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AMENDMENTS VOTED DOWN BY LARGE MAJORITIES

Opposition Would Take C. N. R. Freight Rates Out of Ry. Commission's Hands.

PUGSLEY'S AMENDMENT INCLUDED IN LIST.

First Reading Yesterday of Bill to Give Effect to the Canadian Northern Railway Agreement.

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, May 28.—The first reading of the bill to give effect to the C. N. R. agreement provoked three amendments from the Liberals, all of which were voted down with handsome majorities. One of these was a silly demand that the government itself should control the freight rates on the C. N. R., that is to cut the railway commission out of the control, an impossible undertaking.

Hon. Robert Rogers put the finishing touches to this argument. He pointed out that there were three railways operating in western Canada and that it was impossible to legislate for one company alone. He said that in 1911 after he entered the Dominion cabinet one of the first questions coming to his attention was the discrimination in regard to western freight rates. At the request of the Winnipeg Board of Trade the question was submitted to the railway commission. Mr. Rogers then read the reply of the late Chairman Mabee in which he said he would set foot on inquiry at once. Judge Justice stated to Hon. Frank Cochrane that this was the first time the matter had been called to his attention. As a result the inquiry had opened which had resulted in the decision given a few months ago. This decision was gratifying to the people of western Canada. Apparently the Liberals said Mr. Rogers had only awakened to the true conditions in western Canada after they entered opposition.

When the Canadian Northern resolutions came up for concurrence this morning Mr. Duncan Ross (West Middlesex) moved an amendment to the effect that no definite action be taken until a parliamentary commission had thoroughly probed the affairs of the railway.

The Premier called for the rejection of the amendment, stating that the opposition could test public opinion on the matter later.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that a very incomplete inquiry had been made into C. N. R. affairs. He did not think Mr. Borden would have the courage to go to the country.

"What about the courage of the hon. gentleman on the Grand Trunk Pacific and the navy bill?" asked Mr. Borden.

When the discussion was resumed in the afternoon, Mr. E. M. MacDonnell said that the "equipment trust" of the C. N. R. and the bonded indebtedness of the Mount Royal Terminal Company should be investigated.

A vote was taken on the amendment moved by Mr. Duncan Ross, and resulted in ninety votes against the amendment and forty-six votes for it, a government majority of forty-four.

Mr. W. F. Nickle of Kingston, voted for the amendment, and Mr. Bennett did so in effect, since in his absence, Mr. George H. Bradbury of Belkirk, who was paired with him, was prevented from supporting the government.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley moved the amendment of which he had already given notice, providing that the capital stock of the C. N. R. be reduced to \$30,000,000, and held in trust for MacKenzie and Mann for five years, the government to have the option of purchase of the road at a price not over \$30,000,000 during this time and the stock, providing that no default was made, and the government did not exercise its option, to be then returned to MacKenzie and Mann.

Premier Borden in replying to Dr. Pugsley stated that his amendment differed in an important respect from the former one. The resolution now meant that the government was to undertake the completion of a road they did not own and might never own.

The tariff bill was then brought down for third reading. Mr. A. K. MacLean of Halifax moved that section 2 of the bill be struck out. Section 2 provides for the imposition of a surtax, the maximum rate to be 25 per cent. ad valorem, but the amount within this maximum rate to be left to the authority of the governor-in-council.

Hon. W. T. White explained that the legislation was for defence, not for aggression. Under the old act the question whether the surtax was to be imposed or not rested with the Minister of Customs. The new act made the surtax more flexible and enlarged its scope to meet discrimination against Canadian shipping.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the surtax was a tax and should be fixed by parliament. There was a tendency under the present administration to remove power from parliament and give it to the governor-in-council.

On a standing vote the amendment was lost, and the bill was given third reading.

THE MILITANTS STONE ROYAL PALACE WINDOWS

Two of Them Get Into Grounds and Smash Two Windows of Buckingham Palace Before Seized by Guards.

London, May 28.—Buckingham Palace is to be no longer exempt from the suffragettes. It leaked out tonight that between eleven and twelve o'clock last night two militants succeeded in evading the sentries outside the palace. Entering the quadrangle, they began throwing stones at the windows, and had smashed two of them when the sentries seized them and took them to the police station, where they gave their names to the police. The Master of the Royal Household refused to prosecute them, and they were released after a few hours detention.

At a meeting of the Women's Social and Political Union tonight, when Mrs. Mansell told of what the two women had succeeded in doing, the audience burst into cheers, lasting several minutes. The suggestion that the Queen must be horrified at the treatment meted out to imprisoned suffragettes was received with loud cries of dissent.

Mrs. Mansell strongly protested against the action of the Archbishop of Canterbury in "refusing sanctuary" to Miss Annie Kenney, adding that the archbishop would be allowed no peace until women obtained the vote.

CARPENTERS' DEMANDS MAY BE GRANTED

Montreal Strike May Not Materialize as Builders Are Likely to Pay the 45 Cents an Hour Asked.

Montreal, May 28.—There may not be a strike of the carpenters on June 1, as has been feared, the present indications being that the builders and contractors will pay the increased wage, 45 cents per hour, as agreed upon between the majority of the big contractors and the Carpenters' Union some time ago, when the wage question was last discussed. The different branches of the trade are organizing, but the Carpenters' Union professes not to anticipate any trouble.

ORANGE ORDER HAS BIG GAIN IN MEMBERSHIP

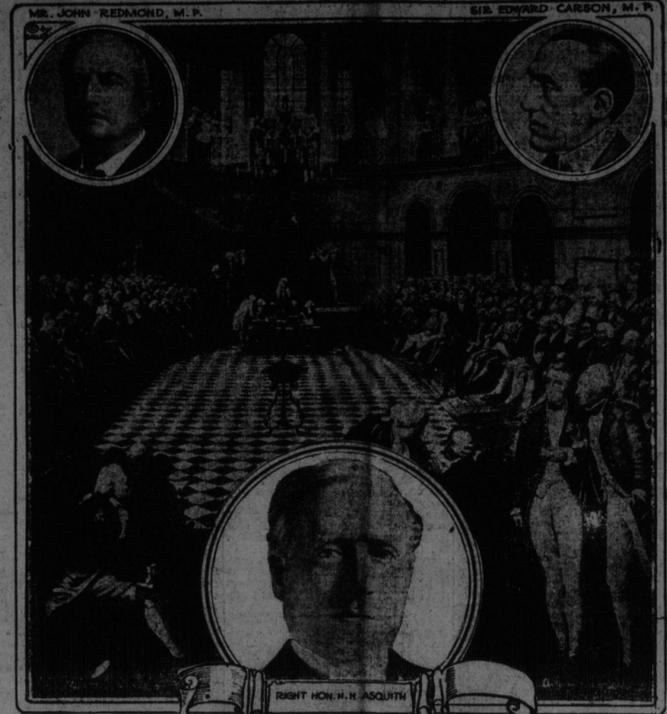
Over Seven Thousand New Members Added During the Past Year—Manitoba School Question Debated.

Regina, Sask., May 28.—The Manitoba school question was the great topic of interest in the Orange Grand Lodge of British America today. No definite conclusion was reached, and the controversy will be resumed tomorrow.

Delegates to the Grand Orange Lodge of British America have almost abandoned hope of persuading Lieut.-Col. Scott to stand for another year's service as grand master. If he retires it is said that Doctor Ellis of Fleming, Sask., present deputy grand master, will seek the higher position and that H. B. Murphy, M. P., will be a candidate for the deputy chair.

Reports of the year's work in various parts of Canada, were most encouraging. The membership has established a new high record. Although two of the provinces have failed to set reports along in time to be included in the grand total, it was shown that the net increase in members, after allowing for thousands of deaths and

SCENE AT LAST IRISH PARLIAMENT AND PRINCIPALS IN PRESENT FIGHT OVER THE IRISH HOME RULE BILL



With the passage of the Irish Home Rule Bill by Commons, an armed clash with Ulster is looked for in London. The measure, bitterly opposed by Sir Edward Carson and other Unionist members, passed, 331 to 274. The end of the struggle came quite suddenly, the Unionists refusing to debate the bill without further information as to the government's intentions in regard to the proposed amending measure. Premier Asquith lifted a corner of the veil, but Andrew Bonar Law, leader of the opposition, declared Asquith had not told them anything. To discuss the third reading under the circumstances would, he said, be futile and ridiculous.

THE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES ARE TABLED

Brought Down in Commons Yesterday by Hon. Mr. White.

TOTAL AMOUNT ABOUT SEVENTEEN MILLIONS.

Large Portion For National Ports Development—Million For I. C. R. Railway Stock—Grant of \$5,000 for Lady Latour Monument here

Ottawa, May 28.—The supplementary estimates for the current fiscal year were tabled in the Commons by Hon. W. T. White this morning. They total \$17,438,912. Of this amount \$9,664,197 is chargeable to revenue and \$7,774,715 to capital account. The main estimates for the year showed a decrease of \$11,990,996, which means that the total appropriations for the year will be about five and a half millions more than last year.

One of the main items in the estimates brought down today is a million dollars "towards the construction of a railway to connect Montreal with the transcontinental railway." It is stated to be the government's intention to construct a branch line northward from Montreal to connect the National Transcontinental. The amount put in the estimates this session will be for preliminary surveys, but it is hardly likely that the government will actually proceed with the work without bringing in a special bill in parliament to authorize it next session.

For National Ports

Further large expenditures are asked for the development of the national ports, and for transportation generally. For Fort Arthur, and Fort Wilfrid, continued on page five.

TWELVE THOUSAND MINERS TO QUIT WORK.

Charleston, West Va., May 28.—Twelve thousand miners will leave the pits in the Kanawha Coal Fields tomorrow night, and according to the action taken at the convention of the United Mine Workers here this afternoon they will not return until the operators agree to collect all union dues through their offices.

Georgetown, Ont., May 28.—Twenty-three persons were injured this morning by the collapse of a verandah on the Hotel Bennett when guests and others rushed out to the verandah to witness the parade of a circus. Eight were so badly hurt that they had to be rushed to a hospital for treatment. Mrs. John Haig, of London, Ont., had her face badly cut.

FIRST ACT OF GRUESOME TRAGEDY, CARSON SAYS

LIBERAL CHIEF FORTY YEARS IN PARLIAMENT

Presented With Gold Watch On Occasion of the Anniversary—Purse of Gold For Lady Laurier.

Ottawa, May 28.—Liberals of the Commons and Senate assembled in the lower chamber at two o'clock this afternoon and presented Sir Wilfrid Laurier a gold watch and chain in recognition of the completion of forty years in Parliament, twenty-six of which have been spent as leader of the Liberal party. The presentation was made by Hon. Hewitt Bostock, Liberal leader in the Senate, while Hugh Guthrie spoke for the members of the Commons. Both expressed the loyalty and gratitude of the Liberal party to "the old Chief," and pledged the continued united support of Liberalism to his leadership.

Sir Wilfrid, in replying, said that during his long term of public life he had always found that all creeds and classes could unite on the fundamental and common principles for which Liberalism stood. To him success in elections did not mean as much as steadfastly standing for the principles of truth and justice, and despite any temporary reverses he was sure the policies for which Liberalism stood would triumph. "So long as God spares me," said Sir Wilfrid, "I shall do my best for my party and for my country in the future, as in the past."

On behalf of himself and of Lady Laurier, "his leader," Sir Wilfrid, who was visibly affected, sincerely thanked his followers for this further mark of kindness and regard.

To Lady Laurier a purse of gold was presented at the same time.

THREE KILLED BY LIGHTNING IN NOVA SCOTIA

Loss of Life and Destruction of Property in Wake of Heavy Storm Which Swept Over Province Yesterday.

Special to The Standard

Yarmouth, N. S., May 28.—This town was visited at six o'clock this morning by an electric storm which was rather severe but of short duration. In Shag Harbor it was most severe and a sad fatality is reported. Morton Smith in company with another man named Smith were at their moorings preparing to go fishing when the storm broke and the Morton man was struck by a bolt of lightning and instantly killed while his companion was injured severely. The deceased Morton Smith was but twenty-seven years of age and leaves a widow and three children, also a father and mother, all of whom were dependent upon him. The fatality has cast a gloom over the community of Shag Harbor.

Fatality at Antigonish County

Antigonish, N. S., May 28.—A heavy electrical storm passed over this county today. At Beaubien, ten miles from town, a young man, son of William Fraser, was instantly killed. He was in a barn at the time. Part of the barn was demolished and a horse and cow killed.

Killed as He Was Entering His Home

Truro, N. S., May 28.—David Pearson, living in a house on his farm at Harmony, a short distance from Truro, was killed during a heavy storm. The electric bolt struck Pearson as he was entering the door. The house was damaged considerably.

THE ROYAL EDWARD PASSES BROWNHEAD, IRE.

Brow Head, Ireland, May 28.—The British steamer Royal Edward of the Canadian Northern Company, which last Saturday struck an iceberg, 110 miles east of Cape Race, while on her voyage from Montreal for Avonmouth, signalled her passing here tonight.

The steamer reporting her accident last Saturday said her bow had been twisted with the impact with the ice but she was making no water.

The Royal Edward has on board 57 first class passengers, 231 in the second cabin and 687 in the stowage.

Home Rule May Go on Statutes, But Will Never Become Law in Ulster.

GREAT ACTIVITY AMONG ULSTER VOLUNTEERS.

Unionist Leader Given Great Reception in South Wales—United Irish League Meeting Today.

London, May 29.—In South Wales, which is a centre of Radicalism, Sir Edward Carson pledged himself last night before a huge audience of coal miners to keep the covenant, declaring that home rule might go on the statute book, but that it would never become law in Ulster. In scathing terms he denounced the government's hypocritical and sham offers, and warned the ministers that the third reading of the bill was the first act in a gruesome tragedy rather than the last act of the drama.

Although there was some interruption the Ulster leader obtained a sympathetic hearing, the colliery workers all admiring a good fighter.

Sir Edward Carson will arrive in Belfast tomorrow, where he will be mainly engaged in organizing and taking preliminary steps to carrying out the arrangements in case the home rule bill becomes law. Great activity continues in Ulster. At the volunteer headquarters at Belfast tomorrow 500 men of the Tyrone Regiment go under canvas, while the non-coms are receiving instruction in training under the Duke of Abercorn.

Further evidence that Ulster refuses to accept home rule as an accomplished fact because the bill has passed its third reading is given by the Belfast News in a letter from its London correspondent, who declares that the bill will never be enforced in Ulster.

It may suit Redmond to assume that the king and the lords were mere puppets in his hands, but other politicians do not take this view. The same journal says that the value of the Ulster volunteers will soon be demonstrated. Ulster, if unarmcd, can see that she would not receive the slightest consideration from the government, and the fact that Asquith continues to talk of his hopes is due to his knowledge that Ulster blocks his path.

RUMORS OF A SCANDAL AT THE DERBY

Claimed the King's Horse Was Hemmed in at Start Until Too Late to Overtake the American Winner.

London, May 29.—It is reported that the Jockey Club is investigating an alleged scandal in connection with the Derby, with a view to taking steps to prevent the entry of "Forlorn Hopes," in the big sweepstakes, which offer prizes for every starter and hold out strong financial temptation to owners to enter such forlorn hopes.

According to statements published in the London newspapers, the field for the Derby on Wednesday was so large that there were deplorable scenes at the start and several horses were injured through being kicked. The favorite, Kenmore, lost his temper, and with the king's horse, Brakepear, was badly left at the start. They contend that the race would have been hemmed in until it was too late to overtake Durbar II, the American winner.

SUPREME COURT AT NEWCASTLE, N. B.

Special to The Standard.

Newcastle, May 28.—In the Supreme Court today the case of Crocker vs. Storey was taken up and continued. It is understood that Stewart vs. Dominion Pulp Company in which the jury disagreed will be tried later before Judge Crockett in St. John with a jury.