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LIVELY DISCUSSIONS CONTINUE AT OTTAWA

Minister of Militia Warmly Denies Newspaper Attack on Him

Criticism of Government for Permitting Doukhobors to Settle in Canada Causes Some Warm Exchanges—Reinstated I. C. R. Employee May Participate in Provident Fund.

Ottawa, March 13.—Sir Frederick Borden, as a question of privilege, called attention to a statement in an Ottawa Citizen editorial of the 13th inst. regarding the Ross rifle, in which it was stated that in the war office papers for 1906 there was a report on a test of the Ross rifle which showed the latter to be inferior to the Lee-Enfield rifle, with which the imperial troops are armed. The Citizen editorial in question had accused the minister of militia of having neglected this information of having kept back from parliament the information which it contained. It was stated also that since this volume reached the parliamentary library it had been clandestinely abstracted therefrom without any one knowing where it had gone.

The minister of militia stated in reply to the foregoing that he was informed by the parliamentary librarian: (1) That all reports of this kind had ever been received in the parliamentary library; (2) That all the war office papers for 1906 which had reached the library were still on the shelves. None had ever been taken away.

The Halifax Scandal.
The minister of the interior, in reply to a question by F. D. McKinnon, confirmed the published statement that the services of Dr. A. L. Dickey, medical inspector of the immigration department at Halifax, had been dispensed with.

The leader of the opposition asked also what information the department could supply about W. Dods, whose name was connected with the recent exposures of fraud in the passing of immigrants at Halifax.

The minister answered that there was no W. Dods in the government employ. Mr. Borden suggested that the minister should institute enquiry to find out whether or not some one in the public service was not carrying on a correspondence under this assumed name.

The minister replied that this whole matter had not yet closed.

In committee on the bill to increase the railway commissioners, Mr. Armstrong wanted to see some Conservatives on the commission. He objected to a political commission.

Mr. Graham said that no applications were being considered for chief commissioner. What the government was looking for was a man that would fill the bill.

Mr. Letourneau wanted an Island man on the commission.

Mr. Haggart said that it was all well enough to talk about non-politics in opposition but when in power there was not enough of positions to go round.

FIVE YEARS' PRISON FOR JOHN R. WALSH, CHICAGO BANKER

Chicago, March 15.—John R. Walsh, former president of the Chicago National Bank of this city and convicted of illegal use of the funds of that institution, was yesterday denied a new trial by Judge Anderson of the United States district court and sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth.

The charges against Walsh grew out of his doing in 1905 of the Chicago National Bank, of which Walsh was president, and its allied institutions, the Home Savings Bank and the Equitable Trust Company.

Walsh and his associates had secured the funds of the Chicago National Bank and its allied institutions aggregating some sixteen millions of dollars on fictitious and insensitively accurate notes to nearly \$1,000,000.

A score of struggling enterprises which he himself had founded and practically owned. Many of the notes, it developed at the trial, were signed without authority in the names of various employees of Walsh.

Walsh, on the witness stand, admitted nearly all the transactions charged against him, but during the defence that all he did was for the good of the bank he headed and that all of the loans proved good and that no one lost anything in consequence of them.

The trial covered a period of nine weeks. Mr. Walsh's three banks, the deposits of which aggregated \$28,000,000, were declared insolvent Dec. 18, 1905. Mr. Walsh, John M. Smyth, and Maurice Rosenfeld, the latter being a director in the Chicago National Bank, pledged their private fortunes, aggregating \$5,000,000, and the associated bankers of Chicago guaranteed the Walsh liabilities, so far as the deposits were concerned. It was not generally known until weeks afterward that the man who prompted this manifestation of public spirit was the late Marshall Field.

Not one depositor was turned away, and more than \$2,725,000 in cash was paid out the first day. The Chicago National Bank was capitalized at \$1,000,000, the Home Savings Bank at \$100,000, and the Equitable Trust Company at \$500,000.

Negotiations between Mr. Walsh and the Clearing House Association were wound up last April. The Walsh securities proved to be worth more in the open market than had been supposed, and some were turned back to the former banker while the associated banks retained, at book value, something like \$4,500,000 worth of the assets.

In the meantime the government delegated National Bank Examiner E. P. Moxey to overhaul the books of the banking institutions and the other Walsh corporations. In Mr. Moxey's report the bank examiner declared that up on many of his properties Mr. Walsh had issued a vast amount of watered stock—something like \$30,000,000—which had been voted to Mr. Walsh by the directors appointed by him. Mr. Walsh's arrest,

LITTLE HOPE FOR STEAMER SILVIA

Vessel Bound to Halifax is Hard and Fast on the Rocks

PASSENGERS SAFE

Shipwrecked Crews of Steamer Beta and Schooner Marjorie J. Sumner at New Bedford—Fairville Youth Among Them.

Wood's Hole, Mass., Mar. 15.—The revenue cutter Mohawk arrived here this morning from New Bedford after having put agent Johnson of the Red Star Line on the British steamer Silvia, which stranded on Sow and Pigs Ledges at the entrance of Vineyard Sound yesterday.

Agent Johnson is of the opinion that it is extremely doubtful if the vessel can be saved, owing to her being in such an exposed position. She is heading to the northwest, lies about 500 yards northwest of the buoy and is full of water fore and aft.

The tug I. J. Merritt, with lighter Chitenden arrived at the wreck at daylight this morning and immediately began the work of removing the cargo from the vessel's hold. There was a heavy swell on and the tug Merritt and the lighter were working hard to get the cargo out.

A diver has been at work today making an examination of the hull and outside of the steamer, but his report is unobtainable tonight on account of the south-easterly gale. The tug Merritt and the lighter have sought shelter back of Cuttyhunk, where there is good protection from the gale.

The light-keeper at Cuttyhunk reported at sunset tonight that the seas were making a clean breach over the Silvia.

The Cuttyhunk life saving crew rendered great assistance today in carrying messages back and forth between the wreck and the mainland.

At 6 o'clock the crew of the Silvia were all brought ashore to the life-saving station at Cuttyhunk. They stated it as their belief that the Silvia would probably go to pieces tonight. The Merritt went to New Bedford, towing a barge loaded with cargo from the wreck.

Passengers Taken Off.
Her passengers who were taken off by the boats of the United States revenue cutter Mohawk last night, were carried to New Bedford, where they remained in hotels and lodging houses awaiting arrangements which are to be made by the steamship company for forwarding them to their destinations. All the light baggage belonging to the passengers was taken away with them.

Among the passengers on the Silvia were the crews of two wrecked vessels, the steamer Beta, which went ashore on Turkey Island, and the schooner Marjorie J. Sumner, from Weymouth (N. S.), which was wrecked in West Indian waters, and was one of the crew of the wrecked schooner Marjorie J. Sumner, from the way from New York to their homes in Halifax.

Among the passengers on the wrecked Silvia was Wendell Gray, son of Dr. J. H. Gray, of Fairville. The lad although only eighteen, has been at sea two years, and was one of the crew of the schooner Marjorie J. Sumner.

THREE ITALIANS SENT TO DORCHESTER

Judge Gregory Sentenced Them to Three Years Each for Wounding and Robbing Comptoir.

Edmundston, N. B., March 14.—The Maritime court yesterday sentenced three Italians to three years each in the Dorchester penitentiary. The charge against the three Italians for wounding and robbing another Italian named Carmine Venzio at St. Hilare on the night of Dec. 21 last. The prisoners, Pasquale Iacopetta, Salvatore Iacopetta and Frank Rivers, were arrested in Miquet, Maine. The injured man was left on the road in a dying state, and he was the only witness who could depose to the assault and the robbery. The prisoners all denied the robbery, and claimed that one of them only, Pasquale Iacopetta, had shot the man on his head and hands, and the right hand was nearly severed.

The prisoners were convicted and sentenced by Judge Gregory to three years each in the Dorchester penitentiary. A Lawson represented the crown, and the prisoners were defended by W. Hayward, of Hartland.

GOVERNMENT LIKELY TO RESIGN THURSDAY

The provincial government will meet here Tuesday morning to complete unfinished business. It is understood that the work will probably take until Wednesday and that the resignation of Premier Robinson and his colleagues will be placed in the hands of the lieutenant-governor on Thursday.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney passed through the city Saturday evening on their way to Moncton. Hon. H. A. McKenna and Hon. D. J. Purdy also returned to St. John.

Lieutenant Governor Tweed returned to St. John on Saturday and will remain in town until Thursday or Friday. It is expected that he will call on J. D. Hazen to form a new administration as soon as the resignation of the retiring government is received. The new government will probably be sworn in next week and the issue raised for the necessary by-elections.

It is said no opposition will likely be offered, Thursday, April 23, is named as the probable date for the legislative meeting.

BAD ACCIDENT ON NEWFOUNDLAND ROAD

Train Left the Rails and Hundred More or Less Seriously Injured

Those That Were Able to Travel Arrived on Steamer Bruce Yesterday, and the Others Remained at Port Aux Basques.

North Sydney, N. S., March 13.—Steamer Bruce which arrived at North Sydney today, had over 100 passengers, the majority of whom carried injuries received on the Newfoundland railway yesterday in one of the worst accidents in the history of the Reid road. None were killed.

The accident occurred at six and a half miles from Port Aux Basque, when most of the passengers were asleep. The train was moving rapidly when the engine dived forward cars rolled over and over, hurling the men, women and children from the berths in the tangled wreckage. None were killed, although a cook on the train received injuries likely to prove fatal.

Wm. Babcock, going to Allston (Mass.), had his head broken, cut and his wife and child also severely injured.

One girl bound for Vancouver had her face covered with bandages and the teeth jammed into her mouth.

Aubrey Snow, en route to Fernie (B. C.), has arm badly dislocated. In fact all the passengers suffered more or less from injuries.

Heavy bank-snow near where the wreck occurred rendered the work of rescuers difficult and for nearly six hours the injured passengers were obliged to make out the best they could until a wrecking train reached the scene, during which time many painful scenes were enacted, distracted parents fearing their children were buried under the wreckage.

DANIEL NOT ALLOWED TO DISCUSS NEW BRUNSWICK'S ELECTIONS

Member for St. John Wanted to Show the Federal Bribes Promised People to Vote for the Government.

Ottawa, March 13.—Daniel early this morning, in closing the debate on the resolution of Mr. Perley against needless and useless expenditure in public works, said: "I should not like to see the New Brunswick election, and the statement that federal politics did not enter into that election. That is hardly correct, at least so far as the election is concerned, for while the Conservative party did not appeal directly to the people, it was the Liberal party certainly did. I hold in my hand a circular which was sent to every elector in the city of St. John."

Mr. Speaker—Of course, the hon. member will see that while there may have been some incidental reference to that, it is proposing to direct his remarks solely to that, it has no relevancy to the question under consideration.

Mr. Daniel—My point has reference to the fact that the work was a public work for votes and to the corrupt use of public works for that purpose, and I mention this as an instance in point. The circular that I refer to is as follows:

"St. John, N. B., Feb. 28, 1908. "Dear Sir—We trust that your vote on March 18th will be for us, and we respectfully solicit it."

Mr. Talbot—"Mr. Speaker, I rise to a point of order. Is that pertinent to the question under consideration?"

Mr. Speaker—"If the point of order is taken I shall have to rule that it is not pertinent."

Mr. Daniel—"Of course, Mr. Speaker, I bow to your decision. I cannot do otherwise. But the point has been made, I think, and I am sure that the public works have been offered to constituents in a corrupt way in order to influence voters in those constituencies to vote for the government."

Mr. Speaker—"I believe that no point of order has been raised in regard to any statement of that kind that has been made up to the present and I do not see the relevancy of any more out of order than previous ones which have been made. If you say it is not in order, Mr. Speaker, I cannot see that it is."

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JUDICATURE ACT TO COME INTO FORCE?

Fredericton Report Says De-feated Government Will Proclaim It

OFFICES FILLED

It is Said Announcements of the Lucky Ones Will Be Made This Week and Then the Robinson Administration Will Hand in Their Resignations.

Fredericton, March 15.—A marriage which has been looked forward to with interest for some time, was solemnized at St. Anne's church last evening when Miss Annie E. Phair, daughter of Mrs. Andrew Phair, became the wife of Stephen Bishop, of Moncton. Rev. Canon Montgomery of Kingsville performed the ceremony in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties. The bride, who was a brown travelling suit with hat to match, was given in marriage by W. T. H. Penney. The happy couple had a luncheon at the bride's home and left by the evening train on a honeymoon trip to the New England states.

Word was received here today that John Donohue, formerly a clerk in the provincial secretary's office here, had met with a serious accident at Glace Bay (C. B.). No particulars were given other than that he had undergone an operation after an accident and his condition was quite critical.

Members of the local government got through with their business here yesterday and all, excepting Provincial Secretary Allen, went to St. John by last evening's train.

Miss Hazen, daughter of the late George W. Allen, and niece of J. D. Hazen, was appointed government stenographer in succession to Miss Gertrude McDonald, resigned. It is understood that several other vacancies were filled. The government's will meet in St. John on Tuesday and it is stated will issue a proclamation bringing the Judicature Act into force.

The soft weather of the past few days has caused the snow to disappear very rapidly and the travelling is becoming bad.

Ex-Adm. John Scott of this city met with a serious loss when his lath mill at Fredericton Junction was totally destroyed by fire which caught at one o'clock yesterday morning. Particulars of the fire are very meagre, but it is learned that none of the other buildings nor the lumber were burned.

The mill was erected last fall at a cost of more than \$3,000, and a crew of upwards of fifty men had been employed by Mr. Scott all winter. It had been his intention to cut at least eight million feet of laths and between five and six million feet had been saved before the fire.

There was no insurance on the mill building, although an application for insurance had been made.

No Action Yet at Ottawa.

Ottawa, March 15.—(Special)—On inquiry at the justice department it was said no action had as yet been taken in reference to the appointment of an additional supreme court judge for New Brunswick.

JERE COOKE AND FLORETTA WHALEY DESTITUTE IN 'FRISCO

Eloping Girl Telegraphs Grandmother for Funds—Has \$6,000 Held in Trust for Her.

New York, March 13.—Jere K. Cooke, the pastor of the Episcopal church at Hempstead (L. I.) and Floretta Whaley, with whom he eloped, and his destitute wife in San Francisco, according to a telegram received today by Mrs. Keziah Whaley, the sister of the eloping couple, are in a financial straits as to justify hasty action on her part.

Mrs. Whaley said later that some \$8,000 belonging to Floretta was in trust at Hempstead, but that she would require information regarding the couple's condition before she gave aid to her granddaughter. The fact that the telegram was prepaid influenced her opinion.

The eloping couple had been in such financial straits as to justify hasty action on her part.

CITY BUYS PROPERTY AT LOCH LOMOND

The property at Loch Lomond known as the Raymond property and consisting of 1150 acres of land and the old Ben Lomond house was purchased at auction by the city on Saturday for \$3,800. Frank Potts was the auctioneer and offered the property for sale at Chubb's corner under a deed of the equity court.

The property was bought for the purpose of acquiring the rights to the foreshore of the lake, it being the understood policy of the water and sewerage board to acquire land bordering on the lake as opportunity offers in order to prevent contamination of the water from sewage or other causes.

For the purpose of the sale the property was divided into four lots. Lot 1, consisting of about 400 acres, some seven or eight acres of which are now overgrown. The lot adjoining, known as lot A, included the old Ben Lomond house, outbuildings and a cottage and covers about 300 acres. The building on these two lots started at \$1,000 and continued until they were knocked down to \$1,000. Robinson, acting for the city, for \$3,000.

Lot 3, near the Log Cabin property, consists of about 300 acres. It was sold to Ald. H. Frink, chairman of the water and sewerage board, for \$400. Lot 4, known as the Donaldson Point lot, and containing 150 acres with lumber valued at about \$200, was sold to Ald. Frink for \$500. By the purchase of these lots the city acquired nearly three miles of water front.

The price is considered satisfactory, especially in view of the fact that the properties had been previously offered to the city some time ago at a somewhat higher figure.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN FINAL SESSION

Bridge Contracts Awarded by Commissioner of Public Works

Fredericton, N. B., March 13.—The local government met here this morning and again this evening but so far as can be learned transacted very little business of importance. Several applications for chartering out the church notices, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, the rector, referring to the late bishop said, it was hardly necessary for him to eulogize his character, which was so well known to all the congregation. They were all familiar not only with his scholastic attainments but with his zeal in this service. He said that the tablet which was about to be unveiled was in memory of his generous act in donating his fine library to Trinity church.

C. P. Clarke, the senior church warden, then removed the drapery from the tablet. The memorial, which is a handsome specimen of the engraver's art, is placed on the north wall of the nave about half way up the church. The inscription, cut in old English letters, is filled in with black and red enamel, while the miter engraved under the first line is in purple. The tablet is shield shaped, 22x26 inches, and is mounted on quartered oak. The inscription is as follows:

To the Glory of God and in memory of the Right Reverend Hollingsworth Tully Kingston, D. D., Consistent Bishop of the Diocese of New Brunswick, Lord Bishop of the Diocese of Fredericton, 1892 A. D. 1907.

By whom the Kingston Library was given to the parish of St. John. The Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church.

The tablet was engraved by R. H. Green & Son.

JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER NEVER TOUCHED WHISKY

Head of Oil Trust Also Says That Prohibition is Best for the People.

Augusta, Ga., March 14.—"I am an old man, but I am glad to say that I never touched whisky," John D. Rockefeller said this statement today to a representative of the Augusta Herald. He talked freely about his views on liquor and said that he regarded it "as a good thing to keep liquor away from the negroes and lower classes of whites."

John D. Rockefeller has many problems to be considered in connection with this great question, but in the end, I think it will be best for the states," he said, with reference to the present situation in Georgia. "It uplifts the people, strengthens them, teaches them to save. It is best."

Clouds, rent with vivid flashes of lightning, while rain, hail and snow fell alternately, was the phenomenon served up to Spencer people by the weather man the other night. During the display of pyrotechnics the mercury fell 12 degrees.

Capt. C. F. Thompson, a New York dealer, is reported to have had an oyster containing of them being quite brilliant.

MRS. HOLT 105 YEARS OLD SUNDAY

Five years past the century mark and still hearty of voice, cheery of manner and with faculties unimpaired, Mrs. James Holt, of Carleton, celebrated her birthday early, as she was to get housekeeping for herself again. She often says that "she can hear the grass grow," and altogether she is a remarkable lady.

She has lived in the reign of five British sovereigns; was sixteen years of age before Queen Victoria was born, and was married before the late queen ascended the throne.

Her husband died several years ago and she has a family of seven children living. They are Mrs. Farrell, of Halifax; Mrs. Donovan, of Carleton; Mrs. A. Warner, of Carleton; Mrs. J. A. Warner, of Carleton; Mrs. J. A. Warner, of Carleton; Mrs. J. A. Warner, of Carleton; Mrs. J. A. Warner, of Carleton.