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MINERS QUIT WORK.

Collieries of Inverness, N. S., Tied up by Men Walking Out--Strike Not Yet Declared.

Halifax, March 20.—(Special)—No work was done at the collieries in Inverness, C. B., today, and while a strike has not been formally declared none of the miners entered the pits. The miners expect to stand firm in what they have undertaken, and there is not better prospect of work tomorrow. Secretary Moffat of P. W. A., is expected tomorrow. Slack coal has been unloaded from cars to feed the boilers of the company, and cars have been dumped to fill local orders for house coal. This morning fifty or sixty miners were in for coal, largely for miners, who usually get their coal checks and have the amount charged up to wages. These orders were not filled unless for cash, nor at miners' usual price, but at the home market price. Previously the price to miners was sixty cents a load or half ton. Today it is said to be \$1.55.

THE JUDICATURE ACT.

Agreed to by Legislature This Morning--Sewerage Question Brought Up by Mr. Hazen.

The House met at 10 o'clock this morning. Hon. Mr. Labllois in reply to Mr. Hazen said that the government had not yet had time to deal with the matter. It could only be dealt with under the Public Health Act, and had therefore been referred to the crown officers for an opinion. The House then went into committee of the whole on the judicature act. Mr. Allen in the chair. The act was adopted. On motion of Hon. Mr. Tweedie, seconded by Mr. Hazen, both of whom made able addresses, an amendment to the act provides that the question of residence shall not apply to any of the present judges.

The act abolishes the present supreme court and creates a supreme court of judicature, with appeal and trial divisions.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie brought down the supplementary estimates, the principal item of which is one of \$8,000 to pay the costs in the privy council appeal of Emmerson vs Madison. There is also an increased grant to hospitals. The House rose at two o'clock to meet again tomorrow morning at ten.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, March 20.—(Special)—The stock market quotations today were as follows:
Dominion Iron and Steel, 30½, 30½, 30½.
Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 80, 80.
Nova Scotia Steel, 61½.
C. P. R. 169½.
Twin City, 116½.
Illinois Traction pfd., 98.
Toledo Railway and Light 34½, 34½, 34½.

BADLY BURNED.

Brockville, Ont., March 20.—(Special)—J. Avery, an aged woman residing in Mallorytown, while lighting her pipe, accidentally set fire to her clothing. At the time she was alone in the house, and before she discovered her danger, she was almost burned to death. Besides her injuries, Mrs. Avery is suffering terribly from the shock, and her recovery is doubtful.

112 YEARS OLD.

Woodstock, Ont., March 20.—(Special)—One hundred and twelve years of age is claimed for Aunt Dinah, as Hannah Stewart, a centenarian colored woman was affectionately called, who died at the house of refuge yesterday. Before coming here about sixty years ago, the woman was a slave for many years in the Southern States.

RELEASED FROM PRISON.

Belleville, Ont., March 20.—(Special)—Frank J. Riley, who served a year in Belleville jail for complicity in the bogus blood box conspiracy, was released this morning. He left Kingston and from there will proceed to his home at Ottawa. He does not show any ill effects from his confinement.

ST. JOHN BLIZZARD.

St. John, March 20.—(Special)—A big snow blizzard raged here today, seven inches of snow fell and drifted heavily. The street cars are not interfered with.

"I suppose daughter, you are keeping the diary I gave you New Year's?"
"Yes, indeed, papa. I'm keeping it wrapped in tissue paper. It's too pretty to write in."

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ASSESSMENT SYSTEM INSECURE.

Superintendent Fitzgerald Says This Form of Insurance Should Never Have Been Allowed in Canada --Failure Predicted.

A rap at the assessment system of insurance was the feature of one of the sessions of the Insurance Commission at Ottawa.

Superintendent Fitzgerald called it "insecure" and "undesirable" and predicted failure for the societies doing that class of an insurance business.

"I think," he said, "it was a mistake to ever allow that form of insurance business in Canada."

"How many companies are now doing such business in the Dominion?" he was asked by counsel.

"There are four," he replied, "The Independent Order of Foresters, Commercial Travellers, Woodmen of the World and the C. M. B. A."

"What do you consider to be the weakness of this plan of insurance?"

"They pretend to collect as they go along. While the deaths are few the assessments remain small, but as the deaths increase the assessments become larger. Then there are complaints among the members. The good risks drop out, the bad ones stay in because they cannot get insurance anywhere else. So the time comes when these societies find themselves in financial difficulties."

"Do you get annual returns from the four societies you named?"

"Yes."

"And you inspect them just as you do the old line or straight life companies?"

"Yes."

"They are not required to keep reserves?"

"No, although they do."

"How long has this form of insurance, this assessment plan, been permitted in Canada?"

"Since 1885."

"And you think it is an objectionable form?"

"Yes, insecure—an undesirable class of insurance for the public."

Servant—The plumber says this check should be \$5 more.

Castleton—But it's the amount he asked for.

Yes, sir, but you've kept him waiting for nearly an hour.

GET AT HIM.

Two Hoary Old Senators Clash at Ottawa—Miller Responsible for Disgraceful Scene.

Ottawa, March 20.—The staid decorous senate was in a turmoil last night and a scene of unprecedented boisterousness prevailed. Language such as has never been heard within the scarlet environs of the upper chamber, rang out in tones of intense passion, intermixed with frequent protests and cries of "shame" and demands of intervention of Mr. Speaker.

The originator of it all was Senator Miller, who insisted upon referring to Hon. Wm. Ross of Halifax, in terms that were far from parliamentary. "A toothless old viper," was one of the most emphatic expressions used by the former towards the latter and again Mr. Ross was characterized "an old man over eighty whose doddering limbs just bear him up those steps to the back seat he occupies."

Senator Miller said his fellow Nova Scotian was expelled from the Mackenzie government and that when appointed collector of customs at Halifax he set the business community in turmoil.

Senator Ross made a dignified reply and asked Sir Mackenzie Bowell who was minister of customs at the time to say whether his (Senator Ross) administration of the customs of Halifax was just or unfair.

Sir Mackenzie promptly said that it was not and that Mr. Ross was right in his statement.

Senator Ross repelled the idea that he was weak or doddering in his limbs and challenged his opponent to sprint down as far as the gates of the parliament grounds.

MILLER'S HOT RETORT.

Senator Miller, whose voice quivered with passion, began by saying that he desired to protest against a most unmerited slander attempted to be placed upon the records of the house by an individual for whom, "I entertain, and always have entertained a sentiment of unmitigated contempt."

These words were literally hissed out by Senator Miller and he turned and gazed steadily at Senator Ross. The statement caused a scene of disorder. Cries of "order" and "take it back" came swiftly from both sides of the chamber.

Senator Miller proceeded said there were no cries of "order" when the junior senator for Halifax was slandering him. Had the slander been uttered outside he would not have been so much concerned, but when repeated in the senate with the intention of placing in on Hansard he owed it to his friends and himself to make a reply. Senator Miller then quoted from the senate debate of Friday last a statement by Senator Ross suggesting that a seat in the senate was responsible for a change in the former's views on the confederation question in 1866.

For many years the speaker said he allowed that slander to be uttered against himself but at last his friends urged him to go into court and vindicate himself. He did so and succeeded before half of his evidence was submitted, in obtaining the most abject apology and retraction ever offered in a court of law.

"I ask the house what they must think of a man who knows that vindication as well as I do myself."

"TOOTHLESS OLD VIPER."

He turned and gazed steadily in Senator Ross' direction and repeated the observation. Continuing he said: "I ask this house what do they think of the man, over eighty years of age, whose doddering limbs just bear him up the steps to the back seat he occupies in this house, who ought to be saying his prayers or trying to make peace with his fellow-men—I ask them what do they think of this man, who knowing this vindication, would revamp a slander forty years old. I leave him there, but I am not going to leave him altogether. I am going to show you some of the incidents of this man—this toothless old viper."

Cries of "order" were here raised, loudest among them being the stentorian voice of Sen. Miller who said: "I am going to place some of these incidents on Hansard before I resume my seat. (Fresh cries of "order.") The Speaker—"What is the point of order?"

Several voices—"Calling a member of this house 'a toothless old viper'"

Mr. Speaker admonished the offender and Mr. Miller proceeded more moderately to speak of Mr. Ross as "this member of the senate."

He went on to say that Mr. Ross' entrance into the government was a matter of surprise to every one. He was not long in the cabinet, for he was found out was a matter of his story. "He was literally kicked out" stormed the irascible senator.

"Hon. Mr. Scott rose to a point of order, pointing out that Mr. Miller knew very well that he was trespassing the rules of the senate. He asked the hon. senator not to continue his discourse in the way he was doing. 'It's too late now,' retorted Mr. Miller, and he declared that when the gentleman, of whom he was speaking, was hustled and expelled from the cabinet he was placed in the very important position of collector of customs."

"By his ignorance and stupidity," (Cries of "shame") I say by his ignorance, his stupidity and his carelessness he had the whole commercial community of Halifax in turmoil and confusion," repeated the irate senator, his voice once more rising to a shriek.

COULDN'T STOP HIM.

Mr. Scott once more asked Senator Miller not to continue in the way he was doing, but the appeal fell upon deaf ears. Senator Miller asserted that such was Mr. Ross' conduct in the customs at Halifax, that he had to be removed by the Conservative administration. He then foisted himself on the Liberal party compelling them to accept him as a candidate because he controlled a couple of hundred votes. He established a reputation for treachery, perfidy and baseness.

Senators Choquette, Cloran and Watson successively rose to a point of order and protested against such an attack upon a gentleman who enjoyed the esteem of the senate.

Finally Senator Miller said: "The hon. gentleman is in order, I am done."

Mr. Ross then rose to reply, and his quiet, dignified speech was in marked contrast to the passionate utterances of his assailant.

THE INSURANCE ENQUIRY.

Commission Sending Out Questions for All the Companies to Answer.

Ottawa, March 20.—(Special)—The insurance commission resumed work today when Mr. Shepley K. C., who is the Dominion Government counsel in charge of the enquiry, presented a long list of questions embodied in a circular which the commission intend sending to the different insurance companies in order to facilitate the investigation.

The information asked for is to cover year by year for the last fifteen years' operation of the companies, if companies have been doing business in Canada that long. Information is also asked from fraternal societies.

The questions which the companies are asked to answer are such as amount of capital stock, holdings of shareholders, issue of stock, dealings by individual shareholders with their stock, dividends paid to share holders, all particulars as to organization, administration supplied, methods of fixing premiums expenses, obtaining business, description of policies in re-insurance, surrender val-

ues, paid up policies, a statement of salaries, profits of managers of associations, relations, gifts, subscriptions, legal and other expenses.

Mr. Hellmuth, the Ontario government counsel, assisted in preparing the questions.

Mr. Shepley then proceeded to examine Mr. Blackadar, the actuary of the department.

Mr. Blackadar in his evidence showed that the Royal Victoria and Home Life had been carrying on business at a loss and had so reported to the department.

The Home Life gave to the Grand Valley Railway \$18,000 without security after one inspection and it was paid back on the 31st December at the time of the next inspection. The managing director of the Home Life occupied somewhat of a similar position with the Grand Valley.

Mr. Michael Welsh, the well known Miramichi lumberman, is in the city today.