

PARLIAMENTARY LETTER

More Ministers to England—Labor and P. O. Departments Should be Represented in House—Estimates Blindly Voted—Canadian Labor Men Insulted.

Ottawa, June 17.—Further departures of cabinet ministers from Ottawa have taken place during the week, until now it is easier on any given day to check those who are remaining on the job than to make a list of those who are absent. The ever faithful Sir George remains at the helm, however, with Hon. J. D. Reid and one or two others on hand to help him decide any weighty matters of policy which may arise. Hon. C. C. Ballantyne and Hon. Hugh Guthrie are due to slip over to England in a few days now, and though officially they are not going for the purpose of attending the conference which took Mr. Meighen over there, and though such matters as naval and militia defence are not to be taken up in the conference, according to the plans laid down by the Canadian Prime Minister, there is more than a suggestion that he thinks it wise to have the ministers of naval and militia affairs on hand to give him pointers wherever or they are needed.

Should there, by any chance, be a discussion of naval and military policies as affecting the Empire, final decisions, according to Mr. Meighen's statement, must be left for the Imperial Conference. On the other hand Lloyd George and other heads have made it clear that they would insist on such problems being decided. When the Prime Minister returns, he will have a busy time explaining any such decisions, for warnings were given in the House debate that Parliament, outside of his own followers, would not be bound to any of the decisions he might reach while he was overseas under present conditions. His statements have been all along that this conference was preparatory to the Imperial conference proper and that there would be discussions and a laying down of plans. In other words this would be a sort of preliminary center, with the real business coming next year.

The government's policy of having at the heads of departments men who were not responsible to Parliament or the people for their actions, was strongly brought out in the final days of the session just ended, when the Commons was called upon to vote huge amounts of money without being able to get very definite information as to what it was required for, because the ministers responsible for those departments were not in the House to be questioned. In regard to labor administration, Senator Robertson, administering one of the most important departments in the public service, had to put his estimates through with the aid of the Prime Minister who, though ever so willing, could not be expected to give the same information as though he were in touch with the workings of the department. The same applied to the Department of the Interior and allied departments, though in that case of these, Mr. Meighen was more at home because he had previously been the minister in charge. When it came to Post Office estimates, there was also nobody with the information at his finger tips, so the House was forced to vote the amounts more or less blindly or hold them up for lack of information and have all the government members charging obstruction.

Mr. Ernest Lapointe, member for Quebec-East, summarized the situation in regard to departments by members of the other chamber when he took up the matter on labor estimates.

"The Minister of Labor" declared Mr. Lapointe, "should be a member of the House of Commons. He represents labor, he represents democracy; he should be elected by the people. To my mind, it is a piece of nonsense that the Minister of Labor should be a member of the Senate. I do not think that in Great Britain anyone would think of the representative of labor being seated in the House of Lords. When you remember the fact that one of the planks in the platform of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada—which according to the Minister of Labor is the only channel through which the opinions of labor should be expressed—is the abolition of the Senate, the presence of the Minister of Labor in the Upper Chamber become a joke and would appear to be an insult to Canadian labor men."

"That is the theoretical side of the question, in practice it leads to many inconveniences and abuses. Questions regarding labor and the industrial peace of this country, and his relations between employers and employees are perhaps the most important problems which the Minister of Labor has to face today; and surely it is of the utmost importance that he should be a member of this House in order to discuss those questions with the representative of the people. This gentleman is going about the country electioneering and, at times, misrepresenting members of this House, and I for one would like to have him face me in this Chamber that I might have the opportunity of discussing with him here questions relating to Canadian labor."

"I content myself now with simply

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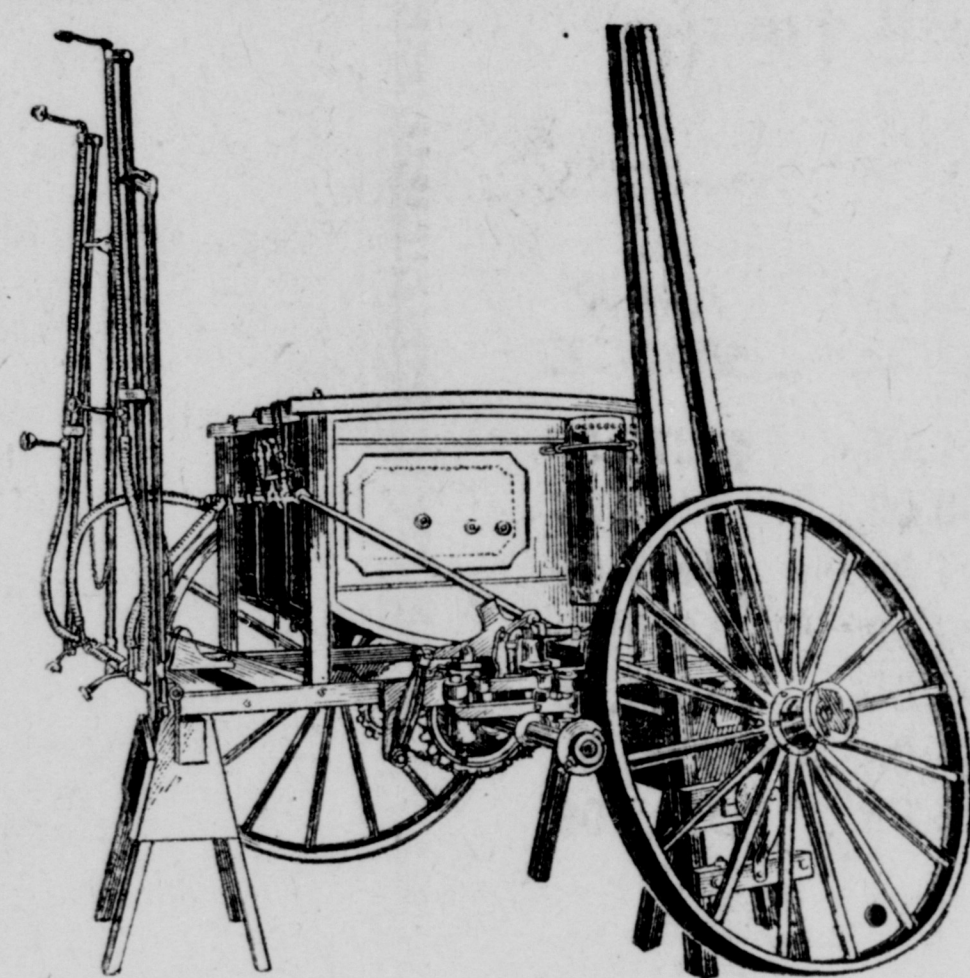
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