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## THE NAVAL BILL WILL BE TAKEN UP NEXT WEEK

**Tories Are Anxious to Have Prorogation Take Place Before May 23rd---Want to Escape the Ceaseless Worry and Embarrassment---Gag Will be Applied on Naval Bill---Hon. Mr. Cochrane Has Scheme on for Intercolonial Expansion Asks for Large Powers**

Ottawa, April 25.—Liberalism sought to effectively counsel the government against doing the right thing in the wrong way at this afternoon's sitting of parliament.

Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, has been engaged for some time upon an important project having for its purpose the development and expansion of the government system of railways, at present practically confined to the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island lines.

Two courses confronted the minister under existing conditions, either to dispose of the government lines or to develop them. Mr. Cochrane has chosen the latter course. The Telegraph correspondent understands that the plans of the minister of railways are significantly comprehensive, and, while including the acquisition of certain of the branch lines, which may be made to profitably feed the Intercolonial, go considerably further and may eventually embrace the inauguration of an important and somewhat extensive Canadian government system.

Of this, however, there is yet no official confirmation. Mr. Cochrane is keeping his own counsel and declines to make public his plans. In the House today Hon. George P. Graham alluded to the fact that the minister had in view an arrangement whereby the Canadian Northern system or at least the transcontinental part of it, would become the property of the government.

Mr. Cochrane, however, did not commit himself.

"Haven't heard of it," was his only comment. The Borden-Rogers government, however, finds it difficult to dissociate progressive and radical enterprises from old Tory methods. When the House resolved itself into committee of the whole, Mr. Cochrane submitted the following sweeping resolution:

"That it is expected to provide that the minister of railways and canals may, subject to the authority of the governor-in-council, construct, purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire in whole or in part, any railway, railway bridge, railway station, railway terminal, railway ferry or other railway work; and that any such railway or other work shall become part of the government railway system."

"On the face of it, this resolution means that the minister may do what he wants to without consulting parliament at all," pointed out Mr. Graham. He asked the purpose of the resolution.

Mr. Cochrane maintained that it would enable the government to grapple with the branch line problem on the Intercolonial. He pointed out that he would have to come back to parliament for the money.

"The difficulty is that the resolution does not say that," commented Mr. Graham. He was sympathetic with any legitimate expansion the minister might have in view. But the resolution, as framed, gave authority to do anything or take almost any steps without reference to parliament. The minister might commit the country to vast expenditures without consulting the representatives of the people. The resolution, in Mr. Graham's opinion, should merely be enabling. The minister should be accorded the right to consider and negotiate, but parliament should be consulted before anything definite was done, otherwise parliament would be robbed of its control of the finances of the country.

Mr. MacLean, of Halifax, asked if the phraseology of the bill proposed would be the same as that of the resolution.

Mr. Cochrane replied in the affirmative.

GOVERNMENT BY ORDER IN COUNCIL

"The members of this house may

may as well stay at home," declared Mr. Nesbitt. The minister would have it in his power to commit the country to any expenditure and the honor of the country would be at stake.

"This resolution means government by order-in-council," concluded the North Oxford man.

"How far would you let the minister go?" asked Mr. Meighen.

"That is scarcely a reasonable question, when the facts are not yet before us," put in Dr. Michael Clark.

Mr. Nesbitt said he would hesitate to define a limit until the house understood the nature of the project.

Ottawa, April 25.—With closure passed and ready for use, the government has decided to rush through the sessional programme as quickly as possible with a view to prorogation by May 23. The ministerial supporters are very anxious to get away and the ministers themselves, after five months of practically ceaseless worry and daily embarrassment, are doubly anxious to drop the curtain as speedily as possible and get away from the constant attack of a relentless and determined opposition.

At a ministerial caucus this morning it was decided that with a view to hastening matters along, morning sittings would be begun on Wednesday next and continued till the end of the session.

It was not deemed wise to apply closure right at the outset, but that it will have to come before long, if the session is to wind up as speedily as the government now intends, is certain. The present plan is to bring the naval bill up toward the end of next week. A day's discussion will be allowed on it in the committee stage at the outset. Then Premier Borden will ask Sir Wilfrid Laurier to kindly set a day for ending the discussion.

Needless to say, Liberalism, under the circumstances, and with the desired information as to what is really involved in the government's naval policy not forthcoming, will promptly decline the invitation. Then Premier Borden will apply the gag. That will bring the fight of the past five months to a climax.

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## HIGHWAY BRIDGE NOW IN COMPLETE USE

Work on the temporary span of the Highway Bridge will be completed tonight D. C. Burpee & Son who constructed the span for the Public Works Department having done the work in five and a half days exclusive of days in which the work was held up, and having done very good work. Pedestrians were able to use the bridge last night and this morning teams were crossing. A sliding draw about twenty feet on length is in position. This is the only part of the work which does not afford a double roadway. The temporary work is amply protected by rails at all parts. The sliding draw is to work on rollers.

President Rea says Western floods cost the Pennsylvania railroad \$3,510,000.

Western railroad men are optimistic over soil conditions and look for excellent crops.

Bryan's visit to California starts a row in its legislature. The Democrats insist Governor Johnson shall not keep the secretary any longer.

Secretary McAdoo announces he will accept New York City's short term revenue bonds as security for emergency circulation under Aldrich Vreeland Act.

Electrolytic Copper offered at 15 1/2 cents a pound to producers against 15 1/2 cents by American Smelting, Phelps Dodge and Amalgamated. Twenty active railroads declined 0.50.

## IMPORTANT MISSION

**Americans Set Out For Europe to Study the Credit System**

**Will Make a Thorough and Systematic Study of the Whole Question in Fourteen Countries**

New York, April 26.—When the steamship Saxonia of the Cunard line sailed from this port today it had on board about eighty of the members of the American Commission on Agricultural Co-operation, bound for Europe to make a thorough and systematic study of the rural credit and banking systems in use in fourteen of the countries of Europe. The commission has a total membership of one hundred, but some of its members are United States senators or Representatives in Congress who are detained by the exigencies of the extra session of Congress and will not be able to join the other members of the commission until after the adjournment of Congress.

Practically all the members of the commission and several prominent government officials arrived here two days ago and completed their arrangements for the trip which will occupy several months. Yesterday they attended a banquet given in their honor at which the Secretary of Agriculture and several other prominent government officials were also present.

The plan of sending a commission of investigation to Europe originated at the meeting of the Southern Commercial Congress which was held in April of last year at Washington, Tenn. The plan evolved at that gathering met with the hearty approval of the federal government with Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida as chairman; the commission also includes the delegates appointed by the Secretary of State to attend the International Institute of Agriculture which will open at Rome on May 7.

In accordance with the plan elaborated for the work of the commission the scope of the investigation provides for an examination of the methods employed by progressive agricultural communities in Europe in production and marketing, and in the financing of both these operations. In addition to that the following special subjects are to be investigated: The parts played respectively in the promotion of agriculture by the governments and by voluntary organizations of the agricultural classes; the application of the co-operative system to agricultural production, distribution and finance; the effect of co-operative organizations upon social conditions in rural communities; the relation of the cost of living to the business organization of the food producing classes.

## LARGE MILL DESTROYED BY FIRE AT WOODSTOCK

(Special to The Mail.) Woodstock, N.B., April 26.—The large saw mill of the Smith Lumber Company caught fire today about 2:45 p.m., and despite the efforts of the fire department to get the fire under control, was completely destroyed. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

## PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

While Miss Florence Tapley of Marysville, was returning from a friend's house a few evenings ago, where she had been spending the evening she stepped into a hole in the sidewalk where a plank had been taken out. Miss Tapley was very painfully injured and just avoided a serious accident. Dr. Ross was called in today and found that the young lady was badly hurt. The doctor is afraid that Miss Tapley will not be well enough on Wednesday to accompany her parents to Winnipeg, where they are to make their future home. Mr. and Mrs. Tapley will have to leave on that day as their furniture has already gone forward. Miss Tapley is resting very well today but it is feared that the bone is injured and if so, it will mean that she will have to remain behind, perhaps for some weeks.

## INCREASES IN SALARY FOR OFFICIALS OF CITY

**Special Meeting of Council was Lengthy and Lively---Salary of \$1200 For City Clerk---City Engineer Not Reappointed and Office is Vacant---More Pay for Street Lighting Plant Employees---Collector of Taxes on Monthly Salaries---Other Increases**

The City Council had a lengthy session last night when a special meeting was held for the purpose of appointing civic officials for the year to take office May 1 and determine their salaries as well as transacting other business. Ald. Boyce was the only absentee, being out of the city. A very interesting session took place and there was a large attendance of citizens, the appointment of officials and the fixing of their salaries being matters of importance. During the session there were several little brushes between Ald. Farrell, who is the stormy petrel of the council of 1913, and other members.

Several increases in salaries were decided upon and some changes were made. The City Clerk was given an increase of \$550 per year, making his salary \$1,200. In presenting his application in committee, that official said that the work attached to the office was worth an annual salary of \$2,000 but that he did not ask that. A salary of \$100 per month he thought would be commensurate with the duties performed. It had been distasteful to him to make up bills for extras to add to the salary of \$650 allowed him and by the revised bylaws the extras had all been done away with. There was opposition to the increase, but it was granted by a majority.

No City Engineer was appointed. Ald. Farrell moved that the incumbent, Mr. John O'Neill, be continued at the former salary but received no support.

Mr. George Edney, Foreman of the Water and Sewerage Department, was appointed Plumbing Inspector and was given an increase in salary of \$100 per year on account of the additional duties. A petition from Plumbers' Union No. 517, praying that a practical plumber be appointed to the position, was received and a delegation of plumbers composed of Messrs. William O'Donnell and Stephen McManhman, appeared in committee and requested the same. The council decided that the appointment of Mr. Edney would be satisfactory.

Janitor J. W. Biggs of the City Hall, was given an increase of \$50. It was suggested by some members of the council that the janitor should extend his activities and do more work. Superintendent Davidson and Lineman Harvey of the Street Lighting Department, each received increases of \$120. Ald. Farrell protested that Fireman Minneweather should also have been given an increase. His Worship stated also that the Pumping Station staff deserved larger salaries. The salary of Mr. H. C. Rutter as collector of taxes, was fixed at \$50 per month. Ald. Clark, in response to Ald. Farrell's query, stated that it had been decided that more satisfactory results could be obtained by monthly rather than yearly appointment as far as this office was concerned.

Increases of \$5 per month were given to the Fire Department drivers on the motion of Ald. Mitchell and Ald. Farrell remarked that Ald. Mitchell should be chairman of the Fire Department. Ald. Mitchell replied that Ald. Farrell had shown such a distaste for committee meetings that he was giving him a chance to speak in council.

The reference was to the fact that Ald. Farrell had left the committee meeting which had preceded the meeting of the council, stating that it appeared to be a council meeting rather than a committee meeting. In the matter of appointing a caretaker for the Old Burying Ground, there was a division. Ald. Scott, chairman of the committee concerned, wanted Edwin Smith replaced by Skipton Rossborough on the ground that the cemetery was not properly cared for. Ald. Farrell moved that Caretaker Smith be re-appointed and his motion was carried on the following vote:

Yea—Farrell, Rogers, Mitchell, Osborne, Weddall, Clark.  
Nay—Scott, Everett, Hoben.

## BY-LAW RE EXPLOSIVES

On the motion of Ald. Mitchell a by-law dealing with the storage of dynamite, nitro-glycerine, or other explosives within the city limits was adopted.

## OFFICIALS AND SALARIES

City officials were appointed to take office May 1 with salaries as follows:—

George R. Perkins, City Treasurer, \$800.

George R. Perkins, collector of Water and Sewerage Rates, \$400.

J. W. McCready, City Clerk, \$1,200.

J. D. McKay, City Auditor, \$250.

John L. Marsh, Police Magistrate, \$500.

John L. Marsh, Judge of Civil Court, \$400.

H. C. Jewett, Street Commissioner, \$800.

James Roberts, City Marshal, \$100.

James Roberts, Bread Inspector, \$20.

Malcolm Ross, Chief Engineer of Pumping Station, \$700.

Walter McGinn, 1st Assistant Engineer of Pumping Station, \$650.

John Malloy, 2nd Assistant Engineer of Pumping Station, \$650.

Wm. Lyons, Fireman, Pumping Station, \$650.

George N. Edney, Foreman of Water and Sewerage Department and Inspector of Plumbing, \$800.

Alfred Davidson, Superintendent of Street Lighting Department, \$900.

Thos. Harvey, Lineman of the Street Lighting Department, \$720.

Thos. Minneweather, fireman of Street Lighting Department, \$600.

Thos. A. Niles, Commissioner of Municipal Home, \$200.

Wm. McLennahan, Keeper of Municipal Home, \$400.

H. C. Rutter, Chief of Fire Department, \$200.

Wm. M. Clark, Assistant Chief of Fire Department, \$150.

J. W. Millican, superintendent of Fire Alarm and Electrician, \$250.

J. W. Millican, Caretaker of City Clock, \$50.

J. W. Biggs, Janitor of City Hall, \$600.

Edwin Smith, Caretaker of Old Burying Ground, \$150.

J. W. McCready, manager of City Hall and Opera House, \$75.

George W. Ross, Building and Fire Inspector, \$150.

H. C. Rutter, Collector of Licenses tax arrears and city revenues, (appointed by the month) monthly salary, \$50.

Melvin Bearisto, driver of Hose Cart, \$480.

Leo Ward, driver of Hook and Ladder Cart, \$480.

## CITY CLERK'S SALARY

Ald. Rogers moved an amendment to Ald. Clark's motion that the City Clerk's salary be \$1200 to the

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## WORLD'S NEWS

### IN SHORT METRE

New York, N.Y., April 26.—General Electric earned 12 1/4-10 per cent. on \$191,203,000 worth of stock in 1912 against 13.66 per cent. on \$77,335,200 a year ago.

President Willard of Baltimore & Ohio Railway, says railroads are not opposed to Railroad Valuation Act.

West Virginia coal miners strike settled.

A Washington dispatch says that the revolution in Mexico will result in Huertas' downfall.

Bethlehem Steel Company purchase Fore River Shipbuilding Company and will enter competition for building of battleships.

Failures this week were 307 against 295 last week.

## THE MARKET STILL WEAK

**Union Pacific Dropped Below the 150 Mark This Morning**

**Canadian Pacific Had a Two Point Recovery in London and Berlin---Other Stocks**

(By 'direct private wires to J. C. (Mackintosh & Co., 550 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

New York, April 26.—Conservative interests thought that the market was decidedly of a weak undertone at the opening and price changes were sharp and trend decidedly downward. While it has been stated officially dividend of C & O is not likely to be reduced as declared in May the street believes that 5 per cent rate will not be maintained much longer. Influential issues like Union Pacific, Reading and U.S. Steel, the support was notably good and it looked as if these issues were over. It was rumored on the floor that the U. S. Attorney General will reopen anthracite case.

Amal. Copper.....	73 1/2	72 1/2
Am. Smelters.....	67 1/2	67
Atchafalaya.....	101	101
Brooklyn, R. T.....	89 1/2	89 1/2
C. P. R.....	242 1/2	242 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.....	126 1/2	125 1/2
North Pac.....	115	114 1/2
N. Y. Central.....	101 1/2	101
Penn.....	114 1/2	114 1/2
Reading.....	161 1/2	160
Union Pac.....	151 1/2	149 1/2
U. S. Steel, Com.....	60 1/2	60 1/2

## MOGTEAL MORNING SALES

Crown—900 @ 395; 200 @ 393
Can Car—1 @ 82
Can. Cement—9 @ 30 1/2; 10 @ 30; 25 @ 30 1/2
C.P.R.—25 @ 242 1/2; 50 @ 242; 0 @ 22 1/2
Dom Steel—175 @ 50; 1 @ 50 1/2; 50 @ 50 1/2
Detroit—45 @ 75; 25 @ 75 1/2
Laur. Pulp—125 @ 220; 25 @ 220 1/2
Montreal Power—69 @ 227 1/2; 75 @ 227 1/2; 283 @ 227; 100 @ 227 1/2
A.S. Steel—20 @ 80 1/2; 25 @ 81
Quebec—25 @ 16 1/2
R. & O.—78 @ 114 1/2
Toronto—30 @ 143
Twins—25 @ 104
Bank of Montreal—10 @ 235
Bank of Commerce—3 @ 214
Penmans Bonds—1000 @ 92
Penmans pfd—100 @ 84
Dom. Steel bonds—2000 @ 91
McKay Com—25 @ 83 1/2
Tickets—20 @ 58; 25 @ 57
MacDonald—25 @ 55 1/2

## PURCHASE OF SCULLY'S GROVE BY CITY POSSIBLE

There now is a possibility of the city purchasing the Scully Grove property from the New Brunswick & British Colonization Company. The matter was before the City Council at last night's special meeting but action was deferred until the regular monthly meeting to be held on Tuesday, May 6. Ald. Mitchell presented to the council the application of the company to the city to take over the land required for the proposed new streets, McLeod avenue and Scully avenue, and also fifteen lots which would be required to make an extension of St. John street to intersect with McLeod avenue and moved that the transfer of the land be made.

In amendment Ald. Farrell moved that a committee of three one of whom would be the Mayor be appointed to consider the matter of the city purchasing the Scully Grove property en bloc. He had been informed by the managing director of the New Brunswick and British Colonization Company that the latter was open to a proposition to sell the property with the exception of the land secured by the St. John & Quebec Railway. Fredericton needed a public play ground and the time was ripe for the purchase of the property. He had been informed that if the city did not buy the property people living in Fredericton would.

Ald. Farrell's amendment was not seconded but on the amendment of Ald. Weddall action was deferred until May 6, information to be secured in the meantime.