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## SENATE PASS

The Final Reading Of The Naval Bill

## THE COMMONS VOTED

MONEY FOR CANADA'S TWO WAR VESSELS.

Suggested as Wise to Allow Women to Take up Homesteads, as There is a Surplus of Men in the West.

Special to the Whig.

Ottawa, May 2.—With a bare quorum present a jaded commons at Saturday's sittings automatically put through the railway subsidies for the year as provided for in the resolution brought down by Hon. George P. Graham last week. There was practically no discussion. The subsidies provided for total about \$20,000,000, but, of course, only a portion of this will be earned this year. There are no new subsidies, the last being simply renewals of subsidies provided for since 1906 and hitherto unanswered.

Practically the whole of the day was spent in voting the people's money for the administration of the interior, marine and naval department. Estimates, aggregating over \$10,000,000, were put through in as many hours as it would have taken days in the earlier stages of the session before the members became talk-weary and anxious to get away again to the spring ploughing or to catch up with arrears of neglected private business at home. In connection with the naval estimates Sir Wilfrid added several interesting additional details as to the government's immediate programme in connection with the beginning of the creation of a Canadian navy. Tenders for the new ships he announced would be called for during the coming summer.

Mr. Borden incidentally brought up the question of comparative rates charged on the Intercolonial and on the Ontario government railway. He said that, although it was generally supposed the I.C.R. rates were lower than those of other railways, he doubted if the facts really bore out this general belief.

The minister of railways promised to have a comparative statement prepared and ready for the consideration of the house next session. Freight rates on the Intercolonial, he said, were in a general way proportionately the same on other lines with the exception of coal, on which specially low rate was given. Passenger rates on the I.C.R. were undoubtedly considerably lower than on other lines.

In committee of supply on the balance of the estimates for the interior department, Dr. Roche, of Marquette, suggested that it might be wise to allow women to take up homesteads in the west. There was now a surplus of men on the prairies and he believed that it might be an inducement to the fair sex to go to the west if they were given a chance to enter for homesteads. Dr. Roche quoted press comments in support of his proposal, and urged that a man who had brought up a family of girls should have as good an opportunity to get land in the west as a man who was blessed with a family of boys.

Mr. Oliver, said the question was one which had been frequently brought to the attention of the present and previous governments. The policy of the government was not merely to have the land taken up, but also to have it worked and made productive. The placing of single women on the land would hardly conduce to its prompt exploitation for farming purposes. He noted that under the existing regulations a widow with children old enough to help work the land is allowed to take up a homestead.

The naval and marine estimates were put through under the guidance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in the absence of Mr. Brodeur with a minimum of talk and comparatively little criticism from the opposition. Sir Wilfrid in asking for the vote for the naval service, aggregating \$3,675,000, gave some additional details as to the government naval plans for the current year.

A large part of the expenditure will be in connection with the Nioe. The cost of the vessel is \$1,075,000. The Nioe will be manned by twenty-seven officers and 324 men and the total salary list for the crew is \$175,000, for the year.

In reply to a question by Mr. Blair, the premier stated that Capt. Macdonald of the Royal navy, a son of Senator Macdonald, of British Columbia, would be in command of the Nioe, although the appointment had not yet been officially put through. The Nioe, was to be stationed in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, while the Rainbow was to be stationed off the coast of British Columbia. The cost of the Rainbow was \$250,000, of which \$25,000, had already been paid. And there would be 16 officers and 163 men, with the presence of a delegation of Japanese socialists.

R. L. Borden, asked how much would be spent in building operations in connection with the new navy this year. Sir Wilfrid replied that there would be no expenditure for actual construction until the next fiscal year, although tenders would be called for in the near future.

The sum of \$500,000, was voted for

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Division Court, 2 a.m. Tuesday.

Y.M.C.A. directors meet this evening. Light, heat and power committee, 4 p.m. Tuesday.

"It's a good chance" to buy The Hard Inn library books. Special bargain of used books for 25¢, at Gibson's Red Cross drug store.

Clothing dry cleaned, My Valet.

## SAVED LIVES

A Teacher Up To See The Comet

## HE SAW THE SMOKE

AND ROUSED THE SLEEPING PEOPLE IN HOTEL

The Smoke Came, According to Mr. Birchard, From the Office Widows of Two Men Burned to Death Also Lost Their Lives.

Cornwall, May 2.—Halley's comet saved many lives which but for it would have been lost in the tragic burning of the Rossmore hotel early Friday morning. Alfred Birchard, a member of the Cornwall high school staff, had been watching for it nearly, every night during the past week. On Friday morning he was standing on the southeast corner of the ill-fated hotel looking out of a window at the sky. He remembers that the watchman, an Englishman, named Sinclair, came up and they talked for a few minutes. The watchman left, but came back a few minutes before three, and asked if the comet was visible. Mr. Birchard replied in the negative, and Sinclair walked down the stairs towards the office, and beyond it into the kitchen.

Mr. Birchard heard the rattling of iron as Sinclair worked at the stove in an endeavor to light the fire for the chef, and suddenly Mr. Birchard saw smoke coming up the stairs, as though emerging from the office. Sinclair was still busy in the kitchen. Mr. Birchard, knowing intuitively that fire had broken out, ran along the hall rapping at the doors.

Among others he awoke William Fitzgibbon, who, with Sinclair, immediately took up the work of rousing the sleepers, while Mr. Birchard got out of the hotel and gave the alarm.

A tragedy such as occurred in Cornwall nearly always brings to notice some remarkable coincidences. Two striking ones marked the Rossmore Hotel fire. The widows of two men who had been burned to death on different occasions themselves died in the flames. All four fatalities occurred in Cornwall. Mrs. John Goode, lost her husband in the Windsor Hotel fire thirteen months ago. Mrs. Taylor Archibald lost her husband in a fire at their home, overlooking the town, six years ago, and she then took up residence at the Rossmore.

**BREAKING LAND.**

Calgary, Alta., May 2.—The record for breaking new land for cultivation will probably be reached in Alberta this year. This is indicated by the fact that up to date 110 steam ploughing engines and 136 gasoline ploughing engines have been delivered and 161 steam ploughing engines and 185 gasoline engines have been contracted for, for immediate delivery, by the purchasers of land who intend to utilize all this power plant to the fullest extent in breaking land this season.

**GOLD HEADED NEEDLE.**

Found by Surgeon Embedded in Shoulder of Teamster.

Chatham, May 2.—Oliver Harvey, a teamster of Chatham, while getting off his wagon, fell and struck his shoulder against a post. His shoulder pain led him and a local surgeon was called. It was found that the pain came from a gold-headed needle which was embedded in Harvey's shoulder. It is supposed that the needle entered his arm when he was a child, and that his bump against the post disturbed it and caused the pain.

**HICCOUGHS THREE WEEKS.**

New York, May 2.—Miss Catherine O'Donnell, aged seventeen years, was taken to Cooper hospital, suffering with hiccoughs that have lasted for nearly three weeks, except at intervals of a few hours.

A thorough examination was made by hospital experts, with the result, it is stated, that the doctors agreed that she is suffering with an abscess of the liver and that an operation is necessary.

**Selling Girls Into Slavery.**

New York, May 2.—Denounced by the district attorney as "the most despicable of criminals who have plied their terrible traffic here for years," Henry Levinson, white, Alexander Alexander and Belle Moore, colored, were charged before Magistrate Greenway with selling young girls into slavery. Fifteen thousand dollars bail was demanded in each case.

**Child Killed Child.**

Melville, Sask., May 2.—The three-and-half-year-old daughter of James Wren of this place, was accidentally shot and killed by her eight-year-old brother. The children had been left alone, and it is thought the little boy decided to remove the gun from its position in the corner, and seized it by the muzzle, the hammer caught in the churn, discharging the contents into the child's breast.

**The Eden Musée Sold.**

New York, May 2.—The Eden Musée, the best known museum of wax figures in America, passed from the ownership of the David Lowe estate, on Saturday, whose hands it has been for more than a generation, to an owner whose name is withheld. Neither was the price given out, but it is understood to be about \$750,000.

**GENUINE BLUE ROSE.**

Morristown, N.J., May 2.—A genuine blue rose, something for which the hobbyists have long striven in vain, is said to be the achievement of Professor Flynn, Waller of Franklin Place, this city. The professor is showing the flower to his friends.

**Cutter's Hair Restorer makes a beautiful head of hair and removes dandruff.**

**Years ago Almonte was presented with two acres of land for park purposes.**

**It is now rented as cow pasture.**

**The Almonte Gazette roasts the town fathers for their lack of dig-**

**nity.**

**Clothing dry cleaned, My Valet.**

## THE VETO BILL.

The Text of the New Measure Has Been Issued.

London, May 2.—The text of the House of Lords' veto bill has been issued. The bill which is based on the resolutions introduced into the House of Commons on March 21st, and recently adopted by that body, will be submitted to the House of Lords when parliament re-assembles on May 26th. The preamble foreshadows that action will be taken later for the reform of the House of Lords, with it is intended to substitute a second chamber, constructed on a popular, instead of hereditary basis, and such substitution, the preamble declares, cannot be immediately brought into operation. Provision is also made for limiting and defining the powers of the new second chamber.

To Rear a Greater Structure.

New York, May 2.—Twelve years ago there was erected at the corner of Wall and Nassau streets, the Gilford building, twenty stories high, and at the time the highest office buildings in the world. For years it represented all that was modern in office building construction. Workers are now at work on the building and after it is razed a thirty-two story building will take its place, built by the Bankers Trust company.

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## MASSACRE IN AFRICA.

Paris, May 2.—There is a serious uprising of natives in Nyazza, Portuguese East Africa. King Muria, at the head of numerous tribes, has massacred the people, pillaged and burned the settlement, and destroyed Em-pogua.

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## Blames It On a Woman.

Lansing, Mich., May 2.—Robert Collier, a young automobile works mechanic, upon leaving in the custody of an officer, to serve a two year sentence at the Ionic reformatory, for conspiracy to rob the bank at Lansing, Mich., blamed an unnamed sweetheart for his choosing a career of crime.

She was not satisfied with my salary of \$25 a week," he said, "and had vague ideas of getting a millionaire. She kept urging me to earn or get more money. I tried, I failed, I became frantic. I walked the streets of Detroit searching for a chance to make a lot of money by a hold-up or robbery, and finally decided to rob the Laingburg bank."

Collier's bank robbery scheme was revealed to the police by a fellow workman whom he had invited to his accomplice. He pleaded guilty.

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## ACID PROMOTION.

HOW AN AUSTRIAN OFFICER SOUGHT TO RISE.

Sent Deadly Capsules to Ten Recently Promoted Officers of the General Staff With the Object of Poisoning Them.

Vienna, May 2.—The mystery of the origin of the wholesale poisoning plot directed against recently promoted officers of the Austrian army has been cleared by the confession of Lieut. Adorf Hofrichter. The lieutenant was arrested on Nov. 27th, charged with poisoning, and, to-day, he admitted that he had sent capsules containing prussic acid to ten members of the general staff with the object of poisoning them.

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## FLOCK TO NORTH-WEST.

Estimated Over 40,000 Settlers Arrived in April.

Winnipeg, May 2.—Over ten thousand newcomers arrived in the west last week, and of this number about four thousand came from Europe, and six thousand from the United States.

The people from Europe reached the city on no less than ten special trains while all the regular trains were also crowded with men.

About ninety per cent. of the newcomers are Anglo-Saxon and there is hardly a settler coming into the west this year that cannot be classed in the desirable class.

The total number of newcomers from Europe for the month of April should run between the fifteen and twenty thousand mark, while the American invasion will supply another twenty thousand.

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## THIEF ROBBED BANK.

Syracuse, N.Y., May 2.—A clever sneak thief robbed the First National Bank of this city of \$1,200. While the president of the bank, Chas. W. Snow, was in another department, a man, without hat or coat, appearing to be a clerk from some neighboring office, entered the president's room and grabbed packages of \$5 bills aggregating \$1,200. Meeting the president at his door, the thief asked what rate of interest the bank paid on deposits, and, upon receiving an answer, left the bank. The police believe the thief had a confederate.

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## Heard Heart Beat 100 Miles Away.

London, May 2.—A test that was carried out, yesterday, shows it is possible to diagnose heart trouble by telephone at a distance of a hundred miles. The experiment was conducted between Dr. Milne's house on the Isle of Wight, where the seismologist and four physicians, using an ordinary telephone, listened interestingly to the beating of a woman's heart in London. A stethoscope, held over her heart in the familiar manner, had attached a telephone relay invented by Sidney Brown, by means of which minute sounds are magnified.

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## Manager Coolbough Resigns.

Cobourg, Ont., May 2.—At the annual meeting of the Provincial Steel Company, F. W. Coolbough, who has acted as manager since the industry commenced operations, a year ago, resigned. He is succeeded by Mr. G. H. Stoughton, Calabogie, sold his interest to Mr. J. O'Brien.

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## The Subscription List Grows.

Toronto, May 2.—At one o'clock this afternoon the subscriptions to the Y.M.C.A. \$500,000 building fund totalled \$395,200. The largest individual gift to-day went to Sir Henry Pellatt, \$5,000; John Worth, \$2,000; F. H. Beacon, \$2,500. This last is in addition to \$2,500 previously given by Mr. Beacon.

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## More Arrests in Cuba.

Havana, May 2.—Six more arrests made in connection with the alleged conspiracy to bring about a race war in the island.

## LATEST NEWS

### JAMES VINCENT WANTED.

Charged With Luring Two Girls to Ruin.

Fort Frances, May 2.—The police of Fort Frances and International Falls, Minn., are looking for James Vincent of the latter place. A short time ago he went to Appleton, Wis., and there induced Lillian Newman and Sylvia Grimes, sixteen and seventeen years of age respectively, to accompany him to Milwaukee on promise of lucrative employment. He later took them to the International Falls red light district, where it is alleged, he sold them \$15 each. He came to Fort Frances, and is now reported to have gone to Fort William. Meantime the sheriff of Coösing county placed the girls under arrest, and is holding them at a hotel waiting the capture of Vincent, so they may appear as witnesses against him. Vincent has a bad record and the police all along the line have been notified.

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### TO MAKE ENQUIRY.

St. Paul, May 2.—The United States and Canadian governments have sent agents to International Falls, Minn., to investigate the alleged headquarters of white slaves operating in the Mississippi and Ohio valleys to send girls to Canada west. About a mile east of International Falls a sixteen-room house of elaborate fittings, has been located for two years and this is suspected to be the place where the sellers and buyers meet to make bargains.

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### LEPERS FIND RUM.

Died From Effects of Orgy Which Followed.

Cape Town, May 2.—An extraordinary riot has occurred at the Robben Island leper station. The lepers found a sixty-four-gallon case of rum that had been washed ashore. After drinking greedily of the rum, they ran amuck. The officials and police had the greatest difficulty in controlling them, as the law does not allow the authorities to use force in dealing with the lepers. Three of the latter died from the effects of the orgy.

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### LOOTED THE BANK.