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Move to Dethrone Levee

Board of Education Applies Wilkinson

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Defeated by Vote of 9 to 5

While Admitting Chairman Had Shown Bad Judgment, Majority of Trustees Held That His Years of Service Should Be Considered—Love Feast Followed Rejection of Resolution.

L. S. Levee will continue to sit as chairman of the board of education, and, in so doing, he will not be forced to defy the wishes of a majority of the board, which last night, by a vote of 9 to 5, rejected Trustee Fairbairn's resolution calling upon the chairman to vacate the office.

The result of the test of strength was a surprise. The issue as it appeared to the public was whether Mr. Levee would decline to accept the board's suggestion that he retire. That the motion itself would be voted down, was an unlooked-for event.

The Fairbairn Resolution.

The Levee problem was tackled early. Secretary Wilkinson had scarcely read the final amen of the prayers before the desire of many hearts present was consummated when Trustee Fairbairn moved the following resolution, which was seconded by Trustee Noble:

"Whereas this board did unanimously pass a resolution asking the city council to refer certain charges made by The Toronto Saturday Night, against the chairman of this board, to the county judge of the County of York.

"And whereas the resolution reads: 'That if these charges are true, the member so charged is not a proper person to be a representative on this board, and whereas such charges are a decided reflection on the honor of this board.

"And, as the chairman publicly thanked the mover of this resolution, thereby consenting to the motion, and whereas the judge has given his decision that these charges have been proved, and whereas the chairman, when already acquainted with the facts of this judgment, has publicly stated to the press that he would not resign the chairmanship of this board, and further did at the special meeting of this board publicly state that he would not resign the chairmanship, even if the entire board voted for such a resolution.

"Therefore, be it resolved: That this board be placed on record as opposed to this action on the part of the chairman, and in the interest of education, and in view of our former resolution, and of the judge's decision, we hereby request the chairman to tender his resignation, and vacate the chair."

And then the board began cautiously—very much so it seemed—to tell the stolid chairman just what they did and did not think of his action in re Psyche.

Denied Personal Feeling.

Trustee Fairbairn, speaking to the motion, said: While the board have asked for legal opinion on this matter and have learned that the chairman cannot be ousted on this account, at the same time the board should go on record in this matter in one way or another. And this opinion should have regard to the previous action of the chairman, and also to his refusal to vacate the chair. I have absolutely no personal feeling in this matter. I deal with it entirely as one of great public interest. I do believe that the chairman was and is thoroly convinced in his own mind of the correctness of his attitude in retaining his position as chairman. That, in my opinion, makes the position worse and more dangerous still.

Trustee Conboy: I intend to vote against the resolution introduced by Trustee Fairbairn. While I believe it a great mistake for Mr. Levee to allow school teachers to be canvassed by his agents, still I by no means regard it as at all a crime. Enough has already been said about this matter; quite enough has been done. Let us not forget that the chairman has a long, useful and honorable record as a member of this board. In my opinion it should be recognized in a more fitting manner.

Trustee Lewis: I am sorry that the chairman didn't at first see fit to resign the chair. Further, in view of the results of the recent investigation, I cannot see how any member of this board can justify himself in refusing to vote for the resolution.

Dreaded to Vote.

Trustee Hiltz wished he were in Quebec fishing. He had to confess that this was the first occasion on which he had ever dreaded to vote since becoming a member of the board. "Let us not forget," said Trustee Hiltz, "that Chairman Levee has behind him a record of 11 years as a member of the board, during which time he has proven himself most fearless in the discharge of his duties. I believe that we have had a very good chairman in Trustee Levee. Still it seems to me that, in the face of the findings of the judge, in the interest of the people and of Trustee Levee himself, the only wise and politic thing for the chairman to do is to resign. For his own sake he should say 'Here is the chair—I resign it with pleasure.'"

Offence Not Heinous.

Trustee McTaggart expressed himself as utterly opposed to the action of the chairman regarding the canvassing of teachers. Yet, for all that he did not regard the offence as such a very great one. In view of the storm of comment and condemnation that had been provoked, the mistake was not likely to be repeated. He believed that enough had already been done in the matter. Hence, and in view of the chairman's long and good record, he would vote against the resolution.

Trustee McKay: I will vote against the resolution, but will certainly not condone the offence that called it forth. Our solicitor declares that no crime has been committed and that the chair-

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How Trustees Voted.

The division on Trustee Fairbairn's motion censuring Chairman Levee and calling for his resignation was:

For — Trustees Fairbairn, Hiltz, Boland, Noble and Lewis—5.

Against—Trustees Hodgson, Dineen, Jackson, Hartney, Ellis, McKay, Conboy, McTaggart and Shaw—9.

BETWEEN DEVIL AND DEEP SEA

Taft Realizes Only Hope of Reciprocity is to Go Thru Senate Unamended—Democratic Senators in Awkward Position of Having to Choose Between it and Free List Bill.

(Canadian Press Despatch).

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The crisis in the senate fight on Canadian reciprocity is expected when the farmers' free list bill is offered as an amendment to the bill carrying the bill into effect. That such an amendment will be offered to embarrass the Democratic supporters of reciprocity seems certain. Toward this contingency President Taft is devoting his attention. He is holding daily conferences in an effort to keep Republican and Democratic senators alike in line for the pact.

President Taft is certain that the reciprocity bill will pass the senate by a comfortable majority if it can be brought to a final vote without amendment. He feels that a test of the true friends of reciprocity will come in dealing with the proposed amendments. Mr. Taft recently has had assurances that the bill will be reported out of the finance committee without amendment and without recommendation. This is what he desires. The president feels any amendment in the senate will defeat the bill, and he believes that to be the purpose of some senators who have proposed amendments. The present proposed Root, Lodge and Nelson amendments have got the president into sharp conflict with these senators, but he has not hesitated to express his views regarding them.

His Only Hope.

Fully cognizant of the fact that he must depend upon the almost solid vote of the Democrats in the senate to carry the reciprocity bill thru, President Taft has been endeavoring to devise a means to help them out of the dilemma that will be presented when they are asked to vote for or against the free list bill as a rider to the reciprocity measure. Some Democratic senators have told the president frankly that they would vote against the free list amendment if they could be assured that the "stand-pat" Republicans would not stifle in committee the free list bill as it came from the house, and thus deprive the southern Democratic senators of the opportunity in open senate properly to record their votes on the measure.

President Taft fully appreciates the position in which the senate Democrats find themselves, but he thinks he has found a solution of the problem. He has suggested that a motion by the Democrats to discharge the finance committee from consideration of the free list bill and to put it upon its passage, would serve the purpose of the Democrats in making their attitude a perfectly clear one, and he has further expressed confidence in the fairness of the American people to recognize the purpose of those who would attempt the free list method of defeating reciprocity.

The plan, as outlined, has been broadly discussed among Democratic senators, and it is said they believe with other friends of reciprocity, that it is an acceptable solution of the difficulty.

Free Paper Bait.

The reciprocity agreement, as negotiated, provides that Canadian paper could come in free only when provisional restrictions were removed. The house, instead of incorporating this conditional provision in the bill, gave more of a concession, with the idea of inducing the provinces to lift their restrictions, and provide that all paper made in Canada from pulpwood not grown on lands under restriction, should be admitted free. As the duty on paper is $5.75 a ton, the house felt that Canada ultimately would be glad to lift the restrictions to gain the advantage of this reduction.

According to the White House view, the Root amendment to the paper and pulp schedule does not actually violate the agreement, but repeals the house

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DESERTING HIM

DOBBIN: There'll soon be only me an' Sydney Fisher left.

FEARS BEING DRAGGED INTO BRITAIN'S WARS

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Says Treaties Other Than Commercial Should be Left to Discretion of Imperial Government—Colonies Will be Consulted Before Next Hague Conference, Says Sir Edward Grey.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable).

LONDON, June 1.—In the imperial conference Premier Fisher moved a resolution regretting that the dominions were not consulted prior to the acceptance of the terms of the declaration of London, that it was undesirable for Great Britain to adopt the inclusion of article 24, on foodstuffs, in view of the fact that a large part of the trade of the empire was in these articles, that it was undesirable for Great Britain to adopt the provisions of the articles permitting the destruction of neutral vessels.

He attached the most importance to the first part of the resolution. Being part of the family of nations, he thought that the time had arrived when they should be informed, and, if need be, consulted before arrangements were entered into with other countries by which their interests were affected. Their sole desire was to enlarge their power by means of communication between the self-governing communities. This step, if taken, while not weakening the mother country, would strengthen the dominions and make them feel they were sharers in all that was done for the protection of the best interests of the empire.

Batchelor said that if alterations could be made in reference to certain points which would be for the good of the empire generally, it would bring about a feeling of safety, contentment and satisfaction, where the greatest apprehension was now felt.

A State of Chaos.

Sir Edward Grey said that with regard to foodstuffs there had hitherto existed a state of chaos. When aggrieved they had to depend for redress on the decisions of the prize courts of belligerents, which were never satisfactory tribunals for a neutral to appeal to. The government agreed to a certain extent that there should be no seizure of goods which were conditional contraband, when consigned to a neutral port, even tho they might be destined to an enemy. One result of this concession, if they found a difficulty in clearing the whole Atlantic of the enemy's cruisers, would be that all possible goods would be consigned to neutral ports in Europe, and all we would have to do would be to protect the passage of goods across the channel to one of our ports.

There was only one thing that could secure safety in war time, the supremacy of the British fleet. That being maintained, other points were of comparative insignificance. The consultation of the dominions would have been difficult, seeing that they were not consulted by The Hague Conference. A prize court convention of the dominions would have to be consulted before the next Hague Conference.

Might Be Dragged Into Britain's Wars

Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it was a far-reaching proposition that the Dominions should be consulted in regard to treaties negotiated by the home government. Canada had claimed the liberty of negotiating her own commercial treaties, which liberty had been given them. Regarding other treaties it might seriously embarrass the home government if it had to consult the dominions. If a dominion insisted on being consulted in regard to matters which might result in war, it would imply the necessity that they should take part in the war. He thought on the whole it would be better to leave the matter entirely to the discretion of the home government. The declaration itself was an immense step in advance. It was the first step towards arbitration between nations, which Canada entirely favored.

Sir Joseph Ward and Dr. Findlay both supported the declaration.

A Dangerous Principle.

LONDON, June 1.—(C. A. P. cable.)—The Morning Post says that Laurier in favoring the declaration of London as a step in the right direction of abolishing navies by substituting arbitration, does not seem to realize that in any case the international prize court, which caught his fancy only comes into operation after acts of war are over, not before war is declared.

The London Express says that Laurier's argument that the home government should never be bettered by the necessity for consulting other parts of the empire is very dangerous as an imperial principle. It spells disintegration, not federation.

C. N. R. OPENS PLAYGROUND

'Twas a Joyful Occasion for Kiddies of Neighborhood.

The C. N. R. park at the foot of Sumach-street was formally handed over to the Playground Association for temporary use last evening by D. B. Hanna, who acted for the company, and S. G. Osler responded on behalf of the association.

The speeches were rather short owing to the manifestations of joy on the part of the overwhelmed youngsters, who took possession in real earnest immediately Mr. Osler stepped from the band stand, from which the speeches were delivered.

The park has the appearance of a small exhibition ground. At one end there is a sand bed for the little ones. To the east of this stand a number of swings, firmly built, and further on are gymnastic bars, such as are seen in Y. M. C. A.'s and other places of physical recreation.

After the speakers had left, the Queen's Own Band rendered musical numbers until 10 o'clock.

This piece of property was purchase from the city some time ago, and as the C. N. R. had no immediate use for it they allowed it to remain a park, for which purpose the ground has been used for many years, altho it has hitherto had no playground equipment.

Western Hospital Graduation.

Invitations have been issued for the graduation of the 1911 class of the Toronto Western Hospital nurses, on Thursday, June 8, 1911. The exercises and reception to be held in the Oddfellows' Hall on Bathurst-street.

MUST PAY OVER $53,000 AND TRANSFER LOTS

Decision by Justice Meredith in Favor of Liquidators of Defunct Realty Company.

A sweeping judgment was handed down by Chief Justice Meredith in the case of E. R. C. Clarkson, liquidator of the Big Cities Realty and Agencies Co. which wound up last fall, against John Linden, former president of the company; Mrs. Elizabeth H. Linden, his wife, and Merritt A. Brown, solicitor, in the non-jury assize courts yesterday.

The suit concerned the ownership of 60 lots in Riverdale, as well as a sum in the neighborhood of $53,000 on the sale of other lots. In June, 1908, an agreement was made whereby Mrs. Linden was to transfer the lots in question to the Big Cities Co., for which she was to receive 1200 shares of the company's stock. The plaintiffs claimed that John and Mrs. Linden transferred the property to Mr. Brown for the purpose of defrauding the company.

Justice Meredith ordered her to transfer the lots to the account of the company in the receiver's hands, and to render account for the money received on the sale of other lots.

The property in question is on Bastedo-avenue, the section formerly known as the Midway.

TAXI DRIVER NOT TO BLAME

Coroner's Jury Exonerates George Ratcliffe for James Bell's Death.

"We, the jury, find that James Bell came to his death from shock and internal injuries due to his being run over by a taxicab. From the evidence given we find that there is no blame attached to the driver."

Thus the jury of Coroner Dr. Wm. Powell exonerated George Ratcliffe, 41 Mutual-street, driver of the taxicab that hit Bell on Gerrard-street East last Saturday afternoon. All the witnesses swore that the machine was traveling at a slow rate of speed, and that it came in the same direction as the car from which Bell alighted. According to one of the witnesses the car stopped within three feet after knocking over the victim, but all the others declared that it had not gone two feet past him. It appeared that if Bell had crossed the road straight after getting off the car he would have been safe, but instead he turned around and went towards the approaching taxi at an angle.

It is a Panama.

The summer has started early and it will take a well-made hat of good straw to weather the season. Panama hats are a very reliable standby for a summer sun. Dineen is showing an exceptional line of rare South American Panamas, one hundred dozen of which were received late last week. This last consignment includes hats ranging in price from $5 to $20. The five dollar line of hats could not be duplicated beyond Dineen doors for seven-fifty to eight dollars.

Hamilton Conference.

GALT, June 1.—Rev. A. J. Irwin of Mount Forest was this afternoon elected president of the Hamilton conference on the first ballot.

Climax of Split Between Cox and Walker Interests

Hon. J. M. Gibson, Senator Lougheed, Duncan Coulson and Robert Bickerdike, M. P., Fill Four Vacancies on Canada Life Directorate — How Factions Were Gradually Developed.

An important change has taken place in the board of the Canada Life Assurance Company. Mr. Z. A. Lash, K.C., Sir Edmund Walker, Mr. H. B. Walker, Hon. Wm. Gibson, and Mr. Chas. Chaput have resigned, and the following gentlemen have been elected: Hon. J. M. Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario; Hon. Senator Lougheed of Calgary, Mr. Duncan Coulson, president of the Bank of Toronto, and Mr. Robert Bickerdike, M.P., of Montreal, vice-president of the Banque d'Hochelaga.

The resignation of the directors mentioned followed on the adoption by the board of the policy recommended by the president, Hon. Geo. A. Cox, and the vice-president, Mr. J. H. Plummer, under which the joint general management has been discontinued, and Mr. E. W. Cox has been appointed general manager.

The board is now constituted as follows: Hon. George A. Cox, president; Mr. J. H. Plummer, president Dominion Steel Corporation, vice-president; Robert Bickerdike, M.P., vice-president Banque d'Hochelaga; Adam Brown, postmaster, Hamilton; Alexander Bruce, K.C., Toronto; Duncan Coulson, president Bank of Toronto; Edward W. Cox, general manager; Hon. J. M. Gibson, lieutenant-governor of Ontario, and director Canadian Bank of Commerce; Hon. Robert Jaffray, senator, vice-president Imperial Bank; Hon. J. A. Lougheed, senator, Calgary; Kenneth MacKenzie, capitalist, Winnipeg; Leighton McCarthy, K.C., Toronto; E. R. Wood, president Dominion Securities Corporation, and director Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The above official statement handed out yesterday afternoon by E. W. Cox, general manager of the Canada Life, amply confirmed the exclusive news in yesterday's World that five of the directors of the company had resigned.

The World's story had a startling effect in financial circles during the morning, and when the extent of the resignations was known, many questions were asked as to the cause. A difference of opinion over certain matters of internal policy is said to be the immediate cause of the cleavage. Politics were not the casus belli, altho it is known that the opposing views on reciprocity held by Hon. Geo. A. Cox, president of the company, and Sir Edmund Walker and Z. A. Lash, K.C., have only served to widen the breach between these gentlemen. Whether the policy of maintaining joint general managers has been the great pivot upon which the difficulty turned, is not disclosed, but at the directors' meeting yesterday, a reorganization in this respect took place. E. W. Cox, son of the president, became full general manager, and Frank Sanderson resumes his former title of actuary. Both of these gentlemen are widely known in the insurance world, and Mr. Sanderson's eminence as an actuarial authority has been unquestioned. The two had been joint managers heretofore.

Of the directors, who have retired, Sir Edmund Walker is in London, Z. A. Lash remains in the city, H. B. Walker (brother of Sir Edmund) resides in Montreal, as also does Chas.

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Imposing Display of Naval Strength

LONDON, June 1.—The admiralty has issued an official chart of the coronation review of the fleet at Spithead on June 24. Within the position covering eight square miles will be gathered 170 British warships and about sixty ocean liners and yachts.

The British vessels will be assembled in five long main lines the foreign vessels forming the sixth line. Beyond the limits of the official review ground will be anchored hundreds of other yachts, merchant ships, and pleasure steamers, forming an imposing display of British shipping.

INJURED AVIATOR CONTINUED FLIGHT

Tho Suffering Pluckily, Stuck to It and Reached Rome—Beaumont Ready For Last Stage.

ROME, June 1.—Andre Beaumont and Roland Garros, the two aviators who have fought each other every mile of the way for supremacy in the great Paris-Rome-Turin race are to-night in the Italian capital. The other competitors have met with mishap after mishap, and some of them are still far back in France.

Beaumont, who arrived here yesterday, is resting preparatory to essaying the third and last stage, from Rome to Turin, a distance of 391 miles. Garros, unfortunately, is in bad physical shape. The wrecking of his aeroplane near Pisa yesterday, resulted in quite serious injuries to the aviator, but at 10.30 o'clock this morning, he pluckily clambered into the seat of the new machine and swept away along the Mediterranean coast at fine speed, for Rome. Great crowds had gathered to witness his coming, but Garros almost collapsed when he landed. He said that he felt very ill, and could hardly walk. It was necessary to help him to the committee room.

Garros explained that he suffered greatly from his fall. His right shoulder had been injured and the hurt was aggravated by the exertions of to-day's flight. It was apparent that he was suffering acute pain.

Cheered on His Arrival.

Beaumont, hearing of his arrival, rushed to greet him. The vast crowds burst into cheers, when the two friendly rivals appeared on the balcony grasping hands. It is probable that Beaumont will start on the last leg of the journey before Garros, who, if he continues to-morrow, will do so only by reason of sheer grit.

Frey, the German representative, who also was injured by the wrecking of his machine near Pisa, is still awaiting a new machine before starting from that place.

Vidart succeeded in making an excellent flight from Nice to Genoa in a little more than three hours. He seemed in a fair way to reach the capital, but was compelled to land at Cecina, about 35 miles beyond Pisa, on account of motor trouble. In making the ground, the left wing of his aeroplane was broken, but he himself was not hurt. He hopes to make repairs so that he can start to-morrow morning.

Kimmerling, who has a long list of misfortunes to his score, left Brignolea for Nice this evening, but almost immediately collided with a tree. His machine was damaged and Kimmerling, discouraged at the run of illluck, said that if he met with a fresh mishap to-morrow, he would abandon the race.

Bathiat arrived to-night at Lyons, having been delayed by another breakdown.

FIRE A MILE WIDE

Raging Thru Section of British Columbia, Near Arrowhead.

NELSON, B. C., June 1.—Word has just been received from Arrowhead, B. C., 150 miles north of the city, of a bad bush fire, one mile in width, that started early to-day and is at present raging thruout that section. Fifty fire fighters from Arrowhead have been fighting the flames the greater part of the day, but are unable to cope with the situation and assistance has been asked for from Revelstoke and surrounding towns.

Unless the wind changes the city is in safety. No lives have been lost, as far as can be ascertained. The district in which the fire is raging is heavily timbered and the fire threatens to spread rapidly unless assistance can be had at once.

A NEW BANKING COMBINATION.

Do not be surprised if a new big banking combination does not arise out of the Canada Life affair of yesterday.

Who Wore This Suit?

Detective Tipton has got the goods on Arthur Robideau. The goods consist of a tweed suit, stolen from Percy W. Loree, 203 Jarvis-street, and sold by Robideau. There is also another suit which Robideau is said to have sold. It is a dress suit made by Adler, Johannesburg, South Africa. Detective Tipton is anxious to hear from the owner of the traveled clothing.

Had Hemorrhage on Street.

Norman Reddle, 521 East King-st., had been in the General Hospital up till four days ago suffering from lung trouble. Last night he went for a walk and collapsed with a hemorrhage in East Front-st. He was taken back to the hospital. His condition is not critical.

A BOOM YEAR.

Now it begins to look as if this year 1911 is to be Canada's greatest boom year.

Business is remarkably good all over, and the Canadian west is likely to have an output of two hundred million bushels of wheat—almost double of any previous year. It will keep the three railways busy to handle it.

The Canadian banks will all have to double their capital, and the Canadian cities and towns are going ahead in a remarkable way. The farmer will have plenty of money to meet his obligations.

Even the United States may have a year of material prosperity, in spite of the political uncertainty.

Toronto may be carried off her feet with the rush of business.

TRIMMED AND WHISKERS WILD.

Senator Cox always has his whiskers neatly trimmed; Sir Edmund Walker never has his. Mr. Lash is also a man with a beard that needs more attention. E. R. Wood takes after the Senator.

MORE DEMOCRACY.

Not so many years ago only an aristocrat or an associate of aristocracy could win the Derby. Now a Hebrew diamond millionaire wins a couple of years after the success of the Yankee Irishman, Richard Croker, who carried it off with Orby. The house of lords will receive a large injection of democracy in the same way.

ST. BASS AND SIR JAMES.

The two most prominent and popular sons of Ontario to-day are the man who left Toronto last night for the coronation and the good horse St. Bass, that ought to improve his record of last week in Toronto at the meet in Montreal, beginning on Saturday.