

Chest Felt Raw.

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NHIL McEAT, Bryle, Ont.

AT OTTAWA.

(Special Correspondence to THE HERALD.)

The Emergency Food enquiry is completed, and the committee has submitted two reports. Only the preliminary report is recognized by the majority of the House. The minority report will come in as an amendment to the motion for the adoption of the report. The majority report administers a large application of white ash to Dr. Borden and his department and to Dr. Devlin. Notwithstanding the evidence of the manufacturer of the food tested at Kingston, the majority reports that the Devlin food is the same as Hatch's protein. Notwithstanding the report of the government analyst, who said that the food bought was not a concentrated food, and was not a protein food, and was not worth the price paid, and was not the protein food that the price was all right. Notwithstanding the fact that the department has lost or destroyed every sample that had been kept of the food sent to Kingston by Mr. Hatch, and though the committee refused to obtain an analysis of the genuine samples which Mr. Hatch produced as part of a day's supply, the majority reaches a conclusion that the food tested at Kingston contained no more than 16 per cent. of protein. The majority excuses the payment of two dollars per pound for food that the seller himself valued at thirty cents by saying that the food was a trade secret. It condemns no one but Mr. Monk, who made the charge.

THE OTHER REPORT.

The minority report is a much more detailed statement, supported by quotations from the evidence. Mr. Monk, Mr. Cyprien and Mr. Clarke find that the test at Kingston was made with "Protein," which was known to be made by Hatch. When the department was fitting out the contingent it was offered this food by the manufacturer, and the minister refused to buy, declaring that the home Government was feeding the men. Having made this statement Dr. Borden ordered the purchase of 2,333 pounds of Vitallin from Dr. Devlin, paying two dollars per pound. This food, prepared to be made by the Vitallin Company, Montreal, though there is no such company in existence, and the food was imported from the United States. It was admitted that the food bought contained only 17 per cent. of protein, and it was shown by every analysis examined that the ration was insufficient to sustain life.

WHAT IT COST.

The minority found that the utmost cost of this food to the contractor, including travelling expenses and incidentals, and taking Dr. Devlin's own statements, was \$1,350. It is made up as follows: 2,333 pounds imported at \$0.90 cents per pound..... \$2,100.00 Grinding..... \$22.00 Tin cans (\$25 per 1,000)..... 175.00 Labelling..... 12.00 Customs dues (for which unaccepted cheques were given)..... 140.00 Total.....\$2,449.00

THE COMMISSIONERS.

The minority in summing up reports the following statements and conclusions: 1.—That under the circumstances disclosed by the evidence, the contract of the 4th of January last for the supply of emergency rations to the Canadian contingents, was entered into with undue and unnecessary haste by the Minister of Militia and Defence.

EMERGENCY ESTIMATES.

The supplementary estimate brought down this week are evident of a gross mismanagement. We take one province alone, and one class of expenditure alone, and find votes for no less than 96 wharves and breakwaters in the Province of Nova Scotia. This in the supplementary estimate, to which may be added sixteen such votes, in the main estimate, making one hundred and eleven votes in all. Last year when

was made on the 14th February. The Minister should have immediately communicated with the Canadian contingents.

On the whole your Committee find that the Minister of Militia and Defence and the Department of Militia were guilty of culpable negligence in purchasing and providing the Canadian soldiers with an article totally unfit for the purposes for which it was intended.

In this connection the Committee recommend that the Military authorities in South Africa be given immediately by cable the benefit of the report of the Chief Analyst.

A CASE OF ELOPMENT.

The reports will be discussed next week. In the meantime it is interesting to mention a case of mysterious disappearance. Dr. Devlin, the contractor, attended all the meetings of the committee but the last one. He hovered over the quartette of liberal committee men, whispering to one after another, coaching them in this examination of witnesses. Dr. Devlin was himself a most competent witness, as he had much information in regard to this contract that could not be obtained from others. It was arranged that he should be a witness on the last evening of the afternoon. In the evening he had disappeared, leaving a letter stating that he had been suddenly called to New York. It only remains to be said that Dr. Devlin was heard from the next day in Montreal and never went to New York.

The report of the majority of the committee does not surprise any one. It was apparent to any one that if Dr. Devlin had delivered corn meal and charged ten dollars per pound the majority would have commended the transaction as a piece of high statesmanship.

PAY, PAY, PAY.

A notable event of this week is the production of the supplementary estimates for the coming year. This interesting document asks for a larger sum than was ever before seen in a supplementary. Mr. Fielding wants the House to vote him seven and a quarter millions, of which more than three millions belong to current account. The total expenditure now estimated for the year 1900-1901 is over fifty-six million, as follows:

Main estimates.....\$49,068,391 Supplementary..... 7,244,136 Total.....\$56,312,527

SOME ITEMS.

This wonderful Paris Exposition, which under Mr. Tarte's triple management seems to have an unlimited capacity for absorbing funds, wants still another \$10,000. Mr. Blair asks for \$1,900,000 for capital expenditure on the Intercolonial. It may be remarked here that the Minister of Railways made a three and a half hour speech this week in which he claimed that the Intercolonial was now earning \$100,000 a year more than the working expenses. This \$100,000 a year is not included in working expenses. Mr. Blair charges it to construction, though it includes \$400,000 for rolling stock, \$420,000 to replace light rails with heavier ones, and \$80,000 for strengthening bridges.

ABOUT LABOR.

On Tuesday Mr. Mulock introduced the measure known as the Conciliation Bill. It follows the British statute in providing boards to settle labor disputes between employers and employees. It also provides for the collection of information and the issue of a monthly publication the character of which is not very clearly set forth. Mr. Mulock closed his brief explanation by a somewhat grandiloquent passage about the importance of the proposed legislation. Members on the other side of the House, including Sir Charles Tupper and Mr. Foster, suggested that the Government need not have kept back this important and far reaching measure until the 20th day of the session, after half of the members had gone away. There will be no opposition to the principle of the bill.

AN ENQUIRY AGAIN REFUSED.

On Thursday Mr. Bell, of Pictou, made a motion in favor of investigating certain transactions in the Yukon which the Olyvic commission failed to reach. The motion included among other matters a letter from a resident of the Yukon giving a graphic account of the conditions of Dawson in the matter of gambling houses, liquor saloons, and immoral places of resort. The charge is made that the Yukon Government derives income from all kinds of vice, and practically licenses many kinds. Mr. Bell did not ask for a verdict of guilty, but only asked for an enquiry; but he was refused by a party majority of 36.

THE CHIEF DEPARTS.

Sir Charles Tupper has called for England, Thursday was his last day in the House, and on that morning the building rang with cheers which came from room number 6. The Opposition leader had gathered his supporters together to thank them for their loyal services during the session, and

the House was in session the Government expected to go to the country before the next meeting. So a big list of votes was brought down. The election did not come off and the money was not spent. Thus it happens that a score or more of the same to be voted in Nova Scotia are repetitions of estimates voted last year and not used. A still larger number of votes appear in the Ontario lists.

THE YUKON STILL.

In the main estimates Mr. Fielding asked for no less than \$1,047,500.00 for the Yukon. This is a healthy demand but apparently it left something to be desired. The Finance Minister in the supplementary estimates gave parliament to give him \$380,000.00 more for the Yukon, of which Mr. Tarte will spend all but \$25,000. Most of Mr. Tarte's expenditure in the Yukon, for roads, buildings, bridges, etc., have been under the financial control of Mr. Charleson, who was trained under the late Mr. Mercer, and who has given out his contracts on private terms.

TROUBLE WITH TARTE.

Speaking of Mr. Tarte, said gentlemen continues to have a great time in France. He seems to have given unmeasured delight to all who hate England, and there are many such in Paris, when he insisted that President Loubet should not pass through the Canadian exhibit as he did those of Australia but should make a formal entrance and be received with special formalities, in order that Canada might appear as an independent nation and not as a colony of the British Empire. When Mr. Tarte told the British Commissioner that he would close the Canadian show if Canada were not allowed an independent status, as a nation all by herself, he won the applause of the whole anti English fraternity. And when he said at Rouen that the French Canadians were more French than they were ten years ago, or one year ago, he added to that applause.

But in this country the English speaking supporters of the government, are growing unwell. Even the stalwart Montreal Herald, one of the most devoted of the government organs, puts in a protest. Twice this week the matter was brought up in the House. The Premier showed on both occasions that he was getting nervous over the matter, and fell back on the plea that perhaps Mr. Tarte had been misinterpreted.

THE CHINESE.

The Chinese immigration bill, providing that Chinese immigrants must now pay \$70 to get in instead of \$50, does not satisfy the people of British Columbia. They want the Celestials kept out altogether, and remind the Premier of his pledge made by telegram to one of the British Columbia leaders in the middle of the Federal campaign of 1896. Sir Wilfrid was as usual in a promising mood. He wined to Mr. McLagan that the Chinese question was a local matter and that if he became Premier he would carry out the wish of the people of British Columbia. This is not what the Premier does. No one on the coast is satisfied with the proposed legislation. They want something stronger. On the other hand the venerable Dr. Christie for once departed from his attitude of submission to the Premier, and protested against anti-Chinese legislation of any kind. Mr. Edwards, another Liberal, said the same, but the dissenters did not force a vote.

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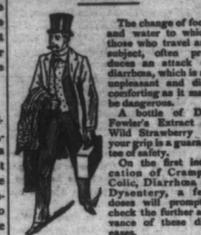
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to take his leave from them for the time. He is expected to get back in six weeks, when he proposes to start out on a campaign tour. Mr. Foster is now, of course, the leader of the Opposition in the House.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Blunderly—(looking at female portrait): Great gracious! What a hideous face. Where did you find that sister?

Artist (coldly)—That, sir, is a portrait of my sister.

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