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The Liberal.

RICHMOND HILL, June 8, 1899

THE ALIEN LABOR LAW.

The much vexed question of the enforcement of the Alien Labor law has been prominently before Parliament again this week, and has given the Government the opportunity to once more make its position clear upon the subject. In reply to strictures from Opposition members, Sir Wilfrid Laurier repeated the statement that he has made more than once before, that in view of the efforts of the Quebec Commission to come to a more amicable understanding upon this and the several other matters that have been a cause of friction between the two countries, an informal agreement has been arrived at between Ottawa and Washington that the law should not be enforced while the deliberations were in progress. That this agreement has been substantially observed on both sides is apparent from the fact that hundreds of Canadians living in cities and towns along the border, cross the boundary daily to follow employment on the other side, and they suffer no interference at any point apparently with the single exception of the city of Buffalo, where the energetic De Barry is in charge. This man's zeal in the prosecution of what he understands to be his duty is responsible for all, or nearly all, the friction, but as the Prime Minister pointed out, it would be a serious matter for the hundreds who are not being molested if the Canadian authorities adopted a policy of reprisal. As several members declared in the course of the discussion, the Alien Labor law is a disgrace to both countries, and the sentiment of the people is unquestionably with the Government in its efforts to effect a mutual removal of such medieval legislation from the statute books.

Commissioner Ogilvie's report of his investigation into the charges so unsparingly and recklessly brought against his official staff has been received and laid before Parliament. The full details of the evidence taken accompanies the report, and a perusal thereof makes it very apparent that the inquiry has been as exhaustive as it was possible within the limits requested in the Miners' petition which originally led to the investigation being ordered, and the sum total of the result is to prove that a dog-driver who has been employed as door-keeper at the Commissioner's office, had accepted a bribe to admit people out of their turn, and some of the clerks in the Government offices had worked overtime and accepted pay for the same. Not the slightest evidence was discoverable of any crookedness on the part of the officials, nor could it be shown that any of them had personally benefited in the slightest degree in any dealings with the miners. The inquiry in fact is a complete vindication of the officials and, (as the Opposition insists upon the personal responsibility of the Ministers), it is a complete vindication of the Minister of the Interior and of the Government also. In spite of the most energetic endeavors on the part of the Opposition, in spite of a most thorough investigation at the instance of the Government, in spite of the frantic efforts of alien yellow journals in Dawson City and of the foreign miners who are on principle opposed to bearing their share of the cost of Government, in spite of all this, there has been so far an absolute and most conspicuous failure to establish any of the "infamous charges," against the good name and the fair fame of our country.

The result of the latest local election trial in South Ontario has been the unseating of Hon. John Dryden, Provincial Minister of Agriculture, and the discovery of considerable corruption among the electorate. The proceedings proved what has unfortunately been proved too often before, that there are many electors unable to resist the temptation of a bribe but neither in this trial nor in the one that preceded it, has any suspicion attached to the candidates themselves. Neither Mr. Dryden nor his opponent had any knowledge or even any suspicion of crookedness, and it is therefore somewhat absurd for party journals to endeavor to make political capital out of a situation, the seriousness of which is minimized rather than enhanced by an attempt to manufacture party advantage therefrom. We cannot see anything so likely to effect a cure for such political corruption as has been practised in South Ontario as imprisonment of both the bribed and the briber.

We know of no birthday honor which has given greater satisfaction to the public generally than the order of knighthood which has recently been conferred by Her Majesty upon Hon. John Alexander Boyd, Chancellor of Ontario. The honor is well deserved, and faithful service to his country has hereby been fittingly acknowledged.

King Township Council

The council met at Kettleby May 20th, 1899. Members all present. The reeve in the chair.

The following bills were paid: Malcolm McCallum, repair to Ross bridge, \$8.50; John Boys, work on road machine, \$7.50; G. T. R., ticket for McLaren to Parkhill, \$4.00; C. Patterson, postage, express, telephone, etc., \$10.27; A. McClure, road repair \$5.00; J. McCallum, work on road each, \$64; J. Billings, salary, \$25; H. Potter, gravel, \$3.70; J. T. Curtis, repair 6th con., \$4.75; C. Davis, removing stones L. road, \$2.25; Geo. Walker, culvert 1st con., \$4.00; F. W. Heacock, repair 3rd con., \$7.50; Luke Gibbons, repair Gamble road, \$3.90.

The following grants were made for grading: \$50 on sideline lots 30 and 31, con. 10; \$75 at Clayton's Lake, 12th con.; \$100 at O'Neill's Hill, 11th con.; \$60, opposite 8 and 9 in 11th con.; \$70 on sideline lots 20 and 21, 8th con.; \$25 on Ten Hill, proving Tecumseth grants a like amount; \$75 on McAllister's Hill, providing Albion grants a like amount; \$25 on S. town line, 5th con., providing Vaughan grants a like amount; \$25 on S. town line, 3rd con., providing Vaughan grants a like amount; \$75 on sideline lots 30 and 31, con. 7; \$25 on sideline lots 25 and 26, con. 8; \$60 on 4th con., lot 19; \$40 on sideline lots 20 and 21, 5th con.; \$40 on sideline lots 20 and 21, 4th con.; \$60 on 6th con., lots 26 and 29; \$25 on sideline lots 10 and 11, 7th con.; \$60 on Gamble Road; \$120 on north town line, Nelson's hill.

Cook Wier was paid \$2.66 for sheep claim; H. Hoover, sheep claim, \$19; H. C. Webb, bal. salary, \$25; J. A. Watson, bal. salary, \$25.

\$20 was granted to assist in defraying preliminary expense in lowering Lake Simcoe.

Eight No. 1 Wilkinson road scrapers was purchased from D. Blough at \$7.50, each f. o. b. at King.

G. W. Curtis, Jos. Webster and the Bell Telephone Co. each appealed against their assessment on the ground of too high valuation. None of the appeals were sustained. The following were released from dog tax: H. Fry, T. Folliot, Sarah Gould, F. A. Egan, Jos. Egan, Jas. Tunny, Mary A. Ramsden, R. Hughey, Jas. Nurry, A. Campbell, C. Mitchell, Mrs. Vanhorn, Wm. Simpson, John Fry and Robert Gallagher. John N. White, lot 18, con. 6, was entered on roll F. S. M. F.

The assessment roll for current year was then confirmed. An adjourned meeting of council was held at Schomberg on June 2nd, when the following bills were passed: D. Blough, road scrapers, \$12; Wm. Porter Grant, 12th con., \$25; C. Billings, one day with team on load, \$2.50. Mr. Gallagher was authorized to purchase a portion of land for roadway from the O'Neill estate.

Next meeting of council at McBride's Hotel, King station, on June 24th. CHAS. PATTERSON, Clerk. SIMEON LEMON, Reeve.

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E	39 to 42	38c	75c	1 13	1 50	2 25
F	42 to 45	43c	85c	1 28	1 70	2 55
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