

Fight Over Highways Bill In the House of Commons

Tories Refused to Accept Senates Amendment Making Provision for the Apportionment of the Money to the Provinces According to Population---Liberals Worked Hard to Secure the Passage of the Measure---Strong Speeches by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. G. P. Graham, Dr. Michael Clark and Hon. Dr. Pugsley

Ottawa, June 5--Responsibility for the killing of the bill to aid in the construction of highways has been proved beyond peradventure. All day the Liberals in the commons fought to secure the passage of the measure which was formally presented to the house from the senate this morning. All day the Conservatives demanded the adoption of the motion of Hon. Mr. Cochrane rejecting the legislation, a resolution eventually passed by the government majority.

In vigorous speeches, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Dr. Michael Clark, Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Wm. German and other Liberals pressed the claims of the bill and pointed out that the amendment of the senate merely made statutory the declared intention of the government to apportion the money granted to the provinces according to the ratio of population.

"What possible reason is there for the government's opposition to its own measure unless we are to suppose that there is behind it sinister motives to use the grants, not as declared, but for the exploitation of electoral improprieties?" asked Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

Premier Borden submitted a somewhat remarkable defence. He objected to the senate imputing corrupt and unworthy motives, and declared that the government was forced into the position of now rejecting the bill "having regard to its self respect." The reason that the government had failed to make statutory its intention to apportion the funds as promised, was that "a great disaster might occur in one of the provinces and urgent need arise why the apportionment should be departed from."

DR. CLARK'S HOT SHOT

Whereat the logical Red Deer man chided the premier. "Urgent need," Dr. Clark declared, amid laughter and applause, "was an expression with which the house had become somewhat familiar, but," he added, "in this case the premier produces a permanent policy for the relief of an emergency."

The effectual and proper way to meet the imputation of unworthy motives was to disarm suspicion. In the present quarrel between the government and the senate history was on the side of the upper house. Last year the closing scenes of parliament had been characterized by "the furious declaration of war against the senate," by Hon. George E. Foster, not upon the highway bill but upon the tariff commission bill. Instead of carrying this war to the sovereign tribunal of the people, the government had wisely determined that the senate after all was right. It had abandoned its tariff commission bill and despatched the minister who issued the declaration of war upon it to the Antipodes.

"So," said Dr. Clark, "the senate taught the government something last year and had reason to hope that this year the government would learn wisdom in the handling of the highways bill also."

GRAHAM QUOTES FACTS

Hon. Mr. Graham interposed that it was not suspicion with him. Supporters of the government had used the bill in the South Renfrew bye-election to his own personal knowledge as a bribe.

"Then," said Dr. Clark, "we are not merely interpreting motives; we are witnessing actions." It did not become the government to play the role of wounded virtue. "If the cabinet are the set of angels they would have us believe, let them provide fruit meet for repentance. If there is no cause for suspicion disarm suspicion," he added.

The Reed Deer man pressed for the passing of the highways measure. "We have been lighting an imaginary Armageddon for five months," said he, "now let us proceed to inaugurate the millennium by improving and bettering conditions for the people." Good roads were a necessity. Let the government manfully go on with its work or appeal to the tribunal of the people.

He was not inclined to taunt Premier Borden on the non-fulfilment of his spoken pledge if the reason which held him back from an ap-

peal to the people was to prevent a political contest over a great imperial issue, but unless the government was going to learn wisdom there should be no other outcome. It might be that the premier personally was willing to court the inevitable. Dr. Clark recognized that his experience had not been a congenial or pleasant one and that he would be happier in other positions than his present one, but other members of the cabinet held him back. They had a "dread of the undiscovered." The minister of public works preferred to "bear the ill he has rather than fly to others he knows not of."

The government, Dr. Clark concluded, had lost its sense of proportion. "It has been devoting half an eye to the public interest and an eye and a half to the next election. Suppose, for the balance of its term, it exchange the proportion."

Hon. Mr. Graham, in a telling speech, pointed out that "the murderers of the highways bill sit on the government benches." Regarding the premier's assurance that the senate could stop any misappropriation of the money granted in each year's estimates, he pointed out that it could do so by doing the injustice of rejecting the entire supply bill.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER

Sir Wilfrid Laurier emphasized the

constitutional aspect of the matter. Highways were under the jurisdiction of the provinces and the moneys should be turned over to the provinces rather than retained by the minister of railways, who had no jurisdiction nor any staff necessary to the proper administration of the fund. He pointed out that the legislatures of Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia had protested against the measure in its original form and that Sir Lomen Gouin, premier of Quebec, had given a public interview on the same lines.

Premier Borden said it was true that representations had been made by the governments of Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia, but the government had heard nothing from Quebec and Alberta. All the other provinces had endorsed the government bill.

Mr. Bennett, Calgary, raised a small sized tempest and succeeded in obstructing real discussion of the bill for half an hour by diverting to the Alberta elections and to the alleged crookedness of the government there. He declared that one of the provincial employees was now standing trial for having attempted in the last provincial elections to bribe the electors into voting for the government by promises of what would or would not be done for them in the way of constructing roads.

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PROVINCIAL NORMAL SCHOOL HAD PUBLIC CLOSING TODAY

Exercises Attracted a Large Number of Visitors and Were Very Interesting---Addresses by Dr. Carter, Principal Bridges, Hon. H. F. McLeod and Dr. Kierstead---The Medal Winners

The Provincial Normal School closed for the year this morning when a very interesting program was carried out in the Assembly hall of the school building before a large audience of visitors. Tonight the students will hold an entertainment at the institution which will close the social life of the year. The examinations will begin on Tuesday next.

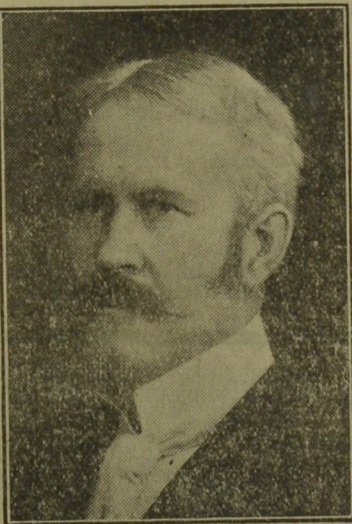
The students made a fine appearance the ladies wearing white dresses. The physical drill under the direction of Mr. A. S. McFarlane of teaching staff was a prominent feature of the program.

Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, principal of the Normal School presided. Seated with him on the platform were other members of the staff. Among visitors who also occupied seats there were Chancellor Jones of the U.N.B., Rev. R. A. Armstrong of St. Mary's, Rev. F. L. Carney, Very Rev. Dean Schofield, Dr. J. D. Phinney, K.C., Judge Barry, Dr. G. C. VanWart and Dr. W. S. Carter.

The program was as follows:—
1. Opening Exercises. Singing.
2. Remarks—The Principal.
3. A Lesson—Mr. Manning.
4. Reading—Miss McAuley.
5. Singing.
6. Reading—Miss Lint.
7. Physical Drill.
8. Lesson—Miss Royer.
9. Singing.
10. Presentation of Prizes.
11. An Address.
12. O' Canada, and The King.

DR. BRIDGES' ADDRESS.

Principal Bridges, in his opening address, referred to the fact that the attendance at the school during the past year showed a decrease when compared with that of the year preceding, but nevertheless, was well up to the average. During the year, owing to the absence of Dr. D. W. Hamilton, the staff of the school had



DR. H. V. B. BRIDGES
Principal of the Normal School

been cut down by one, but the appointment of Mr. F. A. Good to succeed Dr. Hamilton, who had accepted a position at another institution of learning, had been made. The coming year would see a new building erected which would afford additional accommodation and in view of the report of the Commission on Technical Education, the school would be in a position to expand further.

Introducing Dr. W. S. Carter, chief superintendent of education, to present the Governor General's Silver Medal to Fred C. Manning, son of Dr. James Manning of St. John, Principal Bridges remarked upon the fact that both medals had been won by male students, an occurrence that

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SALARY INCREASES FOR PROFESSORS AT U. N. B.

No Appointment Yet to Chair of English---Chancellor Jones Outlines Movement for New Building

At a meeting of the senate of the U.N.B., held at St. John yesterday, Chancellor Jones outlined a plan for laboratory extension which will involve the erection of a new building and add greatly to the efficiency of the science courses. The recommendations were taken under advisement. The senate recognized the increasing cost of living by increasing the salaries of the professors by \$100 or \$200 a year. The salary list is as follows:

Prof. Raymond \$1,800, Dr. Carson \$1,700, Dr. Cox, \$1,600, Prof. Stephens \$1,600, Prof. Miller \$1,600, Dr. Keirstead \$1,800, Prof. Stiles \$1,900, Prof. Uppvall \$1,600, Prof. McGinnis \$1,600.

Several applications have been received for the position of professor of English literature, but it was decided not to make the appointment just yet. When the appointment is made the position will carry a salary of \$1,600.

STOCK MARKET HOLDING WELL

**Heavy Liquidation
Has not Had Demoralizing Effect**

**Canadian Pacific Sold in London at
219 3-4---Sustained Recovery of
Prices not Looked For**

New York, N. Y., June 6--The most encouraging aspect of the market situation at the moment lies in the fact that several consecutive days of heavy liquidation has brought no demoralization, even in the absence of a normal investment demand. In the nature of things this selling should tend to further reduce local bank loans, although the large measure of foreign selling which has accompanied the declines makes the extent of this reduction problematical. Impartial observation nevertheless could detect none of usual signs of acute cessation of the downward movement. The absence of demoralization which normally marks the climax of a decline has doubtless kept away the bargain hunter and the principal support of prices appears still to be derived from the short interest. The past few years have been exceptional, in many respects and it is possible that the turn may come without the usual manifestations but this is hardly probable. The financial situation is still so extended that a sustained recovery of prices of any wide proportions is out of the question. The best that could be hoped for would be a substantial rally followed by a period of quiet and gradual recuperation.

Montreal, June 6--The market was exceedingly active this morning with Montreal Power as the leader. The announcement of new stock issue at par has a tendency to strengthen the market. Dominion steel sold up to 46 this morning, Power at 214½, Detroit at 67, Bank of Commerce at 205, Toronto Rails at 143, Train Power at 29, Bell Telephone at 143.

CONFERENCE ON SOCIAL INSURANCE

Chicago, Ill., June 6--The first conference in the United States to provide a comprehensive discussion of social insurance assembled in this city today under the auspices of the American Association for Labor Legislation. Noted social economists, representatives of labor organizations and delegates appointed by the governors of various States are in attendance. During the two days' sessions there will be papers and discussions covering all phases of social insurance, including workmen's compensation, mothers' pensions, and old age and disability pensions.

METHODISTS WANT SCOTT ACT MORE RIGIDLY ENFORCED

Resolution Adopted at the District Meeting Here on Thursday---City Council Commended for the Efforts It is Putting Forth to Suppress the Sale of Liquor---Membership of the Church has Increased in the District During the Year

The Methodist District meeting closed yesterday afternoon at 3.30 after a very successful gathering had been held. The last session was devoted to the passing of resolutions the most important of which was that recognizing that the City Council of Fredericton had done much toward the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act and urging the authorities to a more rigorous enforcement.

The statistical report submitted Wednesday showed that the membership of the Church had increased in the Fredericton District during the year. The Sunday School and church societies branches of the work of the churches are also in good condition.

RESOLUTIONS PASSED

The following resolutions were passed at yesterday afternoon's session:

Re Enforcement of Scott Act--On motion resolved that this District Meeting in annual session assembled, views with much gratification the efforts put forth by the Fredericton City Council to enforce the Scott Act and yet in view of the great quantities of liquors still illicitly sold in Fredericton, and also sent out from this city to the outlying districts, to the great injury of the people, both young and old; We would therefore urge upon all temperance people, and especially those whose duty it is to enforce the Scott Act, to use more drastic measures to enforce this law.

Entertainment of Delegates--Resolved that the very hearty thanks of this District be tendered to the friends who have so heartily and liberally entertained this District and that the pastor of the church be asked to express the same to the congregation.

Press--Resolved that the thanks of

this District be tendered to the local papers for their extended reports of our proceedings. District closed about 3.30 p. m.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting Wednesday convened at 2 p. m. pursuant to adjournment. Rev. Mr. MacLauchlan presiding. Rev. E. Ramsay and chairman led in prayer. Rev. D. R. Chown was elected secretary and E. Rowlands his assistant and H. Harrison statistical secretary. In addition to those already reported present at Ministerial Session were Rev. H. Harrison, J. J. Weddall, W. T. Day, Henry Peters, Wm. Munro, C. M. Coakly, W. T. Hoar.

Rev. H. Harrison having resigned the Statistical Secretaryship, on motion E. Rowlands was elected in his place and A. M. C. Lawson elected assistant Journal Secretary. Rev. John K. King and W. T. Day were appointed an audit committee. There was a long and earnest discussion on the spiritual condition of the district.

CONFERENCE DELEGATES

The following laymen were elected delegates to the annual conference which convenes in Charlottetown, P. E. I. on Thursday, June 10--J. J. Weddall, J. M. Lemont, C. A. Sampson, Howard Rogers, Geo. F. Bradley, Isaac Snodgrass, M. E. A. Burpee, J. E. McNabb, W. T. Day, Asa Currie, A. C. M. Lawson, J. Wallace Burpee. With Wm. Munro and Robt. McDonald as alternates.

The membership of the district is 1765, which after making up all losses by death and removals shows an increase for the year.

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MARYSVILLE

Knights of Pythias Election---Railway Construction

Marysville, June 6--At the regular meeting of Marysville Lodge, No. 18 Knights of Pythias held in Castle Hall last night the following officers were duly elected for the ensuing term:

William Cameron, C.C.
Harry Grant, V.C.
Harold Fisher, Prelate
Walter Walker, K. of R. & S.
D. E. Pickard, M. of F.
C. D. Clayton, M. of Ex.
Fred Collings, M. at Arms.
John McMaris, I.G.
William McPherson, O.G.
"Bert" Dennison, D.G.C.

Mayor W. H. Gray, representative to Grand Lodge for two years.

The above officers will be installed on the first meeting in July. The Uniform Rank will meet next Thursday night for drill, all the members are expected to be present in full uniform.

Carpenters are at work erecting a station house on the line of the Minto Railway in front of the Cotton Mill there is already a freight shed. The track will run between the two which will make it very handy and as it is only a few yards from the main entrance to the Cotton Mill it will be very convenient for the help.

The crew of men who have been working at the logs the past few days, expect to get through today as there is some hitch in the proceeding Mr. Schofield of St. John, was up yesterday in connection with the business. Times here, especially on the eastern side of the river, are very dull with the shingle mill, lath mill and saw mills all down and with no lumber or logs running, business prospects are not very bright.

Mr. "Lennie" Inch is spending a few days in St. John.

ST. JOHN MAN PASSED WORTHLESS CHECKS

(Boston Globe.)

Inspector Conboy last evening arrested Fred J. Doody, aged 29, claiming to live in New York, on an indictment warrant changing him with passing two worthless checks in this city early in March. He was indicted by the March Grand Jury.

It is claimed that he visited Joseph M. Everett, employed by the Walpole Tire Company, and asked him to cash a check for \$75. The check was payable to Doody and was drawn on the St. John Royal Bank of Canada. The money was given him.

Later he visited Frank A. Sullivan, agent of the White garage, and asked to have a check for \$50 cashed. The check, it is claimed, was signed by Doody. It also was drawn on the Royal Bank. These checks were sent through the Clearing House and some time later returned marked "no funds."

Doody claimed to have an account in the St. John Royal Bank. While he claims to live in New York, he says his folks live in St. John.

Mrs. Robert Gamble and family have moved to Fredericton to reside. Miss Jennie Gamble is employed in the Telephone Office as book-keeper. Mrs. Gamble and her daughter will be greatly missed by their numerous Marysville friends. All Saints' Church will miss their assistance greatly as they were regular attendants at the church services and good workers in the cause.

Miss Mary Minue of Fredericton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell.

20 Active Railways declined 0.40.
12 Industrials declined 0.70.
American stocks in London quiet and steady.