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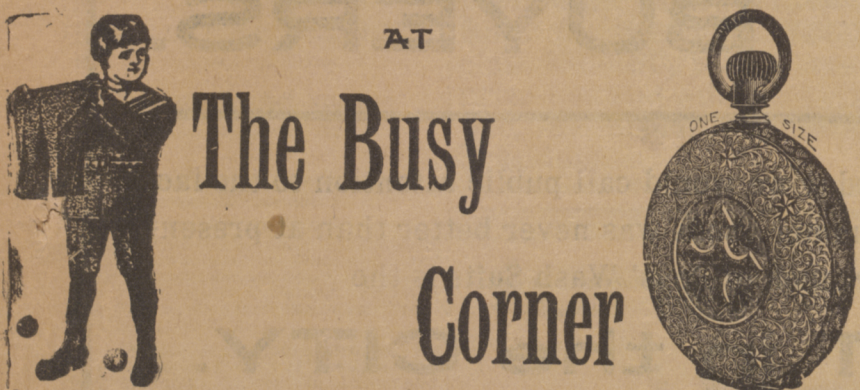


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AMENDING IT.

Looks as if Lord's Day Alliance Will be Unable to Recognize Their Bill When Parliament is Through With it.

Many Amendments Moved at Friday's Sitting.

Ottawa, July 7.—Practically the whole time of the house was given up yesterday to consideration of the Sunday Observance Act, to which amendment after amendment was made until that long suffering bill looked like a crazy quilt.

On the bill being offered for third reading, Duncan Ross offered an amendment declaring it would not be unlawful to do on Sunday any unavoidable work to save life or property.

W. F. McLean declared Sunday legislation should be a provincial matter. He advised the holding over of the bill until the next session. The matter could then be considered by the provincial conference to be held during the summer.

Mr. Aylesworth said the bill was not a perfect one. He, like most of the other members, would have liked to have seen changes in it. It was a workable act. It was the duty of the house to make as little objection as possible.

The bill was returned to the committee of the whole. Mr. Ross then offered his amendment and it was adopted. He then moved another amendment, providing that the compulsory twenty-four hour's rest should not apply to men regularly employed only eight hours each day.

He did this for the benefit of the owners and men of the smelters.

In the afternoon Dr. Black said that if all exceptions asked for by manufacturers had been granted there would not be enough time left on Sunday to repeat the Lord's prayer.

Dr. Stockton said there had been remarkable exhibitions of vaccination on the part of the government. The bill was now only a skeleton of its former self.

Mr. Borden asked for expression of opinion on the amendment from the government, who, he observed, had some connection, though remote, with the bill.

"Those remarks are consistent with the amount of assistance my honorable friend has given those who are asking for the bill," Mr. Aylesworth replied tartly. He favored the amendment.

Mr. Borden said the minister of justice had not been consistent even in his own views. He criticized the amendment as one rendering men who worked eight hours a day to work every day in the year.

Mr. Borden said he never saw a bill so absolutely without guidance. They had seen the minister of justice and prime minister voting against each other day after day.

"When my hon. friend says that he says what is not true," Mr. Aylesworth replied hotly, "that only occurred once on the Jewish clause, a detail of a bill which was not in it when the bill was introduced by the government."

Mr. Fielding added that Mr. Borden and Mr. Foster had voted against each other on the same question.

"The leader of the opposition is advertised as the president of the Lord's Day Alliance, and is therefore grandfather of this bill. Why has he deserted it?" he asked.

"He has put it in wrong hands to bring it up," suggested Mr. Cochrane amid laughter.

"That is all the more reason for him to come to the front and give a helping hand," Mr. Fielding replied. The amendment was then adopted.

Another amendment by Mr. Aylesworth was adopted entitling those engaged in transmitting, receiving or delivering telephone or telegraph messages to 24 hours rest during the week.

Thos. Martin moved an amendment providing that it shall not be lawful for any person, being a member of any club or association where an annual or other fee is charged or paid, to play upon these grounds on Sunday golf, cricket or any game of ball, or to be present thereat.

Mr. Bourassa said the amendment was consistent with the rest of the bill and should be supported to place rich and poor on the same level.

Mr. Aylesworth in reply to questions said whatever was legalized in that connection by provincial statute would be legalized by the present bill.

Mr. Guthrie said golf was legal in Ontario now, but he thought the amendment proper and should be adopted.

When the question was put to a standing vote there was a goodly number of liberals rose in support of the amendment and opposition members rose almost in a body. All ministers present voted nay, and the result was greeted with some laughter.

Mr. Martin's amendment was carried by 52 to 42.

The house rejected an amendment by Mr. Guthrie making all railways incorporated by dominion parliament subject to provincial Lord's Day legislation.

Mr. Bourassa came next with an amendment to prevent the use on Sunday for beverage of any alcoholic liquors in railways or tramway cars, on steamboats in railway stations or in any public place.

He said most of the objection to Sunday travel was from the use of liquor and they should adopt that amendment if they wanted to make Christian legislation out of it.

"There is just as much necessity for preventing this on the other days of the week," Mr. Aylesworth declared.

The amendment was defeated by 42 to 64.

Messrs. R. L. Borden and Foster voted for it and all members of the government present voted against it.

Otherwise the vote was split up. Mr. Pringle once more moved the amendment to allow freight trains to proceed to the destination of their freight on Sunday instead of to the next division point.

Mr. Pringle's amendment was declared lost and the bill was reported from the committee.

On the amendments being read for concurrence Mr. Aylesworth moved that Mr. Martin's amendment declaring that members of club or associations could not be allowed to indulge in cricket, golf, tennis or ball games upon their own premises on Sunday, be struck out.

Mr. Aylesworth said that games for gain should not be allowed but it was not intended to prohibit other sports.

Mr. Laverne said Mr. Martin's amendment restricted the rich man. As the amusements of the poor man were restricted he thought the amendment should carry.

Mr. Pringle said as railroads were not to be allowed to run on Sunday he was not going to have golf played on Sunday.

Mr. Gunn, R. L. Borden, Hugh Guthrie and Mr. Barr said Mr. Aylesworth's amendment was the rich man's legislation.

Mr. Fielding repudiated this, saying that as many poor men as rich were in the clubs of the country.

Dr. Sproule and Mr. Barker spoke against the amendment.

The amendment carried, 78 to 42, a majority of 37.

Of the opposition, Messrs. Monk, Perley and Paquette voted for Mr. Aylesworth's amendment.

Of the government followers, Messrs. Guthrie, Martin, Kennedy of British Columbia, Bourassa and A. Laverne voted against the amendment. In committee the amendment was struck out.

PECULIAR ACCIDENT.

Woodstock Bank Clerk Has Had Over 500 Bits of Glass Taken From His Eye.

Woodstock, N. B., July 6.—Nearly a month ago while working at his desk, Robert Fleming, teller of the Bank of Montreal, had one of his eyes severely injured by the explosion of an incandescent globe.

The eye was literally filled with little particles of glass and no time was lost in summoning medical aid.

Dr. Baker found that the condition of the organ was serious, and for some time there was much doubt as to whether or not the sight could be saved.

Up to yesterday Dr. Baker has taken from the eye 539 pieces of glass, and has delighted his patient by assuring him that the sight can be saved.

Dr. Baker vouches for the count and says that he never saw the like before. He asserts that the case is without parallel in medical history. Needless to say the cutting by the glass has caused Mr. Fleming severe suffering.

MIGHT TRY BIG FELLOW.

Gen. Miles Suggests Canada if We Must Conquer.

Newport, R. I., July 2.—General Nelson A. Miles said some pretty tart things in an address before the Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati this afternoon. His remarks and those of Prof. Wilfred Harold Munro of Brown University were seemingly in sharp contrast as to political policy. Prof. Munro predicted the annexation of Cuba, San Domingo and even Mexico within 50

years as a business necessity. "It was not the prayer of Washington," said General Miles, "that we should force our system of government upon another people, but that in time we would make it so glorious that others would take it unto themselves. If this course had been followed it would have been better for other people and more honorable for our own."

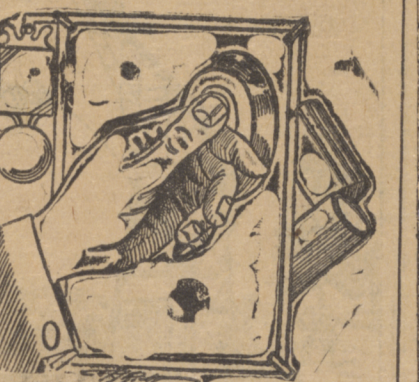
"I have no sympathy or respect for the ambition to enlarge our own country by crushing out the life of any other. If it is needful to do this we should take some country more of our own size, like Canada."

The greatest wealth of the country said Gen. Miles, was in the men and women it had produced. He said that Washington was the best-grounded man that ever walked the earth, and Julia Ward Howe was the noblest woman now living. Her poems had been the inspiration of many soldiers and her works had been a glorious example to mankind.

EMERSON DOESN'T IMITATE THE TORIES.

Moncton Transcript.—Yesterday an old and patriotic Tory who has never been known to utter anything but words of praise for his party, walked up to the site upon which will soon be located the new I. C. R. shops. He saw the hustle of the men grubbing the bushes and clearing the land to lay the foundation for the new I. C. R. shops and he watched the proceedings for a short time and then he turned to a business man standing nearby and said:

"I never expected to see this commenced in my time and when Emerson came here in February and told the people that the shops would be underway in a few months I had no idea that such a thing would happen at least not till another election. That is the way our party always did their building and that is the way they did all the business for the country, in the heat of an election campaign."



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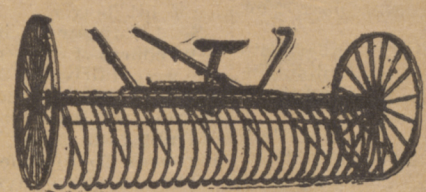
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