

PARLIAMENT.

The Drummond Counties Railway Investigation.

Hon. Mr. Blair Moves Second Reading of Mackenzie-Mann Bargain.

Minister Consents to Providing a Clause for a Majority of Canadian Directors.

OTTAWA, Feb. 15.—The first motion today was proposed by the premier, who asked that a special committee be appointed to inquire into the expenditure granted by parliament in the Drummond Counties railway and into the negotiations between the Drummond company and the dominion government. He named as the committee Messrs. Lester, Carroll, Molson, Morrison, Haggart, Borden, (Chairman), and Powell.

Sir Charles Tupper pointed out that the investigation proposed in the senate was much broader than the one suggested by Premier Laurier. He thought the resolution should be widened so as to cover all transactions in the Drummond matter. The first suggestion he made was that the inquiry should cover the subsidies given by the provincial and municipal governments. This was accepted.

Sir Charles Tupper asked that the inquiry should take in such questions as would determine the value of the road, and the offers by the company to sell the road for less than half what Hon. Mr. Blair proposed to pay would be proper subjects for inquiry.

Sir Louis Davies protested against the inclusion of the question of the wisdom of the government policy, but desired to confine the inquiry to the charges of turpitude against the government.

Hon. Mr. Tarte referred to Hon. Mr. Foster's speech in Toronto, in which reference was made to the purchase of La Patrie by Greenfield for Tarte's sons. Mr. Tarte worked himself into a furious passion, denying the charge, and challenging Foster to a duel.

Hon. Mr. Blair moved the second reading of the bill confirming the Mackenzie-Mann bargain. He observed that there appeared to be an organized attempt to misrepresent his previous explanation. Supporting the proposition, the minister asserted that of all the proposed routes from the coast, the St. John's route was the only one which could be opened during the coming summer.

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the Yukon. Mr. Sifton also denied that there was unnecessary delay in sending in supplies. Mr. Walsh had stipulated that if he were to be sent to leave before September. Since then the commissioner had been struggling with difficulties of which the house and country had no conception.

Mr. Sifton gave eloquent praise of Mr. Walsh, whom no one had attacked. He went on to argue that there might be great areas in the Yukon district with no gold in them, and the contractors were apt to get some of them. Hon. Mr. Sifton fiercely attacked Sir Charles, who had declared that hostile legislation of the United States should be met with similar legislation.

Mr. Sifton continued the discussion of the international trade union, which he said was the subject of the bill. He said that the bill was a serious discussion of the contract.

Mr. Sifton resumed his defence of the Yukon deal. He described the situation as critical. There were more people at Skaguay and Dyea now than could be got over the routes from those points to the coast.

Mr. Sifton gave his opinion that the proposed land and water route would take passengers from Vancouver to Dawson City in thirty days.

At six o'clock Mr. Sifton had got along so far as to discuss the question of the United States interference with transport on the Stikine river. He assured Sir John Macdonald for permitting Canadian rights to be sacrificed in the Washington treaty of 1871, but maintained that even yet it was possible to regard the Stikine as an all-Canadian route.

Continuing after dinner, Hon. Mr. Sifton went to consider the route chosen, informing the members that the proposed line would not injure the prospect of the road from Edmonton, but would be a complement to it. He would also assure the British Columbia members that he hoped to see the road extended southwest from Telegraph Creek through Cassiar district to the seaboard in British Columbia, and Hon. Mr. Sifton had been speaking three hours on the subject of the contract under consideration.

Hon. Mr. Sifton passed lightly over the subject of his remarks on which the subject of the land grant on which the contractors would have no advantage over the government in the selection of lands. He contradicted the statement that the road was only a temporary one, saying that the contractors would be allowed to put in lighter ones for temporary purposes.

N. B. LEGISLATURE.

Bill Amending the Rural Cemetery Company Act.

Mr. Chipman of Charlotte Makes a Speech on the Address.

No Evening Session Owing to the Meeting of the Farmers' Association.

FREDERICTON, Feb. 14.—Dr. Stockton introduced a bill amending chapter 95, consolidated statutes, of laws of watchmakers and jewellers. Mr. Black made his motion, seconded by Mr. Howie, for particulars of warrant and other expenditure from the close of the fiscal year up to the opening of the present session, the return to include the statement of debentures issued since October 31st last.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie said no debentures had been issued since the close of the fiscal year. The other information would be furnished without address.

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Hon. Mr. White, in the absence of Hon. Mr. Dunn, introduced a bill amending the game law. Hon. Mr. White introduced bills amending the law relating to the appointment of Queen's counsel and providing for the appointment of provincial constables.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson said it was agreed between both sides of the house to let the order of the day, further consideration of the address, stand till evening. This arrangement was made to suit the convenience of hon. gentlemen who had just read the understanding had been made that the address was adjourned that it should be continued today.

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FREDERICTON.

York County Contractor Sent Back by United States Officers.

John H. Reid Asks the Adoption of Three Propositions.

MARYSVILLE, York Co., Feb. 14. There was a large crowd in attendance at the rink on Thursday evening to witness the hockey match between the Sackville team and the home team. The game ended, Marysville, 3; Sackville, 1. George H. Ferguson was referee and A. Barker and E. Thompson goal judges, and the officials gave entire satisfaction.

Maryville Lodge, No. 18, Knights of Pythias, gave a social on Friday evening, with twenty members joining by transfer from the Fredericton lodge. Nineteen candidates were then initiated, which ceremony took place at midnight.

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Fifty-Fifth Anniversary of the New Brunswick Lodge.

The Report of Grand Master, Over Alder David Hipwell of Woodville.

The fifty-fifth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick was celebrated in the Orange hall last Tuesday. Great numbers of brethren were present, and the evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner.

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COSTLY JUSTICE.

A Country that Seems Anxious to Keep Other Countries' Criminals.

The trial and execution of Butler, the notorious Australian murderer, will no doubt be generally recalled by those who read the news. Butler explained his numerous crimes so long ago as July 16, at Sydney, but the New South Wales government seems to be far from having heard the last of the criminal.

It will be remembered that Butler shipped as a convict from Australia for St. Francis, where he was arrested and detained until the Australian detectives should arrive to receive him. Almost ever since then the New South Wales government has been in constant receipt of claims for his maintenance.

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RUTHENIANS IN MANITOBA.

Colonists in Shepshin Who Economy is Painful to the Neighbors.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 9.—About a year ago a colony of Ruthenians, commonly known as Galicians, arrived in Winnipeg for settlement in the new county of Western Manitoba. They came almost without funds, and were supplied with a few necessities by the government.

There are now about 6,000 of these people from East Central Europe, in colonies of about 1,000 each, in Manitoba. They all have cattle and crops, food enough to last till next season, farm machinery, warm dwellings, and barns. The immigrants are no longer penniless peasants, but landowners, and within a few years will be well-to-do.

They are economical to a degree painful to the surrounding Canadians, and apparently live on nothing; indeed, it has been seriously debated whether they have not actually been a loss to the country, they spend so little. Not only are their farms in shape and houses their machinery, while all over the province wheat is being raised, but they have not even a plough or a harrow will be seen out of cover on the farms.

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