

THE DEBATE REVIEWED.

Government Has Gained in Prestige by Development of Autonomy Bill Discussion.

MR. BORDEN'S FOLLOWERS AT SIXES AND SEVENS.

Montreal Herald.—When parliament adjourned for the Easter holiday sixty of its members had spoken on the autonomy debate. From the twenty-second day of March the birthright of the provincial twins has been about the only topic that has troubled the lawgivers. A kindred topic, the Rogers-Sharette incident, had the floor for one day, while the Ottawa Electric, the Port Arthur dredging, the running rights of the Intercolonial to Georgian Bay, all made ineffectual efforts to catch the eye of the speaker and the ear of the house. However, the autonomy debate has been formally assigned the centre of the stage, and there was no use trying to obscure it. The sixty speeches that have been made upon it have been delivered on eighteen different days. They averaged over an hour and a half, and totalled a hundred hours of solid talk. The members started on their holidays irreverently referring to the "monotony" debate, and lamenting the fact that the lists of whips showed twenty-four speakers yet to come.

Ontario and Quebec have been the heaviest contributors to the list of debaters. Eighteen representatives of Ontario constituencies have been heard against the measure, and six in favor of it. Sixteen men from Quebec have spoken for the bills, and two have criticised them mildly. Manitoba has furnished two speakers for and three against. One New Brunswick has spoken for and one against the bills. Three Nova Scotians have spoken for them. Two provinces have been silent. Not a man from British Columbia, the largest, or Prince Edward Island, the smallest of the provinces, has been heard. Representatives of the middle west will applaud all unexplained votes which are recorded on the second reading test. They are now grumbling because Ontario and Quebec are waging a controversy over a distinctly territorial question. Outside interference has been more than once invited to attend to its own business by men from the prairie constituencies.

The wishes of the Westerners are not going to be respected, however, unless the men from the east find it convenient to do so. One of the few things at Ottawa that is free is speech, and the Ontario representatives in particular, propose to have all they desire of it without let or hindrance. Most of the remaining twenty-four speakers on the list are from that province. Whether the roll will be gone through with to the last syllable of the last speaker, whether the list will be curtailed or expanded, largely depends upon how the members find their constituencies. Parliament now has its ear to the ground. It is getting the views expressed to it first hand at the corner grocery, at the cross roads and at the neighbor's fireside. The members have gone back to land. They are learning whether all the newspapers have told them as to the feelings of their constituencies is true or not.

It is significant that under existing conditions the following of the

government has been firm during the month the autonomy bills, the school question, race, religion and other like issues have been debated. Only among the opposition has discord displayed itself.

After the introduction of the Autonomy bills there was great glee among the Opposition generally, because the government had decided to endorse the separate school system under which the Northwest was working. It was predicted that the Government following would go to pieces, as that of the Conservative Government had over the Remedial Bill. Before the measures were presented for second reading the chiefs of the Opposition had perceived that they, rather than the Government were in difficulties. The progress of the debate has justified the feeling. At the beginning the leader of the Opposition was compelled to give his followers permission to roam whither they pleased. The result is that Mr. Pringle, of Cornwall, Mr. Perley, of Argenteuil, and Mr. Ames of St. Antoine, have endorsed the Government measure, while Mr. Monk and Mr. Bergeron have complained that it does not go far enough, but have declared that it meets their views better than the amendment of the leader of the Opposition. It is even reported that the Laurier Government is going to have the endorsement and the vote of one of the representatives of the Conservative stronghold of Toronto, which is the centre of the agitation against the measure.

The net result of the debate to Easter, according to all the indications, has been that the Government proposals have gained followers, while the objections of Mr. Borden have cost him for the time not only several of his followers, but the actual leadership, which he was compelled to abdicate at the beginning and to all intents has never resumed. The leadership of the Opposition during the debate has been left with Dr. Sproule, almost entirely. For day after day he has been the only front bench of the Opposition in the House, and when others were there it had been left to him to do the sparring with the Government speakers. It may be said to Dr. Sproule's credit that considering his position and his opportunities, he has conducted himself with commendable moderation. Mr. Foster has burned a good deal more brimstone. The Opposition realize, better than anyone else, that the honors of the contest have been with the Government so far. The Lenton portion of the debate has gone against the Conservative side. There is a good deal of curiosity at the capital and elsewhere as to the developments which will take place while the remainder of the list is being worked off. The start will be auspicious for the Government as the day the House resumes its sittings is the day when Hon. Frank Oliver will be returned by acclamation in Edmonton. This will be accepted as the West's expression of approval and may possibly discourage further displays of eloquence on the Conservative side.

A MYSTERY SOLVED.

Body of Former Halifax Girl Found in a Pond Near Boston.

Boston, April 25.—The body of Helen F. Shaw, the young woman who disappeared from her home at 35 Rice street, North Cambridge, on April 4, was found in Spy pond, Arlington, yesterday afternoon. The girl was dressed in the scanty clothing which she wore at the time of her disappearance, and had evidently committed suicide by drowning on the night she left home.

The body, which was in a badly decomposed state, was found by boys, who began storming it, not knowing what it was. E. B. Wells, of North Cambridge, who was out in a canoe, turned it over, as it was floating face downward, near the houses of the Arlington Ice Company, and, horrified by the discovery, summoned the police. The remains were removed to Hartwell's undertaking rooms. Medical Examiner Swan viewed the body, and pronounced death due to suicide by drowning.

Eugene Perry, of North Cambridge brother-in-law of Miss Shaw, positively identified the body.

Helen Frances Shaw had been missing since the night of April 4. After retiring she got up about ten o'clock p. m., and went to Lombard's drug store, near her residence, and bought a headache powder, telling the clerk that she was suffering with a pain in her head that prevented her from sleeping. She was not missed until morning, and nothing was heard from her thereafter. When she went out to the drug store she did not stop to put on all her clothing, but threw a blue skirt and waist on over her night dress and put on her shoes and stockings. Her underclothing, corsets and hat were left behind.

Miss Shaw had lived with her sister, Mrs. Eugene Perry, at 35 Rice street, North Cambridge, since the

death of her parents, in Halifax, N. S., seven years ago. She was 23 years old last October. Since last July she had been employed as a clerk at C. B. Wilber's dry goods store at Cambridgeport. Mr. Wilber had been missing articles from his store for several months, and just before Miss Shaw left for home on the evening of April 4th he detected her in the act of taking some articles from the counter and putting them inside her waist. He accused her of the theft and after first denying it she confessed and gave up the articles, which consisted of a lace handkerchief and a piece of ruching, valued at not over 75 cents. She thereupon fainted, and when she regained consciousness seemed to feel exceedingly bad.

Mr. Wilber told her to cheer up, and come to work as usual in the morning. She said she did not intend to run away. Being very sensitive, the matter evidently preyed upon her mind. She did not tell her sister anything about it, but retired seemingly in her usual spirits. Her sister was ignorant of any reason for her strange disappearance until after Mr. Wilber had been seen next day.

Although Mrs. Perry feared the sensitive nature of her sister might lead her to take her life, and the fact that she left only half clad strengthened that belief, she lived in hope that she might return. Ever since her disappearance Mrs. Perry has been prostrated with grief and suspense, and when the tragic story was disclosed to her yesterday afternoon it was with great difficulty that she bore up. The dead girl has another sister who is a nurse in a New York hospital.

The funeral will be held at the chapel in Cambridge cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The Rev

Edward Abbott, rector of St. James Episcopal church, where Miss Shaw was connected, will conduct the services.

Mr. C. B. Wilber, Miss Shaw's former employer, said last evening, when told of the finding of the body: "I am greatly surprised and grieved to hear of the death of Helen Shaw. There is nothing that happened at our store to cause her to take her own life. On the day of the trouble the inspectors were more than gentle with her. They did not even touch her, except to assist her to a seat when she fainted. After the inspectors left I talked with her in the presence of a third party. She was greatly relieved to know that she was to be allowed to go home. I told her to cheer up, and that no one would know anything about it. She answered with a smile, 'Good-night, I will not run away.'"

MAGNIFICENT THEFT.

American Bank President who Confesses to Stealing \$14,000,000.

Milwaukee, Wis., April 25.—Frank G. Bigelow, president of the First National Bank of Milwaukee was arrested yesterday charged with the embezzlement of more than \$100,000 of the bank's funds.

The arrest of Mr. Bigelow followed his confession to the board of directors of the bank that he was a defaulter to the extent of \$1,450,000. Following Mr. Bigelow's confession he was removed from the presidency of the bank and the facts in the case were laid before the federal authorities.

A complaint, and a warrant, identical with those in Bigelow's case were made out for Nenty G. Goll, assistant cashier of the bank, but Goll could not be found.

President Bigelow was taken before U. S. Commissioner Bloodgood and bail was fixed at \$25,000.

President Bigelow's confession was made at a special meeting of the directors Saturday evening. In addressing his fellow directors, Bigelow said he had a painful statement to make, a confession that he had misdirected the funds of the bank and that an examination of his books and a comparison of figures would show that he was indebted to the bank for more than \$1,450,000. This money, he said, had been lost in speculation in wheat and stocks. Not a dollar of it could be recovered and the only sum he could offer towards compensating the bank was personal securities valued at \$300,000.

In making his statement to the directors of the bank, Mr. Bigelow said he had become involved in speculation in Wall street several months ago. More recently he had been a persistent bull in the wheat market and recent losses in grain had been added to heavy reverses in Wall street. From small manipulations of the bank's funds he had extended the defalcations until his shortage had passed the million dollar mark. He saw no possibility of returning the money and therefore confessed his actions.

Funds were at once provided by the directors of the bank to protect depositors against loss and to save the bank from a stampede. More than a million dollars was guaranteed to the bank by various stockholders and no serious run was made on the bank today. It is not thought that any complications with creditors of the bank will follow.

MONKEY GOT THE DIAMOND.

And Mrs. Barton Wants Her Pin, Not Sympathy.

New York, April 23.—China, one of the largest monkeys in Barnum & Bailey's circus, was the envy of his fellows and the despair of the management last night. Incidentally the monkey made Mrs. John D. Barton of 160 North Fulton Avenue, Mount Vernon, very unhappy and convinced her that monkeys are not only amusing, but thieving cusses.

Mrs. Barton went to the circus last night with a party of friends. The guard rail in front of the monkey cage had been taken down and Mrs. Barton got within reach of China's long paw. He reached quickly for the bright, shiny thing at her throat and he got it. He put it in his mouth in the presence of its owner and that was the last she saw of it. The bright, shiny thing happened to be a \$300 diamond pin. Mrs. Barton declared. The monkey had swallowed her jewel before she called the attention of her friends to what had happened. When China didn't cough up the jewel Mrs. Barton complained to the management. The keeper of the monkeys was called and shook China to see if any trace of the pin could be found in his inwards. China made serious and strenuous objection to this treatment and the monkey-man retired in confusion. Mrs. Barton had the sympathy of the circus management over her loss, but it was her pin she wanted and not sympathy.

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