

INDICATIONS POINT TO BUSY SESSION OF HOUSE

Government Promptly Resumes Business After Christmas Holidays—Finance Minister Brings Down Estimates.

Considerable Amount Devoted
to Improvements at St. John
—Premier Borden Prepared
to Fulfill His Promises.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Jan. 10.—The Commons resumed its sittings this afternoon, the government promptly bringing down a considerable amount of business for its consideration.

The Minister of Finance brought down the estimates, a number of blue books were presented, several returns were laid on the table, and Mr. Borden introduced his bill to place the department of external affairs under the Premier, instead of the Secretary of State, as heretofore.

After a number of questions had been answered the House took up motions and Sir Wilfrid Laurier obtained an order for a copy of recent memorials relative to the improvement of Ottawa. In doing this he defended the Improvement Commission against charges of mismanagement. In complying Mr. Borden observed that the commission had not proceeded on a sufficiently comprehensive scheme.

Mr. Emmerson moved a resolution that it is desirable in furtherance of the transportation interests of the Dominion, that the sphere of influence of the I. C. R. should be widened by leasing or otherwise acquiring such branch lines now connecting with it, as will serve as direct and profitable feeders.

In moving this, Mr. Emmerson reviewed his past efforts in this direction, notified the recent legislation on the subject, and outlined upon the advantages of the opening of new areas by the addition of the branch lines to the government system. Noting the Hudson Bay Railway, he said that the line would be of service to the transportation interests of the Dominion for four months only.

Feeders Not Milkers.

Mr. Frank Cochrane asked why Mr. Emmerson had not added the branch lines and extended the I. C. R. to the Great Lakes when he was in power. Mr. Borden, he said, would find a premier who kept his promises. The policy of the government would be to take over such lines as would prove feeders and not milkers.

Mr. Pugsley attacked Mr. Cochrane for his attitude. He was sorry that the government intended to consider the matter purely from the standpoint of revenue. It said that it would take over only those lines that were profitable.

Mr. Cochrane replied that the resolution stipulated that the feeders must be profitable.

Mr. Pugsley went on to argue that the canals and the late government would have acquired them. As it was the Laurier government had been on the point of acquiring the lines, Mr. Cochrane's policy was one of limiting and curtailing the acquisition of the branch lines.

Pugsley's Transformation.

Right Hon. R. J. Borden said it was amusing to see Mr. Pugsley's sudden interest in the subject in which he had not shown any interest until he was in opposition.

Mr. Emmerson had studied the subject more and knew more about it than Mr. Pugsley, and his resolution had been accepted by Mr. Cochrane in the very terms used by Mr. Emmerson. Mr. Pugsley should have proposed an amendment to Mr. Emmerson's resolution, and Mr. Cochrane had not used the word "revenue," but if he had he would have been following the lines of legislation brought in by the Laurier government.

Section 3 of the act of 1910 prescribed that any lines to be leased must pay. The present government was perfectly willing to accept Mr. Emmerson's resolution, and he would not say that a railway should not be taken over merely because for the first few years it would not be profitable; but there should be some regard for the prospects of the line. The government would approach the matter in a broad spirit.

Mr. Ferguson said that the Liberal government had delayed action because it had to educate the country. Mr. Hazen said that Mr. Pugsley had misconstrued Mr. Cochrane's utterances. He went on to argue that a railway which, in an isolated condition, could not pay might be profitable as part of a general system.

Mr. Turfitt advocated turning the I. C. R. over to one of the great railway companies.

Mr. Pelletier drew attention to the discrepancy between the attitudes taken by Mr. Emmerson and by Mr. Pugsley.

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TROOPS GUARDING THE LINE ARE FEW IN NUMBER

Great Britain Looking Out for American Troops with Only 120 Men—Moral Effect of Presence of Soldiers Aimed at Rather than Formidable Numbers—British Troops Out- number Those of Other Powers.

Peking, Jan. 10.—Captain J. H. Tain, Brig. Gen. E. J. Cooper, informed Captain Reeves that the foreign force is not intended against serious attack. The several nations in event of attack could send sufficient reinforcements from Tien Tsin to resist a large body of troops. At Tien Tsin there are 1,500 British soldiers, 700 Indian, 900 French, 250 German, 800 Japanese and 200 Russians.

Captain Reeves and Holcombe report considerable excitement along the coast, owing to rumors that Republican troops are already in the Gulf of Pechili. Although the legations have no knowledge of troops leaving the south, Yuan Shi Kai evidently believes in the truth of the report, because Imperialist artillery has been posted in positions near Chin Wang Tao, and strong forces have also been dispatched to other ports.

According to Captain Reeves it was the Imperial General Wang who tore up the tracks and wrecked the trains, thus effectively blocking the advance of the Lanchow mutineers, whom he feared were approaching Peking, but the rebels fled when attacked. Imperialist patrols followed, capturing some of them. Six of the prisoners included the captain, who was wounded. Their bodies were left unburied near the railway station for several days.

POULTRY MEN HOLD THEIR ANNUAL SHOW-- WRITE ON MAGISTRATE

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, Jan. 10.—The fourth annual show of the Westmorland Poultry Association was opened here tonight by His Worship Mayor Rellly. The number of exhibits is much larger than at any previous show and among the first prize winners is H. C. Lemon, of St. John. The show continues the balance of the week. There are 1200 exhibits.

The Maritime express due here this morning stuck in the snow north of Campbellton and cleared tonight and will arrive tomorrow morning.

A writ in supreme court chancery division was today served on Magistrate Kay by Preece and Fowler, barristers of Sussex, at the instance of P. Gallagher, manager of the Minto Hotel asking for general accounting of all moneys received by J. W. Kay in his capacity as police magistrate and commissioner of the Moncton civil court. The writ specifies that accounting is wanted of fees for renewal execution expenses in connection with indictable offences coming before the Moncton police court. Magistrate Kay has retained counsel and will defend action.

TWO REPORTED TO HAVE PERISHED IN WRECK OF SCHOONER

Special to The Standard.
Sydney, Jan. 10.—The schooner John Harvey, Captain Curling, wrecked ashore and is a total wreck four miles off Gabarus on Tuesday's hurricane. Two of the crew, John Poole, and John Kerping, of Balloran, Nfld., are reported perished through exposure.

Captain Curling and two sons with four men reached shore and walked to Lunenburg. It is said one of the dead men swam with a rope round his waist to shore with great difficulty and enabled others to get ashore, but he himself died before they arrived.

CENTENARIAN IN MONCTON IS DEAD

Special to The Standard.
Moncton, Jan. 10.—The death occurred at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Margaret Hannigan in this city yesterday, of John McKelvie, one of the oldest men in Canada, in the 103rd year of his age. Mr. McKelvie was born in County Donegal, Ireland in 1808 and left that country when he was 28 years old about a year before the crowning of Queen Victoria.

On crossing from Ireland he landed in St. John where he remained for seven years engaged in shipbuilding. After leaving St. John he went to what is now called Port Lawrence between Sackville and Amherst and worked on a farm one summer, from there he went to Memramook where he spent the greater part of his life and for 60 years was engaged in the carriage making business there. The last dozen or more years he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. Harrigan. Surviving him are one son and seven daughters.

VAULTS ARE BURIED IN THE RUINS

May Be a Fortnight Before the Securities in Strong Rooms of Burned Equitable Building are Recovered.

SMALLER VAULTS REACHED YESTERDAY.

New York, Jan. 10.—More than \$50,000,000 in stocks and bonds was recovered from one of the smaller vaults in the burned Equitable Life Assurance Society building late today, but it will probably be a week—perhaps two weeks or longer—before the great vaults of the Society and the Mercantile Safe Deposit Company give up their half billion or more in securities.

Further examination of the gaunt, ice-shrouded building, swept on Tuesday by fire, showed more conclusively this afternoon that the vaults are still intact. In the opinion of those who have inspected the premises, an opinion reinforced by the revelation today that the smaller vaults had kept their treasure safe, their contents will suffer little, if at all. But buried as they are under hundreds of tons of ice and debris, it may be a matter of weeks before it will be advisable to open them.

In the meantime securities variously estimated in value from half a billion to a billion and a half dollars cannot be reached. Special guards have been thrown about the building and day and night they will patrol the ice covered streets and sidewalks to see that no unauthorized person enters the building.

RUSSIA WILLING TO MEDIATE IN THE PRESENT CONFLICT

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—A bill containing measures to be adopted for the extension of the growth of cotton in Turkestan has been drafted by the minister of agriculture. His desire is to make Russia independent of foreign cotton and especially of American cotton and the bill he has just introduced has given an impetus to efforts in this direction.

The measures contemplated by the bill include the fixation of the holdings of the Kirghiz nomads in Central Asia and the inclusion of the remainder of the land in the state domain, together with the fostering of private enterprise in irrigation work among the irrigable sections of the Karakum steppes to the northeast of the Caspian sea.

A proposal for the imposition of a tax of two-thirds of a cent per pound on Russian grown cotton, in order to provide revenue for irrigation purposes has been revived.

INSANE NEGRO RAN AMUCK--REPORTED KILLED SHERIFF

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 10.—William Twiman, an insane negro, ran amuck in Scotlandville, near Rochester today, and barricaded himself in a house. A message says Deputy Sheriff Birmingham of Rochester has been killed by the negro, and two other deputies have been wounded. In response to a message from Sheriff Hamill this afternoon a posse of national guardsmen and police left Rochester for Scotlandville in automobiles.

At three o'clock an order was obtained from Supreme Court Justice Benton, by the District Attorney to take a one pound gun from the State armory to Scotlandville to bombard the house in which Twiman is barricaded. At four o'clock Twiman walked out of the barricaded house with his hands above his head and surrendered to the posse. He was placed in a closed automobile to be taken to Rochester.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 10.—Investigation of the meningitis epidemic in north and east Texas, which threatens to continue spreading, is under way today by the state board of health. Over 200 cases of the disease, with a high death rate, have been officially reported from several Texas cities.

HERE'S A NEW IDEA FOR SUFFRAGETTES

London, Jan. 10.—Emily Davidson, a suffragette, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the Old Bailey police court today for dropping matches and pieces of paper saturated with kerosene oil into mail boxes, and wrecking telephone and telegraph wires in its wild flight. Huge drifts are everywhere in evidence. The storm has tested the memory of the "oldest inhabitant" to furnish a parallel.

FRENCH CABINET HAS RESIGNED

Downfall of Ministry was Anticipated, but Came More Suddenly Than was Expected.

WAS AVIS LINNELL MARRIED?

District Attorney Pelletier Says She Was Buried Wearing Wedding Ring—Fake Ceremony Possible Explanation.

Paris, Jan. 10.—The downfall of the Caillaux cabinet came suddenly tonight. That the ministry would be overturned in the chamber of deputies in the next few days, was the general belief, but the announcement of the resignation of the ministry tonight caused considerable surprise. It was logically due, however, owing to the failure of Premier Caillaux to secure timber to complete a political combination, which was practically confronted with the certainty of speedy collapse.

The resignation last night of the foreign minister, Justin De Selves, which followed a dramatic scene at a meeting of the senate committee, when M. De Selves declined to back up the Premier in his statement regarding recent negotiations between Germany and France, resulted in immediate discussions in the cabinet.

Resignation of Caillaux.

Finally, Chairman Delcasse sought the Premier and declared that he had agreed to accept the foreign ministry only on condition that a parliamentary distinction could be found for the important part of the navy, the reorganization of the navy had laborered for months. M. Caillaux therefore accepted the inevitable and went to Elysee palace and announced to President Fallieres the retirement of himself and colleagues. Later he issued a statement regretting that he was unable to retain the premiership and mount the tribune and defend himself against cabinet colleagues.

The Paris newspaper which unanimously regret the De Selves-Caillaux incident as likely to do harm to the prestige of France abroad, quickly let up for and against the Premier. The Liberte accuses M. Caillaux of secret negotiations with Germany, before the despatch of a German warship to Agadir and while he was minister of finance and after the Agadir incident, while he was premier, the result of which would have been the transference of the Congo to Germany, the overthrow of all French foreign policies, the compromise of the dignity and security of France and the abandonment of the Triple Entente, through the entente with Germany.

On the other hand the Temps makes a strong defence of the premier in a page review devoted to "the real negotiations between France and Germany." The Temps finds that all the negotiations prior to the Agadir incident were devoted exclusively to "economic collaboration" authorized by the concord of 1909. The paper holds that these negotiations touched political or territorial questions and were always official in nature.

SHUSTER IS CHOSEN FOR NEW POSITION SAYS NAVOE VREMIA

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—The Novoe Vremia in a special despatch from Teheran today, says that W. Morgan Shuster, who was until recently Treasurer-General to the Persian government and who was dismissed on the demand of the Russian government, is probably to be appointed United States Minister at Teheran. The report has attracted much attention here.

RUSSIA WOULD BE INDEPENDENT OF FOREIGN COTTON

St. Petersburg, Jan. 10.—The foreign office today announced that the Russian government has informed China of its willingness to mediate in the Chinese-Mongolian conflict.

The Mongolians wish, according to officials, firstly the withdrawal of the Chinese garrison from Mongolia; secondly, the recall of Chinese functionaries; thirdly, the cessation of Chinese attempts at the colonization of Mongolia. The Russian government, it is said, is affording friendly assistance to the Mongolians, but Chinese sovereignty over that country, is not impaired.

RAILWAY COMPANY CHANGES OWNERS

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Jan. 10.—The Fredericton and Grand Lake Coal and Railway Company is now in the control of Sir Thomas Tait. He took over the control of the company today at a meeting which was held at the Bank of Montreal.

After the meeting Sir Thomas stated that he had become president of the company and that the board of directors remained practically the same with some few changes.

The extensive plans for the development of the Grand Lake coal areas, including the construction of the railway from Gibson to Minto, a distance of 20 miles, for the delivery of 100,000 tons of coal annually, which the C. P. R. agrees to take, will be carried out by Sir Thomas under his own supervision. The construction work on the railway will be commenced early in the spring.

It is stated that arrangements have already been made for the 90,000 tons to be used at this session of the Dominion parliament. The Dominion subsidy for the road will be revoked. Further details of the arrangements will not be given out until later, in fact Sir Thomas was reticent about making any statement. His evening among those who were here attending the meeting this afternoon were H. W. Woods, M. P. P., A. B. Wilnot, of St. John, and H. P. Timmerman, industrial commissioner of the C. P. R.

FAMILIES EN MASSE FLEE MENINGITIS IN SOUTHERN TEXAS

Austin, Texas, Jan. 10.—Fifty families, mostly women and children, seeking a haven from the meningitis epidemic, arrived here today from North Texas points. A large number of families are said to have passed through en route to San Antonio, where the disease has not appeared.

SHAH SAYS GOOD- BYE TO SHUSTER

Teheran, Jan. 10.—Morgan Shuster was received in farewell audience by the Shah and by the Regent Nasir-ol-Mulk. He leaves tomorrow for Enzeli in the Regent's automobile and will be accompanied by his family.

CHILDREN LOSE LIVES IN BLAZE

Mother Attempted to Rescue Them From Burning Building in Sacre-Coeur, She Also May Die as Result.

STOVE THE CAUSE OF CONFLAGRATION.

Quebec, Jan. 10.—News of an appalling disaster in the little village of Sacre Coeur, Lotbiniere county, reached Quebec this morning. Five children perished in a fire which destroyed their home and the mother, Mrs. Joseph Desrochers, was so badly burned that it is not expected that she can recover. The mother was burned while attempting to rescue her children, and her heroic action may result in her own death.

The fire broke out in Mr. Desrocher's residence and spread rapidly. Desrocher was post master of the village and a general merchant and his building was completely destroyed, as well as an adjoining building. The fire raged with such rapidity that the church was in danger for a time.

While the family was asleep, the fire broke out and the parents were aroused by the smoke, and an attempt was then made to save the children. It is supposed that the fire was caused by an overheated stove. The Desrocher children ranged from two months to twenty years.

REGULATION WILL FACILITATE THE IMPORT OF FISH

Washington, D.C., Jan. 10.—The free entry of fish into the United States will be materially facilitated by amendatory regulations issued by Secretary of the Treasury McVeigh today, which affect principally the American fishing industry in the waters of Newfoundland and Nova Scotia.

They provide that fish caught in foreign waters by Americans or under their supervision may be transferred from the vessel by which they were caught to another ship or to another railway and imported into this country free. Previously it had been prescribed that such fish must be brought to the shores of the United States by the ship which caught them. An American vessel in future will be entitled to the free entry privileges.

GREAT RECEPTION FOR SCOTCHMEN ON ICE OF MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 10.—The Scottish curlers got a great reception on their arrival in this city this morning. They were received by a big turnout of local curlers, who drove them about the city all morning, entertained them at luncheon, played with and beat them by eight shots in a series of friendly matches in the afternoon, and banqueted them in the evening.

NEW BRUNSWICK MAN DIES IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Jan. 10.—Martin Power, one of the best known lumber merchants in the country, died today at his residence 1816 Park avenue, from heart failure. He was born at Richibucto, N. B. 65 years ago and has resided in Montreal for nearly thirty years, during the last seven of which he had been manager of the steamship supply lumber company. He is survived by a wife and one daughter.

BOURQUE ACQUITTED-- HOCKEY FIXTURES

Special to The Standard.
Fredericton, Jan. 10.—Alfred Bourque was acquitted in the York county court this afternoon of the charge of theft of \$55 from George Bourque at the York Hotel, several weeks ago. The jury was out for only 15 minutes when through Foreman Edward H. Dewar they returned their verdict.

Fredericton and Marysville hockey clubs will meet at the Arctic Rink on Friday evening in the opening game of the hockey season. A meeting of the representatives of the clubs to reorganize the New Brunswick hockey league for 1912 will be held on Friday.