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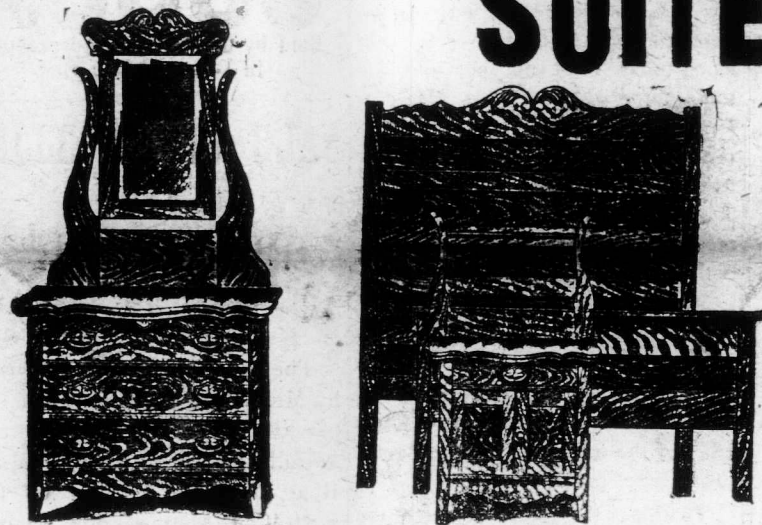
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Government Obstruction!

Business Blocked While Premier Makes Up His Mind.—Charges Opposition With Refusing To Vote Estimates That Were Never Presented.

Yukon Scandals.

Rev. Dr. Pringle's Statements Read In Parliament.—Oliver Says They were Specific But not Specific.—Minister Says They were Slanders, and Refuses Formal Investigation.

Making a Farce of the Hodgins' Transcontinental Inquiry.—Sir Fred's Son-in-law Again to The Front.—This Time As A Favoured Contractor With Sir Fred's Department.

Revenue Decreasing \$1,600,000 a Month; Debt Increased Twelve Millions Last Year.

Fielding Refuses Pay to 5,500 Government Employees.

More Suppressed Documents.

Ottawa, June 6.

The Government is still obstructing Government business. Three months after the introduction of the Election Bill, one month after Mr. Agnew's long explanation of it, three weeks after Sir Wilfrid's speech vaguely suggesting some amendment to the obnoxious clause, the Bill stands exactly as it did in the beginning. The Premier has made no definite statement, drafted no amendment, and has not even made up his mind what to do. Driven every way by conflicting forces, the Premier floats about leaving everything unsettled, thus delaying and obstructing the vote of supply and other necessary business. There never was a time when any Government of Canada was so utterly incapable of carrying on public affairs.

WHO IS TO BLAME FOR THIS?
There is complaint that post office and customs employees cannot get their pay. Yet the House of Commons voted the estimates some time ago, and the Government has not prepared a supply bill, or taken action to give effect to the vote. The Opposition was charged with preventing the vote for the Militia summer camps, though Parliament was never asked for this vote, and the Opposition has always been ready to pass it. Weeks ago Sir Wilfrid excused the delay in Judge Cassel's inquiry into Marine scandals by stating that the Opposition had obstructed the Exchequer Court Bill, releasing the Judge to continue the inquiry. Afterwards the Premier had to admit that this provision was not even drafted, much less presented to the House. When it was introduced there was not an hour's delay over it. But it is not yet law, and Judge Cassel is not free to take up the investigation. This delay is purely Government obstruction, and seems to be intentional with the view of preventing further exposure while the House is in session, and probably of barring the whole inquiry until after the elections. In the same way Government supporters are still blocking inquiry until after the elections. In the same way Government supporters are still blocking inquiry in the Public Accounts Committee.

MAKING A FARCE OF IT.
Nothing worth mentioning has been done for a week, and for another week nothing will be done in the Hodgins' charge of "padding" Transcontinental accounts by over-classification. After Major Hodgins completed his direct evidence, Mr. Murphy, counsel for the Transcontinental Commission, paid by the Government, began cross-examination. He has continued it day after day with weary repetitions until every body understands that it is only a time killing performance. Major Hodgins does not vary his statements and has long since told all he knows. Yet he is kept on the stand in an examination so tedious and meaningless that newspaper reporters have almost desert-

ed the room. Local engineers who made the alleged over-classification, the inspecting engineer said to have advised it, the chief engineer and the commissioners themselves cannot be called until this dreary performance ends. On Thursday the examination became such an utter farce that it was decided to adjourn and take a ten days' rest. It is easy to foresee that the inquiry will thus be buried until the end of the session, and then be declared off.

But the people should remember that the inquiry so choked off is into a charge of improper payments of \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 of the hard-earned money of the people of Canada. It is an investigation ordered by the Government itself, and demanded by the very commissioners who are obstructing its progress and making it a bad joke.

REV. DR. PRINGLE'S YUKON CHARGES.
The Opposition has assisted in voting a good deal of money during the present week, but has also discussed some important matters. On Tuesday the charges made by Rev. Dr. Pringle against leading Yukon officials were read in the House, except portions that were considered unbecomingly for public reading, and for the modest pages of Hansard. Dr. Pringle used very plain language in his letters to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and other Ministers, and to the Governor General, setting forth the conduct of the Yukon Government in protecting families at Dawson, and describing the personal conduct of some of the officials. He wrote in 1902. He wrote more emphatically in 1905. He made very distinct charges in 1907. But it was not until Mr. Oliver received a note from the Governor-General's Secretary, stating that the facts had been laid before His Excellency that an inquiry was ordered.

A SHAM INVESTIGATION.
It was a bogus order. Commissioner Henderson was instructed to investigate, but given no power to bring witnesses or make them testify. He could not administer oaths or commit witnesses or do anything except hear "volunteer stories." Dr. Pringle naturally refused to recognize such an inquiry. He could not chase round the territory to find witnesses. He could not take them to the Commissioner if he did find them. He could not make them testify if they came, and if they did testify, it would not be on oath. They would have no protection from libel actions or other attack if they refused to the Commission with their voluntary testimony. Mr. Borden said that Dr. Pringle would indeed be a fool if he had accepted such an inquiry. Commissioner Henderson took the same view, and wrote to the Minister asking for a Royal Commission with the usual powers.

SPECIFIC BUT NOT SPECIFIC.
He did not get it. No inquiry was held. Mr. Oliver says that the charges were not specific, and so did not call for a sworn investiga-

tion, though he himself, in authorizing the informal inquiry, described them to Commissioner Henderson as "specific charges." It is hard to see how charges could be more definite. They mentioned the individuals. They described the occurrences in a horribly distinct way. Dr. Pringle declared that if witnesses were called in the usual way he would prove every one of them. Mr. Oliver recognized their importance, and their specific character when he authorized the informal investigation. Yet the whole matter is now hushed up, and Dr. Pringle is left to carry his case from the Government of Canada to the people of Canada, which course he intends to take, and has already begun at Winnipeg.

DR. PRINGLE'S CHARACTER.

By Dr. Pringle is a Presbyterian divine, quite well known throughout Canada. He has been honoured by the General Assembly of his church and Canadian educational institutions. He was one of the pioneer preachers in the Yukon, shared the hardships of the early prospectors and miners, and has been anxious to protect from vicious influences the young men who have gone to seek their fortune in that Northern land. Those who have known him will be surprised that the Minister of the Interior has discovered him to be a slanderer, and that he is accused by rulers at Ottawa and Dawson of all manner of malicious, and ambitious motives.

THE CRIMINAL CLASS.

A cursory observer, taking his cue from the Ministers and their friends, would suppose that the following are now numbered among great Canadian criminals: Messrs. Courtney, Fyfe and Bazin, the Royal Commissioners who discovered grafting tendencies and the lack of conscience in the Marine Department. Major Hodgins, who reveals a system of over-classification on the Transcontinental, which he estimates will cost the people of Canada several millions. Rev. Dr. Pringle, who has communicated to the Premier and his colleagues and to the Governor-General the result of his observations into the official and personal conduct of high officers in the Yukon.

THE SAME SON-IN-LAW.

Last week the House discussed the cold storage operation of Sir Fred. Borden and his son-in-law, L. S. Macoon. This week the Public Accounts Committee looked into the matter of \$74,362 paid to this same son-in-law by Sir Frederick Borden's Department to nine months for supplies to the Dominion Arsenal. This was for United States copper, bought at \$90 per ton. The contract was given after offers had been asked from only three concerns. Two of these, Mr. Macoon and Mr. Ogilvie, tendered at the same price, and a New York firm put in a lower offer. The New York man required payment on delivery of the goods, and the Department rejected his offer on the ground that payment could not be made until after the metal had been received and tested. Of the two equal tenders, Mr. Macoon's was accepted. Then a queer thing happened. Against the protest of the arsenal superintendent, Mr. Macoon was paid practically the whole price of his goods, not only before testing, but before they were received. On one order of \$35,000 a cheque for \$33,000 was issued before the copper had been delivered at Quebec. Mr. Jarvis, Secretary of the Department, was shown the papers, which proved that the contract did not authorize this advance payment which was evidently contrary to the terms imposed upon the lowest tenderer. In another case Mr. Macoon got a contract, apparently without competition, for goods not made in Canada. This was a \$5,000 contract given for appliances sold by a Rhode Island concern. Mr. Macoon first appeared as an agent of this Rhode Island concern at the time the contract was made, and admitted that he never said any of their goods except to the Government.

TOO BAD THIS.

Government organs have had a short-lived enjoyment of a statement made in the Public Accounts Committee by an officer of the Marine Department to the effect that Dr. Reid, M. P., a Conservative member, had repaid me a yacht at a Government wharf and by Government employees at Prescott, all at public expense. Unhappily, it was learned afterwards that the officer was mistaken and had himself reported that all the work was done by men for whom Dr. Reid paid. That is where Dr. Reid's course differs from some (Continued on fourth page.)

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Mr. Stryver (dryly)—He kept us mystified with 'em for three months at the Club, but we're on to him now.

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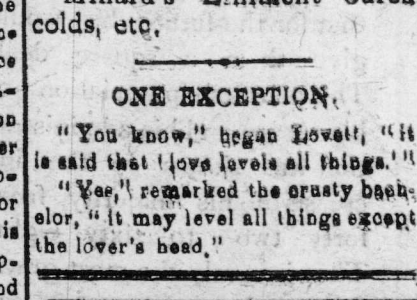
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