

BUSY DAY FOR LEGISLATORS

Bill to Provide for Public Utilities Commission Brought Down at Fredericton.

Debate On Speech From Throne Continued—Provincial Secretary Replies to Criticisms.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Feb. 18.—The Legislature will have its first Saturday sitting tomorrow. The rather novel departure of sitting on the first Saturday of the session was brought about through the wish to have the debate on the speech from the throne wound up this week and the fact that the House will not sit on at least two days next week owing to the annual convention of the Canadian Forestry Association.

There would probably have been a night session this evening had it not been that a government caucus was in progress. Today was a rather busy one with the legislators. Some important bills were introduced by the premier, notably those regarding the creation of the Board of Public Utility Commissioners and the bill to provide for attachments.

The opposition members put in a lot of inquiries today which will be answered on Tuesday next. Most of the inquiries were about rival matters and the arrival in town today of Hon. P. Paris who is rather disgruntled over the way his party is losing ground in Queens county, is probably responsible for the large number of inquiries regarding matters in Queens county that were made today.

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BLACK EYE FOR SIR WILFRID'S NAVAL POLICY

Manitoba's Minister of Public Works Vigorously Attacks Laurier's Stand in The Matter Of Imperial Defence.

Special to The Standard. Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Many were unable to get into the Conservative rally in the club rooms addressed by the four cabinet ministers in the city tonight. The feature of the evening was Mr. Rogers' address, a scathing denunciation of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's naval policy. The minister of public works showed no quarter in dealing with the Dominion Government's action in one of the most vital questions that has ever come before it. He declared that the Laurier policy is simply a policy of defence, that Sir Wilfrid carries about in his own pocket day by day, and that will enable him to turn the navy to the assistance of the Motherland just when he sees fit to do so.

In the course of his remarks on the Laurier naval policies Mr. Rogers had the following to say: "Let me say more, and it is true: That in the reign of Laurierism in this country there is one dark page in the history of that reign, that page, claim to be the one on which will be written the record of that Government in respect to their naval policy, that policy which has been discredited today in every province of the Dominion of Canada, and it is no more than another that makes me proud of Mr. Borden. It is the magnificent stand he has taken in regard to the outrage which was about to be perpetrated upon the citizens of Canada."

ROLLING MILLS ARE ASSURED TO SYDNEY

Local Brokerage Firm Under-Writers Of New Venture In Cape Breton—In Operation Next Year.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 18.—Arrangements have been completed for the flotation of the National Rolling Mills, Ltd., to operate in Sydney, the entire capital being underwritten by the brokerage firm of J. M. Robinson and Son, St. John, who will place all the securities of the company. Mr. Demick of Glasgow, Scotland, will come to Sydney to superintend the construction and operation of the plant.

DERELICT IDENTIFIED AS THAT OF PRESCOTT

No Doubt Now As To Identity Of Schooner Found Bottom Off Gloucester—Deck Load Intact.

Gloucester, Mass., Feb. 18.—Definite assurance that the capized derelict off Cape Ann and towed to this port by the revenue cutter Androscoogin, Wednesday, is the ill-fated schooner George E. Prescott, of Rockland, Me., was gained today, when in an attempt to right the vessel, the name Prescott was seen on one of her ratings as it was raised to the surface for a moment. The Prescott's captain, T. D. Crowley, of Jonesport, and her crew of three men are believed to have perished.

MORE TYPHOID.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—Toronto's typhoid record continues to cause alarm. No less than seven new cases were reported yesterday, making a total so far this month of 65.

CASE AGAINST MACDONALD IS RESUMED

Toronto Globe's Editor Must Answer For Libel Charges Instituted By Mr. Foster Rules Mr. Justice Magee.

INTERESTING POINTS ADDUCED YESTERDAY

Special to The Standard. Toronto, Ont., Feb. 18.—Some exceedingly interesting points came out today before Mr. Justice Magee in the suit of Hon. Geo. E. Foster against Dr. MacDonald, editor of the Globe. Almost as soon as the court opened the judge announced that the charge of slander laid by Mr. Foster could not be sustained and must be struck out as contended by Mr. E. F. Johnston for the defence. The judge added that inasmuch as Dr. MacDonald in his defence had not objected to the failure of the complainant to file notice of his intention to sue for libel, Mr. Johnston had contended that there was no action for libel against his client. The judge, however, took the view that even if Mr. MacDonald had pleaded the want of notice, Mr. Foster would not have been bound to give notice, he being a candidate for public office in Ontario and a candidate for an office, the duties of which would have to be carried on in Ontario.

Only Witness.

Col. Stevenson, supreme chief witness, was the only witness on the stand during the whole day, and he was called by the defence. He was an excellent witness. Clear and concise in his statements and undoubtedly anxious to be absolutely fair. In the late afternoon, Mr. Powell got some information regarding proposed land deals in which from a document produced and signed by Dr. Montague, certain of the Macdonalds had been to be given to Hon. R. P. Roblin and Hon. Robert Rogers of the Manitoba cabinet. The document did not disclose the names of the lands. Before reading the letters in which Mr. Foster urged Dr. Oronohyatska to give independent Order of Foresters money to the Union Trust Co., Mr. Powell said that so far as the defence had been able to trace it the Union Trust Co. had invested in lands and properties in the west more than \$2,500,000. In much of these investments Mr. Foster was personally interested. This large sum was made up as follows, to the Great West Lands Company, \$650,000, the Kamloops Milling Co. (Investment) \$1,000,000, the Montague Syndicate mortgage \$132,000, the Aird Lands, \$94,000, and \$229,000, Carrot river lands \$204,000 and the Swan river lands, \$52,800.

Important Statements.

Towards the close of the day's proceedings in answer to questions by Mr. Powell important statements were made by Col. Stevenson bearing on the practice of the Union Trust Co. in investing their funds. He said he could not recall any instance in which the money of the Union Trust Co. had been advanced to the full amount of purchase prices and property other than those in which Mr. Foster was interested. Nor could he recall any other case in which a separate valuation had not been made.

Cheques were referred to in the evidence of Col. Stevenson to the number of four. The jury were particularly interested in them and handed them around in the box to one another. They were all four made out on the Union Trust Co's printed cheque forms. All the cheques were marked as exhibits in the inquiry before the royal commission on insurance. The case goes on tomorrow.

POLLOCK RIP SLUE TO BE ABANDONED

Prevalence Of Rips Move United States Government To Equip Round Shoal Channel In Its Stead.

Chatham, Mass., Feb. 18.—Because of the formation of many rips and bars, Pollock Rip Slue, the scene of many wrecks and mishaps, is to be abandoned as the main ship channel eastern entrance to Nantucket Sound. Instead the Government is to equip Great Round channel with the necessary buoyage and beacon aids to navigation.

MILLING COMPANY DECLARES DIVIDEND

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Que., Feb. 18.—At a meeting of the directors of the Lakes of the Woods Milling Company this afternoon, a quarterly dividend of 1.34 per cent on the preferred stock, and a quarterly dividend of 1.12 per cent on the common stock was declared, payable on March first to shareholders on record, on Feb. 22nd. In addition, a bonus of five dollars a share to holders of common stock on record March 12, was declared payable March 21st.

MOB SPIRIT IS QUELLED IN ILLINOIS

Presence Of Militia Too Much For Cairo Mobs And Quiet Reigns Again—Negro Gets Stiff Sentence.

THE NOW FAMOUS CONTRACT IN DETAIL

Special to The Standard. Edmonston, Feb. 18.—The interest in the cabinet muddle incident to the resignation of Hon. W. H. Cushing, minister of public works, as a result of the Government guaranteeing seven million dollars bonds of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railway, continues unabated.

1.—Roads to be of loan ballast and 56 pound rails, same as Crow's Nest. This is what is said to be the meat of the contract. 2.—Company to be paid full amount of \$20,000 a mile at the end of each ten miles completed. 3.—If the full 350 miles of the road the A. G. W. is built for less than the contract price, the difference to be given to the company upon the completion of the road. 4.—Spurs to be paid for at the rate of \$20,000 a mile. 5.—The above, and other things have made the big stir, which will not be settled until the government explains Cushing's resignation is based principally on the above.

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That Is The Question That Has Albany Guessing—Final Disposition Of \$4,000 Still Unaccounted For.

CONGRUOUS

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 18.—The senate's investigation of the Conger bribery cases adjourned today with a question unsettled which may vitally affect the production of further evidence when sessions are resumed next Tuesday morning. This question is whether or not Senator Benn Conger can be forced to tell what he knows about the final disposition of the \$4000 which he says was given to Assemblyman Jean L. Burnett in 1901 as part of the alleged price of immunity for the bridge companies from "strike legislation."

Early in the day, Conger had said that he had no knowledge of what Burnett did with the \$4000. That he did not keep it all for himself—provided Conger's charge is true—seems to be taken for granted. Several senators seemed to believe that Conger must know what became of this sum and they insisted that he should be made to tell. Chairman Davis, withheld his ruling on this point until Tuesday.

Although they directed their client to answer when he was told to reveal the names of the other two envelopes yesterday and the day before, Conger's counsel today objected vigorously to this effort to drag from him any more names. They contended that such a course would only inject into the proceedings unnecessary bitterness which they seem to feel would prejudice against him, the cry of his colleagues which Conger has asked to pass on his charges against Senator Allds. Some senators took the ground that Conger should be made to tell whether or not he knew so that even if he could not be compelled to reveal more names, he would be available as a witness when the inquiry is extended beyond the charges against Allds.

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