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BALFOUR'S MOVE IS A BOOMERANG

HIS THROWING OVER OF TARIFF REFORM GIVES LIBERALS EFFECTIVE ARGUMENT.

London, Dec. 1.—According to the stock exchange today the government... London, Dec. 1.—There is a possibility of an unlooked-for result in the attempt of Mr. Balfour to remove tariff reform from the immediate field of politics.

The fact is that Mr. Balfour's pronouncement on November 29, that he was willing to submit tariff reform to a referendum, has rather surprised the tie that knit his party and supplied the Liberals with another effective argument against tariff reform.

He described Mr. Balfour's "turnabout" on the questions of the reform of the House of Lords and the tariff reform as unique, almost indecent. He said he could not imagine a greater caricature of the referendum than putting a few abstract questions to the people without a representative embodiment of their proposals.

After a study of the works he had read on the referendum in foreign countries, the Home Secretary concluded that he had arrived at the conclusion that it had proved a most unsatisfactory and disappointing method of ascertaining public opinion.

Home Secretary's Meetings. Winston Churchill, the home secretary, addressed several meetings at Dundee tonight. He was accompanied by Mr. Balfour at the Dundee meeting.

Canadian Affairs at Press. London, Dec. 1.—In his speech at Reading tonight Mr. Balfour said he had been told it was impossible to put tariff reform to the referendum, but he believed it was perfectly possible.

For his own part, he considered tariff reform the one question on which the country was now being asked to give a verdict, and he also claimed the support of very many who agreed with him about home rule being a constitutional issue even if that man had his doubts about tariff reform.

Sir Edward Grey at Portsmouth said that the tariff reformer so hastily offered was the counsel of desperate men and was nothing better than a pig in a poke.

Alison Chamberlain at Coventry said: "If you want tariff reform, you must put a tariff reform government in power and you will have it in form in the shortest possible space of time. In order to meet the radicals, we are not afraid to take the verdict of the people. I wish we could have gotten a straight vote any time during the last five or seven years on the matter and we would have had satisfactory. There are more tariff reformers than unionists."

Contests in 98 Divisions. London, Dec. 1.—According to the latest reports from the constituencies, ninety-eight seats are likely to be contested, as follows:—

Unionist—Aston Manor, four seats, being the Bordesley, Edgbaston, North and West divisions; Bury, St. Edmunds, Cambridge University; Dover, Liverpool (Everton division), Oxford University, Boika (Wokingham division); Bucks, two seats, being Aylesbury and Wycombe divisions; Cumberland (Penrith division); Dorset, two seats, being the South and West divisions; Hampshire, five seats, being Basingstoke and Dover, Wareham, New Forest and Petersfield divisions; Kent, three seats, being Ashford, Maidstone and St. Augustine's division; Manchester, four seats, being Blackpool, Bootle, Ormskirk and Widnes divisions; Lincolnshire (Skegby division); Middlesex (Harrow division); Shropshire (Ludlow division); Somerset (Wellington division); Staffordshire, five seats, being Shelby, Sowerby, and Kinkwindsford divisions; Suffolk (Sudbury division); Surrey, two seats, being Kingston and Wimbledon divisions; Warwickshire, two seats, being Leamington and Stratford divisions; West Yorkshire, three seats, being Dewley, Evesham and East division; Yorkshire, two seats, being Richmond and Thirsk divisions; Edinburgh and St. Andrew's universities (one); Glasgow and Aberdeen universities (one seat), Wigtownshire.

Liberal—Monmouth, South Shields, Cornwall (St. Austell division), Durham (Mid. division); Northumberland (Farnack division); Yorkshire, five seats, being Shalby, Sowerby, Barnsley, Morley and Holmfirth; Carmarthen Boroughs, Swansea district, Anglesey, Cardiganshire, Carmarthen, two seats, being North and South divisions; Derbyshire (West division), Flintshire, Monmouthshire, Montgomeryshire, Pembrokeshire, Haverick, Kirkcaldy, Kirkcaldy, Gairloch, Banffshire, Cathnesshire, Clackmannan, Kinross, Elgin, Nairn, Invernesshire, Kincardineshire, Lanarkshire, two seats, being Shalby, Sowerby, South divisions; Orkney and Shetland, Ross and Cromarty.

MUST PROVE WILFUL ACT.

Amendment to Make Cattle Killing by Railways Bill More Effective.

Ottawa, Dec. 1.—Arthur Melgren, of Portage la Prairie, introduced an amendment to the Railway Act in the House of Commons today affecting the liability of railways for losses caused by cattle and other animals being killed on the tracks.

Mr. Melgren proposed that the railway companies be compelled to prove that the owners were guilty of a wilful act in allowing their cattle to be on the tracks.

Mr. Martin, of Regina, gives notice that he will re-introduce Lloyd Harris' bill of last session providing for the incorporation of Co-operative Companies.

Tramways Have Another Kick.

Montreal, Dec. 1.—Trouble between the tramway and conductors and the Grand Trunk Railway, recently adjourned, has reached another critical stage. Fifteen members of the committee, representing every division of the road, have arrived. They will await the coming of President Murdoch and Secretary Berry.

IS BILL SEEKING AN ENTRANCE TO NORTH

Charter Approved by Railway Commission to Build Line from Edmonton to Dunevan.

That James J. Hill and the Canadian Northern Railway Company have plans to invade the Peace River country before long is the opinion of many who have watched the railway legislation in the past.

Before the railway committee Thursday, the Peace River and Great Western Railway charter was discussed and approved of with amendments. It authorizes a line from Edmonton to Dunevan, crossing the Athabasca at Holmes Crossing and skirting the west end of Lesser Slave Lake.

With the disposing of this portion of the Waterways question the House expects to set down to business next week and debate the bills, of which there are a large number awaiting consideration. The estimates will also be tabled next week and the budget speech delivered.

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First readings were given to the bills respecting the Alberta Western Railway, the Alberta North Western Railway and to incorporate the Apostrophe of Franciscan Friars. The first provides for the building of a railway from the C.P.R. at a point between Exshaw and Morley, south of the valleys of the Kananas, Elk and Elk rivers to the boundary of Alberta and British Columbia. The second prolonged the time of a rail-Conservative when contrasted with

SALE OF DECAYED EGGS

In New York Condemned by Investigating Commissioner.

New York, December 1.—Severe criticism of the Bureau of Food Investigation of the Health Department of New York, for permitting the sale of spoiled eggs for food and for tolerating unsanitary conditions in the breaking of eggs sold in bulk is contained in the preliminary report of Raymond B. Fosdick, commissioner of accounts to the State, made to a public body.

The investigation showed, Mr. Fosdick reports, that a large number of "rot and spots" or decayed eggs were sold in bulk to restaurants and other places where they were widely used. The commissioner also received information today that contaminated meat was being purchased by regulars from dealers and restaurant proprietors.

CANADIAN MILITIA TO ATTEND CORONATION

Two Hundred of the Finest Built Men in the North-West Mounted Police Will Be Reduced to Chinese Officers.

Ottawa, Dec. 2.—The militia council has under consideration the matter of the composition of a contingent of the militia which will be sent to London to attend the coronation of King George V. The number which will be sent has not yet been determined, but in all likelihood, a composite regiment is proposed in which each arm of the service will be represented. It is also probable that the number will be drawn from all parts of the country, the men of the finest physique being selected. The contingent will be composed of the Northwest Mounted Police, it is not regarded as probable that a representative number of parliament members will be included in the party. This suggestion, based on the similar action by the Australian parliament, is not likely to be followed. The Premier and one or two ministers will go, but members who do so will go at their own expense. There is an appropriation of \$25,000 to another phase of his argument.

He condemned the suggestion without the second reading being given an opportunity to be heard and denounced the bill as unprecedented, unwarranted, tyrannical and unjust.

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PROPOSED EXPENDITURES INCLUDE ARMORIES FOR EDMONTON AND SIOUX.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 2.—The main estimates, covering the estimates of expenditure for the fiscal year, ending March 31, 1912, were tabled in the House of Commons today. In the absence of Hon. W. S. Fielding, the finance minister, by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

They provide for an expenditure of \$138,362,200, an increase of \$4,255,575 over the main estimate for the current fiscal year. The principal increases are: Public debt, \$888,525; Agriculture, \$1,093,900; Militia, \$528,261; Ocean and River Service, \$303,500; Post Office, \$26,050; Railways and Canada, \$650,754. There are a number of other items which are chargeable to the total expenditure \$100,742,627 in chargeable to consolidated fund, while \$138,362,200 is chargeable to capital account. The proposed vote for the naval service is \$2,831,500, as compared with \$3,474,600 for the current year. The increase is represented by a sum of \$185,000 to provide for building and maintaining of wireless stations and \$45,000 for the maintenance of tidal stations.

A Million For Census. Hon. Sydney Fisher's appropriations include a vote of one million to cover the cost of taking the census in June next. The vote for immigration will be \$1,056,250, an increase of about \$25,000.

Included in the estimates is \$10,000 for the Prince Albert armory and \$15,000 for the armory at \$650,000 for harbor improvements at St. Andrew's rapids, Red river. For provincial subsidies \$9,024,471 is provided. Alberta receives \$1,296 less than last year, and Saskatchewan \$92,750 less.

For Edmonton and North. The details for Harbor and River Improvements in the Prairie Provinces are: Deepport, \$18,000; Prince Albert wharf \$150,000; Edmonton wharf \$10,000; and general repairs to harbors, rivers and bridges in the province \$20,000. Improvement of navigation route Lake Mountain Lake, Sask., \$9,000; Lesser Slave River, Alta., \$81,000; North Saskatchewan River at Prince Albert, \$18,000; Prince Albert wharf \$15,000; survey of rapids on North and South Saskatchewan rivers and other navigable streams \$25,000. There is an appropriation of \$25,000 to complete the piles and dams at the Goose Island Encampment on the Peace River, Alberta.

Public Buildings Proposed. The proposed votes for public buildings in the west are: Manitoba—Dominion public buildings, renewals, improvements and repairs, etc., \$15,000. Portage La Prairie: Public building \$15,000. Souris: Public building \$22,000. Winnipeg: Dominion buildings, improvements, repairs, etc., \$5,000. Winnipeg: Military buildings, hospital, \$12,000. Saskatchewan, Alberta and Northwest Territories—Battleford: Public building, \$25,000. Calgary: Immigration building, \$10,000. Barrack for Strathcona Horse, Calgary, \$20,000. Dominion public buildings, renewals, improvements, repairs, etc., \$10,000. Edmonton: New drill hall, \$50,000. Humboldt: Public building, \$25,000. Lethbridge: Army, \$15,000; Customs House and Dominion Lands Office, new heating apparatus, sanitary works, plumbing, etc., \$2,000; Public building, \$75,000. Lloydminster: Public building, \$30,000. Macleod: Public building, \$10,000; Melfort: Public building, \$20,000. Moose Jaw: Army, \$15,000; new public buildings, \$50,000. Regina: Army and drill hall, \$20,000. Saskatoon: Purchase of land for public buildings, \$35,000. Strathcona: Army, \$25,000; public building, \$40,000. Vegreville: Public building, \$20,000. Wetaskiwin: Public building, \$25,000. Weyburn: Public building, \$20,000. Cranbrook: Public building, \$25,000. Fernie: Drill hall, \$11,000; Public building, \$10,000. Grand Forks: Public building, \$20,000. Greenwood: Public building, \$30,000. Nelson: Public building, \$20,000, \$7,000. Revelstoke: Public building, \$20,000.

Greeks and Turks Clash. Frankfort-on-Main, Dec. 1.—A despatch to the Frankfort Zeitung from Salonika, European Turkey, says that a Greek band attacked a column of Turkish troops near there, mortally wounding three of them. A Turkish company patrolling the region near Monastir fell into an ambush arranged by the Greeks, three of the Turks being killed and one wounded. Two Greeks were killed.