

THE YUKON IN PARLIAMENT

Sir Charles Tupper Anxious for Representation.

Alex. McDonald's Royalty Discussed—Major Walsh's Official Acts Referred To—Amendment Defeated.

A late Ottawa telegram to the Victoria Colonist says:

Sir Charles Tupper yesterday gave the leader of the government notice that it was his intention to propose at some future date, on motion to go into supply, the following amendment: "That this house is of the opinion that the time has come when provision should be made for an advisory council—partly elective, partly nominative by the crown, as in the case of the Northwest territories up to 1888—for the administration of the affairs of the Yukon district; that this house is of the opinion that immediate provision should be made for the representation of the said district in the parliament of Canada." The leader of the opposition remarked that he made his suggestion in no hostile spirit to the government policy. He hoped to be able to convince the government and the house that his suggestion was a wise one, that should be acted upon at once.

The prime minister replied that he had already announced the government's policy to give the people of the Yukon representation in the Yukon council.

Sir Charles replied that in that case he would drop the first part of his amendment.

Sir Wilfrid added that he would await with interest the grounds on which the leader of the opposition based his request.

The prime minister moved that by reason of the inability of Mr. John Costigan to serve on the emergency ration committee owing to his unavoidable absence from the city on private business, that he be excused from serving on the committee, and that Mr. Campbell (Kent) be appointed in his place.

The bill to amend the civil service act was put through the committee stage, and stands for third reading. A provision was inserted that where a vacancy occurs among second class clerks, a junior second-class clerk may be appointed to it at \$800, instead of \$1100, which is the minimum for second-class clerks.

The government bill in amendment of the bank act was finally disposed of by concurrence in verbal changes made by the senate.

On motion to go into supply Sir Hibbert Tupper once more engaged the attention of the house upon another Yukon amendment, referring to the extension of time given to Alexander McDonald, "the king of the Klondike," for the payment of his gold royalty. He set up the plea that small capitalists and mine owners had been driven out of the country, through the rigorous enforcement of this extreme gold royalty, and that the distinction made in favor of Mr. McDonald was therefore a most unjust step. "Sir Hibbert's resolution, by the way, repeated charges against Major Walsh and other officials of having accepted bribes to aid parties who had business to transact with the government to get what they wanted. In conclusion his resolution called for an expression as to whether it would not be desirable to have an independent audit made into McDonald's royalty accounts and an investigation into the treatment he had received."

Mr. Sutherland, the acting minister of the interior, thought that Sir Hibbert was this session giving to the house in instalments his speech of last session, generally regarded as a very foolish effort. The whole case in this instance with all its talk of bribery and corruption was based upon the extension of time given to Mr. McDonald for the payment of his royalty. There was the very best of evidence that Major Walsh and the others had acted honestly, while there was every evidence that every cent due the government by Mr. McDonald had been paid. It was hardly the thing to hear day after day this repetition of condemnation of reputable officials on nothing better than newspaper paragraphs and hearsay trash of one kind and another.

Mr. Duncan C. Fraser, of Guysboro, pointed out that while the proceeding might not have been perfectly regular, the government had never been in any danger of not getting the money owed it. Mr. McDonald was not able to pay the money at the time, but when he got a chance paid it back. He was a man who had done more for the Yukon

than any other man there, and nothing that could be said against him there would hurt his credit in the Yukon. The statement that small miners were driven out of the Yukon were utterly unfounded and untrue. Mr. Fielding, minister of finance, laid stress upon this whole attack on Major Walsh as against a man no longer in the government employ, so, that even if the government wanted to punish him they could scarcely do so.

When a division was reached at 11 o'clock the amendment was defeated by 33 yeas to 63 nays, a government majority of 30.

Who Is to Blame?

The city editor of the New York Sun recently picked out one of his smartest reporters and told him to go down to Wall street and see if he could locate some of the big Klondike mining companies, which three years ago were filling the advertising columns of the newspapers and covering many acres of good stationery with glowing descriptions of their wonderful mines in the newly discovered gold fields. In the course of time the reporter returned to his city editor and told him that out of a dozen addresses given him he could not find one of the companies. Ordinarily when a reporter brings in this kind of a report on his assignment, his name very suddenly drops from the payroll, but this was not the case in this instance, for the young man backed up his statements with the testimony of so many janitors, elevator men and directors that he was told to write a "spread story" on what he could not find.

City editors of newspapers are not the only ones who have for a year or two been trying to find some trace of the score or more evaporated Klondike companies. The number of persons who would like to have some information about the companies, and more particularly about the money, they poured into them, would make up a big time in the forthcoming census report. The census bureau would perform a great service to humanity if it would instruct its enumerators to gather information on this point and also to ask the poor unfortunates who plead guilty to the charge of investing whether they ever heard from their money after they received their "stock certificates."—The Mining and Metallurgical Journal, New York.

Succumb to the Heat.

Chicago, June 26.—This was the hottest day of the year, the mercury at the street level reaching 87 degrees, while in the government office in the tower of the Auditorium it was four degrees cooler. There were six prostrations due to the heat, one of which proved fatal.

Sioux City, Ia., June 26.—Today was the hottest of the season, 96 degrees. Several prostrations were reported.

Pittsburg, Pa., June 26.—Two deaths and four prostrations from the heat were reported up to noon. The mercury at noon registered 88 degrees and was rising rapidly. There was great suffering among the mill workers and many plants had to close down.

Sweet Revenge.

She sat in a car with a little smile of satisfaction on her face, for she was well and tastefully dressed, and that means a great deal to a woman. As she moved up to make room for a newcomer a man entered, and as he sat down he said to the comfortable one:

"Why, Jane, this isn't your afternoon off! How did they come to let you out today?"

The young woman grew very red in the face, for all the occupants of the car were looking and listening, and stammered out as she half rose and then fell back in her seat:

"Now look here!"

"How well you're dressed, too!" continued her tormentor. "They must give you \$20 a month. Eh? Is your mistress about your size?"

"Now, do be quiet!" cried the uncomfortable one. "If you think—"

"Diamonds, too," went on the miserable man as he caught a flash from her waving fingers. "Or, are they artificial?"

The tormented one sprang up, stopping the car and made a rapid exit, followed by the cause of the trouble, whose farewell remark to the inmates of the car was:

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The Pacific Coast Borax Works, controlled by "Borax" King Smith, have been shut down indefinitely, throwing 100 men out of employment. The shut-down is attributed to a heavy advance in the freight rate on crude borax from Death Valley, which hereafter will be refined in New York.

The will of Frederick M. Mooers, the Yellow Aster mining king, who died suddenly in New York city last month, is to be contested by the widow, Frances L. Mooers. The estate, valued at \$780,000, was left to Eliza Mooers, mother of the deceased; the widow, a son, three brothers and an aunt.

Eight thousand dollars in gold, inclosed in canvas bags, has been dug up in the garden of the late Capt. R. T. Thomas, president of the Standard Soap Company, to which the money belonged. Capt. Thomas drew the money from an Oakland, Cal., bank two days before his death, on May 28 last.

The reduction in wages at the Brooklyn navy yard will be from 6 to 25 cents a day in the following grades: Plumbers, tin roofers, wireworkers, pattern-makers, toolmakers and boiler-makers. There has been an increase of about 25 cents for the wharf builders and ordnance men.

The carefully planned tariff pools from which the executive officers of the Western roads expected great results are in a fair way of collapsing before they have been made effective. Great difficulty is being found in securing competent men to accept the position of joint agents for the various committees of executive offices.

Work on the construction of the sheathed protected cruiser Denver has been begun. Ninety per cent of the matter to be used in the cruiser is already in the yard. The six cruisers of the Denver class will be seventeen knot boats, and their chief peculiarity is that they will be sheathed with yellow pine and coppered. The advantage of this construction is that the vessels will not have to be docked so often.

Complaint has been filed with the collector of the port of San Francisco by Surveyor Speyer against the Japanese steamer Nippon Maru, for a violation of the shipping laws, the offense being the transportation of two passengers from Honolulu to San Francisco. It is averred in the complaint that the steamer violated the act of congress declaring Hawaii a port of the United States by taking passengers from one port of the United States to another port in the same country.

Short Cabinet Meeting.

Washington, June 26.—The cabinet meeting today lasted only an hour and developed nothing of special interest. It was stated that no troops, in addition to the Ninth infantry have been ordered to China, and while this is literally true, there seems to be no doubt that the government is quietly taking steps looking to the early reinforcement of our small company of marines on Chinese soil.

Secretary Hay took with him to the meeting a message from Consul Fowler at Chefoo, but it was asserted that it threw no light on the general situation. Secretary Long also had one or more dispatches, but they were not made public.

Postmaster-General Smith stated at the meeting that Mr. Rathbone was no longer connected with the Cuban postal service.

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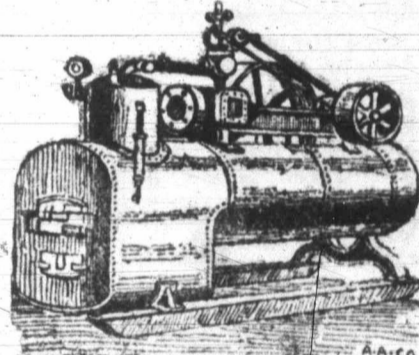
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