

BIG BATTLE OVER CIVIL SERVICE ACT

Hon. A. K. McLean Moves Six Months' Hoist in the Commons.

SEES RAILWAYS A POLITICAL TOOL

Hon. T. A. Crerar Supports Liberal Motion to Reject Measure at Present.

(Continued from Page 1.) Hon. Rodolphe Levesque, (Maison-rouge and Gauche) believed the government was simply trying to work the old game whereby it secured the greatest patronage before an election.

There was a member who would return to the evils of patronage of his own free will? Mr. Levesque asked. There were those who would go back to the old days when the lobbies of Parliament were filled with office-seekers. Because there was a rumor of a coming general election in sight, some members on the other side of the House claimed that they must have patronage again to get their "customers." There had been no mention of this legislation in the speech from the throne.

Col. J. A. Currie, (North Simcoe) described the commission as contrary to British principles and modelled on Prussian bureaucracy. He criticized the way in which the claims, returns of soldiers had been treated in appointments.

H. C. Hocken, (Toronto West) declared that patronage had not been abolished—it had simply been transferred to one man, who was secretary of the civil service commission.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the Progressives, declared that the people would not stand for a reversion to the old system of patronage. The civil service act was not perfect, but he thought the present bill should be held over till next session.

Goat Eats Her Hair While Girl Sleeps

"Billy" Begins to Laugh When Stolen Tresses Tickle His Stomach.

Chester, Pa., May 2.—Aroused from her afternoon nap at her home in Kensington today, Irene Kensoroff discovered that her head had been shorn of some of the beautiful black curls that had hung beyond her waist.

No "Jack," the Salper, was responsible for the loss of Irene's crop of curls, however. The presence of a pet Billy goat munching upon the severed tresses explained the theft.

According to Miss Kensoroff, "Billy" suddenly developed a laughing fit, the same having caused a tickling sensation in the goat's stomach. He was driven almost into hysterics.

The goat has the run of the Kensoroff home, the girl said, and when she awoke into the living room to-day and espied his young mistress asleep on a lounge, he succumbed to the temptation to make a meal of her tresses locks.

Relay Plan Failed

St. John's, Nfld., May 2.—A plan to reduce unemployment by giving men work on city jobs in relays, struck a snag today when the first detachment of 200 refused to relinquish the work to others after working for a week. The 200 who had expected to take their places thereupon swarmed into the City Hall and demanded an enlargement of the labor scheme so as to care for a greater number of men out of work.

BEGAN SPRING TRAINING

The Y. M. C. A. preliminary track team began their Spring training yesterday under the direction of Physical Instructor Stirling. The boys intend to break some records at the track meets to be held this summer. Several of the boys are secured of a place on the St. John High track team.

TIME CHANGES ON CANADIAN NATIONAL LINES

Effective May 1st, New Time Table will be in force on the Maritime Express—Double Service to Prince Edward Island.

Changes of time schedules effective May 1st on the Canadian National lines affect only a few of the trains in the east of St. John station.

The double daily service to Prince Edward Island will start on Monday, May 2nd and connections for the first trip of the steamer will be by No. 18 train leaving at 7:10 a. m. and connecting at Sackville with train for Tormentia leaving at 1:15 p. m. No. 14 train, which will leave at 1:30 p. m. instead of 1:40 p. m. will connect at Moncton with No. 10 Ocean Limited, making connection at Sackville with train for Tormentia leaving at 4:30 p. m.

No. 13 train from Halifax and Moncton will arrive at 5:30 p. m. instead of 5:35 p. m. No. 19 train, the Maritime Express connection from Moncton, will arrive at 1:45 p. m. instead of at 1:15 noon.

The Sunday trains between St. John and Moncton will be restored. No. 20 will leave St. John (Sunday only) at 3:30 a. m., arriving at Moncton at 1 p. m., making all local stops. No. 21 will leave Moncton at 4:45 p. m. and arrive in St. John at 8 p. m. These trains make direct connection at Moncton on Sunday with the Ocean Limited train for Moncton and for Halifax.

Other trains are unchanged. The afternoon train will run one hour earlier on the night of May 2nd, and on the night of May 3rd.

Strikers Seeking To Stop European Coal

Other Nations May Seek To Starve Fuel Supplies of British Isles.

London, May 2.—With the British miners strike now in its second month, announcement was made today of a move by the labor interests to keep coal mined on the continent out of Great Britain.

The coal crisis was the subject of conference this morning between Robert Williams, general secretary of the transport workers, and E. Finnim, president of the international transport workers federation, after which Secretary Williams issued this statement: "Mr. Finnim has given every guarantee that the Dutch, French, Belgian, German and Austrian workers are determined to prevent the export of coal to Great Britain."

The statement also said: "The movement to prevent the British government utilizing foreign coal for bunkering purposes is being strengthened by the co-operation of the men employed at ports where the workers are affiliated with the transport workers federation. Any attempt to introduce foreign coal will lead to entire stoppage of work in those ports and the national union of railwaymen will continue to co-operate by refusing to handle any coal brought from overseas."

"We feel that the position in Great Britain is such that a spark dropped at this moment will cause a conflagration greater in dimensions than even the well thought of plan of a national strike."

St. Monica's Society Held Last Meeting

After Ten Years of Excellent Work is Absorbed Into Catholic Women's League.

St. Monica's Catholic Ladies Benefit Society, after ten years of excellent work, held its last meeting yesterday afternoon, as the organization will be absorbed into the Catholic Women's League. Mrs. D. P. O'Brien presided at the meeting which was held in the K. of C. Hall. Mrs. Richard O'Brien reported on a rummage sale recently which had netted \$228. The sum of \$200 was voted to the School Fund. A vote of sympathy was passed to Mrs. James McCarthy in her recent bereavement. A complimentary vote of thanks was moved by Mrs. O'Brien to Mrs. O'Brien for her great efficiency as president of St. Monica's Society for a number of years.

The following were nominated for the Board of the Catholic Women's League: Mrs. D. P. O'Brien, Mrs. Richard O'Brien, Mrs. J. H. Duddy, Mrs. Bohan, Miss E. O'Neil, Mrs. D. C. Deardar, Mrs. W. B. Scully, Mrs. L. Cameau, Miss Amelia Haley, Miss Josephine Lynch.

THE POLICE COURT

Five drunks appeared before the magistrate in the police court yesterday morning and were fined. A woman who was to have appeared Saturday, but was too sick at the time and had to be taken to the hospital, appeared in court and pleaded not guilty to a drunk charge. Policeman Young testified that last Friday evening he noticed a large crowd had collected on Brussels street, and on investigation, found the accused in the centre, intoxicated. She was also remanded.

Judgment in an opium case against David Trachberg was postponed until Friday, 8 p. m.

TAX SALES REFUNDS

Ottawa, May 1.—Refunds of sales tax payments do not apply in the case of purchases by provincial governments for resale, nor in the case of purchases by commissions constituted by provincial governments. In the opinion of the department of inland revenue, it was stated tonight by officials of the department, in discussing a St. John's B. B. dispatch of Saturday regarding the sales tax refund.

WASHINGTON FEELS 'QUAKE'

Washington, May 1.—A severe earthquake was recorded today on the Georgetown University seismograph, starting at 12:46 a. m. and lasting until 2 a. m. Maximum intensity was reached at 12:53 a. m. The estimated distance from Washington was 1,500 miles, probably in Central America.

SEIZE "RED" LITERATURE

Hamilton, Ont., May 1.—Copies of a "Red" document which was being distributed here on Saturday were secured by the police. It extols Lenin and Trotsky and the Soviet Republic and calls upon the Workers of the World to unite.

LOSS OF APPETITE

Pimples, Sores, Eruptions, etc.—Mental and Physical Weakness. Are all very prevalent just now, and are positive proof that the blood is wanting in the power to defend the body against contagious and infectious diseases. They show conclusively that the blood needs thorough cleansing, enriching and vitalizing. Do not get off giving attention to these dangerous symptoms. Get Blood's Bismarck today and begin taking it at once. Remember, this medicine has been established by three generations as a treatment for the blood, attacking liver, stomach, and for catarrhs, rheumatism and other common diseases. It builds up the system, makes food taste good, and helps you to eat and sleep well. For a gentle laxative or an active cathartic, use Blood's Pills. You will like them.

Dr. Murray MacLaren Resigns From Staff

Term as Surgeon at General Public Hospital Expired—Reappointment of Staff.

The resignation of Dr. Murray MacLaren from the General Public Hospital staff of senior surgeons was respectfully accepted by the Board of Commissioners at their regular monthly meeting last evening. Each of the commissioners took occasion to express their deep appreciation of his services both to the General Public Hospital while he was practicing in the city prior to the war and to the boys of St. John when he was senior surgeon overseas to France. The commissioners present were: Miles Agar, who was in the chair; Mrs. J. V. McLellan, Dr. G. R. J. Crawford, J. King Kelly, Frank Fawcett, W. E. Emery, Lt.-Col. Alex. McMillan, J. L. O'Brien, Hon. Dr. Roberts and the superintendent, Dr. Hedden.

Reason for Resigning

Dr. MacLaren's resignation was due to a clause in the hospital's constitution which limits the term a surgeon is to serve on the hospital staff. On motion it was moved that Dr. MacLaren's resignation be accepted; that a letter expressing the board's deep appreciation of his long services be sent to him, and that as a special token of the board's appreciation the honor of the office of senior consulting surgeon be conferred upon him.

An consulting surgeon his services will still be available to the hospital and he will still continue his practice with private patients.

Staff Re-appointment

The re-appointment of the staff was taken up, and the following surgeons and physicians appointed: Senior physicians, Doctors Kenney, Barry, Rowley and Skinner, re-appointed; assistant physicians, Doctors Loggie, McDonald, Bentley and McCarthy. Dr. White automatically became senior staff surgeon through Dr. MacLaren's resignation. Doctors Addy, and Curran, the two other senior surgeons, were re-appointed, and Dr. Kelly, the senior assistant surgeon, was appointed to the vacancy caused by Dr. White's promotion, thus becoming the junior on the staff of senior surgeons.

The vacancy on the staff of assistant surgeons caused by Dr. Kelly's promotion, was filled by Dr. Kelly's resignation. Doctors Allingham, Macatany and Malcolm were re-appointed. Five applications were received for the vacancy on staff from Doctors Dunlop, Corbett, Loggie, Nugent and Davidson.

As Enquiry

Commissioner Kelley inquired if the board had not promised Dr. Corbett the position and the superintendent reported that the board had promised to keep his name prominently before the board when any vacancy should arise. On motion the appointment was discussed, and the name of Doctor Dunlop and Davidson tied for the majority of ballots. A second ballot was taken on the two names. Dr. Davidson received the office by a majority of one vote and was declared elected to the staff of assistant surgeons.

Reports Received

The superintendent reported that the requisitions made by the staff were promptly received and that the supplies already purchased were proving satisfactory. He was given authority to purchase supplies to the extent of \$500 to complete the list.

The committee on whom the report of Commissioner Thornton, recommending alterations to the hospital which would lessen the fire risk, was referred, reported that the alterations being considered would be \$485, and the removal of boilers \$100.

Commissioner Kelley moved that Commissioner Emery be requested to report on the condition of the fire escapes and the putting of them into fit condition.

It was reported that the cost of a loan of \$625, as commissioner of the month, Mr. Emerson was asked to take into consideration the installing of such a scale, as well as a house scale.

Number of Patients

The superintendent reported that 179 patients had been admitted during the month, 116 remained and 23 died. The total receipts were \$12,291; m. or, 43. That Miss Lamb had been seriously ill with typhoid.

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RECEIVED OVER 16 YEARS

No Return of the Trouble Since Taking "Fruit-a-tives."

108 Church St., Montreal. "I was a great sufferer from Rheumatism for over 16 years. I consulted specialists, took medicine, used lotions; but nothing did me good. Then I began to use 'Fruit-a-tives,' and in 15 days the pain was easier and the Rheumatism much better. Gradually, 'Fruit-a-tives' overcame my Rheumatism; and now, for five years, I have had no return of the trouble. I cordially recommend this fruit medicine to all sufferers."

North Ireland To Call Parliament

Likely to Meet the First Week in June in City of Belfast.

Belfast, May 2.—It is understood the parliament for North Ireland will be summoned to assemble in Belfast the first week in June, the exact date to be announced in next Friday's Dublin Gazette. The Ulster nomination date is May 13, and the polling day May 24.

There will be a separate summoning of the southern parliament to sit in Dublin fourteen days after the assembling of the northern parliament. It is expected the election proceedings for the southern parliament will end with the nominations, May 13, as in the vast majority of cases there will be no contests.

Balance Sheet of N. B. Power Co.

Total Capital Stock of the Company Placed at \$3,350,000—Surplus of \$17,203.

The balance of the New Brunswick Power Company for the year 1920, as presented to the Board of Directors at their annual meeting yesterday, show assets of \$3,318,437.77. Under the head of investments are property accounts showing balance December 31, 1919, of \$5,869,096.63. The net asset value of the company at the end of the year ending December 31, 1920, is \$3,350,000, with a gain of \$1,100,000, making a total on property accounts of \$5,664,348.36. From this is deducted the surplus at March 1, 1917, of the Eastern Electric Co. Ltd., including \$55,596.52, leaving a balance in property account of \$5,510,751.84.

The current assets, such as cash, partly special deposits, accounts receivable, material and supplies, total \$267,066.09.

Under the head of "Unadjusted Debts" there is a total of \$40,014.94. This total includes prepaid insurance, rents, debt, discount and expense, clearance, equalization and apportionment.

Liabilities

The total capital stock is placed at \$3,350,000. The first preferred stock 7 per cent, cumulative is \$1,000,000; second preferred stock 7 per cent, non-cumulative, \$450,000; and the common stock, \$1,899,000. The funded debt, first mortgage 6 per cent, 20 year gold bonds, \$1,750,000.

The total current liabilities are \$315,623, including notes payable, matured, sundry interest accrued and other accrued liabilities. The deferred deposits and consumers' deposits total \$16,168.24.

Unadjusted credits total \$368,902.03. Of this amount, \$9,890.23 is charged up to tickets outstanding and the balance of \$359,011.80 is carried forward to the year ending December 31, 1920, with the profits of \$70,923.76 for the year ending December 31, 1920, total \$33,233.18. From this there is deducted the dividends of the year, \$76,126, leaving \$28,107.18 to begin the year 1921 with.

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Commissioner on the Unsatisfactory Condition of the Hospital

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Linan Missing

The report from the overseer of linen, stated that forty-seven articles, including face cloths, had been found missing during the month. Mrs. McLellan stated that she had been following the matter closely and was of the opinion about part of the shortage was due to the fact that some patients were of the opinion that the cloths became their property on leaving the hospital. The board was of the opinion that no recommendations should be made until the linen overseer had secured a better idea of the new of loss.

Unsanitary Conditions

The superintendent of Nurses, in her report, drew the attention of the

Viscount Talbot Installed in Office

Two Movie Operators and Veteran Newsdealer Welcome the New Ruler.

Dublin, May 2.—Viscount Talbot, the new Lord Lieutenant and Governor-General of Ireland, arrived here today. Two moving picture photographers and the venerable keeper of the newstand, whose privilege it was for nearly half a century to welcome visiting royalties and the successive viceroys, were the only civilians permitted on the station platform to witness Viscount Talbot's arrival. News-reports also were excluded from the ceremony in Dublin Castle, where Viscount Talbot was given an informal reception.

Election Posters Out

With the coming of the new viceroy, preparations for the approaching elections will be hastened. The first election posters already have been put up, exhorting the electors to vote for republicanism.

Chatham May Float Bonds For Jobless

Public Meeting to be Called to Consider Raising \$100,000 For Street.

Special to The Standard. Chatham, N. B., May 2.—At the first regular meeting of the newly elected council held here tonight, the following resolution was unanimously adopted: "Resolved, that as soon as possible in the town caused by the great number of unemployed, this council instruct the mayor to call a meeting of the citizens as soon as possible with a view to having a bond issue of \$100,000 to build permanent streets, proceeds of said bond issue to be used to give employment to the unemployed ratepayers of the town."

Cattle Embargo Commission Named

London, May 2.—The arrangements for the official enquiry into the embargo on imported cattle in Great Britain have now been completed. Lord Pim will be chairman of the commission, and the other members will be Lord Asquith, Sir Algernon Firth, Sir H. Peat and Sir Arthur Slippy. Instructions to the commission are as follows:

To enquire into the admission into the United Kingdom of live stock other than for immediate slaughter to ascertain whether the abolition of the embargo would cheapen meat and to decide whether it is advisable, having regard to the necessity for protecting live stock already here from disease and restoring their number after the losses during the war period.

Hon. J. V. Venot arrived in the City last evening.

Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne was in the City yesterday.

P. W. Thomson was a passenger on Monday evening's train to Montreal.

DIED.

CLARKE—At her residence 10 Peters Street, on May 1st, 1921, Amelia C., widow of the late Clement P. Clarke, aged 83.

Puneral service at Trinity Church on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

BARTON—in this city May 1st 1921, at her residence, 360 Waterloo street, Annie Barton, daughter of the late Oliver and Elizabeth Barton, leaving one brother to mourn.

Puneral Tuesday from St. Mary's church, Calgary, at 2:30 o'clock.

BLACK—At Calgary, Alberta, April 28, 1921, W. W. Black, travelling representative of the International Bible Students' Association, in the 67th year of his age.

Puneral at Calgary, May 2nd, at 3 p. m. P. B. papers please copy.

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PAPERS IN TROUBLE

St. John's, Nfld., May 2.—Two evening newspapers here, the Star and Advocate, were unable to publish today because of a strike at printers in an effort to enforce demands for a 44-hour week. The Daily News was issued this morning and the Evening Telegram which operates on the open shop plan, appeared this afternoon.

TAKEN TO DORCHESTER

Four men who were recently sentenced here to terms in the Dorchester Penitentiary were taken there yesterday morning under the escort of Armstrong Clifford, deputy sheriff, and F. A. Bows, turnkey of the county jail. The prisoners are Theodore Amberg, who was convicted of passing worthless checks and was sentenced to seven years; George Wallington, Lord, convicted of stealing coal, was sentenced to seven years; Joseph Culhan and Fred Martin, both convicted on the charge of stealing chickens, and both sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

RED CROSS DRIVE

Toronto, May 2.—His Excellency the Governor-General signed at Ottawa today a proclamation inaugurating the two monthly campaigns during May and June, which will be conducted throughout the Dominion by the Canadian Red Cross. This campaign is for membership and is part of the national crusade for good health.

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Loss is Estimated in Biggest Out-Town's History

Thrilling Battle With Flames When Were Small With Alarming

Stewiacke, N. B., May 2.—The fire which started at the McNeill Hotel, Littleton, N. B., on Monday night, has done a great deal of damage to the town from total destruction. The fire started at the McNeill Hotel, Littleton, N. B., on Monday night, and spread rapidly, threatening to sweep out of existence. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000. The fire started at the McNeill Hotel, Littleton, N. B., on Monday night, and spread rapidly, threatening to sweep out of existence. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

No Lives were Lost in Fire

Mrs. John MacNeil, proprietress of the McNeill Hotel, Littleton, N. B., on Monday night, was the only person who escaped with her life. The fire started at the McNeill Hotel, Littleton, N. B., on Monday night, and spread rapidly, threatening to sweep out of existence. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Starts New

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Blowing very strong and veering so that the fire spread in a westerly direction. The wind at the time was blowing from the north side of Main street, and was blowing at a velocity of about thirty miles an hour. The fire started at the McNeill Hotel, Littleton, N. B., on Monday night, and spread rapidly, threatening to sweep out of existence. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Escaped Across Street, Destroying Large General Store

It then sprang eastward, destroying the large general store. The fire started at the McNeill Hotel, Littleton, N. B., on Monday night, and spread rapidly, threatening to sweep out of existence. One hundred thousand dollars' worth of property was totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$100,000.

Third Warehouse

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