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## ANOTHER TORY SCANDAL

### Indians of British Columbia are Robbed of Valuable Lands

#### Government Sold a Property Worth Seven Million Dollars for Less Than a Quarter of a Million

Ottawa, April 24—Just to show what they think of the government's new "gag" the Liberals today ignored it and produced another scandal for the edification of the country.

For a young government the Borden administration has certainly carried through an extensive list of disreputable transactions. Among other things they took a man out of jail to place him in a government position. They bought \$350,000 worth of padlocks at fancy prices. They gave a friend for \$10 a piece of land in Prince Albert worth about \$300,000.

Today it was shown that for the benefit of Premier McBride and his government the Dominion administration has undertaken to rob its wards, a band of British Columbia Indians, of a valuable reserve in the City of Vancouver.

The British government appointed the Dominion government as wards of the Indians in Canada. Today Hon. Frank Oliver moved the adjournment of the House and showed that Hon. Robert Rogers had not interfered when Attorney General Bowser of British Columbia, forced the Indians on the Kitsilano reservation—an eighty acre tract in Vancouver to part, for less than a quarter of a million dollars, with a property worth \$7,000,000.

By way of defence, Hon. Mr. Rogers said that the Dominion government had still to give its consent to the transaction.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier replied that it appeared that the money had been paid, the Indians had been removed and the price was entirely inadequate. Hon. Mr. Rogers said that the late government had moved the Indians from the Songhee reserve in Victoria in the same manner.

Hon. Mr. Oliver replied that the Songhee Indians had been given \$11,000 a family and in addition another reservation which was more congenial to them.

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## HUNDREDS OF COLLEGIANS WILL COMPETE

Philadelphia, Pa., April 25—One of the greatest aggregations of college and school athletes ever drawn together in a single meet will compete on Franklin Field tomorrow in the nineteenth annual relay races and field sports under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania. All day today the athletes have been streaming into town. Altogether there are more than 1,000 of them. Among them, they represent nearly all of the leading educational institutions of the east, west and part of the south, including universities, colleges preparatory schools, academies, high schools and grammar schools.

The relay races for the college championships at one, two and four miles are expected to attract the greatest interest. The entries in these events are the best in the history of the games. Western colleges, especially, are better represented than ever before. Michigan will be the most prominent of the western colleges, though Illinois, Missouri and Notre Dame will also have some very good athletes on hand. Chicago, Northwestern, Ohio State and Brigham Young University also figure among the entries from the west.

In addition to the three big relay races for the intercollegiate championship of America, the program provides for a number of class races for one mile, open to minor colleges. The special events will be the same as last year, the 100-yard dash, 120-yard hurdles, broad jump, high jump, hammer throw, shot-put, discus and pole vault.

## Minorities Robbed of Their Rights in Parliament

### Liberals Enter a Strong Protest Against the Adoption of Gag Rule---Able Speeches by Dr. Michael Clark, E. M. MacDonald and Others---Tories and Nationalists Lined up Solidly in Favor of Closure, and Afterwards Slunk Out of the Chamber ---The Real Fight Yet to Come

Ottawa, April 24—The shackles were formally put on the Parliament of the Canadian people tonight by the Nationalist-Conservative majority, which obediently lined up to prevent an appeal to the electors on the joint issues of responsible government and free speech. The Borden-Rogers gag resolution was carried by the Government majority at an early hour this morning, after a final day of strenuous fighting by resolute Liberalism.

The appeal to argument, for fair play, to precedent, and the protest against the vicious effect of placing Parliament under the control of a political machine dominated by a few men, has availed nothing for the moment.

#### BY BRUTE FORCE

The desire of the Government to cling to power at any price and its incision when great matters of Imperial and national import are at stake has found its natural accomplice in violence. As Mr. E. M. MacDonald pointed out in the course of a compelling speech, reviewing the effect of the present Closure measure on Parliamentary Government, government of the people, by the people and for the people is now to be replaced by government of the machine and for the machine. That was what the Government vainly hoped it had accomplished, but Liberalism and the Canadian people have still to be reckoned with.

#### THE FIGHT TO COME

Closure may be in formal effect, but it is not yet in operation. The attempt to put it in operation will come first in the Naval Bill some days hence. When the attempt is made the minority will refuse to recognize any such arbitrary and unconstitutional taking away of their rights. The fight is only transferred to another stage. The final decision must rest with the people. That was the last message of Liberal speakers.

#### DR. CLARK'S CHALLENGE

Dr. Michael Clark, of R'd Deer, wound up the debate early this morning with a magnificent review of the whole situation. He pointed out that the Government were refusing to adopt the only statesmanlike course of withdrawing the Naval Act entirely and substituting for it a measure which could command both national and Imperial respect. They resorted to closure regardless of all the evils that it would bring in destroying the fundamental rights of representative government and regardless of all the canons of manliness and fair play. He mercilessly analyzed the anomalies of the successive stands taken by the Government both on the naval and closure issues. He declared that argument necessarily prolonged of the complexity of the issue and the various inconsistent stands taken by the Government could not be characterized as sheer obstruction.

#### A DASTARDLY OUTRAGE

He emphasized the fact that the Borden-Rogers closure had been introduced contrary to all the traditions of British Parliamentary government and at the outset had been marked by one of the greatest manifestations of Parliamentary indecency in the history of constitutional government. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the oldest and most revered Parliamentarian in Canada, if indeed, not in the British Empire, had been prevented from speaking.

"Only for a minute and a half, they tell us," declared Dr. Clark, scorn-

fully, "but it is what was done in that minute and a half that counts." All possibility of the traditional submission of the rules to a Parliamentary committee, headed by the Speaker, had been prevented. That action belied all promises of fair play for the future. As a result all minorities were now robbed of their right won through centuries, confusion prevailed even on the Government side of the House as to what the new rules really meant, and debate was made a mockery.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley, who was to have been the final speaker, was unfortunately prevented by illness from attending today. He will, however, be heard from later before closure goes into real effect.

#### NO POPULAR MANDATE

Mr. Carroll of Cape Breton resumed the closure debate in the afternoon characterizing the measure as unjust, unwise, inopportune and wholly unwarranted. The Minister of Justice had declared there was a "popular clamor" for such amendments as were proposed. "When he says that there is a popular clamor for such iniquitous measures," said Mr. Carroll, "he may be speaking for the millionaires of Montreal and the millionaires of Toronto. But he has no mandate from the great working classes of the country who have only one way of bringing their grievances before Parliament, and that way is through their representatives who are now threatened with the gag." Mr. Carroll suggested that a clause should be put in the Naval Bill, referring it to the people, before it should become law. So far as he was personally concerned that course would remove his opposition to the

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## U.S. TARIFF BILL DISCUSSED

### Democrats Say It is an Honest Effort to Lighten People's Burdens

#### Stand Patters on the Republican Side Sharply Criticize President Wilson and Condemn New Tariff

Washington, April 23—Republicanism was described as "dead, damned and lost forever." Democracy was accused of rushing to "clean its feet on the Progressive party's doormat," and the Progressive party was characterized as a "branch shoot from the dead Republican trunk," in the three-cornered tariff debate in the house today.

Representatives Hamilton and Fordney, of Michigan, took up the cudgels for the Republican minority, the latter bitterly assailing the sugar schedule and the free listing of lumber and wool as ruinous to American industry. Representative Hamilton ridiculed the Democrats and criticized the president.

"With a cocksureness of a man accustomed to instruct the immature mind of youth," he said, "the president in his address to congress undertook to settle in eight minutes questions that have vexed the minds of statesmen for more than 100 years."

Representative Hinebaugh, of Illinois, and Hulings, of Pennsylvania, attacked the Underwood bill on behalf of the Progressive party. Representative Hulings the bill would not curb monopoly, nor reduce the cost of living, though he hoped it would. He predicted that if President Wilson could convince the public that his tariff ideas were right "the Democratic party will remain in power for the next twenty years."

Mr. Hinebaugh charged that the pending bill was a "compromise between the power of special privilege and the power of political patronage and he accused the Democrats and Republicans of falling over themselves in an attempt to "clean their feet on the Progressive party's doormat."

Representative Hammond, of Minnesota, and Representative Peters, of Massachusetts, defended the bill on behalf of the Democratic ways and means committee, asserting that it was an honest effort to lighten the burdens of the people, and that it stripped the tariff of its discriminations and privileges to the favored few.

Mr. Barkley, of Kentucky, reminded the Republicans that it was too late now for them to mourn, declared that their party had been "damned and lost forever." The debate was kept up until late in the evening, when the house adjourned for the Republicans to hold a scheduled caucus.

## MONTENEGRO MAY YIELD TO THE POWERS

London, April 25—In diplomatic quarters in London last night the belief prevailed that Montenegro would yield to the powers on the Scutari question, and it was reported that Montenegro had made an informal suggestion regarding a new frontier line in this district, giving her territorial and other advantages, including possession of the town of Bordica and both banks of the Bova river.

Rome, April 24—Representations have been made to Montenegro, it became known today, in which the attention of the Cetinje government is called to the fact that the Balkan states have bowed to the decision of the powers, inspired by the supreme interests of Europe.

Bulgaria, it was pointed out to the Montenegrin government had renounced her decision to continue the movement of her army toward Constantinople; Serbia had given up the seaport of Durazzo; Greece has abstained from permanently occupying the town of Valona and Montenegro must evacuate Scutari.

## STOCKS ARE STILL DULL

### European War Scare Has Depressing Effect on the Market

#### Canadian Pacific Railway Has Had a Four Point Slump Since Tuesday

New York, N. Y., April 25—The market opening was quiet and firm, stocks in general showing small gains on Thursday's close. Postponement of action on California alien land bill and conclusion of a tentative peace agreement between Turkey and Balkan allies were favorable developments but trading element was still bearish.

After its steady opening market weakened all along the line and at the end of the first half hour or so a selling movement was in progress. Support was not aggressive and traders said technical position was not good. A new low record was made by Illinois Central which sold down to 113½, where its price was about equal to that of Northern Pacific. Traders talked of reduction of Illinois Central dividend but as stock is still at level of a 7 per cent. its earning considerable margin beyond dividend requirements and the market does not give any conclusive evidences that rate is to be cut.

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## ROBERT D. FORBES' DRIVE HUNG ON OROMOCTO

### Good Rain Will Bring it Out---Water in River at Standstill---Temperature Above Eighty in Shade

The drive of Robert D. Forbes on the South Branch of the Oromocto Stream is reported today to be hung up on account of the falling of the water. The drive contains about one million feet. A fairly heavy rain will bring it along all right however. Similar conditions prevail on other streams in the southern part of the province.

The temperature here today was equal to that of midsummer. At noon the thermometers in Queen Street were registering eighty degrees in the shade.

The river is about at a standstill at present but the present hot wave is expected to melt the snow and ice in the woods and cause a rise in water.

## U. N. B. SOCIETIES HELD ANNUAL ELECTIONS TODAY

The various societies of the University of New Brunswick held their annual elections today. The choice of officers resulted as follows:

#### LITERARY AND DEBATING SOCIETY

President—R. M. Murray '14  
1st Vice-President—C.D. Otty '15  
2nd Vice-President—J. M. McLean '16  
Secretary—W.J. Edington, '16

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Henrietta Crosman will continue her season until the middle of May.

## INCENDIARY FIRE CAUSED LOSS AT NEW MARYLAND

### Dwelling and Garage Owned by Johnson & Dewar, Burned Last Night---Loss Estimated at Upwards of \$3000---Insurance About Half of that Amount ---Barns Saved by Hard Fighting Against Flames

Damage to the amount of \$3,000 and upwards was done by fire at New Maryland last night when the dwelling, garage and other property of Mr. Edward Dewar of Johnston & Dewar of the Waverley Hotel was destroyed. The cause of the fire is not known definitely, but in the minds of those who were at the fire while it was in progress and who are acquainted with conditions which existed at the time and before there is little doubt that fire was caused by an incendiary. The fire was first observed in the garage and evidently broke out beneath the motor-car owned by Johnston & Dewar, which was in the garage at the time. As no fire had been about the place for at least two days there is no reason for thinking that it started except by being set.

Mr. Dewar places his loss at upwards of \$3,000. The dwelling is valued at \$1,600. The motor-car which was a five passenger McLaughlin Buick was worth \$1,500. Mr. Dewar's intentions with regard to the property are not yet known.

#### DISCOVERED LAST NIGHT.

The fire, when first observed, had gained good headway. Charles Mullin and a young man named McLean, who had been employed about the place, were asleep when aroused by the barking of dogs about two o'clock. They were in a house on the opposite side of the highway from the premises, which were burned. They observed a light at the garage and then noticed that the building was in flames. Mr. Dewar was not

ified by telephone that his property was burning and covered the four miles between the Waverley Hotel and the scene of the fire in twenty minutes, driving over a poor road. George Clynick and Robert Coombs of the Fredericton Fire Department, with Frank Sadler, also drove to New Maryland and together with those who lived nearby, fought the flames and succeeded in saving the large barn and some outbuildings, which stood near the structures which were destroyed. The fire was fought with buckets, water being obtained from a well a few miles distant. William Shaw, who lives nearby, noticed the fire about the same time as the others.

#### CAUSE OF SUSPICION.

The cause of the suspicion that the fire was set is the fact that the fire began in a place in which it could not have started from ordinary causes and also the fact that tracks of a carriage that had come from the city were observed underneath the trees of the orchard.

#### THERE BY ACCIDENT.

The motor-car which was destroyed by the fire was there as the result of an accident. On Good Friday, Mr. A. G. Turney, provincial horticulturalist, and others had been taken over the place by the owner. Something went wrong with the car and it was decided to leave it in the garage until later. Mr. Dewar had intended to go out today to being it back.

## MR. WILLIAM MCKAY FOR POLICE COMMISSIONER

### Has Agreed to Accept the Position in Order to Help the M. P. P.'s Out of a Hole

As forecasted in The Mail a week ago, Mr. William McKay, health inspector, is slated for the position of police commissioner. His appointment will be made by the government on Tuesday and will be gazetted on the following day. The other members of the commission are Judge Wilson and His Worship Mayor Hooper.

The temperance Conservatives of the city recommended Dr. B. C. Foster for the appointment, while Dr. W. H. Steeves, who has been very active in promoting the act establishing the commission, was willing to accept the honor. It is understood that two of the four members favored appointing Dr. Steeves and two were for Dr. Foster. Being unable to reach an agreement in regard to those men, Mr. Pinder sought out Mr. McKay and prevailed upon him to accept the job as a sort of compromise. The police commission, therefore, will get whatever advantage there is in having the office seek the man rather than the man the office.

Mr. McKay was roadmaster for many years and is now city health inspector. He took an active part in the late civic election and did good work for members of the present council at the court house poll. He is what might be termed a moderate temperance man.

The property destroyed was purchased by Mr. Dewar from Mr. John E. Kirk in August and had been improved. Of the insurance on the house \$500 is carried in the Nova Scotia Company, represented by W. S. Hooper, and \$300 in other companies.