

ENFORCE ACT

Victoria, Feb. 11.—Press Gallery, Legislative Assembly.—In passing the act to amend the Railway Assessment...

Despite the efforts of Mr. Henderson and the leader of the opposition, the latter having a motion directly disapproving of the placing of power to disallow taxation in the hands of the lieutenant-governor-in-council...

The division on Mr. Henderson's motion aimed to prevent the employment of persons of Oriental birth or extraction, in construction or, during the life of the exemption, was negated by 22 to 14, Messrs. Bowser and Hall, Ross and Engleton having voted for the day...

An incident of the session was the election of the lieutenant-governor to give his assent to the terms which have been passed since the assembling of the house, namely: Immigration, Goods in Bulk Summary Convictions, Farmers' Institutes, Revenue, Greenwood City Waterworks, Coal Tax, Master and Servant Amendment, Victoria Statute and Incorporating the City of Chilliwack.

In the course of the debate on the Railway Assessment Act, Messrs. Oliver and Hawthornthwaite cited instances of the premier, when in opposition, acting in direct opposition to the course he now advocated and cast much doubt on his present position.

Reference was made by Mr. Henderson to the memorable strike of trackmen on the Canadian Pacific railway, which furnished the premier another opportunity of expressing his sympathy with labor.

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Mr. Brewster moved to insert an amendment that the act should not apply to the whole of the province, but that the industry is in a different position to any other in the province.

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the people of Japan and the people of this province and asking, whether it is house to resolve that it will memorialize the imperial government through the colonial secretary to appoint a royal commission to fully enquire into all of the circumstances in connection with these matters.

This is, of course, the indirect and the most proper way of opening up the whole question and if successful will be another British Columbia question "taken to the foot of the throne."

At the close of the session the finance minister brought down by message a further amendment to the Railway Assessment act of 1907, which fixes the rate of taxation at one percent of the assessed value and makes the provision of the act apply to 1907, as well as 1908 and the years subsequent to the present.

The resolution of Mr. Hawthornthwaite, relating to breaches of law for the protection of workers underground, which has stood on the order papers for several days, passed over at the request of the premier.

(Special to The Daily News) Victoria, Feb. 12.—Press Gallery, House of Assembly.—The assembly spent nearly the whole of the afternoon in committee on the bill for the protection of persons employed in factories, which it proceeded to deal immediately.

Leave to introduce a bill to amend the Canneries Act and another to establish a general eight hour day had been given and a few questions answered.

Several long motions stood over at the request of Mr. Oliver, who pointed out the absence of the attorney general. Next week promises a great crop of resolutions and motions of which no doubt will have been given unless the sessions of the estimates would prove greater than those of debate.

The committee on railways reported the preamble of the Vancouver & Nicola Railway bill.

In committee a discussion arose as to several clauses of the Eight Hour act, especially as to whether it would apply to canneries. Mr. Brewster pointed out that the schedule did not specify canneries, and Mr. McPhillips replying that unless set forth in the list the act would not apply.

Mr. Hawthornthwaite then proposed to amend the schedule by inserting them, but afterwards withdrew the amendment.

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were brought into competition with Chinese laundries, where the men work 12 to 16 hours a day, living in a manner which white people would not consider for a moment. It had been suggested the laundries might be prohibited in some way because of this competition with the hours of labor or else prevent the Chinese working such long hours.

There was another reason why "Chinese laundries should be brought under the provisions of the act, that relating to sanitary conditions, people sending their clothes there were running great risks. He moved an amendment to that effect. Finally the section stood without amendment so as to give the members an opportunity of further considering it.

Later Mr. Henderson raised the question of the jurisdiction of the province under the rules of the legislature to pass such an act, alleging that the province is under the head of trades and labor, whereupon Hawthornthwaite accused him of trying to sidetrack the bill. He held the chief of the bill to be intended to regulate the hours and conditions of work in factories. A number of bills had passed the house with the same objection.

Mr. McPhillips pointed out the honorable member for Yale knew the power to legislate as to trade and commerce is expressly reserved to the dominion by the British North America act. This bill does not refer to trade. Finally the committee rose. Mr. Speaker took his seat, and after consideration, the speaker considered the bill up to Section 63 and rose, to sit again at next sitting.

Victoria, Feb. 12.—The conservative members of the local house, guests at the Empress hotel, this evening entertained their conferees to dinner. During the sitting the speaker of the house, Mr. McPhillips, was seen to be painting of himself was made to premier McBride.

Winnipeg's FINANCES SECRET SESSION OF COUNCIL ON OVERDRAFT DISASTROUS LIQUIDATION OF SUPPLY COMPANY

Winnipeg, Feb. 12.—A secret meeting of the city council was held today for the purpose of discussing the civic financial condition of the city.

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MAKES TERMS

The meeting of the city council last night was not so protracted as some of the sessions have been recently. Two important pieces of business were, however, transacted, the one relative to the completion of an agreement with Lorne Campbell agreeing to give the city power under the old rates while the plant was shut down and the second, the third reading of a by-law granting the Canada Zinc company a ten year franchise to "construct, maintain and operate" a power line through the city.

The fire, water and light committee recommended that the city engineer be allowed to employ an additional fireman, and that the chief's suggestions as to the fire alarms be adopted. As to the re-flooring of the hall, that question was referred to the board of works.

Mayor Taylor reported on a special meeting held with himself, the chairman of the board of works, Ald. Procter, and the city engineer, which was held on the 11th inst. The chief person affected was W. J. Astley who held a lease for the next two years for the site of the new power plant. The committee recommended that arrangements could be made with Mr. Astley, who was public spirited and he need not necessarily be seriously affected.

On a vote, moved by Ald. McMorris, seconded by Ald. Kerr, the council approved of the mayor's offer to the C.P.R., which is that the city supply the right of way as its part, which has to be done.

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AMERICAN POLITICIANS

F. M. BLAKE'S IMPRESSIONS OF WASHINGTON HIGH OPINION OF PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S WORK

F. M. Blake of this city writes The Daily News an interesting letter from Toronto, giving an account of his recent visit to Washington and the impressions he formed while there of American political men.

During my stay in Washington, naturally enough the political atmosphere proved interesting and I first had impressions as to the character of the people.

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MINING ACTIVE

The shipments for the past week are somewhat smaller than those of last from all the camps. On the other hand the Boundary reports the shipping of ore from the Snowshoe mine to the Trail smelter for fluxing purposes and in the Boundary the Sully is also shipping a carload to Trail.

On the principle of a "divided house" it would not be at all surprising if Bryan came into first on the crest of a solid democratic wave. It is admitted that he is handling the situation at Washington in masterly fashion. He has gone there personally and made himself known to the democratic representatives and senators as the man of destiny.

There is only one possible candidate mentioned as a rival of Bryan. He is governor Johnson of Minnesota, to whom I was introduced in St. Paul. He is a very approachable man, a democrat who is elected by republican votes in a republican state. But he is not yet a national figure and a recent canvass of the democrats in the thirteenth of representatives showed 108 in favor of Bryan.

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INCLUSIONS

(Special to The Daily News) Ottawa, Feb. 11.—The hour today the grand under discussion, R. an extension of the Lengthy discussion Lake was supported Borden. Known as Honorable, Oliver and Messrs. Turaffi pled.

Mr. Lake's motion 98 to 58. R. L. Borden commences to the debate on the extension of the Boundary. Borden had stated that part of the Boundary had been denied for the authority of the premier promises made.

The balance of the In supply. The hour minutes past midnight. In the senate senators a bill to enable the government to receive the royal assent in committee, the yeomen's bill was discussed.

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BOUNDARY SHIPMENTS

Opposes G. O. Buchanan's Views on Timber Limits Policy

Editor The Daily News.—With reference to G. O. Buchanan's remarks re government policy in connection with the timber of this province, I would like to say something.

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