

DRURY WINS BY TWENTY

In Vote of Confidence in Connection With Chippawa Probe—Division Was 53 to 33.

Toronto, April 12.—Early this morning the debate on the Chippawa probe ended with a vote of confidence in the Drury government. The division showed a vote of 53 to 33 in the government's favor.

The vote was taken on an amendment by Hon. Manning Doherty to a resolution submitted by Hon. Howard Ferguson calling for a probe by a committee of the legislature and was worded to give the government complete discretion as to what kind of investigation it would undertake, but Premier Drury made it clear that it would be a royal commission of experts and that it would not only inquire into past expenditures in the Chippawa and other Hydro undertakings but would advise the government in its future policy as to the terms and conditions of sale of power, development of existing development.

ONE NATIONAL CANADIAN ROAD

This Is the Minister of Railways' Plan For "Co-ordination."

Ottawa, April 12.—An amazing array of railway figures was presented to the House of Commons yesterday afternoon by Hon. W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, who made the annual statement of the railway department. There are many hopeful points in his statement from a financial point of view, though, perhaps, they are not numerous enough to convince the enemies of public ownership that the people's railways will make good.

As has been the custom, Mr. Kennedy read his statement. He had obviously taken great pains in his preparation. In fact, he and his assistants have reduced to the simplest railway bookkeeping to comprehend the members of the House of Commons and public can understand. He read steadily for an hour and a quarter, and from start to finish was followed with the deepest interest. There was little applause during the time he dealt with statistics, because the House likes to see the figures before the desk-pounding begins, but it was apparent to every observer that the minister had created an excellent impression by his clear, businesslike presentation.

Improvement of \$1,686,069.

The total deficit of all lines owned by the people of Canada for the year ended December 31st last is \$72,346,233. Of this amount \$56,673,934 was incurred by the Canadian National, which includes the Grand Trunk Pacific, and \$15,762,299 was incurred by the Grand Trunk system. In the year previous the deficit of the roads named totalled \$74,032,362, the difference in favor of last year being \$1,686,069. The Canadian National, again including the G.T.P., did nearly eleven million dollars better than the previous year, and the Grand Trunk did more than nine million dollars worse.

A reverse side may be given to this financial picture for the benefit of the friends of government ownership. There are practically only two railroads in Canada, the C.P.R. and the government lines. Last year the government roads increased their percentage of the earnings from 12.51 to 54.22 per cent. It is estimated that the government roads cut into the C.P.R. gross earnings for about eight and a half million dollars. The government-owned lines comprise about 52 per cent. of the total railway mileage of the country, and the fact that they did 54.22 per cent. of the business in a year of depressed trade is taken as a good omen for the future of the people's railways.

Last year the losing ends of the Grand Trunk System were all in the United States. The year before, the western lines paid a net revenue of

JAPAN GREETES ALLY'S PRINCE

Heir to British Throne Is Acclaimed At Yokohama And Tokio.

Yokohama, April 12.—The Prince of Wales arrived here today on his official visit to Japan. Thousands greeted him as he landed from the battle cruiser which brought him from India.

The Renown was escorted in from sea by a Japanese light cruiser division, and in the bay six battleships, including the famous Mutsu, joined the escort. As the vessels entered the harbor there was a roar of guns and shrieking of sirens.

The Prince of Wales reached Tokio this afternoon on a special train from Yokohama, and was driven in an open carriage, escorted by cavalry, to the imperial palace, where he was received by the empress. He was lustily cheered all along the route by great crowds.

HUSBAND DIED MONDAY, WIFE DIED WEDNESDAY

The Sad Passing of a Popular Couple at Pembroke This Week.

A telegram received in the city on Wednesday morning, conveyed the sad news of the death at Pembroke, on Wednesday morning, of Mrs. R. Thoms, a well-known and popular resident of that place. Deceased was about twenty-three years of age. Her husband, who was about the same age, passed away on Monday. Both husband and wife had friends in Kingston, and the untimely death of the young couple was received with sincere regret.

BOYCOTT ON ENGLISH COTTON GOODS IN INDIA

And the English Are Now Developing a Trade With China.

Vancouver, B.C., April 12.—That the boycott on English cotton goods in India is complete and the British textile manufacturers are now turning their attention towards developing trade with China, was the statement of H. E. Boney, London, who arrived in Vancouver on the Canadian Pacific Steamship Company's liner Empress of Asia, after an extended tour to the Orient.

While the natives of India are not disloyal and were most keen to pay their respects to the Prince of Wales on his recent visit there, they are absolutely under the rule of their leaders, many of whom are paid by German interests, stated Mr. Boney. No British cotton goods have been bought by them for some time past, as the natives are now weaving their own material by hand and by looms imported from Germany, and it is feared that the Lancashire mills have lost their trade for a considerable time at any rate. The enormous field in China hitherto undeveloped, however, will more than repay the British manufacturers for their loss of trade with India, and they are now exerting every effort to increase this business. Mr. Boney suggests that Canadian manufacturers would do well to pay more attention to this field.

SHE FINDS PARLIAMENT WORK VERY STRENUOUS

Miss MacPhail Will Not Attend Pan-American Congress at Baltimore.

Ottawa, April 12.—Miss Agnes MacPhail, M.P., has decided not to attend the pan-American congress of women to be held in Baltimore from April 20th to 29th.

"I could not conscientiously absent myself from parliament for almost two weeks during my first session. I was elected to represent Southeast Grey, not to run about the country making speeches, such as meeting the women who will participate in the Baltimore gathering," Miss MacPhail said.

"I am leaving for my father's farm this evening and shall spend the whole Easter vacation there with my parents. I am really very tired. Being a member of the House of Commons is a strenuous life."

SIT BY AND WATCH RARE VIANDS EATEN

Hamilton Women Get Good Seats in the Gallery Over-looking Banquet.

Hamilton, April 13.—Twice now have Hamilton society women sat by and seen the men folk "stuff themselves" with rare viands, with the result that they wonder if it is known in this centre that there is such a status as "equal rights."

When Admiral Beatty was entertained here by the Canadian Club the ladies were invited, but they had to sit up in the gallery—and not a bite did they get. Monday night when Lord Byng was banqueted by the same club, in the same place, the good ladies, some hungry, perhaps, and all a wee bit indignant, were sitting in the same gallery.

"My dear," exclaimed one matron, "you don't know the men or you would not be surprised."

No appeal is entered in the G.T.R. matter in London, Eng.

CANADIAN WRITER RETIRES.

E. W. Thompson, Poet and Author, Leaves Ottawa.

Ottawa, April 12.—E. W. Thompson, Canadian poet, story writer and journalist, left Ottawa on Saturday for Boston. It is understood that he intends to remain there in quiet retirement. With his departure it is probable that his active career as an author and journalist will come to an end. His journalistic life began almost fifty years ago when he joined the Toronto Globe as chief editorial writer. Since 1901 he has been engaged in general writing. "Old Man Savarin and Other Stories" is considered his best volume of fiction. "The Many Mansions House and Other Poems," takes the same rank among his poetry. Mr. Thompson's departure from Ottawa will be a loss to the literary and political life of Canada.

GEN. VON FALKENHAYN

German minister of war in 1913 and chief of the general staff before Von Hindenburg, who died on Saturday at Wild Park, near Potsdam.

MAY HELP VANCOUVER DOCK.

Government Likely to Ratify the Subsidy Granted.

Ottawa, April 12.—It seems probable that the government will ratify the subsidy granted for the Vancouver drydock so as to permit the undertaking going ahead.

Since Hon. J. H. King returned from the coast, the matter has been gone into, and it is understood that it was before the cabinet at the weekend. Emphasis is placed upon the fact that it is not a government construction, but a private enterprise, involving an outlay of about \$170,000 a year in subsidies.

ECONOMIC HISTORY WILL BE UNFOLDED

Story of Canada's Development is Being Prepared by Ottawa Board.

Ottawa, April 12.—Canada's storied economic and financial past is in the course of being told to the Canadian people. Under the direction of the Board of Historical Publications, of which Prof. Adam Shortt is chairman, a great work is being done, and the first fruits are soon to emanate from the press.

In the fourth annual report of the board submitted to the prime minister the following announcement is made in regard to this economic history: "The first volume of the series, relating to Canadian currency, exchange and banking, including the Imperial and colonial financial operations connected with this, covering the French period down to the conquest, is at present in the press and should be ready for issue within a comparatively short time. As the great majority of the original documents relating to this period are naturally in the French language, they are accompanied by an English translation, while the few English documents, chiefly relating to the liquidation and disposal of the French paper money after the conquest, are accompanied by French translations, as are also the general introductions to the volume and the numerous notes. The volume will thus be complete in both languages and will extend to between 800 and 900 pages. Much the greater part of this volume will furnish in accessible form the first authentic information in the shape of original documents relating to the fundamental aspects of Canadian economic history.

Big League Baseball Games Are Commenced

New York, April 12.—Warm weather ushered in the baseball season of 1922 here today. The weather forecasts brought the cheering assurance to the fans of Manhattan and Brooklyn that the elements would not mar the big day for those who went to the Polo Grounds to see the National league teams of the two boroughs perform.

May Visit Canada.

London, April 12.—The Duke of York may visit Canada next year. He has expressed a desire to do so, but the date of such a visit depends largely on the movements of the Prince of Wales, as King George does not wish both his eldest and his second son to be absent from the Kingdom at the same time.

A PEACE CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN THURSDAY

Between the South Ireland Factions—Avoid Clash on Fermanagh Border.

Belfast, April 12.—The peace conference between the leaders of the Republicans and the Free State will open in Dublin to-morrow afternoon, it was announced today.

Sir Basil Brooke, commanding Fermanagh specials, crossed Free State territory at Black Lion, near Bellecoor, and conferred with the rival leader. The interview was harmonious and they agreed to withdraw their forces a short distance from the border line to avoid a clash. Any infringement of the pact will be severely punished.

THAT SURPLUS IS DWINDLING

W. F. Nickle's Criticism of Drury Government Budget Eagerly Awaited.

Toronto, April 12.—The Legislature is increasingly expectant of the budget criticism to come from W. F. Nickle when the debate is resumed. A few days ago Mr. Nickle obtained a return showing those portions of the statutory expenditures charged by the U.F.O. for the last fiscal year as ordinary expenditure. From this he may be able to show that supposed improper entries have been made for expenditures under the ordinary heading, "Capital and Extraordinary," so that a "bookkeeping" surplus may be shown.

And on today's order paper Mr. Nickle has another question dealing with these matters. He points out that in the 1919-20 public accounts treasury bill "M.M." is apparently not shown at all, while treasury bill "J.J." is shown as a direct liability of \$5,000,000. In this year's accounts receipts of \$1,030,020 are shown, and he asks, "Where is the balance of receipts shown?" And with respect to treasury bill "J.J." in this year's accounts payments of \$4,200,291.50 are shown, and the unpaid balance is not shown as a direct liability.

He wants to know why that balance about \$800,000, is not shown as a direct liability as it was in last year's accounts.

SMITH'S METHODS EXPOSED.

It is said that the payments made on the one-third of total expenditure basis to municipalities for unemployment relief should have been charged as "ordinary" expenditure instead of capital, as they are. This also applies, according to critics, to Mothers' Allowance disbursement. This year these two items comprise a total of \$994,449.89, which had been charged as "ordinary," would have left a deficit of \$100,000 in the accounts instead of a surplus. Other items are doubtless in a similar position, and when the sums that were collected after the end of the fiscal year, but which were credited as receipts prior to October 31st are deducted, the famous surplus dwindles to nothing and the actual deficit—the province has suffered under Mr. Smith's financial genius becomes apparent at least, if even then not wholly exposed.

DOMINIONS OBJECTED.

Britain Now Pays Larger Share of League's Expenses.

London, April 12.—Rt. Hon. H. A. L. Fisher, president of the Board of Education, replying in the House of Commons to a question as to why Great Britain's share of the expenditure in the League of Nations had increased from under five to over nine per cent, said the basis of calculating the league's expenses had been altered, largely owing to violent objections from the dominions to the original arrangement. By the original arrangement contributions were received from Australia, Canada and South Africa on the same basis as from Great Britain and other great powers.

LUMBER FOR INDIA.

Canadian Spruce Specified in Call for Tenders.

London, April 12.—The efforts which have been made to bind the Empire more closely by trade ties, are having their effect. The Indian government, in calling for tenders for a year's supply of lumber for packing cases, has specified Canadian spruce as the material. The government requires 140 standards, 3x11 inches, 40 standards 3x13 inches, and 300 standards 3x7 inches, all of a length from 10 to 16 feet, and of the quality known as "good commercial." The time for tendering is short, however, as all tenders must be in by April 25th.

MAKING GOOD RECORD.

Special Train Bearing Silk to New York.

Vancouver, B.C., April 12.—The C. P. Steamship liner Empress of Asia which reached Vancouver yesterday, from Yokohama came yesterday in an hour of equalling faster trans-Pacific record held by her sister ship, the Empress of Russia. The Asia brought a heavy cargo of silk from New York and a special train of twenty cars rolled out with the precious consignment within five hours of her arrival. All told the Empress of Asia brought nearly eight hundred passengers.

Wife-beater Had "Moonshine."

Pembroke, April 12.—Frank Stopa, of Renfrew, charged with wife-beating, was lodged in the county jail here this week. At the man's home a quantity of moonshine liquor was found. He was fined \$200, or three months in jail for being in possession of illicit liquor, and \$10 and costs, or ten days in jail for assault and battery. Unable to pay either fine, he is serving his time in jail.

NO INTERFERENCE IN CANADIAN NAVY

Canada Has Sole Control of Ships Without Limiting Agreements.

Ottawa, April 12.—The Canadian Navy was the subject of some questions and answers in the House of Commons yesterday.

The government pointed out that there is no agreement between the Imperial authorities and the Canadian government regarding the maintenance of the warships, Aurora, Patriot and Patrician and the three torpedo boats now in the service. These vessels are of use for training purposes and in case of emergency for the protection of Canadian marine interests and Canadian ports.

The crews of the Canadian squadrons are composed largely of Canadian recruits. Of the 21 officers, 17 are Royal Canadian Naval officers, 11 of whom were trained in the Royal Naval College. There are only four officers on loan from the Imperial Navy. All officers and men loaned from the Imperial Navy are being replaced by Canadians as quickly as the latter can be trained.

Collar Button in Ear

Gave Trouble Seventy Years

London, April 12.—After suffering from ear trouble for seventy years, George Falkner, a government official at Deal, who is now 75 years old, felt something drop in his ear entrance while chewing vigorously at his dinner. He felt and removed a small pearl button. It is of an old-fashioned pattern, such as was used on babies' bibs, and is supposed to have slipped into his ear when he was an infant. In recent years he had suffered so much that he soaked his ear in a solution for many hours daily. Now he is without pain or irritation for the first time within his memory.

D.S.C.R. IS GENEROUS REGARDING PENSIONS

Always Err on Side of Soldier, Says Deputy Minister Parkinson.

Ottawa, April 12.—An application on behalf of the Grand Army of United Veterans to be heard by its secretary, J. F. Marsh, was made yesterday by the standing committee on pensions and re-establishment.

It was decided, on motion by Col. Arthur, to defer until the next meeting of the committee the application of Secretary Marsh and also the application made by the G.W.V.A. and the Imperial Veterans in Canada.

N. F. Parkinson, Deputy Minister of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment, was the principal witness before the committee. He stated that his department had been freed from control by the Civil Service Commission, and that existing legislation was sufficient except where money was needed to carry out new policies.

Abductor of Young Girl Sentenced on Old Charge

Belleville, April 12.—Russell Clarke, who some weeks ago was arrested in Toronto on the charge of abducting a 15-year-old girl and was given suspended sentence in court here, was yesterday given on the old charge a term of three months in the Ontario Reformatory and a further indeterminate period thereafter of not more than two years less one day. The reason for this was that Clarke had been arrested at Point Anne on a vagrancy charge and it was felt that he had broken the spirit of the terms under which his sentence had been suspended.

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Largest Liner in World Goes on New York Service.

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NEW SYSTEM OF VOTING

The Transferable Vote To Be Pressed By Drury Government At This Session.

Toronto, April 12.—Before the next general election and probably during the present session of the legislature the Drury government will press a bill to apply the transferable or preferential vote to single member constituencies.

The effect of this measure on the result of the next general election may be considerable, upsetting many calculations that have already been made. Some politicians say it would not materially change the outcome of the voting but they are in the minority.

The object of the transferable vote is to ensure that the elected candidate receives a majority of the votes. The elector, indicates his preference for the candidate by marking with figures his first, second and third choice and so on. If there is no electing choice in the first choice, the second choice of the lowest candidate are counted. In many ridings in the 1919 election, the successful candidate received little more than one third of the total vote and in some cases much less. The new system would have no effect in ridings which have but two candidates.

Who Would Benefit.

Election sharps are inclined to think that the Liberals would benefit most from the adoption of the single transferable vote. The U. F. O. might benefit to a lesser extent. The general tendency would be to encourage both the U. F. O. and the Liberals to run candidates in ridings where that course ordinarily would allow the Conservative to be elected with a minority vote. Both farmers and Liberals would probably expect to pool their votes against the Conservative when the second choices were counted—that is assuming that the Conservative was not eliminated as the low candidate on the first choice.

The application of the transferable vote, therefore, might destroy any chance of the Conservatives forming a government after the next election and make it reasonably certain that the Farmers and the Liberals between them would have a considerable majority in the next legislature.

Had the transferable vote been used in the last general election a Liberal and not a Conservative probably would have been elected in Lennox. The dropping out of Brethin, the U. F. O. candidate, and low man, would have released 1,482 second choices, the bulk of which, no doubt, would have gone to the Liberal. As Fowler, the Conservative, had a lead of only 314, Woods, the Liberal, would have had a fine chance of passing him.

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