

YEAR 78—NO. 26.

## NO ONE KNOWS

### Who Gave to Fielding Fund But Committee

## COMMONS DEFEATED

### MOTION CONCERNING GIFTS TO CABINET MINISTERS.

#### No Bank Contributed to Fielding Fund—Even Sir Wilfrid Laurier Does Not Know Contributors—Sam Hughes Again Attacks J. A. Macdonald.

Special to the Whig.  
Ottawa, Feb. 1.—Mr. Boyce, of Algoma, introduced a resolution that testimonials and gifts of any kind should not be accepted by ministers of the crown or their families.

In speaking in his resolution the member from Algoma laid charges against the minister of finance, Hon. Mr. Fielding, for accepting a gift of \$120,000 a year ago.

Mr. Boyce wanted to know who the kind-hearted people were that contributed to this liberal donation of money? He was not seeking this information solely for himself or his party, but for the country in general. With all sincerity he had no desire to injure in any way the character of any public man, nor was it to make political capital for his party, but it was simply to show the prime minister that he had not adhered to a policy laid down by himself as far back as 1891, and before he was in power. At that time Sir Richard Cartwright said that no minister of the crown had any right to accept a gift or testimonial of any kind unless he knew from what source it came and who were the donors.

The Fielding gift was made some nine months ago and up to now the people are in the dark as to who donated it. It might have been W. K. Travers, of the Farmers' Bank, now in jail, or absconder Sheldon or some big corporation or contractor who works for the government.

There was a grave suspicion hanging over the head of Mr. Fielding and the liberal government for not disclosing the names of these contributors.

Mr. Boyce declared that the finance minister was directly under the condemnation of the prime minister for accepting this large sum of money, with the flimsy excuse that he did not know who the donors were. "I was told last year when I asked for the list of donors by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, that I wanted too much information. Further, that I should not doubt the honesty and integrity of the finance minister, as there was nothing too good for Mr. Fielding." (Liberal cheers.)

Mr. Boyce claimed that the prime minister side-tracked the information, and he did not do so fairly with Parliament in the country in withholding the names of the men who contributed.

Time and again during the course of his remarks, Mr. Boyce asked the prime minister for an answer, but Sir Wilfrid did not see fit to make any reply. He quoted numerous headlines from different newspapers such as "Fielding got stolen money," "Convicted Bank Manager," and in the face of this, surely the prime minister should publish the list of names and relieve Mr. Fielding of the suspicion now hanging over his head. Mr. Boyce declared that the acceptance of the gift was a brazen defiance to the parliamentary constitution of Canada.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, on rising to reply, received a rousing cheer from his colleagues. It is quite apparent that the minister keenly felt the unfounded accusations made against him. When he finished speaking, without even taking his seat, he left the house.

He spoke only a few minutes and said that he did not propose to enter into a controversy over a matter which directly concerned himself. In former years he had often been approached to accept gifts but had always refused. He accepted this, however, on the assurance from the man who was promoting it that not a single dollar was contributed by anyone who happened to have any dealings with the government. He declared that even at the present time he had not the slightest idea of who the contributors were, and in that way he thought he was justified in accepting the money.

H. B. Miller said he was one of the committee who promoted the Fielding fund and that nobody, not even the prime minister, knew who were the donors of this gift. He stated that many of the subscribers were voluntary and that he had no authority to divulge the names of men who gave the money.

Mr. Sinclair, Guvshoro, said that not one dollar to this fund came from any bank in Canada.

Mr. Boyce's motion was defeated by a vote of 118 to 63.

In his humorous way Col. Sam Hughes once more attacked the editor of the Toronto Globe on behalf of editorials appearing in that paper. Mr. Hughes practically repeated his speech of a few days ago, adding emphasis to certain phases of the previous remarks. He said he would

### DAILY MEMORANDA.

Band at "Station" Thursday night. Copy Frontiers, No. 43, L.O.P. formed Thursday, at 8 p.m. Big concert at Palace Box to night. Everybody allowed to skate.

## LIBEL ON KING

### Libeller Given a Year's Imprisonment

## WANTED ACCUSER

### TO BE PRESENT AT THE PROCEEDINGS.

#### Lord Alverstone, Who Presided, Said the King Could Not Attend as Desired—A Plan of Defence Provided by the Owner of the Paper.

London, Feb. 1.—E. F. Mylius, for seditious libel, was found guilty and sent to prison for a year.

#### Wanted King to Attend.

London, Feb. 1.—"It is within my right to demand that the king, who accuses me, should be present in person in this court," said Edward F. Mylius, counsel for himself, in the trial commenced this morning, before Lord Alverstone, on a charge of seditious libel brought against him by his majesty in connection with allegations in the Liberator as to amorganatic marriage.

The king was represented by a large array of counsel, including Attorney-General Rufus Isaacs and Solicitor-General Simon. Mylius had been furnished with a plan of defence by his employer, Edward Holton James, a wealthy United Stateser, who published the Liberator.

Lord Alverstone told Mylius that the king could not be present. This proved a great disappointment to many prominent spectators who had secured admittance through influence with the high judiciary. Hon. Winston Churchill was permitted entrance after considerable delay.

The jury was selected from the court officials. The king's lawyers told of the loss of esteem by the reports developed among the king's subjects, and mentioned Mylius' admissions that he wrote the article in question.

Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, the first witness, said he had two daughters, one of whom married Capt. Napier, and the other, now deceased, never married. He did not know that she ever had seen the king.

Mrs. Mary Grace Napier, older daughter of Admiral Seymour, swore that no such marriage as the Liberator mentioned had occurred. She was also sure her deceased sister had made no such alliances with the king.

With other members of the Seymour family and the production of marriage registers, the prosecution closed its case. Mylius rested his defence on papers which had been taken away from him. The jury returned a verdict in a few minutes.

## BRAVE THE PLAGUE.

### Missionaries Would Not Obey Even if Recalled.

New York, Feb. 1.—Little alarm is felt at the headquarters of the various denominations of foreign missionary organizations here for the safety of missionaries in North China, where the plague is raging.

The Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists have the most extensive evangelic, educational and medical branches in the plague locality.

The Reformed church of America has mission stations just below the line, and the board has received a letter from John H. Snook, in charge of a hospital at Sio-Kho, who says "I am glad to say we are all well here in spite of the fact that hundreds have died of the plague in our village. I have inoculated more than sixty persons this week, with about fifty per cent. of success."

None of the missionaries will be recalled, no matter how bad the plague becomes. The secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions declares that even if the board took such a step the missionaries would not obey.

## GOLD BAR WORTH \$25,000.

### Came From Porcupine—Will be Minted Into Sovereigns.

Ottawa, Feb. 1.—There was an exhibit here a great Porcupine exhibit in the shape of a bar of pure gold worth twenty-five thousand dollars. It was in the Imperial bank office here, and it was being transmitted by the bank to the mint. It came from Montreal, where the Timmins-McMartin syndicate deposited it some weeks ago. It was the product of the Hollinger mine before that property was organized as the Hollinger Gold Mines, Ltd.

The bar is about sixteen inches long, five inches wide, four inches deep, weighs seventy-six pounds avoirdupois and contains 1,216 ounces, worth \$29,600 per ounce. The bank here will turn it over to the mint this week, and it will be minted into sovereigns at an early date.

In all likelihood the Hollinger people have another similar bar now under way, as the product of the Little Stamp mill now running at the Hollinger for some months. Some of the ore on the Hollinger runs over \$200 a ton.

## Cracow University Closed.

Cracow, Austria, Feb. 1.—The students of the university here and at Lemberg have left their classes on strike, as a protest against the appointment recently of a German professor at the Cracow University. The students have prevented lectures from being held, and have been including in their demands the resignation of the minister declared.

## Considering Cable Rates.

London, Feb. 1.—The postmaster-general, the Right Hon. H. E. Sarnley, speaking last night, said he was giving early attention to press calls for cable rates, as these were now unduly and unduly high. Nothing would do more to promote international communication than to have reasonable cable rates, the minister declared.

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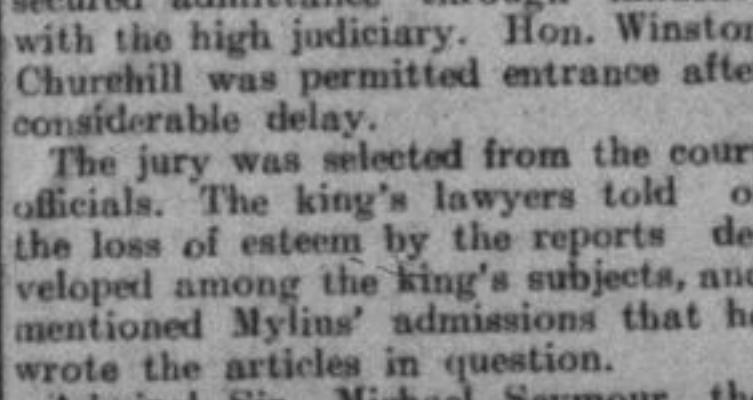
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Key West, Fla., Feb. 1.—In a fight here between John Sawyer, aged seven, and Louis Lowe, aged eleven, the former threw a pair of scissors at his playmate, killing him almost instantly. The scissors struck just below the shoulder blade, piercing the lung.

## Injured at Calgary.

Calgary, Alta., Feb. 1.—Among the injured in the wreck near here are R. J. Henderson, of Tara, Ont., who is seriously hurt, and J. W. Turner, Toronto. Other western men and United Statesers are among the number.

## Suicide of Orthodoxarian.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 1.—Preferring death rather than the purchase, to which he was to have been sent today, Frederick Scott, eighty years of age, of Kalamazoo, committed suicide with a shotgun, yesterday.

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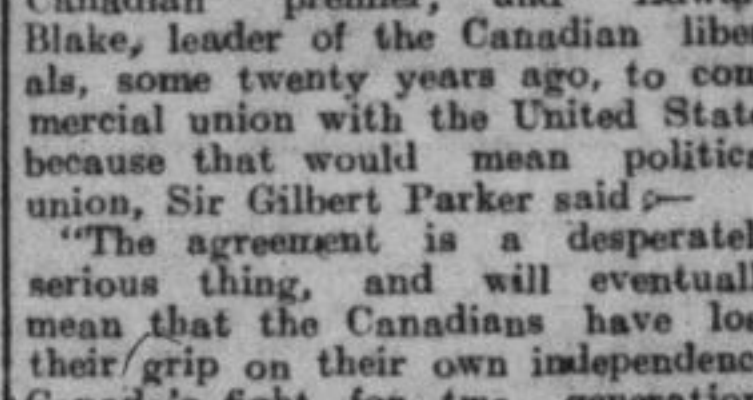
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