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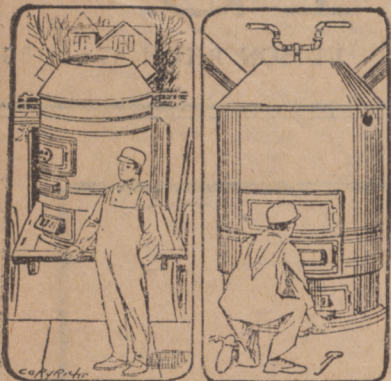
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CIVIL SERVICE CHANGES.

Deputy Minister of Finance to Retire and Will be Succeeded by Present Subordinate--House Discussed Variety of Questions on Saturday.

Ottawa, July 7.—On the finance items in the house today, Mr. Fielding said that Mr. Courtney, the deputy minister was retiring. He had tendered his resignation and would retire on November 1.

The minister said that he intended appointing a gentleman on the service as deputy minister and taking into the department a new man, which would strengthen it as assistant deputy minister. There was now a vacancy in the department for a law clerk. He did not intend filling this vacancy, but would appoint a legal gentleman to be assistant deputy. The salary of the new deputy would be \$4,000 and the assistant deputy \$3,600.

Mr. Fielding stated that the cost of the tariff commission had been between \$14,000 and \$15,000. A vote of \$2,000 more was being taken. However there would be no hearing before the preparation of the tariff but it might be advisable to send a commissioner to look into some special industry.

In reply to Dr. Sproule, Mr. Fielding said that so far as the house was concerned it would be easy to make an estimate as to the probable date of prorogation, but in the absence of information as to the intention of the senate he could not make any statement regarding the date.

AYLESWORTH MISQUOTED.

There was the usual discussion on the ventilation and acoustics properties of the chamber when the house met today. After this Mr. Aylesworth called attention to an article and an editorial in the Toronto World, which had grossly misrepresented what he had said in the house on the question of public ownership. He read from Hansard one sentence, the only one which he had spoken on the subject, to which he had said it would be a long day before the question of public ownership would be an issue in the dominion. This was repeated in the World newspaper under the big head lines that he (Aylesworth) hoped that it would be many a long day before public ownership would become an issue in Canada.

The house went into supply on the agriculture estimates, taking up the subject of the archives on an item of \$10,000.

Mr. Fisher gave a brief review of what this branch was doing. He paid a high compliment to Dr. Doughty, the archivist, for the excellent work he had been doing.

R. L. Borden said that Dr. Doughty was an enthusiast. His whole heart was in his work and had wonderful capacity for system. There were unusual qualifications in the same man. "I venture to say," said the leader of the opposition, "that the government and parliament would make no mistake in giving him a very liberal vote and a pretty free hand as to how he shall carry on his work. He ought to have the assistance of an experienced staff."

BLIGHT ON CEDARS.

The item passed.

At the afternoon session, Dr. Stockton called attention to the blight which was working havoc with cedar trees.

In reply Mr. Fisher said that the experts of his department were not able to give any satisfactory reason for the injury. It was probably caused by open winters.

There was a general discussion on the work of the department.

Several items of the post office department and some from the finance department were passed.

This evening Mr. Dubeau (Joilet) by a brief address in French, asking the government to further assist the bacon industry in Quebec, drew a reply from Mr. Fisher in the same tongue, in which he promised to do what he could to meet Mr. Dubeau's wishes.

Mr. Heron, Alberta, called attention to the alleged existence of a combine in the western cattle trade with the object of depressing prices. Representations have been made to me to that effect," Mr. Fisher replied, "but I scarcely see how it can be dealt with. The object

of a combine is usually to raise prices and I do not know any law against lowering prices. However, I will be glad to hear of any way of dealing with it and shall make enquiry."

OPPOSITION APPLAUDS FISHER

Mr. Fisher earned the applause of the opposition benches when in reply to Mr. Lake, who again referred to a report of the appointment of H. J. Moberley as a census enumerator. He asserted with emphasis that if it was the same man who was reported to have made a false return in a recent provincial election for Prince Albert, he would at once cease to work for the department.

Upon the item of \$21,562 for the department of labor, Mr. Blain referred to the recent honor of C. M. G. conferred upon W. L. MacKenzie King, and asked whether it was consistent in a democratic country like Canada, especially in regard to an official of the labor bureau.

Mr. Lemieux replied that Mr. King had rendered very valuable service to the working classes of the Dominion and had received congratulations upon being the youngest Canadian to receive an honor which was well merited.

In reply to a further enquiry regarding his policy on the question of salaries of postal postmasters, Mr. Lemieux said that he hoped to be able to treat all postmasters through out the country in a spirit of justice, equity and fair play. A committee had been formed by the postmasters, who would wait upon the government during recess.

In reply to a question by Dr. Sproule regarding the source of authority for granting honors and distinctions such as those recently conferred, Mr. Fielding said the question was one of some importance and he would prefer that Dr. Sproule repeat it when the premier was present.

Mr. Stockton, Mr. Barker and Mr. Sinclair all spoke of the deserving nature of claims of postmasters and Mr. Lemieux replied in a sympathetic manner. He also intimated that the department had noticed a difficulty of the present scale of salaries to keep positions in the old postal service filled, young people preferring other lines of business with more encouraging prospects.

With regard to the extensions of postal facilities in the west, Mr. Lemieux promised that the pace would be kept with growing demands.

The House adjourned at 10.15.

MARRIED AFTER 50 YEARS OF WAITING.

Aged New Hampshire Couple Reunited in Montana, Renew Courtship.

St. Paul, Minn., July 7.—After a separation of 50 years Charles E. Hoag and Mrs. Alice S. N. Barnes, were married at Bozeman, Mon., on Thursday.

Back in the early fifties they were sweethearts and schoolmates in a little Quaker school at Wear, N. H. She was then Miss Alice Nichols. Hoag urged her to marry him, but she refused, saying she wanted to have a career. So in 1881 Miss Nichols went to Montana and began teaching at White Sulphur Springs. Three years later she married a prominent mining man, H. H. Barnes.

Mr. Barnes was ordained a Congregational minister in 1896 and began regularly to fill pulpits at Castle Mont., and other towns. Her husband died four years ago and Mrs. Barnes returned to Columbus, Me.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hoag, who had never married moved to Montana also, and after the woman became a widow the once youthful lovers met again and the former courtship was renewed, with the result that they became man and wife.

Mr. Hoag is 60 years of age and his bride is a year younger.

SILENCED AT LAST.

A Frenchman who was seeing the sights of London enlisted the aid of a driver of the omnibus on which he rode. But it was difficult to impress the visitor, no matter what the driver pointed out there was something infinitely superior in that dear Paris.

"This 'ere's reckoned one of the finest sites in Europe," said Jehu hopefully, when at last they reached Trafalgar Square.

"Ma foil you are joking," said Alphonse, "we with ease can beat this in Paris."

"That's about a score of times you've told me that yarn," said the driver, "and, not wishing to upset the relations between France and England, I ain't said nothing. But there's one thing there you couldn't beat. Perhaps you may have better fountains and a bigger picture gallery in Paris; but there's a little chap on the top of that pedestal you couldn't jolly well whack and that's little 'Oratio Nelson, cocky."

And the rest of the ride was in silence.

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"What happened?" they asked. "Why," said the man, "I called the hackman down."

"Yes."

"And he came down," replied the man in the hospital, "the Senator Hale, apropos of an awkward remark, said:

"It reminds me of the conversation of two ladies at a reception. 'These ladies were strangers to each other. After a moment's desultory talk the first said rather querulously:

"I don't know what's the matter with that tall, blond gentleman over there. He was so attentive a while ago. But he won't look at me now."

"Perhaps," said the other, 'he saw me come in. He's my husband.'

"Now look here, sir," exclaimed the gamekeeper imperatively, "didn't you see the notice at the end of this road 'Pedestrians not allowed'?"

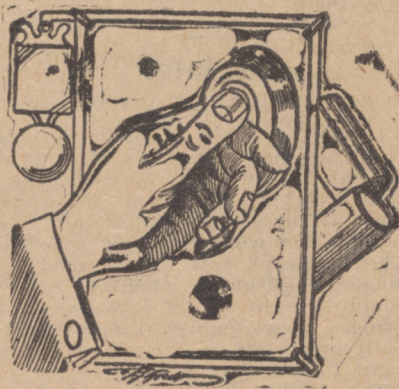
"I did observe a notice station that pedestrians were not allowed here," replied the mild mannered gentleman, readily, "but, you see, I'm a Congregationalist."

"Oh, indeed," returned the gamekeeper, slightly puzzled; "then I suppose it's all right, sir. You can walk on."

THROUGH THE PEARLY GATES.

Sioux City, Ia., July 7.—While he was telling friends at a holiness meeting at Morningide that he expected "soon to pass through the pearly gates of heaven," Pierce Ratliff dropped dead at noon yesterday. Ratliff was a business man of Oskaaloosa, Ia.

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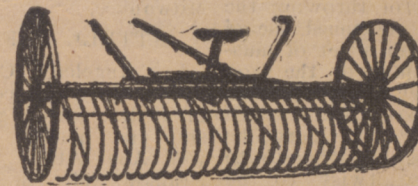
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