

BRITISH HOUSE SAW 27 HOURS

The Opposition Fought the Army Bill Desperately.

A despatch from London says: The House of Commons adjourned on Thursday afternoon at 3:35 o'clock, having been in continuous session nearly 27 hours. The session began at 2:40 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon.

The measure under discussion was the annual army bill, which the Government was anxious to pass through the committee stage. The Opposition fought it throughout the night and repeatedly, but unsuccessfully attempted to secure an adjournment. Many members dozed on the benches, their sleep interrupted by demands every few minutes to attend divisions. Even Ministers were occasionally overcome, and dozed.

Dalhousie found the assembly, many in evening dress, tired but determined

as ever, with sufficient energy to appropriate more time to the discussion of the bill. The Government whip telegraphed Thursday morning to members to hasten to the jaws of the opposition supporters. The arrival of the first forces put fresh life into the proceedings. Campbell-Bannerman, who went home at his usual hour, returned to the House at 10 o'clock Friday morning, and informed the Government that the intention of the Opposition must be passed before he would permit the House to adjourn.

The measure was adjourned.

"GOVERNMENT STANDARD SEEDS,"

A Term Coined by Seed Vendors and May Be Misleading.

A despatch from Ottawa says: Purchasers of red clover, alfalfa and timothy seeds who want a good clean article should sto to it that the seeds they buy are clearly represented by a reliable firm to be of first quality, by being marked "No. 1," "Prima," "Fancy," "XXX," or such other designation for which a special standard of purity is fixed in Section 4 of the Seed Control Act.

"Government Standard" is a term coined by seed vendors and may be misleading unless clearly understood. Section 4 of the Act fixes a standard of quality in respect to weed seeds, below which timothy, alfalfa and red clover seeds are not allowed to be sold for seeding, either by farmers or seed merchants. This standard applies to the seed of cereals, also to 200 in one ounce of alfalfa, or 400 in one ounce of timothy seed. It is to seeds that will pass this lower standard, but are not sufficiently clean to grade "No. 1" that the term "Government Standard" was attached last season.

Some seed vendors have advertised seeds under "Government Seal." No Government seal is used on any seeds offered for sale in the trade. Some reliable seed houses sell grass and clover seeds sealed by them and for which they alone are held responsible so long as the seal remains intact, but not after it is broken.

To avoid the provisions of Section 3 of the Act, which applies mainly to seed grain, some seed vendors represent to farmers that they are offering their grain for sale for milling or feeding purposes. If offered for sale for seeding, such seed vendors are required to make clear to intending purchasers that the seed contains wild oats, wild mustard, cockle and such other noxious weed seeds when they are in the seed. The object of the Act is to protect farmers who want to protect themselves against such weeds. It provides the means for farmers to buy seed intelligently. Farmers who deliberately buy feed grain and use it for seed can scarcely hope for legislation that will protect them from loss on account of noxious weeds.

G. H. CLARK,
Seed Commissioner and Official Seed Analyst.

BRITISH STORM FORT.

Defeated Robber Band of Thugs, West of Lake Tchad, Africa.

A despatch from London says: News has arrived of fight in December between a British force and a robber band of Thugs west of Lake Tchad, Africa. The British besieged a fort, which was captured with difficulty, and with the loss of 14 killed and 32 wounded. Among the latter were two officers. Most of the casualties were caused by arrows. The Thugs lost 300 killed and wounded.

EARTHQUAKES THREATEN.

Earth Omnipotently Quiet for Two Weeks, Seismologist Mine Says.

A despatch from London says: John Milne, the seismologist, says that the world which normally has a very steady output of earthquakes, has been strangely and ominously quiescent for the last fortnight. This perfect quietness suggests there is something to come.

HOT WATER ON DYNAMITE.

Charles Foreign Instantly Killed at Lodge, Out.

Several Head of Stock Killed in Railway Week Near Port Arthur.

A despatch from Paul Arthur says: Six carloads of settlers' effects were ditched five miles east of here yesterday morning through the breaking of the trucks under a wrecking derrick, which had been in use at the wreck at Carlstadt. No person was injured, but several head of stock were killed.

AWFUL EXCESSES BY PEASANTS

The Whole of Upper Moldavia Is In Revolt.

A despatch from Vienna says: Despatches from Bucharest on Friday evening represent the whole peasant population of Upper Moldavia as being in revolt. Three hundred estates have been plundered or burned, including the large estates at Stinca and Negraschi, belonging, respectively, one to Minister Gracaniceanu and another to Minister Stoilescu. The Romanian Government has summoned all the reserves, totalling 30,000, to join the colors. Four regiments of infantry and some artillery have been sent by forced marches to the disturbed districts. Several Senators and members of Parliament have left Bucharest to protect their estates in Moldavia. The rioters invaded the estate of Prince Chuk and demanded an interview with him. They were told he was in Bucharest. The rioters telephoned to him to come immediately or they would plunder his palace. He replied that he would come forthwith. His spirit distillery has al-

ways been burned. Other estates that have suffered are those of the Minister of Agriculture, Baron Kupri, and Minister of Finance.

In the village of Bacau on Friday the 14th 49 rioters, mostly peasants, besieged the town. There is actual fighting at Mihaileni and Serevici, it is stated that the peasants are planning a great combined attack on these places.

The rioters here contain terrible excesses. According to these women and girls are victims of the peasants, and even feet in sacks and broken bones.

The Austrian Government has ordered its forces on the frontier to prevent the spread from the rebels into Austria, with which it has made a second subscription to the protection of Austrian subjects in the disturbed area.

A despatch from Durban, Natal, says: The action of the Quebec City Council in its lawfully compelling liquor dealers to close their places of business at seven o'clock on Saturday evening has been maintained by a judgment rendered in the Superior Court by Judge Lemire.

BARS TO CLOSE AT SEVEN.

Quebec Superior Court Sustains Saturday Closing Law.

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Superior Court in its lawfully compelling liquor dealers to close their places of business at seven o'clock on Saturday evening has been maintained by a judgment rendered in the Superior Court by Judge Lemire.

CONDENSED NEWS ITEMS

HAPPENINGS FROM ALL OVER THE GLOBE.

Telegraph: Briefs From Our Own and Other Countries of Recent Events.

CANADA.

London will spend \$36,750 in extending its water service.

Workers in Winnipeg have been given a raise in pay.

The term for medical students at McGill has been increased to five years. It is estimated that 300,000 immigrants will arrive in Canada this year.

Mr. Rounaine Mosier says he has discovered anthracite coal near Kingston.

The building permits for this year in Vancouver, B.C., total \$4,233,910.

A new general hospital is to be built at Montreal at a cost of half a million dollars.

The Government are considering the advisability of building a line from Sudbury to Cobalt.

The T. Eaton estate paid \$100,000 to Provincial Treasury on account of

the amount of tax.

Sir John Shaughnessy denies that

the C. P. R. has ordered new steamers for the Atlantic service.

The Russian Socialists have been completely discredited. The Duma consisting now of only two parties, the revolutionists and the followers of Stolypin.

At its first session on Tuesday the new Transvaal lower House voted to re-enact the Asiatic ordinance prohibiting the use of Chinese, Japanese or Hindoo labor in the mines.

EMIGRATION TO CANADA.

For July 1 February 9,565 Persons Entered Dominion.

A despatch from Ottawa says: According to returns which have reached the Interior Department, the immigration into Canada for the eight months from July to February inclusive, was 95,655, as compared with 65,170 for the same period of last year, an increase of 47 per cent. The arrival by ocean ports were 67,896, and from the United States 27,069, as compared with 43,014 by ocean ports and 22,156 from the United States for the same period last year. The percentage of increase in ocean ports was 5 per cent, and from the United States 29 per cent.

NO DRINK ON PUBLIC WORKS.

More Stringent Regulations to Stop Illicit Traffic.

A despatch from Ottawa says: The Government will this session introduce legislation to prevent the gift of liquor to men employed upon public works under the provision of the Peace Preservation Act. At present the law merely prohibits the sale of liquor to workmen under such conditions. Experience has proved that, especially upon railway construction, this is not sufficient, to stop illicit traffic in liquor, so the minister of Justice will now bring in a bill to make the giving of liquor a misdemeanor. The bill will also extend the right of search for liquor to railway cars and contractors' camps so as to permit of complete suppression of the traffic.

VILL BUILD 1,500 MILES.

C. P. R. Issues Statement Regarding Work for This Season.

A despatch from Montreal says: Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, on Thursday gave out a statement in regard to the new lines that will be under construction this year by the Canadian Pacific Railway, and for which allowances have been made in the appropriation. This statement shows that, altogether, the company has in hand extensions amounting to 958 miles of new lines, while the double tracking that is to be carried out comprises another 535 miles, making altogether nearly 1,500 miles, as compared with 1,000 miles under construction on the Great Northern, 1,900 on the Grand Trunk Pacific, and 1,500 on the Canadian Northern.

The city school boys of London, Eng., invited a contingent of Canadian boys to contest with the miniature rifle at the Bisley meeting this summer.

Clayton Young, a bank clerk at Hamilton, went to the hospital to be treated for a sprain, arising from an injury caused by a hockey puck. He contracted diphtheria and died.

Three Hamilton men, sent to jail for keeping gambling houses, have been pardoned and released. The men convicted of robbing during the street railway strike have also been released.

The Government has granted Barrie all the unpatented lots lying between Bayfield Street wharf and Allandale.

It is expected some time the town will utilize the property as a harbour, or

possibly as a port of entry.

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