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DECISIONS GIVEN BY FULL COURT

Appellants Succeed in Case Arising From Chehalis Collision

NATAL ACT AND HINDUS

Order for New Trial in Libel Suit of Green Versus the World

Vancouver, April 29.—The C.P.R. lost and the half dozen plaintiffs won in the case of Bryce vs. C.P.R. by the full court's decision, given late this afternoon. Both Chief Justice Hunter and Mr. Justice Clement held that the Princess Victoria's speed was excessive on the day of the collision with the Chehalis. The chief justice added: "In my view the Princess Victoria was solely to blame for the accident, and violated articles 23, 24, 25 and 26 of the rules governing vessels under such circumstances." Mr. Justice Irving, however, dissented and agreed with the decision of Mr. Justice Martin and the two assessors, which decision is now reversed by the judgments of the other two members of the court today.

The chief justice thus apportioned damages: Robert Bryce, $10,000 and $5,000 as administrator of the estate of his wife, who was drowned; Mr. Henwell, $1,000, and $3,000 for the loss of his son, to be equally divided between father and mother; Engineer Dean, of the Chehalis, $1,500; Mr. Crawford, $4,000 for the loss of his son; Capt. House, of the Chehalis, $2,000, if entitled to damages in an admiralty case pending the suit of the Union Steamship Co. against the C.P.R. for the value of the Chehalis.

Counsel for the C.P.R. stated that Crawford had abandoned his appeal, and was therefore not entitled to receive the amount now awarded. The company's counsel also asked for and obtained leave to appeal direct to the privy council.

In Green vs. the World newspaper the full court also set aside the decision of Mr. Justice Clement and granted Mr. Green a new trial, with costs of his successful appeal, costs of the first trial to abide the result of a second trial, as Mr. Justice Irving also gave a dissenting judgment, the chief justice and Mr. Justice Morrison agreeing to the order for a new trial. The case will likely be carried to the supreme court at Ottawa.

The court dismissed the appeal of the attorney general against the recent decision holding that the Natal act did not apply to Hindus. The chief justice said that the Dominion government by excluding certain classes had thereby dealt with all, and had said in effect that all others should be permitted to land. They had covered the whole field, and no provincial legislature had any right to further legislature regarding immigration. "I may add," said the chief justice, "that the Dominion government is expending a large sum of money annually in encouraging immigration."

These decisions were also given: Huntting vs. McAdam, dismissed; Rex vs. Scherf, a case from Nelson, allowed; Foss vs. Hill, allowed; Scott vs. McCarter, allowed. Smith vs. Livington, dismissed; Ferara vs. Blight, allowed.

BOUND FOR NECHACO

Advance Guard of Colony From Neighboring States Goes in By Way of Ashcroft

Ashcroft, April 29.—Very quietly, without any particular flourish of trumpets such as sometimes attends a stampede to a new country, W. P. Groesbeck conducted an advance guard of fifteen into Ashcroft. Mr. Groesbeck is the British Columbia location agent for Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, and makes his headquarters in Spokane, Washington.

The fifteen men who accompany him are experienced ranchers and are sent out as an advance guard by a colony of some 200, who will follow as soon as they receive a report from these men.

This party, headed by Mr. Groesbeck will leave Ashcroft in a couple of days for Quesnel. From there they will follow the telegraph trail to the survey on the Lower Nechaco river, where they intend to take up pre-emptions of 160 acres apiece. Prominent among this advance guard are C. F. Lonnert, John McDermott and J. L. Saxton, all of Washington.

Mr. Snider and son of Calgary joined the party here and are purchasing several horses, wagons, saddles, etc., to take into the new country.

John Pervi of Alberta also intends going to the Nechaco, or, more properly speaking, into the Oota Lake country. He has already purchased a fine span of mares from the S. X. that will weigh 1,600 apiece, and says stock-raising looks good to him in that locality.

James Sutherland and R. P. Macpherson, two young men who have partly outfitted here, left on Thursday for St. Francis Lake, where they will settle. They say their greatest trouble so far has been to secure horses, a load of which could be disposed of in a few days.

Horse Thieves Active

Regina, April 29.—The ravages of an organized gang of horse thieves in the Mounted Mountain district are a source of continual worry to the ranchers in the district, and although the Mounted Police do their best to keep the thieves down, there were a large number of horses stolen from ranchers the last year and the robbers are becoming more bold. So alarming have conditions become now that the matter is being brought to the attention of the provincial government by one of the residents of that district, unless there is some relief for the present situation one at least of the ranchers will move out of the district.

Vancouver Building Record.

Vancouver, April 29.—All monthly building records in Vancouver will be broken by April, which today reached permits for $1,340,000.

Body Found in River

Napanee, Ont., April 29.—The body of Alex. Smith, who disappeared on March 28, was found floating in the river here yesterday. From the condition of the clothing it was evidently a case of accidental drowning.

Settlers for West

Toronto, April 29.—Five hundred settlers left the Union station for western Canada yesterday afternoon. This was the last of the home-seekers' excursion of the season. About 5,000 have left during the two months past.

Farmer's Suicide

St. Jacobs, Ont., April 29.—Wendels Bowman, a well-to-do-farmer, 48 years old, committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn yesterday. He leaves a widow and two sons. The cause of his act is unknown.

Women's Auxiliary.

New Westminster, April 29.—The following officers were elected at the annual meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the Royal Columbian hospital held on Monday: President, laid over; first vice-president, Mrs. Ferguson; second vice-president, Mrs. Walker; third vice-president, Mrs. Dauphinee; treasurer, Mrs. Rothwell; secretary, Miss Armstrong. The following committees were filled: Buying committee, Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. A. Hudson; sewing committee, Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Dauphinee and Mrs. Meredith; entertainment committee, Mrs. A. H. Gordon, Mrs. Goulet, Mrs. Grey, Miss Anderson, Miss Herring; visiting committee, Mrs. Dauphinee, Mrs. Meredith; delegates to the woman's council, Mrs. Welsh, Mrs. Ferguson, Mrs. Tidy, Mrs. Walker.

W. A. GALLIHER, M. P. GETS G. T. P. OFFICE

Messrs. Macdonald and Buchanan Mentioned for the Kootenay Seat

Vancouver, April 29.—It is stated on good authority that W. A. Galliher, M. P. for Kootenay, has been offered and will accept the western solicitorship and parliamentary agency for the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company. His headquarters are to be at Vancouver.

For Mr. Galliher's seat in the commons the names most prominently mentioned are those of W. A. Macdonald, K. C., of Nelson, as Conservative candidate and G. O. Buchanan of Kalso, the well-known lumberman and Dominion lead county commissioner, as representative of the Liberals.

Westinghouse Reorganization.

New York, April 29.—The merchandise plans for the rehabilitation of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturning company has been approved by the representatives of claims aggregating $3,500,000, out of a total of $4,250,000 of merchandise debt, according to a statement issued today by the merchandise creditors' committee. One of the features of the merchandise creditors' plans is an offer to take stock in the Westinghouse company at par in payment of their claims to an amount aggregating $4,000,000. The plan provides that $10,000,000 of new assenting stock must be subscribed for. With the $4,000,000 to be taken by creditors, it will be necessary for the stockholders to provide the remaining $6,000,000. In a circular to stockholders sent out today by George Westinghouse, the stockholders are urged to subscribe promptly to prevent a sale of the property.

G. T. P. CONTRACTS

John E. Bostrom Gets Five Miles—Other Contractors on Ground Ready to Take Work

Prince Rupert, April 29.—The past week has been rather an uneventful one in Prince Rupert as regards railway construction. John E. Bostrom has been awarded a five-mile section near Point Mowich on the Skeena, adjoining Contractor McHugh's section on the east. The tug Native left here yesterday with two scowloads of construction junk and lumber to build his camps, which will be established opposite Port Essington.

The sawmills at Seal Harbor and Georgetown have been unable to furnish the quantities of lumber required to erect the different camps, and as a result active operations by the subcontractors have been delayed. Some hitch also occurred in the powder shipment which should have arrived here last week; however, it will arrive shortly, and the coming week will without doubt see the first sod turned, and blasting commenced on the different sections already "subbed" between her and Aberdeen, which now amount to ten miles altogether.

Messrs. Burd, Wing and Bugge of the Burd Contracting company, of Bellingham, railway builders, are here to help build part of the first hundred miles of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway on the Skeena river, and are now busy looking over the ground before selecting their station and signing contracts.

Messrs. H. & A. McClure, who built part of the Alaska Central railway, and F. Antonelli, a well known railway contractor who built the first ten miles of the E. & N. railway out of Victoria, are also here, and are settled temporarily in tents on the wharf. They will also do subwork for Foley, Welch & Stewart, but have not as yet signed contracts.

Conservative Victory

Halifax, N.S., April 29.—Crosby (Conservative) was elected mayor of Halifax by more than 900 majority over Hawkins (Liberal). In every ward of the city Conservative aldermen were also elected.

LAYING PLANS FOR GRAIN ROUTE

Canadian Pacific Project to Divert Traffic From Buffalo

VICTORIA HARBOR SCHEME

Government's Promise to Aid by Means of Dredging Harbor

Montreal, April 28.—The largest interest has been awakened here since the Hon. Dr. Pugsley practically promised that the government would dredge Victoria harbor, thus meeting the C.P.R. half way in making that place the company's great grain port on Georgian Bay, and by so doing divert if possible the millions of grain now going to the seaboard via Buffalo to the St. Lawrence route.

It appears that the C.P.R.'s plans at Victoria harbor are on a grand scale. They provide for an elevator of ten million bushels capacity, to be constructed in five units of two millions each, while the plant's handling capacity will be 62,000 bushels per hour or one trainload of 62 cars, which is the number the company claims able to haul with one locomotive.

From Montreal to Peterboro the company's existing road of 262 miles in length is being double tracked, and a further extension of 97 miles to Victoria will be completed, the whole having a grade of three-tenths of one per cent., or practically a level road. The company is endeavoring to do for Canada what the Illinois Central is doing for New Orleans, as this road is taking grain to New Orleans by a similarly level system at a cheaper rate than it can be taken down the Mississippi in barges.

Sailors Resent Overcharges

Santa Barbara, Cal., April 29.—After a stay of five days in this port the United States battleship fleet will sail at 6 a.m. tomorrow for Monterey, the next scheduled place. An outbreak occurred in the street last night, in which several hundred sailors threw stones and clubs and partially wrecked a small restaurant at 121 State street, owned by John Senich. It was a culmination of numerous small difficulties which have accurred during the week the fleet has been here, between sailors and local tradesmen. The bad feeling has been due principally to a system of overcharge in the payment of meals and other purchases which the sailors had been confronted.

HINDUS BRING SUIT TO RECOVER DAMAGES

Claim Wrongful Imprisonment Under Dominion Order-in-Council

Vancouver, April 29.—Seventy writs, rolled up in one, were today hurled at the head of Dr. A. S. Monro, as Dominion Medical Inspector and Immigration Officer, by Hindus detained and imprisoned, wrongfully, as the court said, under the defective order-in-council judicially annulled four weeks ago by Mr. Justice Clement.

Its invalidity chiefly consisted in its giving to the Minister of the Interior powers which the Governor-General-in-Council could alone exercise, as the Dominion government admitted by issuing a new order on the lines suggested by the court.

The Dominion government is therefore virtually the defendant in this combine consolidated suit, the largest ever issued by Orientals in Vancouver, a case in which the Dominion will pay the doctor's bill if the Hindus succeed.

The amount of damages sought by each is not named in the big writ entered in their behalf by Brydone-Jack & Ross. As a test case it names six plaintiffs, Behari Lal and Jewalla Singh being the chief, all six living at the Maple Leaf Refuge on Granville street.

In the event of a decision in their favor, it is probable that the government will speedily settle with the rest of the seventy held as prisoners under that defective first order-in-council. A jury, which will assess the amount of damages in the test case, will hear the action at an early date.

Macdonell & Jones will appear for the doctor.

SUIT DISMISSED

Judgment of Full Court on Appeal in Case of Jenns vs. Oppenheimer

Vancouver, April 29.—The full court today gave a decision dismissing with costs the action brought by E. A. Jenns against the trustees of the Oppenheimer estate, for $50,000. Jenns won in the trial court. The trustees appealed and on the new ground succeeded in securing a dismissal of the entire case. The ground is that Jenns cannot have the right of action against the Oppenheimer trustees because all the assets in the street railway of early Vancouver were, in 1896, turned over to the British Columbia Consolidated Electric company, and a special act of the legislature was passed enabling that transfer.

Lake Superior Navigation

Port Arthur, Ont., April 29.—The first passenger boat of the season, the Huronic, arrived today from Sarnia.

Assassin's Work Complete

Winnipeg, April 29.—John Korlak, who was shot in the back by an unknown assailant on Monday night, is dying. The police have no clue to the perpetrator of the act.

Arrested for Shooting

Montreal, April 29.—George Wilson, who shot and killed Wencelas Fortin at Chambly on Monday night, was brought before Police Magistrate Lafontaine this morning and remanded for the inquest. Bail was refused.

Honorary Degrees Conferred

Kingston, Ont., April 29.—Queen's university this afternoon conferred the honorary degree of L.L.D., upon Hon. John Charlton, Sir Sandford Fleming, Dr. Baker (John S. Hopkins university, Baltimore), and Milton L. Hersey (Montreal).

Guilty of Usury.

Winnipeg, April 29.—Sarah A. Clegg, who is conducting the money lending business of D. H. Tolman & Company here, was found guilty of usury yesterday by Judge Myers. She was remanded for sentence, as counsel for the defence intimated that the case would be appealed.

Undesirable Foreigners

Toronto, April 29.—E. Blake Robertson, assistant superintendent of immigration for the Dominion, arrived in Toronto today to look into the condition of Bulgarians whom the city of Toronto has asked the Dominion government to deport. Dr. Bruce Smith, inspector of prisons, has written Mayor Oliver that there are 78 foreigners in the jail who should be deported, and it has been decided to ask the government to deport these also.

PAPER PUBLISHERS SQUEEZED BY TRUST

House Committee Impressed With Figures Given By Mr. Norris

Washington, April 29.—More evidence tending to show that there is a combination of paper manufacturers of news print in the United States was adduced to-day.

John Norris, of the New York Times, representing the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, continued his testimony and presented numerous letters and documents to bear out his contention. Apparently the committee was impressed with the annual statement of the International Paper Company for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, showing an increased cost of production of 60 cents a ton as against the raise in the price of paper of $12 a ton.

Chairman Mann, appreciating the importance of this testimony, announced that he would go to the bottom to ascertain the cause of so large an increase in the price of paper. During the day Mr. Norris formulated a number of questions which he wished the committee to propound at once to the International Paper Company and others, and also submitted the names of a dozen persons identified with the paper business whom he desired subpoenaed.

Asked for a statement regarding the Canadian mills, Mr. Norris said they were running at this time because American mills had combined to maintain prices at such a high figure that Canadian mills could pay $6 a ton in freight and still undersell the price which the combine had fixed as its selling basis.

Adjournment was then taken until to-morrow.

CONCERNING A CLUB

Mystery Surrounds Withdrawals of Its Charter Members

London, April 29.—Clubmen and clubwomen are greatly agitated over the circumstances connected with the formation of the Imperial and Colonial club. Mysterious notices have been appearing in the daily papers stating that one celebrity after another has withdrawn his membership. As a matter of fact, a great many noble lords and ladies have withdrawn their names and there is every chance that the club will never be started—at least not in its present form.

The secretary of the club a divorced woman, who was connected with the formation of the American rendezvous in Regent street, and who has had a varied career, is the cause of all the trouble. From various sources, including the colonies, a sum of about $40,000 has passed through her hands for "organizing" the club, which has temporary premises near Piccadilly. As a very small part of the sum mentioned remains, the noble lords and ladies asked for details of expenditures, which are not forthcoming.

The first cloud came when the Bishop of London withdrew his name. His resignation was followed by that of the Duke of Newcastle. Then Sir Gilbert Parker and Lord and Lady Llongattock gracefully retired and were followed by the Marquis de Soveral, the Portuguese minister, and many others. The fair secretary is defiant, although now hotly pursued by creditors in all parts of London, and the bitter fight now raging is likely to be heard of in the law courts.

Tunnel to Reach Vault

Winnipeg, April 29.—A daring but unsuccessful attempt was made last Sunday night to rob the branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Weston, a suburb of this city. A hole six inches square was tunnelled through the outer wall of the vault but the burglars did not succeed in securing an entrance or getting away with any booty. They were evidently either frightened away or else became daunted at the unexpected size of the job they had undertaken and abandoned it.

CORTES OPENED BY KING MANUEL

Route From Palace to Parliament Buildings Lined With Troops

POPULACE SHOWS RESPECT

Address to Parliament Recommends Some Needed Changes

Lisbon, April 29.—The Portuguese Cortes re-assembled today, the eighty-second anniversary of the establishment of a constitutional government in Portugal. The royal mourning for the late King Carlos and his son was suspended for the occasion. The entire garrison of Lisbon was turned out at daylight and formed along the route from the Necessidades palace to the parliament buildings.

King Manuel proceeded to the Cortes accompanied by many dignitaries of state and escorted by a strong guard of troops. The floor of the chamber was filled with the deputies and the peers, while the galleries were crowded with a brilliant audience.

His Majesty mounted slowly the tribune especially prepared for his use. His address, which he read in strong and full tones, not unlike those of his father, was pathetic and at the same time a practical and vigorous discourse calculated to win over the sympathies of the people. He touched upon the tragedy of February 1, when his father and brother were shot down, with the utmost delicacy and tact, referring to the "cruel disappearance of my father and brother." Continuing, he called upon the country to concentrate all its energies in a supreme effort to attain the realization of the destinies of Portugal. "I hope to work with you," the King said, "in order to bring about the happiness and greatness of our country. To these I henceforth dedicate my life and activities."

Continuing, King Manuel recommended a revision of the constitution, the re-establishment of individual rights, a new electoral law, fixing the rights of suffrage, revision of the decrees promulgated by ex-Premier Franco, and more rigid and careful control of finance, whereby the country could be placed on a more economical footing.

At the conclusion of the King's speech the members of the Cortes broke out into cries of "long live the King," which were taken up and received by the others present, as King Manuel and the States dignitaries took their departure.

When journeying to and from the buildings of parliament, King Manuel was respectfully greeted by the people.

NATIVES THREATEN FRENCH RESIDENTS

Town of Battambang in Siam at Mercy of Annamese Rebels

Paris, April 29.—The Temps to-day publishes a special dispatch from Battambang, saying that the town is at the mercy of natives, who have risen in revolt and are threatening the European residents. The troops are insufficient to ensure protection.

This town is in Siam, in the French sphere of influence. Recent dispatches from Saigon, Cochin China, said the natives of the Central Annam provinces were in a state of rebellion, owing to the abuses indulged in by the local mandarin. The Central Annam provinces are not far from Battambang, which is about forty miles from the Cochin China frontier.

GOV. JOHNSON'S DREAM

Thinks Stars and Stripes Should "Float From Bering Sea to Gulf of Mexico"

Detroit, Mich., April 29.—In his address to the Wholesalers' association, after luncheon here today, Governor Johnson of Minnesota, said: "The problem of the future is the government of America by Americans. In the working out of this problem I believe we must obliterate the imaginary line between the United States of America and the Canadian States of America. I can see no reason for the division and I believe the flag bearing the stars and stripes must finally float from Bering sea to the Gulf of Mexico. The intellectual energy of the country must be directed to the commercial union of the countries, if to no other. I spoke in Sarnia, Ont., the same topic some time ago, and my words were greeted with even greater enthusiasm than you are now showing. If the products of business men of Detroit went free and unhampered into Canada perhaps the flag would follow."

Settles With Mechanics

Winnipeg, April 29.—The trouble between the Canadian Northern Railway company and its mechanics has come to a satisfactory conclusion and there will be no further trouble. A settlement was reached last night between the men and the officials of the company and each made concessions which will be made public tomorrow. One thing that has been altered is the working time, and the men are benefited by this change. General Superintendent Cameron expressed his satisfaction at the progress of the negotiations, and said that everything was practically fixed up.

Sentence for Burglary.

Ottawa, April 29.—Samuel Lester, of Toronto, was sentenced today to three years in the penitentiary for burglary.

Silk by Special Train.

Vancouver, April 29.—Nine cars of raw silk, which arrived by the Empress of India from the Orient, left for the East last night by special train.

Conducting a Lottery

Prince Albert, Sa[illegible] April 29.—Justice Johnson impo[illegible] fine of $100 or two month's impri[illegible] on Mayor H. A. MacEwen, of Southern, found guilty of conducting a lottery involving $700.

Minnesota Bank Robbed

Winnipeg, April 29.—A special from Stephen, Minnesota, says six men cracked the safe of the National bank there this morning, getting $8,000. William Merdink, a merchant, opened fire on the robbers and shot one of them, but his companions carried him away.

Northern Pacific May Build

Winnipeg, April 29.—General Manager Slade, of the Northern Pacific, is in the city today. The rumor that the Northern Pacific would build an independent line from Pembina on the boundary to Winnipeg, is again revived. The Northern Pacific now comes in over the Canadian Northern tracks.

Wounded by His Own Gun

Winnipeg, April 29.—Levere McKay, a farmer of St. Eustache, Manitoba, was shot and dangerously wounded yesterday while shooting geese with a friend. While crawling through the bush the trigger of his gun caught him in the hand. He was brought into St. Boniface hospital, where he lies in a precarious condition. McKay is father of a large family, and is 74 years of age.

PRESERVATION OF CANADIAN TIMBER

Commission May Be Appointed—Copy of the Boundary Treaty Promised

Ottwa, April 29.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier intimated in the House today that either a commission or a commission would be appointed shortly to study the question of Canada's timber and pulp wood areas, with a view of arriving at ways and means of preserving them. The matter came up on the request of Mr. Lewis that a special committee be appointed to study and report on the timber resources of the country. Mr. Lewis desired to find out in particular what would be the result of a Canadian export duty on pulp wood in the United States. In replying Sir Wilfid referred to the importance of the subject, and declared he did not agree with those who held that Canad's resources were inexhaustible. The premier intimated that he would have an announcement to make shortly.

Mr. Foster wanted to know if there was any way in which the veterans of Canada could be taken to the Quebec tercentenary. Sir Wilfrid replied that the vote only covered the active militia. He would communicate with the tercentenary commission and find out if anything could be done in regard to the matter.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that a copy of the Anglo-American treaty dealing with the boundary and fishery questions would be brought down as soon as the imperial consent had been given to it.

The House then went into supply on the estimates of the department of public works dealing with public buildings in Ontario.

MEMBER'S SEAT ATTACKED

Suit Said to Be Brought for Disqualification of Mr. Hughes, M.P. for King's, P. E. I.

Montreal, April 29.—The Gazette's Ottawa correspondent says: A sensation has been created in parliamentary circles by a rumor current, which reached Ottawa yesterday, that a writ had been issued against J. J. Hughes, M. P. for Kings, P. E. I., for $12,000, accumulated penalty for breach of the independence of parliament act. Mr. Hughes is a merchant at Souris, and it is alleged that for some time he has been furnishing supplies to the government, which, if it be true, clearly renders him liable for the penalties which the statute provides.

Ottawa, April 29.—Regarding the suit for his disqualification, Mr. Hughes, member for Kings, P. E. I., says he is ready to resist the action, which, in his opinion, has been taken more for purposes of annoyance than anything else. He says there is absolutely nothing to the charge that has been alleged against him, and he is still attending to his parliamentary duties. He has instructed his solicitors to fight the matter.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS

House to Be Dissolved on Saturday and Elections to Be Held on June 8th

Toronto, April 29.—It was announced officially tonight that the provincial legislature would be dissolved this coming Saturday. Nominations will be held on June 1 and the elections on June 8.

G. T. P. Construction

Edmonton, April 29.—N. D. Edgecombe, superintendent of construction for the G.T.P. line being constructed west of Edmonton, is in the city today. Mr. Edgecombe, whose headquarters are at Stoney Plain, has supervision of the entire construction work of the G.T.P. grade from Clover Bar to the Macleod river. He reports the work of grading this part of the line as progressing favorably. A large force of men are employed, and huge graders are rapidly tearing up the soil and preparing the grade.

OTTAWA GOSSIP ON PROROGATION

Fixing of Date for Ontario Elections May Mean Listen End of Session

MEMBERS EAGER TO STUMP

Election Act Amendment Worst Obstacle in the Way of Progress

Montreal, April 29.—The Gazette's parliamentary correspondent sends the following from Ottawa: "The official announcement from Toronto that the Ontario legislature will be dissolved on Saturday, with the elections to be held on June 8, is the chief topic of conversation in the lobbies and rooms 16 and 6 tonight. Coming on the heels of the apparently well-founded report current today, that after next week morning sittings of the house will be held, it points in the direction of a sudden winding up of the session, and prorogation, which at one time appeared to be impossible until the end of July, now seems to be within striking distance. There is every reason to believe that an effort will be made on both sides, now that the date of the Ontario elections is announced, to end the session. The opposition members from Ontario are anxious to throw themselves into the thick of the provincial fight, while the Liberals have kept in readiness for the campaign. There will be a general exodus of the 86 members from Ontario to take part in the fray, and the business of parliament, unless prorogation comes speedily, will be carried on minus the bulk of members of both sides from that province.

"The possibility of the Dominion general election being brought on, it is recognized, hinges largely on the result of the approaching fight. It is the talk in well informed circles that if there is a certain sign of the turn of the provincial tide towards Liberalism, resulting in the substantial reduction of Mr. Whitney's majority at Queen's Park, Sir Wilfrid will go to the country in the fall in spite of the desire of the rank and file of his followers to draw another sessional indemnity. Nothing is certain. There is activity in the cabinet, and business is being pushed forward. The only stumbling-block in the way of an early winding up is Mr. Aylesworth's bill to amend the election act, but it is thought tonight a compromise will be reached."

MISS REID TO MARRY

Ambassador's daughter Engaged to Hon. John Ward, Brother of Earl of Dudley

London, April 29.—The engagement of Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Whitelaw Reid, the United States ambassador, to the Hon. John Herbert Ward, a brother of the Earl of Dudley, has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Reid. The announcement does not come as a surprise to London society, where the attachment of the young people has been known for some time past to a large number of their friends.

Mr. Ward is a favorite with King Edward, to whom he is an equerry in waiting. He is popular at the court and in the exclusive social set, and is well known as a racing man and sportsman. Miss Jean Reid is the only daughter of Ambassador Whitelaw Reid, and was introduced into society in New York in 1904. The Hon. John Ward was born in 1870 and educated at Eaton. He served in the South African war in 1900 in the Imperial Yeomanry as press censor at headquarters, and deputy assistant adjutant to the general, with rank of captain.

Mr. Ward is six feet tall. He attends the King and Queen at all state and social functions. He has no chance of succeeding to the title, as the Earl of Dudley has a large family. He received a legacy of $500,000 when he became of age, and has had other legacies since. The wedding will occur some time during the summer, but the exact date has not yet been fixed.

HYMNS OBJECTED TO

Anti-Ritualists Condemn "Book of Common Praise" Compiled for Anglican Church

Toronto, April 29.—After a committee of twelve, representing all shades of high and low church in the Anglican communion, had labored for three years in the production of a book of common praise, there are signs that in certain sections of the church at least the book is not acceptable. Objection comes from the anti-ritualistic party, who claims that the wording of some of the hymns is Romanist doctrine.

"They started out," says Hon. S. H. Blake, "to make a book of common praise, to be used as a companion to the book of common prayer, but they have made a book of uncommon praise, which teaches a different doctrine from that of the prayer book. There are tens of thousnads of our people who never will use it, and I don't think the bishops will authorize it."

The book in question has been printed in England, and will be presented to the synod in September, when the question of its adoption will be discussed. An anti-ritualistic league has been formed, with headquarters her, for the purpose of attacking what is alleged to be Romanish doctrine.

Mother and Daughter Killed

Kingsville, Ont., April 29.—Mrs. Josiah Fulmer and her daughter Ethel were struck and instantly killed while crossing the tracks of the Windsor, Essex and Lake Shore railway a mile north of here. Their hose escaped injury, but the buggy was smashed and the occupants fearfully mutilated.