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REPORT WITHOUT MOUSSEAU

Decision in Regard to Graft Enquiry at Quebec.

Senator Will Start Probe of Its Own To-Night.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] QUEBEC, Feb. 9.—It is now practically certain that the House of Assembly committee, which is investigating the charges of corruption, will not await the problematical recovery of Mr. J. C. Mousseau before presenting their report. The physicians who have examined the ex-member for Soanages, are unanimous in their opinion that his patient is so weakened a state of health, that any thought of journeying to Quebec, not to speak of the ordeal of an examination by lawyers, is out of the question. The committee from present appearances will have to proceed without Mr. Mousseau, and they expect to complete their labors this week, their report should be in the hands of the House of Assembly at the beginning of next week. What the nature of this report will be, whether it will contain recommendations or simply a statement of the nature of the evidence, has not yet been decided upon. One thing certain the committee cannot long delay their findings, as the end of the session is at hand, and the continued illness of Mr. Mousseau renders his appearance before the committee so unlikely that it may be disregarded altogether.

A state of uncertainty prevails about the ancient Capital as to why Mr. J. C. Mousseau desires the assistance of Detectives Biddinger and Maloney at the inquiry Thursday. The member for Terrebonne, himself, when asked what were the extraordinary disclosures that he had hinted might be forthcoming if further questions were asked, replied that Mr. Biddings had been very non-committal and unsatisfactory in some of his answers.

The Upper House probe continues to-night but is not expected to produce any new evidence.

Football League
Application for membership to the Brantford and Paris school football league should be sent to the secretary, Brantford and Paris Football League, 30 Ontario St., city, before March 1st.

MILLIONS WERE SQUANDERED IN WILD EXTRAVAGANCES

Transcontinental Enquiry Report Will Show Where Public Money Went—Whole Hillside Blown Up to Make Cuttings of a Few Hundred Feet.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The report on the Transcontinental Railway by the Board of Enquiry will be presented to Parliament this week, probably Wednesday. The primary reason for holding the investigation was to explain the whole extraordinary discrepancy between the estimate of what the line would cost and what it actually has cost. This has been pretty thoroughly covered by the commission. Every mile of the railway has been traversed, a careful examination of rock cuttings, excavations and the construction generally has been made, while every contract, sub-contract and agreement has been looked into.

While no official statement or summary is available, or will be until parliament is seized of the report, there is every reason to believe that it will establish a system of wanton and unparalleled extravagance. Judged by the standard of the recently constructed Toronto-Sudbury line, of the Canadian Pacific, which is modern in every respect, the report is expected to disclose that the Transcontinental has cost upwards of \$45,000,000 more than it should after making due allowance for difficulties experienced in carrying forward the undertaking. Entering into and explaining this great discrepancy are a number of important facts, of which the broad lines may be indicated. The report will give many supplementary fea-

UNDER SHADOW OF CIVIL WAR, BRITISH PARLIAMENT MEETS

A Momentous Crisis Has Been Reached in the Old Land Regarding Home Rule Bill --Other Questions of Extreme Importance Will be Discussed in Parliament.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—A cable to The Tribune from London says: The King will open in state tomorrow the most momentous parliamentary session in many decades. One great issue will put every other question into the shade. Never before in living memory has parliament met with the shadow of civil war darkening it. Through there are several very pressing problems such as that of the navy, the South African deportations, the Welsh church bill, and education, the thought that will be ever present in the minds of all parties for months is whether the Home Rule Bill will be passed and the people of Ulster driven to the extreme measures which they have so loudly proclaimed they will take by way of resisting it.

In view of the gravity of the question in the official Unionist view, the House of Lords is taking the remarkable course of raising an amendment to the address demanding a general election. This amendment, which will be moved by Lord Middleton, is in the following terms:

"This house regrets that the gracious speech from the throne contains no mention of any intention on the part of His Majesty's government to obtain the sanction of the nation before carrying into law grave changes in the constitution."

In the House of Commons, the Right Hon. Walter Long will begin the Unionist attack on the government's Home Rule proposals. It is not expected that the measure itself will be reintroduced before April as immediately after the debate on the address is concluded, the House will have to spend some weeks voting supplementary estimates for the navy and passing large votes for the services.

Marconi Share Dealings.
NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—A cable from London to the New York Times says: On the eve of the reassembling of Parliament, L. J. Masse, editor of The National Review, returns to Lord Murray's connection with the Marconi share dealings in a long letter to The Morning Post.

Mr. Masse also calls upon Lord Murray to account for the huge accumulation of secret party funds on the eve of the coronation of 1911, at a date when the honors' list would be presumably under discussion, as also to explain how he came to invest \$105,000 of the party's funds in home rails, ordinary, while his colleagues were engaged in settling the "cold" strike, which might be expected to affect the market value of those shares.

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Nothing Dead Tonight In Spite of Plethora of Mausoleum Men

Things will not be dead at the city Council meeting to-night even if the Aldermen are going to talk mausoleums. Representatives of both the American and International Mausoleum Companies are in the city today and will appear at the proceedings to-night. The International already has an agreement to build in Mt. Hope cemetery and the American Company is seeking a similar privilege but was turned down at the last meeting of the City Council, because there was a feeling that more information and time for consideration should be afforded. The rivalry between the two companies is strong and this may be the feature of the session to-night. It is not to be taken however, that there is any howling demand among the Aldermen themselves for crypts in the mausoleum as most of this year's council refuse to have it suggested that they are by any means dead.

May Withold Sinews of War To Force a General Election

they will boycott Parliament if their demand is refused. Another story is that the House of Lords will reject or amend the annual Army Bill, the failure to pass which would be equivalent to terminating the existence of the army. Their contention in justifying such a step would be that the Government should not have control of a force which could be used to enforce the policy of Home Rule, on which the nation has not been consulted.

Unionists Will Endeavor to Prevent Home Rule by Killing Army Budget in Lords.

LONDON, Monday, Feb. 9.—There is much excitement in political circles over the reopening of Parliament today. All the parties recognize that the session will be a critical one in consequence of the situation in Ulster.

The Unionist demand for a general election in order that the people may have an opportunity to show by their votes how they regard the Home Rule measure will be among the earliest happenings, and they are credited with some unknown plan to compel the Government to yield on this point. Among the rumored probabilities is one to the effect that

Not Enough Work For Naval Holiday

Reason Given by German Marine Minister for Refusing Scheme.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—Admiral von Tirpitz, the German Naval Minister, makes the interesting confession that his refusal to entertain Winston Churchill's suggestion of a "naval holiday" is mainly due to an "industrial reason." England, he says, having so much work far abroad, could cease building for the British navy without demoralizing her labor conditions. The German yards, on the other hand, would be compelled to shut down during a naval holiday.

MUST GET RID OF QUEBEC INFLUENCE

Only Way for Montreal to Raise Itself, Says Dr. Adami, of McGill.

MONTREAL, Feb. 9.—Dr. J. G. Adami, of McGill and head of the City Improvement League, addressing the Canada Council, Knights of Columbus, Saturday, strongly criticized the present methods of civic administration in Montreal. "We can no longer afford," he said, "to have our water department in charge of a second class man."

"There is yet greater need that the head of each department shall be in complete control of the selection and disposition of his staff, free from political influence. Montreal today suffers from the patronage system, but she must get rid of this."

The most malignant disease in the body politic was the baneful influence of Quebec, which Montrealers should shake off by demanding a large measure of autonomy.

Dr. Hughes In Toronto

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Dr. Frank E. Hughes, dentist of Edmonton and director of the defunct Union Life, arrived in this city this morning from Alberta and going to the Sheriff's office declared that he surrendered himself and placed himself in custody.

The bail for \$20,000 granted by Judge Beck of Edmonton, actually did not expire until to-morrow, but Dr. Hughes' counsel, J. H. Hancock applied for Judge Latchford this morning for bail, which was accepted in sureties of \$5,000 each from Dr. Wardlaw, Dr. Anderson and J. B. Hughes of Galt, in addition to the prisoner's own bond for \$15,000. Dr. Hughes announced that he would leave to-night or to-morrow morning to wait until the case is set down for hearing here.

THE REDISTRIBUTION OF SEATS ISSUE IS TAKEN UP AT ONCE

Toronto and York County to Have Ten Members in Next House—Bill Has Been Drafted—Will Place Measure in Hands of Committee This Week.

OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—The bill redistributing and readjusting the Parliamentary representation will be proceeded with this week, probably on Tuesday. The measure will be explained by the Prime Minister, who will propose its reference to a small select committee, containing representatives of both parties. The maritime, central and Western parts of the country will be represented on the committee.

The bill has been printed, and in its present form is a very simple affair. It outlines the number of members to which as a result of the last census each province is to be entitled and provides that the boundaries of the different electoral divisions will be as set forth in the schedule or appendix. It is to be defined and prepared by the select committee. The measure is to be appointed.

It has been the custom heretofore for this committee to meet in private and that procedure will likely be followed again. As the introduction is a formality, there will likely be little discussion on the measure until its complete form comes back to the House from committee.

While there are numerous plans and suggestions of redistribution in the different parts of the country, and some of them are tentatively decided upon, no general detailed system has as yet been evolved, and will not be until the committee meets and determines certain fundamental principles upon which the whole measure will be based.

Toronto and York County will likely have 10 members, following to some extent the provincial divisions, and in Quebec, Montreal and the Island of Montreal will have 13. It is in Quebec where the bill will probably receive the most criticism, as the Liberal gerrymander of 1903 necessitates greater changes being done to undo the wrong done at that time. In 1903 many parishes were switched from one constituency to another to provide safe Liberal seats. The present measure will include these parishes in the constituencies to which they rightfully belong.

The most probable arrangement in Saskatchewan calls for the division of the province by the South Saskatchewan and the Qu'Appelle River, giving nine members to the south. That part of the constituency of Moose Jaw south of the South Saskatchewan will receive three members. A seat comprising Maple Creek, Gull Lake and part of Pinto Creek, the ranching country, another including Swift Current, Morse, parts of Pinto Creek, Thunder Creek, and Moose Jaw County, and a third, comprising Moose Jaw City, parts of Thunder Creek, Moose Jaw County, Milestone and Weyburn, is the probable division. It is likely that Regina City and Lumsden will form another constituency. The old district of Assiniboia certain fundamental principles

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LITTLE CHANGE IN THE ACT

Liquor License Measure to Be Brought Up in Ontario House.

Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney General Will be Leader for Session.

[By Special Wire to The Courier] TORONTO, Feb. 9.—Preparations for the session of the Ontario Legislature indicate a short one, and the intention of the Ministers is to complete the business by Easter at the latest.

Hon. J. J. Foy, Attorney-General, who will lead the House, will, if it is necessary, start the morning sittings early in the session. The most contentious piece of legislation is the Workmen's Compensation Act, and the desire of the manufacturers to eliminate the office staffs from the scope of the Act may be granted in order to lessen the opposition to the Act.

There is likely to be little change in the License Act. An increase in the license fees for the smaller places has been considered, it is understood, with a view to making up the losses to the revenue sustained by the cutting off of so many licenses through local option and the Canada Temperance Act.

The Prince of Wales Is Not Betrothed

Neither Does His Majesty Intend to Visit Canada This Year.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—The rumor of the impending of the betrothal of the Prince of Wales to Princess Helena, the second daughter of King Constantine, of Greece, is officially denied. The Princess is not quite 18 years of age. The Prince of Wales was 18 last December.

A denial is also given to the rumor that the Prince of Wales intended to make a tour of the overseas dominions, starting next August.

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