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DISMISSALS OF CIVIL SERVANTS

Liberal Members of Parliament Offer Objection to Course Followed in This Regard by New Government

MINISTERS RETORT WITH EFFECT

Premier Quotes Rules Laid Down by Statute and Resolution of House—Waterways Commission

OTTAWA, Dec. 6.—That the government intends to apply the rules regarding the dismissal of public officials in a reasonable and moderate way, and not to dismiss persons without convincing evidence of partisanship, was the statement of Premier Borden in the course of a debate which occupied the time of the house this evening.

The matter was brought up by A. K. MacLean, Liberal member for Halifax, on a motion by Mr. Carvell for the production of papers. He professed to have discovered cases of unjust dismissals in Nova Scotia.

Hon. Mr. Pelletier, in the course of the most effective reply, referred to many dismissals by the Liberal government in 1896, and declared that he would take back any man who had been dismissed without evidence.

Mr. MacLean admitted that the Laurier government might have occasionally violated its policy, it might even have violated it without cause, and such action might frequently have brought indignation.

For the outside service by a resolution of the house of commons, which admitted the right of outside officials to the untrammelled exercise of their office, but for the inside service by statute. Section 43 of the civil service act of 1908 provides that civil servants may vote but must not engage in partisan work in either Dominion or Provincial elections.

NEW COLLIERY

Recently Incorporated Company to Commence Work on Property at Oyster Harbor

NANAIMO, Dec. 6.—P. E. Gibson, of Vancouver, who is in charge of the Oyster Harbor Collieries Company, Limited, arrived in this city last evening and said the company intended commencing operations in the near future. This company was incorporated on November 18, and is capitalized at \$3,000,000, the officers being Andrew Laidlaw, of Spokane, president; James D. Farrell, of Seattle, vice-president; and R. A. Laird of Vancouver, secretary and treasurer.

Mr. Gibson states that the property consists of some 1,500 acres, and comprises the Hendrickson and Page farms and a portion of the Indian reservation, with coal rights under the bay.

The statutory meeting will be held on Dec. 29, and operations will be commenced immediately after. It is estimated that the property contains some 17,000,000 tons of bituminous coal in three seams, namely, the Douglas, Newcastle and Wellington seams.

Fire in Aged Women's Home
TORONTO, Dec. 6.—A fire which broke out in Dunn's lumber yards spread to the Aged Women's Home in Belmont street tonight and the ninety-nine inmates were rescued with difficulty.

There were no fatalities, although 25 of the inmates were helpless and had to be carried from the building. The loss is about \$30,000.

Very Large Majority Polled for Former Mayor Alexander Over Mr. Harriman, Socialist Candidate

HIS ABDICATION COMES TOO LATE

Prince Chun's Hope of Saving Throne for His Son Likely to Be Disappointed—Edict is Strangely Worded

UNPOPULARITY IS ACKNOWLEDGED

Leaders of Republican Movement Decide to Float War Bonds—Coming Assembly at Shanghai

PEKING, Dec. 6.—An edict announcing the abdication of the Regent, Prince Chun, was issued today by the Empress Dowager. It is signed by members of the cabinet, and points out that the administration has been unpopular and that a constitutional government has not been established.

The regent regrets that his penance came too late and feels that if he continued in power his commands would be disregarded.

The edict commands: "He went and proved to resign, at the same time expressing his earnest intention to abstain from politics."

The Empress Dowager, living in the palace, was ignorant of the state of affairs, but now knows that the revolution exists, and fighting continues everywhere.

PACKERS ON TRIAL

Case of Chicago, Ill., Indicted on Charge of Violating Sherman Law, at East Nepean Trial

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—After eight years on devious trails, before grand juries and on special appeals, the cases of ten Chicago meat packers, indicted for alleged violation of the anti-trust law, reached their trial today.

By agreement each case was allotted to 30 jurymen, challenges and by night the government had secured two. No venire man had been questioned by the defense.

All defendants were in court when the cases were called. Personal pleas of not guilty were entered.

In Honor of Cardinals
ROME, Dec. 6.—Monsignor Kennedy, the rector, and the students of the American college, gave a musicale today in honor of Cardinals Farley and O'Connell.

The audience included Cardinal Falconio and many prominent prelates, dignitaries of the Papal Court, and members of the American colony.

White Pass Case Again Adjourned
Dawson Board of Trade and Colonel Conrad Ask Further Time for Preparation of Their Answers

CANADA BELLE OF THE BALL

Earl Grey Offers Very Complimentary Remarks About Dominion in Speech to London Canadian Club

"LIKE HER WHEAT, NUMBER ONE HARD"

Should Set Good Example to Her Powerful Neighbor—Speaks in Defence of Ambassador Bryce

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Canadian club had Earl Grey as its chief guest this evening, Lord Strathcona presiding.

Earl Grey responded to the toast of the Dominion of Canada, and humorously remarked that for seven years he had to balance himself like a tight-rope walker, with plaudits and generalities.

Speaking of Canada's relations with the United States, Earl Grey eulogized the Canadian club of the Dominion, declaring that the directors were only too glad to let the clubs be the pulp for good American preachers.

Earl Grey's speech was a special defense of Ambassador Bryce against recent attacks in connection with reciprocity, and described Mr. Bryce as "the unpaid ambassador of the Canadian people."

MANITOBA CROPS

Government Report Shows That Average and Total Yields of Grain Were Unusually High

WINNIPEG, Dec. 6.—The Manitoba government's crop bulletin issued today gives the grain yield of the province as a hundred and sixty million bushels.

While some of the wheat was slightly off color, the report says, on the whole the quality and quantity was good.

The average wheat yield was 13 bushels, and the total sixty-one million. Oats show a much larger increase in yield, the average being 45 bushels to the acre, and the total seventy-four million. Barley averaged 31 bushels with a total of thirty million.

The average yields are the highest in every class for five years, and show that the Manitoba farmers have had the most prosperous year of the past decade.

Controlled by Injunction
WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The decision of the house committee on expenditures in the Interior department to drop the Controller Bay Inquisition produced a break in the committee at an executive session today. It is understood a formal demand will be made on Chairman Graham by resolution to re-open these hearings, and to call Miss M. F. Abbott, who claimed to have found the famous "Dick to Dick" letter, and government officers and employes who may give testimony regarding the Alaskan situation.

H. B. RAILWAY IS HIS TOPIC
Ambassador Bryce Sidetracks Political Questions—Propounded by Men of Press—Has Queries of His Own

FINE BUILDING FOR AUSTRALIA

Commonwealth Buys Site on the Strand, London, and Will Erect Official Structure to Cost £364,000

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Australia has acquired a fresh site of a magnificent site on the Strand and intends to erect at a cost of £364,000 a great building, which will include an inscription hall and offices for all the Australian states.

The net cost to the Commonwealth will be for the building alone, which will cost £250,000.

New Zealand has been told by Australia that she will be welcome if she cares to come under the same roof.

Meanwhile the Morning Post is urging the importance of grouping the London offices of all overseas dominions in one building, thereby making an imperial centre in the Empire's capital.

Sir George Reid, the Australian high commissioner, speaking before the Empire League, said he had heard an arrangement mentioned whereby in times of war the people could quietly look on. Such news was not only absurd but impossible. The Australian and Canadian governments, if they wanted to stand out when the mother country was threatened, could not keep the people back.

At the same gathering, Postmaster General Samuel regarding the reduction of cable rates said the arrangement would in no way create a monopoly. He said that whatever his views on the economic side of the proposition were, he was sure all rejoiced in the motive so powerfully working in the minds of Canadians indicating a desire to maintain the unity of the British Empire.

SEVEN DEAD

Many Workmen Caught in Wreckage of Three-Storey Concrete Building in Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 6.—Under the glare of searchlights, police and firemen tonight charged for the bodies of persons caught in the wreckage of a three-story concrete building which collapsed today, causing the death of seven workmen and injuring 21. Three bodies were recovered tonight. It is believed that the concrete had not set properly owing to cold weather.

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