages was practically settled last week and tomorrow's meeting is for the adjustment of other differences.

LARGELY OF LARGE SUMS IS CHARGED

Directing Head Of Carnegie Trust Company Charged With Stealing Sums Aggregating \$335,000.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 21.—Out of the tangle of financial transactions which were first made known early last winter by the collapse of Joseph G. Rohrer's chain of banks, run by sky rocket financing, the grand jury today drew the indictment of William J. Cummins, directing head of the Carnegie Trust Company for the alleged larceny of \$335,000 from the institution a year ago.

Arraigned in court late this afternoon, Cummins pleaded not guilty with leave to withdraw the plea, and bail was fixed at \$50,000, which was furnished promptly by a surety company. Cummins is a Tennessee man who came to New York only a few years ago highly recommended as a successful promoter. He gained control of the Carnegie Trust Company and, through his solicitation, it is alleged, that huge city deposits were obtained for the institution shortly after the date of the alleged larcenies with which he is charged in today's indictments.

Specifically he is charged in three indictments with larceny in the first degree of three sums, \$120,000, \$75,000 and \$140,000 on April 21, 22 and 23, 1910, respectively.

Dist. Atty. Whitman has made it plain that he expects other indictments to follow.

The transactions involved in the charges against Cummins were made, it is alleged in an explanatory statement issued tonight by the district attorney, when Cummins feared that stock of the Nineteenth ward bank and the Twelfth ward bank, which was held for collateral for certain loans, would be sold in the open market. To avert this sale, lest it affect other institutions in which he was interested, it is alleged that Cummins desired to buy off this collateral, and therefore made arrangements to borrow money from the Nineteenth ward bank and the then Van Norden Trust Company.

The money was borrowed, it is alleged, on notes of the Carnegie Trust which were immediately endorsed over to the personal account of Cummins and appropriated, it will be charged, to his personal use.

As another development today in connection with the bank investigations Deputy City Chamberlain Walsh made public a letter in which he said that city deposits in the Northern Bank, a Robin institution now closed, were made by him, and not by City Chamberlain Hyde. He denied that he had ever received the enormous sums named in the newspapers.

It was one of his first duties each morning, he said, to see that the deposits were drawn down to the limit of \$150,000, which was covered by a bond.

NATIVES RISING AGAINST WHITES

Natives Of The New Hebrides Islands Are In Warlike Mood And Serious Trouble Is Threatened.

Sydney, N. S. W., Mar. 21.—News received here from the New Hebrides says that the natives of the island of Espiritu Santo have risen against the whites. Espiritu Santo is the largest and westernmost of the New Hebrides. There are not many white inhabitants. The islands are administered by a mixed commission of French and British naval officers. It is reported that assistance has already been sent the threatened people.

MGR. STAGNI IN NEW YORK

Canada's New Apostolic Legate Arrived From Italy Yesterday—Will Not Talk About Canadian Decrees.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 21.—Monsignor Stagni, the new apostolic legate to Canada arrived here today from Italy by the steamship Berlin. He is supposed to bear with him the Canadian decrees formulated two years ago at Quebec by the plenary council, and carried to Rome last spring for ratification by the Vatican. But on this subject the legate was mute. He would not say whether he carried the decrees or not, or when he did carry them, they would be made public. In fact beyond the statement that he had enjoyed his crossing, he would not talk at all.

Graft and Mismanagement Under Commission Rule

Commissioner Bennett, of Cedar Rapids, Explains How, Under This System of "Business Methods", Another Commissioner Robbed the City—"Given Absolute Control" He Pocketed \$900 of Public Money—Exposures in Other Dep'ts—First Two Years Showed Deficit of \$40,000.

The following letter from Commissioner Bennett of Cedar Rapids, showing the possibilities for graft and mismanagement under the commission plan will be read by the electors of this city with considerable interest:—

W. H. STEPANEK, Dept. of Accounts and Finance; PERCY P. SMITH, Dept. of Streets and Public Improvements; HENRY BENNETT, Dept. of Public Safety; ALMON S. REED, Dept. of Parks and Public Property.

Department of Public Safety. H. V. McKinnon, St. John N. B.

Dear Sir:—Replying to your inquiry respecting the conditions by which our defaulting councilman, who was superintendent of parks and public property, was able to secure possession of city funds, would say that he had charge of and supervision over our public parks. During the latter part of the year 1909 the city council decided to purchase a buffalo bull to place in one of the parks, and the said superintendent was instructed to ascertain what such an animal would cost, and an investigation he reported that a good one would cost \$350.00, and the city council accordingly issued a warrant in HIS FAVOR so that he might purchase the buffalo and pay the cash therefor.

The Council Permitted It. In a short time he reported that he could not get the buffalo he wanted at the price of \$350.00, and stated that he would retain the money and "look around a little more" and see if he could not find a buffalo at \$500.00. The council permitted this to be done, presuming that the deal would be carried out as indicated. In the multiplicity of city affairs the matter was forgotten by our city auditor, and the attention of the present administration was called to the transaction by our city auditor.

Shortly after the present council was organized we sold the privilege of selling refreshments in the parks to a party for \$500.00, and not long after the deal was made the purchaser paid the superintendent of parks the sum of \$300.00 "on account," assuming that said superintendent had authority to receive it. Shortly afterwards the city Mayor met the man and asked him if it was not about time for him to pay for the refreshment booth privilege, and he replied that he had already paid \$300.00 to the superintendent of parks.

Arrested For Embezzlement. As the money had been in possession of the said superintendent for about two months, and as it should have been paid direct to the city treasurer and not pass through the hands of the councilman, the city council called a special meeting of investigation, with the result that said councilman was arrested for embezzlement, but his relatives reimbursed the city for all shortages, and criminal charge was dismissed by the court, and, on request, the councilman resigned.

Our city council authorized said superintendent to sell a horse for the sum of \$150.00, and he collected the money therefor and kept it. He also sold a lot of wood, being from trees trimmed out of the various parks, for which he collected nearly \$100.00.

Under our system of government all moneys should be paid direct to the city treasurer, but of course the public, not understanding all the little legal requirements, assume that the several councilmen are authorized to transact any kind of city business and receive money.

Comments Of The Press. The following comment was published by one of our leading daily papers at the time of the discovery of the defalcation:—"We want to assure the 'Optimus' (newspaper) that we continue to believe that the first two years of the commission plan in Cedar Rapids were a 'wonderful mass of rottenness.' We have no desire to retract a word of this statement. This paper is a fair and impartial one, and the other in the department of public improvements. But, as a matter of fact, it should have included all the departments, especially the department of parks."

"At the time these exposures were made, many tried to say that the Republican and Times were animated by spite and what not. But every word that was printed about the departments attacked by these papers was literally true. At that time it looked as if the parks were innocent of wrong, but they were as red with guilt as the other departments. And the fiscal department, presided over by an honest man, Mr. Allison, was so deficient that a commissioner could get away with \$350.00 and not be detected. Even the ward clerks who went over the books failed to detect these errors and omissions."

"No wonder that the city closed the first two years under the 'Detronement of the Bosses' with a deficit of \$40,000.00. We spent money like drunken sailors, and thought we were headed for the greater glory that ought to belong to cities."

Yours very truly, (Signed) H. BENNETT.

OTTAWA DRIVE WILL BE LATE

Ice And Cold Weather Will Hold Back Logs On Ottawa River—Cut About 500 Million Feet.

Ottawa, March 21.—"Lumber driving on the Ottawa is likely to be later this year than usual," said Senator Edwards this morning. "This is owing to the exceptional thickness of the ice and the continuous cold weather of the winter."

Senator Edwards said that the total log cut this year would be somewhat less than usual, probably under 500,000,000 feet. The cut would not affect the mill operations this season, however, as there were sufficient logs stored to bring the operations up to the average. The lumbermen were stored all out of the woods, and the drivers were going up every day.

The senator went on to say that the market for the lower grades of lumber remained sluggish, and there seemed little prospect of an early improvement. The condition of the market, however, was not likely to have any effect on the shipments from here. The Ottawa Valley supplied only about two per cent. of the consumption in the States so that the market there would have to be extremely dull before the effect was felt here.

The senator knew nothing about the reported attempt of Americans to gobble up Canadian lumber industries. "The Americans have been going to gobble us up for some time," said he, "but they have not succeeded in doing so yet."

who will act as secretary to the papal legate. He also was without positive knowledge as to the decrees, but he believed their publication would be a matter of formal announcement, at some date yet to be named. He accompanied Monsignor Stagni to the pro-cathedral at Brooklyn, where they will probably remain until Thursday afternoon before leaving for Ottawa.

ARE PAPERS HELD BACK?

Counsel For Prosecution In Lanctot Graft Investigation, Claims Government Is Trying To Hold Information.

Ottawa, Mar. 21.—The feature of the evidence at the resumption of the charges against Lanctot, M. P., for Richelieu, in the commons committee on privileges and elections today, was the testimony of F. J. Papineau, director of the Sorel shipyards. According to the witness he was not aware at any time that men from the yards were painting Mr. Lanctot's house, nor was he informed of it until after the case was done and he received a cheque for \$375, accompanied by the account.

He had not sent the account. He had made a report on the matter to the department at Ottawa. In reply to a question Mr. Papineau said he would not have authorized the work. Mr. McDougall, K. C., for Mr. Blondin, M. P., who made the charges against Mr. Lanctot, complained that all the papers in the case were not being brought down. Accountant L. A. Traverser under examination, said he had no books showing entries for the account, nor were there any at the shipyard's office.

CANADIAN NORTHERN BUILDING NEW LINES

Contracts For \$8,000,000 Worth Of Work In The West Have Been Let To Winnipeg Construction Companies.

Winnipeg, Mar. 21.—The Canadian Northern Railway today awarded to the Cowan Construction Company and the Northern Construction Company, \$8,000,000 worth of new lines in the west, to be completed this year, that from a point near Red Deer, Alberta, to Calgary, being the most important. Also 200 miles of main line west of Edmonton.

RUSSIA HAS A NEW PREMIER

M. Kokensoff, Formerly Minister Of Finance Will Wear Stolypin's Mantle—Other Changes Expected.

St. Petersburg, March 21.—V. Kokensoff, who has been minister of finance, has accepted the premiership of Nicholas today, when he was formally offered and accepted the premiership in succession to P. A. Stolypin, whose resignation was announced yesterday.

The official publication of the new appointments to the ministry may be delayed for a day or two. The only immediate change expected is the promotion of M. Makaroff to the post of minister of the interior, which has been held by Stolypin. Makaroff has been the assistant to the minister of interior for some time.

M. Krivoshein, the minister of agriculture will retire soon because of ill health. He is one of the closest friends of Stolypin, but had a serious controversy at one time with the premier, regarding the transfer of the Peasants' bank from the control of the minister of finance to that of the minister of agriculture.

D.A.R. FREIGHT CHARGES ON THE BAY STEAMERS

Railway Commission Hears Complaints Re Rate Charged For Carrying Fish From Digby To St. John.

Ottawa, Mar. 21.—The board of railway commissioners met this morning in their offices on Queen street, and heard complaints from D. and O. Sproule, that the charges made on fish by the Dominion Atlantic Railway were excessive between Digby and St. John.

LIBERALS GIVE THE TELEGRAPH

False Statements Of The Political Liar Of Dredgers' Morning Organ Speedily Contradicted.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Mar. 21.—The desperate attempt inaugurated by the St. John Telegraph's special political correspondent, to try to make it appear that there was a "deal" in the recent civic election, and to use the report to the detriment in this city of the candidacy of Dr. O. E. Morehouse in the York county by-election, met with the expected straightforward denials from the aldermen-elect at the city council's first meeting tonight.

Ald. W. E. Farrell, one of this city's most prominent Liberals, opened the ball by declaring the inventor of the story was an "inveterate liar" and of a "diseased mind."

Ald. Hooper, for many years secretary of the Liberal association of York county, also gave the story the lie and said that many prominent members of the party who were opposed to the government were against contesting the election including ex-Ald. Vanwart and Mitchell, Alexander, Gibson, Jr., of Marysville; John A. Campbell, ex-M. P. of Kingsclear, and others.

Ald. Edward Moore, president of the Liberal Association of York County, who the A. E. Hanson, J. D. Phinney faction have tried to "double cross," also gave the story the lie, as did also Ald. Guthrie, secretary of the Liberal Conservative Association and Ald. Calder, while Mayor Thomas ridiculed the story.

These statements from prominent Liberals show the extent to which the opposition campaign has sunk in this by-election. The independent and intelligent electorate of York county will not stand for any such methods and will show it on the 30th by their great majority for the Hazen government candidate.

The campaign is proving much more satisfactory to the government forces than anticipated. Opposition meetings at Millville and Burt's Cove, last night, broke up with cheers for Dr. Morehouse and Mr. Hazen's government, while, on the other hand, the government party met with enthusiastic and tonight's meetings at Nashwaakias, Prince William and elsewhere were no exception. Warden Howard Rogers presided at the Nashwaakias meeting which was much more largely attended than the opposition meeting at the same place on Saturday night.

WILL BE A TEST OF RECIPROCIITY

Bye-election in North York, Ontario, Formerly Represented By Sir A. B. Aylesworth To Be Held Soon.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, March 21.—A bye election in the constituency of North York, at present represented by Sir A. B. Aylesworth, will take place before the close of the present session, and it was reported tonight that orders have been sent to Mr. Parmelee, the King's printer to get the voters lists for this riding out immediately. This will be the first test on the reciprocity issue.

That the government will throw the whole force of its machinery into the fight in order to snatch a victory is assured, and the secret was well kept of their intentions.

With the disappearance of Sir Allan Aylesworth, a cabinet vacancy will have to be filled, and Hugh Guthrie is generally recognized as the next in line for preferment, if Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not follow his habit of recent years and go outside his following in parliament for his cabinet member.

Should this happen the riding of South Wellington would be opened up and a pretty fight should ensue, as it is a mixed manufacturing and farming constituency.

BAD NEWS FOR THE "GREAT WHITE WAY"

With Lobsters At 65 Cents a Pound, Midnight Suppers Will Tend To Lose Their Popularity.

Boston, Mass., Mar. 21.—At 65 cents a pound lobsters crawled up to a new high price in this city today. Most of the receipts at this time of the year are from Nova Scotia, but the supply from that quarter has fallen off to 300 crates as compared with 1,900 crates received in the corresponding week a year ago and nearly 400 crates brought in last week.

BACK BENCH MEN HEARD

Budget Debate Continued Until After Midnight By Mr. Byrne Of Gloucester, And Mr. Legere Of Westmorland

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 21.—The back benchers held forth at great length in the budget debate in the legislature today and only after midnight when the house adjourned.

The whole afternoon was taken up with routine business and this evening Mr. Byrne of Gloucester spent about a couple of hours in finishing up his speech.

The government did not consider his criticism very seriously and he was followed by Mr. Legere of Westmorland who spoke until after 12 o'clock when Dr. Bourque of Kent moved the adjournment of the debate which will be continued again tomorrow.

Among the visitors at the House tonight was B. Frank Smith, M.P.P. of Carleton county, who was warmly welcomed by his many friends.

Mr. Wilson of St. John relieved the speaker this evening and presided over the deliberations of the House in an excellent manner, as did Mr. Prescott of Albert last night.

Fredericton, March 21.—The House met at three o'clock. Hon. Mr. Grimmer, in the absence of Hon. Mr. Morrissey, in answer to Mr. Tweeddale's enquiry, gave the amounts paid for work on the road between Grand Falls and Plaster Rock.

Mr. Copp gave notice of enquiry respecting unpaid stumpage. Mr. Lezer, Westmorland, gave notice of enquiry regarding the expenditure in the parish of Dorchester, Westmorland county.

Mr. Hart presented the petition of the town of St. Andrews in favor of a bill relating to the alma house farm at St. John.

Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the act respecting local courts. Mr. Robinson gave notice of enquiry respecting payments for the administration of justice.

Mr. Burchill seconded by Mr. Jones, Kings, moved his resolution respecting the federal law relating to water carriage of goods.

Important to Lumbermen. Mr. Burchill said that the resolution was of great importance to the lumber industry in this province, and it was on that account that he brought the matter up in this House. He said that it had been the practice for masters of vessels to give what was known as a clean bill of lading to shippers of lumber and unless lost by stress of weather this clean bill of lading made the master responsible for the delivery of all the lumber that the bill of lading covered.

A clean bill of lading therefore acted as a receipt to the shipper and a guarantee to deliver to the consignee and could also be taken up as a lien and would serve as security for any advance money on the shipment.

The act passed by the parliament of Canada last year relating to the liability for any deficiency in measurement and sollicitors in England claimed that shippers could not now be compelled to issue bills of lading, the master of the ship has his remedy in his privilege to place sworn scales on the cargo.

Section 10 of the act passed by the parliament of Canada last year had been incorporated without the knowledge of the shippers, and the act would also be taken up as a lien and would serve as security for any advance money on the shipment.

Just how this important legislation had been put through without the knowledge of the shippers he could not understand. He read extracts from letters from brokers in England, to show that buyers there declared they would not purchase hereafter except on written guarantee that they would receive the quantity stated in the bill of lading.

St. John shippers were taking active steps to have the act repealed, or at least that section 10 be taken out. Petitions were being circulated in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and a delegation would go to Ottawa, to submit the resolution in the House he stated that it met with the approbation of the premier.

Inconvenience to Shippers. Mr. Robinson said he concurred in what had been said and that the objectionable section of the act would affect lumber shipments not only to England, but also all over the world, and it would also be realized what a great inconvenience to the shippers it would be if they had to have agents at every point to which they shipped to see that the proper scale was made of the shipment.

The act must have gone through parliament without proper consideration, and he felt a memorial such as suggested from this legislature might help to remedy an evil to the whole lumber trade of this country.

Amendments to Elections Act. Hon. Mr. Hazen moved, seconded by Mr. Robinson that a committee of seven be appointed by Mr. Speaker to take up the proposed amendments to the elections act and report to the House. He said the object of the motion was to continue the work started last year for the purpose of finding a law to do away with corrupt practices which, it was to be regretted, were only too evident in this country now. In Westmorland county an association was active along this line and he believed before the close of the session the amendments could bring in a bill to be passed by the House which would go a long way.

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