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THE FEDERAL HOUSE

A Lot of Questions Were Answered by Cabinet Ministers.

A Suit For Libel--A Bank Regarded as a Gambling Concern--Asking to Have an Export Duty on Pulp.

From Our Own Correspondent.

Ottawa, March 12--Dr. Reid's amendment, after a long waste of time on the part of the treasury opposition blocking methods, received short shrift when it came to a division, the government's majority being fifty-four; the actual figures were nearly five to forty-seven; Mr. Borden's party looked small.

Mr. Fielding, replying to Mr. Armstrong (East Lambton), for Mr. Fisher, stated that the government was not aware that the British government had placed an embargo on Canadian hay and straw. The government had been in correspondence with the British authorities on the subject, but the latter had denied it.

Mr. Fielding told Mr. Clements that James Waugh, immigration agent, had not refunded to the interior department the \$350 which had been demanded, but if they did not get it, they would take such action as was necessary to recover that sum.

Mr. Graham informed the house that parliament had granted a charter to the Central Railway company of Canada, for a line from Hawkesbury to Ottawa. The company had deposited with the government the sum of \$25,000, which sum was still intact in the hands of the government.

Mr. Pringle (Stormont) rose to intimate to the house that he had instructed his solicitor to take action against the Financial Post for libel.

Mr. Pringle quoted a portion of an editorial in that paper accusing him of maliciously attacking two banks, the Bank of Commerce and the Sovereign Bank of Canada, and as the result the latter had gone down.

"That is absolutely false," cried the heated conservative, and he then intimated what legal steps he intended taking. He said also that he had proved that one of these banks was the greatest gambling concern in Canada. He was not thin-skinned, explained Mr. Pringle, but he liked reasonable criticism.

He accused Byron E. Walker, of the

Bank of Commerce, of gambling with the moneys of that institution. The report on that subject by the insurance commission had proved what he said, and he would presently move a resolution that a committee be appointed to enquire into the truth of the published report.

E. N. Lewis (North Huron) was up with a proposed resolution to the effect that in the opinion of the house such an export duty should be placed on the export of pulpwood as will be sufficient to induce its manufacture into paper in Canada, and thus save to the labor of Canada the six millions of dollars now lost.

Speaking on his resolution, Mr. Lewis referred in glowing terms to the powers of the press. He told a story about having been up in the members' gallery with a friend one day, who remarked to him, after examining the journal, "across the way," "Isn't it wonderful to think that the destiny of Canada is in the hands of these young men?" "Oh, some of them are not so young as they look," replied Mr. Lewis, and a member of the press gallery blushed and smiled when those down below cheered the story.

When the house had recovered from the shock Mr. Lewis went on to claim that the paper-making industry was one that employed more labor than any other industry in the world and that Canada's immeasurable advantage that she should make her own paper and create a revenue that had no limits, was there would also be the saving of the six millions of dollars.

Canada, he continued, was the greatest pulp-wood producing country in the world, while Britain was the

greatest paper-making. Canada supplied the raw material to Britain and the United States, while the dominion came in for a very small percentage of the profits. Let them stop the export to the United States and the Americans would be forced to bring their machinery and mills over to Canada, with financial advantages to the country that could readily be understood.

The United States at present dictated to Canada what she should do, and it was high time that the producer turned the tables. Mr. Lewis harped on these points for the best part of two hours when the member for West Huron dropped—not set down—into his seat utterly exhausted. He had made the longest speech of his life and a halting one at that.

H. S. Beland, Beauce, took up the government's reply and ridiculed the proposals of the conservative member. "Why," he said, "if we take it as one million cords we send annually to America we could keep doing so for 441 years." (Laughter in the liberal camp.)

peculiar position were America to cross swords, say, for instance, with raw cotton, of which, last year, nearly a half million pounds were imported? The government smiled and Mr. Lewis wriggled. After a capital speech the member for Beauce advised those opposite that friction with the United States would spell disaster to Canada.

DEFICIT FOR YEAR.

Financial Returns Brought Down in Legislature.

Halifax, N.S., March 12--The financial returns which were brought down in the provincial legislature showed a revenue of \$1,437,066, compared with an expenditure of \$1,539,168, the first time in several years when a deficit has been shown.

The loss of revenue is caused chiefly by decreased coal royalties, amounting to \$48,000, and interest of \$94,000 on temporary loans which had been made because of inability to float the new issue of bonds.

FELL OFF LOAD.

Farmer Stunned and Was Frozen to Death.

Smith's Falls, Ont., March 12--Peter Fox, a farmer, of Burgess township, was found dead by the roadside about three miles out of town. He had been in Smith's Falls and had started home with a load of oats he had bought. It is supposed he fell off the sleigh and was badly frozen. He was thirty-eight years of age, and lived alone on a farm about fourteen miles from here. An inquest will be held.

No Poison Was Found.

Brookville, March 12--Dr. Horton, who performed the post-mortem examination on the body of the late James G. Warnock, received the report of the provincial analyst on the stomach, heart and other organs sent to him. The report clearly disproves that poison had been administered.

HE DENIES ENDORSING IT

Food Expert Says All Alcoholic Drinks are More or Less Harmful.

Washington, March 12--In a signed statement Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry makes a vigorous denial of statements he is alleged to have made recently to the effect that "the man who never takes a drink is a 'mollusc'." "I said," he said, "that I believed the general effect of alcohol on mankind was wholly bad; that it distilled beverages, such as whiskey, brandy and rum had any good effects they were due to the fact that the aromatic and fragrant substances therein stimulated the diges-

tive secretions and thus overcame, to a certain extent, the effect of the alcohol they contained," says the doctor. "I further said that I was in the theory a prohibitionist, but that there were practical difficulties in the way of prohibition, and that the better plan would be to abolish the saloons and that if people wanted to drink distilled beverages they should do so quietly at their homes and with their goods, and not in saloons. I did not say, nor advise young men to drink liquor of any kind, but said that it was always bad."

FRANCE'S ATONEMENT.

Last Act of Justice in Famous Dreyfus Case.

Paris, March 12--The last act of justice in the famous Dreyfus case was performed when the chamber of deputies passed a bill restoring Joseph Reinach, the historian of the case, to his rank in the territorial army.

SLEPT A THOUSAND YEARS.

Mrs. Spade Foot is a Lady Toad in Zoo.

New York, March 12--The official Jungle Gazette of Bronx Park is authorized by the statement that Mrs. Spade Foot may be the recipient of congratulations soon. Here is a note for the scientists and zoologists--for Mrs. Spade Foot is a toad--to scratch their poddles over.

Mrs. Spade Foot is the lady toad who has been asleep a thousand years. Mrs. Spade Foot has not been on speaking terms with any of her tribe since back in the sub-glacial age. She went to sleep long, long ago, and a few months ago a prospector's hammer smashed her couch. She was brought here to the New York Zoological Gardens and was watched with great interest.

A FAVORITE SON.

Heads Body Investigating Government Printing.

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London, March 12--The trial of Michael Sarkis, Charles Harrison and Archibald Ataman, charged with conspiracy to defraud emigrants, is on at Liverpool. N. Cockshutt watched the case on behalf of the Canadian government.

When Ataman was arrested a large number of letters were found in his possession. Counsel said, the letters showed that Ataman was on terms of very intimate relationship with the authorities who had to pass emigrants on the other side of the Atlantic.

One letter was from a man describing himself as Hugh Dickey, M.D. Another letter, from W. Dodds, Halifax, said: "Your eleven people all passed. Be a little more particular next time with Montreal cases. Do not let them make any signs whatever. Describe something they will wear, which will be enough to identify them when they all made some signs with their hands on their tie."

Dickey, who was recently the trachoma doctor at the immigration detention hospital, and who resigned his position as a result of his dealings with Ataman, is very much broken up about the whole affair. At first he denied that he knew anything of W. Dodds, but later admitted that at the request of Ataman he signed that name to all correspondence he had with him.

Dr. Dickey's explanation of the matter is that while in Liverpool last August he examined some immigrants bound for Canada, and afterwards called on Ataman, and in the course of a conversation with him on immigration said that he would continue to send immigrants who were only slightly ill with trachoma to Canada; they would be attended to here.

Ataman was to let him know when any persons afflicted with trachoma were coming to Canada, and he would inform the Assymians as to what he came of them. In November, however, the government declined to admit any persons suffering from trachoma. About sixty Assymians sent out by Ataman were deported, and this caused all the trouble.

Albert Orelli, fifteen years old, of Chicago, attempted suicide by swallowing eight drachms of chloroform. The father of Mrs. Howard Gould, of New York, was committed to an insane hospital at Jacksonville, Ill. Protracted litigation over internal affairs will probably delay the sale of the Times indefinitely.

Tenders for six sections of the National Transcontinental railway were opened at Ottawa.

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quelled. Half a dozen guards and as many prisoners were injured in the fight. Proof of a well outlined plot to overthrow the guards, and free the 1,200 prisoners was discovered by the institution officials. An effort will be made to seek out the other ringleaders and prevent further plans from materializing.

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Probabilities

Toronto, Ont., March 12, Ottawa Valley and Upper St. Lawrence (10 a.m.)--Easterly winds to-day and on Friday; mostly fair; local snow flurries and a little lower temperature.

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