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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

Short Autumn Session.

Commons Sat. 19 Days or 66 Hours. No Government Business Ready. Tariff Revision Stands Over Until January.

MARINE DEPARTMENT CONDEMNED.

For Neglect of Perishing Seamen. Wrecked on Lake Superior Coast and Left to Freeze.

WHITNEY AND LAURIER.

One Saves Public Wealth for People. The Other Divides It Among Favored Speculators.

THE AUDITOR'S STATEMENT.

\$80,000 for Rideau. Deficit of \$132,083 on Yukon Telegraph. Subsidies for the Reptile Press.

DEFICIT ON THE INTERCOLONIAL.

Ottawa, Dec 22, 1906.

On Tuesday afternoon Sir Wilfrid Laurier surprised the House by proposing that the Christmas adjournment begin on that day instead of on Friday as at first proposed, on Thursday as the Premier afterward announced. No reason was given for this change except that the attendance was small, though as a matter of fact the number of members present has not been larger during the session than it was at that time. The true reason for the premature dismissal of members is, that the Government business is not ready. Of course two or three days might be filled in by private members, but Sir Wilfrid was called away from Ottawa by the illness of his brother, and his cabinet and followers are so disorganized that it seems impossible for him to allow the House to sit even for a day unless he is present. This was never the case with a Prime Minister in Canada before, and has not until this year been the situation under the Laurier Administration. One after another the men of responsibility and leadership whom Sir Wilfrid had gathered about him have withdrawn or been dismissed from the Cabinet. The last of the able parliamentary leaders on whom the Premier depended in times of difficulty to disappear from the cabinet was Mr Fitzpatrick, now Chief Justice. If he were still in the House of Commons as Minister of Justice, Sir Wilfrid might be absent for a day or two without danger. But Mr Aylesworth is an extremely bad tactician.

A BARREN MONTH.

Before the Autumn session was called there would be some six weeks of the Session before Christmas, and that the tariff bill would be through the House by that time. As the beginning of the session was delayed and the Christmas vacation extended the House has only been in session nineteen days, and these so short that the whole time of activity was 66 hours. Beyond Mr Fisher's cold storage and meat inspection bill no Government legislation was accomplished. As for that tariff bill, not a single clause of the new schedule of duties has been passed, or even read in the ways and means committee. Mr Fielding has either by remaining outside while Mr Fisher occupied the time, or by adjournments before the evening sitting, prevented the committee reaching these clauses. It is clear that the Government decided soon after the budget was delivered that the Tariff was to stand until January.

NO REPORTS READY.

Meanwhile the public accounts committee, which ought to be inquiring into last year's expenditure has not done anything, for the reason that the Government has not yet brought down the accounts

Though the fiscal year closed at the end of June, nearly six months ago, the House has not yet before it the detailed accounts of the expenditure of a single department. The absence of these returns makes it practically impossible to vote supplies for next year, because members choose to know before they vote more money what was done with last year's appropriation.

MEASURES THAT WAIT.

The other important legislation promised by the Government has not been introduced. This includes the measure increasing the North West representation, the bill giving effect to the conclusions of the interprovincial Conference, respecting Provincial subsidies, amendments to the election law, and post office act. It will be judged from the progress so far made that Sir Wilfrid is likely to be mistaken in his predictions that the session will be over about the time that the robins come. Unless the Government gets on a greater burst of speed the prorogation will be more likely to come about the time the golden rod blooms.

THE MARINE DEPARTMENT INDICTED.

Another indictment of the Marine Department was made on Tuesday by Mr Boyce, of West Algona. On December 4th the wooden steamer "Gaspie" went ashore on a reef some distance from Michipicoten. Most of the crew arrived at the above harbor in a boat the day after the wreck, but five of the men had become separated from the rest, and were left on the shore trying to make their way overland. These men were insufficiently clothed and having lately come from England they had no experience to assist them in protecting themselves in the woods, with the temperature 30 to 40 below zero. For two or three days they wandered before they were rescued, and the third night unable to make a fire they lay in the open and had their hands and feet badly frozen. When after three days they were rescued by Indians and got to Michipicoten Harbor, very little could be done for them in the absence of surgical skill.

WHERE THE DEPARTMENT FAILED.

But this place has telegraphic communication with Sault Ste. Marie where there are Government officers. On the day after the wreck the facts were telegraphed to the Sault. After the men arrived at Michipicoten a request was sent to the Sault for a tug to take them to the hospital. The reply sent was that the tug was busy and it was suggested that the men be brought overland a distance of sixty miles. Finally the Underwriters tug arrived at the scene and the men reached the hospital at the Sault ten days after the wreck. Six days these frozen men lay within call of the Government office and with telegraph connection to Ottawa. For two days before that it was known at the Sault, and should have been known at the Department of Marine at Ottawa, that these five sailors were perishing on the north shore of Lake Superior. The men arrived at the hospital too late to save their limbs. All of them have both feet amputated and one has lost both hands.

MILLIONS FOR BOODLE. NOTHING TO SAVE LIFE.

The country is giving the Department of Marine millions of dollars a year for the protection of ships and of the lives of sailors. It has been shown by many investigations that hundreds of thousands of dollars is thrown away every year in paying double prices to favored contractors. Ice-breaker boats are supplied with silver plate and cut glass costing thousands of dollars. The Government had \$200,000 to waste on the "Arctic" picnic trip. It is able to pay contractor Merwin \$960 for a \$335 engine. But it cannot send a tug along the coast of Lake Superior to rescue perishing seamen and cannot provide life saving stations or shelter of any sort along this coast. As Mr. Boyce said in closing his account "the people of this country will exact from the Minister the most strict enquiry to ascertain the part which each man charged with a public duty had to fulfill, and through whose neglect it was that these men suffered, one of them with only a trunk, arms and feet gone, and four others with feet gone. If we are men born with heavenly compassion in our hearts, surely we must burn with indignation at the neglect which has been shown and demand to know where the responsibility should be placed."

THIS PICTURE AND THAT.

The dealings of the Whitney Government of Ontario with the resources of Cobalt is in striking

contrast with that of the Laurier Government, with the greater resources of the Dominion in the North West, or with its gold fields in the Yukon. While the Whitney Government encourages investment and development at Cobalt, it takes care that the people at large get their share of the wealth which has been brought to light. By the sale of limits, the royalties and the operations of mines that have been reserved from sale, the Ontario Government will receive millions of dollars to be used in extending the railway to meet the Transcontinental line and for other public purposes. The Dominion Government is giving equal or greater opportunities for private speculators to get rich quickly out of grants and concessions of lands, timber and minerals in the West. But the share that ought to go to the whole people is handed out freely to the favorites and associates of Ministers and Members of Parliament, and to Members of Parliament and probably the Ministers themselves. While the Whitney Government may gain for the public a million or two by the sale after open competition of certain mining rights the Laurier Government by a private sale gives a group of capitalists a chance to make a million or two by simply turning over their bargain to real investors, the political middlemen spending no money at all.

WHERE IS MR. McMULLEN.

A third part of the Auditor-General's report for the last fiscal year has been brought down since the House rose. It contains the statements of the Public Works Department and Railways and Canals. If Senator McMullen and other critics of the former Government had seen such expense accounts when they were in opposition they would probably have become insane. For example here is Rideau Hall which used to cost ten to twenty thousand dollars and was responsible for many long hours of criticism every year. The bill for Rideau in 1906 is as follows:

Improvements charged to capital \$26,718
Repairs, furniture, etc. 44,999
Fuel and light 8,500
Total \$80,212

There are additional charges for snow and other outlays. It would shock, the critics of former days to learn that the linen bills come to \$2,325, that one dealer in china and glassware was paid \$2,178, including \$700 for wine glasses, that 5 furniture dealers received \$1,421, \$1,189, \$727, \$732 and \$3,800. What would the critics of 12 years ago say to a \$1,200 piano and \$3,000 worth of carpets in one page of the Rideau Hall accounts?

THE COSTLY YUKON.

It is well known that the Yukon telegraph system, which a Company five years ago offered to take over and pay for at the rate of \$30,000 a year has since then been run at an annual loss. The shortage in 1905 was \$111,946. The statement for 1906 is still worse, showing expenditures of \$213,303 and a revenue of \$51,220; making a deficit of \$132,083. The telegraph revenue, like all other Yukon revenues continues to go down, while the cost of maintenance remains as large as ever. It may be stated here that the maintenance of the Administration Building at Dawson cost \$21,722 of the Court House in the same capital \$6,420, of the Government House \$13,596, of the Post Office \$9,847. The administrator over the 8,000 people of the Yukon is rather an expensive individual, with a salary of \$6,000, and \$6,000 living expenses and \$13,596 expended on his residence.

THE TRAIL OF THE SERPENT.

There was a time when Sir Richard Cartwright was fond of using the expression "reptile press," meaning thereby journals whose proprietors received money for Government printing and advertising. The reptile press is much in evidence this year, as is shown by the following payments made to certain organs of the Government by the Department of Railways alone:—

Table listing newspaper names and amounts: Fredericton Herald \$1,067 \$ 587, Halifax Recorder 3,296 885, Halifax Chronicle and Echo 7,046 1,693, Montreal Transcript 10,665 565, Montreal Herald 4,600 1,624, New Glasgow Chronicle 730 153, Pictou Advocate 2,442 132, Quebec Le Soleil 1,806 600, Quebec Telegraph 3,025 648, St John Globe 5,579 769, St John Sun 2,945 28, Yarmouth Herald 1,504 94, Toronto Globe 2,748 1,362, Toronto Star 1,362

MR. EMMERSON'S BOGUS SURPLUS.

Mr. Emmerson's own figures easily destroy his claim of a surplus in the operation of the Intercolonial last year. He claims to have made a profit of \$61,915. Yet his own report to the auditor shows that he has not charged as working expenses one cent of the cost of new rails bought to replace worn-out metal. For this service he has charged \$379,956 to construction account. Yet it was only last March that the minister of Railways read in the House the statement of Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, showing how these accounts were usually charged.

The president of C. P. R. said that when rails were taken up and replaced by heavier stock Capital Account should be charged with only the additional weights of metal. All the rest of the outlay belongs to working expenses.

HALF A MILLION BEHIND.

Mr. Emmerson announced that he was following Sir Thomas' method, but he has this year repeated his former system of buying new rails, selling old ones for scrap, and charging construction with the whole cost above the proceeds of the sale of the old rails. The obvious result is that construction account stands charged with both the old rails and the new ones. An easy calculation shows that Mr. Emmerson's charge to capital should have been \$130,000 instead of \$380,000 and that his working expenses were thus \$250,000 more than he represents.

By this false charge alone he creates a surplus of \$62,000 out of a deficit of \$183,000. But the false charge to capital of rolling stock required to keep good his cars and engines is still larger. Mr. Emmerson's intercolonial deficit is clearly over half a million dollars.

Word has been received at Ottawa of the destruction by fire of Government House at Dawson in the Yukon. Nothing was saved.

\$10 Course in Penmanship Free.—Every student who enters the Union Commercial College during this month will receive free, the special course in Penmanship now being taught. This is the only special course in penmanship being taught in a business college in the Province and is worth a great deal to every student. Now is the time to enter.

The Prices.

Table listing various goods and prices: Butter (fresh) 0.25 to 0.26, Butter (sub.) 0.20 to 0.21, Calf skins 0.00 to 0.10, Ducks (per lb.) 0.10 to 0.00, Eggs (per doz.) 0.28 to 0.28, Fowls (per lb.) 0.08 to 0.09, Chickens (per lb.) 0.08 to 0.09, Flour (per owl) 2.30 to 2.40, Hides 0.04 to 0.10, Hay, per 100 lbs. 0.50 to 0.55, Mutton, per lb (carcas) 0.06 to 0.07, Oatmeal (per owl) 2.60 to 3.00, Potatoes 0.35 to 0.40, Pork 0.8 to 0.83, Sheep pelts 0.78 to 0.83, Turkeys 0.12 to 0.00, Turkeys (per lb) 0.14 to 0.00, Geese 0.11 to 0.00, Bilk oats 0.42 to 0.43, Pressed hay, 0.50 to 10.00, Straw 0.25 to 0.30

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For Overalls, Working Shirts, Underclothing, Sweaters, etc., come to H. H. BROWN, The Young Men's Man.

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H. H. BROWN, The Young Men's Man.

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A lot of last season's coats at \$1.00 and \$2.95 each.

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Make their bow to the public, and in doing so wish to say that they are now prepared to turn out everything in the line of High-Class Tailoring

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Better Values

Than elsewhere! More for your dollar than other stores can give. The secret: 1st, our tremendous volume of trade. 2nd, low prices secured through large quantity purchasing. 3rd, our policy of large sales and small profits.

What we advertise is here exactly as advertised, comparative prices are not exaggerated—satisfaction is guaranteed, and as always, "Money Back if Wanted."

Skirts. No such complete showing of every good sort of SKIRTS as in this store. It's a specialty—a hobby—with us, and ladies will find the garments offered most excellently made, stylish and most perfect fitting. We offer some special good values available only while the show is on.

AT 75c. Skirts of excellent quality black Roman Sateen, prettily made, deep tucked flounce, stitched trim and dust ruffle. Full cut. Cheap at 95c. Special at 75c.

AT 98c. Skirts of special quality black Roman Sateen in both plain and will be finished, with 16 inch flounce, three rows of shirred tucking, amply proportioned. Any length 38, 40 or 42. Worth \$1.25. Special 98c.

Want a Fine Cloth Skirt. Values up to \$5.25 for 3.75.

If you can't afford to overlook the special opportunity to secure one at a very low figure, please note that we guarantee these prices only while this advertisement appears.

Fine Skirts in the latest and most fashionable styles, in various tweed effects, grey mixtures, and also in fine black Vicuna. In every respect these skirts are splendidly made and are man-tailored throughout. Every detail of workmanship has been carefully finished—in fact, some of our best styles are included in this special offering. Worth from \$4.65 to \$5.25. Our special bargain price, only while this advertisement appears, is

\$3.75.

Waists. Remarkably handsome Waists are being shown this season. For instance, in cashmere waists we are showing elegant styles in white, cream, garnet, sky, polka spots and black. In lusters, black, white and cream. In poplins, in satens, in silks, in fact, waists of every fashionable material are here.

We are offering special values, available only while this advertisement appears.

AT 88c. Waists in newest styles, of fine quality Black Roman Sateen. Waists that are well cut and will fit, pleated front and back lath sleeve, etc. All sizes. Worth \$1.25. Special a 88c.

AT 98c. Waists a variety of fabrics, including Flannel and Flannellette, madras, panama, lustre, etc. All latest fashionable cut. All sizes 34 to 38. Worth up to \$1.95. Special at 98c.

AT \$2.75 Dainty Waists of excellent quality, Jap. Tafetta wash silks—a very fetching style—front and back laid in plaits and hemstitched. In every detail an up-to-date and fashionable style. Black and white. Worth \$3.25. Special while this advertisement appears, only \$2.75.

Want a Dressing Gown? Here's an opportunity to secure a handsome Dressing Gown at a substantial reduction. If you are without one you are missing a great deal of comfort. Quality is limited, don't delay.

We offer three handsome Dressing Gowns of heavy Moulton cloth, with deep sailor collar trimmed with wide satin ribbon and fagoting, heavy girdle to match—wide Jap. sleeve trimmed like collar—various pretty color combinations and worth \$1.25. Special while this advertisement appears, at

\$4.15.

\$2.10 Dressing Jackets at \$1.65

This offer takes in two styles. The first is made of Moleton cloth. The colorings are warm and bright—has deep shirred collar trimmed with torchon lace—full fashioned sleeve with lace trimmed cuff.

The second lot is also of Moleton cloth, colorings are red and navy mixtures—deep sailor collar trimmed with satin ribbon, lace trimmed Jap sleeves. Both are same value. Worth \$2.10. Special while this advertisement appears

We offer three splendid values in Corset Covers— attractively made garments, really cheaper than can be made at home.

Our only regret lies in this fact, that quantities are limited especially in the larger sizes. However there are probably enough for two or three days.

AT 2 FOR 25c. Corset Covers of good quality, English lace at neck and down front. Worth 20 cents each. Special, 2 for 25c.

AT 25c. Corset Covers of soft Nainsook, finished cotton, attractively trimmed with deep lace. Worth 35 cents. Special at 45 cents.

AT 45c. Corset Covers of excellent Cotton—some of Nainsook trimmed deep lace and baby ribbon. Worth 65 cents. Special 45 cents.

Everything as Advertised.

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Charlottetown's Big Departmental Store.