

GOVERNMENT EXTRAVAGANCE

Mr. Foster's Severe Criticism
of Wasteful Public
Expenditure

TIME FOR "JOY RIDES"
TO BE TERMINATED

House Makes Rapid Progress
With Votes for Various
Departments

OTTAWA, Nov. 19.—The House got down to business in real earnest today, and although the main estimates were only tabled by Mr. Fielding yesterday, by the time adjournment was taken at 10 o'clock tonight a million and three quarters of dollars in salaries and contingencies were put through, and some minor government bills advanced a stage. The proceedings were enlivened by a speech by Mr. Foster, in which the former finance minister criticized Mr. Fielding for his extravagance, and wondered when the "joy rides" of lavish expenditure were going to end.

Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King also made his first appearance on any ministerial stage. The new minister of labor and J. D. Taylor, of New Westminster, made a sharp colloquy over the Labor Gazette. Mr. Taylor asked why the Labor Gazette bears the union label while the bluebooks of the government did not. Mr. Mackenzie King replied that the printing bureau was an open shop and the unions were willing that the label should be attached to the Labor Gazette as it was recognized that the bureau was operated under fair wage and fair hour conditions. Then the Labor Gazette, Mr. King added, circulated largely among labor people and the label was therefore of some value. The announcement was also made by Mr. King that the minister of labor, Mr. Acland, had been in Cape Breton investigating the coal strike there and that a report of his findings would be placed before the house on Monday.

Although it was a good day's work, the department getting their salaries and contingency votes through by Agriculture, Labor, Public Works, Railways and Canals, Inland Revenue, Marine and Fisheries, and Justice. During the discussion of the vote for salaries and contingencies, Marine and Fisheries Minister Mr. Brodeur announced that the naval vote of \$3,000,000 would be administered by his department. Most of the administrative work would be technical officers kindly lent by the Admiralty for the organization of the navy. They would be paid out of this vote.

Mr. Foster took up the estimates for civil government expenditure, and the country if it paid any thought to these questions at all, must view with astonishment these expenditures. Mr. Foster, however, did not think the public had any idea at all how these expenditures had been increasing. Mr. Foster then did some spadework into what happened in bygone years. He referred to the Ottawa platform of 1893, when the expenditures of the Conservative party were thundered against by the men who now occupy the treasury benches. As to the present civil government expenditure, Mr. Foster expressed the opinion that there were hundreds at the various departments. In 1893 civil government cost the country \$1,044,456. In 1895-96 it cost the sum of \$1,336,628, while the estimates for this purpose for 1910-11 were \$4,708,000. Mr. Foster analyzed the vote for the carrying on of the departments at Ottawa, showing that the Department of the Interior had employed 722 people on the hill, with salaries amounting to \$376,000. There was a way to find out if this large amount was being properly expended. Under the act appointing the civil service commission that body had the power to go through every department to find if the men were underpaid or overpaid. Mr. Foster challenged the government to make this test and give the commission a free hand.

Mr. Fielding lauded Mr. Foster with coming on with his speech, "but his speech so early in the session. While it was true there was more money needed now to civil government than in the days when Mr. Foster was minister of finance, Canada was more progressive and the revenues were larger. Mr. Foster had been minister in a time of stagnation, and such comparisons as he has made, Mr. Fielding said, were therefore very unfair. Mr. Fielding defended the government from the charge of extravagance by telling of the better times and great prosperity.

In the Senate today Sir Richard Cartwright moved that the Tuesday bill be taken up for second reading on Tuesday next. This was agreed to, and the senate adjourned till Tuesday. Senator Lougheed was informed by Sir Richard Cartwright that Senator Menier had resigned his seat in the upper house before his death.

Mr. Sinclair's bill to amend the Canada Shipping Act was read first time. It provides that a vessel purchased abroad, and thoroughly inspected shall not be subject to second inspection when she reaches a Canadian port.

Hon. Sydney Fisher introduced his bill to amend the Seed Grant Act. It brings alfalfa and garden seeds into the class of standardized seeds. It was given a first reading. Mr. Sharp (North Ontario) brought forward a bill to amend the Bank Act. It provides that all stocks upon which no dividends are claimed after six years shall be transferred to the government as trustees as well as the dividends. Also unclaimed balances in chartered banks after a lapse of six years shall be transferred to the government as trustees, and if a claimant establishes his title thereto, he shall retain the principal with accumulated interest at the rate of 3 per cent. Mr. Graham's bill to authorize the government to acquire by lease lines of railway connecting with the government railways, was given a first reading. It is objected to the bill by the railway board, who are in agreement looking towards the leasing of branch lines connecting with the Intercolonial. The bill will be passed on the favorable report of the

board, and a certificate of the chief engineer as to the branch being in good working order. No lease will be made until ratified by parliament. Mr. Graham also introduced a bill to amend the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railway employees' provident fund act. It will reduce the time limit during which intercolonial servants must have been in the employ of the road before they are entitled to superannuation or enjoy the benefits of the provident fund. Mr. Graham added the explanation that this has been found necessary for the reason that some injustice was done to employees recently dropped from the service within a short time of their eligibility for superannuation or provident fund benefits. The bill was read a first time.

The following resolution was passed and a bill founded thereon by Mr. Fisher and Mr. Fielding, which is expedient to pass an act to prevent the introduction or spreading of insects, pests and diseases destructive to vegetation, providing for the granting of compensation for matter damaged by such insects, pests and diseases, and the enforcement of the act and penalties for its contravention.

To Dr. Reid the premier said the government intended to bring down the naval bill at an early date.

FREEDOM IN CANADA

Delegates to Federation of Labor Convention Make Complaint of This Country and State

TORONTO, Nov. 19.—"That the president of the convention which we have during the recent convention, without judicial restraint based on super-constitutional and self arrogated authority, has been more in conformity with the fundamental principles of a free and self-governing country than is possible at present in the United States of America."

The delegates to the 26th convention of the American Federation of Labor have apparently discovered what Canadians have for a long time suspected—that there is more real liberty in Canada than in the United States of America. So impressed were they by the discovery that they embodied that sentiment in a resolution which was adopted by a unanimous vote. For all time it will remain the record of the proceedings of the A. F. of L. In addition, the resolution thanked the press for the fairness with which it had reported the convention, and for the space granted to the federation's proceedings.

During the discussion of the report of the committee on the president's report, it was unanimously decided that President Gompers, Secretary Morrissey and delegate John Mitchell should be paid the sum of \$5,000 per year during the time that they are in prison. Strenuous efforts were made to secure them from that extremity, the convention deciding to raise a special fund to appeal to the Supreme Court on behalf of the convention.

Vice-president O'Connell presented A. H. Gill, M. E., and J. B. Clanes, M. E., of Chicago, Ill., and J. B. Clanes, M. E., of Toronto, three fraternal delegates, with a handsome gold watch each for themselves, and a handsome diamond pin each for their wives.

**DEATH REMOVES
HISTORIC FIGURE**

Ambrose Lepine, Reil's Lieutenant, Dies at Age of Seventy-five

WINNIPEG, Nov. 19.—Ambrose Lepine, Reil's lieutenant, has just died at St. Vital, at the age of 75 years. It is interesting to recall Lepine's connection with Western Canada, especially as it is today on the 40th anniversary of the execution of the great half-breed leader of the Metis, Louis Riel.

Lepine was an adjutant-general in the government of Reil in 1869-70. He was born in 1834, his father being a member of the Red River Settlement. He received his instruction from the Christian Brothers and was properly educated. As adjutant-general he presided at the court martial which condemned Thomas Scott to death.

At the request of Mr. Tache, Lepine consented in 1872 to leave for the United States. His company with Reil, he left by night in a closed carriage, protected by a couple of policemen and was conveyed to the border, where he went to St. Paul, where he stopped for a September 27, 1873, he was arrested on a charge of participating in the murder of Scott. He was brought to Winnipeg, and lodged in the fort. After being tried and found guilty, he was executed by Messrs. Dubuc, Girard, and Rowai, as well as Sir J. A. Chapleau, he was executed by hanging at the gallows, and his body was sent to the cemetery at St. Vital.

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**FIRE THREATENS
SOURIS, P. E. I.**

Confignation Raging and Fire Apparatus Has Been Sent to Town

HALIFAX, Nov. 19.—Fire raging at the house of Edward Island, has destroyed the Hughes and Co's building, and others are burning. A special train, with fifteen firemen and equipment, has been sent from Charlottetown, to assist in the fight.

Rev. Dr. Fleck Resigns.
MONTREAL, Nov. 20.—Rev. Dr. Fleck has resigned the pulpit of Knox church after a pastorate of thirty-three years. He becomes a member of the clergy of the church and the vacant pastorate will be offered to Rev. I. A. Levesque, who has been assistant to Mr. Fleck for some time.

Ship Had Revolutionary Supplies.
NEW ORLEANS, La., Nov. 20.—It develops that the steamship Urstein, which Nicaragua was destroyed by fire this morning, for a time the entire neighborhood was threatened. There was no one on board but the agent watchman who escaped. The loss exceeds \$100,000.

WILD TIMES IN NICARAGUA

Reign of Terror Inaugurated
by Zelaya Because of
Revolution

MANY IMPRISONED
ON MERE SUSPICION

People Killed by Soldiers During
Disorders Daily
Occurring

FREEDOM IN CANADA

PANAMA, Nov. 19.—Arrivals from Nicaragua say that anarchy prevails in the Republic. President Zelaya has been driven from his residence by the killing or imprisoning suspected enemies wholesale. He distrusts all Nicaraguans, and has surrounded himself with foreign advisers.

The story told by the arrivals from Nicaragua in substance is as follows: More than one thousand persons have been imprisoned in the penitentiary at Managua, this number including conscripts, the military commissaries of Grenada, and Rivas, and many other prominent persons. President Zelaya has severed relations with the Liberals in the Republic, and has surrounded himself with foreign advisers.

No one is permitted in the vicinity of Zelaya's residence, where he is guarded by 1,000 soldiers. After nine o'clock at night no one is allowed on the streets of any part of the town under government control. All houses are ordered closed at that hour. Anarchy reigns within the government as well as in the army, because Zelaya has never had and has not made foreigners his confidants. All Nicaraguans have been called to arms, and many are leaving their towns and hiding in the mountains.

Up to the present Zelaya has exacted contributions amounting to nearly \$1,000,000. All who refuse to pay are immediately imprisoned. Many have been killed by the soldiers during disorders that occur daily in the towns.

NOT IN MERGER

Official Statement Issued by Clarence H. Mackay on Behalf of Mackay Companies

NEW YORK, Nov. 19.—Clarence H. Mackay, president of the Mackay Companies, issued the following statement to the public this afternoon:

"I have nothing to do, either directly or indirectly, with the combination of the American Telephone and Telegraph company with the Western Union Telegraph company. We have no wish to join in such a combination."

"There have been no negotiations whatsoever with us in regard to the proposed combination of the American Telephone and Telegraph company with the Western Union Telegraph company. We have nothing to do with the purchase of telephone companies in the middle west."

"We know nothing about it. It is not our business. We are not interested in it. It is true that we own a stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph company, but that is one of our many investments. We never had and have not any representation on the board of that company, and we have not and have not considered any more than the stock of any other stockholder, as you will see from the fact that we have nothing about this deal until it was publicly announced. It is true that we own a stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph company, but that is one of our many investments. We never had and have not any representation on the board of that company, and we have not and have not considered any more than the stock of any other stockholder, as you will see from the fact that we have nothing about this deal until it was publicly announced. It is true that we own a stock in the American Telephone and Telegraph company, but that is one of our many investments. 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