

LAKE FEARS BLOODSHED.

Member For Qu'Appelle on the Elections Bill.

Messrs. Crawford and Devlin Show Good Reasons.

Colonel Gourdeau's Letter Read by Mr. Brodeur.

Ottawa, May 8.—The House again spent most of the time of today's sittings in discussing the election act. At the night sitting, and particularly after 10 o'clock, the attendance was slim, and when the adjournment was made, there were only about thirty members present. Messrs. Crawford and Devlin, on the Government side, were able, as previous Liberal speakers have done, to show many concrete reasons why the act should pass. The evidence that present conditions are in need of remedying and can best be treated by the measure under discussion received strong additions. Mr. Lake, the last speaker to-night, was somewhat sensational in his remarks, expressing the fear that there would be trouble if the bill passed in its present shape, and adding that the Prime Minister would then be largely responsible if there was bloodshed.

Stanstead Election Papers Lost.
Mr. Borden called attention to the fact that the ballots and papers relating to the last by-election in Stanstead, Quebec, which had been called for in connection with proceedings being taken to report the election, had not been found in the box in the office of the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, but that the lists and ballots of the 1904 general election had been found in their place.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained that Mr. Foley, the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, who recently succeeded the late Mr. Lamothé, had reported to him last week that on opening the box to get the by-election papers wanted at Sherbrooke he had found there instead of the 1904 papers, and a diligent search had failed to yield the by-election papers. Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated that Mr. Lamothé was recognized as a most conscientious and honest official, and it could only be presumed that he had inadvertently destroyed the by-election papers instead of those of 1904.

Mr. Borden agreed with what Sir Wilfrid Laurier said as to the undoubted probity of Mr. Lamothé.

Mr. Borden again asked whether the Minister of Marine and Fisheries had any information to give as to the position of Col. Gourdeau, Deputy Minister.

Mr. Gourdeau's Letter.
Hon. Mr. Brodeur, for reply, read the following letter from Colonel Gourdeau, dated March 31st:

"I have worried every day since the publication of the Civil Service Commission's report containing the accusation against the officials of the department of Marine and Fisheries, which I feel are both unjust and untrue. I am convinced that a full and complete investigation will establish this, and will clear the public mind of all the insinuations and reflections which have been made against them. As my presence in the department as deputy head might in some quarters be considered as prejudicial to the fullest inquiry, I beg to renew, for the third time, my application for six months' leave of absence, preparatory to superannuation, and which you have so loyally hitherto refused to entertain under similar circumstances. I court the most rigid examination of all the department transactions, so far as I am concerned, and by placing myself in your hands I hope to assist you in that regard. Again thanking you for the many kindnesses which you have shown me as Minister of Marine and Fisheries, believe me, etc."

Without Foundation.
Hon. Mr. Fielding called attention to a paragraph in an Ottawa paper, stating that he had been in New York for the purpose of discussing obstacles in selling Transcontinental bonds. The Finance Minister said there was absolutely no foundation for that statement. He had been in New York, but purely on personal business. He also denied the statement that there had been negotiations with the Government respecting a change of route of the Transcontinental.

Mr. Crawford Continues.
Mr. Crawford, in resuming the debate on the Dominion election bill, contrasted the administration of the franchise law in 1903 with that of the Robinson Government. He pointed out that under the old law the administration was entirely in the control of Judges, while at present it was in the hands of the Provincial Government. He also contrasted the time allowed in 1903 for registration and revision with that now allowed, showing how inadequate the latter was. The purpose of the Conservative party in holding up the present bill was to retain control of the manipulation and preparation of the voters' list in Manitoba. Mr. Crawford then referred to the "thin red line" case, in which connection he charged Hon. Robt. Rogers with making false statements. Mr. Crawford contended that in striking out the names of unqualified voters with a red line the returning officers in the election of 1904 were justified, and he quoted Mr. Knott's evidence before the special committee in support of that view.

Proceeding, he said that in 1905, with authority resting absolutely with the Manitoba Cabinet, there had been such manipulation as to prevent 8,000 persons being entered on the lists. With only one day allowed to register in some divisions it was impossible for many people to reach the registration booth owing to the distances which had to be covered. The lists in Manitoba were stuffed, he declared, and were compiled according to the law. In Portage la Prairie alone there were 600 or 700 Conservative names on the lists that should be struck off, but without the consent of the Conservatives it would be impossible under the present conditions to have that done. In his own constituency he was convinced that ten to fifteen Conservatives should properly be struck off the lists to each Liberal so treated. What he expected under the measure now before the House of Commons was a fair, honest method of preparing the voters' lists and reasonable time and arrangements for revision.

Mr. Crawford, alluding to the allegation that the bill allowed marking of ballots, corrected the impression that

this related to all votes cast, and therefore did away with the secrecy of the ballot. It applied only to cases where men whose names had been left off the list demanded the right to vote. In these cases it was necessary that these ballots should be known, so as to be dealt with if challenged in the recount or other proceedings. He concluded with an expression of strong support in favor of the bill.

Mr. Monk.
Mr. Monk, in supporting the amendment, saw in the bill an attempt to control the approaching election in Manitoba. He regarded it as an extremely serious measure. It was crooked, wicked, mischievous legislation, designed to prevent the free expression of the will of the people. He condemned the "thin red line" transaction, and claimed that speakers on the Government side had not shown that there was any injustice under the present Manitoba act. The inclusion of a part of the Province of Quebec in the bill was a blind, because he held there was no unorganized territory in that Province.

To Take Over G. T. P. Branches.
After recess the House went into committee for one hour to discuss private bills, the Senate bill respecting the Grand Trunk Pacific branch lines being taken up.

Mr. Lennox moved that a clause be added, which was to the effect that at the end of the 50 years' lease of the Government-built section of the G. T. P. to the Grand Trunk Pacific Company the Government should have the right to take over any or all branch lines on terms to be fixed by arbitration before the Railway Commission, the appeal, if any, to be to the Supreme Court, but the Government not to take the lines over unless authorized by Parliament.

The debate on the amendment was not finished when the discussion on the election bill was resumed.

Mr. Devlin.
Mr. Devlin denied the statement made by Mr. Monk that there was no unorganized territory in the Province of Quebec in the county of Wright there were 372,297 acres of unorganized territory and in Pontiac 11,527,618 acres, with a population of 1,330 people. He held that if the bill gave the people in those unorganized parts the right to vote it would remove a defect which existed in the Province of Quebec and be a measure of justice. There were a good many farmers' sons and others in those unorganized parts who were at present disfranchised.

Mr. Lake.
Mr. Lake was surprised that none of the members from British Columbia had spoken in support of the bill, which proposed to interfere with the electoral law in that Province. He took strong exception to the bill on the ground that it involved the abandonment of the principle adopted ten years ago in regard to Provincial franchises, and adopted the principle that a company could be incorporated for political purposes and collect and distribute campaign funds. He charged that the Government employees in the west took part in the elections, and urged that this should be prohibited in any part of the country under pain of heavy penalties.

Mr. Leake feared that if the bill went through in its present shape trouble would ensue in the Provinces to which it applied, and the Prime Minister himself would be largely responsible if there was bloodshed. He hardly thought Sir Wilfrid Laurier would allow the measure to go through and spoil the high record he had in this country and throughout the world.

Mr. Duncan Ross will resume the debate on Monday.

MUST PAY \$37,500.

Jury Finds the London Times Liable to Publisher Murray.

London, May 7.—The Times has been condemned to pay to John Murray, the publisher of "Letters of Queen Victoria," the sum of \$37,500 for a libel contained in a letter signed "Artifex" in October last year, in which the writer declared that the price at which the book was issued, namely, three guineas, was simple extortion. The letter said, further, that the publisher had "exploited a great personality, Queen Victoria, for his own ends."

The action is the outcome of the ill-feeling between the publishers and the Times over the latter's book-selling scheme, called the Book Club.

AFGHAN CAPITAL CLOSED.

Failure to Get News From Kabul Causes Uneasiness.

London, Saturday, May 9.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing from Peshawar, says it is impossible to get news from Kabul. The Ameer has his own post-office at Peshawar, but instead of the customary considerable correspondence both ways, not a letter is now passing. The position at Kabul is certainly mysterious, maybe tragic. Peshawar is full of rumors of risings, murders and chaos at Kabul.

LICENSED TO BREAK LAW.

Vancouver Gives Official Sanction to Clairvoyants.

Vancouver, B.C., May 8.—On the ground that city by-law approved of the carrying on of fortune-telling as a business and had never given warning otherwise, the magistrate dismissed five clairvoyants. The police were forced to admit that the license department of the city had licensed people to commit illegal acts.

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MILITARY MATTERS



Col. Moore was greatly pleased with the excellent parade of the 13th Regiment last evening and complimented the men on the large turnout. Owing to the rain the work was done in the drill hall. Company drill and firing were the only movements that could be executed. The parade state was as follows: Col. Moore, Major Meuburn and Ross, Capt. Domville, Adjutant, Capt. Carter, Surgeon; Major Lester, Quartermaster; Major Herring, Paymaster; Major Forrester, Chaplain. Staff sergeants 11, Buglers 46, Band 39, Bearers 17, A 55, B 66, C 65, D 55, E 55, F 46, G 49, H 58, total 566.

The monthly meeting of the Sergeants' Mess of the 13th Regiment will be held on Monday evening. A full attendance of the members is asked for.

The staff-sergeants of the 65th Regiment, of Buffalo, have accepted the invitation of the Sergeants' Mess of the 13th to spend the 24th of May here. The 65th boys will also attend the unveiling of the Queen Victoria Statue.

A company of the 13th will hold a special parade on Tuesday night, for the purpose of brushing up for the coming inspection. After drill the boys will go to the Vineyard Hotel, where a social time will be spent for an hour. The rest of the shooting prizes that were not presented at the annual dinner will be presented to the winners.

The 13th Regiment is sending down to the Military Tournament, to be held at Toronto next week, a team for the service competition. A non-commissioned officer and four men will make up the team.

Col. Sergt. Syme, of the 13th, will go to Toronto next week and has been turning out the members of the Military Tournament.

Several of the school trustees will be on hand at the Collegiate Institute on Tuesday afternoon to inspect the Cadets. The lads are making an excellent showing these days, and under the instruction of Col. Sergt. Syme, are coming along nicely.

Next Thursday the Buglers of the 13th will hold a blow-out in the lecture room of the armory. A musical programme will be given and several other good things will be on tap for the boys to enjoy.

The results of the attendance marks for the company command of the 13th Regiment is as follows: A 465, B 497, C 495, D 441, E 433, F 361, G 424, H 480.

The suggestion has been made that a Garrison parade on the 24th of May might be the best thing for the soldiers. It is hoped the officers of the different corps will take the matter in hand and see if something of that nature could not be accomplished. It would be a fitting way to celebrate the late Queen Victoria's birthday.

The Army Service Corps had a busy night on Thursday evening about 81 men were present. Of that number, Surgeon Captain O'Reilly rejected about half a dozen, and the rest were measured and fitted with their uniforms by the quartermaster. The rest of the outfit has not yet arrived, but will be here shortly. The men are greatly excited with the natty appearance of the uniforms, and will no doubt make a hit with the public on their first appearance. The first parade in uniform will be held on Monday night, when the corps will put through its paces by Capt. Lawson.

The instruments for the drum corps of the Army Service Corps have arrived, and the men under Sergt. Anderson and Sergt. Kennedy are progressing favorably. There is still room for a few musicians and any who wish to join can do so by applying to Col. Rennie, or by going to the practices on Wednesday evening. Col. Rennie is more than satisfied with the manner in which the corps are turning out these nights, and it is estimated that about 1,400 cars or 126 trains will be required, and when it is known that the railway facilities in Quebec are anything but good—all the lines running to that city being single tracked, and two of them having three tracks at Lévis, which means that all travelling by these two lines will have to cross the river in ferries—it will therefore readily be seen that the transport will be anything but an easy problem. Fortunately for the Department of Militia, Colonel Biggar, director of transport and supplies, has had much experience in this work, both in South Africa and in England, during the coronation of his Majesty.

After the troops have reached Quebec, however, the work of the Army Service Corps will be by no means over, as all the camp equipment must be conveyed in the C. A. S. C. wagons to the lines of the various commands, and collected again on the breaking up of the camp. Then this multitude must be fed, and that at a time when the resources of Quebec will be taxed to their utmost in supplying the needs of the thousands of visitors, including all those on the ships.

Some idea of the catering necessary

for this number of troops can be gleaned from the following amounts required: Bread, 240,000 lbs. Meat, 192,000 lbs. Potatoes, 192,000 lbs. Bacon, beans, jam, butter and sugar, 24,000 lbs. each. Split peas and salt, 6,000 lbs. each. Coffee, 3,013 lbs. Cheese, 12,000 lbs. Tea, 2,000 lbs. Pepper, 336 lbs. Wood for cooking and baking, 775 cords. Oats, 307,600 lbs. Hay, 4,440 lbs.

The Army Service Corps will probably do the slaughtering and baking, as well as the daily distribution of all rations and forage. So the foregoing table of quantities will give some idea of its task.

The transport and feeding will be in the hands of organized and administered by the Corps, Lieut. Col. J. G. Langton, of Toronto; Lieut. Col. W. J. Stewart, of Montreal; Lieut. Col. W. W. White, of Guelph; Major Dodge, of Halifax; Major White, of Kingston, assisted by Major Cookin, of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and Major Tomlinson, of Massie, Wickwire, Guay, Swinford, and Lawson, who have already proved their ability in the various camps.

The new uniforms for the 4th Field Battery have not arrived yet, and the parade on Thursday night will be in civilian clothes.

The Montreal Star says: A movement is being made with strong support, has been set on foot by Lieut. Col. Ponton, Retired, of Officers, of Belleville, to have the veterans represented at the Quebec Tercentenary celebration this summer. It is proposed to have a battalion of veterans, carrying their old regimental colors and wearing their medals, march with the active troops.

It is contended that this is strictly an historical function, and that nothing could be more spectacular or touching, or more popular and appreciated in the districts whence the veterans are drawn, than such a recognition of past services combined with present vitality. It would be at once an object lesson and an appeal, and the participating troops themselves would respond to such a representation of the "boys of the old brigade," as warmly as the public.

There are veterans all over Canada, some a few of 1837, others of 1866, 1870, 1885, 1899 and 1900. The Minister of Militia, it is understood, favors the scheme, and if sufficient funds can be spared, it is probable that the "old guard" will be given a show.

Although no orders have yet been received, it is understood that the units of the permanent force at Wolseley Barracks will go to Quebec during the first week in July, probably on the 6th of the month. The whole of the permanent force will likely be taken there about that time to lay out the extensive military camp and prepare in other ways for the great celebration. The Royal Horse Artillery, of Kingston, have already received orders to proceed to Quebec on the above date.

BATTERY ORDERS.

No. 1—Certificates of Military Instruction have been granted as under, M. O. No. 5, January 8th, 1908.

1. Captain L. B. Reilly, special field officer's course, regimental medical service.

No. 2—Referring to Divisional Orders, dated, Toronto, May 1st, 1908:

The composition of the Fourth Field Battery attending the Quebec tercentenary is as follows:

Officers, 4; Non-Coms. and men, 59 total 63. Horses, riding, 16; draught, 20; total, 36.

Guns, 4; wagons, G. S. 1. The Battery will parade at the Drill Hall on Thursday evening, May 14th, and every Thursday till further orders. Non-Coms. and gunners not attending these parades will not be permitted to go to Quebec.

W. C. TIDSWELL, Major, Commanding Fourth Field Battery, C. A.

"FIGHTING BOBS" LAST DAY.

Admiral Evans Retiring From Command of U. S. Fleet.

San Francisco, May 8.—Secretary of the Navy, Mr. Meyer, on the quarter-deck of the trim little gunboat Yorktown, today reviewed the 44 assembled ships of the combined Atlantic and Pacific fleets. Rear-Admiral Evans, who is closing his last day of command, was able to go aboard his flagship to participate in the review.

Fireman's Fatal Fall.
Toronto, May 9.—Hugh McGuire fell down a shaft in the Sleeman & Company's brewery building at 64 Colborne street about 10 o'clock last night and received such injuries that he died early this morning in St. Michael's Hospital. He was found at the bottom of the elevator shaft by P. C. Riley. The constable on his beat noticed that the door of the building was open and went in. He found McGuire lying in a heap unconscious. McGuire was employed as a fireman at the Sleeman building.

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BINBROOK

The recent damp weather has been favorable for the meadows, but has delayed seeding to some extent.

Mr. Albert Shields, of Caistor, visited in these parts last week. The teacher and pupils of S. S. No. 3 deserve credit for the manner in which they cleaned up the school lawn on Arbor day.

Mr. Earl Pettit, of Toronto, is visiting friends in this neighborhood. Mr. John Clough intends holding an auction sale of short horn cattle at Binbrook fair grounds on May the 16th.

Mr. James Jackson, of Tweedside, paid a flying visit to the neighborhood.

SUMMIT

A. E. Walkley and Lauchlan Howell spent Sunday with friends at Troy. Thos. Carpenter and wife visited the former's brother at Hayesland on Sunday.

W. H. Kern, of Bethesda, was the guest of C. H. Howell on Sunday. Service next Sunday afternoon, conducted by the pastor. In the evening the Epworth League will meet as usual. Everybody welcome.

FREIGHT PORTERS.

Owen Sound Strike Ties Up Shipping.

Owen Sound, Ont., May 8.—The Owen Sound and Fort William passenger and freight business is held up here to-day as a result of a strike of the through freight porters which commenced with the arrival of the steamship Athabasca from Fort William yesterday afternoon. At first it was not thought that the strike would be more than a passing affair, but it has developed into a stubborn fight that equals the most serious similar occurrence of several years ago. When the steamer threw out her lines yesterday, over two hundred and fifty of the men handed in their checks and walked out. Agent Simpson says that the local official staff received no notice of the men's demands.

DRUGGED WITH DUST.

English Burglars Blew Morphia Into Bedroom.

London, May 8.—A novel method of burglary is believed to have been employed by thieves who broke into the Southeastern Hotel, Redhill, recently, and stole a gold watch and chain, valued at £25, and more than £30 in gold, belonging to Mr. Charles Chapman, the proprietor.

"My wife woke me at about 5.30," Mr. Chapman said, "and complained that her eyes and face smarted. I also felt a peculiar sensation about my eyes, as if some kind of an itching dust had been thrown in my face. I am a very light sleeper, and so I heard I believe some kind of dust was blown into the bedroom by someone before he entered."

The police, to whom a number of articles left in the room have been handed, believe that morphia dust was used to dull the senses of the sleepers.

SEIZED HER OPPORTUNITY.

Canada Proved Her Recognition of Imperial Responsibilities.

London, May 8.—The Standard, referring to Mr. W. L. Mackenzie King's reports, says:—"Canada has taken full advantage of her opportunity to prove her recognition of Imperial responsibilities in the eyes of the world. If all the overseas States accept their position in the same generous spirit the difficulties arising from the relations of the alien races within the empire need not greatly alarm us."

FATHER AND SON DROWNED.

Boat Found Bottom Up in Petite Passage, Digby, N. S.

Halifax, May 8.—William Melanson, aged 45, and his son, Rodney, aged 15, of French Beach, were drowned to-day by the capsizing of their boat in Petite Passage, Digby. When they failed to return to their home search parties set out, and the boat was found bottom up on the beach. The bodies have not been recovered, and it is supposed that they have been carried out by the tide into the Bay of Fundy. Wm. Melanson, leaves a widow and two children.

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