

## PROCEEDINGS IN THE COMMONS

Inside Estimates Passed—Ontario Members Busy in Provincial Election—Writ to Issue at once for Borden's Election.

OTTAWA, Jan. 20.—(Special).—Enough business was found today to keep the House in session for nearly an hour. In committee a majority of the inside estimates were passed but the outside estimates will not be dealt with until the Auditor General's report is received which will probably be in about three weeks.

Very little business will be done until after the Ontario elections on Wednesday as the Ontario members of both parties are now away assisting their friends. The Speaker today issued his warrant for a by-election in Carleton and the nomination will probably take place in about ten days, when, unless unexpected opposition develops, Mr. Borden will be able to take his seat in the House.

## AMERICAN CAPITAL SEEKS NOVA SCOTIA

HALIFAX, Jan. 20.—(Special).—At a meeting of the Sydney Board of Trade to night a communication was received from a New York brokerage house with respect to the shipbuilding plant. It asked for full information as to the site, concessions and grants by the local and Federal Governments, and stated that a company capitalized at fifteen mil-

## FIRE DESTROYS A BIG SAWMILL

FREDERICTON, Jan. 21.—(Special).—Esty & Co's sawmill, one of the largest in New Brunswick was totally destroyed by fire tonight. The watchman discovered the flames but before the department could reach the scene the fire had gained control and nothing could be done. The total loss will be over \$8,000 almost covered by insurance.

## CHICAGO MARKETS

CHICAGO, January 20	(Special)
Jan. Corn	45 1/2
May Corn	44 1/2
Wheat	82 1/2
Wheat	115
Pork	\$12.07 1/2
Pork	\$12.75

## BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA GENERAL STATEMENT, DEC. 31ST, 1904

1892		1904	
<b>LIABILITIES.</b>			
Deposits not bearing interest	\$4,718,493 13	10,834,551 75	21,776,502 61
Deposits bearing interest	203,482 73		
Deposits by other Banks in Canada	301,039 45	383,825 59	949,995 04
Deposits by other Banks in Foreign Countries	1,917,171 32	445,907 06	2,363,078 38
Notes in Circulation	2,000,000 00	3,200,000 00	35,089,246 63
Reserve Fund	3,200,000 00	3,200,000 00	
Profit and Loss	30,938 83	93,541 12	
Rebate of interest @ 6% on Time Loans	310 00	100,000 00	
Dividend Warrants outstanding	100,000 00		
Dividend No. 142 payable 1st February, 1905		5,438,989 75	\$30,233,236 38
<b>ASSETS.</b>			
Specie	\$1,640,794 62	2,160,350 50	
Dominion Notes—Legal Tenders	3,741,145 12	1,897,024 02	
Notes of and Cheques on other Banks	20,578 15	1,482,943 05	
Due from other Banks in Canada	291,187 01	6,881,777 93	
Due from other Banks in Foreign Countries	4,369,064 25	3,260,221 97	
Sterling Exchange	1,197,905 67	1,197,905 67	
Investments (Provincial, Municipal and other Bonds)	280,454 91	1,356,544 43	10,208,900 84
Call Loans, secured by Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	948,903 88	187,065 39	
Grain and other Staple Commodities	88,828 01	11,083,802 21	
Overdrafts, secured	6,538 31	250,000 00	
Overdrafts authorized but not specially secured	86,614 40		
Notes and Bills discounted and current			14,254,306 54
Bank Premises			\$30,528,236 38
Deposits with Dominion Gov't for security of Note Circulation			
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS.</b>			
1903. Dec. 31. By Balance	\$41,638 40		
1904. Dec. 31. "Net Profits for current year; losses by bad debts estimated and provided for	401,560 57	\$443,198 97	
1904. June 30. To Dividend No. 141, payable 1st August, 1904	100,000 00		
Dec. 31. " Contribution to Officer's Pension Fund	100,000 00		
" Written off Bank Premises Account	10,000 00		
" Transferred to Reserve Fund	91,280 94		
" Balance carried forward	100,000 00	39,988 63	\$443,198 97
<b>RESERVE FUND</b>			
1903. Dec. 31. By Balance	\$3,100,000 00		
1904. Dec. 31. " Transferred from Profit and Loss	100,000 00	\$3,200,000 00	
1904. Dec. 31. To balance carried forward, 100% of Capital	\$3,200,000 00		

H. C. McLeod  
General Manager.

## PLEBISCITE TO BE TAKEN ON MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP

Of Electric Lighting Plant—The Question Discussed at the Meeting in the Market Hall Last Night—The Sentiment of the Meeting Was Unanimous for City Ownership.

The attendance last night at the meeting to consider the question of Civic Ownership was fairly large and many influential citizens were present. The chair was occupied by Mayor Kelly and the members of the City Council were on the platform. The sentiment of the meeting was unanimous for a plebiscite and sentiments in favor of municipal ownership met with vigorous applause.

George E. Full, manager of the late City Electric Co. gave statistics of cost. His company had sold light at 6 cents per thousand watts and paid expenses. Had they sold at the rate of 10c per thousand watts they could have paid 20% dividend. Eighty are lamps could be run for \$860. A difference between city ownership and a monopoly is that in the latter the city gets the street lighting for nothing and the people save \$4000 in house lighting. In order to protect the vested interests he suggested that the Company be allowed to renew the present contract at the same rate on condition that the street lighting be improved and the houses be furnished lights at ten cents per thousand watts. If the company do not agree to this he recommended that Commissioners be appointed to build a plant.

Mayor Kelly discussed the question pointing out what was to be considered in favor of and against the building of a city plant.

Coun. Riley, chairman of the Light Committee, was the next speaker. We are carrying at present, he said, \$60.50 for arc lamps and we have 75 lamps. The proposition of the engineer was to build a street plant at \$21,500 cost and operate at a cost of \$8891 or a net cost of \$68.91 for each light every night and all night. For a moonlight schedule, as at present, it would cost \$55 each. These would be for improved lights as we had now in a section of the city. At present for house lighting we pay 12 1/2 cents per 1000 watts and in the larger city ownership plan we would pay, it is estimated, 4.6 cents per 1000 watts. The Company have offered the Council to furnish the improved light at 7 1/2 per lamp. Their offer last summer was \$80. They say they cannot furnish house lights for 10 cents per 1000 watts as asked for by the city as they are unable to lower their present rate of 12 1/2 cents. The Company will remove the minimum rate (which means rate when houses are temporarily closed) and will give an estimate on their plan if the city decide on civic lighting.

Dr. F. P. Taylor moved, seconded by Dr. Warburton, that the Mayor be authorized to hold a city plebiscite about Feb. 15th and take a consensus of opinion as to whether the citizens are in favor of (a) municipal lighting (b) a street plant or (c) a street and house plant also.

Dr. Warburton thought Mr. Full's figures were correct on a good plant and if the Company have a poor plant we should not be asked to pay more in order that the Company could give a dividend.

Coun. Paton submitted opinions from different cities re municipal ownership as follows:—

Goshen Ind. reported that their municipal plant paid well and gave much cheaper light than by company ownership.

Victoria, B. C., reported that the operation under municipal control was very satisfactory and the cost was greatly cheaper than company ownership.

Others had also been received nearly all in favor of municipal ownership. In reference to the Port Arthur, Ont., municipal plant spoken of in The Guardian he said that plant had at first been operated by steam at a loss but now they have water power. He advised all the aspects be fully considered before any definite action be taken.

Coun. Riley intimated that the engineer had said it was impossible to use water power for Charlottetown.

J. P. Tanton congratulated the Mayor and the council on the course they had taken in consulting the citizens in the matter. The electric light question was one that must be handled very delicately. He pointed out that gas was still a popular light in many cities and cheaper in some places than electric light. He spoke of the debt on the city and advised

hesitation before any rash step was taken to enlarge the expenditure.

Mayor Kelly spoke of the city assets and said we were perhaps in a better position financially than any other city in Canada.

Dr. Taylor in speaking of not hastening in the matter said the present contract would be up in a year and a half and if provision were not made before then we might be cut off without any light.

Hon. Geo. E. Hughes said we had been waiting for a long time for a good light. The present company had been trying to make money on a poor plant and we have been suffering as a consequence. He thought a company of the nature of the Light & Power should make a statement to the city of their cost of operating, etc. The city has not been treated right by the Light and Power Co. It was the obsolete plant that was the drawback of the present company. We want cheap light whoever shall give it to us. If the company will not meet us half way we should go by the engineer's report and put in a plant.

Ex Coun. Brown moved in amendment that the plebiscite be taken on the question of city ownership or not for street and commercial lighting.

Mr. Brown spoke strongly in favor of city ownership.

The amendment was seconded by H. Rackham.

The amendment of Mr. Brown was carried by an overwhelming vote and the original motion declared lost, no one voting in its favor.

Mr. Hughes suggested that the information obtained be submitted in pamphlet form to the citizens.

## BOSTON EXPRESS TRAIN WRECKED

Broken Rail Threw Four Cars off the Rails at Speed of Sixty Miles an Hour—Twenty Persons Hurt, One Dangerously.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 20.—(Special).—The Boston express which left St. John on Thursday afternoon was wrecked near Durham, New Hampshire this morning and nearly a score of persons were injured among whom were five or six from New Brunswick and several from Nova Scotia.

The train was late and was going fully sixty miles an hour when it struck a

broken rail and four passenger cars were detached.

Probably the most seriously injured passenger was Miss Isabel Donald from Hampton, New Brunswick, who was returning to hospital duties after visiting her home.

It is feared she has sustained fracture of the skull and her condition is critical. None of the other passengers are dangerously hurt.

## THE GERMAN STRIKE MAY ADVANCE COAL

MONTREAL, Jan. 20.—(Special).—F. L. Wanklyn, Vice President of the Dominion Coal Co. this morning stated that should the present strike of the German Coal miners continue it will probably have the effect of increasing coal prices in Canada.

"If the strike continues there will be nothing to prevent our exporting coal direct to Germany. Freight will not be

any heavier to the Elbe than to Stockholm.

"Then if the strike continues the price of coal will probably increase" was asked.

"Most certainly it will, should we export. In all probability the increase in price of English coal will have a direct effect on the Canadian market," concluded Wanklyn.

## ALLEGED LOSSES OF INSURANCE

TORONTO, Jan. 20.—(Special).—The aggregate loss to fire insurance companies in the Dominion last year is stated to have amounted to over a million dollars per month.

The year's accounts are unsatisfactory, but the increase in rates is expected to equalize the increases in losses.

It is stated that during the past eight years the annual fire losses on the continent increased from a hundred and fifteen to two hundred and forty-eight millions of dollars.

## A BIG SMELTER AT PORT ARTHUR

TORONTO, Jan. 23.—(Special).—McKenzie & Mann will erect at Port Arthur a smelter with a capacity of one hundred and fifty tons daily. It will be put in operation about October next.

## THE INTERCOLONIAL AND GRAND TRUNK

Arbitration Shows Sharp Practice on Part of Latter—How the I. C. R. was Compelled to Pay for Grand Trunk Betterments and Extensions.

MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—(Special).—In the Intercolonial-Grand Trunk arbitration today Treasurer Williams of the Intercolonial gave evidence on the overcharges for betterments made by the Grand Trunk. His evidence was to the effect that the latter road had replaced old rails with heavier ones and had charged up to divided accounts the new rails to three

times the weights of the old ones which had been removed.

The Intercolonial was compelled to pay half of the cost at \$20 per ton, when the Grand Trunk had actually paid only \$15 per ton for the rails.

Extensions had been made and paid for by Intercolonial which should never have been charged.

## BAIL READY FOR MRS. CHADWICK

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 17.—As soon as bail had been named in the federal court, Prosecutor Keeler was asked what would be the effect on the state's case.

"If Mrs. Chadwick gives bail in the United States court," he said, "she will be arrested on a capias to answer to the indictments returned by the county grand jury. The capias is now in the sheriff's office where it has been ready for some time for such a contingency. If application for bail is made to the common pleas

court, I shall at once take the matter up with Judge Neff, who will fix the amount."

Mr. Keeler would not say what sum he would ask for, but said the bail would be fixed on each of the three indictments separately.

Mr. Dawley said this evening that bail would be furnished for Mrs. Chadwick on the county indictments just as soon as the sum is fixed. He expects her release from jail about Thursday, possibly a day or so later. Mr. Dawley said he thought Mrs. Chadwick would remain in Cleveland during her release and that she would go to the Chadwick home on Euclid avenue, where Dr. Chadwick has been living since his release on bail several weeks ago.

## Mrs. Bishop's Success

It's easy to make bad bread even though you use the very best flour. The whole secret of good bread is not merely good flour.

The way it's made is most important. This is why some people do not get such good results as others in their bread baking.

It is to quite an extent a question of method.

Mrs. F. B. Bishop, of Lawrencetown, N. S., made a batch of bread with "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" FLOUR. She made it according to directions and the bread was good.

She made a second, a third and many other batches, and a few days ago she wrote us that she found "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" FLOUR the best flour she had ever used.

This lady got good results because:

- 1st. She had the right flour.
- 2nd. She made her bread according to "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" directions.

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Had she failed in the latter her opinion of the flour might have been very different.

Both were essential to secure desirable results.

That Mrs. Bishop succeeded so well proves that others may do equally well and certainly those who have seen the best bread produced from "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" must admit that it is the finest bread in the world and worth going to some trouble to procure.

It is at least worth the trouble of getting "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" flour and making bread from it in the "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" way.

The "ROYAL HOUSEHOLD" way is described in a leaflet which will be sent you for the asking.

OGLIVIE FLOUR MILLS CO., LTD.  
MONTREAL.

## MILL EXPLODED FOUR ARE DEAD

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special).—Four men were killed and three others injured by the blowing up of Whitehead's mill at Cultus.

The names of the dead are Charles Panard, George Asphen, George Maccallum and Freeman Moffatt.

## THE HOCKEY SERIES

ST. JOHN, Jan. 20.—(Special).—Results of hockey matches tonight are:

N. B. league in St. John.  
Moncton two, Neptunes one.  
Sackville defeated Mohawks 9 to one.  
N. S. league at New Glasgow, the home team defeated the Halifax Wanderers by a score of 6 to 1. Williams of the Abegweits played a star game.

## SPOTTED FEVER IN LUMBER CAMP

DOVER, MAINE, Jan. 20.—(Special).—Three men are dead, two seriously ill and thirty others of a lumbering crew have been exposed to an epidemic of spinal meningitis or spotted fever in a camp near here.

The prevalence of the disease was learned today when the body of William Whitney was brought out.

Nearly all of the thirty men have shown symptoms of the disease and steps are now being taken to prevent its further spread.

General Manager Cowans has recently made some changes in the number of fine horses in his excellent stable stalls. A favorite of the track, "Park Campbell," has been exchanged for the three-year-old colt "Golden Arrow" of J. A. Ramsay's stables in Summerside, P. E. I. The colt has the new name received here, of "Gold Brick." The animal gives great promise of taking home a gold brick from the speedways in future, and to develop new colts into the fastest goers is said to be the general manager's present purpose.—Springhill, N. S. Ex.

## HOCKEY

## Friday Jan. 20

## S' Side vs Abbies

Admission 25c. Reserved seats 35c.  
Plau of seats at Apothecaries Hall.

## Hockey Sticks

We have the largest and best stock of Hockey Sticks in the city.

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