vote of eighty-one to forty-six decided to reject an amendment to the tariff act moved by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. It was to the effect that the members of the commission should be selected, not for their tariff or political views, but solely on account of their fitness for the work. He said he had made the motion because of the declaration on the part of government supporters that the members of the commission must be men who are in sympathy with protection.

Premier Borden, who appeared to be somewhat nettled by Sir Wilfrid's proposal, said that the ex-premier had made nothing but partizan appointments. He assured the House that the commissioners would be men who would be satisfactory to all classes of the community.

NEW TELEPHONE RATES SUSPENDED

The Royal Commission appointed to investigate and report upon the conduct and methods of the administration of the Manitoba Government Telephones, has issued an interim report. Without giving any expression as to the result of the investigation at the present stage, the Commissioners state that it would be inadvisable to put in effect any change in the telephone rates until the investigation is completed and reported upon. It is therefore recommended that the operation of rates announced to come into force on April 1, 1912 be postponed until the Commissioners have fully executed and discharged their commission.

MILITANTS RESUME WINDOW-SMASHING

London, March 4.—The suffragettes today resumed their window smashing campaign. Twenty of the principal shops in the Kensington and Knightbridge districts were visited by the "Ventilating Squad," and before the police could interfere, the sidewalks were littered with broken glass, and several thousand dollars' worth of property destroyed.

Thirty women were arrested and on their way to prison sang songs and loudly declared they would continue their tactics as soon as free.

The police admitted today that they would be unable to prevent similar outbreaks unless all the moving spirits of the militant wing of the suffragettes were arrested.

Smashed Jail Windows

Over a hundred suffragettes who were remanded for trial when arraigned on Saturday, are giving the authorities no end of trouble at the Old Bailey. When refused permission to be quartered with Mrs. Pankhurst, they smashed the cell windows, tore up their bed clothing and sang the Marseillaise to the accompaniment of a hideous din made by banging tin dishes against the cells. The demonstration lasted more than two hours. The women in jail threaten another "hunger strike."

Breaks House of Lords Windows

This afternoon a suffragette, armed with a hammer, smashed seven windows in the House of Lords before she was overpowered by the policemen. She carried the hammer in her muff, and was unsuspected by the police until they heard the crash.

Three cabinet ministers were the next victims of the women, who were evidently working on a prearranged plan, and smashed the windows of the homes of Sir Robert Loreburn, Lord High Chancellor; the Earl of Crewe, secretary of state for the colonies, and Joseph A. Pease, chancellor of the Duchy of Manchester. Several of the suffragettes were captured.

Pull Policeman Off Horse

Storekeepers and their staffs of employees were compelled to do sentry duty in front of their premises, but in many cases were unable to keep the women from doing considerable damage.

A detachment of mounted police was the first reinforcement to arrive on the scene. One of them was dragged from his horse by the excited women. In one store alone damages to the extent of $1,250 was done. Thirty women were arrested.

Committed for Trial

Ellen Pitfield, the suffragette who attempted to set fire to the general post office of London last night, was committed by the magistrate for trial at the old Bailey sessions.

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NEW ZEALAND'S NEW PREMIER

The Thomas McBride who is mentioned in the cables as likely to be the new Premier of New Zealand, in succession to Sir Joseph Ward, is probably Thomas J. McBride, who, twenty-five years ago, was a leading citizen of Winnipeg. Mr. McBride at that time represented the old Massey Company in this city, and, upon the Massey-Harris amalgamation taking place, took charge of that firm's business in Australia. He subsequently retired from this position, and removed to New Zealand, where he interested himself deeply in politics, and became one of the recognized leaders of the Radical forces.

Sir Joseph Ward is definitely down and out. His acceptance of a baronetcy while in attendance at the Imperial Conference last summer destroyed his popularity with the New Zealand democracy, which objects, as all democracies should, to hereditary titles. An adjournment of Parliament to June will permit the reconstruction of the Ministry.

Mr. McBride will be recalled by those who knew him as a man deeply interested in matters of social betterment. If the surmise that it is he who is to assume power in New Zealand proves correct, Canada will have the distinction of furnishing a Premier for one of the sister Dominions.—Winnipeg Free Press.

BRITISH COAL STRIKE

London, March 5.—All industrial England, Scotland and Wales is now tightly in the grip of the coal strike.

Already 202,500 men engaged in industries dependent on coal a e idle in addition to a million miners and surface workers.

Several railway companies have been crippled and thousands of trains ceased running to-day. Fourteen London stations are closed.

Food prices are rising slowly. Wholesale provision firms are refusing credit to traders in the coal fields. The miners are well supplied with money, but many workers in other industries which are affected are unprepared for prolonged unemployment.

WANT MINIMUM WAGE

The miners demand a minimum wage of five shillings ($1.25) a day but this the employers refuse. The government has declared in favor of a minimum wage and is prepared to pass legislation making it compulsory, but Premier Asquith considers a minimum should be fixed for each locality by agreement between the miners and the mine owners, and suggests compulsory arbitration, which the men will not consent to.

IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING

Montreal, March 4.—Canada's population has been increased by more than 3,000 adults since Saturday. They are all immigrants from Great Britain and arrived in the steamships Empress of Britain, Grampian and Lusitania.

Something like 2,500 of them—a splendid type of citizen from England and Scotland—arrived at the Windsor station yesterday and for the most part left later in the day for the west. The remainder are due to arrive at the Bonaventure station to-night from Halifax.

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