

EARLY MORNING SCRIMMAGE.

Tories were in Bad Humor After Being Badly Beaten in Three Divisions of the House.

Premier Touches Foster and Declares Satisfaction with Civil Service Commission Report.

OTTAWA, March 31.—Hon. L. P. Brodeur was once more under heavy fire just before the House rose this morning. Once more it arose out of the Civil Service Commissioner's Report.

The Opposition leader opened fire with an enquiry about the delay in printing the report. Instead of their undignified procedure in insisting on a triple vote in the Purchasing Commission debate, the government should have made a statement of their policy regarding the "charges," said Mr. Borden—made against Ministers by the Commission. Mr. Borden sat down with the emphatic utterance of a hint that it might not be advisable that the House should rise until such a statement was given.

Hon. W. D. Fielding's reply was likewise emphatic. Mr. Borden he said, had apparently found the divisions disagreeable; hence the rather strange exhibition of the last few moments. The matter of the delay of the report was a matter for the King's printer. The motion of the House ordered that it be printed forthwith and he took it for granted that the order would be carried out. When the report was down the government would be very willing to discuss all the recommendations in their proper order.

Hon. George E. Foster took up the tale with increasing force. The King's printer, he was somewhat confident, would do his duty. The question was, what was the Minister of Marine and Fisheries going to do. He stood before the country as an accused person. He had been held up to scorn and contempt. He had not lost any time in attacking the Commission. Then he promised to make an investigation at once. Now what had he decided to do?

Yet in spite of all these statements and his promise to take action at once, several days had passed and the Minister had done nothing. "I think," said Mr. Foster, "he ought to take the House into his confidence. Public opinion is stirred in reference to this peculiar state of affairs. The Prime Minister has said the commission has cast suspicion on the whole department. That is a grave matter. That is the more reason against delay. The Premier has said there shall be further investigation, and this calls for prompt action."

SIR WILFRED REPLIES.

"I have no hesitation," commenced the Premier, "in giving the honorable gentleman the information to which he is entitled, and I think it is just as well that we should be calm. It does not add to dignity or good feeling if we have such words as 'scorn and contempt.' I can leave them aside and come to the matter in hand."

"I have said there was enough in the commission's report to demand further action. Neither my honorable friend (Mr. Foster) nor I was ready to say what action should be taken. That was three days ago. The Government has many things to dismiss."

DARING BANK ROBBERY.

£1,400 in Notes and Gold Stolen—Cashier Called Out to Talk to Man in a Cab.

London Daily Mail: Shortly before noon on Wednesday a robbery of a daring character was committed at the Canute-road branch of Lloyds Bank, near the entrance to Southampton Docks, notes and gold to the value of £1,400 being stolen. It is believed that the theft was the work of a gang of experts and the result of a well laid plan.

On Tuesday afternoon a man of medium height and rather stout build, wearing a blue serge suit, engaged a cab from the rank near the free library to drive him by a circuitous route to the bank. On reaching there he asked the cabman to go into the bank and request the clerk in charge to come out and speak to him, explaining that he was lame and that his foot troubled him. The cabman did as he was told, and the clerk left the bank and had some conversation with the stranger in the cab. The cabman subsequently drove his fare to an hotel, before entering which he gave the man an order to call for him about 9.30 the following morning.

CALL TO THE CAB.

At the appointed time on Wednesday morning the ordered carriage was on its way to the hotel, when it was met and stopped by the stranger. He told the coachman to drive slowly to the Docks branch of Lloyds Bank by the same roundabout way as he had taken the previous day.

On arrival at the Bank the man gave the driver a visiting-card, on

which was printed "Dr. Collins," and which he asked the coachman to take to the clerk, with the request for an interview at the carriage door. His foot, he again explained, was troublesome.

The clerk was again alone, but he left the bank to speak to the caller in the carriage outside. He was, however, absent only a few minutes, but it was in that short interval that the robbery was effected. How it was actually accomplished is only a matter of surmise.

FORMIDABLE PROBLEM.

The stranger was driven back to the hotel and the coachman was instructed to wait for him. He waited three-quarters of an hour, and then detectives, the manager of the bank, and the victimised clerk came hurriedly on the scene. Inquiries at the hotel showed that the "bird" had flown.

William Warner, the cabdriver who drove the mysterious "Dr. Collins," is unable to say that he saw anyone enter or leave the bank while he was standing outside, and while the clerk came out to talk to "Dr. Collins," seated in the cab.

This forms the most formidable problem in the case, for it is impossible for anyone to enter by any other way than the front and only door. The branch consists of one small room on the ground floor of a small square, two-storied, detached building. There is no basement, and the only windows are strongly barred.

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A MARRIAGE WEDDING.

Which the Bridegroom was Assisted by a Young Fredericton Officer.

Halifax Chronicle: St. Paul's church was crowded to the doors Monday afternoon, when the marriage of Lieut. Charles G. Grant, R. C. G. A., and Miss Beatrice Ritchie, second daughter of Thos. Ritchie, took place at 2.30. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Archdean Armitage, assisted by Rev. Canon Almon, of Dartmouth.

The bride and groom are very popular and their friends filled the church, the chancel of which was decorated with palms. Aubrey Bullock, George Nichols, Dr. Bruce Almon, and John Ritchie, brother of the bride, acted as ushers.

The bride wore a travelling costume of mauve cloth with white hat, and carried a bouquet of white roses, was attended by her sister, Miss Ella Ritchie, who wore cream serge and hat and carried a bouquet of white and yellow roses. Lieut. G. P. Loggie, R. C. G. A., acted as best man and like the groom was in uniform.

Determined to show their appreciation of Lieut. Grant, a number of the soldiers of his company, removed the horses from his carriage. When Lieut. and Mrs. Grant appeared at the door of the church they were greeted with a hearty cheer by a squad of artillerymen lined up outside, and were then hauled to North Street Station by a cheering squad. The groom's gift to the bride was a gold bracelet watch and to the bridesmaid a gold bracelet. The bride and groom were the recipients of a very large number of wedding gifts. That from the bride's father was a cheque for a good amount, while the R. C. G. A. officers' mess presented three very handsome silver entre dishes.

DRUGGISTS BOUGHT WATER.

French Swindlers Sold it for "Dr. Henry's Mixture."

Paris, March 31.—Over 500 Paris druggists were victims this week to the extent of 92 each of an ingenious and very amusing swindle.

In each case an individual entered the shop with a prescription calling for a bottle of Dr. Henry's Mixture, the central depository of which was given as at 129 Rue Montmartre. None of the druggists ever had heard of "Dr. Henry's Mixture," but most of them sent around to buy it, and those who bought it received each a large bottle of colorless fluid the "wholesale" price at which was \$2.

In no case did the man with the prescription return to the shop in which he had left it, and this led to a complaint being made to the police. The police discovered that the "depository" in Rue Montmartre was operated by two swindlers, and an analysis of "Dr. Henry's Mixture" disclosed that it was nothing but cold water.

The swindlers at the "depository" enjoyed a day of roaring trade, and then disappeared. Next morning the premises being besieged by a fresh crowd eager to purchase the mixture, the landlord opened up the shop. He was not aware that his tenants had taken flight, and was actuated by a desire to care for their interests. He sold bottle after bottle of the mixture before the police, accompanied by an army of druggists, put in their appearance.

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TERRIFIC FIGHT BETWEEN MAN AND BEAR.

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VANCOUVER, March 31.—A story of Herculean strength displayed by a gigantic Frenchman named Louis Dubois, in an encounter with a bear at Toulon Mountain, on the Great Northern Railway, comes from Grand Forks. It appears that Dubois and a young Scotsman named Alice Campbell were out cutting cordwood when they came on a bear's den. Seeing what they took to be a bear's nose protruding from the quarters it had taken up for the winter, the big Frenchman struck it a savage blow with his keen axe blade. A tremendous commotion ensued, in which underbrush and snow were sent flying in all directions. The bear rushed at the intruders, and it soon became apparent that what they had mistaken for the animal's snout was in reality his foot, which had been completely severed by the blow. Campbell succeeded in getting out of the way of the enraged brute, but the Frenchman was not so fortunate. Dubois raised his heavy, double-bitted axe, but the bear brushed it aside with his un wounded paw, and presently had the big man fast in his embrace. In the struggle for life which ensued, the Frenchman succeeded in tripping up his wounded antagonist, which fell heavily to the ground, holding the legs apart, and firmly grasping the throat. Both man and bear were literally covered with blood from the dripping limb. Two other men came up to Dubois' assistance, and the bear was despatched. When the men returned to camp it was found that Dubois had escaped without a scratch.

Many Get Consumption In Spring Months.

The System is Generally Run Down and Lacks Power to Destroy the Germ.

Winter takes the vitality and snap out of us all. Instead of being rich and healthful, the blood is sure to be thin and watery in the spring. An overpowering tiredness comes upon us—this is followed by dead weakness, loss of sleep, poor appetite and depression.

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Lieutenant Shackleton, the young Englishman who will try to reach the south pole in a motor car, is in trepid and humorous, said a New York geographer.

At a dinner in Lieutenant Shackleton's honor, I once heard him say, with a humorous glance toward several grizzled explorers whose lives had been passed in looking for the north pole:

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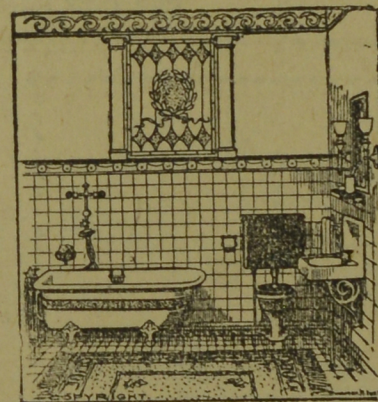
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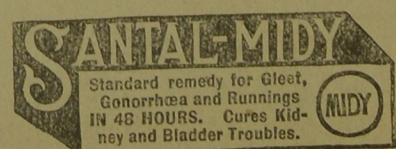
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