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WESTERN MEMBERS COMPLAIN AT OTTAWA OF LONG DELAY IN SETTLEMENT OF FREIGHT RATES CASE

Long Argument Started in House by Member for Regina Challenging the Government With Humbugging People of the West

HON FRANK COCHRANE AND ROBT. ROGERS SAY THERE IS NO INTENTIONAL DELAY

Answer Charges by Poining to Fifteen Years of Liberal Rule—Representatives From Prairies Say Question Is Bound Up With Prosperity of East

Ottawa, May 3.—The alleged delay by the railway commission in connection with the hearing of the western freight rate case, was the subject of a long debate in the commons today. The discussion was introduced by W. M. Martin, Regina, who moved the adjournment of the house in order to ventilate the grievance. His chief complaint was not that action is being evaded, but that the board, for some reason or other, is proceeding at too slow a pace. He said the question was one which affects the whole of the Dominion. The west could not prosper if discriminatory freight rates were allowed to prevail, and that would affect the east. He was inclined to think that there was some reason for the long delay, and placed the blame upon the counsel representing the Dominion government.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, replied briefly. He said that despite what the member for Regina had said, the government was sincere, and no effort was being made to humbug the people. The inquiry was one which could not be completed in a hurry, and any delay which had taken place was quite reasonable. The minister contended that the late government, during its 15 years in office, had done nothing to reduce rates, while the present government had already succeeded in securing a 20 per cent. reduction in express rates west of Sudbury.

Many Members Spoke.

The debate was taken part in by Dr. Neely, of Humboldt; Hon. Frank Oliver; Mr. Bennett, North Simcoe; Mr. Buchanan, Lethbridge; Hon. Robert Rogers; Dr. Clark, Red Deer; Mr. Blain, Peel; Mr. Carvell, Carleton; R. B. Bennett, Calgary; Hon. H. R. Emmerson, and Mr. McKay, Prince Albert, who spoke in turn. The general tenor of the Conservative speeches was that the complaint which had taken place had been quite justified. They argued that the new government had already done something to redress the western grievances by a reduction in the express rates, and that more good results are to be expected in the future.

The Liberals maintained that under their regime the organization of the railway commission had done much to improve conditions in the west. They expressed the suspicion that counsel for the Dominion government were really assisting the railways in securing the delay which had occurred, and that there is some reason for it not given by the minister.

The discussion was discontinued after ten o'clock, there being no division.

Discrimination Made Out.

Mr. Martin, in introducing the question, said that on April 16, 1912, the railway commission held that a case of discrimination had been made out, and ruled that the railway companies must justify their rate. But over a year had since elapsed, and nothing at all had been done by the counsel appointed by the Dominion government to represent the people of Canada, and practically nothing had been done by the railways to carry out the order issued against them. That was the reason he now brought this matter to the attention of the house.

Facts Were Proved.

The question was placed before the railway commission in 1911 in regard to alleged discrimination of local freight rates in the west, as compared to local rates in Ontario. The commission directed an investigation and the government appointed counsel. After Mr. Martin reviewed the progress of the case since its inception, and said that on April 16, 1912, Mr. Cowan called officers of the C. P. R. and C. N. R. as witnesses, and was able to establish on their evidence the following facts:

(1) That the freight rates on the railways west of Lake Superior are from 25 to 175 per cent higher than in Ontario and Quebec.

(2) From the C. P. R. records that the cost of hauling 1,000 tons one mile is less in the west than in Ontario and Quebec.

(3) That the cost on maintenance in the provinces is $400 less per mile than in the east.

(4) That the actual transportation expenses are $434 less per mile in Saskatchewan and Alberta than on the eastern lines.

(5) That it cost $868 less per mile to operate railways in Alberta and Saskatchewan than in the east.

(6) That the density of traffic is 29 per cent. greater in Manitoba and 16 per cent. greater in Alberta and Saskatchewan than in Ontario and Quebec.

The witnesses thus called had been able to introduce resulted, said Mr. Martin, in the railway commission ordering the railways to justify their rates.

Railway's Burden of Proof

It was hard to see what defence there was for these higher rates in the west. Mr. Martin quoted Sec. 77 of the Railway act which provides that where there are charges made of discrimination the burden of proving that it is not discrimination rests with the railway. Thus far, he said, the counsel for the railways had done nothing to justify their western rates despite the order that had been issued for such justification. Nor had the government counsel done anything. He had seen ugly rumors of the connection of these counsel with other institutions in the country, and while he put no stock in these rumors, yet if the people were to have confidence

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WHAT THE GREAT WEST DID SATURDAY

VANCOUVER—
Canadian Northrn officials announce they will proceed with improvements at Port Mann at once. Steel company of Pittsburg are installing a car building works and wheel foundry, capacity 15 cars daily. British Columbia Methodists today secured extensive city property for provincial headquarters of the church in Vancouver.

WINNIPEG—
Fifty-two building permits were issued yesterday—total $94,000. Inland revenue returns for April were $114,988, increase $6,600 over the same period last year.

LETHBRIDGE—
Brisk shower this morning has been of great benefit to the crops in Southern Alberta. Reports state that fully 90 per cent. of the wheat sown is up; seeding nearly completed. Twenty per cent. flax, 10 per cent. oats sown; breaking going on on a large scale. Firm of wholesale merchants and manufacturers' brokers announce they will establish branch here, making the fifth in the west. Agreement reached for subway between C. P. R. and city council; work starts about July 1.

EDMONTON—
School board let contract for a 17-room school in Westmount for $185,500; invite tenders for a similar school for Highlands. Four hundred and seventy three permits were issued in April, including 217 dwellings, amounting to $428,000; 16 stores, $156,000; five warehouses, $140,000; four store and office buildings, $690,000.

TURRET CROWN THOUGHT TO HAVE GONE DOWN

Fort William, May 5.—Bulletin — The Great Lakes steamship Turret Crown is reported sunk near the Soo. Efforts are being made to secure wireless communication with ships in the vicinity.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN DEBATES ON WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC

Montreal, May 3.—Saturday morning was devoted by the National Council of Women to the reports of the standing committees on delinquent and supervised playgrounds. Miss Ritchie in dealing with the educational features of the Dominion deplored that the better pay offered the teaching profession the western Canada was being felt in the eastern provinces in scarcity of teachers and poorer material.

Miss Machar of Kingston, urged the establishing of "bands of mercy" in the public schools to teach the children kindness to animals.

Miss Hotson of the Women's Institute, spoke of the need of medical inspection in rural schools and she advocated the sympathy of the National Council to support the movement among the Ontario women's institutes to get established medical inspection.

Mrs. Byers, of Sarnia, advocates text books in the public school system that would give a clean sensible idea of human development and sex hygiene. Miss Derick pointed out that such text books must be very carefully prepared and teachers must be obtained to teach such subjects.

Miss Peters, of St. John, N.B., urged that compulsory school attendance be enforced in the rural districts as well as in the towns.

The discussion on medical inspection in schools was around the point of whether under municipal or government management. Mrs. Adam Short said that the council should urge that such inspection must be under competent medical men. Several speakers pointed out such inspection to be effective should be under the department of public health. The national council will urge upon the provincial governments the need for medical inspection in rural schools.

Miss Peters' report on vacation schools and supervised play grounds was fully discussed. McGill University has a special summer course for play ground teachers.

The White Slave Traffic.

It was decided that women attending the convention should form themselves into a committee of the whole for the purpose of bombarding the legislature during the present session with letters and telegrams urging the passing of certain measures now before them relating to the white slave traffic.

Kingston council urged the widespread establishment of night schools as a recognized system of education.

Discussion brought out the fact that social centres while doing a like work, do not cover the same ground and, as ninety per cent. in the Dominion never go before the high schools and fifty per cent of Canada's school children do not go beyond the third book it is essential to press the cause of the night schools.

Women on school boards throughout the Dominion will be advocated by the national council.

Saturday afternoon was spent at MacDonald college, St. Anne D'Bellevue and after this pleasant affair the convention settled to work again at an interesting session. It was urged upon the attention of the women present that more careful attention should be paid to the promises and encouragements held out to women immigrants and that a more strict inquiry should be assisted. The bottom of the immigration question is the domestic servant question.

Foundation Qualifies for Stake Race.

Lexington, Ky., May 3.—Foundation making his first appearance of the year in the Blue Grass stakes at one mile and an eighth at Lexington today, qualified handsomely for the great Kentuckey Derby, which is to be run next Saturday. Many horsemen—in fact, all of them here—were afraid that Foundation would show the yellow streak, but they were badly mistaken this afternoon when he simply played with his field and stepped the distance in 1:51 2-5 and galloped out one mile and a quarter in 2:05.

The betting was the best in the history of the association and established a record for money handled, when over $60,000 was passed during the afternoon.

THREE TRAGIC DEATHS IN CITY DURING WEEK END

Typhoid Patient Fell Two Stories from Holy Cross Hospital on Saturday

FINANCIAL WORRIES TOO MUCH TO BEAR

Ernest Green, Young Englishman, Suddenly Expired Sunday Morning

Three sudden deaths made up the tragic record of Calgary for the week end. The first was a clear case of suicide, the second that of a sick man who fell from the second story of the Holy Cross hospital, while the third was the unexpected call of death to a young man in the full vigor and prime of life. Indeed all three were young men as youth is counted these days.

Ling half dead under the verandah of the Holy Cross hospital, John Gallivan a young Irishman was found Saturday evening about 9.30. One of the attendants was passing by on his way to the hospital when he noticed the body lying near the wall and at once gave the alarm. The body was at once picked up and taken into one of the wards. The man was by this time unconscious and was recognized as John Gallivan who had been an inmate of the hospital for four days.

A hurried examination by the doctors revealed the fact that nothing could be done to save the man's life and after hovering between life and death for about an hour and a half he expired. Exactly how he was injured and what was the immediate cause of death is not yet known and an autopsy will be held this morning to discover what were the injuries of the man while an inquest will be held by Dr. Cotsollo in the afternoon to determine the cause of his fall.

Gallivan Was Delirious

Gallivan was brought to the hospital on Tuesday suffering from typhoid fever and he was kept in the general ward of the hospital. He was not considered to be in a particularly dangerous condition as typhoid patients go through like the most he suffered from moments of delirium. When he was last seen by any of the nurses and officials on Saturday evening he appeared to be well enough and was not delirious at the time.

Later he appears to have risen from his bed though none of the patients in the room took any particular notice of the fact and he was not seen by any of the nurses on duty at the time to do so. From all that can be gathered the man must have walked out on the verandah and then lost his footing there and fallen over to the ground below a distance of some forty feet. Death was not instantaneous as he lived for quite an hour and a half after he was found. His absence from the ward was not noticed by the nurse on duty and it was only when the body was found outside that the first knowledge was forthcoming as to his fall.

Gallivan was 25 years of age and was born in Ireland. He had been in this country about two years and worked as a laborer for the last few months in Calgary. He has a number of uncles in the city by the name of McColl with one of whom he lived on Centre street. Dr. Costello who is acting as coroner in the case, intimated that he had not yet decided as to the disposal of the body. He had arranged for an inquest which will be held this afternoon at 4.30. The jurors will view the body and will then hear evidence as to the cause of death and the result of the autopsy which will be held in the morning. At the inquest the officials of the hospital and the doctors will be called as witnesses. At the hospital it was stated that all proper care was taken of Gallivan and that he had moved from his bed when the nurse on duty was not watching but was turned away to some other duty. It was not thought that he would be unconscious at the time as he appeared to be perfectly rational when last any attention was paid to him though it is believed that he would be very weak.

Ernest Green a young man 25 years of age died suddenly at the rooming house where he had been staying for some time owned by M. Voss, 1201 First street east. Green had just been out for breakfast and returned about 9.30. Going to his room he said to a friend that he felt sick and lay down on the bed. He immediately collapsed and before medical aid which was summoned could be brought to the house he was dead. Coroner Dr. Costello was notified and ordered the removal of the body to Harrison and Foster's parlors where an autopsy will be held this morning. Death appears to have been due to natural causes.

Green was a young Englishman from Huntingdonshire and came out to Canada about a year ago. He was employed as a laborer at the Canadian Pacific shops at Ogden. He was always strong and healthy in appearance and there was to indicate that he would collapse so suddenly as he did. He had a brother in the city who resides at 836 Sixteenth avenue west and who has been out here for ten years. Mr. Green had not seen his brother for about two weeks and he was then in the best of health as far as could be judged. Green was unmarried and besides his brother had no relatives in this part of the country.

Had Financial Troubles.

Financial difficulties led to the suicide of John E. Metcalfe, a bookkeeper with the Alberta Grain company, on Saturday morning. Metcalfe ended his life with a bullet from a 32 calibre gun in the basement of his house at 3168 Sixth street, Elbow Park. The bullet passed right through his brain and death appeared to have been instantaneous.

Metcalfe was 36 years of age and leaves a wife and three young children, the youngest being a little more than a year old. He was a native of England but came to Calgary from Honolulu about a couple of years ago. He was there employed in a sugar plantation but when he came to Calgary he bought a farm near Okotoks and worked in the country in the summer, being bookkeeper for the grain company in the winter months. A few weeks ago he traded his farm for a lot and house in Elbow Park and had only recently moved into his house there.

No Trouble at Office.

At the office of the grain company

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SUN YAT SEN SAYS GOV'T. SHOULD NOT GET A BIG LOAN

London, May 2.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen, former provincial president of China, has cabled an earnest appeal to the British and other European governments and peoples to prevent their bankers lending money to the Chinese government. Dr. Sun asserts that the temper and indignation of the country have been raised to white heat by the revelation that the government was implicated in the murder of General Sung, former minister of education, and that the government, conscious of the enormity of it's guilt and fearing its own downfall, will use the five power loan, which was unconstitutionally made, in defiance of the assembly, in order to wage war against the people. If the present government is kept without money, Dr. Sun's message continues, there is a prospect of a compromise between it and the country, but the provision of liberal funds will be calculated to precipitate a terrible and disastrous conflict. If the people are forced into a life and death struggle for the preservation of the republic, they have sacrificed so much to secure, the message concludes, not only will terrible sufferings be entailed by the masses of the people, but all foreign interests will be seriously affected.

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FOR CALGARY IS A CERTAINTY

Scheme of Organization Is Outlined at Meeting of the Directors

WILL BE NECESSARY TO IMPORT TALENT

Cream of Local Musical Talent Will Be Used and Some 45 Players Necessary

With organization work finally completed, officers elected and a season's program outlined, the work of building up in Calgary one of the finest musical organizations on the American continent will be at once taken up by the Calgary Symphony Orchestra.

The final touches to the organization were made last week, and according to the plans of the officers, six symphony concerts will be given during the season.

At these concerts prominent artists will appear, and the orchestra will be composed of the cream of the musical profession and will number about 45 people to start, though the number will be augmented as the organization grows stronger. It is also intended to bring in a number of outside musicians, such as players on the oboe, bassoon, French horns, etc., and a number of leaders, and Max Weil, former conductor of the St. Paul Symphony orchestra, will shortly leave for the East to engage a number of musicians and make arrangements for the appearance of the artists who are to take part in the concerts during the coming season.

Although the new organization will be a distinctly Calgary affair, and will bring an immense of very desirable advertising to this city, it is the ultimate intention of those behind the movement to co-operate with other cities in the West for the appearance of famous artists in this section of the Dominion. On these occasions the artists will be accompanied by the full orchestra from this city, and in the future these prospective tours will be one of the big advertising features of Calgary.

It is the intention to give six concerts during the season and Manager Sherman of the Sherman Grand is arranging his dates for the coming season so that his big playhouse will be available one Monday night a month for the symphony concerts. In addition a matinee for school children will be given, at which only a nominal price will be charged, as those who are fostering the movement are more anxious that the youth of the city shall get the benefit of the better class of music. In larger centers throughout the continent the school children's matinees are considered an excellent educational feature, and the co-operation of the Calgary school board will be asked to make the Calgary concerts of benefit to the school children here. It is also possible that the city council will be asked for a grant of $1,000 annually, as the concerts to be given here will cost on an average of $2,300 and the concerts will of necessity be run at a loss.

The symphonic movement in Calgary can be traced back to the concert given in the Sherman Grand last January when the Apollo choir made a decided hit with their offering. The quality of the orchestra on that occasion, and the generally uplifting effect of the concert awakened the idea in the minds of a few music lovers in Calgary of having a permannet orchestra here. Several talks were held and discussions indulged in, with the result that shortly after the concert $7,000 was raised for preliminary expenses. Since then it has been decided to raise an additional $2,000 and although it is expected that the recipts will not pay expenses, there are a sufficient number of prominent Calgarians interested to see that all deficiencies are met.

An important feature ofthe new organization will be the ladies' auxiliary, which is now being formed, and of which Mrs. R. R. Jamieson and Mrs. A. Price are acting as organizers.

The following are the officers of the organization:—Hon. pres., J. S. Dennis; Hon. first vice-president, Mr. Justice Walsh; Hon. second vice-president, J. W. Campbell; President, T. M. Fyshe; Vice-pdesident, A. W. Pryce-Jones; Secretary, R. J. Lydiatt; Treasurer, D. J. Young. Directors, A. B. Cushing, George S. Dingle, James W. Davidson, T. M. Fyshe, R. J. Lydiatt, P. L. Newcombe, Dr. Pirie, A. Price, A. W. Pryce-Jones and D. J. Young. Canductor, Max Weil.

KING'S ONLY DAUGHTER CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY

Special Cable Sewin.

London, May 4.—Princess Mary, the king's only daughter, celebrated her sixteenth birthday anniversary Friday with a party of the simplest kind. The affair was held without ceremony among the members of the Royal family.

Princess Mary is rapidly becoming a popular idol. She is one of the most unaffected girls in the land. She is pretty and charming, not quite so old as her years.

SEEDING IS NOW THREE FOURTHS COMPLETED IN ALBERTA

Acreage Will Be Twenty Per Cent. Greater Than Last Year

SNOW HAS PROVIDED NEEDED MOISTURE

Reports from All Points Satisfactory — Work as Far Advanced as Last Year

The past week has been an unusually busy one in the country and farmers owing to the late season have been engaged in the fields from the earliest morning till late at night. Reports now show that during the week so much work has been done that the lateness of the season is not now such a serious matter as at first appeared.

Many of the difficulties which at first it was thought would be troublesome to the farmer are now removed and by this time about 75 per cent. of the crop is already safely in the ground while much of the earliest sown grain is now several inches above the ground.

Benificent Snowfall

The dryness of the ground it was thought would militate against the seeding of the grain but now a couple of snow storms have given the ground such a thorough soaking that this is but a thing of the past. The snow whatever it may have appeared to the ordinary man on the street has proved one of the greatest blessings to the farmer and has allowed the work of seeding to go on without delay.

From the southern parts of the province reports received show that 90 per cent. of the grain is now sown, while to the north, the percentage sown is smaller and at some points is less than 50. On the whole, however, it may be said that three quarters of the work is now over as far as seeding is concerned.

Increase in Acreage.

The acreage of Alberta will be about 20 per cent. greater than last year. This increase is more apparent in the northern parts of the province than in the south as in the latter in some cases the acreage given to crops is even less. This is due largely to the increase in dairying and the need of more pasture land.

Last year there were in Alberta about 2,398,752 acres under cultivation and it is expected that this year the amount will reach 2,900,000 acres.

More Barley Grown

Although the acreage is increased it is hardly likely that the amount of land in which wheat will be sown will be greater than before. Particularly in the south there will be an enormous increase in the amount of oats and barley. The latter has been urged on the farmers of late and agents from an English firm of brewers have been in the south country lately telling farmers that there will be a great demand in the old country for Alberta barley. The case of a farmer who recently sold a couple of carloads of barley to London and, after paying all the costs of shipping and so forth, was able to show a price of 30 cents more a bushel than he would have got here is being quoted with great envy by most of the farmers and as a result, many are taking up the growth of barley on a far greater scale than before.

Tractors are Busy.

The trouble in Alberta till a few days ago having been the dryness of the soil there has been no trouble in keeping the tractor engine at work one only immediately after the snowfall, when it was melting was any delay occasioned. In some cases to the north where new ground is being taken tractors are working on two shifts.

Sowing on stubble without replowing has not been indulged in to any great extent as most farmers have experienced in the past that this is hardly a profitable mode of procedure. At some places in the north east, however, there is an exception and in this part of the province, where no fall plowing had been done wheat has been put in the ground without replowing, about 25 per cent of the land sowing being done in that way.

The reports, taken as a whole, show that, though the season has been later than last year, conditions have been such that with so few drawbacks the seeding is just as far advanced as it was at the same time in 1912. Taken as a whole the reports are quite satisfactory. In Alberta there is no need of rain. The new acreage is just as much as may well be taken care of, and had it been larger, it would have meant a less careful treatment of the fields which had been sown before.

STUBBS RESIGNED PROM PRESIDENCY OF MINER'S UNION

Election On June 9 Will Decide Whether Control of Union Will Be Socialist of Labor Union

Lethbridge, May 5. — Clem Stubbs, president of District No. 18, United Mine Workers of America, has resigned.

An election to fill the vacancy will be held on June 9.

This was the bomb dropped among the members of the miners' union this morning and is a result of a two days' meeting of the executive of the district.

This is the outcome of the action of the executive officers of the union in supporting the candidature of vice-President J. O. Jones at the recent provincial election.

When J. O. Jones was nominated by the Trades and Labor council of Lethbridge in April to contest the seat for this city, and afterwards endorsed by the Liberal party, a protest arose in several of the larger camps along the line. When the board meeting was convened here on Wednesday morning, J. W. Gray of Fernie, and President Stubbs had some warm words.

President Stubbs will contest the election on June 9 and the result of the election will decide for some time whether the labor movement in the Pass is a Socialist or a labor union movement.

HOLLAND SYNDICATE WHICH HAS LARGE HOLDINGS IN PEACE RIVER VALLEY TO ACQUIRE LAND IN NICOLA VALLEY, B. C.

Acting as the agent of a syndicate of Holland bankers who already have large holdings in Saskatchewan and in the Peace River country R. Von Ollendorf, former resident of this city, but now of London, England, was in Calgary yesterday on his way to the Nicola Valley in British Columbia, where the syndicate he represents intends to take up a fruit ranching proposition on a large scale. On his return from Nicola Valley Mr. Von Ollendorf will remain over in Calgary for about two weeks, and it is probable that his stay here on that occasion will mean more foreign capital being invested in this city.

"The proposition I am now looking over has been offered us for some time," he said yesterday, "but it was not until a few weeks ago that anything like definite terms were arrived at. If the deal goes through it means that about $300,000 of foreign capital will be placed in B. C. fruit lands."

Regarding the possibility of his company investing in Calgary or the vicinity, Mr. Von Ollendorff had little to say. "As I stated before this trip is for the definite purpose of looking into B. C. lands," he said. "I had no intention of considering anything in Calgary when I arrived, but on my return to this city may possibly take up some investments. Personally I am very mugh surprised at the remarkable growth and development in this city in the past four years. It is that length of time since I have been here, and the growth has been tremendous. However, it is not my own money I am handling, and I am out here merely to obey orders, although I will undoubtedly put the claims of Calgary before the people I represent."

Mr. Von Ollendorff left last night for British Columbia and will be back in Calgary in about two weeks' time.

NINETY PER CENT OF NANAIMO MINERS VOTE IN FAVOR OF FULFILLING AGREEMENT

The Decision Is Said to Be Most Gratifying and Feeling Throughout the City Is More Optimistic Than at Any Time During the Present Year

(Special to The Albertan).

Nanaimo, B. C., May 3.—Although well-organized efforts were made by union representatives to call out all mine workers in the Nanaimo district, when the question was today decided by ballot over 90 per cent of the votes cast were in favor of fulfilling the agreement with the mine owners and continuing work on the morning of Monday, May 5.

The vote was taken in the court house, and all clubs, hotels, saloons and breweries were closed by order of the mayor, perfect order prevailing in the municipality, as over 2,000 men were interested.

The decision is gratifying to the general public, and feeling throughout the city is now more optimistic than at any time during the present year.

BUILDERS ANTICIPATE CEMENT SHORTAGE IN CALGARY

Scarcity of the Material has Not Yet Become Acute

EDMONTON BUILDERS FIRST TO COMPLAIN

Edmonton Board of Trade Sent Inquiries Throughout the Province

With the building season now in full swing, there is the usual cry of shortage of cement. True, the scarcity of the material has not yet become acute, but contractors, who are looking to the great program ahead of them for the summer months, feel that more of the commodity will be needed than they can secure on the market at the present time.

The first complaint was sent forth from the Edmonton Builders' exchange a few days ago, and the board of trade there has now sent forth through all the province a number of queries on the subject. None of the local constractors are at present complaining, and they find that their supply up to the present time has been quite ample for all their needs. Some, however, are of the opinion that they could use more than they are getting at the present time. One contractor stated on Saturday that he was getting only one carload of cement every three days, which, though it might be sufficient for the present, would not be nearly enough within the next few weeks, when building became more acute.

Peter Lyall and company, the big contractors who are doing the work on the Canadian Pacific hotel, as well as other smaller jobs around town, said they had all the cement they needed for the present, but thought it not unlikely that there might be a famine in the near future. Indeed, they would not be surprised if such were reported.

Many Suffering Now.

When Secretary Rankine, of the Builders' exchange received the queries from Edmonton on Saturday he at once started making inquiries, and found that quite one-third of the contractors in the city were suffering in a small degree from the scarcity of cement, but none of them were feeling the shortage in a great degree. All felt that within a few weeks, however, the situation might become worse, and there would probably be trouble in going on with the contracts which they had undertaken to fulfil in the city.

The trouble is that in the west there are not enough cement factories to provide sufficient for the needs of the builders, and outside the big plant of the Canada Cement company at Winnipeg, which is in the nature of a merger, and sticks its prices pretty high, there are only a few sources, and these very small, where cement can be secured.

Reduction of Duty.

It will be remembered that a year ago, on the eve of the elections in Saskatchewan, when there was a cemnt famine, the duty on cement was removed for a space by the government. The duty is such that the price is raised to such an extent that contractors can scarcely afford to carry out their contracts using imported cement; while at the same time the monopoly prices in Canada are excessively high. After the election in Saskatchewan was over, the duty was again put back, and the cry was raised that its removal had only been in the nature of an election bribe. However that may be, the situation was for the moment relieved, and there is a movement on at the present time that the duty should be removed this year during the building season, so that enough cement may be brought in for the works which are to be done at the various points in the west.

Merger Should Be Broken.

At the same time there is an opinion among some, as, for instance, in the board of trade at Winnipeg, that the duty should be removed altogether, at least until such time as the monopoly in Canada can be broken and made to place reasonable and proper prices on their product. The Winnipeg board has petitioned the government on this matter more than a year ago, but no definite action has as yet been taken. This is really a greater grievance than the shortage of cement.

The cement combine of Canada is the work of that noted financier Sir Max Aitken, but he himself has always two denials ready to make—first, that there is a combine, and second that he has the slightest connection with it whatever.

CLOSURE WILL BE USED TO PASS NAVAL BILL BEFORE FRIDAY

Stormy Scenes Are Expected at Ottawa When Premier First Applies Gag Rule

HOPES TO PROROGUE HOUSE FIRST OF JUNE

Senate Will Not Have Tim to Consider Contents of Bank Act

Ottawa, May 5.—Tonight a determined effort will be made by the government to secure the prorogation of the house by early in June. If this is done it is said to be possible that the bank act, which has been considered in committee for the past two months will go over until another session. The Commons could in all probability pass it before June, but no time would be left for its consideration by the Senate. The expectation is that consideration of the naval bill will be resumed by the Commons Tuesday and that the government will endeavor to ensure its passage this week. This can be done by the application of the new closure rules without much delay and if discussion is commenced again Tuesday it would not be surprising if the final division takes place at 2 o'clock Friday morning. The proceedings will be in connection with the first application of the closure and it is expected there will be some scenes.

Loss Not Profit.

A typographical error which appeared in the first paragraph of the story of the receipts and expenditures of last Thursday's boxing bout made it appear that money was made on that contest, while quite the opposite was the case. In the next paragraph in the detailed statement the correct figures were given. Last Thursday the gross receipts of the contest amounted to $1,462. The expenditures amounted to $2,165.00. Thus the loss on the contest amounted to $701.00.

COURT HOLDS THAT THE CITIZEN SOLDIERS IN NEWSPAPER LIBELED THE REICHERTS

Article Did Not Contain The Name of Mrs. Reichert.

Judge Carpenter, on Saturday morning, gave judgment for the plaintiffs in the libel action brought by Mr. and Mrs. Gotlieb Reichert against the newspaper known as Der Deutsch Canadier. Damages were assessed at $200.

The case arose from an article which appeared in the paper in question on February 8, 1912, and the action was heard in court last fall. In the article which caused all the trouble the name of Mrs. Reichert did not appear, but from evidence which was given in the case by a witness, it was made out that the editor, Hanson, had stated that the article would be printed in due course, and would refer to Mrs. Reichert.

The judge commented on the newsbearing ability of the witness referred to, and remarked that when such talebearers could be found in a community, there was little need for newspapers. Messrs. Savary and Genetty appeared for the plaintiff and F. E. Eaton for the defendant.

London May Grant Gas Franchise.

London, Ont., May 3.—Until the City Gas company makes some arrangements with the Natural Gas companies who are running pipe lines through this section, in all probability the city council will be asked to grant a franchise for a natural gas company. At the present time the pipe line is being run to St. Thomas, Ont., to the south and Ingersoll on the east, both of which are headed for London.

New Customs Outport

Ottawa, May 4.—An order in council has been passed establishing Pinhorn, Alberta, as an outport of customs under the survey of the port of Lethbridge.

THE FIRST CHURCH PARADE OF SEASON

103rd, 15th Light Horse and 17th Field Cavalry Make Brave Showing

With eight companies of the 103rd Calgary Rifles in line, together with a detachment from the signalling section and detachments of the 15th Light Horse and 17th Field Cavalry Ambulance, the first church parade of the season for the citizen soldiers of Calgary was held yesterday afternoon.

The parade formed up at the armouries of the 103rd Regiment at 2 o'clock and headed by the band of that regiment marched to the Bow River bridge and thence along Eighth avenue to the Pro-Cathedral, where the service was preached by the regimental chaplain.

After the service the troops stood at attention while the National Anthem was sung and then formed up outside after which the march back to the armories took place.

The parade of the 103rd Regiment was an exceptionally good one. In addition to the band of that regiment, the signalling section and the bugle band were also on parade, and at the armories after the parade the regiment was warmly complimented by Lt.-Col. Armstrong for its smart showing and the creditable appearance it made. The eight companies were out almost in full strength, and the regiment made a very imposing appearance.

The attendance of civilians at the cathedral for the service was exceptionally large.

Kootenay Ore Production.

Nelson, B. C., May 5.—Ore Production in the Kootenay and Boundary district last week totalled 51,423 tons, making a total for the year to date of 818,500 tons. Smelter receipts for the week were 45,751 tons and for the year to date 804,445