

"NO OBSTRUCTION" SAYS THE OPPOSITION

And Prove the Contrary By Continuing to Obstruct Public Business

It Took Seven Hours Work For the Government to Squeeze Out Civil Servants' Salaries Yesterday--I. C. R. Men's Pay Still Held Up.

OTTAWA, June 8.—The obstruction performance of many days and many weeks was repeated today by the handful of Conservative members who graced the house by their presence. Mr. Oliver asked \$23,000 for Dominion lands salaries, and Mr. Foster kept it from him for seven hours by a series of questions and all the tricks of obstruction with which he is a past master.

The Prime Minister took occasion in the morning to call attention to the opposition position in a most definite and clear-cut fashion. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the opposition's plan was quite transparent despite their attempts to preclude the issue. The government had been told that supply would not be granted, that the business of the house would be blocked, and the government's business would be delayed unless clauses one and seventeen of the election bill were dropped. When that measure was introduced, the government had brought it in in the spirit of willingness to consider the criticisms of the opposition and as far as possible to meet their wishes. In regard to clause one, Mr. Laurier had been informed that had absolutely no foundation, such as that it was framed with a view to getting all the navies on the Transcontinental Railway on the voters' lists. There was no such intention whatever and the government was willing to meet the non-graduate in an attempt to frame a suitable clause when the measure was reached. Or clause 17 it was charged that it was an attempt to interfere with the secrecy of the ballot. On the contrary, everyone who had given the slightest attention to it knew that it was to provide that the non-graduate should not be disfranchised by this willful or accidental action of the returning officer.

The government was willing, however, that the question as to whether the returning officer should continue to have that power as under the present act or whether he should not be fully and freely discussed. The question at the present time, however, was not the election bill. The first duty of parliament now was to vote supply. Mr. Laurier said that because of the fiscal year, supply had been on hand only to April 1. A request of the government to vote one-fourth supply had been met by the opposition and the agreement to vote one-eighth. On May 15 a similar request by the government had been absolutely declined. If all the bill mentioned by the opposition leader never passed the business of the country would go on, but if supply was not passed, that business would stop. The country's creditors and its civil service must be paid if the business was not to come entirely.

Mr. Borden wanted to know if Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that the opposition had unduly criticised since May 15 and added that the Ministers had occupied more time than any opposition members. Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked in reply to the first part of Mr. Borden's question what else the opposition had been doing? To the second he answered "Yes." The Ministers in answering the same question by the opposition were forced to speak much more than they would have done. (Liberal cheers.) He again declared that the duty of parliament at the moment was to vote supply.

This morning G. W. Fowler complained that a circular had been sent to the opposition to inform them that the salary vote had been passed and had not been received and that they might be left without pay. Mr. Fowler said he objected to the circular, as it attempted to place blame on the opposition. Mr. Fowler declared that the Minister of Railways had never applied to the house for the Intercolonial salary vote. Mr. Fielding contradicted Mr. Fowler. Mr. Fielding declared that the Intercolonial salary vote had been asked for as had every other vote. The fact was he had at the beginning of the fiscal year agreed to the opposition to allow the passage of a quarter each of the various items in the estimates that supply might be had to keep the services of the country going while supply was being discussed. The opposition had declined to agree to the voting of a quarter, but had allowed an eighth. When that amount had been used Fielding had applied to the opposition for another fractional supply vote, but the opposition had indicated to him that they would give no more. Therefore it was quite correct to say that the opposition were keeping the Intercolonial Railway employees out of their pay.

The rest of the morning sitting was taken up by Mr. Lennox in reviewing at length the contents of Hansard to date from beginning of session.

Mr. Fielding suggested that Mr. Fowler might have taken into account the fact that the members on the government side were two to one; if he had done so he would have found that the average time occupied was much higher on the opposition side than on the government side. Mr. Fielding took strong exception to that. However, that the Minister of Railways had not asked for supplies. He (Fielding) acting for the Minister of Railways, and all his colleagues have been applying to the house for a vote on account. The government desired one-fourth and they received one-eighth. If the government desired one-fourth, as they desired, they would

have had enough money with which to meet the demands of the public service.

At a later stage he had asked for a further vote on account, but he had been informed that the opposition were not prepared to co-operate with the government.

Mr. Lennox complained of a statement made in a previous debate that the opposition had obstructed by putting forward ridiculous motions supported by ridiculous arguments. He proceeded at great length to recall the various subjects discussed by the opposition throughout the session, his object being to show that there had been no obstruction.

Mr. Ross of Yale-Caribou on a point of order protested against Mr. Lennox referring to past debates "for the purpose of pure obstruction."

Mr. Foster amid loud cries of order interrupted Mr. Ross with an appeal to the speaker to call the member for Yale-Caribou to order for imputing motives.

For a few moments there was considerable disorder, but Mr. Ross while repeating his objection to Mr. Lennox reading from past debates withdrew the remarks also, obstructive as they were, and called attention to the rehash of the old debates.

In the afternoon consideration of the plan relating to the lease of coal lands was resumed, but not an item was passed until late in the evening.

Mr. Smith of Nanaimo and Mr. Fowler urged a change in the regulations relating to the lease of coal lands which would provide for a renewal at the end of 20 or 21 years. It was pointed out that the restriction of the lease was a handicap in obtaining capital to develop coal mines.

Hon. Mr. Oliver promised to give the matter favorable consideration.

Mr. Foster urged federal action for the construction of forest trails on the eastern slopes of the Rockies as an essential measure to insure adequate water supply. While the government has done something to this end by establishing a forest reserve area it was not sufficiently large.

In reply Hon. Mr. Oliver stated that new reserves were being established, particularly on the line of the T. P. between Edmonton and the Rockies. The discussion continued until six o'clock, no items having been passed, and was resumed again to-night.

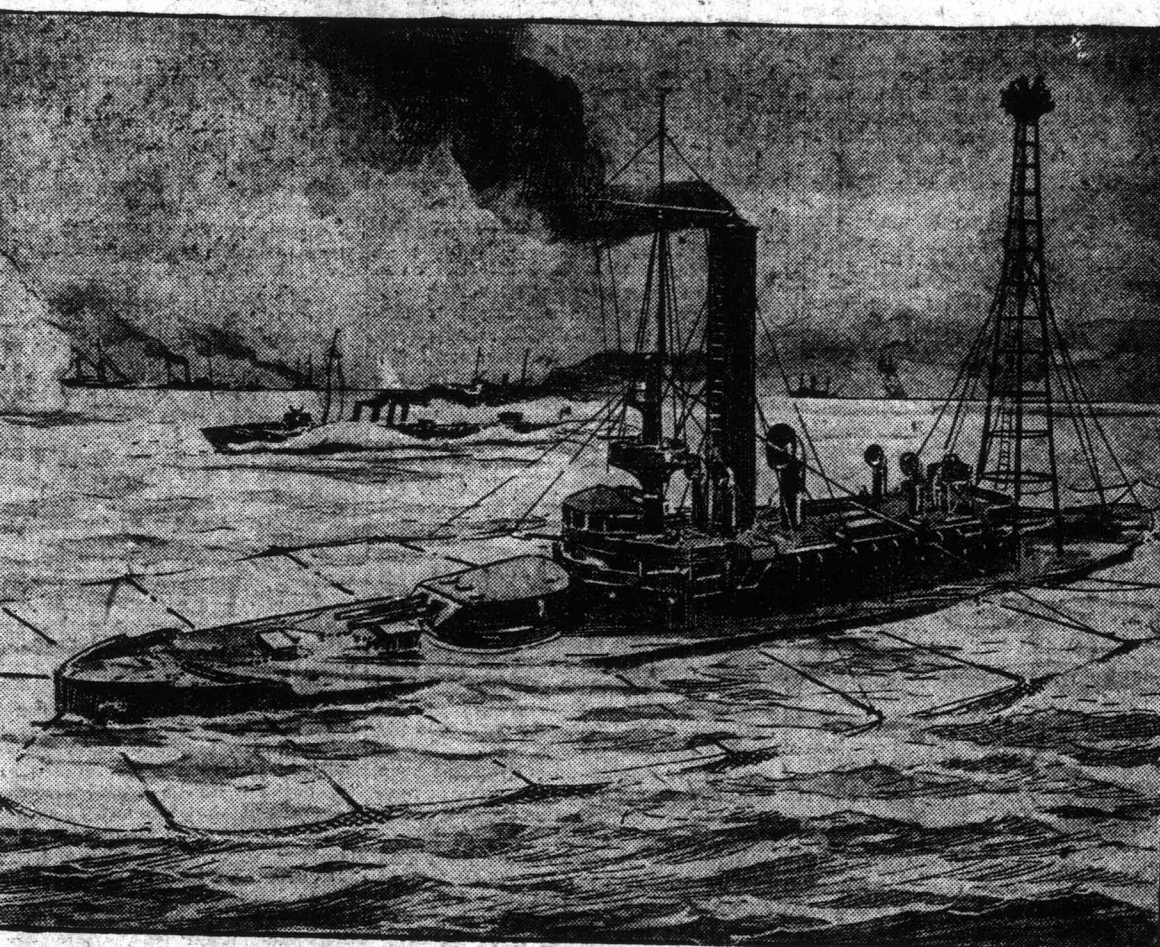
Interior estimates totalling a million dollars were passed, and the House adjourned at 11 o'clock.

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SHELL VS. ARMOR; VICTORY FOR DEFENCE



MONITOR FLORIDA, TARGET FOR 12-INCH GUNS

In order to test the effectiveness of a new explosive this \$1,500,000 monitor was last week battered by the guns of the sister ship, the Arkansas. The starting experiment conducted a year or two ago at Sandy Hook by the army ordnance officers really made this test today necessary. On that occasion the army ordnance officers invited a few navy men down to the Hook to see them shoot some high explosive shells at armor plate of various thicknesses and inclined at different angles to the line of fire.

The high explosive shell simply ripped the plates into fragments, and, as these plates fairly represented the armor of a protected deck, the naval officers quickly saw that if these shells would do the same work upon a floating ship, not a vessel in the navy could be regarded as safely armored.

This terrific explosive was the invention of a West Point graduate in the ordnance corps, who patriotically made it over to the United States government, but there was no telling what some foreign government might not evolve another explosive of equal or greater power, so the naval constructors looked about for some means of increasing the protection to match the development in the gun and its projectiles.

First it became necessary to ascertain whether the shells would be as effective when fired at a vessel as they were when directed against the armor plates on shore. Nothing would do but an actual firing test. And this could not be conducted with any profit on some old hulk, but exact battle conditions must be reproduced.

That is why the President and the secretary of the navy gave their sanction to this remarkable test of placing a \$1,500,000 monitor at short range before the muzzle of a modern 12-inch naval rifle.

The result is declared to be a victory for turret construction, and this notwithstanding the 11-inch hardened steel plate was broken, the seams of the turret sprung and the rivets and screws loosened and twisted.

It was not five minutes after the terrible impact that the finely balanced mechanism of the turret was working with perfect ease and the 12-inch gun on the left side was trained at will.

The force of the 12-inch high explosive shell which had been shot at the Florida had been spent in crushing the armor plate, and the cloth screen placed inside the turret ports showed no damage, proving, according to Chief Constructor Washington L. Capps, that if any one had been in the turret at the time he would not have been injured. The only occupant of the turret was a dummy man, arranged with springs and wires to record the shock. He was standing at the breech of one of the 12-inch guns and was unhurt.

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Toronto Was Also Considered But Majority For Hamilton Was Overwhelming.

Dr. McLeod of Barrie, Ont., Created a Stir re Salary Question--Principal Gordon Talks on Charges re Queen's and Church

WINNIPEG, June 8.—Hamilton won easily in the contest for the place of holding next year's Presbyterian General Assembly. The invitation was conveyed by Dr. Fletcher to meet in the new Central church there. Principal MacLaren invited the assembly to the Central Knox church, Toronto. A vote was taken and resulted in favor of Hamilton by an overwhelming majority.

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COUNTRY MARKET.

Wholesale.

Potatoes, per bbl.	1.50	1.60
Beef, western, carcasses	0.10	0.10%
Beef, country, carcasses	0.08	0.08
Mutton, per lb.	0.10	0.12
Lamb, spring	0.08	0.08
Pork, per lb.	0.08	0.08
Ham, per lb.	0.14	0.15
Butter, roll, per lb.	0.23	0.25
Butter, tub, per lb.	0.22	0.24
Eggs, per dozen	0.18	0.18
Turkey, per lb.	0.17	0.18
Fowl, per pair	1.00	1.05
Cabbage, per dozen	0.60	1.00
Hides, per lb.	0.04	0.05
Calf hides, per lb.	0.17	0.18
Lambskins, each	0.10	0.00
Veal, per lb.	0.07	0.09

FISH.

Smoked herring	0.15	0.00
Shad, fresh, pr lb.	0.04	0.05
Haddock, fresh	0.10	0.15
Halibut	0.10	0.15
Codfish, large dry	4.50	4.60
Ham, per lb.	0.14	0.15
Cod, small	4.40	4.55
Finnan haddies	0.07	0.00
Herring, Gd. Manan, hf	0.11	0.12
Shad, fresh	0.04	0.05
Codfish, fresh	0.10	0.15
Cod, medium	0.07	0.00
Smelts	0.07	0.00
Salmon	0.12	0.00

Retail.

Roast beef	0.11	0.12
Beef, corned, per lb.	0.08	0.10
Beef, tongue, per lb.	0.12	0.20
Pork, fresh, per lb.	0.15	0.00
Steak	0.14	0.20
Ham, per lb.	0.00	0.20
S Bacon, per lb.	0.10	0.20
Tripe, per lb.	0.10	0.00
Sausage	0.15	0.00
Turkey, per lb.	0.30	0.32
Fowl, fresh killed	0.12	0.00
Butter, dairy, rolls	0.25	0.25
Butter, tub	0.24	0.25
Eggs, per lb.	0.16	0.18
Eggs, fresh	0.24	0.00
Onions, per lb.	0.05	0.00

Onions, Spanish, cases.

Bermuda onions	2.50	3.00
Cabbage, each	0.10	0.15
Cid potatoes	0.20	0.25
Celery	0.12	0.15
Parasley	0.05	0.00
Beets, per peck	0.25	0.00
Lettuce	0.05	0.06
Carrots, per peck	0.25	0.00
Squash	0.05	0.00
Radish, per bunch	0.06	0.00
Rhubarb, per lb.	0.00	0.05

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Halibut	0.15	0.00
Shad, fresh	0.04	0.05
Cod, per lb.	0.05	0.07
Finnan haddies	0.09	0.00
Bonellies cod, per lb.	0.12	0.00
Cod, medium	0.05	0.08
Herring, sm'd, per box	0.15	0.18
Salt shad, each	0.25	0.30
Salmon	0.12	0.20

GROCERIES.

cease, per lb	0 13	0 03
obs	0 18	0 18
eam of tartar, pure	0 19	0 19
obs	2 10	2 10
carb soda, per keg	0 00	0 00
l soda, per lb		
Moissac		
choice P. R.	0 33	0 33
arbados	0 00	0 00
arbados, fancy, new	0 34	0 34
andard granulated, yellow		
ellow, equalized rates		
arbados, choice	0 31	0 31
gar, pulverized	0 03	0 03
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ngou, per lb, common	0 00	0 00
ngou, per lb, finest	0 22	0 22
long, per lb	0 39	0 39
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