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POLICE FORCE.

One of our police force has resigned, and the City Council last night passed a resolution asking the Police Commissioners not to fill the vacancy.

We cannot agree with the Council in lessening the number of men on the force. Fortunately our city has of late been free from any daring burglaries, robberies or similar crime, but that is no criterion that it will remain so.

To reduce the force is to openly invite a criminal class to pay us a visit. This is something that we do not want and should be avoided at all hazards.

As compared with other places the Guelph force is small, and we believe the opinion of the majority of ratepayers is that it should not be further impaired.

The taxes levied annually in the Transvaal have exceeded \$20,000,000. Nineteen of this amount have been collected from the foreign settlers, whom Mr. Kruger invited into the country.

The decision of the Dominion Government not to appoint a local man to the vacant judgeship in Ontario County is a wise one, and should be acted on all over the country. The Toronto Star remarks: "In their own communities, lawyers are necessarily, for their association with politics, and law suits, cordially hated by some persons. Those who spoke ill of the lawyer would speak ill of the judge, and the respect that the Bench is supposed to deserve would be lacking. But if the lawyer is moved somewhere else and made a judge in a community where he has not figured in politics, or other conflicts, he is taken on his merits as a judge. It seems to be much the better way."

THE LEADERS TRIBUTES.

Premier Ross and Mr. Whitney Express Their Sympathy With the Relatives of Canada's Brave Dead.

Toronto, Feb. 23. — At the opening of the House yesterday, Premier Ross, in moving an expression of sympathy to the relatives of the Canadian contingent who fell in the late engagement said: Our sympathy is increased by the fact that several of these brave men belonged to our province. They fell fighting in the battles of the Empire, fighting for the recognition of those principles of British justice which were so happily enjoyed in the working out of our institutions in the Dominion of Canada. Another circumstance also that increases our sympathy is that a few of the men who fell were closely connected with the public service of this province. One was a brother of an officer in the Crown Lands Department, and another the son of an officer in the Provincial Secretary's Department. That brings them very near to us, and brings near to us also the fatality of war and the breathes which it makes in our own circle and acquaintance. I am glad to know and believe that those men were endowed with the courage of the British soldier, that they did not shrink from the duty imposed upon them, but imperilled and lost their lives as a sacrifice to the honor and integrity of the British Empire. And I feel that the sacrifices they have made will increasingly direct the attention of the people of Canada to the fact that such sacrifices in part at least are the price of safety and justice which subjects of the British Empire enjoy. I therefore express, as I believe, the sentiment of both sides of the House, in view of these sad circumstances, when I say that while we honor those sons of Canada for the sacrifice they have made, we must not forget the sorrow of their relatives.

Mr. Whitney—I am glad to have the opportunity of joining my own friend, and of expressing from this side of the House, sentiments similar to his, and I do this the more so because I think the language he has used and the sentiments which he desired to express are the language and sentiments which must be used by us, for we simply express the sympathy of all hon. gentlemen in this House. I am glad to know that in these sad and solemn circumstances the heartbeat of the Legislature is one on this question. I believe that our people will realize in the future more than in the past, what a favor

in future the people of this country will hold in high honor the names and the fame of these young men who have consecrated with their life blood in South Africa the principles for which British subjects everywhere stand up. And I think the immediate future will witness great results from the sudden crystallization into action which has taken place of the great and grand and glorious idea of a strong and thoroughly united British Empire in more senses than one. (Applause.) I can only repeat that the Legislature of Ontario, indeed, the people of Ontario and Canada, will see to it that for the long years to come the relatives of these young men who have died in battle will have no other grief to bear than the grief which is naturally theirs under the circumstances. (Applause.)

Lieut. Mason's Wound. Toronto, Feb. 23. — Lieut.-Col. Mason received this cable from his son, who was wounded with the Canadian contingent on Sunday: "Wound slight, across body and through shoulder."

STRATHCONA'S HORSE OUTFIT.

It Will be the Swiftest Any Canadian Troops Ever Beasted.

Ottawa, Feb. 23. — When Strathcona's Horse got their kit, they will have the swiftest outfit Canadian troops ever beasted. The troops will not want for anything that money would buy. An officer said yesterday: "I doubt if troopers or soldiers of any kind for that matter, will get the front with anything complete or costly a kit. It is really something to talk about."

Leisters Will Remain. The Militia Department has made all arrangements for the militia doing garrison duty at Halifax, but it is not expected now that the Leinster Regiment will go to South Africa.

Last Detachment En Route.

Winnipeg, Feb. 23. — The last detachment of Strathcona's Horse, consisting of 19 men, under Capt. Nicholas, passed through the city last night, and were entertained by Mayor Wilson and a committee of aldermen. C. H. Smith of this city joined the force here, and left with them for the east. The men are mostly from Calgary, Pincher Creek, Fort Macleod and Yukon (N.W.M.P.). Accompanying the men were 150 horses in 12 cars.

A Cabled "God Bless You."

Winnipeg, Feb. 23. — E. L. Drowry last night gave a banquet at the Manitoba Club, to the Council of the Board of Trade. The following cable was sent to the Western Canadian cable recently in action in South Africa: "Major Arnold, Board of Trade dinner, Drowry and friends, send hearty greetings to all our boys. God bless you."

THE ONTARIO HOUSE.

The Debate on the Address in Reply to the Speech From the Throne Continued—The Estimates.

Toronto, Feb. 23. — Yesterday's contributions to the debate in the Legislature were not brilliant. Mr. Matheson drew the attention of the Government to the fact that the report of the financial commission had not been brought down in accordance with the Premier's promise.

Mr. Ross replied that the report and the estimates would be brought down together as soon as the debate on the address had concluded. Mr. Matheson said it was unfair that the estimates and accounts should be delayed so long into the session and that members should be asked to consider them on two days' notice.

Mr. Ross replied that he was only following out the practice that had always been followed in the Legislature, and he was not to blame.

The Debates Continued.

Mr. Pettypiece continued the debate. He denied that the members of the Opposition were taken unprepared in regard to the passage of the Itany River grant in the last hours of the previous session. He said the orders of the day containing all the particulars of the bill had been on members' desks for two or three days. Mr. Hoyle replied on the Conservative side. He strenuously denounced political corruption, and quoted the campaign literature authorized by Alexander Smith, the Liberal organizer in 1895 election. With regard to the Itany River grant, he expressed his astonishment at finding 42 miles of the heavily-bonused line in the State of Minnesota. He laid down the principle that grants to railways should not be gifts, but loans repayable to the province. "There is," he said, "a closer affinity between the grants given railways in this province and the currying of corruption exposed in the courts than anything else we are able to trace; the sooner this is put a stop to the better. I offer the suggestion to the Premier."

Mr. Samuel Russell of Hastings closed the speeches for the day.

Mr. Whitney said he understood the debate would be continued to-day by Mr. Foy.

NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Interesting Briefs by Wire From the World Over.

Northern New York railway lines suffered from washouts on Thursday.

Toronto's streets were almost impassable on Thursday with snow, sleet and rain that could not get away.

A very small amount of snow fell in Guelph on Thursday.

The question that there has been discussion was raised by the Speaker's ruling, in which he said that an answer to a question should be left to the discretion and judgment of the Minister replying. He further said that henceforth he would allow no discussion on an answer to a question.

A Telegram From "Haha."

Sir Wilfrid read Lord Roberts' cablegram to Lord Minto praising the Canadians' bravery.

The House applauded loudly.

The House got down to business about 5.30, when Mr. Haggart continued the debate on Mr. Bennett's transportation motion. After reviewing the question, he declared that one of the clauses in the Connors Syndicate contract was that before the syndicate was forced to carry 35,000,000 bushels of grain to Montreal the harbor at Port Colborne would have to be deepened to 18 or 20 feet. This would mean an expenditure of \$5,800,000. He believed in navigation from Lake Winnipeg to Montreal.

The Hon. Col. Tisdale Unanimously.

Sincoe, Feb. 27. — The Liberal-Conservative Association of South Norfolk met in convention yesterday to nominate a candidate to represent the riding in the House of Commons. Lieut.-Col. the Hon. D. Tisdale, was the unanimous choice of the convention. Col. Tisdale accepted the nomination with a rousing patriotic speech of half an hour's length.

COMMONS A BEAR GARDEN.

Sir Richard Cartwright's Abuse of the Franking Privilege.

The Liberal Minister's Excuse for This Sin Against the People Was That the Tories Failed to Do It—An Unusually Scene Follows the Reply of the P. M. G. in Which Mr. Casey and Premier Were Participants.

Ottawa, Feb. 23. — A disgraceful scene was presented yesterday afternoon, when Mr. Mulock, in answer to a question regarding the violation of the franking privilege, by Sir Richard Cartwright in sending out 300,000 political circulars, excused this action by a reference to an alleged violation on the part of the late Conservative Government.

Sir Charles Tupper arose to a question of order, and thought that the hugging in of irrelevant arguments in answering a question lowered the dignity of an officer of the Crown, and formed a flagrant violation of the rules of the House.

Premier's Remarkable Position.

Mr. Casey and the Premier arose together, but Mr. Casey subsided and the Premier said that where the question was offensive the answer should be made equally as offensive, and he called upon Sir Charles to see that the rules were properly observed.

Mr. Foster took the Premier up with a short turn and characterized his answer as most extraordinary. He could see nothing offensive in the question. It was a fact that an Order-in-Council had only prohibited such action as had been carried on by Sir Richard Cartwright, who had no greater privileges than an ordinary member in regard to franking.

Casey in the War.

Mr. Casey here arose and interrupted Mr. Foster, while cries of "Sit down!" "Chair!" were heard from every hand.

An Unusually Scene Followed.

Mr. Foster continued and declared that the question on the paper contemplated a breach of the rule that Ministers had no greater franking rights than private members.

The Ministerial benches shouted, "Order." The Ministers lent their voices to it. An unusually scene was presented.

Mr. Mulock arose amid cries of "Order," and without the sanction of the Premier. The reason he had referred to the action of the Conservatives was to give legal information by way of illustration.

Mr. Haggart said that the Conservatives had not violated the law, because the campaign literature was associated with a patent medicine circular and was sent out during the session and 15 days after in keeping with the law.

What May He Franked.

After Col. Donville and Mr. Taylor had gone through the farce of moving an adjournment and Mr. Casey and Mr. Macdonald had added their voices to the discussion, without eliciting anything new, Mr. Foster made a strong speech, stating the case in a non-partisan way and contending that private members and Ministers had equal rights in franking and for the information of the ministry he said that during certain periods even a speech made outside of the House could be franked. This was in answer to the sneer from Col. Donville that Mr. Foster had franked campaign literature.

Mr. Haggart said that Sir Richard Cartwright had no more right to frank a speech delivered outside of the House, while the House was not in session, than had any other member.

Sir Louis Davies said there was no provision for sending franked literature 15 days after a session. He declared Mr. Haggart was convicted on his own words. He held that the statutes supported Sir Richard Cartwright's action.

A Hypothetical Case.

Sir Charles Tupper put the case. Would the P.M.G. prosecute a man who took \$5,000 worth of stamps from the department. The culprit was present, the P.M.G. would prove the matter out of the mouth of the criminal. Sir Richard Cartwright should refund \$5,000 to the treasury. (Laughter.)

Mr. Fraser (Gushoro) pointed to Sir Charles as the first culprit who had violated the franking privilege. But if he had refunded all that he had taken out of the department it would bankrupt him, and he was willing to say, "We have both sinned, now let us know what the law means."

Light Comedian in Heavy Disguise.

Mr. Davin referred to Mr. Fraser as the light comedian in heavy disguise, the judge in embryo. Mr. Davin was referring to Mr. Fraser as a man who had the promise of a judgeship in his pocket, when Mr. Fraser jumped up, every drop of blood in his body boiling, and striding halfway down the aisle, declared, "I have not an offer of a judgeship in my pocket, and if the hon. gentleman does not take it back I will make him outside of this House." (Uproar.)

Sir Charles Tupper declared the statement was grossly unparliamentary.

Mr. Fraser toned down his words, and Mr. Davin said he would be happy to take back his remarks, as the fact that Mr. Fraser was not to be a judge would be for the best interests of the country.

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