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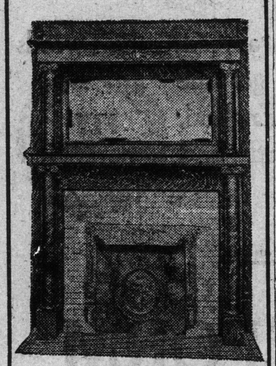

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ELECTIONS ACT THE CAUSE

All Night Session Achieved By Much Eloquence From the Members to Left

(From Tuesday's Daily)

The provincial legislature spent last evening and the early hours of this morning in passing or practically passing but two bills. One was the measure providing for the incorporation of the farmers' institutes, which passed final reading and the other, the Timber Manufacturers' Act, which passed committee. Then the house sat for wearisome hours in committee upon the bill amending the Provincial Elections Act.

It is an important bill. It defines the conditions which must govern the striking off a voter's name from a voters' list. The terms of the bill are generous. They provide that thirty days' notice must be served upon the man at his address before such action may be taken, terms much more generous than those provided in previous acts. They did not suit the opposition, however.

The measure was fathered by the head of the law department, the attorney-general, and the latter does not seem popular with his opponents to the left of the speaker. Moreover, the government members, having already said their say upon the bill, did not seem disposed to answer over and over again the objections of the opposition. Some queer spirit or spite affected them and they elected to obstruct. They did so.

Honorable members talked against the clock for hours at a time—honorable members for the opposition. Honorable members for the government grew weary of the ceaseless war of words. Many of them repaired to the library and seeking edifying literature, improved not the shining but the darkening hours and exhibited the illustrations to other honorable members growing sleepy under the soporific eloquence of the member from Grand Forks.

When the hours of going to press grew near, Mr. McInnes (Grand Forks) was still waxing eloquent upon the principles of Karl Marx, the attorney-general was regarding abstractedly the third light decorating the cornice of the gallery at the right hand side of the speaker, hon. the premier was out on business and many other hon. members still read 'improving literature. The committee then had not risen nor had it reported progress. It had wearied and retired one chairman and the second had nearly reached the same stage.

At the opening of the evening session, E. A. McPhillips (Islands) moved his amendment to the Farmers' Institutes and Co-operation act providing that there should be only one vote to one man. This would restore a measure of co-operation to the hill. His constituents also had objected to it.

Hon. Capt. Tatlow welcomed the question raised by the amendment, and wished the unbiassed opinion of the house. While feeling the force of the arguments advanced, on the other hand it was urged that with one man one vote, there would be difficulty in raising the necessary money, for which some inducement was needed. Hence he had devised a compromise by which an individual investment was limited to one-twentieth of the capitalization, and individual voting power to one-fifteth. The amendment was lost 21 to 14, the government side largely opposing it. The bill was then read a third time.

On the report stage of the act to amend the timber manufacture act, the chief commissioner of lands moved the following amendment:

"3. The lieutenant-governor in council may authorize the export by lessees or licensees of the crown of the following kinds of timber cut on ungranted lands of the crown, or on lands of the crown which shall hereafter be granted, namely, piles, telegraph and telephone poles, ties and crib timber, although not manufactured nor to be used in the province."

Mr. Fulton thought that while this was designed to meet the same end as that submitted by the leader of the opposition, yet it was better in that it kept control of the industry.

J. A. Macdonald (Rossland) was glad to see that the government was alive to the needs of the tie and pole makers. But he deprecated a renewed attempt to get fresh power for the government. The exported material would have to be inspected anyhow, and that would be sufficient protection. This would entail a great amount of red tape, as many of the contractors were small ones.

The premier thought the two amendments were the same in spirit, the only difficulty being the requirement of permission from the governor in council. It was a wise precaution. The law would not only apply to Mr. Macdonald's district, and it had been represented to them that there could not be too much caution in preventing the export of the timber. A result of this had been the great growth of the saw mill industry, but lax methods might result in an evasion of the law. There would be no red tape about the very ordinary application necessary.

John Oliver (Delta) said that a similar provision had been inserted in the land act of 1903, by which the lieutenant governor in council could remit the export tax. His constituents had found that there was a great deal of red tape in getting the necessary leave, and hundreds of thousands of dollars lost as a consequence. The export should be permitted subject only to inspection as Mr. Macdonald's amendment provided.

J. H. Hawthornthwaite thought Mr. Oliver's attitude inconsistent. He had formerly offered an amendment permitting export subject to regulations by the lieutenant governor in council.

Mr. Fulton's amendment was adopted and the bill passed report.

Provincial Elections' Act

In committee on the provincial elections' act, the first amendment considered was that of Mr. McInnis (Grand Forks).

"Provided however, that in case of any voter leaving an electoral district to reside in another electoral district in the province, at least one year must elapse before the name of such person shall be struck off the register, except on request of the voter himself."

Parker Williams (Newcastle) repeated his former arguments that without the amendment many workingmen would be disfranchised. The bill was supposed to be introduced in order to clean up lists. Both parties voted dead men, and he thought the attorney-general should prosecute the dead men which arose from the grave at election times and insisted on voting.

Mr. Oliver protested against the assertion that both parties indulged in corrupt practices. If Mr. Williams had sufficient evidence to warrant him making such an assertion, it was his duty to place it before the attorney-general. So far as rumors went, there was a persistent rumor that at the last general election some 250 persons were brought from Seattle to Nanaimo to vote Socialist, though personally he did not believe it.

Mr. Williams wanted to know why the Liberals had not pressed their protests, and claimed that "saw-offs" were common.

Mr. Oliver denied having ever at any time heard of any "saw-offs."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite said it was common knowledge, and scored him for his position.

"Why does not the honorable member insist on an investigation," said Mr. Williams.

GreekeMeets Greek

Mr. Oliver: "If my honorable friends have not evidence in support of their statements, in common decency they should not make them. If they have evidence they should produce it."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: "Our evidence is the affidavits filed by Liberals on which petitions were based."

He then went on to score the alleged malpractices of the Liberals at the last Dominion election at Nanaimo. They had brought voters in in numbers. He knew personally of many absentees brought in.

Mr. Oliver: "If that is the case will the hon. member explain how it is that his bye-election, concerning which no such charges were made, he polled some 200 votes less in Nanaimo than at the Dominion election."

Mr. Hawthornthwaite: "That remark is about as true as most of his remarks. There was great excitement and a general holiday on the Dominion election day, and I polled 715 votes in Nanaimo. At the bye-election there was no excitement and the miners were working, but still I only polled from 15 to 20 votes less."

Support Amendment

Mr. McInnis spoke in favor of the amendment and was followed by Mr. Williams, who appealed to the attorney-general to submit the bill once more to the caucus. J. Jardine (Esquimalt) also supported the amendment and stated that he was voicing the opinion of the trades and labor organizations of Victoria.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite read a telegram from the Trades and Labor Council of Vancouver stating that they approved the amendments suggested by Messrs. McInnis and Macdonald. He then proceeded to deliver a very lengthy exposition of the origin, history and aims of Socialism ,the crimes of capitalism and the shortcomings of "dukes and ducks" in the past. Unless he greatly mistook the temper of the working class they would not let their franchise go without a struggle.

"Were I to be deprived of my ballot I would not like to stand in the attorney-general's shoes. I would take the law into my own hands, and from my place on the floor of this house, I advise the workers to do the same," said the member for Nanaimo.

He concluded by announcing his intention of taking every means in his power of preventing the bill becoming law.

In the meantime Mr. McInnis had rested, and he rose once more to is feet. Mr. Hawthornthwaite moved to report progress. This was voted down and the leader of the opposition rose.

Leader of Opposition.

He thought there were occasions when it was justifiable to resort to extreme measures to prevent the passage of undesirable legislation, and so he would speak once more. He deprecated the threats of violence from the Socialist members in the event of the bill becoming law. Otherwise he associated himself with the arguments advanced. Telegrams had been received from representative bodies protesting against such legislation. The bill was unfair, and gave collectors of votes the power to strike of fnames without having evidence from the man whom it was sought to disfranchise. He appealed to the member for Fernie (Mr. Ross) and predicted it would especially affect that riding. Some 25 per cent. of the voters might lose their votes.

W. R. Ross: "You need not worry about me. I can look after my own affairs."

Mr. Macdonald then referred to the Minister of Works and to the Premier, who had that afternoon said he was a champion of the workingmen. He criticized the silence of Conservative members, and stated that the reason was that they were not prepared to give the question an unbiased opinion. He appealed to private members not to be bound to the chariot wheels of the attorney-general. They were there to represent all classes.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite next took up the parable and dealt with the various kinds of anarchists, from whom he disassociated himself. He paid a tribute to Tolstoi and then launched into a lengthy dissertation on the subject.

Advocates General Strike.

Later on he explained that the weapon he had referred to was not violence, but the general strike. George Naden (Greenwood) next added his quota to the obstructive tactics of the evening. When he concluded he moved to report progress.

E. A. McPhillips took the point of order that nothing had intervened since the last motion to the same affect. This gave an opportunity for another debate in which Messrs. Macdonald, Oliver, Williams and Naden took part.

Mr. McPhillips: "All I can do is to cite the rules."

The honorable member then proceeded to quote from May. John Oliver was surprised that the member for the Islands did not know better after so much experience.

Mr. McPhillips: "Read the book." (Laughter.)

Stuart Henderson supported the view that the rule did not mean that a clause in the bill had to be disposed of before another motion to report progress could be made.

The chairman expressed the opinion that the point was not well taken but the Speaker was sent for, and much more time was wasted to the great delight of the opposition.

At three o'clock this morning honorable members were still sitting and the debate was in full swing.

A naval seaman has once every day to salute the quarter-deck of his ship, even if no officer is upon it. "Salada" Tea is in such popular favor that many people feel like saluting a packet wherever seen.

LUMBER DUTY TO BE REDUCED

Reported Feature of the U. S. Tariff as Prepared by the House Committee

LUMBERMEN PROTESTING

Rumored Proposals to Revive War Revenue and Tax Inheritances

Washington, March 8.—Having been practically completed by the tariff framers, portions of the new tariff bill tonight were sent to the government printers. It is expected that by Wednesday the entire measure will be in type.

Although no announcement has been made by the House committee on ways and means regarding any of the schedules of the tentative bill, it has been learned on good authority that as a concession to the shoe men because of the placing of hides on the free list the duty on shoes will be considerably reduced. While no figures were obtainable regarding the steel schedule, it was stated on the same authority that a substantial reduction in the duty on steel rails, tools and similar products is provided for.

A cut of one-half in the duties on lumber and manufactured lumber is understood to be one of the changes provided by the new bill. During the hearing on the lumber schedule it was claimed that the forests of the country could only be conserved by admitting foreign lumber free of duty. It is understood that Gifford Pinchot, chief forester, is preparing figures for the committee, in a further effort to have lumber placed on the free list. Camp Clark, the house minority leader, claimed at the hearing that the profits of the lumber dealers were inordinately large. Representative Campden, a member of the committee, has championed the cause of the lumbermen, and the latter have been working to prevent the free entry of lumber. They contend that the rates of duty should be increased in order that the American industries may compete with the cheaper labor employed in Canada and because of the better facilities for importation afforded by the proximity of the Canadian lumber camps to waterways.

Whiskey and beer will remain as they are at present if the sub-committee resolutions are enacted into law. It was felt that whiskey was already carrying all the tax it could stand, while in the case of beer the prohibition movement throughout the country, it was explained, had cut down the consumption of beer and it was felt that it would be a hardship to impose any further tax.

If having become manifest to the committee that the duties derived from customs under the new bill would not produce the revenue expected, they turned to the expedient of reviving the war revenue act of 1898, which placed a tax on telegrams, bank cheques, playing cards and all stocks bought or sold. That feature of the war revenue is incorporated in the measure as drafted, it is said. A matter which is perplexing the committee is the placing of a tax on inheritances. President Taft wants it, it is declared, and is pressing the committee to take action along that line, and the indications are, it is said, that the committee will yield to the president's wishes. President Taft is seeking to have a copy of the bill delivered to the senate committee on finance before the special session begins, in order that it may be given work on it at once, believing that much time will be saved thus and that the extra session will be materially curtailed.

It is understood that the policy of the Democrats will be to criticize the Republican bill ,and offer amendments to it. They will follow a tariff for revenue rather than a free trade policy.

AID TO G. T. PACIFIC

Proposal That Dominion Government Should Buy Bonds Issued on Prairie Section

Ottawa, March 8.—In government circles it is stated that the report that the government will lend the Grand Trunk Pacific ten million dollars is not quite correct. What is proposed is to purchase from the Grand Trunk Pacific a certain number of bonds issued on the prairie section of the line. This has been decided upon, it is said, on account of the heavy cost of construction of the prairie section, and on account of the low price which this class of securities brings at the present time on the British market.

C. P. R. CHANGES

Superintendent Niblock About to Be Superannuated and Others to Be Transferred

Vancouver, March 8.—It is reported here that J. Niblock, superintendent at Calgary, will be superannuated after twenty-five years' service. He will reside on his fruit ranch at Summerland. T. R. Flett, superintendent, at Saskatoon, will be transferred to Strathcona, and Mr. Maharg will go from Medicine Hat to Calgary. If this is done it will do away altogether with the superintendent at Medicine Hat.

Illness of Justice Girouard.

Ottawa, March 8.—Justice Girouard of the supreme court was ill yesterday with pleurisy.

Old Montreal Merchant Dead

Montreal, March 8.—Henry Morton, for many years a member of the firm of Morton, Phillips & Co., stationers, died today, aged 81.

For Tanning Purposes

London, March 8.—It is just learned that schemes are afoot for shipping Natal jattle bark to Canada in place of the large quantities of mangrove bark which are at present imported from West Africa for tanning purposes.

Saskatchewan Book Inquiry.

Regina, March 8.—The commission appointed by the government to inquire into the alleged charges in relation to the contract made between the government and the Morang Educational company, meets on Wednesday and will hear testimony. J. A. Allen has been retained by the government to prosecute the inquiry, and Mr. Haultain will attend personally to watch his interests. The commissioners will likely go to Toronto to hear the evidence of Morang's men and to New York to take the evidence of officials of the American Book company.

Winnipeg's Good Fortune

London, March 8.—Under the most favorable auspices, the Bank of Montreal's issue of Winnipeg $2,500,000 four per cent. debentures at par has been a complete success, the list closing over-subscribed at ten o'clock today. Winnipeg and its financial agents are to be congratulated for having selected both the psychological moment and the right price. Both require careful gauging, and with respect to the latter, none but those who are thoroughly familiar with such matters can satisfy both lender and borrower. The difference between failure and success of an issue is but a hairsbreadth.

Fatal Boiler Explosion.

Nelson, B.C., March 8.—The boiler of C.P.R. engine No. 1381 exploded shortly after midnight at Farron, a station on the summit above Columbia river going into the Boundary section. Donald McQuarrie, brakeman, was dreadfully scalded. He was brought here and died at the Home hospital at 2.30 p.m. today. He leaves a wife. He was 26 years old. Francis Glover, age 24, single, fireman, of Trail, was blown six car lengths, and fatally hurt. He is in the hospital here, and his death is expected tonight. P. J. McCormick, of Nelson, engineer, had a lucky escape. He had left the engine and gone up the line a moment before the explosion. The engine, attached to a freight, was at the tank taking water at the time of the accident. The train was not damaged. No cause is assigned for the explosion.

CIVIL SERVICE

Semi-Annual Competitive Examinations to Be Held—Inside Positions Now Vacant

Ottawa, March 8.—Announcement is made by the civil service commissioners of their intention to hold semi-annual competitive examinations in May and November in leading centres throughout the Dominion.

In the meantime to meet the immediate requirements of several departments, interim competitive examinations for entrance to the civil service will be held in Ottawa beginning March 30.

It is also announced that applications will be received up to March 13 from candidates for a number of positions in the inside civil service. The positions include typewriters and stenographers, ten clerkships, compilers of geological information, two draughtsmen, junior assistant to hydrographic survey, clerk in purchasing and contract branch department of marine and fisheries, assistant chemist and translator for archives department of agriculture.

Death of Judge Deacon.

Pembroge, Ont., March 8.—Judge John Deacon is dead. He was 86 years old.

Killed by a Fall

Owen Sound, March 8.—John Rumley, 20 years old, fell into the open hold of the steamer Tagona this morning and was instantly killed.

Little Girl Scalded.

Kingston, March 8.—The thirteen months old daughter of Edward Murphy of Barriefield is dead as the result of pulling a hot pot of tea over her head and shoulders.

Douglas McCurdy's Success.

Baddeck, N.S., March 8.—The aerodome Silver Dart, piloted by Douglas McCurdy, made a successful flight of eight miles in eleven minutes and fifteen seconds here today, twice crossing Baddeck harbor.

Search for Firearms

Hamilton, Ont., March 8.—J. T. Stewart, M. P., has announced that he intends to introduce a bill in the Commons to amend the criminal code which will give the police the right to search any suspects for firearms.

Election Now Complete.

Ottawa, March 8.—The general election of 1908 is at last wound up. This morning the clerk of the crown in chancery received a return from Yukon showing Mr. Congdon elected by a majority of 266 over Mr. Black, his nearest opponent.

Emigration From India

London, March 8.—The Times in an editorial on the appointment of a committee to inquire into the question of emigration from India to the crown colonies, urges the necessity of a consistent and unequivocal policy being adopted by the whole empire. It says the surest way towards such a policy is to lose no opportunity of associating representatives of the dominions, Great Britain and India in a common council upon facts which each is apt to regard from its own view point alone. The Times adds that the nomination of committees presents such an opportunity.

Lawless Hamilton.

Hamilton, Ont., March 8.—Another daring outrage, the perpetrator of which is still at large, was reported to the police last night, the victim being Miss Burkholder, Augusta avenue. Miss Burkholder was returning from church and proceding along Augusta avenue, when a short distance from her house, a man with a knife, emerged from an alleyway and exclaiming, "say a word and I'll cut your heart out," dragged her into the lane. After a desperate fight Miss Burkholder managed to escape and ran to her home, falling unconscious in the doorway.

Street Car Train Experiment

Vancouver, March 8.—Street car trains are most likely to be introduced on the British Columbia Electric railway system to relieve the pressure should the suburban traffic become so great that the present equipment is not sufficient to handle it during the rush hours. To this end a test was made of a new coupler, with which the company may equip all its heaviest cars running over suburban routes. The test took place yesterday with two of the big double trucks, one as the power car and the other as the trailer. Starting from the barns, the train was sent over the switches and crossings to try the effect of the jol on the trailer when it strikes the switch points light. It was reported by the car department to have behaved admirably, without a load, and every indication pointed to a satisfactory operation over the switch points and crossing with the cars filled with passengers.

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one on Navy—t they we spend the five or six millions believed to be necessary in He was not there to praise th but he was prepared to acce English gentleman when he the House of Commons th premacy should be preserve had pledged himself to the dard; and he would not belie proved him wrong, that Mr. A back on his word or that he section of his Cabinet or any his party to turn him from th he had pledged himself. (He were too many little Englan let him turn to the Opposit give him all the help they c vote all the ships, men and money necessary, whatever (Cheers.) He protested o postponing obligations whic and against lightening the b ent year at the expense of The principal plank in t gramme was tariff reform. was we worshipped the g were told that if we were fai all the rest would be give cheapness eluded us. All t we alone of all great nation "Each one for himself and hindmost. Let him who i wall; let him who cannot perish by the way." The e reform movement was mo British workman, wherever better market for British pr might be produced and wh done without hampering the out destroying and injurin terests. He believed that by