

OPPOSITION TRY TO SIDE-TRACK RESOLUTION FOR INCREASED SUBSIDIES

Mr. Borden Tries to Avoid the Issue, While Mr. Bergeron Assails the Provincial Legislatures as Unworthy Stewards of Public Funds. Bourassa and Lavergne are Effectively Squelched in Their Opposition.

(From Our Own Correspondent in the Press Gallery.) Ottawa, April 25.—This wonderful Ontario climate performed another feat last night when a couple of inches of snow fluttered down. The event was as unexpected as unpleasant for the few preceding days had brought a satisfactory sample of orthodox spring weather with bright sun and balmy air.

Yesterday was another day of talk followed by an evening of pretty fair work. The day was chiefly distinguished by an abortive attempt to rouse hostility toward the government over the Estevana military camp site, and a motion of W. H. Maclean for a committee to inquire whether railway rates could be reduced to 2 cents per mile. The former failed out, and the latter was voted out, as the railway commission are already working along this line.

Provincial subsidies occupied the House to-day as the chief topic of debate. Mr. Fleming moved the consideration of the memorial to the King asking for an amendment to the B. N. A. Act to permit the following adjustments in the sums granted the provincial governments:

- A. Instead of the amounts now paid the sums hereafter payable yearly by Canada to the several provinces for the support of their governments and legislatures, to be according to population, and as follows: (a) Where the population of the province is 150,000, but does not exceed 200,000, \$100,000. (b) Where the population of the province is 200,000, but does not exceed 400,000, \$150,000. (c) Where the population of the province is 400,000, but does not exceed 600,000, \$200,000. (d) Where the population of the province is 600,000, but does not exceed 800,000, \$250,000. (e) Where the population of the province is 800,000, but does not exceed 1,000,000, \$300,000. (f) Where the population of the province exceeds 1,000,000, \$400,000.

B. Instead of an annual grant per head of population now allowed, the annual payment hereafter to be the same rate of eighty cents per head, but on the population of each province, as ascertained from time to time by the last decennial census (or, in the case of the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, respectively, by the last quinquennial census or statutory estimate), until such population exceeds 2,500,000, and at that rate thereafter, but not for so much of said population as may exceed 2,500,000.

C. An additional allowance to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars annually for ten years to the province of British Columbia. D. Nothing contained shall in any way supersede or affect the terms special to any particular province upon which such province became part of the Dominion of Canada, or the right of any province to payment of any special grant heretofore made by the parliament of Canada to any province for any special purpose in such grant expressed.

We pray that Your Majesty may be graciously pleased to cause a measure to be laid before the Imperial Parliament at its present session, repealing the provisions of Section 118 of the British North America Act, 1867 aforesaid, and substituting therefor the scale of payments above set forth, which shall be a final and unalterable settlement of the amounts to be paid yearly to the several provinces of the Dominion for their local purposes and the support of their governments and legislatures.

Such grants shall be paid half-yearly in advance, to each province, but the government of Canada shall deduct from such grants, as against any province, all sums chargeable as interest on the public debt of that province in excess of the several

BORDEN WILL TOUR COUNTRY

During Parliamentary Recess. Will be Accompanied by Other Tory Spellbinders

Montreal, April 30.—It is understood that Mr. R. L. Borden, M.P., and the Conservative following in parliament, will hold a series of political gatherings throughout the country during the recess, and that before the House again meets both the Upper and Lower provinces will have been visited by the Conservative leader and his chief lieutenants. It is also stated that particular attention will be given to a special section of the Province of Quebec, the districts of Montreal, Three Rivers and Quebec, as well as the Eastern Townships will hear the Conservative chieftain with Messrs. F. D. Monk, M.P., J. H. G. Bergeron, M.P., Hon. Chas. Chapin, Hon. P. Pelletier, L. T. Marcial, together with such English speakers as Messrs. Rufus M. Pope, ex-M.P., H. B. Ames and others.

CUSTOMS RETURNS FOR MARCH

Ottawa, April 30.—Customs revenue statement shows collections for March of \$4,465,340, an increase of \$37,400 over March last year. For ten months the revenue was \$44,122,292, an increase of \$6,135,265 over the previous period.

FOUR MILLION POUNDS OF FLOUR TO CONTENT WITH

Started on its way From San Francisco to Relief of Chinese Famine Sufferers.

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Toronto, April 30.—The trustees of Bond Street Congregational Church claim that the reduction in the salary of Rev. J. B. Silcox, who has resigned the pastorate of the church, is forced upon them owing to their inability to make receipts meet expenditures. While admitting the great ability of Rev. Mr. Silcox as a preacher, the chairman of the finance committee says he has not been able to make good in keeping the seats full, which is the very life and vitality of such a church as Bond street, for it is without any endowment and depends entirely on the support of its congregation. When Mr. Silcox was given the salary of \$2,500, an advance of \$600 over his predecessor, Rev. J. L. Gordon, now of Winnipeg.

AMATEUR TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

London, May 1. (Special)—In the final of the amateur tennis championship match to-day Jay Gould, the American player, won three straight sets, and the champion of 1904—6 to 1.

GIANT OBSTACLES TO CONTENT WITH

C.N.R.'s Management not Entirely to Blame for Blockades. Dillinger's Opinion is Changed.

Frank Dillinger, who has been sent out by the Dominion Railway Commission to make a thorough investigation of traffic conditions in Western Canada, and has spent the past two weeks along the line of the C. N. R. between Winnipeg and Edmonton, arrived in the city yesterday and leaves again on his return to the east this evening.

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They decided that the animals should disembark here, and that a luneway should be built through from the railway yard to the park. This is a distance of two and three-quarter blocks, and the city council has agreed to begin this work at once. The work of enclosing the park must be completed by May 28. Dogs Prohibited Near Buffalo. Notices are being posted up with orders that all dogs must be shut up the day of the herd's arrival, as there is danger that they might stampede the herd. Police are detailed to be about the station, and they have orders to shoot all canines in sight. As a consequence the residents of Lamont will keep their dogs locked up that day. It is said that the bull buffalo are to be brought up first, and later the cows and calves are to come.