

CANADA SHOULD PAY FOR NAVAL DEFENCE

C. A. Magrath Again Sets Out His Attitude on the Question—Toronto Telegram Condemns Position of Government and of R. L. Borden, Leader of Opposition.

Winnipeg, Nov. 4.—Chas. A. Magrath, M.P. for Medicine Hat, was in the city yesterday on his way east. He was interviewed by a reporter who called attention to the fact that a number of eastern newspapers had represented him as stating that he was opposed to Canada participating in any form of a naval defence. Mr. Magrath gave emphatic contradiction to this statement of his position in the following words: "As for the journals that have been wrenched my attitude on the naval question into the hands of the public, Canada taking its share of responsibility in the British Empire, all I have to say is that some journals have party politics so imbedded in them that all public issues must be reduced to party strategy. The strategy I am interested in at present concerns the navy of an empire of which Canada claims to be no inconsiderable part. It has no party significance to me. If the people of Canada are satisfied with the present government, I can hold my own opinion about the matter, but I realize it is their business.

"On this navy question," continued Mr. Magrath, "I have as much right to my opinion as to the best method of protecting the empire, having due regard to Canada's capacity to engage in defence matters as any other citizen of this country, either in or out of parliament, no matter how prominent he may be. And assuming we are both equally strong on maintaining the integrity of the empire, it then becomes as between us, a question of judgment. "The British taxpayer has the very best reason to believe that a still more powerful navy than what was at the time believed to be the best method of protecting the empire, had ever, under any circumstances, come to light pointing to the crew's murder by two other Indians who were with him shortly before the time of his death. The body was exhumed and it is understood that marks of violence were detected upon it.

"If it is a navy for business and a most serious business for all concerned, then my judgment is that there should be absolutely no division of authority; that an administrative department head for over a century in the upbuilding and management of our magnificent navy should have absolute control, at least until the present abnormal conditions in Europe disappear. In short, that the money we propose expending should be made to produce the greatest fighting efficiency.

"If a Canadian navy is for Canadian defence, it would be much cheaper and more effective to place a blanket insurance policy on the country. If it is for the insurance of our commerce, let us for our time bring the premiums to the one navy—the British—the one that understands and lets our commerce continue to exercise all our energies for some years longer in the development of Canada as an integral part of the empire.

"Favors Fixed Contributions." "Do you favor fixed contributions?" "Yes," replied Mr. Magrath, "by fixed contributions Canada will know what her commitments are. With a Canadian navy there would be a growing expenditure which once started would be difficult to stop. My opinion is that the government of this country is against buying expensive armaments. I am quoted as wishing to give ten millions of dollars yearly to the mother country. I mean that figure to illustrate my views. My idea is that we should undertake to make the navy of this country commensurate with our means. I feel that Europe cannot keep up the pace much longer. She must recede from the position she has taken in navy development, otherwise expenditures continue to grow it means bankruptcy for some and that means fight. Apart from these considerations, it will be ample time ten years hence for a people of 7,000,000 today to seriously consider the establishment of a navy, and I have sufficient confidence in Great Britain to believe that she will start us out at that time if we wish, with a few small craft of the kind we will undertake to build, equal in value to our contributions. Less expenses of management meanwhile.

"Furthermore, I see no reason why she should not commence to lay the foundations in this country for the development of naval works commensurate with Canada's interests in the empire. After all there is no occasion for the country to become alarmed over this question. It is not what the politicians think. It is what the people desire. Governments have gone to the country on much less important questions. There are other sides which I have not attempted to discuss. I believe I know what the sentiment of the west is in this matter. Anyway I am ready for the issue."

R. S. Lake's Views. Regina, Nov. 4.—R. S. Lake, M.P., is opposed to the government's naval program. In an interview today, he set forth his views. He believes that Canada should recognize her imperial responsibilities and strengthen the first line of defence where the chief dangers lie, having due regard also to the needs of Canada. "To get over the objection to a direct contribution he suggests the formation of an imperial defence committee with representation from over the sea states.

Toronto Telegram's Opinion. Toronto, Nov. 4.—In a double column editorial today the Telegram endorses the attitude of the Western members who are opposing Canadian naval proposals. Lake, of Qu'Appelle; Herron, of Alberta; McCarthy, of Calgary; Magrath of Letbridge, are the only members west of Lake Superior who won their own seats without the help of a government, provincial or federal. Liberal members west of Lake Superior were made by the help of the Laurier government. They could be unmade by its hostility. Tory members in Manitoba and British Columbia owe something to Roblin and McBride governments respectively. But Magrath of Letbridge and Herron are free men. They had to fight their passage through against hostility of 170 governments. They owe nothing to the people who sent them to office. They owe nothing to R. L. Borden, Geo. E. Foster or anybody else. This Canada Supports Magrath.

If Canada outside of Quebec could be polled on a question of naval aid ninety per cent of the people Liberal and Conservative would reveal their sympathy with principles of C. A. Magrath, M.P. and John Herron, Conservative as indicated by Borden leadership means suicide to public men like John Herron, M.P. and C. A. Magrath, M.P. These politicians are in a position to call no man master. They elected themselves. R. L. Borden did not elect them. Why should anti-Laurier Canadians of the west bow down to the stupidities of a Quebec chasing opportunism that wrecked a Conservative government in 1906 and seems to be capable of making a Conservative opposition stay wrecked until the end of time. The Laurier-Borden policy proposes to empty a Canadian treasury on an equivalent to \$50,000,000 without filling a vacancy in Britain's line of battle with one first-class fighting ship. Canada's naval policy is embodied in Mr. Borden's understanding that in case of sudden war parliament can vote direct money aid to Britain. Mr. Borden's understanding that parliament might as well stand up and sing 'God Save the King.'

INDIAN MURDERED NEAR LAC LA BICHE

Was at First Thought to Have Been Drowned—Body Exhumed and Marks Found Upon It—Two Brothers Now at Fort Saskatchewan May Be Charged With Crime.

Sgt. Detective Nicholson of the R.N.W.M.P. and several of the force at Fort Saskatchewan have just returned from a two week trip to Beaver Lake, just south of Lac La Biche and about 85 miles north east from the Fort. They were investigating the integrity of an Indian named Kenick Manasin, who, now turns out is said to have been murdered. The Indian's demise occurred early in September from what was at the time believed to be drowning. Later, however, suspicion of murder came to light pointing to the crew's murder by two other Indians who were with him shortly before the time of his death. The body was exhumed and it is understood that marks of violence were detected upon it. Two Indian brothers have been brought back by the police to the Fort to serve sentences for drunkenness. It is likely that the other will later be charged with the murder.

BANQUET TO HON. C. MURPHY

Sir Wilfrid Laurier Takes Occasion to Refer to Naval Defence Policy.

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—Three hundred citizens of Ottawa tonight banqueted Hon. Charles Murphy, Secretary of State. All shades of political opinion were represented. Among those present were Mayor Hovewell, who presided, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. W. S. Fielding, Hon. Sidney Fisher, Hon. J. G. Macdonald, Hon. J. G. Macdonald, Senator Costigan, P. D. Ross, Sir James Grant, D. J. McDougall, M.L.A.; W. E. Frapp, M.L.A.; Denis Murphy, M.P.; and H. B. McGivern, M.P.

Mr. Murphy, in replying to the toast of his health, referred to his recent trip to the west, and in referring to the progress and the hope that he saw. He looked forward to the day when Canada would be the dominant partner in the British empire, and lay the foundations of an empire greater than ancient Rome or even Britain herself, in upholding the principles of representative government and true citizenship. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in replying to the toast to the Canadian Parliament, said that since the last election, the personnel of the members had singularly improved. It had brought a galaxy of new members, who, for wealth and character, could stand comparison with the old members. While they had differences in the house, there were some points, said the Premier, upon which they were in accord. For instance, there was no difference of opinion between the government and the opposition on the question of naval defence. The time was coming when the government hoped they would all do their duty. Referring to the arrangement to be between the government and the opposition of Ottawa, he described one payment as the debt due by the nation to Ottawa. Indeed the nation had not paid enough. It ought to have paid more. He hoped to see Ottawa the finest city of the world. Nature had intended it to be so.

EVERYBODY TALKED CANADA

Wm. Hutchinson, Exhibitor Commissioner, Speaks of Seattle Fair.

Ottawa, Nov. 1.—"Canada's farm and wheat lands and western townships were the chief topic of conversation among the people of the States of Washington, Oregon, and California who visited our exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition," said Wm. Hutchinson, ex-M.P. Dominion Exhibition Commissioner, who returned today from Seattle.

"There are a great many people there living on fruit farms," he continued, "who with families of boys and only ten or twenty acres of fruit land, were turning their attention to our western wheat fields. We saw people come to us in June with inquiries, many of whom returned again in September to tell us that they had been to Canada and invested in other townships or farm lands. "They are all talking Canada," said Mr. Hutchinson, "and the immigration agent at Spokane tells me that he has had more inquiries this year than ever before."

Women Vote in Norway

Christiana, Nov. 6.—In the elections throughout Norway on Friday women for the first time exercised the right of suffrage. They voted heavily in the towns but lightly in the country districts. Sufficient returns have not been received to show the result.

LABOR LEADERS TO GO TO PRISON

U.S. Supreme Court Sustains Conviction of Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison.

Washington, D.C., Nov. 2.—Samuel Gompers, president of the Federation of Labor, John Mitchell, vice-president and Frank Morrison, secretary, must serve the terms of imprisonment passed on them by Justice Wright, for contempt of court, in the duck stove injunction case, according to a decision of the United States Supreme court, the chief justice dissenting. The case arose through the printing of an "unfair list" in the Federationist.

FISH HIGH IN WINNIPEG

Discrepancy in Chicago and Winnipeg Markets—Matter for Consideration.

Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—A special from Chicago today says Manitoba whitefish are selling on that market at seven cents wholesale and nine cents retail per pound, picked, wholesale seven and a half, retailing at nine cents. These white fish are taken largely by hotels and restaurants because cheaper than Lake Superior fish. Chicago consumes about six carloads of Manitoba whitefish per week. The point of the above is that yesterday Manitoba whitefish sold at 9 cents wholesale in Winnipeg. These facts are interesting in view of the prospect of a large quantity of whitefish to be taken in the Lake Manitoba output and the price.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM TEACHERS' CONVENTION

Prof. Broadus, of University of Alberta, is Announced to Discuss "The Novel" Before Teachers of Northern Alberta on Thursday Afternoon—Other Papers.

Arrangements are about complete for the annual convention of the Northern Alberta teachers. It is the largest teachers' meeting in the province. It includes the inspection of Messrs. Fine and Hill. There are now a hundred teachers in the two cities alone and about two hundred more from the country. The meetings will be held in the auditorium of the Norwood school, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday. The program is a very attractive one. It contains a variety of papers, including the history and technical work for the day, and sections and of general papers and discussions for the whole body of the convention. The public will be made welcome to the sessions on both days. In the general sessions Prof. Broadus will discuss "the novel." The place of the novel in literary history and a critical analysis of its structure and nature should be interesting to a novel reading age and it is expected that a large number of the public will avail themselves of the opportunity to hear this lecture on Thursday afternoon.

HAMILTON'S POWER WAR

Hydro-Electric Power Commission Contract Turned Down by I. Vote.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 1.—By the casting vote of Mayor McLaren to the contract with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission had a victory tonight. Those who voted for the Hydro-Electric power, Mayor McLaren and Ald. Creer, Appleburgh, Clark, Gardiner, Milne, Ryan, Allan, Guy, Pergrin and Fortin, expressed their opposition to the contract with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission were Ald. Ellis, Wright, J. J. A. McGregor, B.A., principal of Queen's Avenue school, will present an exhaustive study of the economic minerals of Alberta. Inspectors Fife and Hill, who are geologists and science men, will give discussions on nature study, which is intended to cope with the fire that was discovered in the incipient stages. The article points out that there has been an expenditure of over a million dollars in the high pressure system and other protection within two years.

BEDFORD FORGETS IT

Says He Does Not Remember Confessing to Murder of Miss Kinrade.

London, Nov. 1.—Bedford was today remanded for eighteen days in the Bow street police court. Interviewed by the Canadian Associated Press, he said he did not remember ever having made any confession of murdering Miss Kinrade. He had only read the account of murder in the Canadian papers. Bedford's sister considers he has a strange look in his eyes and is insane. Papers that have not yet arrived from Canada have necessitated the postponement again.

COALS OPERATORS CONSPIRACY CASE

Halifax, N.S., Nov. 1.—Another stage case was entered upon this afternoon. An hour was taken up with an application for the production of the depositions of Mr. McLaughlin, the local treasurer of the U.M.W. The information was said by him for purposes in connection with the strike. J. J. Ritchie said the defence had a right to know what was contained in them. The magistrate reserved his decision.

RESULT OF HALLOWEEN PRANK

14-Year-Old Boy Plugged Full of Shot by Old Man.

Collingwood, Nov. 1.—Thomas, the 14-year-old son of Reeve Clark, was accidentally shot tonight by James Viner, an elderly neighbor. The result of a Halloween celebrating. The boy, with his chums, was romping about and incurred Viner's displeasure, and he let fly with a shot loaded with small shot. He says he fired at random and in the dark to scare a phoe youngsters, but young Clark fell screaming with his back literally spotted with shot wounds. His chums carried him home. He is now resting easily under the doctor's care. Viner is a gunsmith by trade.

CHICAGO GIRL TO WED

DR. WILFRED GRENFELL

Famous Missionary Will be Accompanied by the Frozen North on His Next Trip by His Bride, Who is Miss Anna Macclanahan—Grenfell a Friend of Cook and Peary.

Chicago, Nov. 8.—Into the frozen north, where the sun casts rays over a barren landscape, where mail is not delivered for months in the winter and where "bargain counters" are unheard of, a Chicago girl will travel as the bride of Dr. Wilfred T. Grenfell, the famous Labrador missionary.

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WONNIEP'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

Will be Subjected to Searching Investigation as Result of Fire.

Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—The Free Press will conduct a searching investigation into the premature and unjustified attacks on the fire brigade in connection with the burning of the latter about a month ago. The article demanded a searching investigation into the conduct of the brigade and the reasons why, in the face of the vast outlays for the high pressure system and the new and up-to-date apparatus, the brigade failed, in broad daylight, to cope with a fire that was discovered in the incipient stages. The article points out that there has been an expenditure of over a million dollars in the high pressure system and other protection within two years.



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