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LEGISLATURE MET AGAIN LAST NIGHT

Newly Elected Members Hon. Mr. Peters and Hon. Mr. Reid take their Seats—Committees Appointed.

Before the opening of the Legislature Messrs. Gallant, Agnew, McWilliams, Arsenault, Godkin, Clarke and Irving, who were not present some weeks ago at the formal opening of the House were sworn in by the Clerk, R.H. Montgomery, and signed the roll.

The Speaker then took the chair at nine o'clock.

Mr. Mathieson speaking on a question of privilege submitted that a gross violation of the rules of the House had been made. The members should have been sworn in by the Commission appointed by the Lieutenant-Governor or by the Speaker and not by the Clerk as had been done.

The leader, Hon. Mr. Simpson, contended that the proceedings were quite regular and there was precedent for the course taken on this occasion.

Hon. Mr. Cumiskey defended the course taken by the Government in swearing in the members, not present at the formal opening of the House, by the Clerk.

Mr. Morson and Mr. Mathieson proceeded, further holding that the proceedings taken were grossly irregular.

Hon. Mr. Simpson quotes showing that the same course was adopted in the case of Hon. Frederick Peters.

The question was further discussed by several of the members.

The Speaker read the returns of the writs declaring the elections of Hon. Arthur Peters and Hon. S. E. Reid, who took their seats, after being sworn in by the Clerk, amid Government applause.

Mr. Prowse was also admitted, sworn and took his seat amid Opposition applause.

The following committees were appointed:

Engrossing:—Hon. Mr. Simpson, Hon. Mr. Godkin, Mr. Smith, Mr. McKinnon, Mr. Kirkham.

Standing Rules and Orders:—Hon. Mr. Cumiskey, Hon. Mr. Simpson, Hon. Mr. Hazard, Mr. Mathieson, Mr. McKinnon, Legislative Library:—Hon. Mr. Hughes, Hon. Mr. Hazard, Mr. McWilliams, Mr. Mathieson, Mr. McDonald.

Public Accounts:—Mr. Reid, Mr. Richards, Mr. Agnew, Dr. Warburton, Mr. McInnis, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Fraser.

Mr. Mathieson said that the committee was a mere sham in the past. He would like to know if the committee was to be the same this year as in the past.

Hon. Mr. Peters said there was no member of the Government on the committee. The public accounts committee was absolutely useless as the public accounts are now given to the smallest detail. The committee was appointed merely to satisfy the Opposition.

Mr. Morson said it was only a year or two ago since the government had refused to call the public accounts committee together and certain items asked for were not given until the matter had been brought into the courts. The public accounts committee was a perfect farce.

Hon. Mr. Peters said a request was never made for the calling together of the public accounts committee and Mr. Mathieson replied that a demand had been made for the meeting of the committee and it had been refused. He gave notice now that the Opposition looked to the Chairman to call the committee together regularly.

Agriculture:—Hon. Mr. Reid, Hon. Mr. Simpson, Mr. Irving, Mr. Smith, Mr. Bowlen, Mr. Wood, Mr. Prowse.

Mr. Clarke as chairman of the special committee on the Draft Address presented the report of the committee and moved seconded by Mr. Bowlen that it be submitted to a committee of the whole House to-day.

The House then adjourned till this afternoon at three o'clock.

ST. JOHN BOARD OF TRADE STRONGLY ENDORSE TUNNEL

And Pass a Resolution Calling on Federal Government to adopt some means at once to Attain that Object—In the Meantime a Better Ice Breaking Steamer Asked for.

St. John, April 4. (Special).—At the regular meeting of the Board of Trade held to-day Father Burke and J. E. B. McCready appeared to expound the Tunnel scheme.

Father Burke dealt at some length with the proposed tunnel showing that the plan was a practical one, that the tunnel could be built and that the increased traffic over the Island and the Intercolonial railways would pay the interest on the cost.

Mr. McCready spoke on the necessity

for a third steamer until the tunnel is built and pointed out the advantages that the tunnel would be not only to the Island but to all the Provinces.

It was the general opinion of the Board that the Island men made out a very strong case and they were congratulated on their presentation of it.

Several St. John men including President H. B. Schofield, W. H. Thorne, Samuel Schofield and W. F. Hatheway spoke all agreeing that the Island's isolation is deplorable and that means

should at once be taken to provide continuous communication.

A resolution was unanimously passed which after setting forth the present conditions resolved that the St. John Board of Trade favor the idea of a tunnel as the only permanent solution of the difficult question and urge on the Dominion Government the necessity of at once adopting some plan to attain this object and further resolved that it be urged to provide a better ice breaking steamer as soon as possible until such time as the tunnel can be built.

SENSATION HAS BEEN CAUSED IN WINNIPEG

Official Statement issued by Minister of Public Works, Rogers Details the Interview between Delegates and Monsignor Sbarretti.

WINNIPEG, April 4. (Special).—Sensation has been caused by the making public of the correspondence proceeding between the Manitoba delegates to Ottawa and Monsignor Sbarretti, the papal ablegate.

Rogers, the Minister of Public Works has issued an official statement.

He says while the delegates asking an extension of Manitoba's boundaries were in Ottawa Sbarretti invited them to confer with him.

He told them that the boundaries might have been extended previously had the

Manitoba Government seen fit to act and he as much as promised that their desires would be granted if certain amendments to the Education Act would be made.

He suggested in amendment, that Separate Schools be provided in any town or village where there were thirty or more Catholic and thirty or more Non-Catholic children and in districts where there was over fifteen of each.

The delegates did not accept these amendments and Sir Wilfrid Laurier evidently wishing to give Manitoba a

chance to act has not done anything regarding the boundaries.

OTTAWA, April 4. (Special).—Sir Wilfrid Laurier today brought down the correspondence relating to Manitoba's request for her boundary extensions but there is no reference to Sbarretti.

The delay in replying to Manitoba was due to the request of Premier Whitney of Ontario who wished the claims of his province for more territory to be also discussed.

ENJOYABLE EVENING WITH SHAKESPEARE

Given Last Night by Grace Church Reading Class—A Number of Friends Enjoyed a Literary Treat.

The Grace Church Reading Class interrupted myself to apologise—I am not sure that I know the exact title, nor do I even know the names of those who so ably participated in the scenes. I own myself a poor scribe, rich only in the events I have to chronicle, poor indeed in my ability to do justice to said events. My apology accepted (for years I have

been an ardent admirer of that apostle of optimism—the beloved pastor of Grace Church) my remarks anent the scenes from the Merchant of Venice will be robbed of two bones of contention—I can neither be personally rancorous or flattering fulsome.

The reading class has been studying the familiar play "The Merchant of Venice." As a treat to its members two of the scenes were last evening given in costume and character—the giving of the bond (Act I, Scene III) and the forfeiture of the bond (Act IV, Scene I) familiarly known as the Court scene.

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CHARLOTTETOWN TO BE SCENE OF UNION

St. John, April 4. (Special).—The City of Charlottetown will in September next be the scene of the amalgamation of the Baptists of the Maritime Provinces with the Free Baptists of New Brunswick and under the name of the United Baptist Church the combined bodies will begin their work.

Joint committees of the both denominations have been in session here all day and the basis of the union as it was

presented at the last conventions has been adopted without change, and all the time today was spent in discussing the organization.

The Home Mission executives will be instructed to at once begin a united work and the committees will report to their conference and convention in August and September.

There is now not a doubt but that the union will finally be consummated in Charlottetown and it is probable that Nova Scotian Free Baptists will also be in it.

AN EPIDEMIC IN HULL, ALARMING

OTTAWA, April 4. (Special).—The town of Hull is suffering from an epidemic of dysentery and during the past two months the death list has been over four hundred.

This is something alarming with a population of only twenty thousand.

There is much sickness in Ottawa also. The disease is due to the bad water and the surface drainage.

CHICAGO MARKETS.

CHICAGO, April 4. (Special).—There was no market today, the civic election being held here.

COMING EVENTS.

S. O. E.—Next meeting Lodge Prince Edward Tuesday evening April 11th. Red Rose Degree. Visiting brethren welcome.

City Council meets on the second Monday in each month. Dr. F. F. Kelly Mayor; W. W. Clarke, City Clerk.

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WEATHER FORECAST.

TORONTO, April 5. (Special).—Strong south-easterly winds, unsettled and showery.

THE TEMPERATURE.

Milder weather prevailed again yesterday but last night the mercury fell to 20 above.

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THE DIPLOMATIC HISTORY OF WAR

Russia Claims Japanese Wished War and Held up Message. Japs Claim it was Useless to Wait.

PARIS, April 2.—The Associated Press is in a position to complete the diplomatic history of the Russo-Japanese relations resulting in the war by giving to the world the exact text of Russia's final reply to Japan dated February 3, 1904, which has never been published. Baron Rosen, former Russian Minister to Japan did not have an opportunity of presenting the note to Baron Kurino, Japanese Foreign Minister, as it was not delivered to him until February 7, the day after he had been informed of the rupture. Russia has always claimed that the Japanese government having decided to break off negotiations and begin hostilities, deliberately held up the message at Tokio until Kurino, former Japanese minister at St. Petersburg could deliver the instructions sent him Feb. 5 to sever diplomatic relations. Japanese on the contrary contended that the contents of the reply having been substantially communicated by Foreign Minister Lamsdorff to Minister Kurino and being unacceptable on the main issue it was useless for Japan to wait any longer; text of the propositions followed:

1. Mutual engagement to respect the independence and territorial integrity of Korea.
2. An engagement on the part of Russia not to impede the commercial and industrial undertakings of Japan in Korea nor oppose her measures for safeguarding such interests.
3. Recognition by Russia of Japan's preponderant interests in Korea and her right to offer advice and assistance tending to improvement of the administration of Korea.
4. A mutual obligation not to use any part of Korean territory for strategic purposes nor undertake on the coast of Korea any military works which menace the free navigation of the Korean straits.
5. Recognition by Russia of Japanese right to send troops to Korea in accordance with the preceding articles for the suppression of insurrections and disorders calculated to create international complications.
6. An engagement by Russia to respect the rights and privileges acquired by Japan as well as other powers in Manchuria through treaties with China, Japan to recognize Manchuria and the littoral as beyond her sphere of interest.
7. A mutual agreement not to impede the junction of the Korean and eastern China railroads, when they have reached the Yalu river.
8. That this agreement supplant all previous arrangements between Russia and Japan respecting Korea.
9. The desirability, if possible of creating a neutral zone in Korea.

A careful comparison of the above

and preceding exchanges, all of which heretofore have been printed fully confirms the fact that Russia, from the first to the last insisted that it was inconsistent with her dignity to include in aspiral treaty with Japan obligation to respect the territorial integrity of China in Manchuria reiterating in the instructions sent to Baron Rosen which were accompanied by a note of explanation to Japan that Russia's position in Manchuria concerned first China and all the other powers having commercial interest there and also pointed out the declarations already made by Russia to foreign cabinets of her intention so long as the occupation of Manchuria continued to recognize the sovereignty of China and the binding of the treaties contract by the powers, with the Peking Government. With the exception of some slight verbal changes the first five articles are identical with those of Russia's original reply of October 3, 1903. Russia made three concessions in the note as follows:

1. The withdrawal of the provision in the Russian note of Jan. 6, 1904, declining to recognize the settlement rights in Manchuria accrued under treaties with China, a point on which laid great stress. These rights Russia claimed were acquired by Japan under cover of treaties negotiated by the United States.
2. Recession from insistence upon the proposition for a neutral zone in northern Korea; but again putting forward its desirability.
3. Acceptance of the stipulation in part three of Japan's original proposition regarding the junction of the Korean and Manchurian railroads.

Russia refused: 1. To include in the treaty an obligation to respect the territorial integrity of Manchuria.

2. To withdraw the inhibition against using Korean territory for strategic purposes.

The note, it is claimed, proves conclusively that Russia hoped to prolong the negotiations.

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CHAMPION CLUB OF THE WORLD

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