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LABORER'S AMENDMENT VOTED DOWN BY HOUSE

"Double-faced" Amendment to Manitoba Boundary Bill Came To Grief.

MONK'S ABLE SPEECH Liberal Government Had Lost No Opportunity to Stir Up Racial and Creed Differences of People.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 5.—The Manitoba boundaries extension bill has not yet had its second reading though the House debated it all day. Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved what a French Conservative member described as a double-faced amendment...

Mr. Lamarche has the floor tonight. The afternoon began with a brief speech from Mr. Bradbury. Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that the bill was the implementing of Conservative protectionism.

After attacking the debt allowance and the arrears, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the French Conservative paper "L'Evenement" had said that the French Canadian ministers would discuss the school question.

Robert Rogers said that the Laurier government had treated the matter as a political question. When he and Mr. Roblin first opened negotiations, they had offered to make it non-political, but that did not suit Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Mr. Monk followed with a powerful legal argument, in which he showed that owing to past legislation for Keewatin as separate from the north-west territories there are no vested legal rights in the added territory.

Mr. Monk went on to argue that in 1905 parliament was making constitutions for the new provinces, but Manitoba's constitution was made already. Parliament could not alter that constitution. To insist on Manitoba accepting the new territory on condition of setting up a dual school system would inflict a grave injury on the Roman Catholics in the present limits who might in future receive better treatment from the Manitoba government.

CONTRACT FOR LINE IS SIGNED

Dominion Government Agrees to Operate Valley Railway as Part of I. C. R.

Hon. Josiah Wood to be Sworn in at Noon Today—Visitors Swarm to Capital for Opening of Legislature.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Mar. 5.—During the meeting of the Provincial Government this afternoon a telegram was received from Ottawa from H. F. McLeod, Provincial Secretary, saying that the lease of the St. John Valley Railway, under which the Dominion Government agrees to take over the railway and operate it as a part of the I. C. R. system, had been signed and that he was returning with the signed document in his pocket.

Large numbers of visitors are commencing to arrive for the opening of the legislature on Thursday. The ceremony will show little variation from similar occasions in the past, but promises to prove as great an attraction as ever.

MONKTON AND TRURO MEN TO LEAD IN THE RAILWAY ELECTIONS

Conductor Thompson and Despatcher Hutchinson Likely to be Elected to I. C. R. Provident Fund Board.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Mar. 5.—Although the count of votes recently polled for the election of two members of the Intercolonial Railway Provident Fund board, is not yet completed, it is understood that Conductor Millidge Thompson, of Moncton and Train Despatcher Hutchinson of Truro are now in a big lead and are doubtless elected. The other candidates were Moore of Moncton, Probert of St. John, and Nairn of Truro.

The Moncton board of trade at a meeting tonight decided to recommend the city council to grant the Havelock Mineral Springs Company \$500 in cash, free water and fixed valuation for assessment if it should locate its factory in Moncton.

The board rejected the St. John proposal for a government town planning act. The fear was expressed that the proposed act would interfere with some of the present laws in Moncton and other towns.

SHIPPING TRUST WILL BE PROBED.

Washington, March 5.—The House today unanimously passed a resolution "Shipping Trust" by the committee on merchant marine and fisheries. He had broken with both parties over that.

Mr. Pelletier chafed Sir Wilfrid Laurier for his retreat to the lines of Torres Vedras. "I never was there in my life, I shall not be there tonight." Looking on he saw a great party whose leader said that a certain great question existed and that he was not going to say anything about it. As for the Conservatives, "there is the bill; that is our policy."

IMPORTANT MATTERS THIS SESSION

Hon. Josiah Wood Will Make First Official Bow As Lieutenant Governor Tomorrow Afternoon --Has Had Envious Career in Politics.

This Session Will be the Most Important Since Confederation—Two Railway Bills Will be Brought Before House—Opening of Queens County Coal Mines Will be Considered—Plans for Advancement of Province to Come Before Legislature.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 5.—The Legislature of New Brunswick will meet for the despatch of business on Thursday next at 3 o'clock. The arrangements for the opening are about completed and are of the usual character. Hon. Josiah Wood who has been appointed Lieutenant Governor in succession to Hon. L. J. Tweedie, whose term of office had expired, has reached Fredericton and will be sworn in tomorrow morning and will therefore make his first official bow to the public at the opening of the House on Thursday afternoon.

The change in the governorship will bring many new faces to the opening proceedings. Governor Wood is a gentleman whose successful career in politics and business is well known throughout the province. He is quite different in almost every respect to the gentleman he succeeds and who has also enjoyed a marked career in the political arena of this section of Canada. Governor Wood is a native of the County of Westmorland, having been born in Sackville in 1845 and always remained a resident of that town, whose interests he has served in many ways. He was the first mayor of the town after its incorporation and representative of the County of Westmorland in the House of Commons of Canada from 1882 to 1895, when he was appointed to the Senate, where he has remained until his elevation to the governorship. Governor Wood's record in politics has been an enviable one and his name is well known to the people of this province.

Most important. The coming session bids fair to be one of the most important held since Confederation. The Valley Railway will occupy first place among the many important measures which the government will bring forward for the consideration of the House. This railway which has been discussed for more than two generations will now be finally disposed of and the contract for its construction ratified.

In its new six years since the Valley railroad question was galvanized into life for a second or perhaps a third time. At the session of 1907 the previous government introduced a bill authorizing the province to guarantee the construction of a railway from St. John to the Maine boundary, a few miles from Centreville in Carleton County. It was the hope of the old administration that this offer would be accepted by Messrs. MacKenzie and Mann, who would make it part of the Canadian Northern Transcontinental system. MacKenzie and Mann looked over the ground but refused to accept the construction of the railway was allowed to rest, but only for a time.

The provincial general elections of 1908 brought about a change of government and the session of 1909 the House until late in the spring of that year. Although the new administration was alive to the importance to the province of the new railway, it was not taken up during their first session being occupied with the passing of the several reforms which had been promised by Mr. Hazen in the platform on which he had appealed to the people in March, 1908. The question for the construction of the railway, however, was continued in all the river counties and early in the session of 1909 a large representative delegation came to Fredericton and presented their views to the government and the legislature. It was one of the largest gatherings of influential business men and farmers that has ever met at the capital and a sincere desire for better transportation facilities in the oldest settled districts of New Brunswick was manifested in every speech delivered by the delegation. They made an excellent case and were met by Premier Hazen with a direct proposal that the government of New Brunswick would guarantee the bonds of a company constructing the railway to the extent of \$25,000 a mile, provided the usual subsidy of \$6,000 per mile and would undertake the operation of the railroad as part of the intercolonial system.

Mr. Hazen suggested to the delegation that they go at once to Ottawa and submit their case to the Government of Canada along with the pledge made by the government of the Province of New Brunswick. This suggestion was at once accepted and within a few days a smaller delegation than had come to Fredericton went to Ottawa. This delegation was accompanied, at their own request, by Provincial Secretary Flemming. At Ottawa the delegation was met by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and

Development of Coal Fields. For many years the development of Queens County coal areas has been a matter of consideration by the legislature of New Brunswick. Several years ago Hon. Mr. Tweedie, then premier, introduced a measure into the House which it was asserted would bring about a great increase in coal mining and also play an important part in the industrial development of the province. This measure was an offer on the part of the government to guarantee the bonds of a company that was to undertake the construction of a railway from Chipman to Gibson, and would also undertake the operation of the coal mines on Crown lands along its route. A company of politicians was organized for the pur-

OPERATORS REFUSE INCREASE TO MINERS

FREDERICTON NEWS IN BRIEF York and Sunbury Poultry and Pet Stock Association Opens First Show—Council Meeting.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, March 5.—The York and Sunbury Poultry and Pet Stock Association's first show was formally opened this evening at the Lee building on Queen's street by Mayor Thomas. Others present included Hon. Dr. Landry and W. W. Hubbard, commissioner and secretary for agriculture; Seth Jones, the provincial poultry superintendent, and the city aldermen.

Mr. Hubbard devoted most of his address to setting forth the opportunities which this province affords for successful poultry work, while Mr. Jones told of the excellent market right at the very doors of the farmers of the province for poultry and fresh eggs, particularly the market afforded in the winter season by the trans-Atlantic steamers sailing from St. John.

The city council had the last meeting of their term this evening, the civic elections taking place next Monday. Mayor Thomas delivered his valedictory this evening, warmly praising the present council for their administration of civic affairs during the year, declaring that the city's business could not have had better attention.

THE ARBITRATION TREATIES LIKELY TO BE RATIFIED TODAY

Washington, March 5.—Four hours' debate in the senate today seemed to indicate that the pending arbitration treaties with England and France probably would be ratified late tomorrow. The ratification will be the consummation of what many statesmen view as the first great move toward universal peace. The target for the opponent of the treaties is the much discussed clause three of article three. Some senators hold that this section delegates treaty-making powers of the senate to a joint high commission.

MANITOBA WILL NOT HAVE COUNSEL ON MARRIAGE CASE

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Mar. 5.—The Province of Manitoba has no desire to be represented before the Privy Council when the stated case on the Ne Temere decision will be argued. Hon. C. J. Doherty, Minister of Justice, has received a communication today from the Manitoba government that it has no wish to be represented by counsel like the other provinces.

Good Record. The government goes before the House with a good record. The revenue has been greatly increased. There has been more money to spend, and it has been spent in the best interests of the province. There is no section that has not been benefited by the honest collection of the revenue that Mr. Hazen promised the administration in one of his campaign promises. The record of achievement and progress along safe lines. In the past New Brunswick has contributed many millions to secure railway transportation for different sections. The arrangements under which the Valley Railway and the Gibson-Minto line will be built are never likely to cost the province a single dollar nor to add a single cent to the taxation of the people. What has been accomplished in this respect alone is in strong contrast with previous railway construction and has given the people renewed confidence in the ability of the government to administer the affairs of the province successfully.

Would Rather Face Strike in Pennsylvania Coal Fields Than Advance Wages.

PRICE OF COAL JUMPS New York Already Feels Effect of Threatened Strike of Anthracite Workers—Settlement May be Reached Peaceably.

New York, March 5.—Anthracite coal operators in session here this afternoon decided to respect the demands of the miners for increased pay. A committee of operators was appointed to notify union officials of the result.

The belief is growing among the operators that there will be no general strike of the 180,000 men in the Pennsylvania fields affected by the decision, but the operators would rather face a general strike than advance wages twenty per cent, and in consequence be compelled to increase the price of coal.

Earlier in the day was announced that President John P. White, of the United Mine Workers of America, who presented the demands to the operators, was expected to reach New York today to keep in touch with the situation. Later it was learned that Mr. White would not visit New York until shortly before the conference of March 13. None of the miners' union officials, who presented the demands a week ago, was in the city tonight, and authentic news as to their attitude was lacking.

The price of coal went up in many sections of the city and its environs during the day. Wholesale and retail dealers were swamped with orders. They justified the increase prices by statements that the coal to them had been advanced on coal for immediate delivery, and were inclined to be pessimistic regarding the outlook especially in view of the great strike in England. Bituminous coal and anthracite steam coal were marked up from 50 cents to a dollar a ton by many dealers.

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Extraordinary interest by way of advance inquiry has been shown and the fact that \$75,000 of the \$150,000 7 p. c. Cumulative Stock issued has been taken form by the shareholders of the Nova Scotia Knitting Mills, ("the parent company") and outside investors, the right is reserved to allot only such subscriptions or for such amounts as may be approved, and to close the subscription books without notice.

The Nova Scotia Knitting Mills earned last year 12 1/2 p. c. on their capital after payment of Bank Interest. The company has operated successfully for four years, its business has more than quadrupled, and "EUREKA" Brand has been thoroughly established throughout Canada. For the last two years the total capacity has been sold before the 1st April, and the equipment of the Company has been inadequate to meet the demand for goods.

The Nova Scotia Underwear Company enters the field with an up-to-date equipment and ample working capital. Orders already booked are double the output for last year. One single contract closed with a Winnipeg firm and running over a minimum period of three years, calls for total shipments each year in excess of the whole business done by the old Company in 1911, and this order is confined to three grades of goods which can be manufactured to best advantage.

After a careful study of capitalization, organization, division of stock, standing of officers, management, facilities for production, profits, etc., this investment proposition seems excellent in every essential feature.

FIRE AT ST. ANDREWS. Special to The Standard. St. Andrews, Mar. 5.—Fire broke out tonight in a small tool house in the rear of the Algonquin Hotel, owned by P. Lyall and Co., of Montreal, who have the contract for the erection of the new wing to the hotel. The house was totally destroyed and a number of tools were lost. Fortunately, no damage was done to the hotel. The loss to the tools is believed to be covered by insurance.