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Liberal Leader, It Is Understood, Has Demanded Evanturel's Resignation

Trent Canal Graft—Mawson's Expedition—Hon. Sam Hughes Criticized—Canadian Tobacco Trust—Unionists Win Leith Burghs

TOBACCO TRUST HEAVY BURDEN ON GROWERS

Burrell, Replying to Complaints That Price to Producer is Depressed by Manufacturers, Hinted That Proceedings Under Anti-Combine Act Might Result.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—After the brush between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Col. Sam Hughes, the house this afternoon settled down to routine business, and this evening discussed agricultural questions in committee of supply. The discussion at times roamed somewhat far afield. For example, Mr. Foster of Kings, N.S., while in the midst of a speech upon the immigration question and the increased cost of living, was reminded by the chairman that the item under consideration was an appropriation of \$20,000 "for the study and destruction of noxious insect life." There was quite a general demand for more experimental farms and stations, and several members representing tobacco growing districts complained of a combine among the manufacturers to keep down prices to the producers.

Ontario Badly Treated.

The house went into committee of supply, taking up the estimates for the department of agriculture. Mr. Morphy (North Perth) complained that Ontario was being shabbily treated in the matter of experimental farms and stations. The government had 1650 acres in Quebec devoted to experimental work, and even a larger acreage in other provinces. It had only 40 acres all told in Ontario. Mr. Clark (South Essex) called the attention of the government to the tobacco industry. He said tobacco growing had been greatly stimulated in Kent and Essex counties by a change in the same regulations two or three years ago, but since the crops were good the growers found a restricted market and poor prices. The tariff duty, he said, was high, but it seemed to benefit neither consumer nor producer, as the tobacco dealers were in a combine. Dr. Paquet (L'Islet) and Hon. Dr. Bland also complained of similar conditions in Quebec.

Manufacturers' Combine.

Hon. Martin Burrell, minister of agriculture, said there was little doubt but that the manufacturers worked together to depress the price paid to the producer. They were few in number, and he could easily establish a monopoly. He had discussed the matter with the minister of trade and commerce, recognizing that a commercial rather than an agricultural problem was presented. He was not prepared to say that such a condition of affairs existed as would justify criminal proceedings under the Anti-Combine Act.

Success of English Actors.

Martin Harvey has played to absolute capacity every performance at the Princess Theatre this week, and his famous brother English artist, Mr. Tom Terriss, bids fair to do as well next week when he appears in a round of Dickens plays.

Will Be a Disgusted Milkman



LEGISLATION TO CURB TRUST COMPANIES

Extraordinary Powers Enjoyed by Corporations Which Operate and Manage Other Companies Will Be Curtailed Under Finance Minister's New Measure.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—Hon. W. T. White, minister of finance, today moved the second reading of his bill respecting trust companies. The object of the legislation is to have a general act governing all trust companies hereafter created and restricting their creation hereafter to act of parliament. In short, there will be a general trust companies act, as there is a bank act and an insurance act.

Mr. White said that heretofore trust companies have been incorporated by letters patent under the Companies Act, and also by legislation. Under the Companies Act, many trust companies had secured extraordinary powers. They took powers to become holding companies and to operate and manage other corporations. So wide and general were the powers secured under the Companies Act, that no less than 20 trust companies had been so incorporated during the past two years. A smaller number had obtained their charters by act of parliament, but the private bills introduced for this purpose were divergent in character. It was therefore thought best to require that trust companies hereafter to be incorporated by act of parliament and the new statute will contain a model bill for that purpose.

Cure Investment Powers.

The general act will put some restrictions upon the holding of real estate, the investment in stocks and bonds of other companies, and the amount of liabilities which can be contracted by the corporation in proportion to its paid-up capital. A compulsory audit is provided for, and detailed reports every year, and as called for by the finance department.

Mr. White also introduced a similar bill respecting loan companies. He observed that the majority of loan companies were incorporated by act of parliament, and hereafter that would be the only method by which they could be incorporated. A compulsory audit, full returns to the finance department and inspection by that department when thought necessary, are among the prominent features of the new legislation.

Sir Wilfrid Approves.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the proposed legislation was a step in the right direction. Trust companies were often entrusted with the estates of deceased persons, and thus acted for widows and orphans and other more or less helpless people. Parliament, in his opinion, could not throw too many safeguards about the operation of these companies.

Both bills were given a second reading and referred to the banking and commerce committee.

TWO COMPANIONS OF MAWSON PERISHED IN ANTARCTIC REGIONS NEW LANDS WERE DISCOVERED

Lieut. Ninnis of British Army Fell Into Crevasse and Dr. Mertz, Expert Ski Runner, Succumbed From Lack of Food—Important Scientific Discoveries.

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By Dr. Douglas Mawson, Head of Australian Expedition. ADELAIDE, Australia, Feb. 26.—The Antarctic expedition ship Aurora, under Captain Davis, second in command of the expedition, arrived here today, successfully terminating its undertaking without further loss of life. Last year our western Antarctic base, in charge of Frank Wild, and also some members of the main base, returned.

It will be remembered that owing to the deaths of Lieut. Ninnis of the Royal Fusiliers and Dr. Mertz, while on a sledging journey, I arrived at our winter quarters too late to return that year. The sub-Antarctic base also has been kept in commission this second year.

My escape was almost miraculous. I was in the last stages of starvation when I discovered a food cache left by a search party. It was thirty days after the death of my last companion before I reached the expedition's hut, and traveling was for the most part in falling and drifting snow.

The expedition has been most successful. It was organized to complete the knowledge of the salient features of the Australian quadrant of the Antarctic regions, and it operated in the great unknown expanse to the west of the much-frequented Ross Sea area.

Following is a summary of the work accomplished by my expedition to the Antarctic, which arrived here today on board the Aurora:

First, the successful negotiation by a ship of Antarctic pack ice in a fresh sphere of action, where conditions were practically unknown, resulting in the discovery of new lands and islands.

Second, the establishment of two Antarctic wintering stations, separated by an air line of 1000 miles, both on lands never before sighted. At these stations, scientific programs have been conducted—in one case for a period of one year, and, in the other, extending over two years.

Third, journeys made over sea ice and a plateau in regions never before sledged over, at a main base aggregating 2400 miles, and a western base of 800 miles, which figures do not include journeys, supporting parties or relay work. The land has been followed thru 35 degrees of longitude, 27 of which were sledged over.

Fourth, the establishment of a party at Macquarie Island, a sub-Antarctic possession of the British Commonwealth, where two years were spent mapping and investigating the island and seeking as a wireless connecting link with the Antarctic in the main base, and communicating weather conditions daily to the Commonwealth's meteorological office for immediate use in preparing forecasts.

Fifth, oceanographic investigations chiefly of the nature of soundings and trawlings, prosecuted from the ship in depths between Australia and the Antarctic along the Antarctic continental shelf. Trawlings have been successfully conducted to a depth of two miles by soundings. The continental shelf has been indicated thru 55 degrees of longitude.

Regarding the party I led: My companions were Lieut. B. E. S. Ninnis of the Royal Fusiliers and Dr. Xavier Mertz, an expert ski runner. The object of the dash as far east as possible was to ascertain the nature of the land in that direction. We were assisted by 15 dogs in dragging a load of over 1700 pounds.

The morning of Dec. 14 found us in latitude 68 degrees 53 minutes south and longitude 151 degrees 15 minutes east, having covered a distance of 311 miles. The track had lain over plateau heights and crevasses and glaciers, three of which were encountered aggregating 9000 feet in ascent and as much in descent. All were in (Continued on Page 11, Column 2.)

SHAREHOLDERS NOT RELIEVED

Reimbursement of Farmers' Bank Depositors Will, However, Accomplish a Double Object.

(Special to The Toronto World)

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—At the session held in the house this afternoon, Finance Minister White, replying to Dr. Chisholm of Inverness, stated that it was not the intention of the government to bring down legislation for the relief of the shareholders of the Farmers' Bank.

This announcement is not in contradiction to the pledge of the prime minister at the last session. It has long been understood that only the depositors could be reimbursed, but by reimbursing depositors, the shareholders will be relieved entirely of loss under the double liability clause of the bank act. If the double liability is enforced at all it will be for the purpose of redeeming outstanding circulation for which the assets of the bank are insufficient, but there is reason to believe that the depositors have arranged to protect the shareholders in this matter.

MAY BE STRIKE IN COAL FIELDS

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—Unable to reach an agreement on a new wage scale to take the place of the present one which expires March 21, the joint conference of operators and miners from Western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, which has been in session since Feb. 10, today adjourned sine die.

Heath Hats Are Here.

The Dineen Company yesterday received the advance shipments by Henry Heath of London, England, for the new spring stock. Heath makes hats for his majesty the King, and Dineen are Heath's sole agents in Canada. If you require a new hat, the Heath hats should interest you. The W. & D. Dineen Company, 140 Yonge street, corner Temperance street.

OPPOSITION CHALLENGED HUGHES TO REPEAT LAND DEAL CHARGES TURMOIL STIRRED UP IN HOUSE

Laurier Scored Point When Speaker, After Bitter Opposition, Allowed Devlin to Interrogate the Minister—Hughes Named Meigs, Ex-Liberal Member, as Fisher's Associate in Deal.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—There was a flurry in the house this afternoon which recalled some of the stormy scenes of the last session.

The Liberals were in fighting form and Sir Wilfrid Laurier was in the front line of the battle. It looked more than once as if the house would get beyond the control of the speaker, and the opposition eventually carried the point for which they were contending.

There was a slim attendance on the government benches when the storm clouds began to gather, and messengers hurried in all directions to summon the ministers to their places. Mr. Borden was one of the first to arrive, but Col. Sam Hughes, about whose recent utterances in the house the dispute was raging, was the last to appear. He hurried, however, also to the firing line, and the engagement closed with a rapid firing round of personalities between the minister of war and the leader of the opposition.

Devlin Opened Attack.

Mr. E. B. Devlin, the Liberal member for Wright, rose to a question of order.

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LIBERAL DEFEAT IN LEITH IS BAD BLOW

Scottish Riding, Liberal Stronghold for Generations, Returned Unionist in Triangular Contest by a Small Margin—Kidding Hitherto Gave Large Liberal Majorities.

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The fourth and last of the by-elections, which synchronized with the opening of parliament, was decided today when Leith Burghs elected the Unionist candidate to succeed Sir Donald Munroe Ferguson, newly appointed Australian governor-general.

The figures are: G. W. Currie, Unionist, 5159; Provost M. Smith, Liberal, 5148; Bell, Labor, 3246.

The only consoling feature of the result of the contest so far as the Liberals are concerned is that the combined Liberal labor vote in today's contest considerably exceeds that given the Liberal candidate in the last party fight in December, 1910. On the other hand, it is pointed out by jubilant Unionists that in the general election of January, 1910, the Liberal candidate had a majority over the combined vote of his Unionist and Labor opponents of 2608. The constituency has returned a Liberal candidate regularly since 1832, the largest majority, 3000 being given in 1895.

It is conceded that the Liberal candidate was the stronger from the personal standpoint. He is Malcolm Smith, provost of Leith, head of a large fish-curing business and highly popular. The Unionist, G. W. Currie, is an accountant and was not regarded as a strong candidate.

POLISH WOMAN FATALLY BURNED

Upsetting of Lamp in House at 573 West King Street, Ignited Woman's Hair.

Annie Tatchell, a middle-aged Polish woman, was probably fatally burned as the result of the upsetting of a lamp at her home, 573 West King street, early this morning. The blazing oil ignited her hair and she was severely burned about the head. At the Western Hospital it was stated that her recovery was improbable.

The fire was put out quickly by firemen, who responded to a still alarm, and moving to the hospital.

Two Years' Exploration

The Australian expedition to the Antarctic left Hobart, Tasmania, on Dec. 3, 1911. An attempt last year to rescue Mawson and his five surviving companions failed.

ANARCHY RULES THRU PORTUGAL

PARIS, Feb. 26.—Railroad communication between Lisbon, Portugal, and the Spanish frontier has been completely stopped by the acts of railway men belonging to the revolutionary section of the socialist party who have gone on strike. According to passengers who arrived here from Lisbon today after a journey of 102 hours, instead of the usual 22, the tracks have been destroyed in many places, a bridge has been blown up and telegraph and telephone communication has been interrupted almost throughout Portugal.

Railway Tracks Torn Up and Telegraph and Telephone Systems Are Paralyzed.

TRENT CANAL GRAFT ALLEGED FUNDS USED FOR CAMPAIGNS MANY OFFICIALS SUSPENDED

Investigation Indicates That Canal Funds Were Diverted to Campaign Purposes and That Accounts Were Pad-ded—Superintendent McClellan and Ten Others Under Suspension.

OTTAWA, Feb. 26.—(Special.)—As a result of an investigation which has been conducted by G. Howard Ferguson, K.C., M.A., into the management of the Trent head offices at Peterboro, the minister of railways and canals has directed the suspension of Superintendent Joseph McClellan, Overseer Samuel Clegg, Lockmasters M. Burrell and L. McFarland, C. C. Huyoke, inspector of water levels; George H. Giroux, clerk of works; A. J. Raddon, cement tester; Frank Raddon, handyman; J. A. Hadcock, inspector and timekeeper, and George A. Mother-sell, auditing engineer, Ottawa.

Pending a reconstruction of the staff at Peterboro, A. L. Killalay of the Cornwall Canal has been placed in charge.

EVANTUREL NOW AN OUTCAST DEBARRED AT PARTY CAUCUS GOVERNMENT TO TAKE IT UP

Walter Harland Smith No Longer President

Walter Harland Smith, recently appointed president of the Toronto Liberal Association, resigned yesterday. "Since my appointment I have been elected to a place on the city council," he said last night, "and I had to drop either the one or the other. The monthly meetings of the association fell on the same evening as the council meetings."

Mr. Rowell Says Liberal Party Will Do Nothing But Assist Hon. J. J. Foy, Who Announced Further Investigation Following Disclosure.

In addition to the letter sent to Gustave Evanturel by M. Rowman, Liberal whip in the legislature, it is understood by The World that N. W. Rowell, leader of the party, has sent a personal letter to Evanturel demanding that he resign his seat as Liberal member for Prescott as a result of the disclosures in the letter read on Wednesday by T. H. Ferguson, in which Evanturel asked \$10,000 to act as agent for the liquor interests in the legislature.

He Must Resign

Gustave Evanturel, provincial member for Prescott, stands today without any political affiliation in the province. The renunciation of his fellowship in the Liberal party, following the reading of the letter on the floor of the house, was not delayed. It came in unequivocal fashion from the lips of Mr. Rowell in the dying moments of the session yesterday afternoon. "As a duty to the Liberal party and to the house," were the terms used by the leader of the opposition in declaring their unanimous decision to sever the relation which had hitherto existed.

N. W. Rowell Says Evanturel's Explanations Have Not Removed Unfavorable Impressions, and Party Has Decided to Sever All Relations With Prescott Member.

Following is the statement issued yesterday by N. W. Rowell, leader of the opposition in the legislature, concerning the Evanturel episode: "I desire to briefly supplement the statement I made in the house yesterday in reference to the letter read in the house by the honorable member for Grenville. I regret to say that the explanations given me by the honorable member for Prescott have not removed the unfavorable impression created on the minds of my colleagues and myself by the reading of the letter in the house."

"I am sure the honorable member for Prescott, in applying for the position of organizer for special interests outside the house, could not have realized what he was doing when he promised, if he secured the position at the salary mentioned, that he would represent those interests in the house and carry out their desires—a position which no honorable member in this house can approve or support."

"I desire further to say, the honorable member for Prescott came to the Liberal caucus this morning and made a statement in reference to the letter read in the house yesterday by the honorable member for Grenville. After making his statement the honorable member retired."

"It was unanimously decided that the honorable member should not be again invited to attend caucus or be recognized as one entitled to take part in the deliberations of the Liberal members of the legislature, and this decision has been communicated to him by the chief whip of the party in the legislature."

"It is a painful duty to be compelled to make such a statement, but we on this side of the house feel it is a duty we owe to ourselves and the house and the party which we represent to sever the relation which has hitherto existed between the honorable member for Prescott and his colleagues on this side of the house."

Barred From Caucus.

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