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## BILL TO INCREASE THE INDEMNITY OF MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE WAS INTRODUCED THIS MORNING

**INDEMNITY WILL BE RAISED TO \$1,000**

**The Bill Introduced by Premier Foster and With Unanimous Consent was Read a Second Time—A Salary of \$2,100 to be Provided for Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health.**

Two important bills were introduced in the Legislature this morning, one to provide for an increase in the indemnity of members from \$500 to \$1,000 and the other to provide a salary for Hon. Dr. Roberts, Minister of Health. On the ground of urgency and with the unanimous consent of the House both bills were read a second time.

Owing to the fact that there was some committee work to do the House did not meet this morning until 12.40 o'clock and at one o'clock it adjourned for lunch.

The resolution calling for a federal referendum in the question of prohibition, will come up for discussion this afternoon.

Assembly Chamber,  
April 23, 1920.

The House met at 12.30 p. m.

MR. LEBLANC presented the report of the Municipalities Committee.

MR. MAGEE from a special committee to whom was referred the bill relating to the Incorporation of Villages, submitted a report.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the indemnity of members of the legislature. On the ground of urgency and with the unanimous consent of the House it was read a second time.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the levying of rates and taxes in the City of St. John which was read a second time.

HON. MR. FOSTER introduced a bill to amend the act respecting the Executive Council. He explained that the object of the bill was to provide a salary for the Minister of Health. The bill was read a second time.

It being 1 o'clock the speaker left the chair to resume at 3 p. m.

## GRAND FALLS POWER TO BE DEVELOPED

Assurances that legislation which would meet their views would be presented to the House before the close of the session was given yesterday afternoon by Premier Foster, to a large delegation from Grand Falls, who waited on him in the interests of the hydro-electric development at Grand Falls.

The delegation which was headed by Mayor David Collins, who acted as spokesman, and twenty other business men and prominent citizens, was presented to the government which met at 3 o'clock in the afternoon for the purpose by J. E. Michaud, M. P. P. Mayor Collins presented a petition signed by 500 citizens asking that no further extensions be granted to the present holders of the Grand Falls power site, and that immediate steps be taken for the development of power at that place.

Thomas W. Caldwell M. P., Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, Mr. Wiley and Mr. Michaud also spoke in favor of the petition.

In reply Premier Foster said that he had been intensely interested in the possibilities of the development of the Grand Falls ever since he had been elected as a member from Victoria. In the past, in view of the lack of any large industry that would use sufficient power to make the project profitable and because of the right granted to the present holders, it had been impossible to take any decided action. Now that the Fraser Company was prepared to establish a large industry on the Tobique a market would

## CAILLAUX FOUND GUILTY OF HAVING HAD COMMERCE WITH THE ENEMY

(Special to the Mail.)  
PARIS, April 24.—Joseph Caillaux, former Premier of France has been found guilty by the high court of the Senate of having had commerce with the enemy of his country during the war. The vote stood 150 to 91. But the court, by a vote of 128 to 110, finds there were extenuating circumstances. Sentence will be pronounced in M. Caillaux's case today.

The crime for which Caillaux was tried is covered by Article 78 of the military code, which calls for a penalty of banishment for a minimum of a year or a maximum of five years.

## THE FRASER PAPER BILL HAS BEEN AGREED TO IN THE HOUSE; DELEGATION MAY GO TO OTTAWA

**A Gigantic Industry to be Established Near the Mouth of the Tobique—Mr. Baxter Offered Some Criticism—Hon. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Potts Want a Delegation Sent to Ottawa at the Close of the Session.**

The bill to incorporate the Fraser Paper Company was agreed to in the Legislature yesterday after a brief discussion taken part in by Mr. Baxter, Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, Hon. Mr. Veniot, Premier Foster, Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Michaud and others. Mr. Baxter attacked the bill on the ground that it proposed to give the company too much power. He wanted a guarantee that the fishing interests would not be jeopardized. He believed it might be a good plan to compel pulp and paper companies to dispose of their product in Canada.

Hon. Mr. Tweeddale, who was piloting the bill through the committee, made an effective reply to the criticisms of Mr. Baxter and others. He pointed out that the company proposed to manufacture raw material which was now being sent to the United States; that a large amount of labor would be employed and the commerce of the country would receive enormous benefits from the great industry to be established.

Premier Foster had an amendment adopted which provides that the company shall pay a royalty to the province on the power to be used, the amount of such royalty to be determined by the Governor-in-Council.

### Proposed Delegation to Ottawa.

Hon. Mr. Roberts gave notice of a resolution calling upon the Government to send a delegation to Ottawa at the close of the Session to urge upon the Federal government the claims of the port of St. John, and to make representations regarding the acquirement of the Valley Railway.

A large number of bills were put through the committee stage, including amendments to the Succession Duties and Workmen's Compensation acts, and to provide for the sale of Old Government House to the Federal government.

## HEAVY LOSS FROM RIVER OVERFLOWING

Manistique, Mich., April 22.—More than \$1,500,000 property damage was caused here when the Manistique river became a raging current, over-ran its banks and buried many main streets beneath from one to four feet of water. The Goodville factory was completely wiped out, a paper mill was practically destroyed, a lime works, chemical plant and many saw mills badly damaged.

Huge piles of timber to be cut into lumber, pulp wood for paper and other wood for chemicals were swept into Lake Michigan and lost. A dozen houses were ruined while twenty more were under water to the second floor for several days thereby ruining household effects. Much merchandise in home and store basements were destroyed. Warm rains and sunshine melting the unusual heavy snow in forests, north of here caused the first flood the city has known in fifty years.

## GROWTH OF U. S. CITIES SLOWER

Washington, April 23.—American cities are now not growing as fast as formerly, a summary given out today by the Census Bureau, on the basis of returns from 428 cities, shows.

From 1910 to 1920 the increase of the 428 cities was 21.9 per cent., according to the Census Bureau. From 1900 to 1910, the previous decade, the average increase of the same towns was 28.4 per cent., or 6.5 per cent. more than 1910-20.

Census Bureau officials say the influenza and the war enforced restriction of immigration retarded urban growth. In the last ten years immigration totalled 5,431,000 persons. In the previous decade, 1900-1910, the total was 8,795,000.

**Bad Reputation.**  
A merchant in speaking to the Mail this morning said he was glad to see that the Board of Trade was taking up the matter of better lighting of Queen street with the City Council. He said the poor lights were queering the city with the travelling public. He said he was told by a well known commercial man a few days ago that Fredericton merchants were as up-to-date as any in Canada, but that the City Council had fallen down on its job as the city has the poorest lighted main streets of any city in Canada.

## 7 AND 8 CENT PIECES PROPOSED IN U. S. SENATE

Washington, April 22.—To provide a convenient coin for the increasing street car fares and the sales requiring petty war taxes, Senator Frelinghuysen (N. J.) today introduced a bill authorizing the coinage of seven and eight cent pieces.

"While a few years ago the nickel was probably the most used coin, today it is rarely circulated alone," said Senator Frelinghuysen. "It is a continual bother to carry or make change in pennies particularly for the seven and eight cent car fares, which are now virtually universal, and my bill proposes the coinage of seven and eight cent pieces to obviate these troublesome delays."

The bill was referred to the Banking Committee.

## CARDINAL BEGIN TREATED ROUGH

New York, April 22.—Cardinal L. H. Begin, archbishop of Quebec, sailed today on board the Patria of the Fabre line, which left Brooklyn late in the afternoon for Rome.

The cardinal was attended by a large retinue of priests, including Bishop A. LeBlanc, of St. John.

While walking along the pier, Cardinal Begin was stopped by a private detective guard, who shoved him back roughly, asking: "Where are you going?" A newspaper man explained who the cardinal was, whereupon the guard replied: "What the h— difference does that make. Let him take his place at the end of the line."

## ITALY HAS THE SMALLEST PLANE

Rome, April 22.—An airplane measuring less than ten feet across the wings and said to be the smallest machine of its kind in the world, recently flew at Bagnoli field, near Naples, attaining a speed of about 90 miles an hour.

**Hearing Fredericton Appeal.**  
The case of FitzRandolph vs. McSorley, a Fredericton appeal, is being heard this afternoon. Fredericton Motor Sales Limited vs. the Earl of Ashburnham stands till next term.

## THE GRAND TRUNK BILL AND FRANCHISE ACT DISCUSSED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY

**"PUSSYFOOT" JOHNSON BACK IN NEW YORK**

(Special to Mail.)  
New York, April 23.—William E. Johnson ("Pussyfoot") crusading agent of the American Anti-Saloon League, returned to America yesterday on the steamer New York, from Liverpool, after having literally given an eye to make England dry, which is not yet a fact. He was met here by a host of friends.

## SECOND YPRES ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED

**Veterans of First Contingent Had Pleasant Gathering at Washington's Last Night.**

A celebration was held last night at Washington's Cafe by the local members of the First Canadian Contingent the day being the fourth anniversary of the Second Battle of Ypres, where so many Canadian covered themselves with glory. There were over twenty five veterans present and speakers of the evening included Very Rev. Dean Neales and Dr. J. B. M. Baxter. M. P. P. Major Anderson was toastmaster and Jack Markey Vice-Toastmaster. The speakers of the evening dealt with the fighting and service record of the First Contingent and the debt owed to them by the people of Canada. It is the duty now to keep up this record and to serve the country at home during these trying times as well as they did in France.

The hardships of the First Contingent men have never been fully realized by either the people at home or abroad and it is Canada's duty to see that her sons do not go unrewarded. A very pleasant evening was spent by all and a sumptuous repast was served about midnight.

## SILVER FOX PELTS SOLD AT A GOOD PRICE

New York, April 23.—Silver fox was featured at today's session of the fur sale in the Masonic Hall here. The finest pair of pelts fetched \$670 each, but some of the poorer and older pelts sold as low as \$5. The general run of prices on silver fox, however showed advances of 85 per cent over the corresponding figures at the April 1919 sale here. The largest advance over last spring, which was shown by neutral, or South American beaver, was 80 per cent. The choicest of these skins brought \$6.10. Blue Fox was 10 per cent above last April, while the red foxes brought prices that ranged from unchanged on northern to 15 per cent high on eastern and central skins. Foreign red fox fell off 10 per cent. Sales for the day amounted to \$550,000 which brought the grand total for two days to \$1,450,000.

**Moved to Halifax.**  
Mark Sullivan, who recently sold his property in Aberdeen street, has moved with his family to Halifax, where his two sons are residing.

Mr. R. H. McLaughlin of Regina is among the business men in the city today.

## JAP TROOPS CLASH WITH RED SYMPATHIZERS WITH BOLSHEVISTS

WASHINGTON, April 22.—An Official despatch from Tokio today to Major General Inouye, Japanese military attaché here, said reports that Japanese troops had fired on the barracks of American engineers at Hailhar, in Manchuria, were erroneous. The message said the fighting was between the Japanese troops and crowds, mostly Czech and Chinese soldiers, who sought to rescue six Bolsheviks who had been ordered transferred to the town of Manchuria for formal trial by court martial.

## THE NON-CONTENTIOUS CLAUSES WERE PASSED

**An Amendment by Hon. Mackenzie King was Defeated by a Majority of 21—Hon. Mr. Fielding Would Restrict the Appointment of Returning Officers to Certain Officials.**

Ottawa, April 22.—The house made progress today on two important subjects, the Franchise Bill and the Grand Trunk legislation. In the former consideration was given to non-contentious clauses. Hon. W. S. Fielding moved an amendment to restrict the appointment of returning officers to sheriffs, registrars, chief clerks of secretary-treasurers of towns, or municipalities, postmasters and collectors of customs. If there was no suitable man when this list had been run through, he told the house in answer to a question, he would favor returned soldiers, but returned soldiers were not necessarily experienced returning officers.

A. L. Davidson, Annapolis, said Mr. Fielding was influenced by conditions in Nova Scotia. There were fifty-three of Mr. Fielding's friends among the fifty-six officials in Nova Scotia eligible for appointment under his amendment. He accused Mr. Fielding of having dismissed public officials when he gained power in Nova Scotia, and of having changed the law respecting the appointment of sheriffs.

The amendment to the disfranchisement clause of the Franchise bill, promised by Hon. Arthur Meighen, was read in the house this afternoon. It reads: "Provided that no disability imposed by paragraph (B) of sub-clause 4 of the naturalization act 1919 shall disentitle any person on that ground alone to such certificate." This amendment would allow the issue of certificates to certain aliens who, because of their nationality, were denied naturalization papers for ten years after the close of the war.

The evening was spent in discussion of the Grand Trunk bill and Hon. Mackenzie King's letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1910, the same letter which was placed on Hansard of Friday, was quoted from frequently. Mr. King moved an amendment that the bill be referred back to committee of the whole with instructions to insert a clause to provide that any right of an employee in the pensions systems of the Grand Trunk should not be affected by the strike in 1910 or circumstances arising out of that strike.

Hon. C. J. Doherty took Mr. King to task for introducing "an unprecedented thing" in asking the house to support a doubtful claim without hearing the other party to the claim. If Mr. King was the "guardian angel" of these men why did he not protect their rights when he made the agreement.

At ten minutes after twelve the house divided on the King amendment. It was lost by 21, the vote standing for 69; against 90.

Third reading was then declared carried on the same division reversed.

**Retiring Allowances.**  
A bill before the legislature provides retiring allowances of \$1000 per year for George W. Mersereau, School Inspector, and Prof. Alphonse Belliveau of the staff of the Provincial Normal School. Both have given long service to the public. Prof. Belliveau has been French Instructor at the Normal School since 1879 and Mr. Mersereau has been school inspector since 1883. He went overseas as officers commander the 132nd Battalion C. E. F.