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AMENDMENTS TO IMMIGRATION ACT

Minister of Interior Introduces Bill to House. Desires to Protect Municipalities.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—In the House this afternoon Hon. G. E. Foster quoted from a speech in which Clifford Sifton is reported as saying that Canada would be willing to contribute one-half of the cost of the Atlantic end of the all red service, and to give a share towards the Pacific end of the project. He asked if Mr. Sifton has been authorized to make this statement. The premier replied he did not think Mr. Sifton could be understood as giving a pledge, he had but expressed an opinion.

Mr. Monk inquired if Mr. Sifton had a letter to any member of the British government.

The premier—“Does the hon. gentleman wish to ask, ‘Did I give him a letter of introduction?’”

Mr. Monk—“Yes.”

The premier—“I have no objection to saying I did give him a letter.”

The premier informed E. L. Borden that the government was aware there was a possibility of another influx of Japanese, but none had occurred as yet.

The remainder of the afternoon session was taken up in the consideration of Hon. Mr. Oliver's bill respecting the survey of public lands and to amend the Irrigation act. The several clauses of the former which were not disposed of when the bill was first dealt with were put through with little discussion and the bill was given its second and third readings.

Protection of Municipalities.

The irrigation bill proved a more contentious measure and did not get beyond the explanatory stage. During the recess Mr. Oliver added several clauses which were discussed before Christmas and had the bill reprinted. The clause for the protection of the municipalities provoked considerable discussion. The minister explained he had secured the opinion from the department of justice, that as the consent of the municipalities was necessary to permit construction, it was within their rights to dictate such terms as would adequately protect their interests.

Section twenty-two makes the issue of a certificate of authorization dependent on permission being obtained from the commissioner of irrigation. In places where a municipality's permission is refused until the work for authorization being granted before the work is started. A section is added to cover cases where it is not deemed advisable for the sale of water to railways or factories worked by steam.

Not Yet Announced.

J. G. H. Bergeron attempted to get a statement from Hon. Mr. Oliver as to whether the government was contemplating the irrigation business in the St. Lawrence valley.

Mr. L. Borden asked if there was sufficient water in the west to irrigate the lands needed irrigation.

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied that the government was not at present in a position to give a definite answer. He thought some regulations should be adopted in regard to works already constructed or likely to be, and in cases of the extension of municipal boundaries so as to include the district in which the work commenced.

Mr. Oliver's Explanation.

Hon. Mr. Oliver was inclined to think the municipalities could provide for that in making their original arrangements with the irrigation companies. It might be a serious matter to interfere too much with some large irrigation projects now under way. He thought the clause as framed would meet present requirements. There were no insuperable difficulties in sight and it might be well to wait and see the trend of circumstances before doing any more. The present necessity was to protect the rights of the municipalities.

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MANITOBA SOON TO OWN PHONES

Bell Telephone Company said to Appreciate Opportunity in Days of Stringency to Get Bonds.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—The shareholders of the Bell Telephone Company will meet in the company's building here to consider if it is advisable to authorize the directors to make a sale of the Manitoba system to the Manitoba government, C. F. Size, president of the Company will preside, and W. H. Black will act as secretary. The president will explain the situation fully and ask for the decision of the shareholders.

There is practically no doubt of the issue, and so far as is known there is no opposition to the contract. The sum offered is large, particularly in these days of stringency, as provincial bonds are regarded practically as cash, and it is thought the company will have no difficulty in disposing of them around par. The company has been increasing its paid-up capital two or three millions each year in order to provide for the extensions constantly becoming necessary.

This sale will place the company in a strong position by providing funds which would have otherwise occasioned some trouble in procuring at this juncture. The capital account of the telephone company is never closed as each new subscriber requires an increased outlay. New equipment is constantly being required and the company is in a position to meet the demand. The meeting will be authorized without communication.

Agreement Ratified.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—At a largely attended meeting this morning of the Bell Telephone stockholders, without dissenting voice, ratified the agreement whereby the corporation sells the Manitoba assets to the government of that province. President Size presided and reviewed the details of the business in Manitoba, saying he believed the agreement whereby the company disposed of its assets and business to the government was very favorable to the company. He said the agreement had made several reservations of great value to the company. The agreement provides for the operation of the Manitoba system in Ontario and Saskatchewan, and makes connections with government lines. Another reservation was the right to resume business in that province if the government ever saw fit to give up the business and this was a very important point. The agreement was signed by the Bell company.

PATH BELOW THE HATCHES.

Fatal Tale of Sufferings of Engrants on Mount Royal.

Queensport, Jan. 2.—Ludlans Szecsenyi, a Hungarian from the United States for a second time on the Mount Royal, told a pathetic tale of the sufferings of his wife and children. “When the storm came the sailor shut us below where it was dark, and we were more frightened than ever. Somehow we could not get food for a long time, and when the came in with his wooden trays, the people would fight for bread and meat though they thought they were going to be drowned. Christmas Eve on the Mount Royal, we had no food and all were dead. After that every day we prayed and sang together.”

“Once they wanted to sing the litany for me dying, but the priest would not permit that. The sailors told us we were safe, but fear was on them too, and when we began to chant our songs, they would run away fast. One woman, who had no man with her, had a little baby which was very sick. The mother prayed all the time for the little one, and thought it would die every night. It was had to see and what you shall hear was worse for the baby died after we came to this place and were safe.”

A WIFE'S PERFDY.

Defence in David Trial Will Show Her Association With Dead Man.

Fredericton, N.B., Jan. 9.—In the David trial today, a case for the defence, despite the objections of the attorney-general, brought from Wilness A. Bond that on his return from the west he had found Mrs. David and a man named Nicholas living with each other in the same house. He told of an attempt to reconcile the couple, Haren introducing the defence, claimed he would show that the offence charged could not be more than manslaughter. He told in detail the relation of the Davids, and how David had on several occasions forgiven and taken back his wife. He also said would prove that Mrs. David had no intention of leaving Nicholas and when she bought a ticket at Woodstock to go with her husband, it was a return ticket to McAdam Junction that the woman in reality bought. He said he would show that at the trial. The scheduled murder of Nicholas' shooting was worth more than David's whole body, and she intended returning to Woodstock. The would lead any man of a jealous disposition to act quickly.

HALF MILLION FOR BUILDINGS

Public Works Will Spend This in Buildings Alone, Mr. Cushing Back From South.

Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, returned last night to the capital after a week's visit to the south. The Minister of Public Works spent the New Year's holiday at his home in Calgary. He also visited Macleod and Lethbridge, having business in the latter place in connection with the site for the jail, and court-house in the judicial district of Lethbridge. It is expected that the Lethbridge jail will be one of the first to be built in the province. The minister in discussing the matter with the council of the city, stated that he would leave the choice of the site of the court building to the city.

To the Bulletin this morning, Mr. Cushing stated that the proposed program now before the Board of Public Works for 1920 was an extensive one, and would involve the expenditure of half a million dollars on public buildings outside of what would be spent on roads and bridges. During the last two years the expenditure on roads and bridges alone has been equal to 'his sum each year.

The list of public buildings include the court houses in Edmonton and Wetaskiwin, the Land Titles Office, in Calgary, the Normal School at Calgary, the jail or court house at Lethbridge, and the asylum at Ponoka.

Mr. Cushing also stated that the great need of a new court house for Edmonton, which he said, was needed immediately, was the most pressing matter. The court house will be a splendid edifice, worthy of the capital, and will cost about \$1,000,000.

Talking of business conditions, Mr. Cushing stated that meetings of farmers and ranchers were doing well and having a good season's business. The cattle and sheep business were now the best in the history of the south, and were realizing handsome profits. The grain business was also very good, and the wheat crop was the best in the history of the province.

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SAD RAILWAY TRAGEDY.

Two Men at Work on Grave Pit Are Buried Under Caves.

Prince Albert, Jan. 10.—Matthew Burns and Morse Klein were killed today in a gravel pit. They were working on the gravel pit and as all the gravel and shales are allowed to stand the greater part of every day.

Labor Reform Legislation.

The legislation which is now before the legislature at the coming session.

STORMS IN WESTERN EUROPE.

Paris, Jan. 9.—A violent storm is raging over western Europe, as well as on the north African coast. Many fishing boats have been lost. The destroyer from Tangier says that two native passenger boats founded off El Atraiah, and forty persons were drowned, including some Europeans.

Wind Drives Sea Inshore.

Kiel, Germany, Jan. 9.—A violent north-west wind has driven the waters of the Baltic inshore to the low districts of the city, which is flooded to a depth of seven feet. A similar driving in of the sea is occurring in all the coast towns.

Guns are being fired all day from Lubek fortress to warn the peasantry the sea is rising and is likely to flood the country. The scheduled march of 100,000 of the German navy, have been postponed because of the weather.

1908 OFFICERS WERE ELECTED

Farmers' Delegates Consider Wide Spread Primary Education More Needed Now Than College.

That the Alberta Farmers' association will next year take more time for their convention was the thought uppermost in the minds of its members Thursday afternoon. The words left them handicapped in making a decision, which was the earliest in the important questions brought up, and also give them an opportunity to become better acquainted with each other. The delegates to the convention this year were quite evidently an aggregation of capable, practical men with valuable experience and ideas of farming and the ability to put their ideas clearly before the assembly.

But in the election of the directors the slim acquaintance most of them had with their fellow delegates left them handicapped in making a choice. This is a natural disadvantage of a new organization and the members hope to remedy it from year to year. Several suggestions were made to the effect that the sessions should not be restricted to time as in the past, but be held at intervals which would be convenient to the delegates. It is likely also next year that the convention delegates will be tendered a banquet or other social entertainment to give them a better opportunity of becoming acquainted with their fellow-members.

When the meeting was called to order, the sympathy of the convention was warmly expressed with George Rankin, of Olds, who had unfortunately met with an accident upon his arrival in town. A collection of \$21.30 was taken up to defray his medical expenses.

The auditor's report was read by Secretary Stevens. It showed a fairly prosperous state of finances in the year organization, there remaining \$111.50 to the good in the treasury.

At the close of the meeting A. J. Harrison, secretary of the Board of Trade, announced that the Edmonton Board of Trade would pay the rental for the Hall in connection with the association here, and further placed at their disposal for the directors meeting last night the offices of the Board of Trade, a number of the delegates left for their homes by the C.N.R. last night.

Election of Officers.

At the election of officers yesterday afternoon the president and vice-president were elected by acclamation. The duties of office were re-elected unanimously. The secretary, treasurer, and executive committee were also elected. The board of six directors had a representative representation in given to the north and south portions of Alberta. There were only three delegates from the south named, and they were elected by a unanimous vote of the convention. The north seven men were nominated, and the election was decided by ballot between these men: J. Bower, Red Deer; J. G. Arthur, Vegreville; H. J. Joffe, Lethbridge; G. Wellbourne, Spruce Grove; H. Sheppard, Strathcona; N. A. Wilson, Edmonton; and H. Jamieson, Red Deer.

The president of the association, H. J. Joffe, expressed the difficulty of choice because of the limited knowledge of the men, though all were obviously capable. One delegate humorously suggested that the candidates be elected by a vote of the delegates, which might be made on the ground of good character.

The officers for the current year are accordingly:

President—Joshua Fletcher, Ellerslie.

Vice-President—T. H. Woolford, Cardston.

Secretary—W. F. Stevens, Clover Bar.

Directors—(Southern) L. H. Joffe, Cardston; George Macdonald, Olds; E. Carwell, Penhold; (Northern) Henry Jamieson, Red Deer; H. Sheppard, Strathcona; Thomas Baalim, Vegreville.

The legislative committee consists of J. G. Wellbourne, H. Joffe and Mr. Goovenlock, of Ellerslie.

The Market Committee includes J. Bower, Red Deer; T. Baalim, Vegreville, and Mr. Hethershaw, Magrath.

Personnel of Executive.

The personnel of the members forming the executive of an association were promised to become such an important factor in Alberta's agricultural future is of some interest.

Joshua Fletcher, the president, is a native of Pontiac County, Quebec, who spent most of his childhood years in Bruce County, Ontario. He came west as a boy to British Columbia, settling five years ago on a farm at Ellerslie in this province. It has proved a very profitable investment.

Mr. Fletcher is a public-spirited man, and one of energy and executive ability. He was chosen as a representative of Alberta to give evidence in Ottawa before the Grain Commission. It was there he originated the name of Alberta Red for the now-noted wheat of Southern Alberta. Last winter he made a trip to England and Ireland in the interests of immigration. Mr. Fletcher has been for some time secretary of the Otagakwan school board.

T. H. Woolford, the vice-president

NEW MAYOR WILL RUSH TELEPHONES

Ultimatum Delivered to Machine Telephone Co. with Reference to Installation in Edmonton.

Mayor McDougall though only in office several days is already taking decided action in a matter that is of vital interest to citizens both of Edmonton and Strathcona. The long wait for the Lorimer automatic telephone system will soon be at an end as a result of his decided action. It is now over one since the system was contracted for and almost a year since it was to have been installed. Month after month the contractors have patiently waited, unable to obtain satisfactory answers from the company and with practically no idea of when the new service would be in operation. Meanwhile hundreds of applications for the city offices and practically none of them have been granted as the present service is taxed to its utmost capacity.

Upon assuming the reins of office Mayor McDougall immediately had the city solicitor, Mr. J. C. F. Bown, examine the contract between the city and the company to ascertain the position in which the city stood under the contract. As a result of his report an ultimatum has been delivered to the Canadian Machine Co., the manufacturers of the Lorimer system. They have been given till the first of February to ship the entire plant to Edmonton and the C.P.R. has guaranteed a fourteen day transit which is put on the railway.

If it is shipped before the specified date, another condition is that it shall be installed in complete and satisfactory working order by the 15th of March next. If both these conditions are not complied with the contract will forthwith be cancelled.

In order that Edmonton will not be left in a hole should the Lorimer people fail through their contract the commissioners are negotiating with the Chicago Automatic Co., the manufacturer of the Strouger system.

This morning, Mr. W. H. the Canadian representative of the latter company had a conference with the commissioners and that company entered into a contract to supply 1200 phones within forty-five days of the time of receiving the order. The contract also provides for a deposit of \$10,000 to assure a fulfilment of their contract in the specified time.

The authorities are determined to stand no further delay in securing a system adequate to the needs of the people and as a result there is little doubt that Edmonton will have a new system, either the Lorimer or the Strouger in operation before the late winter.

Strathcona impatient.

Strathcona has also become impatient in waiting for a fulfilment of her contract with Edmonton with reference to the new system and is now threatening to cancel the contract made last winter.

It is rumored that the authorities there have been in consultation with the local government with reference to the installation of a government system and this course has been suggested by Mayor Mills in his invitation to the first council meeting of 1920.

Notes Not Actionable.

Ottawa, Jan. 9.—The action of the Banque Nationale against Alphonse Valiquette for \$16,000, the amount of notes held by the bank against him, was dismissed by Judge Rodwell in the high court today. It was thrown out on the ground that the name of Alphonse Valiquette on the notes disputed was forged by Peter Valiquette, who absconded last spring, and is the son of the man who forged the notes. The judge pointed out that the officers should make every effort to bring the forger to justice.

Trouble On Hamilton Road.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 9.—John Theaker president of the Street Railway Men's union, was discharged yesterday. The company claims that Theaker was carrying passengers free of charge, but the men are inclined to think that the dismissal is due to Theaker's part in the strike a little over a year ago. The mayor and president of the Trades and Labor council have been appointed to arbitrate the trouble.

Vaps Proceed to American Side.

Victoria, Jan. 10.—Of the 97 Japanese who arrive yesterday on the AKI Maru, 43 decided to proceed to the American side, after learning of the anti-Oriental feeling here and in Vancouver. All the arrivals possessed passports to Canada. The French linguist, Admiral Fourichon, is expected here at the end of the month with two hundred yellow men from Hawaii.

Barker To Be Chief Justice.

Ottawa, Jan. 10.—Justice Barker will, it is understood, be promoted to chief justice of the supreme court of New Brunswick in place of Justice Tuck, and the supreme court will in all likelihood be filled by the appointment of M. S. White, at one time member of the local government.

A New Consul for France.

Paris, Jan. 9.—M. Loytes has been appointed consul general of France at Montreal in succession of M. Dallemagne, who has been promoted to the post of resident general at Tunis. M. Bouevy, formerly French vice consul at Philadelphia, has been promoted to be consul of the first class and assigned to Berlin.

W. F. Stevens, the genial and capable secretary-treasurer, is a native of Ontario, who came to Alberta seven years ago, buying the old Dowling place at Clover Bar. He spent several years in the western States before he was drawn here by Alberta's superior offerings. He will in future be associate-editor of the new agricultural weekly, The Alberta Homestead, a post for which his experience and thorough knowledge of farming conditions in Alberta particularly fit him.

Rice Sheppard, of Strathcona, one of the founders of the Strathcona association, which was the earliest in the province, was born at Chislehurst, Kent, England. He followed for some years the track of a farmer and confessor to Alberta and bought a farm two miles east of Strathcona. He has followed mixed farming ever since, and has been quite prosperous. He was the first secretary-treasurer of the Strathcona association, and has kept in close touch with it since its inception.

George Macdonald, of Olds, a native of Westville, Pictou County, Nova Scotia, came to Alberta two years ago and bought over 1,000 acres of land, going into farming on a large scale. He has devoted most of his attention to grain raising, having 110 acres in alfalfa and 100 in corn, but eventually he means to take up mixed farming, in which way he believes Alberta's future lies. In his earlier days he was a teacher in Nova Scotia and in Illinois, and for several years a successful merchant in Nova Scotia. Farming in Alberta he considers the most pleasant occupation of any he has tried.

E. Carwell, of Penhold, is a native of Oshawa, Ont., who came west 20 years ago. He first spent ten years milling in British Columbia, settling at Penhold eight years ago, where he has been engaged successfully ever since in mixed farming. Mr. Carwell is a dairy and pork raising, and he is justly proud of his group of over fifty pure-bred Yorkshire sows.

L. H. Joffe, of Spring Coules, is a native of Illinois, and a graduate of Knox college, Galesburg, Illinois. He practiced law for a number of years as an attorney in Illinois, until he was attracted by the glowing accounts of the Canadian West and in 1882 came to Cardston district, where he has since been engaged in farming on a large scale. He declares his expectations of Alberta's future, and he has just turned out splendidly, one variety—Khaloff wheat—having yielded 62.35 bushels to the acre. His Turkey Red averaged fifty bushels to the acre and all was in prime condition. For that of the grain he has contracted at a price of \$1.00 per bushel, and his farm has already produced a satisfactory figure. Mr. Joffe has from his start worked energetically for the Alberta Farmers' association. In connection with Mr. Woolford and Martin Woolf, Mr. Joffe made one of the ablest delegations last year which got the best transportation rates from the railway.

Henry Jamieson of Red Deer, the man who offered a free site for the provincial parliament buildings if they were built at Red Deer, is a native of Renfrew County, Ontario, who came west seven years ago. In Ontario he had been in the cattle business, but since coming here has followed mixed farming. His hobby in farming has been to raise pure-bred Jersey cattle, but he not long ago disposed of his herd. He combines with farming an interest in saw mills.

Thomas Baalim, the chery, brick dealer from Vegreville, who insisted upon the association interesting itself in the education of children in the more isolated districts, is a native of Edmonton, Middlesex, England. Before coming to Canada eight years ago, he was a merchant. But on his arrival here took up farming. As he arrived before the Canadian Northern did, Mr. Baalim knows what pioneering is before the advent of the Canadian Northern, but he considers the possession of a farm in Alberta worth a number of sacrifices. He reached his homestead at Vegreville only after a wearisome drive in heavy wagon over a muddy road from Edmonton. His faith in the country has been rewarded by the comforts a railway brings with it.

A Novel Idea.

During the counting of the ballots, the president and vice-president make briefly to the delegates. The former submitted to their consideration an

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