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WILL DISALLOW B. C. NATAL ACT

Dominion Issues Orders to Protect Japs and Chinese from Its Enforcement

TO DOUBLE BONUS

Continental Immigration Agents to Get Same Pay as British—Head Tax Payable Only on Those Landing at Canadian Ports and Portland, Maine, in Winter.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 13.—A conflict in the courts over the Natal act, seems imminent. One hundred and seventy Japs are now being detained in quarantine, and failing to pass the educational test in the new act they are likely to be excluded.

The Japanese consul will not only claim their rights under treaty, but also that their arrival happened two days before the Natal act passed and the act does not apply.

The steamship companies are also likely to refuse to accept the rejected immigrants, the companies being under federal and not provincial immigration regulations.

The penalty is \$500 or imprisonment in default for a violation of the act by an immigrant or any person or corporation assisting him.

Will Disallow Natal Act.

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The Canadian government has sent instructions to the agent of justice department in British Columbia to promptly take legal action either by habeas corpus proceedings or otherwise to restrain the provincial authorities from any attempt to enforce the Japanese immigration act in the province.

Under the act the province takes power to imprison or fine immigrants from Japan or China who land after refusing to pass the educational test prescribed in the act. As the act is clearly ultra vires the courts can at once grant the release of any immigrant whom the province attempts to penalize and recourse for damages for illegal arrest may be had against the province.

As soon as an official copy of the act reaches Ottawa it will be promptly disseminated. Meanwhile assurances have been sent by cable to the Japanese government that the action of British Columbia legislature will not be allowed in any way to interfere with the rights of Japanese subjects in Canada as guaranteed by treaty.

Bonuses Doubled.

An order-in-council has been passed doubling the bonus for immigrants coming to Canada who intend to follow farming, railroad construction work or female domestic service paid to booking agents on the continent of Europe duly accredited by the immigration department.

The bonus paid to agents in France, Belgium, Holland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Germany, Switzerland, Austria-Hungary and Finland will henceforth be the same as the bonus paid booking agents in Great Britain, viz. one pound sterling for each adult and ten shillings for each person under eighteen years of age.

It has been found that booking agents in the European countries named has not been sufficient to accomplish the desired object of stimulating their efforts to send to Canada immigrants of classes and character specified.

The bonus will be payable only on immigrants landing at legal ports excepting those landing at Portland (Me.) during the winter.

A circular under date of Feb. 1 is also being issued to all booking agents regarding the policy of the department with regard to immigrants desired this year.

Farmers, farm laborers, railway construction men and female domestic servants, says the circular, are the only persons whom agents should advise to go to Canada. All others should get definite assurance of employment in Canada before leaving home and should have money enough to support them for a time in case of disappointment.

Agents are warned that the demand for labor in Canada is not so great this year as last and if they are to receive the bonus they must be careful as to the character and ability of the people sent out.

A further announcement is made that dominion employment agents here will not secure positions for immigrants outside of farm work or domestic service.

LAVAL STUDENTS HAD TO DISGORGE RUSSELL HOUSE SILVERWARE

Took 200 Pieces After Banquet Given Them by Minister of Marine.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Laval University students of Montreal were entertained at a banquet given by the minister of marine at the Russell last evening. When they were leaving for home they were compelled by the police to deliver up some 200 pieces of silver, such as spoons, knives, forks, which they took from the hotel, it was done as a student's

Ice Fields Cleared. Several Haven, Conn., Feb. 13.—The ice, which has blocked Nantucket since last Sunday, making navigation impossible for sailing vessels, has cleared and are no longer a hindrance to navigation.

WILL RUN CLEAN ELECTION IN YORK

Opposition Hearty in Favor of Moral Reform League's Stand

MINOR APPOINTMENTS

Another Batch of Justices of the Peace—Big Miramichi Fish Company Incorporated—Assignments of Supreme Court Judges for the Year—Contracts Awarded.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 13.—Bishop Richardson, Father Carney and Rev. J. W. McConnell, representing the Social and Moral Reform Association, appeared this afternoon before the executive of the opposition convention, and the bishop, on behalf of the association, told of the resolution proposed and which had been accepted by the government party at their convention held last week.

Besides the executive present were many of the opposition party in the city, and by the time his lordship got through speaking the room was over-filled. Father Carney, Mr. McConnell and Dr. McLeod strongly endorsed the sentiments expressed by the bishop.

At the conclusion of the hearing of the delegation, A. D. Thomas moved a resolution confirming the action taken by the association as presented by its representatives, asking for purity in election and that the opposition party in this county should take every means in its power to put down corruption, and further, that twenty-five men should be selected to meet with twenty-five men from the government party to see that it was strictly adhered to.

Rev. Dr. McLeod, in a most appropriate speech, seconded the resolution. He said that in 1900 a similar agreement had been entered into, and he could say now that as far as the undertaking then entered into in behalf of the party to which he belonged it was carried out to the letter. He regretted very much that he could not say the same of all people, but he would say here today on behalf of one who was taking part in this election that that person would do everything in his power to carry out the principles as set out by the resolution of the Social and Moral Reform Association. He had himself taken part in elections in the past, and he could conscientiously say that five cents had been spent to his knowledge in the contest.

A committee of twenty-five was appointed, who will meet with the government party to take action.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Robert A. Logie, W. W. Logie, Robert Murray, Mary Logie and Eliza Logie, of Chatham, as the Miramichi Fish Company, Limited, with a capital of \$80,000.

The chief commissioner of public works awarded the contract for flooring the Hampton Village bridge to the G. & G. Flewelling, of Miramichi, for the contract for the Cooper bridge, parish of Grand Falls, Queens county, has been awarded to McMillin & Currier, of Upper Gagetown.

Provincial Appointments. The Royal Gazette this evening contains the following resignations and appointments:

W. A. R. Cragg resigns as a member of the board of liquor license commissioners of Dalhousie; George M. Byron as commissioner of the parish of Campbellville court, Charlotte, and as a revisor for the parish.

Appointments—Patrick Sinclair, Harry Steeves and Clinton Hill, Hillsboro, justices of peace, in the county of Albert.

Justices—John P. Dubeau, registrar of probates in place of John W. Dickie, deceased; Johann P. Dubeau, registrar of probates in place of John W. Dickie, deceased.

Justices—Edward S. Carter, justice of the peace, Kings; F. W. Boyer, Woodstock, commissioner for taking affidavits.

Charlotte—George E. Dalzell, Grand Manan, justice of the peace.

Westmorland—A. J. Smith Raysworth, George A. Welling, R. M. Irving and K. Fillmore, justices of the peace.

Rev. Samuel W. Wilson, Sheffield Academy, Sunbury county, is registered to solemnize marriage.

The following is the assignment of the sittings and circuits from Hilary, 1908, to Hilary, 1909:

Justice Hanington—Gloucester, March 3; Restigouche, March 10; St. John (non-jury), April 7; Northumberland, May 5; Kent, Sept. 22; Queens, Oct. 13; Carleton, Oct. 20; St. John, Jan. 5, 1909.

Justice Landry—St. John, March 10; Westmorland, May 5; Albert, June 23; Restigouche, August 25; Gloucester, Sept. 1; St. John, Oct. 6; Kings, Jan. 12, 1909; St. John (non-jury), Feb. 2, 1909.

Justice McLeod—Carleton, April 21; Sunbury, May 12; St. John, Sept. 1; Victoria, Sept. 22; Madawaska, Oct. 8; Carleton, Oct. 15; St. John, Nov. 24; Albert, Jan. 19, 1909.

Justice Gregory—Victoria, March 3; Madawaska, March 10; St. John (non-jury), April 7; Northumberland, May 5; York, June 16; Westmorland, Sept. 1; Sunbury, Oct. 20; St. John (non-jury), Dec. 1.

Justice White—Kent, March 10; St. John (non-jury), May 5; Charlotte, May 12; Queens, May 19; St. John, June 16; Northumberland, Sept. 6; York, Jan. 5, 1909; Westmorland, Jan. 12, 1909.

Equity sittings, the chief justice—Fredericton, Feb. 4, March 3, May 5, Sept. 1, Oct. 6, Dec. 1, Jan. 3, 1909, Feb. 2, 1909; St. John—Feb. 18, March 17, April 24, May 19, July 14, August 18, Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 15, Dec. 16 and Jan. 19, 1909.

FEDERAL INTERFERENCE IN NEW BRUNSWICK CONTEST

O. S. Crocket in Commons Tells of Local Candidates Secured by Promise of Offices

Sears, Allen, and W. D. Carter Named as Some Who Were Induced to Run on That Basis—Col. McLean's Activities in Queens and Sunbury, Accompanied by a Dominion Engineer, Also Brought Up—Sir Wilfrid Laurier Declares That the Mayor of St. John Has Not Been Assured of a Position—Premier Didn't Answer Charges Against A. B. Copp of Westmorland.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—The provincial election of New Brunswick engaged the attention of the house today. The matter was brought up by Mr. Crocket, who was supported by Dr. Daniel, Mr. Fowler and others. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Emmerson and Mr. Logan were among the speakers on the other side.

On motion to go into supply, Mr. Crocket, in a little over a half hour speech, made it somewhat lively for the government and their supporters. Mr. Crocket said in part:

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MEMRAMCOOK WILL BE IN LINE

Crowded Audience Thursday Applauds Hazen and Opposition Speakers

TELLING SPEECHES

O. M. Melanson and F. B. Black Arouse Great Enthusiasm in Dealing With the Reckless Administration's Acts—Reform Leader Given Great Reception.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Memramcook, N. B., Feb. 13.—The large C. M. B. A. hall here was crowded beyond its capacity tonight to hear J. D. Hazen, leader of the opposition; Messrs. Melanson and Black, opposition candidates, and others. For nearly three hours the electors remained standing, crowding every inch of space and giving strict attention to everything that was said on the political issues of the day.

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MOVE TO RESTORE REPRESENTATION

Dr. Daniel Gives Notice of Resolution to Amend Terms of B. N. A. Act

LIKELY A LONG JOB

Special Dominion Fishery Commissioner Will Confer With British Columbia First About Adjusting Difficulties With Federal Government—Dual Control the Main Trouble.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Ottawa, Feb. 13.—Dr. Daniel has given notice of a resolution that it is expedient in the terms of the British North America act relating to the representation of the several provinces in the commons that the number of representatives shall not at any time be reduced below that which was assigned to it when it entered the union.

S. T. Bastedo, who has been appointed dominion commissioner to confer with the various provincial governments relative to the maritime provinces the main point of adjustment of present difficulties with respect to conflicting jurisdictions in matter of fisheries, will leave for British Columbia next week to take up the question with the provincial government there. In view of the varied interests involved and the fact that the question will have to be discussed with all the provincial governments it is probable that Mr. Bastedo's task will not be finally concluded for many months.

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STIR IN QUEBEC ANGLICAN CHURCH

Bishop Carmichael's Strictures on Higher Criticism Nettle Its Defenders

LIVELY DEBATE

Low Churchmen and Ritualists Lock Horns Over His Lordship's Statement That New School of Thought Was "Mere Ephemeral Foolishness Which Would Pass Away."

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Montreal, Feb. 13.—Some stir was caused in church circles here today by the outspoken criticism leveled by several of the more advanced high church clergy of the city against Bishop Carmichael's condemnation of the "higher criticism," in his charge to the Diocesan Anglican Synod. A report was submitted, thanking the bishop for the strenuous manner in which he had handled what was sometimes arrogantly called the "higher criticism."

Rev. Dr. Paterson Smythe, who recently came from Dublin to take charge of one of the leading city congregations, protested against any such report going to the public. He personally objected strongly to the bishop's condemnation of all who did not accept the traditional view. He also criticized the bishop's statement that the teaching of the higher criticism, although upheld by so many able scholars, was "mere ephemeral foolishness which would pass away." He did not think it either foolish or ephemeral.

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