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A REASONABLE CLAIM.

Maritime M. P.'s Protest Against Reduction of Representation and Want Constitution Amended.

Ottawa, April 5.—Hon. Chas. Fitzpatrick introduced a bill in the house yesterday respecting travelling allowances to county court judges. It was omitted from last year's bill.

In answer to Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Brodeur said that there were 122 accidents on the St. Lawrence route since 1890.

To Mr. Kemp Sir Frederick Borden said that 224 Canadians who served in the war in South Africa were killed. There were also Major Howard and twenty others who served after the Canadian contingents had returned who were killed.

Hon. Mr. Hyman stated that fourteen memorials had been received from Canadians in favor of preserving Niagara Falls, and 467 from the United States.

Sir Frederick Borden said that the Kentville range comprised 640 acres the price was being arbitrated. The Sussex, N. B. range, which is 170 acres, cost \$4,850 and the Woodstock range cost \$6,234 for 223 acres.

WANT B. N. A. ACT AMENDED.

Mr. Hughes, of Kings, P. E. I., moved that an address be presented to the king, praying that he cause a measure to be submitted to the imperial parliament for the purpose of amending the B. N. A. act so that no province of the dominion shall at any time, have fewer representatives in parliament than it was given when it entered confederation.

Speaking to the motion, he said that both parties to the confederation contract thought they were negotiating for six representatives for all time as the minimum. It was never intended that any province was to have fewer representatives in the commons than the senate. This would soon be the case with P. E. Island. The idea on the part of the fathers of confederation was that the representation of the province should increase, not diminish. The island held out against confederation because the proposition was to give it only five

representatives, when the island demanded six, and finally got that number. It was now reduced to four and would ultimately be reduced to one or two in the commons, with four senators.

Mr. Martin (Queens) spoke in support of the motion. He said that the boundaries of the maritime provinces were not, and could not be increased which prevented their keeping up with the growth of other provinces.

Mr. MacDonald (of Pictou) maintained that the fathers of confederation never intended that the representation of the maritime provinces should be decreased. Provision was made in respect to British Columbia that the representation of that province could not be increased. What was asked by the motion before the house could not be decreased. What those who framed the confederation act intended it to be. He contended that the decision of the privy council should be set aside and the intention of the fathers of confederation carried out.

DR. STOCKTON'S CONTENTION.

Dr. Stockton (of St. John) said that it was the extension of the boundaries of Quebec that prevented the growth of the maritime provinces. In this way the pivot was changed, and therefore the original plan had been changed.

Mr. McLean (Queens) supported the resolution.

Mr. Carvell (Carleton) said that the maritime provinces would not have entered confederation if it had been known that their representation was to be decreased. With the prospects of Quebec's growth in the future, the representation of the maritime provinces would be very small indeed. The intention was that the representation should not be decreased.

Mr. LeGurgey spoke in favor of the motion and Mr. Turgeon of Gloucester, N. B., moved the adjournment of the debate.

OUR INDUSTRIOUS M. P.

Mr. Oswald Smythe Crockett, Member for York, Puts the Government into a Lot More Holes—Enquiries of Intense Interest to His Constituents.

(Special to the Daily Glimmer.)

Ottawa, April 5.—Mr. Oswald Smythe Crockett, the able and indefatigable member of York, N. B., rose early this morning, and after a delicious breakfast of oatmeal porridge, ham, eggs and coffee and rolls, took a long walk along the historic banks of the Rideau canal, and then settled down to a heavy day's work in the interests of his constituents.

This forenoon he visited all the public departments and told the various ministers what he wanted for York, and what he must have or he would know the reason why, and having concluded this laborious task, Mr. Crockett dropped into the parliamentary library and spent an hour refreshing himself with a perusal of Burns.

After a light lunch, Mr. Crockett wended his way to the parliament buildings, being followed by an enormous crowd of admirers, and as he entered the House, all the members jumped to their feet and wildly cheered the distinguished and indefatigable member for York.

The galleries were crowded to suffocation, and as Mr. Crockett arose and opened his daily question box, you could have heard a gum drop. The heat of the chamber and the awful tension of the situation were overpowering, and four dogs and three messengers fainted and were carried to the corridor.

After running his fingers through his ample locks and mopping and

composing his classic features, Mr. Crockett renewed his great campaign in the interests of his constituents in York.

Addressing the minister of agriculture, Mr. Crockett demanded of that official the following information:

(1) Is it the intention of the department of agriculture to encourage the planting of six rowed buckwheat on the Nashwaak, and if so what will be the price of molasses to be used on pancakes at Nackawick? (Great cheering.)

(2) Is the minister of agriculture aware that the sheep pastures of Lake George have been decimated by the antimony diggers, and what measures, if any, does he propose to renew and refresh them? (Renewed cheering.)

Next addressing the minister of railways and canals, Mr. Crockett demanded immediate answers to the following enquiries:

(1) Has it come to the knowledge of the minister that Mrs. McGillicuddy's favorite milch cow was chased by an I. C. R. train near Cross Creek on Monday last, and that since that time her dairy business has shrunk to unprofitable proportions?

(2) Is it the minister's intention to appoint a royal commission to enquire into the circumstances of Mrs. McGillicuddy's misfortune, and if so, when and how many?

Mr. Crockett had not got the first layer off the contents of his question box, when the Speaker nodded to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the two had a conference, and the Premier announced, that having already discharged such important duties to his constituency since the House opened this afternoon, it was only due that Mr. Crockett should take recess, and recuperate himself, and parliament proceeded with its ordinary business.

Thereupon and forthwith the indefatigable and talented member for York, with his question box, borne by four messengers and seven pages, retired from the House to seek repose and rejuvenation, the whole body of members rising and giving him three times three and a tiger, as he bowed himself out.

Mr. Crockett is the greatest force that has ever struck Ottawa.

Why was it asked Bishop Gore of Birmingham, England, the other evening in a sermon, that the requirements of income were so much smaller in Germany and France than in England? It was, he answered, because the British scale of expenditure was "absurdly and needlessly" higher. Even a modern ocean liner had its luxurious "restaurant a la carte," with facilities for spending \$10 or \$15 per head. Even the modern hotel in Liverpool or Manchester had now no terrors for the most confirmed gourmet, and its bills caused the millionaire to look at them twice.

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