

## Liberals Will Not Submit To Gag Rule At Ottawa

**Russian Duma Methods Proposed by the Tories Will be Fought to the Last Ditch---Liberals Stand for Autonomous Canadian National Development as Against Subserviency to Downing Street---Hon. Dr. Pugsley, Praised by Sir Wilfrid---Tory Policy is to Link up Canada With the Malays**

Ottawa, April 8.—The closure resolution which Premier Borden will introduce in the commons tomorrow is more drastic, more subversive of the principle of free government by the people than any similar enactment in any parliament of the world, with the possible exception of the Russian Duma.

If it should be forced through any opposition will be completely at the mercy of the government. All criticism of public measures can be stifled at any time by the government and free discussion in parliament, which is now the safe-guard of the people's interests will be practically done away with whenever the majority so decrees.

The issue thus raised is of far more vital importance to responsible government in Canada than is the naval issue. Liberalism will fight this latest attempt at brute force, but even more strenuously than the retrogressive policy of the Tories to Downing Street.

That both fights can be successfully maintained until the two issues with all their far-reaching consequences are decided by the final appeal to the people, is the opinion of the militant and determined parliamentarians on the left of the speaker.

### LIBERALS FIGHTING MAD

An examination of the clauses of the premier's resolution, introduced at the dictation of Hon. Robert Rogers and the other elements in the party who believe in retaining power at all costs, has today made the Liberals fighting mad. They are unanimous in their determination to fight to the last ditch the attempt at so drastic a form of closure or what may be more aptly termed "strangulation methods."

Under the new rules, for instance, the proposed subsidy and loan aggregating \$25,000,000 to the Canadian Northern magnates could be put through in a few hours. The steel bounties could be renewed with equal short debate and a redistribution bill of a character calculated to keep the government in power indefinitely could be easily passed, despite anything the minority could do or say.

Furthermore, it may be noted that the rules could be applied to prevent debate on any charge against a cabinet minister.

Had the proposed new rules been in force, Hon. Robert Rogers could have prevented the debate at the opening of the session on the MacDonald charges, and Hon. Mr. Codrre could have stopped any exposure of the criminal practices in connection with the Hochalaga bye-election.

To go a little further back separate schools could, under the proposed closure have been forced upon Manitoba and reciprocity could have been carried under the Laurier government within a week after these bills were introduced in parliament. Then again, the government contemplates a condition of affairs in which the estimates for the year can be jammed through the committee stage with little or no opportunity for detailed discussion.

The more the Liberals study the proposed closure the more far-reaching appear its possibilities for inquiry at the hands of an unscrupulous government and the more agast they are at what it portends. Also the more determined they are to resist its passage by every means in their power.

### ROGERS AT THE HELM.

With a notice on the order paper for a gag rule to control debate in the Canadian parliament, both sides today were keyed to highest pitch. There is now no thought of anything but the seriousness of the grim impending struggle in which the government will seek to force the closure rule through and the opposition will try to prevent it.

Premier Borden did not make his appearance in the house. In his stead Hon. Robert Rogers ruled. The "Master from Manitoba" is in the ascendancy again and was greeted by

cheers from the Conservatives. But the entrance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was marked by Liberal acclaim which continued for several minutes. In this final struggle "The Lion" himself will lead. He is once more in perfect health and in domitable fighting form. So eager is Liberalism that this morning's trains brought in members from all parts of the Dominion, hastening back from visits to their constituents, confident and heartened to take up again the conflict.

The government is taking no chance upon a further policy of silence. Immediately on the resumption of the debate Hon. Mr. White, the minister of finance, was sent to the firing line with a speech he has had in preparation for some time. The minister argued for an emergency, but made it manifest that the lessons of the Eastertide visit to constituents has not been lost upon the government supporters. Mr. White declared that the best solution of the problem was to provide "by temporary means" for increasing the effective naval forces of the empire.

"Nobody on this side of the house," he exclaimed, dismissing the declaration of Premier Borden, and ignoring the statements of Mr. Cockshutt and Mr. Murphy, "ever suggested contributions. I am entirely against a policy of periodic contributions."

"You are coming back to us," put in Mr. German, amid Liberal laughter and applause.

### WHITE BROUGHT TO BOOK

In opening the finance minister stated that Canada had reached a momentous period in the affairs of the empire. In sending the three dreadnoughts the government was creating "one of those great events which are dignified by the name of landmarks in history." He read from a reported utterance of Winston Churchill that the vessels were absolutely needed and if they were not forthcoming the strain on the Burden would fall upon others.

This statement Dr. Clark challenged. He asked where the finance (Continued on page 5)

## "CAPTAIN BING" DELIGHTED LARGE AUDIENCE LAST NIGHT

"Captain Bing" the musical comedy presented at the City Opera House last night by local amateurs under the direction of Miss Hazel Leavitt of Skowhegan, Me., was everything which was claimed for it by those interested in the production. The fact that it was a benefit for the Fredericton Baseball Club aided in filling the house to its utmost capacity but apart from that the performance on its merits deserved the excellent attendance. It will be repeated tonight and also upon Thursday. Large audiences are assured for both performances.

Miss Leavitt who directs the play deserves great credit for the manner in which it went and the various amateurs of the city also are worthy of the highest praise. Previous to the performance an open-air concert was given in front of the Opera House by Donovan's Brass Band.

The entire comedy centres about the adventures of G. Whittaker Rolins of New York who usurps the office and name of "Captain Bing" a retired pirate as dictator of Puerto del Gamboblev. His effort to conceal his real identity and the final exposure and readjustment of matters furnish the material for the play.

As G. Whittaker" Mr. Greg Feeney added to the laurels he already has won as an amateur actor handling the principal comedy role to perfection. Fred Segee as "General Bonaparte" also showed to great advantage in a comedy role and made a big hit with the crowd with his topical baseball song. Mr. Frank L. Cooper was as good as ever in the role of "Hiram Hardup" the Yankee innkeeper. His local allusions were well received. Mr. George Brown as "Dick Hammond" had a magnificent opportunity to use his fine voice and was well received by the audience. Mr. George McDade took his part in excellent fashion and also made a hit as an announcer. Mr. Cecil H. Holder as "Captain Bing" appeared as a good soloist as well as actor.

The young ladies who took the principal parts were the recipients of numerous bouquets during the evening and the audience by its frequent encores showed that it well appreciated local vocal talent. The heaviest part in both solo and duets "was taken by Miss Louise Edgecombe, who in her duet with Mr. Brown and also as a soloist delighted the audience. Miss Anna Taylor as "Mrs

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## THE WORLD'S NEWS IN SHORT METRE

New York, April 9.—Democratic leaders in Congress are armed with protests against the new tariff bill.

British manufacturers think the new tariff will increase trade with the United States.

London cables say financial situation there is cheerful and early rate reduction by the banks probable.

Supreme Court justice orders troops to the Buffalo street railway strike.

Last group of operating plans of Allis Chalmers sold in Chicago for \$1,000,000.

House Democrats vote to discuss the tariff bill behind closed doors.

13 industrial advanced 0.54; 20 active railroads advanced .65.

American stocks in London firm, 2 to 2 up.

Mr. Hayward C. Logan of Presque Isle, is visiting his old home here for a few days.

Mrs. George Broderick and two children of Butte, Mont., are guests of Mrs. Hugh O'Neill, Regent street.

## PRESIDENT'S DAUGHTER AMONG THE SPEAKERS

Richmond, Va., April 9.—The annual national convention of the Young Women's Christian Association opened in this city today and will continue until next Tuesday. Several hundred delegates, representing nearly every state of the union are present. The convention is planned for the members of the Y.W.C.A., students and teachers in all educational institutions, all persons who wish to acquaint themselves with the association work and those who are interested in missionary work.

The principal sessions of the gathering are to be held in historic St. Paul's Church, where President Jefferson Davis and General Robert E. Lee were communicants. Prominent among those scheduled to address the convention is Miss Jessie Wilson, daughter of President Wilson.

One of the most attractive features of the convention will be an elaborate pageant to be given Saturday afternoon in Bryan Park. The pageant will be staged by Miss Letta Clarke of Boston, and will illustrate the student, city and missionary work conducted by the association.

## FANS ARE OUT FOR THE FIRST LEAGUE GAME

New York, April 9.—Thousands of Manhattan baseball fans crossed the big bridge over into Brooklyn this afternoon to witness the game between Brooklyn and Philadelphia teams of the National league. It was the first big league championship game of the season, a fact sufficient in itself to account for the big turn out of the enthusiasts. But a more potent magnet to attract the crowds was the desire to see the first game to be played at the Ebbets stadium, the magnificent home just completed for the Brooklyn club.

## DAUGHTERS OF EMPIRE HAD PLEASANT MEETING

Met Last Evening at the Home of Earl and Countess Ashburnham--Silver Cup for Cadets

The Daughters of the Empire held a very enjoyable and successful meeting last evening at the residence of the Earl and Countess of Ashburnham, there being upwards of fifty in attendance. Interesting reports were submitted by Mrs. P. M. McDonald for the provincial chapter, by Mrs. H. F. McLeod for the Howard Douglas chapter, and by Miss Sterling for the Moncton chapter. They told of the good work being done by the members of the order to instil a spirit of patriotism in the youth of the country.

It was decided to donate a handsome silver cup to the High School cadets for competition at the rifle range.

At the conclusion of the regular business a very enjoyable program was carried out. It consisted of readings by Miss Lynds, vocal solos by Mrs. F. A. Good, Mrs. Crocker and Mrs. J. D. McNutt (Truro); a paper on electricity by Mrs. Clifford Creed, and reading by Mrs. Malcolm of Moncton who is visiting in the city.

At the close light refreshments were served, Misses Sterling and Marion Crocker assisting in the pleasant task.

## LA SALLE COLLEGE FIFTY YEARS OLD

Philadelphia, Pa., April 9.—Many high dignitaries of the Roman Catholic hierarchy of this country, prominent educators of Roman Catholic institutions of learning, distinguished laymen and alumni of La Salle College attended the pontifical mass at the Cathedral today which marked the opening of the celebration of the golden jubilee of La Salle College. In the evening there will be a banquet at the Bellevue-Stratford and tomorrow evening the anniversary exercises will close with a public reception at the Metropolitan Opera House, at which addresses will be delivered by distinguished Catholic educators. The College was founded in 1863, when the late Archbishop Wood, in conjunction with a committee of the Christian Brothers and others obtained from the State a charter incorporating the institution.

## LINCOLN STATUE UNVEILED

Webster City Ia., April 9.—The life sized bronze statue of Abraham Lincoln, modeled by the sculptor George E. Ganiere of Chicago, and presented to the Webster City High School by Alexander Groves as a memorial to his son Harry, was formally unveiled today at the high school with appropriate ceremonies and in the presence of the donor, Mr. Groves, the teachers and students of the school and a number of invited friends of Mr. Groves. The Hon. L. A. McMurray, a close friend of the donor, made the presentation speech. J. W. Lee, representing the school board delivered the address of acceptance and Henry Miller, a high school student spoke for the high school. In the evening Dr. Gunsaulus of Chicago will address

## GOOD PROGRESS MADE ON THE VALLEY RAILWAY

**Company Expect to Have Three Sections of the Road in Readiness For Operation by Next Fall---Weather Conditions Last Year Were not Favorable for Construction Work---Track Laying Near This City to Begin Early in June**

The St. John & Quebec Railway according to present expectations will be completed and under operation from Centreville, Carleton County, to Gagetown, Queen's County, by October 1. Contracts for the construction of the three sections comprising that part of the line call for completion by the date mentioned and the progress made to date of the work warrants the statement that all contracts will be finished in time. The Intercolonial Railway of Canada by which the St. John & Quebec Railway is to be operated will take over and operate the various sections as soon as completed, the railway connection with the present I. R. C. system at Fredericton.

The St. John & Quebec Railway from Centreville to Gagetown is one hundred and twenty-one miles in length and is being built in three sections, the length of which and the contractors for which are as follows:—

Centreville to Woodstock, 25 miles, Kennedy & McDonald.

Woodstock to Fredericton, 62 miles, Hibbard Company, Limited.

Fredericton to Gagetown, 33 miles, James Corbett & Son, Incorporated. A survey from Centreville to Andover in Victoria County is now being made. The survey party at present is in Andover and it is expected that the survey will be finished by May 1. Southward from Gagetown the route has been selected as far as the King's County line and plans filed. South of that point the plans have not been approved by the Department of Railways and Canals. North of Centreville and south of Gagetown construction will begin during the coming summer.

Mr. Ross Thompson, chief engineer on the construction of the St. John & Quebec Railway, states that with rather at all favorable there is little doubt of the contracts being completed by the time set. The summer of 1912 was decidedly unfavorable to railway-construction in this province.

In spite of that fact very good progress was made in the building of the St. John & Quebec Railway. Almost all the heavy work on that part of the line now under construction has been completed. Track-laying is to be begun next month. Sixty miles of track material already has been delivered at Fredericton and Woodstock. The balance is under order for delivery. This material comes from the steel mills at Sydney, N. S. It is expected that track laying will be begun at Woodstock about May 1, and at Fredericton about June 1. Operations will be carried on from these points both to the north and to the south. The steel bridges for the line are all under order. The cost of this portion of the line will be in the neighborhood of \$250,000. The largest bridge on the railway between Centreville and Gagetown will be the Shogomoc viaduct crossing the Shogomoc River in the western part of York County. The cost of this structure will be in the neighborhood of \$40,000. It is to be supported by steel towers. Considerable difficulty has been experienced in getting bridge material all steel mills making it being loaded to capacity with orders making necessary to contract for the material a considerable time in advance.

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## BOOM IN POTATO PRODUCTION EXPECTED

Ald. W. W. Boyce Predicts Better Prices for Farmers as Result of U. S. Tariff Change

Ald. W. W. Boyce, the largest shipper of produce in this vicinity, states that in his opinion the change in the tariff of the United States which is contemplated and which will result in the placing of potatoes upon the free-list, will be followed by a marked development in potato-growing in New Brunswick. The effect, says Ald. Boyce, will not be immediate and will not be felt until the next shipping season but the tariff change undoubtedly will cause increased production of potatoes in this province, larger exports and higher prices.

He bases his statement upon the fact that New Brunswick's soil is better than that of any other part of the Dominion for potato raising and that there is an abundance of new land available. Freight rates also are favorable. He predicts a similar boom in Prince Edward Island.

### MR. D. J. PURDY HERE

Mr. D. J. Purdy of St. John representing the Crystal Stream S. S. Company is at the Queen Hotel. He is here for the purpose of conferring with the civic authorities concerning facilities for his line of steamers. The Wharf Committee is to meet at four o'clock to hear Mr. Purdy in the matter. He interviewed the mayor this morning.

Dr. S. S. King of Hampton is registered at Windsor Hall.

Dr. L. Chapman of Grand Falls is in the city.

Miss Nellie O'Donnell of Boston is paying a short visit to her home in this city.

Hever an address on Abraham Lincoln at a public gathering of the citizens.

## H. W. BINNING WAS PRESENTED WITH WATCH

Business Men of the City Express Regret at Departure of Former Bank of N. S. Manager

Mr. H. W. Binning, former manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, who has been appointed to the inspectorial service of the bank, was presented with an address and a handsome gold watch, chain and locket yesterday afternoon as a token of the good-will felt towards him by the business men of the city and of their regret on account of his departure.

Mr. J. T. Jennings, president of the Board of Trade, occupied the chair at the gathering, which took place at the Barker House. The address was read and the presentation made by His Worship Mayor Hooper.

Others present who spoke and expressed kindly feelings towards Mr. Binning were Ald. W. E. Farrell, G. W. Hodge, J. D. Palmer, A. B. Kitchen, T. S. Wilkinson, Joseph Walker, Michael Ryan, J. J. F. Winslow, N. P. McLeod, Hugh O'Neill, W. S. Tompkins, R. B. Hanson, P. A. Guthrie, W. S. Thomas.

Mr. Binning is to leave the city tonight to take up his new duties.

## MARYSVILLE

Marysville, April 9.—The first regular meeting of the newly elected town council was held in Town Hall last evening with His Worship Mayor W. H. Gray in the chair. The following aldermen were present: Ward 1—Millard Reid and William Harris; Ward 2, Aaron Peterson, Chas. McConaghy; Ward 3, Greenan Gilbert, Jesse Stafford; Ward 4 Thomas Morrison and Norman Cochran. Town Clerk A.D. MacPherson read the minutes of the previous

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