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WOULD GRANT BONUSES FOR SHIPBUILDING

Position of Canada's Merchant Marine Referred to in Parliament--Will Investigate Collapse of Tower of East Block.

(Special to the Sun.)

OTTAWA, Ont., April 5.--An architectural disaster within the precincts of parliament the shortcomings of the marine laws and the government's power over the Yukon council were the items of chief interest in the house today.

Hon. George E. Foster was the principal figure on the opposition side, taking the same leading part in criticism as he has been assuming since the beginning of the session.

R. L. Borden before the orders of the day asked the government about the fallen tower of the East Block.

The minister of public works said the only redeeming feature of the collapse was the fact that no one was killed. He had instructed the chief architect to make a report and would probably have an independent inquiry made. The plans and specifications for the tower were those which had been used for another tower which had been built thirty years before and still stood.

The contractor was George Goodwin. The work had been carried on under the supervision of Mr. Taylor, an architect, and one of the most experienced men of the public works department. Mr. Hyman said this was the first accident of the kind that had ever occurred to the department anywhere in Canada.

Mr. Bourassa thought a man outside the department should make the investigation.

Mr. Hyman agreed to this and said he would have it attended to immediately.

F. D. Monk said the committee on agriculture had yesterday ordered a witness, W. D. Scott, commissioner of immigration, to cable and find out who composed the North Atlantic Trading Company. He had been informed the minister of the interior had countermanded the order. This was a very grave infringement of the principles of the house. The day had passed when a minister could defy parliament.

Mr. Oliver said in his opinion the order of a committee was superior to that of a minister. A witness disobeyed a committee he should be punished. Mr. Oliver said he had not countermanded the order of the committee.

Subsequent discussion developed the fact that Mr. Scott had not been ordered to send the cable, but had been asked to do so with the permission of the minister. It was thought the committee should send and pay for its own cables rather than have that done by the interior department.

The prime minister promised the information.

To a question by Col. Sam Hughes, the minister of the interior replied that military bands in uniform were forbidden to take part in parades or demonstrations held for political purposes.

The position of Canada's merchant marine was brought before the house by E. N. Lewis of West Huron. No nation could reach greatness without owning ships. In Canada tonnage was not keeping pace with her commercial progress and with the expenditures for railways.

It was a point of national life which should be repaired. He favored bonuses for shipbuilding.

There was need of better inspection of the craft on the great lakes and the Atlantic coast, particularly in barges. First class vessels were properly inspected and manned, but there was no provision for ascertaining the competency of men in command of barges. Human life would be imperiled if these craft broke away from their tows.

Another serious need of Canadian navigation was an established load line on the great lakes similar to the Pillsoll mark on the Atlantic. This was to protect crews from the over-

loading of ships by greedy owners. The whole crew should not be on deck all day. Men not on watch duty should be permitted to rest between decks. Parliament should make provisions against undermanning. He expressed the hope and belief that the Welland canal would be deepened to 20 feet and the Georgian Bay canal would be completed.

A committee on the Lord's Day bill was named by the minister of justice. It consists of Dr. J. W. Daniel, St. John, N. B.; Ames, Montreal; R. A. Pringle, Stormont; W. J. Roche, Marquette; E. M. MacDonald, Pictou; C. MacDonnell, Toronto; H. H. Miller, St. John; R. Smith, Nanaimo; H. H. Miller, South Grey; C. Geoffrion, Chambly; J. H. Sinclair, Guysboro. This provides representation from all parts of Canada.

If the bill delayed stock trains G. E. Foster thought great hardship would result.

The minister of justice said there was no intention to enact an impracticable law. The transportation of perishable goods would not be delayed. There might be a provision for handling fruit after the arrival of trains.

The house went into supply on the interior estimates and had a row lasting over an hour over a grant of \$5,000 by the Dawson council towards a rain-maker's outfit. The prime minister made it clear that while the government might cancel the commissions of the representatives it appointed on the Yukon council, it could not dictate to the council what its actions should be. The house adjourned at 12:30.

LUMBERMEN READY FOR STREAM DRIVING

Good Men Are Scarce and Demand Big Wages--Prospects Are Good, However.

(Special to the Sun.)

FREDERICTON, April 5.--Within the next few days hundreds of men will be taking the trains from here en route to the scene of the stream driving operations. Some of these men will go into Quebec province, others will go into Maine and a great many will not leave the province at all.

A prominent lumberman said this morning that good men for the drives seem to be scarce, which may be due to the fact that many have already been engaged and that probably more men are wanted this year than for the past few years. The cut during the past winter has been heavy on all the streams, and thus a great many men are needed to do the stream driving.

Then the firm state of the market makes it so that all of the lumbermen are anxious to get their logs to the mills so that they can be saved as soon as possible.

From \$1.75 to \$2 per day is the average wage being offered by the lumber operators to the stream drivers, but in some cases the best men are receiving as high as \$2.25 per day.

A lumberman who operates on the Nashua said today that there was every prospect for good stream driving there this year.

FRANK, Alberta, April 5.--Corporal E. W. Dimberley, in charge of the Mounted Police barracks here, committed suicide today. He had been killed by a woman.

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STRIKING COAL MINERS OFFER TO ARBITRATE

If Disputes Are Submitted to Independent Tribunal Strike Will End at Once--Operators Defer Reply--Refusal Expected.

NEW YORK, April 5.--Having failed to come to an agreement among themselves, the hard coal miners of Pennsylvania through their representatives today proposed to the operators that all matters in dispute be referred to a board of arbitration for settlement, the tribunal to be composed of the board of conciliation which was created by the award of the anthracite strike commission in 1903, and Judge George Gray of Delaware or any person he may appoint as chairman and umpire. If the operators accept the proposition and a convention of mine workers approves the plan, the 150,000 men now idle in the anthracite fields will return to work at once. While it has been reported for several days that the miners might ask that the differences be arbitrated, the proposition made to the mine owners today came to them with a great surprise, as they did not believe the union leaders were ready to leave the controversy to a third party at this time.

The operators will accept the miners' proposal as submitted is not generally believed. In fact, it is intimated they may flatly refuse the offer on the ground that existing conditions are the result of arbitration. The employers have decided to carefully consider the miners' latest move and promise to give President Mitchell and his men an answer on Monday when another meeting of the two sub-committees will be held.

THE MINERS' OFFER.

The text of the arbitration proposal as submitted to the operators is as follows:

"The sub-committee of operators and miners met at one o'clock today and the miners submitted the following proposition: The committee appointed by the Shamokin convention of December 14 last, representing the employees of the various companies operating the mines, washeries and breakers in the anthracite coal region, having under consideration the proposition that you dated February 27, together with your committee's proposition of March, which was a continuation of the award of the anthracite coal strike commission and a letter from the governor of Pennsylvania, have agreed to accept the great public interest, aside from those we represent directly, that it is our duty to make some further effort and even a sacrifice of what we believe justly due in the matter of wages and conditions of employment in order that a great public calamity may be averted. Therefore we propose that, subject to the approval of a convention of anthracite mine workers which shall be called at the earliest date possible, the difference between us, as stated in our proposition and your counter proposition, be referred for determination and settlement to a board of arbitration.

"The decision of this tribunal, or the majority of members thereof, so far as it influences wages, to be effective from April 1, 1906, and continue in force until March 31, 1908, such decision to be final and binding upon all parties in the interest. Employees of anthracite mines, washeries and breakers to resume work immediately and to continue at work pending the decisions of said boards.

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THE OPERATORS' REPLY.

The conference of the sub-committees lasted less than an hour, and at its conclusion the operators held a meeting to informally discuss the miners' offer. Later in the day they issued the following statement:

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"As a matter of policy we would not make such an agreement as you request, and as a matter of law we are not permitted to make it."

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"The right to remain at work where employed, and to work where one is engaged anew in work which others have abandoned, is part of the personal liberty of a citizen that can never be surrendered, and every infringement thereof merits and should receive the stern denunciation of the law. All government implies restraint and it is not less, but more, necessary in self-governed communities than in others to compel restraint of the passions of men which are the source of disorder and lawlessness.

"Our language is the language of a free people and fails to furnish any form of speech by which the right of a citizen to work when he pleases, for whom he pleases, and on what terms he pleases, can be successfully denied. The common sense of our people as well as the common law forbids that this right should be assailed with impunity.

"It is in vain to say that the man who remains at work while others seek to work or takes the place of one who has abandoned his work, helps to defeat the aspirations of men who seek to obtain better recompense for their labor at better conditions of life."

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H. F. McLEOD IS GRAND MASTER

Officers Elected by Orange Lodge Last Evening

Reports From Counties Show the Order to Be in a Flourishing Condition.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., April 4.--The attendance at Grand Lodge was greatly augmented on reopening this morning. Several counties submitted reports. They were Northumberland, St. John, Queens east, York Carleton north, Westmorland, Queens west. Each reported the order in a flourishing condition, with excellent prospects for the future. The committee on establishing an Orange orphanage for the maritime provinces stated that practically nothing of a definite character took place during the year, through a misunderstanding between the several jurisdictions. It is intended to hold a meeting of the joint committee early in the coming summer, when it was probable that something of a definite nature would be accomplished.

The third session opened at 2:30. The first business was the continuation of the discussion on the orphan's home for maritime provinces. The committee to deal with the grand master's address reported at length on the address. The matter of temperance was reported as follows:

We note with pleasure the successful celebration held in Fredericton last year, and we join with the grand master in the expression of satisfaction that no intemperance on the part of any member of the order was witnessed during the entire day, and we rejoice that this Grand Lodge places itself on record in its consideration of the use of spirituous liquors on the part of the members generally.

During the remainder of the afternoon and evening routine business was enacted, and the officers for the ensuing year were elected, which resulted as follows:

H. F. McLeod of Fredericton re-elected grand master by acclamation.

Geo. F. Dryden of Sussex, senior deputy grand master.

John Kenney, Jr., St. John, junior deputy grand master by acclamation.

Rev. R. G. Fulton, Hampton, grand chaplain.

Neil J. Morrison, St. John, grand secretary, by acclamation, elected for the sixth year.

H. G. Wadman, Moncton, grand treasurer, by acclamation.

A. R. Mowatt, McAdam Junction, deputy secretary, re-elected.

John Brooks, Newcastle, grand director of ceremonies.

M. Corbett, Queens Co., grand lecturer.

Rev. Messrs. I. N. Thorne, Northumberland; A. J. Prosser, St. John; A. D. Archibald, Queens Co.; J. E. Flewelling, York; C. Bleasdale, Carleton; O. N. Mott, Charlotte; G. H. Thomas, Westmorland; E. H. Cochrane, York; J. B. Daggett, Kings; A. W. Curme, Kent; A. F. Brown, Northumberland; and Charles Sterling, Carleton, deputy grand chaplains.

E. A. Nesbitt and J. T. Haines, grand auditors.

The following were appointed delegates to the triennial council at Toronto this year: H. F. McLeod, P. E. Heine, R. Maxwell, J. W. Clarke, A. D. Thomas, Rev. R. G. Fulton, N. J. Morrison, H. G. Wadman, Col. A. J. Armstrong, W. B. Wallace, S. B. Bustin, David Hipwell, Geo. F. Dryden and R. G. Magee, the latter seven being alternates.

The election of officers was conducted by P. G. M. Heine and on conclusion P. G. M. Hipwell took the chair and installed the elected officers.

FREDERICTON MAN'S SUCCESS IN THE WEST

FREDERICTON, April 3.--Friends of Dr. A. W. Akery, formerly of this city, will be pleased to learn of his success in the west. The doctor, who is now assistant professor in anatomy in Milwaukee Medical College, has, it is understood, been offered the full professorship in that institution at a salary of \$10,000 per annum. Dr. Akery is a son of the late Samuel Akery of this city and a graduate of McGill. He was married a short time ago to one of Milwaukee's richest daughters.

RATHER UNUSUAL.

There was splendid skating at the Acadia rink last evening, and a large crowd of young people took advantage of it. It is something unusual to have rink skating here as late as April 2nd. Last season the rink was closed on March 15--Fredericton Herald.

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HORRIBLE MURDER OF LITTLE MONTREAL GIRL

Five Year Old Ida Mary Ahern Outraged and Killed by Drunken Fiend, Who is Now Being Searched for by Detectives.

(Special to the Sun.)

MONTREAL, April 5.--The mutilated body of Ida Mary Ahern, five years of age, was found this morning in the woods at Cote St. Paul, a suburb of the city. The little girl resided with her parents on Napoleon street, St. Cuneonde, and was last seen alive on Tuesday evening.

Then she was seen by John Darling, who works in a saw mill on the canal bank, in company with a man partially intoxicated. Darling helped the couple over a bridge at the rear of the mill. The little girl was crying, but he paid no particular attention to the fact at the time, believing the man in her company to be her father. There was no clothing on the body of the girl when found except its boots and shoes. The clothing was found previous to the discovery of the body in the yard of the church at Cote St. Paul, and the police have found a woman who saw a man throw them over a fence. The description given by her tallies with that given by Darling, and hopes are expressed that he will be found before long. The case has created much excitement.

What makes the crime appear all the more damnable is that there is every ground to believe that it was premeditated. On Napoleon street where the Ahern family reside, several responsible men said that for some time they had observed a strange man, corresponding to the description by Darling, lurking about and apparently watching the young girl. The stranger was several times seen to follow her for some distance. In this regard the family of five, having three brothers and a sister. The oldest of the family is just ten years of age. Little Ida was a plump, healthy girl, somewhat large for her age. She had brown hair and fair complexion and was considered very pretty. Her family, and especially her mother, are prostrated with grief.

Immediately on hearing the report this morning that the body of the murdered girl had been found, a reporter called at the Ahern home. The mother was alone with her children, Mr. Ahern having gone to St. Anne de Bellevue in answer to a report that a band of gypsies were in that neighborhood. The news had not yet arrived of the

horrible find made by the police at Cote St. Paul. Mrs. Ahern, who is yet quite a young woman, wept continuously while in the presence of the reporter, and she did not seem to have any idea of finding her little girl. She repeated over and over, "Ida is dead, they have left her clothes out there just to deceive us in order to escape with our daughter. Her father will find Ida this morning."

Mrs. Ahern when her caller was departing sent with him her eldest child, a little boy of ten years, to show the reporter the way to Ste. Cuneonde police station.

At the station a group of policemen and detectives were discussing the murder and reviewing all the horrible details of the find made just an hour before. The little boy listened to the talk and caught a glimmering of its meaning.

"Have they found my sister?" he asked eagerly.

An officer informed him sadly that she had been found.

"Then she is dead?" exclaimed the little fellow giving way to a paroxysm of weeping. Without another word he turned and ran down the street towards his home, a few blocks away. It was from his lips that the mother heard the first news of the tragedy.

FAVORS EXTENSION OF RAILWAYS THROUGH N.B.

(Special to the Sun.)

OTTAWA, April 5.--Hon. John Costigan tonight gave a dinner in the senate restaurant to a delegation from Victoria and Madawaska, Hon. H. R. Emerson, Hon. C. Robinson, speaker of the New Brunswick house, C. J. Leblanc, M. P. for Kent; James Burgess and J. M. P. Tweeddale, M. P. for Victoria; T. Burgess, M. P. for Gloucester; Mr. Butler, deputy minister of railways, and the following gentlemen from Victoria: James McNair, James McPhail, J. E. Stewart, J. Flinders and W. Armstrong.

In a brief speech the minister of railways expressed his sympathy with the extension of railways throughout New Brunswick, and he promised the application for a subsidy to extend the Tobique Valley railway would be laid before the government in the most favorable moment. He intimated that there might be no subsidy bill until next session.

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