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SHAM REFORMERS EXPOSED BY MR. UPHAM OF CARLETON

Premier Flemming's Promises Contrasted with his Performances--Told his Constituents that if he Failed to Keep down Expenditures they could have his Head for a Football--How the Treasury is Raided under the Cover of the Audit Act

The lieutenant governor paid his first business visit to the legislature Tuesday afternoon and assented to several important bills. Among them was the new charter for the city of St. John and the measure for further aid to the coal areas of Queens and Sunbury.

This latter contains the guarantee of the bonds of the Gibson-Minto Railway and the provision to lease the old Central Railway to the Canadian Pacific, the terms of which have already been stated. It is not announced whether the province will operate this road until the Gibson-Minto line is completed, but the supposition is that it will. That will mean another year of loss. It is to be hoped that it will be much less than that of last year.

The corporations committee met in the evening to complete consideration of the hydro-electric bill, and in consequence the evening session began later than usual. Mr. Mr. Hathe-way's speech failed to reveal that independent of expression one might have been led to expect in his opening sentences. His defence of the government policy and acts did not indicate that he had given much serious consideration to what was in the best interests of the province.

UPHAM SCORES FLEMMING

Mr. Upham, who followed him, naturally paid some attention to the inconsistency of his Carleton County colleague, the premier. His memory of Mr. Flemming's statements in Carleton County, when in opposition, enabled him to contrast his performances with his promises. One of them in particular, rashly made at Debec when he told the electors that if he failed to keep the expenditure within the income they could have his head for a football, occasioned much laughter, as Mr. Upham related it.

He discussed the crown lands cut from the standpoint of a practical lumberman, and said that in his opinion there had never been such a slaughter of lumber as existed at the present time.

He scored the government, or their broken promises in connection with handing the control of the highways to the people. Their secretary-treasurers of highway boards were simply Tory political heelers appointed by the men who said they owed their election to the votes of scores of Liberals.

The raids on the treasurer under cover of the audit act were exposed the concealment of expenditures in the

auditor's report made clear, the incompetency of the government as shown in their handling of public works, the easy and unbusinesslike method of disposing of the huge deficit by saying they intended to pay it this year, the extravagance shown in the agricultural expenditure for a crowd of officials at large salaries, the increase of taxation of the people for roads, and their poor condition, all were handled by Mr. Upham in a plain and practical manner that held the attention of the House.

His conclusion was devoted to the Valley Railway and his consistent votes in its favor ever since the measure promoting it had been before the legislature.

He scored Flemming for attempting to misrepresent him. So far as he knew when he left the House Friday the third reading had passed unanimously and he was surprised to read in the Standard Monday, that he was represented as voting against it. He went to the clerk of the House as soon as he reached Fredericton from his home and found that the official record said that the vote was unanimous, and when the premier, in the afternoon, after the reading of the minutes, tried to make it appear otherwise, he objected to him placing words in his mouth he had never uttered.

He reminded the premier, however, before he closed his (Flemming's) vote in 1910 when he stood against I. C. R. operation and the construction from Grand Falls to St. John and voted in favor of the Welsford-Andover electric line.

The House met at three o'clock. Hon. Mr. Grimmer moved that the bill to amend the Workmen's Compensation Act be not read a third time but be referred back to the Committee of the whole House.

Hon. Mr. Murray presented the report of the Standing Rules Committee.

Mr. Robinson presented a petition in favor of bills to enable the Board of School Trustees of Moncton to issue debentures to enable the City Council of Moncton to fix a valuation on certain properties for assessment purposes; also to enable the City Council of Moncton to sell certain lands.

Hon. Mr. McLeod introduced a bill to incorporate the St. John River Hydro Electric Company.

His Honor the Lieutenant Governor came into the Legislative Chamber and assented to a number of bills.

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MINERS TO BALLOT ON THE WAGE BILL

This Decision was Reached at a Full Meeting of the Federation this Morning--If they Vote to Accept the Measure Work will be Resumed at Once--Strike Funds have run dry and Storekeepers are Cutting off Credits--Troops are held in Readiness in Wales

London, March 27--After a full meeting of the miners federation this morning, it was decided to take an immediate ballot among the men as to whether or not they desire to accept the government's minimum wage bill and return to work. The miners' delegates will return to their respective districts at the earliest moment so that no time may be lost in ascertaining the result of the ballot.

The miners federation at a meeting this afternoon, decided that ballot papers must be returned not later than April 3rd, when the federation will reassemble at Manchester.

New York, March 27--A cable to the Tribune from London this morning says:

"The long and wearisome negotiations in which Premier Asquith has been engaged with the coal owners on the one hand, and the miners on the other, came to an end yesterday and the nation now stands face to face with that crisis which Sir Edward Grey at the beginning of the strike declared would be the greatest catastrophe in England's national history."

The government's minimum wage bill passed its third reading in the House of Commons early this morning by a vote of 231 to 48. There was a scene of great excitement and Premier Asquith was loudly cheered by all members. The House of Lords reassembled at 2.50 o'clock this morning to receive the bill, which on the motion of Lord Herschell passed its first reading.

The proceedings were purely formal and the house then adjourned. The bill will doubtless be passed into law today. The delay in passing the bill was caused by cabinet dissensions. Lloyd George and Sydney Buxton favored the two shillings and five shillings concession, but both the Lord Chancellor and Lord Morely threatened to resign if any figures were put into the bill. While Mr. Asquith was supported by a large majority of his colleagues, it was necessary to make a final effort for peace between the owners and the miners' federation when the negotiations failed the bill without any rigid minimum rate was the last resource and it was taken up not only without enthusiasm, but with the apprehension that a considerable group of radicals in sympathy with Mr. Lloyd George might join the labor members.

The prime minister's anxiety was evident when he explained the situation in the House of Commons. The division in the cabinet itself had become an intolerable source of weakness and the feeble bill which neither the masters or the men wanted was thrust upon parliament when there was no expectation in any quarter that it would facilitate a settlement. What is really operating to bring about a restoration of confidence is the exhaustion of the miners' organization.

The strike funds have run dry, savings banks deposits have been drawn upon, shop keepers are cutting off their credits and pawn brokers form the only class in the mining districts which is doing a profitable business. Non-unionists are likely to lead the way back to the mines as soon as there is a prospect of adequate protection and the strike leaders will be left to justify the vast expenditure of union funds and the shrinkage of the working people. Unless the federation of transport workers can be drawn into the conflict prematurely, it is probable that the minimum wage bill, after being accepted suddenly and reluctantly by the trades unionists will be the basis of resumption of business in all the mines.

In another day London's reserves of coal will be exhausted.

MINERS CONFERENCE

London, March 27--The Miners' Federation met today to discuss the general situation and to consider a proposal for submitting to the miners the question of balloting whether the minimum wage bill should be accepted by them. The coal owners also conferred but the result of their discussions has not yet been made public.

There appears at the present moment little likelihood of an immediate settlement and the question now

being discussed is what action the government will take as to the passage of the minimum wage bill. The cabinet hopes that the miners will seize the excuse offered by the enactment of the minimum wage bill, for returning to work. Even if this hope should be realized it will be necessary to take measures to relieve the great distress and it is understood that the government has already decided on an effective method of carrying this out. The protection of the miners who resume work must also be provided for and this, it is thought, would necessitate calling out the army reserves.

NATIONAL WAGE BOARD.

It is also likely that the government will establish a national wage board with an independent chairman.

HARTLAND POWER SCHEME MEETS STRONG OPPOSITION

The Corporations Committee met this morning and took up the bill to incorporate the Hartland Electric Power Company. Messrs J. C. Hartley and Mr. N. Cockburn appeared for the promoters; Messrs R. B. Hanson and D. King Hazen appeared for P. E. Sayre, Mr. M. L. Hayward for riparian owners in the Becaguinas River which it is proposed to dam; Mr. F. R. Taylor appeared for the C. P. R. and Mr. H. Puddington for the New Brunswick Railway Company.

Mr. Hazen said that while the Company presented sketches showing profile of flowage and a suggestive plan of a dam and mill no definite information was given. A report should be obtained from a competent hydraulic engineer.

Mr. Taylor argued along the same lines. Mr. Hartley contended that the rights of all parties were amply protected from the fact that all plans and specifications had first to be approved by the Governor-in-Council.

Mr. Taylor and Mr. Hanson stated

to consider and determine on proposals for the introduction of the minimum bill rates of \$1.25 for men and 50 cents for boys, on the understanding that with these two points settled, all the miners will return to work while negotiations are proceeding for fixing minimum rates for other grades of workmen.

Already troops are in a state of preparedness in Wales and at any moment their services may be required to protect the miners at the Brynkinnall colliery, who have been working for several days and an attempt to interfere with whom was made last night. Early this morning the miners connected with the collieries of the surrounding districts commenced to march in a body toward Brynkinnall and they were quickly followed by a force of police reserves.

TROUBLE FEARED.

Trouble is also feared in Scotland where many men have already returned to the pits and others anxious to follow their example. The feeling in Scotland may be understood when it is explained that at many of the collieries the hewers of coal employ their own labor whom they pay about 88 cents a day. Should the minimum of \$1.25 be established the hewers will find their profits considerably curtailed.

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THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE MONEY FLY

Planning to Spend over Two Hundred Million Dollars this Year--Supplementary Estimates Brought down in Parliament Total Twenty Millions--Grant of Ten Thousand Dollars for Public Building in Fredericton--Aid for Agriculture and Highways

Ottawa, March 26--Supplementary estimates for the coming fiscal year tabled in the commons late tonight by the minister of finance, provide for an additional expenditure of \$19,610,030 divided, \$13,072,526 on consolidated fund account, and \$6,537,513 on capital account.

The total is some \$10,000,000 short of the original draft submitted to the council the pruning knife being liberally used on Saturday.

The total expenditure authorized for the year however still shows a jump of some \$33,000,000 over the year 1911-12 exclusive entirely of railway subsidies and other special expenditures already voted by resolution, aggregating nearly \$35,000,000.

The main estimates brought down earlier in the session totalled \$149,739,677. The supplementary added to these give a total of \$169,389,716 divided, \$117,281,831 to consolidated fund account and \$51,407,885 to capital account.

Taking everything into account the total expenditure authorized by parliament this session will be about \$205,000,000. For a new government this is "going some". There is little likelihood of another "fielding surplus."

WHERE THE MONEY IS GOING.

The principal votes in the supplementary estimates include the following: \$1,500,000 for the Hudson Bay Railway and terminals at Port Nelson; \$1,500,000 for the construction, leasing or expropriation of terminal elevators under the new grain bill; \$500,000 for aid to agriculture under the new bill proportioned among the provinces according to population; \$1,000,000 for the improvement of highways, also proportioned to the provinces according to population; \$200,000 for seed grain to new settlers in the prairie provinces; \$561,947 additional for the militia department, bringing the total vote for that department up to nearly \$9,000,000; \$200,000 for beginning construction on the new Welland canal; \$100,000 for French River waterway improvements, being practically a beginning of the Georgian Bay ship canal; \$1,000,000 for a Dominion government building in London, England; \$300,000 for new Dominion buildings at Toronto; \$500,000 for a new departmental building at Ottawa; \$150,000 for a new subsidized steamship service between Canada and the West Indies or South America; \$60,000 for the tariff commission and nearly \$8,000,000 for public works generally chargeable to income.

Under the head of civil government there is an item of \$163,787 to provide for additional employees of the inside service, salary increases, etc.

Under the head of House of Commons, there is a vote of \$50,000 to provide members with stenography and typewriting, this being in accordance with a request of the Conservative caucus for an additional indemnity to members to meet correspondence expenses.

The half million dollars given for aid to agriculture is apportioned as follows: To Ontario, \$175,833; Quebec, \$139,482; Nova Scotia, \$34,238; New Brunswick, \$24,509, and other provinces in proportion to population.

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THROWN FROM COACH AND PAINFULLY HURT

Ray Briggs Crushed by Body of Vehicle Falling on him at Early Hour Today

Ray Briggs was seriously injured this morning shortly after six o'clock when a coach belonging to Kitchen's stable met with an accident at the corner of King and York Streets in front of Long's Hotel. The coach with Hartley Chase driving, turned the corner sharply, breaking away from the front set of runners. Briggs was thrown from the driver's seat to the ground and the body of the coach fell upon him bruising him severely about the hips. The injured man's cries attracted a large crowd. Medical aid was summoned and he was removed to his home. It was found that no bones were broken, but internal injuries are possible.

PERSONAL

Mr. George Leavitt of Gibson, is seriously ill at his home with heart trouble.
Mr. F. W. Freeze of Hampton, is in the city.
Mr. J. R. Tompkins of Woodstock, is at the Barker House.
Mr. G. C. Jordan of St. John, is in the city.
Mrs. H. M. Wood of Sackville, arrived in the city last night.
Mr. J. King Kelly of St. John, arrived in the city last night.
Mr. J. C. Brown of Toronto, is in the city.
Mr. S. R. Johnson of Toronto, is registered at the Queen.
Mr. T. H. Carten of St. John, is at the Queen.
Mr. John J. Wood of St. John, arrived in the city last night.
Mr. H. M. Hopper of St. John, is at the Queen.
Mr. W. McLeod Daye of St. John, is in the city.
Mr. W. J. Wetmore of St. John, is at the Queen.
Coun. William Griffin of Cross Creek, is in the city today.

TROUBLE BREWING FOR THE MISFIT GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, March 27--There is government brewing for the Federal Government over the proposal to decapitate Mr. H. J. Fowler, registrar of deeds for Kings in order to provide a berth for Mr. Fred Sproul, M. P. P., whom his party are anxious to unload. It is said that Mr. Sproul has consented to accept the job, as he is now satisfied that his withdrawal from politics would be in the public interest.

Mr. Fowler however has some friends and they have taken up the cudgels in his behalf. A petition which has been signed by many Conservative lawyers will be presented to the government and members for Kings asking that Mr. Fowler be not disturbed. As Mr. Sproule is one of the members for Kings he will therefore be petitioned to what he can to prevent his own appointment to office.

TURKS ROUTED ITALIANS

London, Mar. 27--The Turkish army in Tripoli has just achieved a great victory over the Italian army whose losses were 27 officers and 3,500 men killed and wounded, according to the report of the Turkish commander at Benhazi received here today from a special correspondent at the Turkish headquarters. The location of the battle is not given in the report which says that the entire camp equipment of the Italians fell into the hands of the Turkish troops. The commander says that the casualties among the Turks and Arabs numbered only 150 killed and wounded.

P.E.I. LEGISLATURE

Charlottetown, P.E.I., March 27--The Prince Edward Island legislature assembled today and was opened with the customary ceremonies. The session is the first to be held under the new Conservative premier Hon. J. A. Matheson.

INCREASED ACTIVITY SHOWN IN THE STOCK MARKET

(By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 604 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

New York, N.Y., March 27--The market opening was active, with an appearance of underlying strength. Sentiment was helped by the overwhelming defeat of Mr. Roosevelt in New York primaries and by the acquittal of the packers in the criminal prosecution, both of which developments were regarded as indications that the country is becoming tired of attacks on business.

quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., members of Montreal Stock Exchange

	Open	Noon
Copper	80 1/2	81 1/2
Atchinson	108 1/2	108 1/2
Brooklyn	83 1/2	83 1/2
C.P.R.	234 1/2	234 1/2
Smelters	86 1/2	87 1/2
Great Northern	133 1/2	133 1/2
Pennsylvania	124	124 1/2
Reading	161 1/2	161 1/2
Southern Pacific	112 1/2	113
Union Pacific	170 1/2	170 1/2
U.S. Steel	68 1/2	68 1/2
Virginia	54 1/2	54 1/2

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Bank of Commerce--10 @ 219

Quebec Bank--2 @ 134	Union Bank--25 @ 161
Royal Bank--72 @ 230; 20 @ 230	Bank of Montreal--10 @ 243
Iron Corp--100 @ 57	Spanish River Pfd--2 @ 88 1/2; 11 @ 88 1/2; 25 @ 88 1/2; 27 @ 89
R. & O.--12 @ 121 1/2; 900 @ 121 1/2	Steel of Canada--25 @ 31; 25 @ 30 1/2
Power--450 @ 195; 50 @ 195 1/2; 250 @ 195 1/2; 10 @ 195	Rio--25 @ 115 1/2; 80 @ 116
Hayana--15 @ 121; 5 @ 122	Illinois--3 @ 90
Soo--50 @ 136 1/2; 120 @ 137; 50 @ 136 1/2	C.P.R.--5 @ 230
Cement--2 @ 89	Shawinigan--20 @ 132 1/2; 10 @ 132
C.P.R.--100 @ 234 1/2; 100 @ 234 1/2; 100 @ 234 1/2; 100 @ 235 1/2	Spanish River Com--150 @ 45; 135 @ 45 1/2; 145 @ 45 1/2; 275 @ 45 1/2
Toronto St.--100 @ 132 1/2; 50 @ 133	Detroit--10 @ 63 1/2; 135 @ 64; 75 @ 65
25 @ 65 1/2; 125 @ 65	Canada Car Pfd--5 @ 65
Montreal Telegraph--25 @ 149	Laurentide--105 @ 175
Crown Reserve--500 @ 315	

Messrs. Max D. Cormier, L. A. Gagnon, Regis Theriault and L. A. Dalgard of Edmundston, are at the Barker House.