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OTTAWA.

Has Blair Sold Out the Intercolonial Railway's Business

To the Grand Trunk and Its American Allies for Ninety-nine Years?

Death of Police Magistrate O'Gara, One of the Best Known Magistrates in Canada, and of his wife of Deputy Minister Parmelee.

OTTAWA, June 25.—Police Magistrate O'Gara, of this city, one of the best known stipendiaries in Ontario, is dead.

Martin O'Gara, Q. C., was born at Mayo, Ireland, in 1827. He studied law with Sir Oliver Mowat, was called to the bar in 1861, and at once entered into practice at Ottawa and was appointed police magistrate of that city in 1862. It 1897 he was appointed by the Laurier government a commissioner to enquire into certain matters connected with the administration of the postal service.

Mrs. Parmelee, wife of the deputy minister of trade and commerce, died yesterday. She was a native of Montpelier, Vermont.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell's request for the government to bring down copies of all traffic agreements with the Grand Trunk suggests that there are more traffic arrangements than are contained in the supplementary agreement brought down in the house of commons. There is reason to believe that a bargain has been made whereby the connection between the Grand Trunk and Intercolonial is made much closer than would appear by the contract already made public. How far the Intercolonial business is placed under the control of the Grand Trunk and its United States connections is not known, but it is apparently the purpose of Sir Mackenzie Bowell to find out.

(Associated Press.) OTTAWA, June 25.—Sir Mackenzie Bowell's request in the senate for further information about some features of the bill confirming an agreement between the government and the Grand Trunk for the use by the Intercolonial of Victoria bridge and terminals at Montreal develops the startling fact that a certain clause of the agreement, taken together with a traffic contract made by some subsidiary officials, would for 99 years give the Grand Trunk and its United States connections such control of Intercolonial traffic as to practically constitute a lease of the government railroad to them for that period.

AFTER SMUGGLERS.

Preventive Officer Jones Makes Two More Sensational Disclosures in Halifax.

An Important Arrest Made at St. Stephen.

E. Floody of the inland revenue department has been in the city several days looking after smuggled cigars. He previously to coming here Mr. Floody visited Lunenburg, Sackville and St. Stephen. It is said the department was informed that while cigars were being brought into Canada through a Nova Scotia concern and sold at low prices in dealers throughout the lower provinces. At Sackville Mr. Floody made a seizure of the other day. While looking over the cigar stores of St. John in search of goods thus brought in Mr. Floody found in R. W. Carson's shop on Main street 14 boxes of cigars which had not paid duty. Mr. Carson assured the officer that he had purchased the goods from a man named Todd of St. Stephen. Mr. Carson made no attempt at concealment. Some cigarettes were discovered in M. A. Harding's sloop on Main street which had not come regularly into the country. Mr. Harding stated that a man visited his establishment a few nights since and taking the cigarettes from under his rubber coat, the night being a wet one, and left them in the shop. The packages were wet when found. F. C. Sherard had at his tobacco store on Portland bridge some cigarettes which had not paid duty. The goods mentioned were seized and the facts reported to Ottawa.

Mr. Floody leaves this morning for Digby to still further prosecute his investigations. The cigars are said to be high priced goods. The Sun's St. Stephen correspondent telegraphed Sunday night as follows: Detective John Ring stepped into town on the C. P. R. train last evening, and for a time there was some conjecture as to the object of his

PARLIAMENT.

Mr. Robertson's Request re St. John Dock Not Met.

Bill to Garnishee the Pay of Federal Civil Servants Discussed

And Finally Killed on Motion of Sir Louis Davies—Distinguished Visitors—What the Senate is Doing.

OTTAWA, June 22.—The committee of supply, which began sitting last night, sat until six o'clock this morning and in the last five or six hours passed one item. Mr. Fielding, who rather rudely refused information, sought by the opposition, and who lost his temper several times during the morning, made no headway until he changed his tactics. Before he got his vote for public works he was obliged to bring down the instructions given by the department to J. C. Charleson, who had been sent with \$13,000 and unlimited credit to establish telegraph communication with the Klondike. Mr. Charleson, who is a particular crony of Mr. Duff, and who is well known to students of the financial history of the Mercier regime in Quebec, gets \$4,000 a year and a free hand as to expenses.

The house resumed supply this afternoon and had fair sailing with the supplementaries up to six o'clock. The house continued in supply during the evening, voting most of the estimates for the Indian department.

THE SENATE.

The senate is now struggling with the task of bringing down the first year's traffic on the Intercolonial extension to Montreal.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell today rehearsed Sir Oliver Mowat's promise that separate accounts for the Drummond and Grand Trunk portions would be kept. He knew that separate accounts could be kept and declared it to be a fraud on the country to ask for the extension without furnishing information.

Hon. Mr. Scott said that the information could not be had, and contended that the general increase of receipts on the Intercolonial was not on the block of a block and road earned a profit.

Sir Mackenzie Bowell said that separate accounts could be kept, as was proved by the fact that they were kept for the first few weeks. Mr. Winwright and Mr. Schrieber both said that separate accounts could be kept. He believed that if the statement were produced it would be found that every dollar of the extension cost a dollar and a half.

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A rather large scheme was brought to the attention of the government this morning. Promoters of the corporation known as the Inland Transportation Company waited on the ministers, asking for a government guarantee of three per cent interest on two million dollars, which was to be invested in ten steamships for the lake trade. Mr. Bertam, M. P. for Toronto, a government supporter, is the chief promoter of the project. His associates are Mr. McEwen of Ottawa, Senator Forget and A. Lumsden, M. P. of this city. The government has not yet made clear its intention respecting the matter.

OTTAWA, June 23.—The house was again in committee of supply this afternoon on Mr. Blair's supplementary estimates for the current year. He dropped the item for engine rest houses and the Moncton table, as they could not be procured before the end of June.

Mr. Blair explained that the item for rolling stock was for the purchase of an existing bill of general application to all places which have dry docks or have no docks. The provision as to extension of docks is new, and the maximum grant to new docks is increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

On a small item for the governor's private car, Mr. McEwen, M. P. for St. John, moved that the place as to the growing practice of ministers of moving about the country in private cars.

Sir Wilfrid was reminded of his former announcement that he was no better than other people and was willing to side with the masses.

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On a post office item, Col. Tyrwhitt asked whether it was the intention of the department to scale down the pay of country postmasters in proportion to the reduction of the postage rate.

Hon. Mr. Mulock said there was no present intention of making such reduction. He hoped that the loss of business would be made up in a few years by increased correspondence.

The postmaster general went on to say that the loss of revenue in the first five months since the reduction of postage rate was \$190,000. He did not think the shortage for the first year would be over \$500,000, which was less than he estimated a year ago.

Mr. Ganong referred to Mulock's statement that the policy of the government was to provide public buildings first in places where business was the largest and where the need was greatest. He observed that in the east the ministers appeared to think that greatest urgency was in

their own constituencies. St. Andrews had a much larger business than Liverpool, in Mr. Fielding's constituency, where a public building was under erection.

The post office discussion turned to the matter of increased pay for post office keepers in small country places. The universal opinion appeared to be that the allowance to keepers of small offices was far too small.

The committee passed the supplementary items for the police in the Yukon.

Mr. Foster gathered by inquiry that the total cost of the police and militia services in the Yukon for the year closing this month would be \$1,700,000, and that each mounted policeman in the country costs \$4,375 a year.

Mr. Foster asked in what position would be the command of the 8th Hussars. Hon. Mr. Clarke hoped an answer would not be pressed. He said he would be glad to inform the hon. gentleman privately, adding, "he and I will be satisfied with the position the matter is in."

The committee rose and the house adjourned at 1.15 a. m.

OTTAWA, June 26.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained this morning to Mr. Foster that the total cost of the plebiscite to date was \$192,540. Some small bills, amounting to perhaps \$1,000, remain to be paid.

Mr. Foster explained that 11,078 applications for the Canadian general service medal had been referred to the claims commission, of which 4,291 had been passed upon. Of these 152 cases have been reserved.

After routine work, Mr. Duff moved his resolution affirming that the government had broken faith with the Northwest in not reducing the duty on agricultural implements and other articles of consumption. He recited some of the pledges given in the Northwest by men now ministers and analyzed the tariff and the trade returns to show that the west had been deceived.

Mr. Clarke rose to support the resolution and Mr. Duff replied, claiming that Mr. Duff should have made his allegations in the budget debate. It was too late to bring it up now.

Messrs. McMullen and Davies spoke for the government side, and Mr. Duff again had the floor at six o'clock.

Mr. Duff's resolution went over after dinner, and Mr. Richardson's bill providing that creditors may garnish the pay of federal civil servants was discussed during the evening.

Sir Louis Davies thought the bill unconstitutional, but Mr. Richardson said that he had seen the minister of justice, who declared there was no constitutional objection to the bill. There was a good deal of reflection on the government for failing to agree on the constitutionality of a measure like this.

Mr. Richardson complained bitterly of the conduct of the premier and of other ministers who last year persuaded him to hold over the bill, promising they would help him with it this year. Mr. Richardson refused to accept a special order to deal with it.

Sir Louis Davies, who was leading the house, proposed that the committee rise, promising to see the minister of justice.

Mr. Richardson called for a count, when the motion was carried by 26 to 17, and the house adjourned at 10.15.

Mr. Fielding gives notice of a resolution that it is expedient to amend the dock subsidy act of 1882 by providing that if any incorporated company enters into a contract to construct and equip a dry dock, and places and in such manner as the government approve the governor-in-council may authorize the payment of two per cent per annum for twenty years on the cost of the work, such subsidy not to exceed twenty thousand and extend any existing dock may enter into agreement to enlarge and extend any existing dock may be paid by the government two per cent on the cost of the work, such subsidy shall not exceed ten thousand dollars a year.

The proposed resolution differs from the existing bill in being of general application to all places which have dry docks or have no docks. The provision as to extension of docks is new, and the maximum grant to new docks is increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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STANLEY MURDER CASE.

The Trial Nearing a Close—Gover on the Stand.

Describes Feelingly the Circumstances That Led Him to Strike the Fatal Blow—Did Not Realize What He Was Doing.

FREDERICTON, June 24.—Several witnesses were examined Friday in the Stanley murder case, but their evidence elicited nothing new. When the court adjourned James Humble of Cross Creek, one of the most important witnesses in the case, was under cross-examination by Mr. Gregory.

It is expected that the case for the crown will be concluded this afternoon. The cross-examination of James Humble was concluded this morning and he was briefly re-examined by the attorney general.

Chas. McNeill was next sworn, but added nothing of importance to what has already been made known. Charles McGivney and Mrs. Thomas were recalled, the former being questioned with a view of establishing whether the liquor he smelled on Gover on the night of the murder was fresh or not, and Mrs. Thomas being asked this afternoon as to the post-mortem examination on McLean. He is the last witness for the crown.

It is not known yet whether Gover will take the stand in his own behalf, but the defence has one or two witnesses to call. If Gover does not testify, evidence-taking will probably be concluded this afternoon.

FREDERICTON, June 24.—The case for the crown in the Stanley murder trial was finished Saturday. Dr. Wainwright testified that there was no basis for Gover's suspicion as to improper intimacy between McLean and Mrs. Gover.

The trial took on fresh interest today when it became known that the prisoner was to take the stand in his own behalf.

Dr. Wainwright in opening, after outlining briefly what the prisoner would relate, said that Gover did just what any other man of human feeling would have done under similar circumstances.

Dr. Wainwright gave some evidence in rebuttal of James Humble's testimony as to what the letter had reported that Gover had told him.

James Forbes gave Gover a good character as a quiet, peaceable man when not under the influence of drink.

When the prisoner stepped up to the witness box he appeared as unconcerned as anybody in the court room, but he had not got far with his testimony when his bedridden wife, almost at hand, two young souls were ushered into eternity tonight, with scarcely a moment's warning. The story is as follows: Roy Jennings and Sterling Wallace, both employes in J. G. McNally's furniture store of this city, and Isabelle and Lavinia Currie, sisters, employed as domestics at Wm. Lemont's and J. W. Spurdens respectively, were out rowing. They were just above the highway bridge, and the two young men were handling the oars. Everything went along smoothly, when the girls conceived the idea of trying their hands at rowing. They got up to make the change, and in doing so one of the girls stepped too much to one side of the boat, and the craft capsized and all four were precipitated into the water. Wallace and Lavinia Currie managed to get hold of the boat and clung to it, but the other two were not so fortunate, and were left struggling in the water. Jennings is reputed to have been a good swimmer, and tried hard to save his companion, but she in her frantic struggles clung to him so closely that she was unable to get free. Both went to the bottom together almost at the instant that a boat from the city shore had reached them. Wallace and Lavinia Currie, who were clinging to the boat, were rescued in an exhausted condition.

The news of the sad accident quickly spread through the city, and crowds of people soon thronged the highway bridge watching those who were grappling for the bodies. At midnight the bodies had not been recovered.

In the aldermanic election today for Wellington ward G. Merrythew defeated Albert Alken by a majority of 29 votes.

Preparations for the big meet to be held here on Dominion day are running along smoothly. The cups and medals have been placed on exhibition, and are the handsomest lot of trophies ever competed for in this city.

Mrs. Brazil Webb of Gibson died at her home last evening from pneumonia after a few days' illness. Deceased was 69 years of age, and leaves a husband and family.

FATAL MISTAKE.

A Lady Patient Killed by Her Nurse, Saturday Night.

Carbolic Acid Administered in Mistake for a Harmless Soothing Medicine.

ST. STEPHEN, June 25.—One woman is buried with grief that will never leave her and another woman has passed into the great beyond as the result of a mistake made at a bedside last night.

Mrs. Wm. Phinney of Milltown, Me., had been visiting her sister Mrs. (apparently) Andrew B. Martin, at the Lodge four miles below St. Stephen. About four weeks ago a child was born to her, but it only lived two weeks. Complications followed the mother's confinement, and she has been under medical care, with a nurse in attendance. She awoke at twelve o'clock on Saturday night and called for some soothing medicine that was in a bottle close at hand. The nurse undertook to give it to the sufferer, but made a fatal mistake. The medicine had no sooner entered the patient's mouth than she said that it did not taste right and she did not think it fit for anyone to use. She said no more, but passed into intense spasms of agony, and died in about forty minutes. Dr. Webber was summoned, but life was extinct when he arrived.

The nurse had administered carbolic acid in mistake for harmless soothing medicine.

Mrs. Phinney was about 23 years of age.

FREDERICTON.

A Sad Termination to a Pleasant Evening's Boating.

Roy Jennings and Isabelle Currie Upset Out of a Boat and Drowned—Other Items.

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THE MINE DISASTER.

HALIFAX, June 26.—A despatch from Glace Bay says: A party succeeded tonight in finding the body of Donald Martin in Caledonia pit, completing the number of victims of the recent explosion disaster. The location of the body showed that Martin had been stronger than the others and got nearer to the slope before he was overcome.

The prospects of attaining the fire in the mine are now excellent, and it is hoped by Thursday that some of the gang of miners will be able to return to work.

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