

PARLIAMENTARY NEWS

GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE

Ottawa, April 6.—The House again divided on reciprocity tonight a motion by Geo. H. Peley, chief Conservative whip, calling upon the government to supply comparative figures as to prices and cost of production in Canada, United States and other countries, of commodities affected by the agreement, and condemning the ministry for not having done so in the past, being defeated on a vote of 84 to 54, a government majority of thirty-four. The Hon. Clifford Sifton voted with the Opposition, Messrs. Gorman and Harris the other Liberal bolters on this issue, were not present when the division was taken. Mr. Peley, in supporting his motion, said that statistics furnished by the United States government show that the price of products of the farm is higher in Canada than in the United States, and that it was unfair to press the agreement to a conclusion until supplied by the government. He was strongly supported by Mr. Borden in this contention.

Difficult to Satisfy Them. Hon. W. S. Fielding said that it would be impossible for the government to tabulate any set of statistics which would satisfy the Opposition, and that much information had been given already. The government stated its existence on the belief that a majority of the Canadian people were in favor of a wider market for natural products and would abide by the result.

Other speakers of the day included Mr. Middleboro, J. E. Armstrong, Dr. Sproule, David Henderson, Wm. Price, and they decided for the Opposition while the government case was upheld by Sydney Fisher and Mr. Lafontaine.

When the vote was taken Dr. Reed proceeded to put on the papers of Hansard an immense mass of statistics dealing with imports into Canada of products of countries affected by the agreement, the reading of which occupied a couple of hours. Several western members left tonight to spend the Easter holidays, which commence on Thursday next, with their families.

Mr. Fielding had proceeded with the reading of his statistics for over an hour the House decided to take them as read and the government case was upheld by a small majority. The Minister of Customs had practically admitted that all the statistics they had at Washington were those of the United States had given them. They had no information of their own regarding the duties and prices of farm products. The excuse offered was that this country was so poor that they could not afford to have these statistics prepared.

Hon. Mr. Fielding replied in a speech which was marked by a series of interruptions and a heated exchange between the ministers and various members of the Opposition. He said that the Opposition was in a way and another had already been given much more in the way of statistics than they would be willing to admit. A great many questions bearing on the agreement had been answered and much information tabulated.

After Mr. Fielding had taken his seat Mr. Peley said that the finance minister had given no adequate reason for refusing the request of the Opposition.

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Statistics Often False

Hon. Mr. Fielding replied that there were three kinds of lies, the lie, the blank lie and statistics. Anything could be proven with statistics. The Opposition, he said, had proclaimed that the agreement was going to disrupt the Empire. Was it possible that if the government would give them a few more statistics they would change their minds and support the agreement.

Replying to an interruption by Dr. Sproule, the finance minister expressed the view that the great mass of Canadian farmers were in favor of the agreement. He pointed out the fact that this was not a treaty, but an agreement which could be terminated at short notice. The government was staking its existence on this issue and if in the course of time when the elections are held the people decide that the government is wrong, a new government would be free to cancel the agreement. He refused to say, however, if they would ever repeat it.

Another Vote on Reciprocity

Ottawa, April 7.—The most important development of today's session of the House was the announcement that the government proposed to vote on the strike situation in British Columbia and Southern Alberta. He said that unless either the operators or the miners applied for a board of conciliation under the industrial disputes act between now and Monday next, the government proposed to give the public all available information to institute a searching investigation on its own behalf. Although the minister did not say definitely this doubtless means that the government will appoint a board of conciliation on its own behalf to conduct the enquiry. The minister said that the situation never contemplated under the act had arisen because of the fact that this was the first strike in which neither party had made a request for a board.

Replying to a question by E. N. Rhodes, the minister said that it would not be wise to express an opinion on the merits of the dispute, but that the government was determined in the interest of the public to get all the available information on the situation. Glen Campbell (Dauphin) in reply to a question on the subject of agriculture that the Conservatives were afraid to secure a vote on the industrial disputes bill. The Canadian officials were awaiting the disposition of the local case to get possession of the bill. The Canadian District Attorney said he had investigated and found that the operators were not doing as well as they should. Kenzie and Henders of the Manitoba Grain Growers Association were present and otherwise of the Liberal party of Canada.

On a Motion to Go into Committee

On a motion to go into committee of ways and means, Mr. Peley said that every day people were becoming more opposed to the reciprocity agreement. He believed that the Opposition had more information than the government, but that the government was using more official figures. The government had stated that the farmers would get better prices for their products if this would not be the case. With official information before them the Liberal speakers would not be able to go to the farmers and induce them to support the agreement and the statistics they had at Washington were those of the United States had given them. They had no information of their own regarding the duties and prices of farm products. The excuse offered was that this country was so poor that they could not afford to have these statistics prepared.

Hon. L. P. Brodeur asked the House to adopt a motion authorizing the government to produce any statistics that would satisfy his friends opposite. The minister stated that while in Washington he and Mr. Patterson possess all the information that was necessary. They were armed with statistics compiled by the officials of the department and with blue books bearing on the matter and when each item was under consideration these were referred to. As for the United States commissioners it was to be remembered that the American government had decided on an important change in its fiscal policy involving a reduction in duties all along the line.

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ATTEMPT TO HOLD UP CANADIAN GOVERNMENT

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Canadian Associated Press. London, April 6.—In the House of Commons today the Earl of Ronaldston asked whether the Anglo-Japanese treaty would be subject to the statutory tariff with Japan or whether they would under the most favored nations clause secure some other advantage. Sir Edward Gray asked for notice of motion on the matter.

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Mr. C. A. Molyneux arrived in Iowa, arrived in Lewistown with the intention of acquiring land in the district and settling down. Mr. Molyneux states that the land bought in Iowa for \$100 per acre. The soil there is very rich and the water is pure with the soil of this district about 100 bushels of wheat is the maximum there. It is the average here. Mr. Molyneux is surprised that the people in Chicago, Minneapolis and other American cities intend coming to Alberta. He says that the farmers of Iowa are offering a large amount of land for sale and will soon start.

A board of trade meeting on Thursday night to discuss proposed reciprocity treaty. A speech in favor of the agreement was made by Mr. R. T. Telford, M.P.D., proposing a resolution, which was carried. The meeting was held in the hall of the Lewistown team in three straight sets. The proposed trade agreement between the United Kingdom, Canada and the United States that it will greatly stimulate the country and a tariff reduction in the United States would be a great benefit to the country. If this arrangement is effected it will be the means of reducing the tariff on the duty with the United States. A board does not seem it still has a record with respect to the howling alley is still an attraction. On Wednesday the Lewistown team in three straight sets defeated the Lewistown team in three straight sets. The Alberta Merchants' Association played for the first time. The latter was a game.

Messrs. Molyneux have three lots at the corner of Broadway and Tenth Street, intention of building in the future. Mr. C. A. Molyneux is acting teller at the bank of Mr. J. L. Brown, who is a well known banker. The Alberta Merchants' Association played for the first time. The latter was a game.

SENATE COMMITTEE HEEDS ELEVATOR MEN. Special Committee on Grain Bill Recommends Stricter Enforcement Clause Preventing Owners of Terminal Elevators Doing Grain Business. Ottawa, April 4.—The Upper House Senator Jones presented the report of the special committee on the grain bill. It recommends the striking out of the provision which allows any person with an interest in a terminal elevator should not engage in a grain business, and also the establishment of grain hospitals and an appeal to the government from the grain commission. The second clause of the bill is in relation to the elevator men. Senator Davis presented a report from a minority which recommended himself and Senator Talbot, advising that the clauses stand without amendment. The minority report said in part: "The only objection made before the committee to the above-mentioned section was that the elevator men are largely responsible for the proposed legislation. These men did not object to the bill, but they were not in the public interest, but that particular vested rights in terminal elevators would suffer from the proposed legislation. But we believe these men did not succeed in showing any such sacrifice of vested rights as would warrant the elimination of said sections."

Both reports were set down for hearing on April 20th. The supply bill and the bill to incorporate the Banque Internationale du Canada, were also on the order paper. The bill respecting the Alberta Railway and Irrigation Company, the bill to prevent the dumping of sewage in navigable waters, was given a third reading on motion of Senator Belcourt. Sir Charles Fitzpatrick, deputy governor, was present at the senate chamber and gave assent to the legislation which has so far passed the two houses. The senate also adjourned until April 11th.

LOOK FOR LAWYER. Jarvis Bartlett Who Disappeared With \$25,000 of His Clients Money in New York. Hamilton, April 6.—Information received by a firm of Hamilton lawyers indicates that J. V. Murdock, a Jarvis lawyer who disappeared with about \$25,000 of his client's money in New York, after having gone out to Cincinnati, Murdock, passing under the name of Murray, tried to identify a draft and when a New York legal firm was informed of the disappearance of a Hamilton firm as references. The Hamilton firm, however, informed of this by the New York lawyers, confessed his real name, which was Jarvis, and his leaving Jarvis to domestic travel. The Hamilton firm, however, informed the New York lawyers of the alleged crimes of theft, forgery and embezzlement and also informed the provincial police of his whereabouts. The provincial police have asked the New York police for arrest and unless he is warned by the New York lawyers he will probably be apprehended.

MAY BE A GENERAL STRIKE IN NOVA SCOTIA. Not Expected That Coal Operators Will Accept Invitation to Attend Meeting in Halifax—Campaign of Education for Such a Strike. Halifax, N.S., April 6.—A meeting of the officers of the United Mine Workers of the Nova Scotia district has been called for Halifax on April 15th and an invitation to attend it has been sent to the coal operators of the province. The wages scheduled and other matters will be brought up by the coal operators put in an appearance which it is not expected they will do. Failing this conference it is said in Springhill, where president Watkins is in charge, that the U.M.W.A. will seek to have a general provincial strike declared on May 15th, but it is not considered likely that they will be able to bring this about. Agents are to be sent from Springhill to Cape Breton to carry on a campaign of education in favor of such a strike. Two policemen who were arrested for alleged assault on a company policeman while the discharge of their duty were arraigned yesterday before Judge Hunter and judgment was reserved till next week, the policeman was prepared to be allowed out on bail. Counsel for the U.M.W.A. raised a point that one of the policemen had no jurisdiction because the town was now under the provincial police headed by Commissioner Thompson.

ADULTS TO BE EXONERATED. Adelard Lancoet Held Guiltless of Charges Preferred by Blondin. Ottawa, April 5.—The committee on privileges and elections this morning adopted on a party vote of fifteen to ten the majority report of the committee which exonerated Mr. Adelard Lancoet, M.P. for Richelieu, from charges preferred against him by E. J. Blondin, member of the House of Commons. The majority report was signed by Messrs. Gorman, Kye and Geoffrion, and found that the charges that Mr. Lancoet had used government money in an improper manner for painting his house were not established, but altogether disproved. They found that the sum of \$75,52, which was used for the painting of his house, was taken from stores had been repaid. Messrs. Barker and Monk found that the charges against Mr. Lancoet were not established and that he was lawfully procure employees for the painting of his house and that he was not guilty of the charges preferred against him. In doing so, the committee also recommended that the independence of parliament be maintained.

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