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### THE CHILD LABOR PROBLEM

**Municipal Debentures — Particulars Must Be Given in Notice of Bills—Amend Ontario Insurance Act to Keep Policies in Force—Arrears of School Taxes—House Adjourns For Easter Vacation.**

Toronto, March 28.—On motion of the Premier the Legislature, after the transaction of considerable business, mostly routine, adjourned until Wednesday, April 3. The short vacation will be most welcome to members on both sides of the House, who have found the work in the committees, to say nothing of that in the Chamber, during the last few weeks exceptionally trying. It will also enable the members of the Government to devote some time to the consideration of several measures which have been standing for that purpose. The departmental offices at the buildings will be closed until Tuesday morning.

Hon. Mr. Matheson, replying to Mr. Graham, said the supplementary estimates would be down next week, and that the proof of the annual report of the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario Railway Commission had gone back to the printers, and the report would be out shortly.

**See Loan Guarantee Extended.**

Hon. Mr. Matheson announced that the Government has consented to a renewal for six months from April 1 next of the guarantee of the outstanding \$1,000,000 of the "Soo loan," as it is popularly called. The guarantee given by the former Administration on behalf of the Lake Superior Corporation at the Soo was for \$2,000,000. On May 1, 1906, the Government were relieved of \$1,000,000 of the guarantee, and to balance the Government agreed to a renewal until Nov. 1. In October, however, on the request of the Canadian Improvement Co., which has charge of the reorganization of the corporation, another six months' extension was given.

Hon. Dr. Pyne introduced a bill to amend the Department of Education act. This is intended to put into effect the increased grants to public and separate rural schools.

**Child Labor.**

The report of the Legislature's special committee on child labor was presented to the House by Hon. Mr. Monteith, chairman of the committee. It will be remembered that the committee was appointed as the result of a motion in respect to child labor brought before the House by Mr. T. H. Preston (Brant). The committee held a number of meetings at which the evidence of factory inspectors, police and educational officers and medical practitioners was taken and some length when the report was laid on the table yesterday Mr. Preston briefly drew attention to some astonishing facts brought out during the inquiry in respect to the truancy law, which seemed to call for the official enforcement of that law. There is an enrollment of 397,000 school children in the Province, but the attendance averaged 68 per cent. of the 250 cities, towns and incorporated villages upon whom it was obligatory to appoint truancy officers and make reports in such reports, and there were no reports from rural municipalities at all. The consolidated school at Guelph had an average attendance of 90 per cent.

**Keep Life Policies In Force.**

Mr. Dunlop moved the second reading of his bill to amend the Ontario insurance act. The act, he explained, provides that in case of a premium being due when due, the company shall borrow from the cash surrender value of the policy to keep it in force. At present the law allows an extension of thirty days in which time the premium may be paid. The proposed measure would considerably far exceed that. It proposes that if the unpaid premiums were less than the loan value of the policy the latter should not lapse.

Mr. Graham complimented Mr. Dunlop on his grasp of the insurance situation, and he would like to know if the bill would have a tendency to increase the rates. Fraternal societies made much of their profits through lapses.

The bill was referred to the Legal Committee.

Mr. Mahaffy moved the second reading of his bill to amend the public schools act. The bill provides for the collection of arrears of school taxes and in unorganized territory. Hon. Dr. Pyne intimated that the Government would consider incorporating the amendment in the proposed education bill.

**Bring Municipalities to Time.**

A motion of the Premier's, which met with instant approval on the part of the Opposition leader, provides that the rules of the Legislative Assembly be amended, so that in future the application of a municipality for a bill giving authority to issue debentures or for the consolidation of its debt shall set out full particulars of the existing debt and reasons. It also provides that every private bill of such character shall, after receiving its first reading, be referred to the Ontario Railway and Municipal Board for their report.

A number of bills were advanced in committee.

Mr. Cameron (West Huron) gives notice that he will move that the House regret that His Majesty's advisers have not introduced in the House any measure respecting the subject of law reform.

**Servia Shaken.**

London, March 28.—Prof. Belar, the seismologist, reports that an earthquake occurred at 12.40 p.m. yesterday 6,250 miles from Laibach, Austria, where Prof. Belar is located. There was also a moderate shock in Servia 24 hours earlier.

**Extra Boat For Immigrants.**

London, March 28.—The pressure of emigration is so heavy that the Allan Line yesterday despatched the Carthaginian as an extra sailing, six hundred railway laborers being sent to Canada. J. A. Smart sails by the Carthaginian.

## RUTHLESS CRUELITIES.

Revoluting Cruelties By Peasants In the Balkans.

Bucharest, Roumania, March 28.—The measures proposed by the Government to meet the demands of the revolted peasantry, and end the civil war, which is devastating Moldavia and Wallachi, were announced in yesterday's issue of the official Gazette, in the shape of a proclamation issued in the name of King Charles. The royal proclamation appeals for the patriotic co-operation of the people to secure the re-establishment of tranquility, and announces that the Sovereign has agreed to the immediate suppression of some of the heavy taxes, while hereafter the farm lands will be cultivated by the State, or leased direct to the peasants. Not one of the larger syndicates of land was allowed to hold more than 2,000 acres.

**Burned Their Victims.**

Forty peasants were killed March 25 in a hard fight with troops in the Mozani district. The insurgents in that section cut to pieces and burned some of their victims.

A stubborn encounter occurred Tuesday at a point on the Guevevo road, about 60 miles from Bucharest, where 4,000 insurgents met a strong detachment of troops. The latter attacked the peasants with a strong military commander ultimately was obliged to use artillery before he was able to force the peasants to retreat.

**Hacked to Pieces.**

London, March 28.—A special despatch from Sofia, Bulgaria, says that, according to some of the Roumanian refugees who have arrived on the Bulgarian side of the Danube, the insurgent peasantry has been guilty of the same ruthless cruelties in the Balkans usually marked by the Turks in the East. Many of the landlord class have been burned to death, after their bodies and limbs had first been rolled in thick twists of hay or straw. Even children, the refugees add, have been hacked to death by the revolted peasants.

**FRENCH IN MOROCCO.**

Germany Approves Action—Sultan Expected to Yield.

Oran, Algeria, March 28.—French occupation at Oudja is probable today, as Gen. Lianey, the commander of the column of occupation, has had to consult with Gen. Serviere, commander of the Nineteenth Army Corps, who is in the south of Algeria, in order to draw up a plan of action. Telegraphic communication with the south is slow. The French mission, now at Oudja, under Capt. Mangin, has been recalled.

**Proper and Inevitable.**

Berlin, March 28.—The occupation of Oudja, Morocco, by French troops is regarded at the Foreign Office here as being a proper and inevitable step, if it be confined simply to punitive measures for the murder of a French laborer brought before the House by Mr. T. H. Preston (Brant). The committee held a number of meetings at which the evidence of factory inspectors, police and educational officers and medical practitioners was taken and some length when the report was laid on the table yesterday Mr. Preston briefly drew attention to some astonishing facts brought out during the inquiry in respect to the truancy law, which seemed to call for the official enforcement of that law. There is an enrollment of 397,000 school children in the Province, but the attendance averaged 68 per cent. of the 250 cities, towns and incorporated villages upon whom it was obligatory to appoint truancy officers and make reports in such reports, and there were no reports from rural municipalities at all. The consolidated school at Guelph had an average attendance of 90 per cent.

**C. P. R. ROUTE TO HONG KONG.**

Criticized as a Waste of Public Money—Each Voyage Costs \$17,305.

London, March 28.—The House of Commons, by large majority yesterday, ratified the contract with the Canadian Pacific for the conveyance of mails between Liverpool and Hong Kong.

Harold Cox, Liberal, and other members, severely criticized the contract as a great waste of public money, each voyage costing \$17,305. They declared that the result of the contract was simply to provide the American rivals of British merchants with easier access to the far eastern markets.

It also was suggested that there was some underlying, strategical reasons justifying the payment of a heavy subsidy.

Mr. Runciman, Parliamentary Secretary of the Treasury, while admitting that it was not profitable, defended the contract as being a temporary arrangement pending the discussion of the matter by the colonial conference, after which a new contract would be made.

**CAUGHT ON THE TRACK.**

Youth Killed By Train At Vaudreuil Station.

Montreal, March 28.—A Bousset, nineteen years of age, whose name was Iale Perrot, was killed yesterday at Vaudreuil Station by being run over by the International Limited.

Bousset tried to run across the tracks in front of the train, but miscalculated the speed. He was caught on the centre of the track and thrown 50 feet. He struck against a board fence, and when picked up and carried to the platform it was found that nearly every bone in his body had been fractured. He was also badly cut and mangled.

**British Fleet Sails April 3.**

London, March 28.—The first cruiser squadron, which will represent the British navy at the naval review to be held in Hampton Roads in honor of the inauguration of the Jamestown Exposition will leave England April 3 for Bermuda, where the squadron will sail April 23 for Hampton Roads. The warships will remain there from April 25 to May 5. Later, the squadron will visit Halifax and Quebec.

**Kings to Confer.**

Madrid, March 28.—It is officially announced that when King Alfonso shall go to Cartagena, in a few days, to meet King Edward, he will be accompanied by his brother-in-law, Prince Charles of Bourbon.

Cartagena is being magnificently decorated. Five warships will be in the harbor. It is probable that the Queen Mother, Christina, will go to Cartagena to greet Queen Alexandra.

## WILL GO AFTER ALL

Sir Wilfrid Laurier to Attend Colonial Conference.

### TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED

Mr. Bryce, U. S. Ambassador, in the House—Premier Says Canada is Now Satisfied—Question of Trade Relations—Dominion Will Not Be Drawn Into European Militarism.

Ottawa, March 28.—Before adjourning for the Easter holidays the House got through a good afternoon's work yesterday. All doubts as to his departure for London were removed by the Prime Minister, who stated that he had decided to meet the wishes of the House and attend the Colonial Conference. This announcement came at the end of a speech delivered in reply to the leader of the Opposition, who had invited Sir Wilfrid to define the position he would take up in regard to various matters coming before the conference. Mr. Borden criticized the Government for not having advanced any proposals for discussion at the conference, and made a slashing attack on the Lloyd George for his refusal to the "protectionist rump" in Canada. By a curious coincidence Mr. Bryce, Ambassador to the United States, entered the House in the middle of Mr. Borden's speaking of former colleagues. Accommodated with a seat to the right of the Speaker, he followed the debate with close interest until the finish.

Canada is Satisfied.

Sir Wilfrid in his reply pointed out that Canada was satisfied with her present lot, and that the Government would better perform their task by receiving suggestions rather than by making them. He expressed himself as opposed to the creation of an Imperial Council, commented on the happy relation which at present existed between the Government and the Colonial Office, and thought that if new ideas were to be acted upon the initiative should come from the respective Governments which composed the empire. With regard to the question of trade relations they had nothing new to offer. They had stated that if it suited the mother country to reciprocate the preference that had been extended to her products they would be prepared to go a step farther, and it was for the British people to make up their minds upon that policy.

Cannot Be Improved.

Dealing with the question of Imperial defence, Sir Wilfrid said he did not believe that the relations which existed at the present time could be improved, and he adhered to the view he expressed five years ago that for no consideration would Canada be drawn into the vortex of European militarism. With regard to the cattle embargo, he promised to continue the efforts which had been made to obtain the removal of a restriction which they considered to be unjust. When the House resumes after the holidays morning sessions will be instituted, with a view of facilitating the business, and on Wednesday Mr. Bourassa intends to call Mr. Fowler to account.

Beddoe's Refusal.

Mr. Monk moved that the refusal of Mr. C. H. Beddoe, accountant of the Department of the Interior, to answer before the Agricultural Committee certain questions as to the North Atlantic Trading Company should be considered a matter of privilege on Thursday of next week, and that Mr. Beddoe be called to the bar of the House. The motion was agreed to.

The Minister of the Interior introduced a bill to amend the immigration act to provide for dealing with stowaways and a due form for the deportation of criminals. The bill was read a first time.

Mr. Fowler's Chance.

Mr. Bourassa said he would like to give notice that on Thursday of next week he should, on a question of privilege, bring before the House the King's, N. B., and move a substantive motion in order to invite the member for King's to substantiate his accusation or withdraw them.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said if it were equally convenient he would like the matter to be brought upon Wednesday next.

Mr. Bourassa had no objection, except that he wished the matter to go to a vote, and as Wednesday was a short sitting it might be prevented from going to a vote by the arrival of 6 o'clock.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it was his intention to move that the House have morning sessions, and that the usual evening session would apply on Wednesday.

Mr. Fowler would like the member for Labell to connect himself in his motions, in view of the statements he had made on Tuesday. (Laughter and Government cheers.)

Mr. Bourassa replied that it was open to the member for North Toronto to bring forward a motion applying to him. He accepted the suggested change of date.

Cars For G. T. Pacific.

The Minister of Railways stated, in reply to Mr. Clements, that orders for cars for the G. T. P. had been placed and the cars delivered in order that the preparation might be made for the commencement of operations on the G. T. P. In the meantime those cars which had been delivered were hired to the G. T. R. at a fixed rate per diem.

The Minister of the Interior stated in reply to Mr. Lennox, that after reading the greater portion of Mr. W. P. Preston's letter to The London Daily Express with regard to the agricultural possibilities of South Africa, the Government did not consider any action necessary.

The Minister of Railways introduced a bill to confirm the agreement between the G. T. P. and C. N. R. with regard to a joint terminal at Winnipeg. The House went into Committee of the Whole to consider the measure, which after some discussion, was reported to the House and now awaits third reading.

The House then went into supply and passed several items in the railway estimates.

The House adjourned at 6 o'clock to resume on Tuesday, April 2nd.

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