

SERIOUS TIMES.

Rioters at the Soo Attempting to Take Charge.

R. C. R. SOLDIERS, OF TORONTO, ORDERED OUT TO KEEP ORDER.

Left for the Scene in Command of Officers well Known Here.

CLERGUE COMPANY'S PROPERTY THREATENED.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Toronto, Sept. 29.—Shortly after two o'clock this morning a special train left Toronto, conveying a company of the Royal Canadian Regiment of Infantry from Stanley Barracks to the scene of the disturbances at Sault Ste. Marie.

The train consisted of two passenger coaches and one baggage car. It went via the G. T. R. to North Bay, where it will be transferred to the C. P. R.

Early in the evening, Col. Buchan, who is acting D. O. C. in the absence of Col. Otter, in England, received a telegram from the militia department at Ottawa, instructing him to have the men in readiness for immediate departure should the disturbances at the Soo assume dangerous proportions; consequently when the message came at midnight ordering the men out, everything had been prepared for the removal at the barracks, and little time was lost in transferring the battalion to the special train standing near Strachan Ave.

The company which number 75 men, is in command of Major A. H. MacDonnell, D. S. C. The other officers are Major Carpenter, Capt. Kaye and Capt. Burnham.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 29.—The situation in the Canadian Soo, which has been the scene of serious rioting by the discharged employees of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company all day is very grave.

A meeting of the employees of the company was held in Barnes' hall yesterday and its proceedings were of the most heated character. The particular grievance which seemed to have inflamed the men to acts of disorder was the promises of pay today when the men who made the promises, the employees believe, knew they could not be fulfilled. Immediately after this meeting adjourned the men went in a body to the office of the company, determined to get their money, or "get satisfaction," as they put it.

A mob estimated to number 1,500, surrounded the company's offices despite the combined strength of the local police force, and rocks and other missiles filled the air, directed at the windows of the office buildings.

The assault was successful and a mass of fire-bred rioters secured possession of the ground floor of the building, destroying everything moveable that came in their path. A crowd of the office staff with drawn revolvers, prevented their gaining access to the upper floors of the building. Every window and door in the building is smashed.

Someone then turned in an alarm of fire with a view of using the fire hose upon the mob. The firemen turned several streams on the crowd and drove them quite a distance from the building.

The arrival of the troops on the grounds armed with ball cartridges about 2 o'clock served to restore some semblance of order. The rioters then contented themselves with throwing stones at the building and hurling invectives at the soldiers, who established a "dead line" and prevented any approach toward the building by any of the rioters.

The greater number of the mob are of ignorant Italian, Finn, Norwegians and Frenchmen, the latter perhaps the hardest of all to handle. All have been drinking more or less, although the last this afternoon obeyed an order to close up. The mob is one that cannot be reasoned with, and the men they seem

most anxious to get at is Mr. Coyne, the assistant manager, who in the absence of Mr. Shields, is in charge of the works. Mr. Coyne has discreetly kept out of sight all day.

Late yesterday afternoon the leaders of the mob held a conference and demanded that the company house the men in their hotel and boarding house and feed them until the money for their wages is forthcoming. This was acceded to.

It is estimated that there are 2,600 men in the Soo and these are reinforced by all the idle rabble in town. The local police force is being strengthened by the addition of all the deputies who can be found, each man being given a badge and a revolver and ordered to use the latter whenever necessary.

Considerable feeling has been aroused over the shooting of three Frenchmen by the police during the trouble yesterday morning. The mob threatens an attack upon police headquarters with a view of effecting the release of all the men who have been arrested. Both that building and that occupied by the fire department is guarded against attack.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—The minister of militia received a dispatch yesterday from Sault Ste. Marie stating that troops were required to preserve order.

The telegram was from Mayor Plummer. The department replied that the calling out of the militia was a duty devolving upon the municipal authorities. The statute under which this was to be done was cited.

THE EXHIBITION.

Total Number of Paid Admissions Was 26,098.

About all the exhibits at the exhibition have been taken away, and once more quietness reigns about the building and grounds. As far as can be learned all the exhibitors went away well satisfied with the treatment received at the hands of the officials, and a great many of them expressed their intention of patronizing the next exhibition to be held by the society, which will probably be in the fall of 1905.

The treasurer and his assistant have been kept busy since Saturday paying over the prize money, and up to last night had dispensed upwards of \$3,000. One exhibitor alone drew about \$300 in prize money.

Chairman Caenstout of the publicity committee, reports that the total paid admissions for the six days amounted to 26,098. The attendance at the last exhibition was 14,054, so the increase is 12,044. The most enthusiastic friend of the exhibition never anticipated such a large attendance, and the statement therefore of a St. John newspaper that it was not up to expectations, is most ridiculous.

While the major portion of the work in carrying out the details, fell upon the shoulders of the members of the executive and the general chairman of committee, a great deal of the credit for the success of the exhibition is due to the popular president of the society, John A. Campbell, M. P. P. Mr. Campbell has always taken an active interest in exhibitions before and after he became a member of the Legislature, and it was on the representation of himself and colleagues that the liberal grant was made by the local government. Mr. Campbell is held in the highest esteem by the members of the agricultural society executive, and they do not hesitate to say that much of the success which attended the venture is due to his sound judgement and ripe experience.

PARLIAMENT OF CANADA.

Mr. Fielding will Look into Matter of I. C. R. Men's Pay.

Ottawa, Sept. 29.—In the House of Commons last night the request for an increase of wages by the maintenance-of-way men of the Intercolonial railway, was brought up in connection with the civil servant's salary bill by E. F. Clark, of Toronto, and Mr. Fowler, of Kings.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, the acting minister of railways, said that there had been some increases given the Intercolonial maintenance-of-way men. The government had been under such a press of business it had not been able to look thoroughly into the case, but it would be done and he expected the results would be favorable to the Intercolonial employees. Hon. Mr. Fielding said he was going over the road himself when the house closed and he could then give this matter his attention.

Mr. H. J. Logan and Hon. H. R. Emmerson, who have steadily championed the demand of the trackmen for a dollar and a half a day took the opportunity of again putting the claims of the men for consideration forward, and expressed satisfaction with this statement of Hon. Mr. Fielding that the matter is soon to be dealt with.

The whole of the afternoon and a part of the evening was spent on a resolution for increasing the salaries of members of

the civil service. The resolution was finally passed through the committee and a bill founded on it was read a first and second time.

The house went into committee on the estimates. On the vote for the high commissioner's salary, Col. Sam Hughes asked if there was any truth in the report that he was going to be replaced by one of the ministers.

Mr. Fielding in reply said that he sympathized with the colonel in his fear lest the country should lose the service of one of the ministers at Ottawa. As for Lord Strathcona he was here the other day and looked a lively specimen of a high commissioner. He hoped he had no intention of resigning, and the wish of the government was that he might be long spared to discharge the duties of the office.

The main estimates of the Intercolonial were under discussion last night. The item of \$108,000 for increased accommodation at St. John was passed. Item of \$104,000 for increased accommodation at Halifax was allowed to stand and also item of \$65,500 at Pictou for same purpose. Items of \$69,000 for accommodations at Moncton; \$10,000 for equip passenger cars with vestibules, and \$75,000 for increased accommodation at Truro were all passed. The total cost of the work at Truro will be \$232,500.

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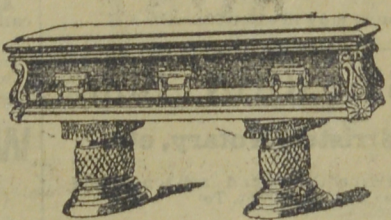
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