

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, May 13.—In the House today Col. Hughes brought out the information that the Canadian government had no intention of augmenting the small pensions paid to members of the Canadian contingents disabled in South Africa.

Mr. Mulock's bill to aid in the settlement of railway strikes went through committee and stands for its third reading. An amendment provides that in case of a strike on the Intercolonial one arbitrator shall be appointed by the minister of railways and the second by the men and the third by the lieutenant governor in council in the province where the strike occurs. In case of a general strike the minister of railways shall determine which province shall act.

In supply Mr. Monk again asked for an announcement as to Prefontaine's position in regard to the public works department. He pointed out that Prefontaine would have been defeated in the election if he had not represented the district that he was to have. He pointed out that he was to have control of dredging, canals, docks and other works. Hundreds voted for him on this understanding and the opposition wanted a definite answer. He referred to the hard work Prefontaine had to force himself on the party as a member of the government.

Laurier replying, claimed that his choice of Prefontaine was a good one. He referred to Mr. Monk's course in Quebec elections as ill-judged. When he (Laurier) called upon Prefontaine to enter the cabinet he informed him that a reconstruction of the cabinet might be necessary. Following a bitter attack by Mr. Monk, the premier concluded by stating that all money that have been voted for public works would be spent by Mr. Sutherland.

Mr. Monk responded in a spirit of fashion and congratulated Laurier on revealing his colleague as a person whose word could not be accepted. He accused Laurier of receding racial animosities and pointed out that as a consequence of discussion of political questions was impossible. Prefontaine has been canvassed as a figurehead for Laurier and thus won his election.

Mr. Prefontaine, entering the house with a long recital of his popularity as a public man. He defended his action in accepting the appointment to the marine and fisheries portfolio and taunted Casgrain with taking a narrow view of things.

Mr. Tarte made things interesting by treating the house to very uncompromising references to Prefontaine's municipal career and to the fact that the Mayor of Montreal was badly taken by Prefontaine gave him the lie. Tarte never even took the trouble to call for a retraction, but continuing, declared that the people of Montreal were sick of Prefontaine. Every follower he had in the council was defeated.

Mr. Casgrain called attention to the disgraceful conduct of the liberals in 1896. Lemieux, Speaker Brodeur, had denounced the government for arming the militia in Quebec and holding young men responsible for England's battles. Casgrain had been personally attacked in the cabinet by the people of Ontario, generally, and French and sent his son to McGill college. Such were the tactics which led to liberal victories.

Mr. Pope appealed to the liberals to stop raising race crises and submit to the consideration of Quebec its legitimate and proper political questions.

Mr. Tarte challenged the cabinet to deny that Brodeur had been selected to succeed him in the cabinet. For some reason a change was made and Prefontaine got the position. Prefontaine had announced that he was to have a large share of the public works patronage and now it appears that he was only to receive hydrographic surveys. Neither party would be satisfied with the statement made.

Mr. Casgrain, at the night session, insisted upon a definite agreement from the government in regard to the arrangement of the department of public works and the marine and fisheries. He paid a high tribute to Mr. Monk and set at rest the street stories that he had a difference with the Quebec leader. He was proud to follow him, and the liberals would learn at the general elections that Monk was a growing man who was earning the respect of all.

Mr. Tarte condemned the appointment of incompetent persons to prepare plans for the Montreal dry dock. Engineer Keating, formerly of Halifax, and two architects, composed the board, and were paid \$25 per day each.

Tarte asked for information about the Canadian Marconi station. The system seemed to work until stock was issued, and then it went to bed. He suggested the government should demand a full report of its condition.

Hon. Mr. Sutherland promised to get all information possible, and hoped for better things in the near future.

The sum of \$30,000 was voted for the service.

Hon. Mr. Fielding read a telegram contradicting the report of Senator Cochrane's death.

Adjourned.

NOTES.

Farguhart McGilivray, who was supposed to have lost his life in Sunday's fire, has turned up. He had been wandering about the country and is in a dejected condition.

Hon. Mr. Fielding announced that his resolution in respect to the bonus for dry docks would come up tomorrow.

Russell, McKinnon, Emmerson, Logan and Wade, M. P.'s waited on Hays and Wainwright of the Grand Trunk Pacific today and pressed the claims of Halifax and St. John as winter terminal ports. They asked the consent of the company to place a clause providing for this in the bill now before the railway committee. An answer was promised before the bill next comes up on the 27th.

The house will adjourn from May 20th to 28th.

German has given notice of a motion to compel railways companies to equip all locomotives with fire screens so as to prevent damage from fire.

Clarke is going to call the government's attention to the recent accident on the Lake Erie and Detroit railway, where the company's neglect was, it is reported, responsible for three deaths.

Lieut. Governor Jette was in the city today in connection with the Alaska boundary arbitration.

Recent telegraphic correspondence in connection with the Australian concessions to the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., to the detriment of the Canadian Pacific cable, was presented to parliament. Notwithstanding the protests of Canada, a cable from Premier Barton just received shows that the agreement with the Eastern Co. has been signed.

RACE BALL.

National League Games Yesterday.

Philadelphia-Pittsburgh, 11; Philadelphia, 10.

At Boston-Boston, 9; St. Louis, 7.

At Brooklyn-Chicago, 8; Brooklyn, 1.

At New York-New York, 8; Cincinnati, 1.

At Detroit-New York, 1; Detroit, 7.

At St. Louis-Washington, 8; St. Louis, 6.

At Cleveland-Boston, 1; Cleveland, 1.

At Chicago-Philadelphia, 8; Chicago, 1.

At Manchester-Manchester, 4; Lowell, 1.

At Amherst-Manhattan, 8; Amherst, 1.

At Haverhill-Haverhill, 8; Fall River, 7.

At Providence-Brown Freshman, 8; Amherst Freshman, 4.

At New Haven-Yale, 8; University of West Virginia, 1.

At New Haven-Springfield, 8; New Haven, 6.

At Lawrence-Lawrence, 8; Brockton, 1.

At Cambridge-Harvard, 18; Cornell, 1.

At Bridgeport-Holyoke, 18; Bridgeport, 1.

At New London-Meriden, 8; New London, 4.

At Norwich-Hartford, 6; Norwich, 18.

At Exeter-Harvard Freshman, 8; Exeter Academy, 3.

At Toronto-Rochester, 4; Toronto, 1.

At Buffalo-Buffalo, 7; Baltimore, 1.

At Newark-Waverly, 8; Newark, 1.

At Jersey City-Jersey City, 7; Providence, 2.

At Schenectady-Union College, 7; Hamilton, 6.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, May 13.—Arr. str. Carthagenia, from Glasgow via St. John, N.P.; str. Carthagenia, from San Andrea, U.S.O.

British Ports.

INSTRADHULL, May 13.—Passed, str. Australian, from Boston for Glasgow.

VINNEY, May 13.—Passed, str. Macmillan, from St. John, N.B., via Sydney, C.B.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 13.—Arr. str. New York, from New York.

LIVERPOOL, May 13.—Arr. str. Majestic, from New York.

QUEENSTOWN, May 13.—Arr. str. Ultonia, from Liverpool, for Boston; Araratia, from Liverpool, for New York.

SOUTHAMPTON, May 13.—Arr. str. Kaiser Wilhelm II, from Bremen, for New York via Cherbourg.

GLASGOW, May 13.—Arr. str. Indram, from St. John, N.B.

KINGSBURG, May 13.—Passed, str. (presumed) Bostonian, from Boston for Manchester.

HAMBURG, May 13.—Arr. str. Araratia, from Halifax, Boston and Philadelphia.

Foreign Ports.

CITY ISLAND, May 13.—Bound south, str. Seth W. Smith, from Calais, Me.; Norman, from Hillsboro, N.B., for Newark.

VINNEY, May 13.—Arr. str. Macmillan, from St. John, N.B., via Sydney, C.B.

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FOR FALL HORSE SHOW.

City Grants \$1,000—\$500 Grant Given and \$500 More Guaranteed in Case of Deficit.

A special meeting of the treasury board was held at the city hall yesterday afternoon. Ald. Robinson presided and the following were present: Ald. Bullock, Milligan, Christie, Allan and Maxwell.

B. R. Macaulay, Lt. Col. Markham and T. H. Estabrook, representing the association who have to do with the proposed horse show and sports, were present.

Chairman Robinson explained that this question was the one which the board had been called together to consider. These gentlemen wanted a grant of \$500 to assist in the holding of the same and a guarantee of \$500 in addition in case the management met with a failure financially.

A letter was then read from their association itself stating that they proposed to have a carnival consisting of a horse show, aquatic and other sports. Every attraction would be added that was possible. No exhibition would be held this year so that the grant was a small thing as compared with the exhibition grant.

Mr. Macaulay addressed the board stating that the citizens generally felt it desirable to have a carnival. A committee had been inquiring what it was best to have. Now it would appear that the city would take on the phase of a big horse show. He and W. G. Scoville waited upon the local government and were well satisfied with what the executive promised. Not only were the citizens promised their moral and personal support. The prize list in the horse show would be open to all places. Already Montreal parties of sending horses here and J. F. Gleason had gone up there to promote the interests of the St. John carnival. St. John would be greatly benefited by such a show. The exhibition horses would serve to stimulate the people to get a better class of horses. The request was for a grant of \$500 and a guarantee of \$500.

Col. Markham said horse shows elsewhere proved very successful and he did not see why St. John should not try one. The city would derive great benefits from it. There would be no exhibition this fall so this could very well take its place.

Mr. Estabrook pointed out that it was important to make the show a big attraction. The railways would give low rates and, with them guaranteed, people would come here.

Mr. Macaulay stated that he expected the governor general would be induced to come here on this occasion. It was stated that the carnival would take place on Oct. 6th, 8th, 9th and 10th.

The delegation, having retired, the board proceeded to discuss the matter. Ald. Allan spoke strongly in favor of giving the grant. The horse show would be a good thing.

Ald. Christie was opposed to such a grant. Last year the money spent on a somewhat similar affair was wasted. The aldermen were accused of being extravagant, yet people asked them to grant hundreds of dollars for such affairs as this. He would oppose the grant. Exhibitions did not leave so much money in the city.

Ald. Maxwell held that exhibitions were well worth the cost. He pointed out that the city would receive a great deal of money in the city. He pointed out that the city would receive a great deal of money in the city.

After some informal discussion Ald. Maxwell moved that the request of the gentlemen who had just left the room be granted, in other words that they be given \$300 to assist in the conduct of the carnival and horse show, and that the city guarantee them \$500 in addition in case they meet with a deficit.

Ald. Christie moved in amendment that the grant be \$500 with no guarantee. Ald. Millidge asked where the money would come from.

It was stated that it could be taken out of the general revenue, which would be in funds in a short time. Chairman Robinson said the general revenue would be recouped when the liquor licenses were received. This would be between \$10,000 and \$17,000. Everything chargeable to the general revenue had been met.

Ald. Christie alone voted for his amendment and the motion of Ald. Maxwell, complying with the request for a grant and guarantee, passed.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC.

The St. John board of trade council met yesterday morning and sent the following telegram to the minister of railways:

"We have apprehension felt here as to the Grand Trunk plans regarding maritime provinces. Strong feeling that if dominion assistance of any kind to transcontinental road is given, stipulation that railway find a terminus in maritime provinces, and further, that all freight originating in Canada or received along the line should be shipped through maritime terminal, must be made a condition. Can you assure us of this? Can you guarantee given the Grand Trunk will build through maritime provinces and ship freight thence?"

OTTAWA, May 13.—Last evening the following telegram in reply was received from Mr. Blair:

"W. M. Jarvis, St. John, N.B.: I believe that in case government gives financial assistance to the Grand Trunk Pacific will be obliged either to enter into a satisfactory traffic agreement binding itself to have a terminus in maritime provinces or to build a line through to a maritime province. Have been doing everything possible to bring this about."

Wan—So she's engaged to Mr. Polk. I wonder how he came to propose? No—I don't believe he did come to let him go until he did.

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A FAMILY OF THIRTY BEGGARS.

The May meeting of the Board of Associated Charities was held yesterday afternoon. Rev. G. Scoville in the chair. The secretary reported 125 cases dealt with during the month, being the largest in any similar period since organization. But these were not all applications for relief. Forty were applications from persons desiring to engage working help. Thirty persons sought employment and twenty-five desired relief. Two cases were mentioned in which women out of funds desired transportation to a point where they expected to get work. The secretary made the circumstances known to citizens who had not hitherto been connected with the associated charities, and in each instance the money required was cheerfully furnished. With a few dollars letters were received showing that the persons assisted had found work at good wages immediately on arrival. Instances were mentioned where persons desired employment at a far greater wage than the same time farmers had made known their desire for hands. In these cases it was an easy matter to bring the parties together even so far away as Woodstock.

Mention was made of the five barrels of four and to be allotted to the associated charities out of the carload furnished to the needy by David Russell. The board has been informed on the matter and will take action when the goods are received.

In the course of the inquiries made by some of the visitors to the board, the following have been made which seem to call for the intervention of the board of health. It was ordered that information be given to the proper authorities.

Some attention was given to the circumstances of the Jones family, which includes a man partly blind of one eye, and a group of children, who entertain the public with a hurdy-gurdy, the children begging more or less on the streets and from house to house. This party came here from Bangor last August, though by the rule of reciprocity they should have been turned back at the border. In September the head of the house was a Roman Catholic clergyman who did not respond to their appeals. They were more fortunate in their appeal to a tender-hearted and too credulous Methodist minister, and seem to have been singularly successful in their street and vestibule appeals. In short this is said to be a family, passing the savings bank, and keeping and an active equipment in their ever shifting and elusive home. It is related that the domestic cash box was recently found filled, and that on an unfortunate occasion when an alteration was made among some of the family guests, the lady of the house was easily able to find in her pockets the twenty dollars required by the police court. Wherefore this household of supplicants and musicians is recommended to the emphatic refusal of all persons