

LIBERALS WILL KEEP UP FIGHT AGAINST TRIBUTE POLICY

One of the Most Memorable Weeks in the History of the Canadian Parliament Drawing to a Close---Tories Still Refuse Information and Blockade is Maintained ---House Will Rise at Midnight and Resume on Monday When an Election Scandal Will Be Aired

Ottawa, March 7---Will parliament have closure or will Canada have an election. The close of an historic week in Canada's Commons finds the government in such a position that it must make a choice of these alternatives.

The week has settled several things which were uncertainties before. It has been made clear that the Liberals want an election. It has also become evident that the government does not. This is quite natural, when it is remembered that it has been in office but two years and that under ordinary circumstances there should be no election in prospect for two years yet.

It has become evident that the opposition has the capacity to keep parliament sitting continuously as long as it pleases. The debate of the week has been an eye-opener to Liberals and Conservatives alike. Monday, when the parties closed in the struggle, the opposition doubted its capacity to keep the debate on for more than a few days. The government declared that with the debate restricted to a single topic the Liberals would break down within two days.

The conclusion of the week finds these views changed. Every government member now admits that no breakdown can be expected for a month if the parties determine to go on. There remain just seventeen sitting days for parliament before the fiscal year expires and the government's money is exhausted.

If the present program is persisted in the first day of April will find the government in a remarkable position. With the treasury bursting with money it will be practically bankrupt for not a cent can be touched until parliament gives authority to take and spend.

Laurier Determined. The most determined champion of the Liberal course is unquestionably Sir Wilfrid Laurier. He seriously considered the situation in every possible aspect weeks before the step was taken and determined that it would be proper to force the naval issue before the people. When he decided he gave the word to his followers. His is the decision.

Perhaps the most remarkable feature of the week has been the high plane of debate. There has been no obstruction in the ordinary meaning of the word. There has been no tiresome reading of blue books or sheer time-killing. The speeches have been all to the point and many have been remarkable.

Dr. Clark of Red Deer, today made his fifth speech of the week. Each has been of about two hours in length and each has been better than the last until today, when he capped the climax by holding jaded members from their dinner for two hours to listen to the best effort he has yet made. Each of the five speeches consisted entirely of new matter.

The Conservatives have shown great capacity for silence. This is no small evidence of determination. It requires fortitude to sit still under the sort of punishment which has been coming from the opposition side for six days. There is ever present the temptation to rise in wrath and reply with fury.

LIBERALS QUOTE FOSTER EXTENSIVELY

Only one Conservative has been a great contributor to the pages of Hansard this week and he has not been in the house or in the country. An examination of the official debates shows that the Hon. George E. Foster has more words to his credit in Hansard this week than any other single man. They have been put there by the Liberals who have quoted time after time in whole or in part the speech of 1909 in which Mr. Foster declared for a Canadian navy and against contribution. It is a unique performance for

THE CASE WAS DISMISSED

The St. Stephen Bank Case Has Been Brought to a Close

J. T. Whitlock Charged With Making False Returns to the Govt. is Discharged From Custody

St. Stephen, March 7---The hearing in the case of Julius T. Whitlock, manager of the defunct St. Stephen's Bank, charged by Gilbert S. Wall with falsification of the last annual report made to the government in December 1909, was ended in the police court this afternoon.

When the case was opened Tuesday morning, J. B. M. Baxter, counsel for the plaintiff, introduced a certified copy of the original return to the government.

H. A. Powell, counsel for the defendant, objected to the copy and called for the original document.

Mr. Baxter produced a telegram from Ottawa which asserted that an official of the finance department had left that city with the original document. The time at which he left would enable him to reach St. Stephen at noon on Wednesday. Mr. Baxter stated that his advice was that the original document would be produced and Mr. Powell expressed his willingness for the taking of evidence to proceed.

The evidence was all in Tuesday evening and Mr. Baxter left next morning for Fredericton, leaving Attorney N. Marks Mills of St. Stephen to duly enter the document on its arrival, the court being adjourned until Wednesday.

The Ottawa official arrived on time and court was opened but Mr. Mills declined to present the document until he had conferred further with Mr. Baxter. Another adjournment was made to Friday afternoon but soon after this adjournment rumors became current that some agreement had been reached between the parties and that the much sought document would not be presented in court and the case would be dropped. The surmise has proved correct.

This afternoon when the case was called G. S. Wall appeared without counsel and asked that the case be withdrawn.

James G. Stevens, K. C., for Mr. Powell moved that the case be dismissed.

Police Magistrate Richardson stated that the original document would not be produced in court. He regretted that a technicality had to interfere with the course of justice, and he wanted it distinctly understood that if the case had gone on the defendant would assuredly be committed for trial for there was abundant evidence to warrant it.

A sworn statement of valuable assets was, he said, made up on worthless securities and was tainted with fraud. According to sworn evidence in court, stock of E. I. Kenen Ltd., and the Golden Fleece appeared in the accounts in July, 1910, when neither concern had a legal existence until 1910.

STOCK MARKET

(Quotations by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Bankers and Brokers.)

New York, March 8---The market this morning was subjected to another bear raid and the result was a sharp decline in several important issues. C.P.R. was off a point, due to heavy selling in the Berlin bourse

	Open	Noon
Copper,	69 1/2	69
Smelters,	69	68 1/2
Atchafalca,	101 1/2	101
Brooklyn,	89 1/2	88 1/2
C.P.R.,	226 1/2	225 1/2
Great Northern,	126 1/2	126
Northern Pacific,	117 1/2	115 1/2
Pennsylvania,	119 1/2	119
Reading,	155 1/2	154 1/2
Union Pacific,	150 1/2	150 1/2
U. S. Steel,	60 1/2	59 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES.

Molson Bank, 5 @ 201.
Royal Bank, 2 @ 221.
Bank of Montreal, 18 @ 239 1/2, 3 @ 240.
Town City, 19 @ 106 1/2, 10 @ 106, 70 @ 106 1/2.

WILL DEMAND INVESTIGATION

Grave Charges to be Preferred Against a Cabinet Minister

Peculiar Methods Adopted by Tories in Hochelaga to be Brought up at Ottawa

Ottawa, March 8---Before the government can carry through parliament a Closure Bill, as a preliminary to overcoming the present deadlock on the naval issue, they will have to take up a serious charge from the Liberals, involving the honor and also the seat of one of the cabinet ministers. Evidence has been obtained implicating a member of the cabinet on the charge of personation in connection with the Hochelaga bye-election of last December, when Hon. Louis Coderre was elected to the cabinet vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. F. D. Monk. Although Mr. Coderre's majority in the general election was over 1,300, the situation at the time of the bye-election was regarded as so uncertain by the government that special efforts were made to insure his re-election. Hon. Robert Rogers was in charge of the campaign. Some of the methods employed are said to have been a gross infraction of the election law and it is understood that a direct charge will be made in the House on Monday, before the orders of the day are called, and a request will be made for an immediate investigation by a parliamentary committee. Sensational developments are promised.

R. C. CATHEDRAL DESTROYED BY FIRE

Charlottetown, March 7---St. Dunstan's Roman Catholic Cathedral, worth three-quarters of a million dollars, was totally destroyed by fire tonight. A high wind was blowing and nothing was saved. The Palace was saved.

The fire started from a furnace and at 2.30 it was still burning.

The Cathedral was built by the late Bishop McDonald. The interior was finished a few years ago. It was the architectural pride of the city and province. The vault contained the remains of the late bishop and several clergymen. The building was of freestone with slate roof, with spires 170 feet high.

NOW IN FLORIDA

Officials at the City Hall have received post cards from City Auditor J. D. McKay who was in St. Augustine, Florida at the time of sending He mentions June weather and blooming flowers.

Mr. George R. Crowley of St. John is in the city.

Toronto Street, 25 @ 139 1/2, 35 @ 139.
Steel Co. Canada, 2 @ 25.
Spanish River Com., 25 @ 67, 50 @ 66 1/2.

Shawinigan Rights, 967 @ 1/2, 1 2/3 @ 1/2, 1 3/4 @ 1/2.
Quebec Railway, 25 @ 17.
Montreal Power, 105 @ 225, 25 @ 224 1/2, 250 @ 223, 25 @ 222 1/2, 450 @ 222 1/2, 200 @ 223, 5 @ 222 1/2, 5 @ 222 1/2, 25 @ 222 1/2.

Scotia Coal Com., 50 @ 80 1/2, 50 @ 81 1/2, 100 @ 81.
Brazilian Com., 80 @ 95 1/2, 195 @ 95, 50 @ 95 1/2.

Laurentide Paper, 25 @ 212 1/2
Textile Pfd., 15 @ 102.
Textile Com., 100 @ 86 1/2, 75 @ 86, 25 @ 85 1/2, 50 @ 85 1/2.

Ottawa Power, 25 @ 185.
Detroit Railway, 10 @ 77, 75 @ 76, 10 @ 75 1/2.

Dominion Steel Cor., 150 @ 53, 75 @ 52 1/2, 50 @ 52 1/2.
Windsor Hotel, 19 @ 151 1/2.

Dominion Cannerys Com., 150 @ 75.
C.P.R., 75 @ 227, 25 @ 227 1/2, 100 @ 226 1/2, 35 @ 226 1/2, 175 @ 226 1/2, 165 @ 226 1/2, 150 @ 226, 25 @ 226 1/2, 150 @ 225 1/2, 25 @ 225 1/2.

Cement Com., 25 @ 27 1/2.
Cement Pfd., 186 @ 92, 3 @ 91 1/2, 1 @ 92 1/2.

Canada Cotton Com., 35 @ 42.

SIXTY LIVES WERE LOST BY DYNAMITE EXPLOSION

British Tramp Steamer Moored at Fort Howard, Ind. Blown up---Fire in the Coal Bunkers Caused the Explosion of Three Hundred Tons of Dynamite---Tug Which Attempted to Save the Crew Was Wrecked--- Property Loss is Over \$600,000

Baltimore, March 7---Three hundred tons of dynamite being loaded in the British tramp steamer Alum Chine in the lower harbor of Fort Howard, exploded about 10.30 o'clock this morning, instantly killing from forty to fifty men, wounding and maiming three score more, some of whom may die, and dealing destruction to more than \$600,000 worth of property.

The Alum Chine and a loading scow alongside her were completely annihilated, the tug Atlantic, which twice went to the rescue of imperilled seamen, was set on fire and later sank, the United States collier Jason just completed and ready for trial, was raked to her deck and her armor riddled and buildings in Baltimore and cities and towns many miles away were rocked by the force of the explosion.

The cause of the disaster is unknown tonight but federal authorities have instituted a thorough investigation to place the blame. Excited survivors told conflicting stories, some insisting that a negro stevedore caused the explosion by jamming a pike pole into a case of dynamite. This is denied by eye witnesses, who declare that smoke was seen pouring from the Alum Chine's hold several minutes before the explosion occurred.

TERRIBLE CASUALTY LIST.

At a late hour tonight the bodies of twenty dead had been brought to morgues in this city and sixty injured were in hospitals. The estimates of the dead include thirty stevedores and checkers of the Joseph R. Ford Company, employed in transferring dynamite from a barge to the Alum Chine, which was bound for Panama; eight members of the crew of the Alum Chine, six men on the collier Jason and the captain and several members of the crew of the tug Atlantic.

Many bodies, it is believed, never will be recovered from the icy waters. Of the injured, a score are frightfully maimed, their skulls fractured, arms and legs torn off and their bodies terribly lacerated. At least fifteen are expected to die. Tonight thirteen of the dead had been identified.

HEROIC EFFORT COST MANY LIVES.

William E. Vandyke, of Baltimore, captain of the wrecked tug Atlantic, lost his life in heroically rushing to the aid of the imperilled British seamen in the doomed Alum Chine, and his vain effort carried with him to death many members of his crew.

When curling smoke from the bow of Alum Chine warned members of her crew, the stevedores engaged in loading her and the crew of the Atlantic alongside, that fire was raging in the coal bunkers, there was instant realization that flames soon would reach the 300 tons of dynamite stored in the Alum Chine's hold and the barge roped beside her.

Instantly there was a rush to the ship's side. Fourteen members of crew and four stevedores leaped over the rail and tumbled pell mell into the launch Jerome that had a moment before brought two firemen aboard the ill-fated ship. All the other members of the crew and stevedores who could reach the dock leaped for the decks of the Atlantic. The tug and launch, cutting hawsers, were sped away from the scene of the impending catastrophe, the Jerome picking up speed first and rushing to safety.

The Atlantic had proceeded a few hundred feet when two frantic figures were seen clambering from the Alum Chine's hold. They were sailors who had been left behind. Reaching the sides of the vessel they shouted piteous appeals for rescue.

Capt. Vandyke despite the knowledge he must have had that a hail of death soon would be pouring over the harbor, heeded the call of the imperilled sailors. The Engines were stopped, the Atlantic wheeled and rushed again to the fire-doomed ves-

sel's side. She reached it in safety, two sailors jumped aboard.

Again the Atlantic wheeled, Capt. Vandyke, standing in the pilot house gave hurried orders which again sent the big tug toward safety. But it was too late. The Atlantic's nose had scarcely been turned toward open water when, with a roar like the eruption of a volcano, the death-laden vitals of the Alum Chine exploded. The concussion hurled all before it. A dense pall of smoke enveloped the waters and when it cleared away the ship and barge had disappeared and the Atlantic, a dismantled hull, helpless on the surface of the bay had become a human shambles.

STEAMER TORN TO SHREDS

Death in dreadful form had descended from the sky. Alum Chine had been torn into shreds and boxes of dynamite mingled with the flying fragments of steel and timber filled the air. These fell on the packed decks of the Atlantic, the dynamite exploding as it fell and sweeping them as a charge of shrapnell levels charging troops.

Mens' heads and limbs were torn from their bodies. Blood was everywhere. From ships and launches near by were seen dismembered bodies flung across and tumbled about the Atlantic's decks.

Capt. Vandyke gave his life for his gallantry. His body, with one arm severed was among those recovered by the rescuers and was one of the first identified when brought to this city. With him died Joseph T. Hood, a stevedore, whom his ship had first rescued and Robert Diggs, a member of his crew, who had stood beside him when the explosion occurred.

Those who escaped death in the explosion brought vivid but disconnected accounts of the explosion when they reached this city, with the dead and wounded.

Captain J. B. Thompson, captain of the new collier Jason, which tomorrow was to have taken her initial trip was unable to escape, when hurled boxes of dynamite crashed into the Jason's decks and exploded with death-dealing force.

COTTON MILL ROUNDS OUT THE CENTURY

Fall River, Mass., March 8---The Tory Cotton and Woolen Company of this city today rounded out a 100 years of actual operation, having been organized March 8, 1812. It was 'originally a woolen mill, but later took up the manufacture of cotton and the process of woolen production was subsequently omitted.

INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE

The U. N. B. debating team will leave the last of next week for Antigonish, where it will debate against the St. Francis Xavier team on the question of "Municipal Government by Commission." This debate will take place on the evening of Tuesday, March 18. On the evening following an exhibition debate will be given on the same subject by the two teams at Sydney, N. S. At present there is an agitation for commission government in that city.

CIVIC ELECTION.

With the approach of civic election day interest in the contest increases and a big turnout of voters is promised by both tickets for Monday. City Clerk McCreedy has announced that the result of the polling will be made known in the City Opera House Monday night. As a plebiscite is being taken in conjunction with the aldermanic election it probably will be after seven o'clock before the announcement can be made. Speeches by the candidates are expected. On Monday the polls will open at 9 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.