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IMPERIAL HOUSE HAS FEW FRIENDS

Sam Hughes Tests Parliament

Withdraws Resolution After Laurier and Borden Say it is Out of the Question—Fielding Tells of Canadian Mint—Hot Shot for "Fiery Sam"—Dr. Black Apologizes.

Ottawa, March 13—(Special)—There were a large number of petitions presented in the house today, many against and some in favour of the educational clauses of the autonomy bill.

Duncan Ross, of Yale Cariboo, in presenting a petition, asked to be allowed to make an explanation. He said that it was mailed to him in the house of commons post office, and that the envelope bore the handwriting of Dr. Sproule.

Mr. Tarriff, of East Assiniboia, in presenting a petition which had been forwarded him by Dr. Sproule, said that it bore signatures of parties in his district in opposition to the educational clauses of the autonomy bill and in favour of leaving educational matters to the new provinces.

Col. Worthington, of Sherbrooke, presented several petitions in favour of passing the educational clause of the bill as they now stand.

Mr. Wright, of South Renfrew, presented a petition which he said was all in the same handwriting and which was forwarded him by Dr. Sproule.

The Northwest Telephone Companies bill was reported from committee and stands for third reading.

In answer to Mr. Foster, the finance minister said that the estimated cost of equipping the branch of the royal mint which it is proposed to be built in Ottawa, is \$25,000.

The cost of the mint will be made by the imperial treasury. The chief members of the staff will be brought from the imperial mint, the articles and workmen will be found in Canada.

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PUGSLEY SCORES SUN EDITORIAL

Proves by Hansard That His Statements to House Were Correct

COMMITTEES NAMED

Legislature to Go Into Supply Next Monday—Auditor General's Report Submitted and Referred to Public Accounts Committee.

Fredericton, March 13—In the absence of the speaker the deputy speaker took the chair at 9.30 p. m.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the return of the election of Robert Murray for the county of Northumberland.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie laid before the house the bulletin of the Natural History Society of New Brunswick for 1904.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the report of the committee to nominate standing committees. The report was received and adopted. The committees are as follows:

On contingencies—Hon. Mr. Farris, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Jones, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Dale, Mr. Whitehead, Mr. Osman, Mr. Clark, Mr. Murray, Mr. Maxwell, Mr. Purdy, Mr. Glaser, Mr. Copp, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Scott, Mr. Burns.

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Russia, Fought to a Standstill, Now Ready to Make Peace

This is the View Expressed in Several Quarters

Kuropatkin's Losses Grow--He is Shut in at Tie Pass--Has 155,000 Dead, Wounded, or Captured, and Two Commands Are Unaccounted For--Council of War at St. Petersburg Today--Cassini Declares War Must Continue--Powers Fear Secret Treaty Between Belligerents.

The Russian general staff reports that the main body has already completed its retreat and the rear guard southward are falling back slowly.

What either the "main body" or the "rear guard" consists of has not been definitely fixed, but from the despatches from the Associated Press correspondents with the Japanese and Russians, the two combined must be a small portion of the army which General Kuropatkin had gathered along the banks of the Shakhe and Hun rivers.

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QUEBEC EXPRESS HAD CLOSE CALL

Axle of Sleeping Car Broke Going Into Sussex Last Night

No Passengers Were in the Sleeper and the Damage Was Slight--C. P. Express, Bound East, Delayed One and a Half Hours on Account of Mishap.

Sussex, N. B., March 13—(Special)—No. 134, Quebec express, met with an accident this evening coming into the Sussex yard. The rear axle on the sleeping car broke in two and dragged about four car lengths before the train was stopped.

The cause of the accident was due to a flaw in the axle. The C.P.R. east was detained about an hour and a half. The auxiliary train from Moncton is here making the hotel men in closing their doors. There were no passengers in the car, but had the axle broken when the train was running at full speed, the accident would, no doubt, have proved serious.

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PRIVATE HOUSES CARING FOR AMHERST VISITORS

Commercial Travelers Don't Like the Hotels Closing--Say Bars Are Not Necessary to Run a Hostelry.

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VENEZUELA NEXT TO BE "PACIFIED"

McNALLY DOWNS ALD. FARRELL

Elected Mayor of Fredericton Yesterday by 103 Majority

NEW MEN IN COUNCIL

R. F. Randolph and C. F. Chestnut Win by Large Votes--Agricultural Official Resigns as Outcome of Baird & Peters Verdict -- Other News of the Capital.

Fredericton, N. B., March 13—(Special)—One of the most spirited civic contests which Fredericton has seen for a number of years took place today. Dr. G. J. McNally was elected mayor by a majority of 103 over Alderman Patrick Farrell, and two out of seven aldermen who sought reelection were defeated.

The new men who will sit at the board for the first time are Moses Mitchell, J. D. Hanlon, R. F. Randolph, F. D. McKenzie and C. Fred Chestnut.

The honor of leading the poll fell to Mr. Chestnut, who secured 671 votes out of a total of 883 cast.

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Roosevelt Tactics in Evidence

New York Sun's Cable States Foreign Bankers Are Coercing Russia to Stop the War, and Will Furnish the Funds for the Indemnity Asked by Japan.

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TORONTO LIBERALS CONDEMN SCHOOL CLAUSE

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WAR COUNCIL SUMMONED

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ERIE RAILWAY OFFICIAL DEAD

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DEAD AGED 102 YEARS

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