

ELECTION BILL THROUGH HOUSE

Motion to Prevent Directors of Concerns Holding Government Contracts from Running for Parliament Rejected—Bill Permitting the Government to Acquire Lake Superior Branch of G. T. P. Agreed to.

Ottawa, April 8.—Hon. C. J. Doherty this morning introduced a bill to amend the Supreme Court Act. It is intended to give the supreme court the authority to hear appeals in provincial election cases.

Three bills were passed. They were Mr. Blonk's bill to amend the Administration Act in regard to maple products, and to amend the Inland Revenue Act, and Sir Robert Borden's bill to correct clerical errors in the redistribution of last year.

The house then took up Hon. C. J. Doherty's bill to amend the Controversial Elections Act. The bill led to a lengthy discussion.

The section allowing the examination of witnesses forthwith if, upon an ex parte application, it appears in the interest of justice to take such a course was debated. Mr. Doherty explained that it was inserted because it was urged that since the respondent would know the particulars of charges there might be an effort to tamper with witnesses.

Mr. Bennett, of Calgary, said that it was contrary to jurisprudence to examine witnesses in advance of the trial, except in very special circumstances.

A. K. MacLean, of Halifax, suggested that the clause be allowed to stand, and the suggestion was accepted.

Mr. Marcell said it would be impossible to get to the bottom of election cases as long as they were in the hands of the two political parties, and that the difficulty would only be solved by the appointment of a public prosecutor.

Mr. Doherty said that the question had not been put forward in the committee, but he had given some consideration. He believed that if a satisfactory plan could be evolved good results would follow.

Dr. Pugsley's Proposal. Mr. Pugsley presented an amendment, providing that if a member were unseated for corrupt practices his seat be awarded to his opponent, if the latter is shown to have conducted a clean election.

He said that at present corruption in Canada was only limited by the means at the disposal of the political agencies, and that by another in their efforts to secure votes, and paid no attention to the law, having in mind the probability that a "saw-off" would cover up any wrong-doing.

Mr. Proulx, of Prescott, thought Mr. Pugsley's amendment would be unjust to a candidate who was unseated by reason of the act of an agent. It might also pave the way for a conspiracy, whereby a treacherous agent might lead to the defeat of a candidate.

Hon. Mr. Doherty said that there existed a provision whereby a seat might be called by the minority candidate, before pronouncing upon Mr. Pugsley's proposal he would like to make a further examination of the statute.

Sir Robert Borden thought Mr. Pugsley's proposal might lead to the bribery of one candidate by another, and he would rather commit an improper act, and thus secure the constituency for the minority candidate. To have this happen the prime minister thought would be anomalous and incongruous.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier thought the member for St. John had proposed something which was drastic, but not new.

Mr. Turgeon, of Gloucester, favored drastic measures in dealing with persons guilty of corrupt practices.

Mr. Pugsley's amendment was declared lost on a division, and the committee reported.

A STAR ABOUT LUMBER LEASES

Stories of Berry and Brankley Before Commissioner Chandler Not Convincing to Those Who Heard Those Gentlemen Give Other Versions About the Dalhousie Lumber Company Check.

Ottawa, April 8.—The house this morning gave second reading to a bill to amend the Supreme Court Act. It is intended to give the supreme court the authority to hear appeals in provincial election cases.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier opposed the principle of the bill as having a tendency to delay election trials which the house was at the same time trying to expedite in other legislation before the house.

During the discussion of the estimate of the agriculture department, Donald Sutherland of South Oxford, expressed his approval of the government's decision to establish an experimental farm in Northern Ontario on the line of the National Transcontinental Railway.

Incidentally, he remarked that the sooner the western people stopped coming to parliament for aid the better it would be for Canada.

Mr. Knowles, of Moose Jaw, said that the western provinces were under no obligations to Ontario. He said that the protectionist policy of Ontario was controlling the country but that he was thankful that although the west had got its weeds from Ontario, it had not got its potatoes from the same source.

Hon. Mr. Burrell said that the department of agriculture knew no east and no west, but was working for all Canada.

Complain About Army Horses. When the vote for \$850,000 for the development of the livestock industry was reported, Dr. Neely, of Humboldt, commended the work being done for that branch of agriculture.

He said the government had not provided opportunities for Canadian horse breeders to sell animals for military purposes. It was said that the government had even asked British and foreign buyers to keep out of the Canadian markets until the demand for horses for the Canadian forces had been satisfied.

If this was so, the government had done a malicious, almost criminal injury to the horse-breeders of the country, because the demand for horses for the Canadian government was small, compared to the available supply.

Sir Robert Borden said that at the beginning of the war the allied governments had had to look far ahead in order to ensure for themselves a supply of horses. The type of animal used in one army were not used in other armies.

An arrangement, the terms of which the prime minister was not at liberty to divulge to the house, had therefore been made between the several governments as to the localities in which each should buy horses.

With that arrangement the government could not interfere, but it had been suggested that there was in Canada a class of horses which could not be used by one power, but could be used by another.

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Mr. McMillan, of Glengarry, suggested the formation in connection with the department of agriculture of a bureau for the registration and enumeration of all horses in the country available for military purposes.

He stated that owing to the fact that there had been no competition in buying, from \$110 to \$115 had been the average price for horses in his own county.

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Mr. McMillan said there was an average difference of \$65 in the price of horses between the time they left the farmers' hands in Glengarry and the date at which they were delivered to the government.

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Mr. McMillan said that he had referred only to horses purchased for the British government.

J. H. Sinclair said it had been proven in the public accounts committee that horses had been bought in Nova Scotia through middlemen.

The prime minister said this must refer to horses purchased early in the war for the first contingent.

Hon. Frank Oliver did not think there should be regulation of the export of horses, if there was none of the export of nickel.

The house adjourned shortly after midnight.

Ottawa, April 7.—The bill authorizing the government to lease the Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway was put through committee in the house this morning, and reported with amendment to the effect that with five years, or to purchase it, must be ratified by parliament.

During the discussion Hon. Frank Cochrane expressed the opinion that the railway, from the National Transcontinental to Fort William, was the key to the west, and should have belonged to the Transcontinental, rather than to the Grand Trunk Pacific.

Hon. George F. Graham thought that the Transcontinental should be opened, but did not think that there was any immediate necessity for expropriating the Superior branch of the G. T. P.

Fears of members of the opposition, that the legislation was intended to allow the government to purchase the branch line without consulting parliament were allayed by Sir Robert Borden, agreeing to amend the bill, also to require the consent of parliament before an agreement to buy the line or to lease it for a long term of years was consummated.

He said that in the present state of the money market the government would be hardly disposed to undertake to expend \$30,000,000 or \$40,000,000 on the branch railway.

The bill to amend the Dominion Election Act was then taken up in committee. An interesting debate followed.

THE DUGAL INVESTIGATION

time the Dugal investigation, he gave an entirely different version of this transaction. He would not answer the question relating to that yesterday on the stand.

The government organ, in this city to-night after columns of the Globe, E. B. Carter and P. J. Veniot admits that "unquestionably the proper course to adopt would have been to pay the Dalhousie check into the crown land office account, and then for the department to issue another check to the Miramichi Lumber Company."

But Hon. Mr. Grimmer had disavowed that company's claim. Even as it was, however, the money did not reach the province, and under the secret arrangement of Messrs. Berry, Brankley and Flemming even the deputy minister did not know anything about it.

Public attention was aroused on the North Shore by the disclosures and even stranger stories are being told by visitors from that section who have followed the lumber business all their lives.

It is stated, also, that several prominent lumbermen on the North Shore are prepared to dispose of their crown lands and are only prevented by the dissatisfaction of the men who would buy with the present uncertain tenure of the leases.

Very great prices are quoted as being offered for some of the holdings which only cost from \$75 to \$100 per acre a short time ago. One block of thirty acres which cost a bonus of \$75 per acre was offered for the renewal of the lease, was almost sold for \$80,000, but the lumbermen would not carry out his verbal agreement.

The broker who made the deal was paid a good portion of his claim rather than have the matter aired in court.

Another example of the real value of crown lands was given The Telegraph yesterday when a North Shore lumberman offered \$10,000 for eight square miles which cost a bonus of only \$75 per acre. His offer was refused, as the lessee wanted \$12,000.

This is the kind of speculation being carried on with the crown lands. It is said that fortunes have been made or are in the process of making and the government has no means of getting any share of the enhanced values.

The lumberman who gave The Telegraph this information expressed his strong opinion that crown land leases should not be permitted to sell their holdings, or if speculation is to go on the province should get all over the amount they had paid in bonuses except a reasonable amount for interest and brokerage.

P. E. I. PREMIER WIDENS THE BREACH WITH THE TEMPERANCE ALLIANCE

Charlottetown, P. E. I., April 7.—(Special)—The breach between the government and the Provincial Temperance Alliance, the membership of which includes almost all the clergymen of the island, was further widened by fierce attack made against that body by Premier Mackenzie in the house this afternoon, when introducing amendments to the prohibition law.

The premier will now have further to reckon with the Island Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, and Anglican churches, and other clerical bodies which had passed sweeping resolutions denouncing the government for non-enforcement of the law.

Salisbury RED CROSS BRANCHES FINE WORK

Salisbury, N. B., April 7.—On April 3 the following articles were sent by the Salisbury branch of the Red Cross Society to the provincial branch of the society at St. John: Fourteen field shirts, 80 hospital shirts, 1 pneumonia jacket, 96 towels, 24 face cloths, 3 rolls bandages, 12 boxes of Band-Aids, 24 quills, 2 quills, 5 pillows, 1 parcel linen, 52 pairs socks, 12 pounds candy.

Those donating pillows were: Mrs. H. N. Crandall, Mrs. Frank Willmot, Mrs. George Cook, Mrs. John Sullivan (pillows and linen).

Mrs. V. E. Gowland, the hard-working president of the society, feels very grateful for the way in which all have worked together. A large amount of work has been accomplished and much money raised for patriotic purposes during the past six months.

It is a matter of general regret that Mr. Gowland, who has rendered such untiring service as president of the society, finds it necessary owing to impaired health to tender his resignation.

The next move on the part of the society for raising Red Cross funds will be an illustrated lecture. It is understood the Rev. T. Porter Drummond, pastor of the Presbyterian church, Moncton, has kindly consented to give his popular illustrated lecture, The Isle of Man, at Salisbury on Wednesday evening, April 21, for the benefit of the Salisbury branch of the Red Cross Society patriotic work.

Miss Smith, returned missionary from the Canadian far west, gave an interesting lecture here on Tuesday evening in the Methodist church. Miss Smith's mission work is largely among the Canadian Indians.

OTTAWA HEARS COL. H. H. McLEAN WILL COMMAND A BRIGADE

Ottawa, Ont., April 7.—It is understood here that Col. H. H. McLean, M.P., will soon leave for England in command of a brigade in the second or third Canadian division.

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PROVINCIAL CAMP FOR BOY SCOUTS AT CHIPMAN

Tuesday, April 6. Provincial Council of the Canadian Boy Scouts was held in the Bank of British North America, Market Square, St. John yesterday. Col. Wedderburn was in the chair, and the following members were present: L. H. Bliss, from Fredericton; A. C. Skilton, St. John; J. T. Whitlock, St. Stephen; G. H. King, Chipman; J. W. Hoyl, McAdam; Mr. Douglas, Moncton, and D. MacGuire, provincial secretary.

The provincial business before the meeting was the matter of holding a summer camp for the training of Scout masters and Scouts. It was decided that a camp be opened at Chipman, as the most central and best equipped place for the purpose, beginning on July 31, and continuing for two weeks.

The camp is to be under the care of officers to be appointed by the Provincial Council, and a thorough course of instruction is to be given in scouting to all who attend.

The cost of the two weeks combined outing and training is to be only four dollars per scout; the balance to be paid by the Council. Each scout is to come with his own bedding, dishes, etc. The railway fare is reduced to the minimum by the different railways over which the troops travel. This opportunity has been looked forward to by many scouts for some time, and it is not to be let slip now.

There will be special officers sent down from Ottawa to give instruction. The Duke of Connaught, the Chief Scout for Canada, is deeply interested in the work, and already has recognized the work done in New Brunswick by presenting a scroll of honor to Earl Scovil, of St. Stephen, for bravery in stopping a runaway horse, and saving two ladies from imminent danger. The prospects are for a large camp, and a good course of training.

OPPOSITION TO NEW ST. JOHN CEMETERY.

Fredericton, April 7.—The corporation committee this morning considered a bill to incorporate the Pine Valley Cemetery, St. John. Judge Forbes appeared for the Fernhill Cemetery Company in opposition to the bill, and said there was sufficient cemetery accommodation at Fernhill for St. John for the next 100 years and at reasonable price.

G. E. Logan of St. John, and R. B. Hanson of Fredericton appeared for the promoters of the bill, and urged that the Fernhill Company had a veritable monopoly and that the incorporation of the new company would be in the public interest.

The committee decided to take up the bill in private session later.

Before the agricultural committee Hon. J. A. Murray presented a bill entitled "An act for suppression of infectious and contagious diseases among bees, and for protection of bees." The committee approved of the bill, and recommended it.

King-Robinson. St. Stephen, April 7.—Robert King, divisional superintendent of the C. P. R. (London, Ont.), and Miss Lorena Robinson, daughter of the late John Robinson, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister, Miss Emma Robinson, at 7 o'clock this morning by the Rev. E. B. Wylie, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The happy couple left by Marine Central Railway to spend the honeymoon in Boston, New York and other New England cities.

C. B. Allan, secretary-treasurer, acknowledges receipt of \$2 for April from George J. Rathburn of Westfield, and \$5 for April from R. E. Armstrong.

THE U-29, A DARING RAIDER, WAS VICTIM OF BRITISH STEAMER

Berlin, April 7, via London, April 7.—The German admiralty has given out an official statement in which the loss of the submarine U-29 is accepted. The text of the communication is as follows: "The U-29 has not returned from its last cruise. According to report of the British admiralty of March 26 this vessel with her crew was sent to the bottom. She therefore must be regarded as lost."

The German submarine U-29 was generally believed to have been commanded by Captain Otto Weddigen, who had charge of the U-9 when this submarine sank the cruisers Hogue, Aboukir and Cressy last September. The captain of the British steamer Andalusian, among the vessels destroyed by the U-29, was taken on board the German submarine. The face of the captain was familiar, and he asked him if he was not Weddigen. This the captain admitted. Referring to his new command, the U-29, he said it was the last word in German submarine construction. She displaced 800 tons and could make 10 knots on the surface and 10 knots submerged. The middle of March she made a raid in the Channel and was successful in sinking four British and one French steamships and in damaging three other vessels.

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Darien, Ga., April 5, Tralton, Wasson, Bal. Salsine, March 29, teaux, Kingston.

New York, April 5, Co No 2, Sweet, St. Jo. No 4, Blair, St. John (NB); Vineyard Haven, schs Maple Leaf, Brid. New York; Percy C. for Bridgeport.

New York, April 6, Transjanda, Liverpool. Naples, April 6—A. New York.

Havana, March 29—Bessley, Jacksonville, bilan. March 29, sch. self. Report News, Ap. this Glasgow.

Letang (NS). Eastport, April 5—Balano, St. John; Cet. Sid April 5, schs M. walk; Kavoia, wester. Maloy, Amherst (NS). New York, April 6—B. Cousins, Philadelphia. New London, Apr. ans, for New York.

Portland, April 6—Monarch, Glasgow; Portsmouth, April 6, 25 lbs. Braze Wire. (NS) to Blame F.

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