

TRY TO PLACATE CORPORATIONS BY A SUBTLE "SCRAP-IRON" BILL

Government Presents a Measure to Empower Municipal Councils to Grant Absolute Exemption From Taxation to "Public Service" Companies—Ratepayers No Say

A scheme of the Government to balance of with the corporations by something just as good as, if not better than, the "scrap-iron" assessment system, was exposed with telling effect in the Legislature by Mr. Whitney and Mr. Matheson yesterday afternoon. This contained in a subtle and cunningly devised bill, innocently entitled "Bill No. 175, an Act to Amend the Municipal Act," this bill empowers "Councils of cities, towns and incorporated villages" to grant absolute and complete exemption from taxation to "water, light, heat, transportation or other public service" corporations for one, two or three years. These exemptions are to be renewable every three years, and are to be made without "the assent of the ratepayers." The only tax not included in this exemption are school and local improvement rates.

The second reading of the bill was moved by Premier Ross in a few sentences spoken in a tone almost inaudible from the press gallery, but remarkable for the subtlety. The Premier represented the bill as a mere enabling act to encourage public-spirited citizens to give their municipalities such public services as mentioned in the act.

World Placate Corporations. Mr. Whitney analyzed the bill. The bill was evidently for the purpose of placating the corporations for the repeal of the scrap-iron assessment system. That the Government should have brought in such a bill surprised the wisest signs of an ordinary man's imagination.

Whole Bill West Down. Mr. Matheson pointed out that it opened the way for lobbyists to corrupt members of Councils, and ignored the rights of the electors.

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REMAINS OF THE LATE BISHOP SWEENEY OF ST. JOHN, N.B., CONSIGNED TO THE TOMB.

BISHOP CASEY DULY ENTHRONED

Great Crowds Were Present at Each of the Functions—The Late Bishop's Will.

St. John, N.B., March 29.—With all the pomp and pageantry, and attended by clergy from many places, representatives of the New Brunswick Government, the city corporation, all the local Catholic societies and hundreds of citizens, the body of the late Bishop Sweeney was borne to the grave this morning. The great cathedral was crowded to the doors at one of the most impressive services ever held in the city, not only Roman Catholics of various faiths, but many of other denominations, were present to witness the funeral rites.

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TALKED RIGHT, BUT VOTED WRONG ON MR. R. L. BORDEN'S AMENDMENT

Government Had a Majority of 52 on the Preferential Trade Amendment—Richardson and Bourassa Voted Contrary to Their Speeches.

Ottawa, March 29.—(Special.)—The House had a short session to-day after the night of strenuous life which the session so far has witnessed. The Government's amendment, when the division was taken at 4.10 a.m., was 52. J. Label Robinson was out of the House and did not vote. All the Liberal Independents who derided the Government during the debate, all voted with the Government. Richardson (Alton) and Bourassa followed on the vote. Charlton was paired with the author of the amendment.

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A BIG BOOM FOR MUSKOKA

Toronto Syndicate Secures a Controlling Interest in the Muskoka Navigation Company.

The thousands of pleasure seekers, tourists, cottagers, campers, yachtsmen, canoe men, anglers and businessmen who annually frequent Muskoka will be glad to learn that at last steps have been taken to properly equip these Highlands of Ontario with adequate transportation and hotel facilities. The pure air, the beautiful climate and the beautiful scenery of Muskoka's 500 odd lakes are widely and favorably known all over the continent, and are each year enjoyed by thousands of people, not only from the cities of Ontario, but also from such American cities as New York, Chicago, Buffalo, Toledo, Cleveland, Detroit and Cincinnati. Of late years, however, the Muskoka Navigation Company, which has been in operation for some time, has been unable to meet the demands of the increasing number of tourists.

Two New Hotels to Be Built. Two new hotels are also to be erected. Each hotel is to contain 200 rooms, and one is to be erected on a beautiful spot on Lake Joseph, and the second one at a convenient point on Lake Rosseau. At least one of them is to be finished and ready to receive the public by July 1, 1901. The other will not be completed at such an early date.

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THE CAPTURE OF AGUINALDO IS ALREADY HAVING AN EFFECT

From Different Points Comes News of the Surrender of Insurgents With Their Arms and Ammunition—Among Those Who Have Given in is Genorimo With Followers.

Manila, March 29.—When Aguinaldo was captured he wore a plain, dark blue suit, with the coat closely buttoned at the throat, and wide white helmet, with a leather head. He takes his capture philosophically. He is generally cheerful, but sometimes moody. His health during the past year has been very good. It is uncertain what attitude he will now assume.

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