

EIGHT HOUR BILL THROUGH HOUSE

Government's Attempt to Make Political Capital Scored by Members of Opposition. Only Eleven Majority on Amendment Offered by Mr. Middlebro—Pugsley to Rescue.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Almost all day the Commons had under discussion Mr. Verville's bill respecting an eight hour day on public works. When the bill was given its second reading it included almost every conceivable form of public works, but it has been so amended that only work on public buildings is now affected by it. Several members on both sides of the House were in favor of the bill as it originally stood, but Hon. Mackenzie King, who has become sponsor for the bill declared he would oppose it in its original form. The opposition leader vigorously condemned the introduction of such unparliamentary tactics, and Claude MacDonell suggested that it was simply a move to make political capital, as the whole thing could have been done by order in council. Mr. Middlebro pointed out that the bill had been cut down from general governmental work to work on public buildings only. The men who worked only eight hours per day would have their pay cut down, so contractors could employ men for two days and place themselves outside the jurisdiction of the act. Mr. Lancaster declared the Minister of Labor and Mr. Verville were playing a game upon the House. After the House had unanimously committed itself to the bill, the minister said he was not in favor of the bill for which he had voted on the second reading and supported the amended bill which would bring things down to public buildings and not public works. Mr. Verville then offered to withdraw his amendments and press the bill as originally drafted, but the premier checked this and afterwards Mr. Verville said he was not allowed to withdraw.

Not Fair to Labor Unions. Mr. Goodeve remarked that the original bill had been approved by the labor unions, and they had no right to amend it without sending it back to the Unions. Take as an example the insurance bill. In this case the companies had been asked for their opinion. He declared himself in favor of the original bill, as did Mr. Rhodes of Cumberland. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said no doubt the labor unions would prefer the original bill, but the free Canadian people were not composed of labor unions only. Hon. H. R. Emmerson favored the original bill, and was opposed to the amendments because they discriminated.

An amendment by Mr. McDonell, to pay overtime time and a half and on Sundays and holidays double time, was voted down. Later, however, the payment of time and a half for overtime was substituted for time and a quarter as in the bill. Mr. Middlebro moved in amendment that the bill apply to all works undertaken by the government. Messrs. Verville and Mederic Martin voted with the amendment and amongst those who voted against were Messrs. Sex Smith, Hest, Ames, Sany Sharp, Lennox and Beattie. The amendment was defeated by 49 to 37.

Mr. Pugsley comes in. Then Mr. Pugsley moved another amendment making the bill apply to all public buildings undertaken by the government by day labor. This was accepted and the bill now stands for third reading.

Mr. Lancaster's bill to amend the railway act to make the holding of Congress compulsory in the case of fatal accidents on railways was given a second reading and referred to the railway committee.

Hon. Mr. Graham said it was an invasion of provincial rights, but was agreeable that the question should be discussed in committee.

In reply to a question Mr. Graham said that so far \$78,851 has been paid to the members of the Quebec bridge commission, who are on salary. Tenders have been received for the bridge but the choice of the plan and the awarding of the tender have not yet been decided upon.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier told Mr. Borden that the agreement arrived at in Washington regarding the fisheries would be laid on the table on Tuesday.

The premier replied to Dr. Spruence that the international regulations for the regulation of fishing in waters between Canada and the United States have not been brought into effect.

MONTREAL BORROWS. Montreal, Jan. 16.—Three municipal loans amounting to \$7,500,000 were authorized today. One provides for the borrowing of \$5,000,000 for the construction, establishment and maintenance of an underground conduit system; another of \$1,500,000 for the establishment of a water filtration plant and the third of \$1,000,000 to increase the working capital for street paving, sewer and sidewalk laying. The loans will be 4 1/2 per cent bearing interest at 4 per cent.

LODGE IN NEED OF MORE VOTES

Nominated By Republicans By Acclamation But Required Sixteen Additional To Give Him Majority On Ballot. Boston, Mass., Jan. 16.—United States Senator Henry Cabot Lodge was nominated for a fourth term by 125 out of 153 Republican members of the legislature, or 16 less than a majority of the house and senate, on joint ballot. As the absentees were nearly all from the house, it is anticipated that the majority of the senate's votes will be cast for Mr. Lodge tomorrow, but that the house will be deadlocked. Whether this deadlock will continue to the joint convention on Wednesday was a matter of interesting conjecture tonight, while it was generally admitted that should Mr. Lodge be returned he would have to seek some Democratic support. Sherman L. Whipple, of Brookline, a prominent member of the Suffolk bar who has never held office, but who has appeared frequently on the Democratic stump, was selected by the Democrats at their caucus as Mr. Lodge's opponent. The two caucuses were held simultaneously and while the Republicans quickly nominated Mr. Lodge by acclamation, the Democrats took five ballots before finally deciding on Mr. Whipple.

Sheehan in New York. Albany, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Wm. F. Sheehan was nominated as the Democratic candidate for United States senator, tonight at the joint caucus of Democratic legislators, receiving 62 votes, four more than a majority of all the Democratic members of both houses. The fact however, that 25 members refused to attend the caucus, leaves a strong possibility that tomorrow when the legislature votes in regular session, he may fall to receive the number of votes necessary for election. Thomas Mott Osborne, head of the Democratic league, said after the caucus, that Edward M. Sheehan's chances were better than ever.

Besides Mr. Sheehan, the names of Edward M. Sheehan, of Brooklyn, and Cady Herrick, of Albany, were the only ones presented to the caucus. Mr. Sheehan received 22 votes and Judge Herrick, 7.

BIG INCREASE IN FISHERIES

Return Asked For By Mr. Jameson, Of Digby, Gives Details Of Growth In Fishing Industry. Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 16.—The enormous growth of the fisheries industry of the Maritime Provinces during the last forty years is shown by a return which was tabled in the Commons today and moved for by Clarence Jameson of Digby.

The value of the catch by Canadian fishermen in 1909-10 was \$11,887,899. In 1870 the total catch was \$4,295,702. There has been less increase in the catch of cod than in any other class of fish. There is not very much more cod taken today than there was forty years ago. In 1870 the catch was in detail: Cod \$2,253,903; haddock \$1,896,738; halibut \$97,077; but \$3,528; mackerel \$92,213; herring \$252,431; lobsters \$591,000; total \$3,395,702. In the twelve months of 1909-10, the catch was: Cod \$3,896,738; haddock \$829,553; hake \$238,244; pollock \$325,539; halibut \$155,161; mackerel \$948,071; herring \$1,737,453; lobsters canned \$2,271,478; lobsters in shell \$935,668; total \$11,887,899. Lobsters were a poor catch last year. Oysters are not included in the return.

MISTAKE EDITOR FOR MILITARY SPY

London, Jan. 16.—Dr. Champlain, of Kansas City, proprietor of the Agricultural Journal, was mistaken for a spy at Gurnsey today, and arrested. He was soon afterwards released. Dr. Champlain had visited Fort Dodge, carrying a camera.

EASY FOR LANGFORD.

Utica, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Sam Langford, the Canadian negro, who declares that he is anxious to meet Jack Johnson for the heavyweight championship, made his last appearance in the ring here tonight before sailing for Europe, in a boat with Fred Atwater, at the State Armory. Atwater is a bigger negro, but Langford in the third round felled him with a terrific punch. The bout was so one sided that it was stopped there.

MIX POLITICS WITH INQUIRY AT VANCOUVER

Personal Representative Of Laurier And Templeman Had Part In Anti-Asiatic Riots Of 1907.

FOMENTED IN UNITED STATES

Vancouver, Jan. 16.—Much inside history of the inquiry into Chinese immigration matters in this city was divulged when Gordon Grant continued his evidence today. He said that T. R. T. McInnes, interested himself in the inquiry here as the personal representative of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. Frank Oliver, minister of the interior. McInnes was in Vancouver in the same capacity at the time of the Oriental Riots in 1907. At that time Grant said McInnes attended a meeting in Seattle where he was asked to urge another anti-Asiatic meeting in Vancouver, as a riot on the British soil would relieve the existing tension between the United States and Japan. McInnes reported this to Grant, who was an officer of the Asiatic Exclusion league and used his influence to prevent the parade at that time. This was in March, 1908, and it was voted down by one vote. Judge Murphy asked the witness whether Robert Kelly, the millionaire grocer and J. H. Senkler, the chairman of the Liberal patronage committee had tried to stop the inquiry and this led to a consideration of the attitude of Hon. Wm. Templeman regarding the inquiry. "I did not have much conversation with Mr. Templeman," said Grant. "I have heard that Mr. Kelly runs Mr. Templeman."

It appeared, however, that Mr. Templeman agreed to assist the inquiry on hearing the inspector's story.

MONCTON WILL SET BUILDING LIMIT

Action Taken At Request Of Insurance Underwriters—Apply For Authority To Take Over Exhibition Property.

Moncton, N. B., Jan. 16.—At tonight's meeting of the city council it was decided to apply for legislation to take over the Exhibition Association's property on certain conditions and also for legislation setting a brick building limit of one hundred feet on the north side of Main street, and also limiting the height of wooden buildings to 26 feet up to Queen St. This action was taken at the request of insurance underwriters who promised to take off the recent increase in rates when this and certain other conditions in regard to the water supply and fire appliances are carried out.

IMPORTANT MEETING OF CONSERVATION BOARD

Earl Grey Expected To Be Present At Quebec Conventions—Meeting Of Commission Today.

Quebec, Jan. 26.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, will preside at the meeting of the commission of conservation which opens in Quebec tomorrow. The meeting of the commission will be preliminary to the convention of the Dominion forestry convention which will open on Wednesday and at which Sir Wilfrid Laurier will preside. Earl Grey, governor general of the Dominion, is also expected to be present and to take part in the opening ceremonies. The meeting is one which is expected to be of the greatest importance to the Dominion and many prominent citizens will take part in the proceedings. The meetings will be held in the legislative council chamber and addresses of welcome will be delivered to the prominent men in attendance by Sir Lorimer Gouin, premier of Quebec, and Mayor Drouin, of the ancient capital. Mr. Roy, coadjutor bishop of Quebec and Right Rev. Hunter Dunn, Anglican bishop of Quebec will also make addresses. There will also be addresses by R. L. Borden and by representatives of several states of the American union.

JAMES BRYCE MAY RETIRE

London, Jan. 16.—Rumor that Ambassador Bryce contemplates an early retirement from his post at Washington, are again current. Sir Maurice D. Burslem, British ambassador at Madrid, is once more mentioned as the possible successor to Mr. Bryce.

BOARD OF TRADE ADOPT PLAN OF COMMISSION

Offer Amendment That Auditor Be Appointed By Board Of Commissioners—Some Strong Arguments.

PUBLIC MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION

After a lengthy meeting of the Board of Trade last evening the report of the executive council on the Commission form of Civic Government was adopted with the amendment that the auditor be appointed by the commissioners. When President Estabrooks took the chair at 8.15 o'clock twenty-three members of the Board were present, but this insusceptible number was increased to about forty-five before 9 o'clock. In calling the meeting to order the president reviewed the work of the sub-committee appointed to look into the question of government by Commission. He said the council of the Board in view of the action of the City Council in passing a resolution to hold a public meeting on the question, had felt it its duty to call public meetings and try to educate the citizens. Secretary Anderson then read the report of the advertising committee, which has been published in the press.

Apreros Montreal. H. B. Schofield said the report implied that Montreal had had a Board of Control for some years. He said that the board in Montreal had been thought to be a success at first, but after that there had been considerable dissatisfaction. The chairman agreed that the Montreal Board of Control was not yet a year old.

Mr. Schofield remarked that the recall would mean another election. The president said that anybody who could get 20 or 25 percent of the voters to subscribe to a petition, could compel the commissioners to act at any time to call public meetings and try to educate the citizens.

W. C. Allison said that so far as recall had never been exercised by this city, which had made it a feature of their government. The president said the plan was not complete. The outline as presented was open to criticism. It was quite possible that the Board of Trade might be adopted by the whole board and not acceptable to a majority of citizens.

Mr. E. Wilson said he did not approve of the idea of electing an auditor. A man in such a position should be as independent as possible. A. O. Skinner said the matter was to be referred to the citizens in April. The Board of Trade should crystallize the report and put before the people just what should be adopted. Before calling a public meeting the Board of Trade should map out a definite plan. The president said that the idea of the council was to have the matter thrashed out at the public meeting. It was not the idea of the Board of Trade to attempt to control the plan that should be submitted.

Charter Needed. Mr. Skinner thought that if the meeting was to be for organizing purposes they should have a charter or some plan to work on. The Board of Trade should adopt some constitutional arrangement and submit it to the public meeting, to be considered section by section. They could work from some of the charters in operation in other cities.

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MAKING PROGRESS WITH TRADE TREATY

Said To Have Reached Agreement As To Main Principles—Conference Is Rapidly Nearing Completion.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 16.—The reciprocity negotiations between the United States and Canada, were reported tonight to have made considerable progress since the conference began. It is believed that understanding has been reached as to the main principles upon which changes in existing duties should be made. It is said that the work of the conference is rapidly nearing completion. There will be no session of the commissioners tomorrow, because Secretary Knox wishes to attend the regular cabinet meeting.

O'NEIL ARRESTED.

Halifax, Jan. 16.—Post master O'Neill of New Waterford, Cape Breton arrested today, was taken to Sydney to await trial. The charge against him is the theft of \$7,500 from the Bank of Nova Scotia. The Crown prosecutor says the case will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

CHARGE FOUR DIRECTORS IN BANK FAILURE

Prominent Men On Provisional Directorate Of Farmers' Bank Summoned To Court—May Recover \$80,000.

POLICE SEEKING DR. B. NESBITT

Toronto, Jan. 16.—Acting on information given the crown today by W. R. Travers, former general manager of the Farmers' Bank, after he had been sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, summonses were issued this afternoon charging conspiracy against four prominent men who were on the provisional directorate of the bank, but who had dropped out before it obtained its charter and began business. The four are: Dr. John D. Ferguson, physician, 264 College street; Alexander Fraser, provincial architect, 67 Woodlawn avenue; Alexander S. Lown, barrister, 175 Wallace avenue, and John Watson, ex-mayor of Listowel, Ont. The formal charge against them is that being provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank, they did conspire, confederate and agree to unlawfully obtain from the bank the sum of \$10,000, and the four defendants must appear in police court on Friday morning next. While \$10,000 is the amount mentioned in the summonses, it is believed that the sums which the crown hope to trace make up a much larger aggregate. The amount mentioned is \$80,000. The police will leave no stone unturned to apprehend Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, charged with signing false returns to the government. His present whereabouts are unknown. Advice from Winnipeg, received by the police tonight, state that all trains arriving there had been watched, but without result. He is believed to have crossed into the United States from the Canadian Soo, but what direction he took is so far a matter of conjecture. The police here claim to be acting upon reliable information as to one probable place of refuge where he may be found. Although the offence charged is not extraditable, if Dr. Nesbitt is located little difficulty in bringing him back is anticipated, as representations will be made to the United States authorities to show that he is an undesirable citizen who should be deported back to Canada.

T. C. L. KETCHUM IS WOODSTOCK'S MAYOR

Defeated I. W. Fowler With Large Majority—One Alderman Fails To Secure Re-election.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 16.—The annual town election was held today. Only three of last year's council offered for re-election, two of them offering for mayor and the third, E. L. Hagerman, unsuccessfully striving for re-election as alderman. The successful ticket with the exception of Blair and Gibson were former members of the board, Jones and Dibble were former members of the legislature, and Bailey is an ex-warden of the county. For Mayor—T. C. L. Ketchum 231; W. Fisher 194. For Aldermen—E. W. Mair 294; James W. Gallagher 332; J. T. A. Dibble 257; Hon. W. P. Jones 246; Geo. W. Gibson 231; A. G. Bailey 227; Jas. Carr 271; E. L. Hagerman 248; A. S. Benn 114.

ELECTRIC SMELTING AT CHAT'S FALLS

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Ottawa, Jan. 16.—American and English capital has been interested in the establishment of an electric smelting plant at Chats Falls, on the Ottawa river, about 20 miles west of Ottawa and active work preparatory to the erection of the plant will begin early in the spring. The surrounding country on the Quebec side is rich in iron ore, the only difficulty being that of transportation. It is proposed to build an electric line from the falls to the mines. There is an enormous amount of water-power awaiting development at Chats Falls and the spot is looked upon as almost ideal for electric smelting purposes.

SERGT. KENNEDY TO GUARD NAVAL STORES

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Gergt. Geo. Kennedy, of the Dominion police, will be in charge of a detachment of six men to guard the naval stores at Halifax. The big ex-football player will leave in a day or two to take charge. The naval department will be guarded by Dominion police as the Ottawa public buildings are patrolled.

NINE ACQUITTED; OTHERS LET GO

WOMAN SHOTS ANOTHER DOWN

Attorney's Wife At Fort Worth, Texas, Pours Five Shots Into Body Of Saleswoman—Latter a Divorcee.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 16.—Shooting with coolness and steady aim, Mrs. M. Brooks, wife of a prominent attorney, fired five bullets into the body of Mrs. Mary Binford in a crowded department store today. Each shot struck the victim and Mrs. Binford died almost instantly. Walking into the store, Mrs. Brooks spoke pleasantly to persons she knew on the first floor, and proceeded to the second floor, where Mrs. Binford was employed as a saleswoman. As she stepped from the elevator she asked for Mrs. Binford, and as the latter approached Mrs. Brooks drew an old-fashioned revolver from her mantle. As terrified men and women rushed for exits, trampling over one another in the narrow aisles, Mrs. Brooks calmly aimed and fired four bullets into the head of the other woman. As the limp form of Mrs. Binford was crumpling to the floor, Mrs. Brooks fired the last time, the ball entering behind the ear and coming out at the top of the head. Mrs. Brooks replaced the pistol in her muff and walked out of the store unmolested. She walked two blocks to her husband's office, handed the pistol without explanation and said: "I'm sorry" and fainted. She was arrested, waived preliminary trial and was released on bond of \$10,000. Before obtaining a divorce from her husband two years ago, Mrs. Binford was wealthy and popular. No cause for the killing is known.

REES BACK AS COMMANDER

Officers Who Had Charge Of Canadian Forces Twenty Years Ago Arrived Yesterday On Same Mission.

New York, Jan. 16.—Commander D. M. Rees, who for some years back has been head of the Salvation Army training colleges in England arrived here today on the Atlantic transport liner Minnehaha, and tonight left for Toronto to become the head of the army work in Canada. Twenty years ago Commander Rees occupied the same position, but the work at that time was small as compared with what it is today. Since leaving Canada he has been in South Africa, and for a time was head of the work in Scandinavian countries. He is accompanied by Mrs. Rees, their daughter, Captain Ruth H. Rees, two sons and two younger daughters.

LEMIEUX WILL BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY

Postmaster General Expresses Willingness To Make Statement In Parliament Regarding Connection With Bank.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Jan. 16.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Postmaster General, returned to the capital this evening. He has been in South Africa where he represented the government of Canada at the opening of the first parliament of United South Africa. When asked if he had anything to say regarding the failure of the Charing Cross Bank of London, England, and its connection with the Atlantic Quebec and Western Railway, and the New Canadian Company, Mr. Lemieux remarked that the newspapers evidently knew more about that matter than he did. Pressed for a statement, the Postmaster General said that he would be prepared to make a statement in parliament if called upon. It is learned tonight that Mr. Lemieux will be given an early opportunity of discussing the question in the house.

GEORGIAN BAY CANAL

Ottawa, Jan. 16.—The fact that \$3,000,000 is being included in supplementary government estimates for deepening the Back River at Montreal, Riviere des Prairies and the French River are taken to indicate that the government has at length decided to go ahead with the Georgian Bay canal. The works mentioned would all be of utility in any event, but they are also on the proposed route of the

Jury Divides on Question of Guilt of Stanley Brown and Frederick Hayes.

Given Liberty on Own Recognizance of \$500--Yesterday's Proceedings in Court.

The jury in the case against the eleven young men charged with being members of the New Year's alleged unlawful assembly, after being out for three hours, acquitted nine of the men and announced that they were hopelessly divided as to the other two. At 9.20 o'clock they retired and at 9.54 they again retired and at 10.40 returned and through Foreman A. H. Chipman, announced that they found Wm. J. O'Rourke, Frank Way, Chester Smith, John Jones, Benedict Ryan, Roy Foster, Joseph Weidon, Wm. M. Wilson and Wm. Hamilton not guilty and were divided as to the guilt or innocence of Stanley Brown and Frank Hayes. The former was discharged and the latter entered into their own recognizance at \$500 to appear when wanted. Yesterday afternoon was devoted to the addresses of counsel and the judge's charge. Continued On Page Two.

MARTIN HAS LITTLE RESPECT FOR ASQUITH

Says Liberal Leader Is Further Away From Radical Five-sixths Than He Is From Mr. Balfour.

Winnipeg, Jan. 16.—Hon. Joseph Martin, M. P. for East St. Pancras in the Imperial parliament, said in an interview here today: "In my opinion, Asquith is the poorest parliamentary leader imaginable, except Mr. Balfour. Five-sixths of the present Liberal party consists of Radicals and are all shedding Whigs at every election. While Mr. Asquith remains leader he is still further away from the Radical point of view than he is from Mr. Balfour."

FIND VICTIM'S MONEY HIDDEN IN HAY LOFT

Murderers Of Labinski Did Not Get Away With All His Wealth—Silver Found In Tin Boxes.

Berlin, Ont., Jan. 16.—Whatever sum of money secured by the murderers of Franz Labinski, they did not get all the old man's wealth. The suspicion that he had coin hidden away in other places than the house was confirmed today when Detective Boyd and High Constable Huber found two tin boxes containing 25 and 26 cent silver pieces and a few United States dollars. One of the boxes was in the hay loft, and the other in the dry shed. These boxes are tobacco tins and contain a fairly good sum, the exact amount, however, has not been counted up. Mr. Leves, a neighbor, who sometimes assisted the old man in his money doing affairs, Labinski being unable to write, states that he has seen as much as \$500 in the house at one time, but some of it was kept elsewhere.

AMERICAN EXPERT GOES TO ENGLAND

Boston, Mass., Jan. 16.—Prof. Dugald C. Jackson, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, expert adviser of the Massachusetts highway commission in telephone matters and president of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, has been retained by the British government to advise the postmaster general in regard to the value of the great telephone property, which the government is this year to purchase from the operating companies, and make a part of the National post office organization.

Prof. Jackson will sail for England on July 18 by the Louisiana for a week's conference with the British post office officials.

The minister of public works today admitted the matter was under advisement, but said there was nothing definite about it.