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SCOTT ACT WINS IN FREDERICTON

Proposed License System Defeated By 178 Majority

Greatest Vote Cast in History of the City--Temperance Men Jubilant Over Result and Promise to Close All Saloons--Liquor Men Downcast and Talk of Retiring From Business--Two Alleged Impersonators Arrested.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., April 30.—After one of the sharpest contests ever fought out in this city, Fredericton today voted to retain the Scott Act by a majority of 178. Both sides had a splendid organization and the vote polled was surprisingly large, being almost double that of any previous Scott Act election. Out of a total registered vote of 1,700, no less than 1,348 were recorded. The greatest job the license people received was at the Court House poll, where they confidently expected a majority of at least 250, but the ballot boxes gave them a lead of only 72. At the City Hall poll, the Scott Act had the respectable majority of 230, making a majority for the whole city 178. The temperance workers, including several clergymen, displayed remarkable vigilance at the polls and in consequence there was very little impersonation. Two young men who were said to be trying to work this game were placed under arrest, but one was released shortly afterwards. The other will have to face the police court tomorrow morning. Following are the returns:— City Hall—For the Act, 487; against, 257. Court House—For Act, 276; against Act, 218. This evening temperance people celebrated the victory by a grand jubilation meet-

LEGISLATURE IN FULL SWING; REFORM MEASURES OUTLINED

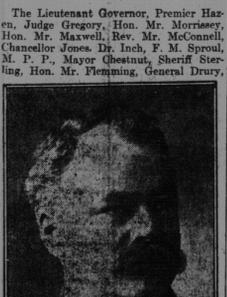
Opening Pageant Yesterday the Most Brilliant Affair in Capital's History

One General and Ten Colonels on Governor's Staff--Donald Morrison Unanimously Chosen Speaker--Speeches of Mover and Seconder of Address Indicate That Some of Late Government's Acts Will Be Deeply Probed--A State Dinner.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, April 30.—Lieutenant-Governor Tweedie opened the first session of the present provincial legislature at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The attendance of spectators was very large and scores of people were unable to gain admittance, so great was the crowd. It is generally conceded that from a spectacular standpoint the opening ceremony was the grandest since confederation. Fully 300 ladies and gentlemen occupied seats on the floor of the house by invitation. Every available inch of space was utilized. The first row of chairs to right of the speaker were occupied by Mrs. Tweedie, Mrs. J. King Hazen, Mrs. J. D. Hazen, Miss Hazen and Mrs. G. Roll White. The judges of the supreme court and ex-Chief Justice Tuck occupied the row of seats facing the speaker. The usual formality of having the governor enter the chamber and then retiring to await the election of a speaker was dispensed with on this occasion. Clerk Rainford made the announcement of the change to the house and the election of the speaker was at once proceeded with. Premier Hazen nominated Donald Morrison of Northumberland in a graceful speech, and the motion being unanimously adopted. The new speaker then took the chair and briefly returned his thanks for the honor conferred upon him. Governor in Uniform. The lieutenant-governor in his new Windsor uniform entered the house at 3:15 o'clock and took his seat upon the throne. He was accompanied by his private secretary and the most brilliant military staff ever seen at a legislative opening in this city. The reading of the speech from the throne occupied about ten minutes and after the gubernatorial party had retired the house immediately got down to business. Dr. McInerney moved the address, in reply, in a graceful speech of three-quarters of an hour duration and made a splendid impression. He was followed by Fred M. Sprull in an address, who spoke about fifteen minutes and was frequently applauded. Hon. C. W. Robinson, leader of the opposition, moved adjournment of the debate, and after some



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J. D. Hazen, Premier and Attorney-General.

BORDEN MAY RUN AGAIN IN HALIFAX

Will Likely Contest Carleton and Old Constituency Next Election

NOTICE TO QUIT

Result of Recent Contest in Nova Scotia Capital Makes Mr. Roche Year for Repose in the Red Chamber--Ontario and Quebec Conservatives Cheered by Maritime Province Turnovers.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, April 30.—It was stated today by a gentleman pretty close to R. L. Borden in the House of Commons that the leader of the opposition would return to his old county of Halifax at the coming general elections, despite the fact that he was defeated there at the last election and had to accept a seat for Carleton, Ontario. The municipal elections in the Nova Scotia capital, run on close party lines as they were, have instilled new life into the Conservative party in Quebec and Ontario, and have been taken as a notice of dismissal to Messrs. Roche and Carney, the present federal members. It is expected that Mr. Roche will ere long secure one of the vacant seats for the Red Chamber. It is, however, stated by leading Conservatives here that in all probability Mr. Borden at the next federal elections will be a candidate in both Carleton and Halifax, and will, if elected, sit for his old constituency.

CAPTAIN HARBOTTLE BACK IN TORONTO

Fugitive Club Official's Picture Now in Rogues' Gallery, and He is in Jail.

Toronto, April 30 (Special).—The five-months' flight of Captain Colin Harbottle to escape apprehension on charge of shortage of \$14,000 or more in the Toronto Club funds ended this morning when the young man was landed in Toronto by Provincial Detective Joseph Rogers, arrested, photographed, thumb-printed and locked up. He returned through the United States territory after he and the detective landed at New York from Cuba where Harbottle was arrested. Case was enlarged till Monday.

SASKATCHEWAN TO INCREASE NUMBER OF LEGISLATORS BY TEN

(Special to The Telegraph.) Winnipeg, April 30.—A Regina despatch says the government's redistribution bill will be brought in tomorrow. It will increase the number of members from twenty-five to thirty-five and give Saskatoon one member.

AMERICAN ARCHITECT'S PLANS ACCEPTED BY ACADIA GOVERNORS

(Special to The Telegraph.) Wolfville, N. S., April 30.—At a meeting of the board of governors of Acadia College held here this afternoon to consider the plans submitted by the different architects for the new science building, it was decided to accept the plan offered by C. H. McClure of Cambridge (Mass.). More than a dozen architects were in the competition. Mr. McClure is a native of Hants county and now owns a beautiful summer residence at Ellershouse. The successful architect will arrive in Wolfville on Saturday.

TRAIN ROBBERS SECURE BIG HAUL

Pittsburg, Pa., April 30.—Two men sequestered on the New York-St. Louis Express on the Pennsylvania R.R., which left this city at 9:55 p.m. tonight, entered the express car at Walker's Mills, ten miles west of this city, on the Pan Handle division, overcame the express messenger and escaped with four sealed bags containing currency.

BORDEN DEMANDS THOROUGH PROBING

Opposition Leader Says Civil Service Is "Overmanned and Underpaid"

Declares Man with a Pull Needs No Other Qualification to Land Government Job--Moves for Independent Commission to Inquire Into All Departments--Laurier and Followers Oppose It.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, April 30.—"That the investigation conducted by the Civil Service Commission was confessedly partial and incomplete. "That the proposed inquiry before Justice Casels is unsatisfactory and insufficient, inasmuch as it relates to only one paragraph of the report of that commission and touches but a portion of the administration of one department. "That this house regrets the deplorable extravagance, waste, inefficiency and maladministration revealed by that report and declares that immediate steps should be taken to reform and redress the same. "That the public interest imperatively demands the appointment of an independent commission with full powers to make a thorough and searching investigation into the several departments of the public service." The above resolution was moved by R. L. Borden at the close of a magnificent speech in the house this afternoon. The report of the Civil Service Commission was reviewed in detail and, indeed, but little argument was needed beyond citations from that report to back up the resolution which he proposed. Full and Patrons. The system of political pull and patronage, which the commissioners so strongly condemned, was thoroughly discussed by Mr. Borden, who declared that in it was to be found the great source of utter demoralization existing both in Ottawa and throughout the Dominion. Promotions were made and salaries fixed, not by ability and industry but by the amount of political pull which the civil servants could bring to bear. The service at Ottawa was, he believed, "overmanned and underpaid." In the outside service men were put into responsible positions who had no qualifications whatever and were practically useless. The opposition leader recalled the fact that when the opposition laid charges against the marine department two years ago, the premier had pronounced them "frivolous and wild-talk." Now, the Civil Service Commission's report proved the truth of these charges. The premier would hardly call his findings "froth and wild talk." The claim had been made that the conditions existing in the marine department were a legacy from their Conservative predecessors. Mr. Borden read from the report of the department of 1892 which had found no such conditions as are described in the 1908 report. The honesty which existed in 1892 had apparently been assassinated or destroyed under the Liberals. Mr. Borden quoted from parliamentary authorities to show that in England the head of a department is held responsible for everything in his department and he could not agree that a Canadian minister should be a mere machine. He stoutly criticized the appointment of Messrs. Watson and Perron to assist Judge Casels. "The minister of justice says he is absolutely satisfied with the appointment of Mr. Watson," said Mr. Borden, "and I quite believe him but I doubt whether the country is satisfied. Mr. Watson's impetuous powers in West Elgin were not very far reaching or effective. What Watson could not discover, Aylesworth forced his client to confess and he confessed no more than was necessary." Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply, said that the Civil Service Commission should have completed their investigation and put their finger upon the guilty parties and falling

to do so, Judge Casels had been appointed to complete their work. He defended the appointment of Watson and Perron to assist Judge Casels, holding that their legal honor would prevent politics influencing them. He wished it understood that the civil service commissioners were not in any sense on trial. He could not admit the necessity of a general investigation of departmental affairs as called for by the opposition. He thought statements made in the report about the militia department were "quite uncalled for" and claimed that in comparing the militia expenditures as Mr. Broder, Dundas, had done, outside the house, an appeal was being made to the worst prejudices.

Continuing, Mr. Foster said that the Premier's speech in reply to Mr. Borden was inadequate, he either did not fully appreciate the seriousness of the situation or was trying to sidetrack it. The Premier's reply made it clear that he (Laurier) did not expect such a report as had been made by the commissioners. Mr. Borden's responsibility was clear and the minister could not escape. He had neglected the efficiency of his department in order to devote his time to the political end of it, thereby the disorganization, which existed, became worse. Mr. Aylesworth had made an attempt to shift the responsibility to "Tory goats." Mr. Gregory of Quebec, for instance, a man who had been over-ruled by letters from Mr. Prefontaine, the former minister of the crown. Mr. Foster declared that in order to save Mr. Broder from responsibility, Justice Casels' hands had been tied. He could inquire only as to the dishonesty of officials. Messrs. Watson and Perron would decide what matters would be investigated. He did not take any stock in the Premier's argument that no lawyer would be influenced by his political leanings or affections. It was something that was never forgotten by a government in making such appointments.

Mr. Foster declared that if the government would introduce a bill providing for a non-partisan civil service he would give it his hearty approval. After brief speeches by Hon. Mr. Fisher and Andrew Broder (Dundas), the minister of marine and fisheries defended the attitude of the government. Mr. Foster held that made all sorts of insinuations against him but he never raked his seat by making charges. Dealing with Mr. Borden's resolution he said that a vote in favor of the first paragraph of it would be a vote against the investigation, which it is proposed to have made under Judge Casels. It was true Mr. Broder said that the department had spent a good deal of money, but the expenditure was made necessary to a great extent by the fact that the Conservatives, when in power, had neglected to develop the country. He read resolutions adopted by the Montreal Board of Trade and Shipping Federation approving what had been done by the government to improve navigation. Returns brought down today show that last year \$31,000 was spent for clothing, food, etc., for immigrants after landing in this country, as compared with \$7,500 in the nine months previous. The debate was closed by Mr. Guthrie. The division resulted in the resolution being defeated by 99 to 48. Mr. Borden read a telegram from the Board of Trade, of Yorkton, protesting against the dumping of a train load of failed Doukhobors there. All Sir Wilfrid said was that they were amenable to the laws of Saskatchewan. The house adjourned at 1:30 a. m.

TOUCHING STORY UNVEILED AT MCGILL

Sightless Man and Brother, Who Was His Eye-medium, Graduated First and Second Among Law Students--Oculist's Blunder in Removing Sound Optic Didn't Dishearten Courageous Youth.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, April 30.—An interesting story of brotherly love and courageous work under the affliction of total blindness was unveiled at McGill University today, when two brothers, T. S. and William Stewart graduated in law, coming respectively first and second in their class, and winning two of the three scholarships. Thomas S. Stewart is totally blind, through the carelessness of an oculist, nine years ago he injured one of his eyes with a knife, and specialists declared that to save the sight of the other the bad eye must be removed. Mr. Stewart underwent the operation but by some extraordinary piece of carelessness the operator took out the good eye, with the result that when the patient came out of the ether he was completely blind. Undismayed by this he undertook to pursue his studies in law at McGill and ever since then his brother has devoted himself to him, making his studies with him and accompanying him to college sports and all the phases of university life, practically making himself a seeing medium for his blind brother. As a result of this unusual devotion the blind Stewart came out at the head of his class, while his brother came second

LACK OF BUSINESS CAUSED BUTCHER'S SUICIDE

Fall River, Mass., April 30.—The body of Max Bouky, a Hebrew butcher, of 19 Hargrave street, was found late today lying on a large meat table in his shop on Quarry street, with a gas tube in his mouth and all the doors and windows closed and barricaded. Near the body was a note explaining that he had committed suicide on account of lack of business, saying that he was penniless and asking his friends to take care of his family. His wife was 42 years old and leave a widow six children.

ANOTHER FEDERAL OFFICIAL WITH EXPENSIVE TASTES

Wm. Hutchinson, Exposition Commissioner, Allowed \$20 Daily for Living Expenses.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, April 30.—In the public accounts committee today the expenditure by Wm. Hutchinson, exposition commissioner, were up. It was shown that he draws \$3,000 a year and when abroad, \$20 a day for living expenses. For six months at Liege he drew \$4,320, at Milan \$9,800, and Dublin \$1,913. There was a complaint about non-production of papers in the case and the enquiry was finally adjourned on that account.

TWO LIBERAL M. Ps. QUIT POLITICS

to, April 30.—The retirement from of Leighton G. McCarty, Liberal for North Simcoe, is announced, statement that he would not re-nomination was made last night by McCarty. It is understood Mr. McCarty's decision is due solely to personal and family reasons. Winnipeg, April 30.—The resignation of D. W. Bole, M. P. for Winnipeg, was placed in the hands of the House executive last night. He finds that business will not allow him to accept re-nomination.

MONTREAL BRICKLAYERS TO FIGHT THE "OPEN SHOP"

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, April 30.—At a meeting of the Bricklayers' Union last night at which there were some 800 in attendance it was decided to oppose the declaration of the Builders' Exchange for the "open shop." As a result of this decision it is feared there will be a tie up in which some 1,300 men will be involved.

DALHOUSIE CONFERS MANY DEGREES

Several New Brunswick Students Among the Number--Distinguished Men Honored at Convocation Yesterday.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, April 30.—At the convocation of Dalhousie University held today Miss Ethel Murphy, Moncton; L. J. King, Buctouche; and M. H. Mansel, of Carleton county received the B.A. degree. Miss Murphy was granted the exceptional distinction of high honors and a university medal on classes. E. S. Morrison of Milltown, was granted degree of Bachelor of Engineering. The degree of LL.B. was conferred on L. A. Corey, Petticoat; E. B. Jonah, Fredericton; J. T. Legere, Richibucto; R. M. Bise, Caraquet and A. L. Slipp, Woodstock. Mr. Rive is the New Brunswick Rhodes scholar for 1908, having been appointed by St. Joseph's University. Rev. J. S. Sutherland formerly of Sussex received the M.A. degree. At which Honorary D.D. were con-

ANOTHER WESTERN MINE FOREMAN'S HOUSE BLOWN UP

Outrage Occurred at Midnight--Intended Victim Injured, But Wife and Baby Escaped.

Butte, Mont., April 30.—The home of J. G. Wycklund, foreman of the quarries of the Washington Smelting Company, near Anaconda, was demolished by a charge of giant powder last night. His wife and baby escaped. Mr. Wycklund was injured but not seriously. Several hundred Austrians and Italians who had been employed at the quarries before the panic, were not re-employed when the Amalgamated Copper Co. resumed and Wycklund had frequently received letters threatening his life.

\$75,000 FIRE IN A LYNN MARKET

Lynn, Mass., April 30.—The provision market of the J. B. Blood Company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in New England, outside of Boston, was damaged by fire tonight, to the extent of \$75,000. The market occupied a three-story building of brick and wood, at the corner of Sumner and Pleasant streets, the front part of the building being brick, while in the rear there was a three-story structure of wood, running back to Wheeler street. The fire started in the shipping room, which was in the story of the wooden annex of the main building and spread rapidly through the structure. The action of Captain William Welch, of the fire department in promptly closing an iron door which connected the annex with the main building, prevented the burning of the latter structure.

Well Known Boston Hotel Closed

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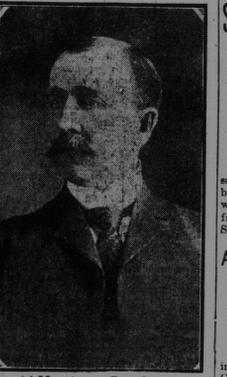
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reprise and returns had been submitted an adjournment was made until tomorrow. The guard of honor was furnished by the 1st regiment and a salute of fifteen guns was fired by a detachment from the Woodstock Field Battery. The guard was inspected by General Drury who warmly congratulated Captain Guthrie on the appearance of his men. This evening Lieut.-Governor Tweedie gave a state dinner at the Queen Hotel, which passed off very successfully. The following were present:



Donald Morrison, Speaker of the Legislature.

perience in the business life of the province, his extended experience in municipal government, as well as his active work and experience in the legislature, well qualified him as a suitable candidate for the high and honorable position. He therefore moved, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Fleming that the Hon. Donald Morrison take the chair of this house as speaker. The resolution was carried by unanimous consent. Hon. Mr. Morrison was then escorted to the throne by the mover and seconder. The newly elected speaker then in well chosen words thanked the house for the high honor conferred upon him. Immediately it was announced to the house that the Lt.-Governor was without. The speaker having left the chair, the Lt.-Governor proceeded by his military staff, entered the chamber. Hon. Mr. Morrison reported that he had been selected as speaker, claiming for the house all its ancient liberties and privileges. (Continued on page 2, third column.)