

KINGSTON, ONTARIO, WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 1909.

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WILL TELL HIM

If Borden Will Ask Question Next Week.

NOT REALLY STRICT

IN DEALING WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GRANTS.

Should Get Land in British Columbia Instead of in Prairie Provinces—Decease, Sir Frederick Says, in Militia Expenditure—Anxious Over Drilling of Men.

From Our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, March 10.—In the house of commons, yesterday Mr. Stewart, Hamilton, introduced a bill to amend the criminal code by giving the authorities right to search immigrants and others with or not they have firearms in their possession.

H. J. Borden asked when the government would make a statement as to what action, if any, would be taken on Judge Cassels' report.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that if Mr. Borden would repeat his question next week he will make a statement.

Mr. Borden wanted to know when the proposed legislation in respect to the Grand Trunk Pacific would be introduced.

Mr. Fielking said that a resolution in respect to this matter would go on the order paper almost immediately.

There was a short discussion as to the disposition of South African land grants to heirs of volunteers who have died without leaving a will.

Mr. Oliver promised the department to deal with the cases in which difficulties arise on broad lines. In some cases he said there would have to be a departure from strict letter of regulations.

John Heron put in a plea for suspension of regulations performance of home-steaded titles in case of volunteers who were incapacitated.

Mr. Cowan thought British Columbia volunteers should be allowed to get land in their own province, and not be forced to go to the prairie provinces.

The house went into supply on the militia estimates. Sir Frederick Borden making an explanation of the proposed expenditures. The department, he said, had been forced to frame its estimates under the limitations imposed by the falling national revenue. A point, which had escaped the notice of many members of parliament and the critics of the proposal, is that apart from the cost entailed for the upkeep of the militia, the estimates last year, he said, were not a decrease, but an increase, in militia expenditure.

Sir Frederick submitted figures to the house showing that the total amount required for militia purposes, this year, will be \$6,133,000, as against \$6,749,275, last year. In the estimate for 1909-10, he said, the only item in which it is possible any supplementary estimates might prove unavoidable, is the item for ammunition. It is the policy of the department to induce as large a number of men as possible to go into camp, and the expenses would be regulated entirely by the number of men who train. Dealing more specifically with this matter, the minister said: "The steady increase in the number of

men, trained each year, is most gratifying. In 1895-6 only nineteen thousand men were trained, and in 1908-9, no less than 47,500 officers and men were trained. Supposing the same number of the active force should train, next summer, as trained in the present financial year, and at the same camps, there would, apparently, be a shortage on this rate of \$215,000. With a view to economy, however, it is intended, in the coming season, to try the experiment of training certain corps, not at central camps, but at their local headquarters. There can be no question as to the general benefit to the training of the troops which result from the assembly of the different corps in large camps. The men get the advantage of seeing other troops, of good rifle ranges, and of better instruction as regards training and drill. On the other hand the display from time to time of the local regiment in its own neighborhood is to encourage recruiting and to develop local pride. The experiment will be tried, this year, of seeing how far local training may have this effect. Certain corps which are at present in a somewhat disorganized condition, will not be allowed to train until they have shown they are in a condition to profit by it. Steps will be taken in all corps to ensure that only reliable men are taken to camp. These various measures, with other savings which are in contemplation, ought to bring the expenditure within the estimate, \$660,000.

Sir Frederick said that in accordance with the agreement made at the colonial conference to the effect that all forces in the empire should be organized on the same basis, the ninety thousand men which constitute the militia forces have been organized in divisions and brigades. In the west the development of the forces has been rapid, but its organization has not been fully worked out. Mobilization, equipment, even for the first line of defence is still far from complete and what there is cannot be properly described owing to lack of storage accommodation. In the event of mobilization, there would be delay in the inadequate supply of vehicles and riding horses. Sir Frederick vigorously defended the increase in the size of the permanent staff and the cost of the permanent force. The former, he said, was in accord with the views of all the general officers commanding the past seventeen years, and has been largely forced upon the department by the withdrawal of imperial troops from Halifax and Esquimaux. The increase in the cost of permanent forces, he said, was due to the necessity of providing carriages for Halifax and Esquimaux and on account of having to provide for the organization of the subsidiary services required to enable the militia force as a whole to take the field.

In conclusion he declared that the policy of the militia had been accepted by parliament and with the single end in view of fitting the militia force to take the field in such a condition of efficiency as to inspire the confidence of the people of the dominion.

Dr. Edwards, of Frontenac, having asked the minister of public works regarding the proposed veterinary hospital at Kingston, Mr. Pugsley made the following reply:

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HIS MASK OFF

The Pal of a Desperate Cracksman.

MINISTERIAL GUISE

USED TO PREVENT DETECTION IN CRIME.

"Rev. Joseph J. McMasters" Says He Has \$35,000 Buried in a Hole in Canada—The Mask Torn Away.

Galveston, Texas, March 10.—A man thirty-nine years of age, with a long criminal record for burglary, safe-blowing and other crimes, who has been known here as "Rev. J. McMasters, the prison evangelist and famous rescue worker," was unmasked as "Joe" Wilson, pal of a desperate cracksman, a few years ago. Wilson acknowledged his identity when confronted with his picture in the Detective, six years ago. He claims to have \$35,000 in a hole in the ground in Canada, his share of three hauls made in Minneapolis. He is held here on charges of house-lifting of young girl's monies of a rescue home he founded here a few months ago. Local citizens raised the fund and placed the impostor minister in charge. He was elected a member of the Methodist conference of Texas, and a member of the Galveston Ministers' Union, and was prominent in rescue work. With the first suspicion of his crimes at the redemption home he disappeared, but was captured on a farm in an adjoining county, preparing to go to California. Under many aliases, he was in the penitentiary of Ohio, New York, and Illinois for burglary, criminal assault and other crimes. He came here seven months ago from New York.

Various Means Taken to End His Life.

Morton, Ont., March 10.—E. Young, a resident of this village, on Monday attempted suicide by jumping from the upstairs window to the ground below. Falling in this, and when forced into the house, he secured a knife by which he tried to cut his throat. The knife was forced from him by the police. He is recovering from his wounds. His condition is reported as favorable. Mr. Young has for some time been in poor health, which accounts for his rash acts.

High River Debutantes.

They Turn Up in Eaton's Winnipeg Store.

High River, Alta., March 10.—About a year ago certain debutantes of this town were lost in transit to the head office of the Northern bank at Winnipeg, and despite all efforts they could not be found. Meanwhile, the original documents were printed, and the debutantes were forgotten until last week when the secretary-treasurer of the town received a letter from the T. Eaton company, of Winnipeg, enclosing the long lost debutantes, which they remarked, "It is a mystery and the occurrence is causing much comment here."

Deaths in Napanee.

Two Well-Known Residents Pass Away.

The Late Perry T. Ham and Samuel Jaynes—Automobile Stage to Run Between Napanee and Kingston.

Napanee, March 10.—Death relieved the sufferings of Napanee's oldest and most respected residents on Thursday evening when Perry L. Ham passed away after a year's illness of cancer. Deceased was a son of the late Richard Ham, one of the pioneer settlers of South Frontenac. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was a well-known citizen. He was born in Ontario, and was a resident of Napanee for many years. He was a well-known citizen and was a member of the Methodist church. He was a well-known citizen and was a member of the Methodist church.

Why He Was Appointed.

President Taft Desired All Sections Represented.

Chicago, March 10.—At the banquet given to him by the Illinois Central officials, Secretary Dickinson said: "President Taft desired every portion of the country represented in his cabinet. He knew the south, the people and the existing conditions. He said he wanted some southern judge and offered me the position. His broad purpose was to conserve the whole people, notwithstanding the fact that the south had voted against him and that I was a democrat. He was inspired with an honorable sentiment for all the people and I accepted. All I can say is that I will deal straight from the heart and never flinch."

Barks Like a Dog.

Has Spent Seventeen Years in Same Family.

Gouverneur, N.Y., March 10.—Mrs. Ella Woodworth, a nurse of Austin street, is the possessor of a cat which has attracted a great deal of attention on account of its intelligence and extreme age. The animal is a beautiful "tom" and confesses to seventeen summers. He has been taught a large number of tricks, some of which are very difficult, which he will perform at a word from his mistress. When hungry he will bark in the manner of a dog and will continue until his wants are satisfied. The cat has been in the family the entire seventeen years.

Sweetheart Insisted on Socks.

Montgomery, Ala., March 10.—Because his sweetheart, Miss Mary Gattack, refused to let him call on her until he came properly clad with socks on his feet C. Burton, of Gamsden, was moved to steal the articles of apparel and will spend sixty days at hard labor on the county road as a result. Burton said he told Miss Gattack that socks were a luxury he could not afford while contemplating matrimony.

STOLE ELECTRIC GOODS.

Alleged Thieves Landed After Two Years' Search.

New York, March 10.—Following patient detective work, covering a period of nearly two years, five men were placed under arrest here yesterday, charged with having stolen between \$25,000 and \$30,000 of incandescent light bulbs from the Edison company. The detectives making the arrests claim to have unearthed a well-organized system of looting of the company's storehouse, in which a former driver for an express company is implicated. This driver, the police say, concealed the fact that he was no longer in the employ of the express company, obtained bulbs for supposed expressage in lots of 2,400, and these he afterwards disposed of with the connivance of four accomplices, all employees of the Edison company.

FUTURE OF GEM.

Will Be Made Detachable From Crown.

London, March 10.—The future use of the Cullinan diamond has now been definitely decided. The king and queen, anxious to make the fullest possible use of the Transvaal's gift, consulted a firm of jewellers on the subject. The gem could be so set in the imperial crown as to be detachable for use by the queen on great state occasions, as it was at the recent opening of parliament. The crown and diamond were taken to Buckingham Palace, where the practical side of the plan was demonstrated by the jewellers, who then received instructions to carry out the work. The Cullinan diamond, while retaining the status of a crown jewel, will be available for wear by the queen on some occasions upon which the crown is not in use.

DETERMINED TO DIE.

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Morton, Ont., March 10.—E. Young, a resident of this village, on Monday attempted suicide by jumping from the upstairs window to the ground below. Falling in this, and when forced into the house, he secured a knife by which he tried to cut his throat. The knife was forced from him by the police. He is recovering from his wounds. His condition is reported as favorable. Mr. Young has for some time been in poor health, which accounts for his rash acts.

HIGH RIVER DEBUTANTES.

They Turn Up in Eaton's Winnipeg Store.

High River, Alta., March 10.—About a year ago certain debutantes of this town were lost in transit to the head office of the Northern bank at Winnipeg, and despite all efforts they could not be found. Meanwhile, the original documents were printed, and the debutantes were forgotten until last week when the secretary-treasurer of the town received a letter from the T. Eaton company, of Winnipeg, enclosing the long lost debutantes, which they remarked, "It is a mystery and the occurrence is causing much comment here."

DEATHS IN NAPANEE.

Two Well-Known Residents Pass Away.

The Late Perry T. Ham and Samuel Jaynes—Automobile Stage to Run Between Napanee and Kingston.

Napanee, March 10.—Death relieved the sufferings of Napanee's oldest and most respected residents on Thursday evening when Perry L. Ham passed away after a year's illness of cancer. Deceased was a son of the late Richard Ham, one of the pioneer settlers of South Frontenac. He was a member of the Methodist church, and was a well-known citizen. He was born in Ontario, and was a resident of Napanee for many years. He was a well-known citizen and was a member of the Methodist church.

WHY HE WAS APPOINTED.

President Taft Desired All Sections Represented.

Chicago, March 10.—At the banquet given to him by the Illinois Central officials, Secretary Dickinson said: "President Taft desired every portion of the country represented in his cabinet. He knew the south, the people and the existing conditions. He said he wanted some southern judge and offered me the position. His broad purpose was to conserve the whole people, notwithstanding the fact that the south had voted against him and that I was a democrat. He was inspired with an honorable sentiment for all the people and I accepted. All I can say is that I will deal straight from the heart and never flinch."

BARKS LIKE A DOG.

Has Spent Seventeen Years in Same Family.

Gouverneur, N.Y., March 10.—Mrs. Ella Woodworth, a nurse of Austin street, is the possessor of a cat which has attracted a great deal of attention on account of its intelligence and extreme age. The animal is a beautiful "tom" and confesses to seventeen summers. He has been taught a large number of tricks, some of which are very difficult, which he will perform at a word from his mistress. When hungry he will bark in the manner of a dog and will continue until his wants are satisfied. The cat has been in the family the entire seventeen years.

SWEETHEART INSISTED ON SOCKS.

Montgomery, Ala., March 10.—Because his sweetheart, Miss Mary Gattack, refused to let him call on her until he came properly clad with socks on his feet C. Burton, of Gamsden, was moved to steal the articles of apparel and will spend sixty days at hard labor on the county road as a result. Burton said he told Miss Gattack that socks were a luxury he could