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THE REDISTRIBUTION BILL INTRODUCED BY SIR WILFRID

The West Gains and the East Loses Members

GIVEN TO COMMITTEE

The Leader of the Opposition Upbraids Government With Change of Front.

OTTAWA, March 31.—In the house of commons today, Sir Wilfrid Laurier was received with applause, when he rose to present the redistribution bill. In introducing the bill he was laying before the house no party question, but discharging a duty. The present bill differs materially from the bill of 1897, which was only intended to remove injustices imposed on the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The result of the census of 1901 would be severe disturbances in the political status of the English-speaking provinces. He reviewed the differences in population in the provinces in 1891 and 1901. Quebec, as a pivotal province, for determining parliamentary representation, fixed the unit for which members will be elected as being 25,357. Some provinces which were losing representation were making an effort to make the law say what it did not say.

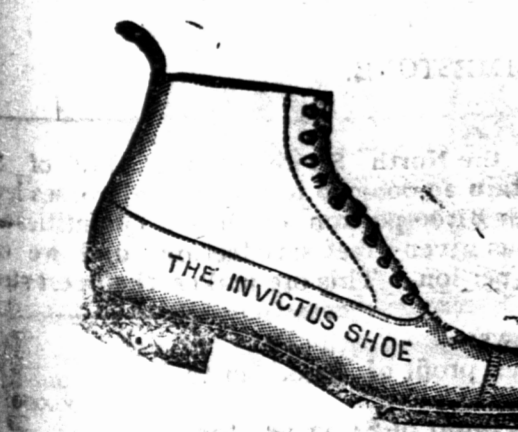
COULD NOT BE MISCONSTRUED.

It was too clear and definite to admit of any misconstruction. In 1881 and 1891 redistribution bills had passed on the lines which it was proposed to follow now. The matter had been debated by such eminent statesmen as MacDonald, Blake and Thompson, and it was determined that parliament had the power to reduce the representation of provinces when the result of the census justified it. He was sorry for the provinces which would lose members, but parliament had only one course open to it, and that was to apply the law. This could only be done by taking the census and applying its results. Parliament, as the creature of the law, could only give to each province its proper representation. He would say that it was not the intent of the government to treat the opposition unfairly.

LAURIER THINKS INJUSTICE HAS PREVAILED

He called attention to the fact that in the province of Ontario, in the last general election, out of 42 members elected, 25 were conservatives and 17 liberals, while the popular vote had been liberal 87,305; conservative 86,332, or a liberal majority of 973 votes and a conservative majority of 8 in seats. Such conditions were unfair and unjust, and should not exist under free government. The liberals intended to wipe out the injustice without imposing new evils. They always maintained that redistribution should be conducted under well defined laws, and on the basis that county lines should be respected. Sir Wilfrid Laurier proposed to follow much

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ISLANDERS LEAD IN MONTREAL

Old Prince of Wales College Students Secure the Highest Honors in the Graduating Class.

The annual convocation for the conferring of degrees and the awarding of testimonials at the Presbyterian College, Montreal was held in the David Morrice Hall, Montreal on Wednesday evening.

Against two of Prince of Wales college students have been successful in carrying off the highest honors in the graduating class and their scholarship has won the admiration of their fellows.

A. B. McLeod B. A. of Springfield leads his class in the B. D. course and thereby wins the William J. Morrice traveling scholarship for five hundred dollars.

Charles Hardy, B.A. of Alberton comes second securing the second travelling scholarship (McCaskill) worth four hundred dollars.

Both of these gentlemen will study in the European Universities. Mr. McLeod leaves in a few days to join his brother who is the holder of the same scholarship to-day.

A. D. McKenzie of Hartville, who took first year theology with his third year Arts, took a very creditable stand in his class. He won the Edward MacDougall Morrice Scholarship of fifty dollars.

HOW HE PROPOSED TO ACT.

He proposed to leave to a committee of the house the arrangement of seats. This course has been followed in Great Britain by Mr. Gladstone in 1885, when both parties were asked to confer in regard to the question, and the result was a satisfactory one. Sir Wilfrid Laurier hoped that the same result would be attained here. In 1892, when in opposition the liberals had proposed a similar measure, but their representations were not entertained. Now they were in power and proposed to deal generously with their opponents. Nothing could be fairer than that.

REPRESENTATION AFTER NEXT ELECTION

He then read the bill, which was short. It provides for a house of 214 members after the next general election, as follows: Quebec.....65 Ontario.....88 Nova Scotia.....13 New Brunswick.....13 Manitoba.....10 British Columbia.....7 Prince Edward Island.....4 North West Territories.....1 Yukon.....1

A committee will be selected from both parties, and will consist of four liberals and three conservatives, chosen by the representative parties. They will be provided with full powers to allot the representation on county lines. Sir Wilfrid Laurier hoped that the proposal would be favorably received by the opposition. No effort was being made to introduce a cut and dried bill which the house was expected to swallow. Instead a law would be passed which would be a source of pride to Canadians. Touching on the north-west, Sir Wilfrid Laurier explained that, although the territories had only a population of 152,944 at the last census, entitling them to 6 members, new settlers had poured in and a rapid increase might be looked for in the future. The population was now 230,000, and under the

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Yesterday Again Outsailed Shamrock First

Emperor William Sailed for Copenhagen—Bad Balloon Accident—The Sultan Enforcing Reforms.

THE SHAMROCK TRIALS.

GOUROCK, April 2—(Special)—The third trial of Shamrock III was held today. In cross-tacking in a fresh breeze the challenger showed great ability, going further ahead and further windward every tack and in half an hour beat Shamrock I four minutes.

OUTSAILS SHAMROCK II. In the next trial with spinnaker in, a run down the wind and the breeze steady Shamrock I was given a lead of exactly one minute but in twenty minutes the challenger closed the gap.

WILLIAM GOES TO COPENHAGEN.

KIEL, April 2—(Special)—Emperor William on the Imperial yacht sailed today for Copenhagen.

TROOPS TO ENFORCE REFORMS.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 2—(Special)—The Sultan has ordered troops to the scene of the recent outbreaks of Albanians to enforce compliance with the reforms demanded by the powers.

THREE MEN KILLED IN BALLOON.

BUDA-PEST, April 2—(Special)—Three balloonists, ex-Deputy Orody, Lieut. Kral and M. Kubik were fatally injured in a balloon accident.

The balloon broke away with the car containing the men mentioned.

circumstances it was proposed to give them ten members.

DEDUCTIONS UNWORTHY A FIRST MINISTER.

R. L. Borden differed from Sir Wilfrid Laurier in regard to deductions made from a consideration of the results of elections in the 42 Ontario counties which returned 25 conservatives and 17 liberals. If the premier had continued his researches and investigated their results in all the ridings in Ontario he would have found as great, if not greater a smallness in favour of the liberal party. No system could be devised which would be free from such conditions. The argument was not legitimate and was unworthy of the first minister. Concerning the proposal for the placing of the matter in the hands of a committee, Mr. Borden, on first glance, was inclined to accept it as a fair measure, but as a majority of the committee was to be liberal it would remain to be seen what it would result in. He would not accept Laurier's claim that he wished to be fair, and supposed the house would have ample opportunity of discussing the report of the committee.

P. E. L. AND N. B. PROTESTS.

Before a second reading was reached he wanted the government to supply the house with information as to the proposed bill by Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick against any reduction in their representation. He also asked that the opinions of the Dominion law officers should also be given to parliament, which quoted from the British North American Act, showing that under its provisions Canada was defined as including New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario. It had been urged that the law respecting redistribution in the four provinces prohibited any reduction in their representation unless the proportion which the population in a province bore to the aggregate population in Canada at the then last preceding re-adjustment of the number of members for the province is ascertained at the then latest census to be diminished by one-twentieth or upwards. If the claim had been advanced, he thought it a fair matter for inquiry that all information supplied by the provinces and Dominion officers should be laid on the table of the house.

WHY THIS CHANGE OF FRONT?

Mr. Borden did not see any reason for the change of front by the liberal party since 1890. They had in their redistribution bill of that year declared for a reference of the whole question to a court of judges, and if the principle was a good one then, it must be sound now. Apart from the change in referring the bill to a committee of the house, instead of a judicial commission, he saw little change from the measure previously introduced. Mr. Fitzpatrick promised to supply the information asked for, and the bill was allowed to pass its first reading.

CAPT. BERNIER WANTS A BOAT

And Asks Government to Expend Eighty Thousand

Willing to Return the Steamer—The Easter Adjournment of Parliament—Lumbermen Robbed in St. John.

BERNIER AND HIS EXPEDITION.

OTTAWA, April 2—(Special)—A delegation of Members and Senators waited on the Minister of Marine with Capt. Bernier in support of Government assistance for his Polar Expedition and asked that the Government provide a boat at a cost of \$80,000.

WOULD RETURN THE BOAT. Mr. Prefontaine asked if the Government could have the steamer back and Mr. Bernier was quite agreeable.

THE EASTER ADJOURNMENT.

Parliament will adjourn next Wednesday until Easter Tuesday.

ROBBED IN A BROTHEL.

ST. JOHN, April 2—(Special)—John Keenan, a Nova Scotian, returning from the Maine woods, was robbed of \$130 in a disreputable house here. Some of the money has been recovered.

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CANADIAN STOCKS.

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Table with columns for stock names, prices, and dates. Includes items like Dominion Iron, Coal, and various bonds.

FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.

MONTREAL, April 2—(Special)—The Stock Market today was dull and weak. Dominion Iron sold down to 24 1/2, but recovered to 26 at the close. Coal sold down to 105 1/2, but reached to 108 1/2. Nova Scotia Iron was steady at 99 1/2. Dominion Iron Preferred sold at 60 and Bonds at 74 to 7 1/2.

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BORN.

At Roxbury, Mass., on March 25th to C. M. and Mrs. Clarke, a son. Congratulations.

MARRIED.

At the home of N. J. McDonald, Montague Bridge March 25th by Rev. J. C. Spurr, B. A. William McMillan of Avery Plains to Priscilla McLeod of Montague Bridge.

DIED.

At Graham's Road on Monday, March 30th, in her eighteenth year, Eliza Jane daughter of Peter Ferguson.

At Wheatley River, on March 28th of consumption, Lizzie Ella Rankham aged 21 years, daughter of John Rankham.

We have not advanced the price of our tobacco. Amber smoking tobacco, Bobs, Play chewing tobacco are the same size and price to the consumer as formerly. We have also extended the time for the redemption of Snowshoe Tags to January 1st, 1904.

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THE WORK DONE YESTERDAY IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

The Institutes Bill Passes Second Reading

MEMBERS ASK QUESTIONS

An Act Relating to Vital Statistics to be Passed—Bills to Come up To-day.

THURSDAY APRIL 2.

The House met at half-past twelve. Mr. SIMPSON presented a petition from James M. McLeod and others asking that a bill be passed to incorporate the Trustees of the Presbyterian Congregation of Clinton and to vest certain lands therein. A bill in accordance was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills committee.

Mr. PALMER presented a Petition from A. E. Ings and others asking that a Bill be passed to Amend an Act of the 47th Victoria Chapter intitled "An Act Respecting the Investment of Trust Funds." A bill in accordance was submitted read a first time and referred to the Private Bills committee.

Mr. PALMER presented a Petition from the Medical Society of Prince Edward Island asking that a Bill be passed to Amend "An Act respecting the Profession of Medicine and Surgery" passed in the 62nd year of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria cap XIX. A bill in accordance was introduced, read a first time and referred to the Private Bills Committee.

Mr. J. F. ARSENAULT asked the Honorable the Leader of the Government, if it is the intention of this Government to take means to secure to this Country some accurate system of vital statistics? And if not, why not? The Premier replied that the matter had been under the consideration of the Government for some time and they hoped this year to introduce legislation to that effect.

Mr. J. F. ARSENAULT asked Hon. Commissioner of Public Works if he has taken any steps to build a new bridge at or near Lewis R. Perry's, Mount Carmel Lot 15, also if it is the intention of the Government to build a new bridge on the Haldimand River in Lot 15.

The Commissioner in reply said that he had been called for, for a new bridge at Perry's. With regard to Haldimand River Bridge \$90 was expended and a report of its being in a bad repair had been received. Mr. J. F. Arsenault asked the Hon. Commissioner of Public Works if a petition from certain inhabitants of Lots 15 and 16 has been received by the Lieutenant Governor in Council? If so what action does the Government intend taking in this matter.

The Commissioner asked the Hon. member to state definitely whether the petition was referred.

It being one o'clock the House adjourned.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

House resumed its sitting at 3.30. The House went into committee of the whole with Mr. Godkin in the chair on a bill to alter the provisions of the wills of William and George Douglas.

Bill was reported agreed to without amendment.

Hon. Mr. Rogers introduced a bill to amend "The Domestic Animals Act," which was read a first time and set down for second reading tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. SINGLAI, the chairman of

THE PROPOSED REPRESENTATION

What Sir Wilfrid Laurier Says the Seats in the Commons After the Next General Election Will Be.

In the House of Commons yesterday Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in introducing the redistribution bill, said that after the next general election on the members would come from provinces as follows:—

Table showing representation by province: Quebec (65), Ontario (86), Nova Scotia (18), New Brunswick (13), Manitoba (10), P. E. Island (7), N. W. Territories (10), Yukon (1), Total (214).

Private Bills Committee, reported the bill to exempt the Dominion Packing Company from taxation was of a private nature and that a fee be charged; it was set down for second reading tomorrow.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole with Mr. Godkin in the chair, to further consider the bill to amend an Act for the encouragement of agriculture.

In the discussion Hon. Mr. Gordon pointed out that Fred G. Boyer, Georgetown; George E. Goff, Woodville; and others, prominent farmers in King's County raised a good deal of objection, than what is to be found on the Stock Farm.

The bill was agreed to with amendments and set down for third reading tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. CUMMISKEY introduced a Bill to be intitled an Act to amend the "Public Roads Act 1901" and amendments thereof, for the more efficient carrying out of the said Act. It was read a first time and set down for second reading tomorrow.

Hon. Mr. WHEAR in moving the House into committee of the whole on the bill respecting the property of married women explained that it was for the purpose of consolidating the Act at present in force passed in 1896 and adding some new clauses from the Ontario Act.

The House resolved itself into committee of the whole with Mr. McLaughlin in the chair.

After a number of clauses had been passed the Speaker took the chair and progress was reported.

Hon. Mr. MCNUTT as chairman of the Private Bills Committee reported that the bill to consolidate the several Acts incorporating the Town of Summerside was of a private nature and that the usual fee be charged.

It was set down for second reading tomorrow.

House then adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

NOTES.

Mr. Godkin has presented a petition from the Town Council and inhabitants of the Town of Summerside praying that a Bill be passed to consolidate and amend the Acts incorporating said Town.

Captain Read gives notice that he will submit a resolution to the House asking for an expression of opinion (without prejudice) on the general question of winter communication, calling the attention of the Dominion Government to the necessity for local control, the necessity of repairs to the S. S. Starley and the procurement of a still more efficient steamship for ice navigation.

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