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RAILWAYS THE VITAL QUESTION

This is the Paramount Issue in the Province—Attorney General at Lacombe.

Incombe, Mar. 3.—The best political meeting ever held in Lacombe took place in the opera house last night. For over three hours the hall rang to the enthusiastic applause elicited by the stirring speeches of Hon. Mr. Cross, W. P. Puffer and Senator Talbot.

At the conclusion a vote of confidence in the Rutherford administration was passed unanimously amid wild enthusiasm.

Mr. Puffer, the Liberal candidate, in a strong speech outlined the work done by the government during the last four years, proving conclusively that the constituency had received a full share of the enormous improvements made by the department of public works and other departments.

During his speech Mr. Puffer touched on the projected electric road from Lacombe to Rimby, was greeted with applause, which grew more and more as he spoke of a representative of large European capital already on the way to undertake the construction of the road at an early date.

Great Reception to Attorney General. Hon. Mr. Cross, the second speaker, was the lion of the evening. In a speech brimming with indisputable figures and facts, he told of the work of the government in defence of the Bell telephone monopoly and the manner in which the government purchased the lines was explained. As each chapter of his speech unfolded the applause was tremendous.

The struggle of the government with the Canadian Pacific for taxation of its main lines was told and when the speaker reached the point where a partial victory had already been obtained by the government, the audience cheered to the echo.

The announcement that the government was going to take fresh action for taxation of main lines in the lower courts of the province and carry it through the various stages and finally to the Privy Council, was warmly received.

Mr. Cross assumed that the Canadian Pacific fight the government was a fight for the right of the government to tax the railway.

He strenuously assured the audience that the opposition would be futile. The Workmen's Compensation act was gone into in detail. The advantages to the worker and the fairness to the employer of labor was explained and the meeting expressed themselves strongly in favor of the act.

District court act, which materially affected Lacombe, making extensive decreases in the cost of litigation, received the support of the meeting and the announcement that the act was passed, was warmly received.

Railway Question Live Issue. The railway question proved the live issue of the meeting. The doctrine of indifference of the government was well known to all present, many of whom had suffered in this respect. The railway policy of the government with its heavy bonds and the surety of getting lines built to gridiron the province without cost to the people was strongly opposed to everybody present and the speaker was cheered to the echo. When he resumed his seat after stating that the government policy always was and would be "Alberta for Albertans" and their advancement, the applause was tremendous.

Senator Talbot gave an able address, strongly supporting the present administration.

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BOURASSA SHOWS HIS COLORS

He and Lavigne, Alleged Nationalists, Are Just Raging Conservatives.

Quebec, Que., March 2.—Several features related the usual pomp and ceremony of the opening today of the new session and another term of the Quebec Legislature. The changes included in the appearance of J. M. Teller, Conservative member for Joliette, in the role of new leader of the Opposition, in which position the Hon. P. E. LeBlanc had been such a familiar figure. The most important production in the speech from the throne is that regarding a redistribution bill creating new electoral districts to be decided upon this session. This means that the dividing of Hochelaga constituency will form an important part of the deliberations of the assembly.

For about two hours this forenoon, the Opposition maintained its campaign. The outstanding result being that Mr. Teller was unanimously chosen as leader. Mr. Bourassa, not arriving in Quebec until this afternoon, was unable to attend the caucus, but Mr. Armand Lavigne, his lieutenant, was able to attend to the decision. It was stated after the caucus, that although no decision regarding the redistribution of the constituency had been decided upon, an extensive article had been received and the Opposition as a whole would be united in criticizing the government policy. Tomorrow afternoon the debate on the speech from the throne will be commenced.

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MINER'S ESCAPE AGAIN DEBATED

Minister of Justice Uncovers Duplicity of Member for Westminster—Nothing to Investigate.

Ottawa, Ont., March 2.—Hon. Wm. Pennington, minister of inland revenue, was introduced in the House of Commons this afternoon by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Hon. W. S. Fielding, and resumed their speech after occupying last session to the right of the speaker. Hon. Chas. Murphy, secretary of state, gave notice that on Thursday he would come to Ottawa to establish a sub-department of external affairs.

Hon. Mr. Foster asked the minister of finance when the budget speech would be delivered. Mr. Fielding replied that he would be glad to inform him to say for several days. Other matters which, if not more important, were at least more urgent, were engaging his attention.

J. D. Taylor, Conservative member for New Westminster, again brought up the matter of the country if there was a suspicion as to the integrity of the minister.

Such a course was necessary in the interests of the administration of justice in this country.

Mr. Jacques Bureau, solicitor general, argued that there was nothing more that could be done, a full inquiry having been made. In view of Burke's letter to the minister to the effect that he had nothing more to add to the evidence he had already given, it would be useless to reopen the matter.

Martin Burrell (Cons., Yale-Carleton) resented the sarcastic remarks which had been made about British Columbia. He stated that he had been made of the error in the press despatch. It was clearly an error, he said, and the minister should make further retraction of the statements he had made. What the people of British Columbia wanted to know was whether or not there should be a further inquiry. Developments had certainly been such that there should be an inquiry in which Inspector Dawson would not figure, as he was mixed up in the affair.

G. H. Cowan (Cons., Vancouver) put almost 60,000 tons as an interjection to the Premier to rise above what they called partyism and clear their heads regarding the matter of the people of the country would lose confidence in the good faith of the government of the country if there was a suspicion as to the integrity of the minister.

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STAGGERING SET BACK IN OIL CASE

Standard Oil Attorneys Upheld in Every Contention by Judge Anderson.

Chicago, Ill., March 2.—The first witness for the United States government in the rehearing of the famous case against the Standard Oil Company, Indiana, on charges of robbery, had been put on the stand in Federal Judge Anderson's court-room today. A few unimportant questions had been asked of him, and then, by a ruling of the judge, the government was set back to the position of Attorney Sims and his chief assistant, James H. Wilkerson, for a moment.

On the opening of court to the first adjournment for the day, it was, to the government lawyers, seemingly, a case of one set back after another, until they wondered what was coming next. Almost every contention made by the Standard Oil Company's lawyers was upheld by Judge Anderson.

Concerning a Certain Plate. Frederick S. Hollands, formerly chief rate clerk of the Chicago and Alton Railway, one of the roads suggested of granting rebates to the Standard Oil Company, was called to the stand by the government lawyers, and from Channah, Ill., to St. Louis, Mo., he was the first witness. Hollands was taken over familiar ground. He was asked by the government relative to a plate in the addressing machine in the office during the time that the Standard Oil Company of Indiana, Government's contention is that the oil rates were, the company's contention is to the contrary.

"It was such a plate," said the witness, "I do not know."

"I object to the testimony unless the witness can show that the plate was in the office during the time covered by the indictment," said Attorney John Smith for the Standard Oil Company. Judge Anderson sustained the objection.

Hollands was unable to fix the date, although on the previous trial he swore that the plate was in the office during the time covered by the indictment.

Mr. Wilkerson attempted to impeach the witness, but failed, showing an 18 cent rate from Whiting to East St. Louis.

"I object," shouted Mr. Miller again. "This document should not be introduced into evidence," he had proved that it has been published and filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission, according to the rules of the court.

In the first trial the document had been submitted to the jury exactly as Mr. Wilkerson wanted to submit this one, and he said so. Judge Anderson ruled for the oil company in the whole trial.

At the opening of court, Judge Anderson made his formal ruling that the government was allowed to proceed on only 36 cents, each settlement constituting an offense in stead of each shipment as held by Judge Landis. Under the ruling there cannot possibly be a fine of more than \$700,000 imposed on the company, if found guilty, instead of the \$20,000,000 fine where 1,462 cents held.

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FOUR LIBERALS ARE NOMINATED

Holden in Vegreville, Stewart in Sedgewick, Buchanan in Lethbridge City, Rivers in District

Sedgewick, March 3.—A very enthusiastic gathering of Liberals from all parts of the Sedgewick constituency, numbering about two hundred, yesterday, for the purpose of organizing the Sedgewick District Liberal Association and also for the nomination of a Liberal candidate for the coming provincial election. The meeting was convened with W. M. Corbett in the chair at half-past one.

Committees Appointed. The first business was the appointment of two committees. The first was a committee of credentials and delegates. It was composed of D. A. Bickell, J. P., of Sedgewick, as chairman, and Messrs. Johnson, Sullivan, of Hardisty, W. R. McGowan, of Killam, and John Robson, of Strone. The committee on organization was composed of A. E. Chalmers, president of the Sedgewick Liberal Association, as chairman, and J. G. McKay and H. McLoughlin, of Hardisty, and E. H. Malcom and F. E. Nichol, of Killam.

The meeting then adjourned till three o'clock to receive the reports of the two committees. Very great interest was evinced by all of the delegates, some fifty-two in number, and also by the numerous supporters of the two candidates for election—Jas. Gray Targue, J. P., of Hardisty, and Charles Stewart, of Killam.

Stewart the Nominee. The meeting was again called to order by W. M. Corbett. A. E. Chalmers, chairman of the organization committee, reported on the following names as officers of the Sedgewick District Liberal Association: Hon. president, Premier A. C. Rutherford; vice-president, the member-elect, president, T. M. Edwards, Sedgewick; vice-president, O. D. Sullivan, Hardisty; secretary-treasurer, C. E. McGowan, Killam; members-at-large, executive, J. Robinson (Strone), E. H. Malcom (Pleasanton), Fred E. Geduaha (Frague), J. H. White (Louchbain), Brown (Kilbuck), A. Bettorf (Puffer), Albert Owsley (Talbot), Dr. W. O. York (Trevosa), A. Booth (Trevosa), J. L. Harding (Mount View), W. H. Stewart (Merna). The meeting carried this selection unanimously.

The new president, T. W. Edwards, then took the chair to await the report of the credentials committee. A resolution was formally carried that the convention unanimously support the nominee of the convention.

"I knew Mr. Targue is for equal suffrage," he said, "so we can hope that when he becomes president something may be done."

Contrasting the condition of women in this republic with the women of England, Mrs. Woolsey said: "We should demand it as an inalienable right. Mrs. Sherman is to ride with her husband in the inauguration parade, will be looked upon as a stride toward equal rights" on Tuesday.

"I had hoped that it meant that Mrs. Targue was in favor of equal suffrage," she said, "but she will ride beside her husband but will have no more of a public recognition than the coachman upon the box, replied Mrs. Woolsey. "I know Mr. Targue is for equal suffrage, so we can hope that when he becomes president something may be done."

Chemistry Building for Queen's. Kingston, Ont., March 2.—On March 10 a deputation from Queen's College will visit Premier Whitney and ask for a grant of \$100,000 for a new chemistry and metallurgy building. Over 1,500 students are taking the chemistry course.

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RUMLINGS AMONG ANTHRACITE MINERS

Operators Are Preparing for Fight to Fill Mine in Northwest to Make Their Position Stronger—To Break Miners' Union.

Pittsburg, Penn., Mar. 2.—The Pittsburgh coal field, with its annual output of almost 6,000,000 tons, is interlarded tonight in the rumblings of trouble among the anthracite miners. It is not believed here that there will be an open effort on the part of the operators to precipitate strikes until the end of the two year agreement with the miners, which will not be until April 1, 1910, there is indication that the operators will not attempt to sidestep the trouble as they have done in the past. The Pittsburgh mine owners, furnished the miners anxious to have a battle to the death with the miners' union.

The first step in what the miners understand is a move to close down all the mines in April, 1910, and hold the miners out of work until the miners' unions are forced out of existence. It was taken here tonight, when the operators announced that they will meet the Lake me tomorrow and confer the opening of the lake season. The Pittsburgh mine owners will want the lakes opened at the earliest opportunity.

Throughout the northwest is to be filled and the coal storage docks of the head of the Great Lakes will be filled. The operators of the Pittsburgh district have planned to fill these bins before the ice comes next fall. Then when the miners come to work they will find the bins full and the operators will have the miners out of work.

The miners are protesting against the anti-labor clause which the operators are attempting to force on the Pennsylvania mine owners. Miners claim that the new style of blasting powder is dangerous and will be used to fill the mines and force the miners to use it. They want more safety appliances in the mines and they want the bosses chosen from their own ranks.

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NO MORE WIRE PULLING

Toronto Civic Employees Placed on Salary Scale by New Agreement.

Toronto, Ont., March 2.—The city council finally approved of the scheme of a salary scale for the civic employees which is to become effective next year. The object is to abolish lobbying and wire pulling for salary increases.

Right of Woman to the Franchise is Inalienable—Woolsey, Distinguished Speaker and Writer, Addresses Equal Rights Association in New York.

New York, March 2.—"Until the woman in this republic individually and in a mass body delegates to the masculine sex the power to represent them, history will not record a more brutal or complete usurpation of rights than that which is covered by the name of 'suffrage,'" said Mrs. Kate Trimble Woolsey, a distinguished speaker and writer, in a statement regarding the disfranchisement of women.

"It is not a thing we should ask for," Mrs. Lillie Devereaux Blake said, "We should demand it as an inalienable right. I know Mr. Targue is for equal suffrage, so we can hope that when he becomes president something may be done."

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PROVINCIAL CAMPAIGN GETTING UNDER WAY

The Conservatives, of Cochrane, will hold a convention this afternoon.

Premier Rutherford expects to hold a political meeting in Strathcona on March 15th.

Dr. John McLeod of Ponoka is the only member of the recent legislature who will not offer for re-election.

John Galbraith has announced himself as a candidate in the Edmonton constituency as a "George Brown" Liberal.

Liberal conventions will be held tonight at Okotoks, Vermilion and Lloydminster. The last convention will be for the Alexandra constituency.

Charles Stewart of Killam has been unanimously selected by the Liberals of the Sedgewick constituency as their representative in the coming election.

Hon. C. W. Cross will speak in Lacombe, Wednesday night; Medicine Hat, Thursday night; Raymond and Striding, Friday, and Claresholm on Saturday.

Malcolm Mackenzie, who represented Claresholm in the last legislature, finds his riding cut up into Mackled and Claresholm. He will probably run for the Claresholm part of the riding.

B. Holden, ex-M.P.P. for Vermilion, was nominated on Tuesday as Liberal candidate for the new constituency of Vegreville. The nomination was unanimous.

It is reported that Wm. Pollard of Chipman will oppose the popular Liberal representative in the Victoria constituency, Frank Walker. The Conservatives of Fort Saskatchewan are decidedly opposed to any opposition to Mr. Walker.

Speaker Fisher has announced in the field as a candidate for Cochrane. Mr. Boyle of Crossfield is mentioned as a possible candidate in the riding of Cochrane, to oppose Mr. Fisher. He is regarded as the strongest man that the Conservatives have in the north part of the riding.

W. A. Buchanan, editor of the Lethbridge Daily Herald, has been unanimously chosen as Liberal candidate for Lethbridge city, J. H. Rivers, mayor of Raymond, has been selected as Liberal candidate for the Lethbridge district. Mr. Buchanan was formerly provincial librarian.

The Liberals of Lac Ste. Anne constituency will hold a convention in Lac Ste. Anne constituency will hold a convention in Lac Ste. Anne schoolhouse tomorrow to select a candidate. The nomination will likely go to Peter Gunn, formerly Hudson Bay factor at that point.

The Liberals of Gleichen will hold a convention in the Liberal club rooms, Calgary, tonight, for the purpose of selecting a leader. E. H. Riley, the present member, is practically certain of being re-elected. The first public meeting of the campaign will be held in Gleichen on Thursday night. R. A. Parker, Calgary, is mentioned as an opponent.

John T. Moore held a very largely attended non-partisan meeting in Red Deer on Monday afternoon at which he explained the government's new policy and its great benefit to Red Deer, especially by the east and west extension of the Canadian Pacific.

Mr. Moore was given an enthusiastic reception by Liberals and Conservatives alike. W. I. Shaw of Stettler has been asked to be the candidate of both parties. He was selected by the Liberals and gave an answer. He received a wire later from the Conservatives asking him to become their candidate. To his reply that he was not a Conservative, they answered that a little thing like that made no differ-

TIDE OF IMMIGRATION RUSHING ALBERTA FORWARD

"There is every indication the immigration into Alberta this year will be the largest ever known."

This statement was made by J. Bruce Walker, Winnipeg, commissioner of immigration, who is at present in the city arranging for increased accommodation required to facilitate the handling of the expected influx.

"The letters of inquiry received at our offices in Winnipeg, covering the entire middle west, and eastern States as well, instead of confining their attention only to adjoining border States, is the second reason. The third is that the competition of Texas, Wyoming and Oklahoma, which in other years affected the immigration to Western Canada, has been removed by reason of indifferent crops in these States, and by the fact that the price of land has been greatly advanced by the immigration of the last few years."

The provision to be made in Edmonton to handle the influx this year will consist of the erection of an 185 x 35 annex to the Immigration Hall. First stories of the existing building will be made to conform to the increased accommodation equal to that of hall No. 2. Other improvements will be made to the existing buildings, and the sanitary arrangements will be made to comply to the health regulations.

"The tide of immigration from the old country," said Mr. Walker, showed a decrease last year of 48 per cent. This year I anticipate a big increase. Continuing, Mr. Walker stated that the government's exhibit at the Alaskan-Yukon exhibition this year will be a mighty factor in informing the public of the United States of Canada's advantages, resources and possibilities and will induce immigration. Sixty-five per cent. of the grain to be shown at the fair will be grain grown in Northern Alberta, most of it not a day's ride from Edmonton.

Urgent application for immigration accommodation has been made by many western centres, and in an effort to meet this the department will establish halls at Wilkie, Swift Current, Yorkton, Wainwright and Scott. The immigration from the United States into Western Canada of last year totaled 96,000. Mr. Walker confidently expects this number will be increased this year by fifty per cent. at least.

Mr. Walker was in Lethbridge, Macleod, Claresholm, High River and Medicine Hat before coming to Edmonton.

Borden to the Rescue. Mr. Borden retorted that the minister should have made a matter of personal knowledge before making such a statement. Mr. Borden declared that Hon. Mr. Aylesworth was inclined to do this sort of thing. In this case he had neglected to touch on the real points of the case. Twenty-four hours should not be lost, he said, in appointing a committee of the House before which ex-Warden Burke could be examined. It was the burden of duty of the government, he said, to see what this man had to say under

WHAT IS RUSSIA'S PURPOSE?

Iswolsky's Latest Move in Austro-Servian Impbrology Viewed With Suspicion.

Vienna, March 3.—Austrian diplomats are perplexed by Russia's sudden and unexpected action in urging the government to ratify the new statute passed by the legislature and which were on the statute books of the province for months without producing any strictures from Mr. Aylesworth.

It was a fundamental principle of British law, all over the world, that no action could be brought by any claimant against the British government, nor allowed to take his case into a court of law without leave from that government. The prime minister quoted precedents within the province to show that this principle had been accepted. The prime minister felt that this course was quite in line with other evidence lately from Ottawa of hostility towards the people and the province of Ontario.

"And it is because the people of the province of Ontario have said to everybody, to whom it was necessary to say it, that they proposed to be governed by a government of their choice."

He said the matter concerned the crown lands of the province and seriously affected the revenue of the crown. The sale of the property having been made, full notice to all concerned, would seriously affect the credit of the Ontario government if the purchaser's title were interfered with.

Saskatoon Bank Robbery Case. Saskatoon, Sask., March 2.—There have been no developments in the bank robbery case. The bank, however, announced today that they know where they stand with Lee and how he was seen in Chicago last week.

SIR JAMES IS INCENSED

Ontario's Premier Imagines Hon. Mr. Aylesworth Does Not Love That Which He Preaches.

Toronto, Mar. 2.—In moving the adjournment of the legislature Premier Whitney drew the attention of the House to what he termed as the violent and abusive attack on Ontario exhibited by the minister of justice for the Dominion of Canada in the House of Commons on Monday, in connection with the Florence Mining company petition for disallowance. In warm tones Sir James referred to the new statute passed by the legislature and which were on the statute books of the province for months without producing any strictures from Mr. Aylesworth.

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WHEAT GOES HIGHER.

Chicago, Mar. 3.—Wheat made a new high record at noon today. And scenes which were enacted during the present campaign, Mar. 2, which went to 1.18 1/4, then to 1.19 1/2-1.17. The market was very active, with reports from Kansas, Texas, Illinois, Michigan and Missouri, helped the upward trend.