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FIGHT WAXED WARM IN PARLIAMENT.

Hot Talk Between Borden, Laurier, Foster, McCarthy, Fisher, MacLean, Fitzpatrick and Others Over the Sbarretti Case--Campbell of Manitoba Supports Rogers.

Ottawa, April 6.—On the orders of the day being called the leader of the opposition brought up the Rogers-Sbarretti matter which was the subject of controversy the day before. Mr. Borden said that the apostolic delegate first came to Canada at the instance of forty liberal members of parliament on a political rather than an ecclesiastical mission. The Northwest Review had said Manitoba must remain small and mean as long as it maintains a small and mean school policy. Le Soleil, Sir Wilfrid's organ, said on April 4th that Manitoba was being punished for its sins. The apostolic delegate had been consulted with regard to the terms of an autonomy bill. He had also conferred with the Manitoba representatives and told them that action along the lines he suggested would be "politically expedient." It would not make a suggestion to them which he did not feel he was able to carry out. What does "politically expedient" mean? It would be politically expedient for Manitoba, which he desired an extension of its boundaries, to make amendments to its school laws. The dominion government had power to extend the boundaries. That was the only power. His excellency thoroughly believed that he had the power to suggest to Messrs. Campbell and Rogers that if they accepted to his demand there would be an extension of the boundaries they desired. In conclusion Mr. Borden said:—

out into separate schools for Manitoba. What full reason it was to think the premier's statement would go down. Mr. Sbarretti did what he was brought here to do, said Mr. Foster sarcastically, but he had no authority to deliver the goods. The premier had brought him here for this purpose and when he brought him to the crucial point he discovered him. People of Canada demanded that there should be no plausible alliance in this country between church and state.

Leighton McCarthy. Mr. Leighton McCarthy asked Mr. Foster how long he was prepared to stand by the principles enunciated today. Were these clothes put on as his clothes were put on before 1896, and then discarded as soon as he was detected. (Applause.) He had heard Mr. Foster attack Dalton McCarthy and said he would protect the minority of Manitoba. He asked him if he had forsaken forever, the yoke which he had worn under the hierarchy of Quebec from 1882 to 1896. "I have simply sent the yoke over to my hon. friends," responded Mr. Foster, amid laughter. "He will find the high ox is hitched on the off side," replied Mr. McCarthy. If he thought Mr. Foster was sincere, he would not make an extension of the boundaries they desired. "What do you mean by a yoke?" asked Mr. Lennox. "My hon. friend took a position under that yoke in 1896, when he contested North Simcoo, and he knows the result. I don't want to rub it in too far," replied Mr. McCarthy.

Proceeding, he said he agreed with the statement that Mr. Sbarretti had changed his spots. He had moved from St. John to Toronto. "He was kicked out," suggested a member. Mr. Foster denied the last statement utterly, and asked that he be credited for sincerity. Mr. McCarthy accepted the statement and repeated that coercion in Manitoba was attempted at the request of the hierarchy of Quebec. W. H. Bennett followed in an attack on Mr. McCarthy, and a challenge to the postmaster general to go to New York and fight an election on the issue.

Calls Foster a Firebrand. Hon. Sydney Fisher continued the debate in a vigorous speech. He opened by saying that Mr. Foster's opening speech was making an incendiary speech and contrasting his attitude now and in 1896, quoted a speech by him in the latter year when he reproached Dr. Sproule for making a speech appealing to the Protestant people, which should be deplored. Touching the statement by Mr. Rogers, Mr. Fisher said it contained inferences which were false to the record and untrue. Mr. Foster had accused the premier of giving authority to Mr. Sbarretti in face of the denial of the statement yesterday by the premier, confirmed by the statement of the apostolic delegate at Ottawa.

Campbell Heard From. Winnipeg, April 6.—Hon. Col. Campbell, attorney general of Manitoba, tonight gave the following explanation of Mr. Sbarretti, the apostolic delegate at Ottawa. "I think all the essential facts have been brought out. I never met him prior to our meeting in Ottawa. His excellency is under a misapprehension in thinking we met before. "The communication and memorandum which I received from him I duly delivered and communicated, as he requested me to do, to my colleagues. "I do not think that there was any conflict in the statement made by his excellency and that of my colleague, Hon. Mr. Rogers."

HARKINS' ATTRACTIONS. A bumper attendance assembled at the Opera House last evening to see a third production of Conan Doyle's 'The Sign of the Four.' Tonight the company will present their great success, 'A Stranger in a Strange Land,' Saturday matinee. In his power will be the bill, and Saturday night will be the last chance to see the company. A great bill is offered in Nevada or the Devil's Mine. The Halifax Recorder has this to say of the play: "The theatre was packed to the doors. The play was Nevada, or the Devil's Mine, a story of Western mining life, filled with the most exciting incidents, and which aroused the audience to the greatest enthusiasm, who not only applauded heartily, but fairly burst into cheers as the hero and heroine foiled the villains. In fact not for some time has such applause been heard in the Academy of the Harkins company. The most exciting incident in the play, is the marking of the mine when a man is suspended in a mine. How it is done is the question. It is certainly a thrilling situation and evokes rounds of applause."

WEST END FIRE. About \$50 or \$500 damage was caused by a fire from a defective chimney in the residence of Mrs. A. W. Wyman, Guilford St., west end, last evening. The blaze was quenched by the firemen from a hose from the water tap in the house. No alarm was sounded.

NEW RAILS FOR I. C. R.

The Soo Got the Contract Although Sydney Works Also Tendered.

Ottawa, April 7.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson stated today that there were two tenders received for the contract for steel rails for the Intercolonial, which was just awarded to the Sault Ste Marie Company. The other tender was from the Sydney Company but as the rails had to be delivered before July 1, and as the Sydney Company could not do this, the contract went to the "Soo" people. The rails which the Canadian Companies are turning out are of the very best in quality. The tenders were confined to Canadians.

TO STRENGTHEN Y. M. C. A. WORK.

International Committee Enlarged by Addition of More Canadian Members.

Montreal, April 7.—(Special)—A move for closer co-ordination of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. with the International Committee was made at the Dominion convention of the Y. M. C. A. this morning. It was decided to increase the Canadian representation on that committee to seven or nine and in return the International Committee be given general control of the plans for the Canadian field. Carrying out these plans will, however, be left to the Canadian section of the committee which shall have its headquarters in Montreal.

This Canadian committee was authorized to call another Dominion conference whenever advisable in their judgment after a consultation with the International committee. A committee of five was appointed to confer with the present Canadian members of the International committee for the appointment of new members. The object of this re-organization, which is an outgrowth of the Buffalo convention of the North American Y. M. C. A. last May, was to strengthen the work of the association in sparsely settled districts of Canada.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Dufferin.—W. A. Cunningham, Halifax; Robt. Connelly, Great Salmon Falls; J. M. Macdonald, St. John; F. K. Schilling, N. Y. City; T. Comdy, Montreal; C. Salisbury, Montreal; J. F. G. H. Stewart, N. Y.; L. B. Dickson, Montreal. Clifton.—A. F. Bently, Chatham; J. Shaw, Montreal. Grand Union.—J. D. Campbell, Argosha; Mrs. Madden, Portland; E. Brown, Montreal; Robt. Coyne, St. John; J. M. Macdonald, St. John; John Clarke, Winnipeg; L. Clerc, Montreal; E. Fisher, De Correns, Miss. Stewart, De Correns. New Victoria.—William Layland, Newark; John Hazlett, Lawrence Mass. Royal.—J. B. Hanson—Frederick; Geo. S. Leiver, New York; L. E. Brown, Montreal; F. E. Black, St. John; Campbell; F. R. Burton, New York; Mrs. Burton, New York; Miss Burton, De La France, Mrs. Le France, W. Cloud, Geo. Cloud, New York; G. Poterston, Montreal. Victoria.—R. C. Bullock, St. Martins; J. F. Taylor, Toronto; J. W. Stewart and wife, Toronto; R. E. Gaen, Couano; Billy P. Leblanc, Moquean; Mrs. Egan, Miss Kate Egan, George H. Clarke, Nelson B. C.; G. H. White, Phoenix, B. C. Stewart, Sydney C. B.

HAD PROTRACTED SESSION.

Washington, April 7.—The House of Commons, which met all night, discussing the army bill, not adjourning until 9.15 a. m., resumed its labors at noon today, when the bill legalizing marriage with a deceased wife's sister, came up for its annual discussion. The effect of the 12-hour session however, was seen in the vacant benches, and it was an hour after the usual time of opening before a quorum was secured.

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OVER THE CHANNEL IN A GAS BALLOON.

Calais, France, April 7.—Jacques Faure's balloon, which left Fokestone, Eng., at 11 p. m. yesterday, made a successful passage of the channel, landing near Calais at 3 o'clock, this morning. The balloon encountered a severe storm, but was not injured, and its three occupants were in good health and spirits when they landed.

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