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H. Macaulay, "THE ARK"

BILL HELD OVER

Ottawa, April 24.—To-day at the railway committee, the Lake Erie & Detroit River Railway Company's bill for the amalgamation of that company with the Erie & Huron Railway Company came up for discussion. The company asked that the agreement between the two companies be approved by the committee. There was a long discussion on the bill, which also asked for a two years' extension of time to begin and to complete the line. The bill was laid over for further consideration.

MR. WHITNEY OPENS CAMPAIGN

**Opposition Leader Delivers a
Telling Address to an En-
thusiastic Audience.**

**Bold Enough to be Honest and
Honest Enough to be Bold—
Magnificent Meeting.**

Stratford, April 24.—(Special).—The first gun in the political campaign in North Perth was fired to-night by Mr. J. P. Whitney, the leader of the Liberal-Conservative party in Ontario. The meeting was held in the Opera House, which was taxed to its utmost capacity by electors eager to hear the distinguished leader. The meeting was presided over by Mayor Stamp, and on the platform were a number of prominent citizens. The stage was fittingly decorated, while two immense Union Jacks were hung at each side. One of the banners was a "Welcome to Whitney," and the other bore the inscription "Bold Enough to be Honest, and Honest Enough to be Bold." The meeting opened shortly after eight.

Mayor Stamp, in a short address, thanked those present for turning out so well. They had a hard fight, but if the Conservatives only put their shoulders to the wheel victory was assured. As Mr. Whitney arrived in the city until 9:30, he having spoken in Picton last night, the railway connection not being of the best, the audience were treated to a number of vocal and instrumental selections by local singers and the opera house orchestra.

Mr. Whitney's arrival on the stage of the Opera House was the signal for continued cheering, which lasted for some time. After bowing his acknowledgments he took a seat beside the Mayor.

Mr. John C. Monteith, the Conservative candidate, was gratified at the splendid gathering, and was more than pleased to have the able leader of the Conservative party present to-night. He said that he had the fullest confidence of his followers, and he believed of the public generally. The inevitable outcome of long terms of office, he added, were corruption. This had been the case with the Ontario Government, and he felt that the time had come when the people desired a change, and he thought they were going to have one, and election. He was in entire accord with the policy of Mr. Whitney. Mr. Monteith was loudly applauded upon resuming his seat.

Mr. Whitney was received with deafening cheers, part of the audience hour and a half in delivery, was a masterly arraignment of the Ross Government. He dealt with all the leading political issues of the day in a clear and concise manner, and made a very favorable impression with the large audience, as he always does.

His reference to the development of New Ontario was very severe on Mr. Ross. He showed how Ross, while a member of the Dominion Government, had spoken against and voted against the C. P. R. bill, which great undertaking had been carried through by that un-matched statesman, the late Sir John A. Macdonald, and the Conservative party. The C. P. R. was the making of New Ontario. It was strange that after being 30 years in power the Ontario Government had just awakened to the fact that there was a plague known as New Ontario. Ballot-stealing and ballot-burning came in for some very severe condemnation in his hands. Mr. Whitney explained at length what the policy of the Conservative party was, although they said he had no policy. There would be no referendum; there would be school reform and law reform. He showed what the Conservatives were prepared to do to give the people honest and efficient government if they entrusted them with the reins of legislation. After apologizing for the non-appearance of Mr. Foy, who was unavoidably detained at Toronto, which was a disappointment to the audience, Mr. Whitney closed by an urgent appeal to the electors to go to the polls and vote for an honest ballot and a party that was prepared to treat them as British freemen.

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After cheers for Whitney, the candidate and the King, the meeting closed.

Mr. Whitney's platform: We offer you the good intentions of honest men, who are honest enough to be bold, and bold enough to be honest. Mr. Ross's platform: "We will jolly you along in the same old way, keeping our promises when it suits us."—St. Thomas Times.

HEATED DEBATE OCCURRED IN BRITISH HOUSE OF COMMONS

**Forcible Detention of the Pro-Boer Cartwright in South Africa
the Cause—Unionists Voted Against Government.**

London, April 24.—The forcible detention in South Africa of Albert Cartwright, who, while editor of the South African News, charged Lord Kitchener, prior to the engagement with Gen. De Wet, with ordering his officers to shoot all prisoners, formed the subject of a heated debate in the House of Commons this afternoon.

Mr. Morley, Liberal, moved the adjournment of the House, which practically amounted to a vote of censure on the Government in general, and on Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner in particular. Mr. Morley pointed out that Mr. Cartwright, who had served a year's imprisonment for libel, now desired to come to England, and that his detention was illegal, unconstitutional and tyrannical. He added that the explanation of Lord Stanley, the Financial Secretary of the War Office (who served in the South African war as chief press censor and afterwards acted as private secretary to Lord Roberts), that the Government did not think it desirable to increase the number of anti-British propagandists in this country, was the most outrageous heard in the House since Simon Dismontford invented Parliament.

The Secretary of State for War, Mr. Brodrick, in the course of a reply, raised a storm by saying that although Mr. Cartwright had served his legal sentence, the question of his liberation was subjective.

This brought forth a vehement protest from Sir William Vernon Harcourt, Liberal, who declared that such a proposition was scandalous and contrary to the elementary principles of freedom.

RESULT SECRET

**Gen. Meyer Concludes his Con-
ference With the Boers
of his Command.**

Balmoral, Transvaal, April 23.—Secretary of State Raits, of the Transvaal, General Lucas Meyer, commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State, forces, and other members of their party, have concluded their conference with the burghers composing General Lucas Meyer's command. Nothing has leaked out regarding the result.

Secretary Raits returned here yesterday evening and proceeded to Pieterburg to meet Commandant Boyers.

LEYS DISCREDITED.
London, April 24.—Belgium papers say the Brussels correspondent of the Times, no longer accept Leyds as a South African oracle. The statement made by him that the Boer chiefs know that the British terms will not be accepted by the commandoes is regarded as untrustworthy.

BEAN PROSPECTS

Harry Stevens, secretary of the Canada Flour Mills Co., says that the outlook for beans this year is much better. Even at the advanced price which the Americans have received for their beans, the farmers in the States will refuse to sell. The Canada Flour Mills Co. have disposed of a few carloads to be shipped to the States at quite an advance to previous prices prevailing here.

ESCAPED BY OHANOE

St. Petersburg, April 24.—While Balaschew (the man who assassinated the Minister of the Interior, M. Sipiaguine, April 14) was recalcitrant throughout the preliminary examination, his testimony developed the significant fact that he had in his pocket a sealed envelope addressed to M. Pobiedonossow, the chief procurator of the Holy Synod. It is inferred, from the finding of this envelope, that had M. Pobiedonossow gone to the Ministerial offices on April 15, the day M. Sipiaguine was assassinated, he would have been killed instead of the Minister of the Interior. It is a fact that the chief procurator of the Holy Synod was to have gone to the Ministerial offices that day and that only chance prevented his doing so.

The discovery of this envelope is considered as confirming the theory that a conspiracy against several Russian officials existed.

Winston Spencer Churchill, Conservative, also delivered a few caustic sentences, saying he hoped the House would force the Government to withdraw within the limits of the law and observe the constitution.

Mr. Balfour, the Government leader, came to the support of the sorely harassed War Secretary, and contended that the Government was justified in detaining even a British subject if it thought his wanderings were calculated to injure the interests of South Africa. Those voting for the adjournment would be condemning Lord Kitchener and Lord Milner, in whose keeping, at this moment, rested their hopes of peace.

James Bryce, Liberal, and Sir Robert Reid, Liberal, twitted the ministers for again interposing Lord Kitchener as a buffer between the Government and the House. They both scathingly denounced the present action of the Government as a gross abuse of power.

The spirit of revolt spread to the Government benches.

Ian Malcolm, Conservative, who is said to have been heretofore an unwavering supporter of the Government, warmly repudiated Mr. Balfour's argument that those voting for the adjournment would be showing themselves barbers of British honor. After such an incident he no longer felt sure the members of the Government would say they had clean hands in this regard. War or peace would not be facilitated by such violations of the liberty of the subject.

Other supporters of the Government followed in the same strain, even Ivor Churchill Guest, eldest son of Lord Wimbome, a Conservative and a cousin of the Duke of Marlborough, asking the Government to realize that its position is untenable and to make some concession.

The House then divided and the motion for adjournment was defeated by 259 to 182 votes.

Nine Unionists voted against the Government.

WOMAN WILL RUN

**Mrs. Darwin Accepts Nomination
for Legislature as So-
cialistic Candidate.**

Toronto, April 24.—The Ontario Socialist League has decided to place candidates in the field for three of the four ridings in Toronto for the coming provincial elections. The candidates chosen to bear the Socialist banner are:—North Toronto, Mrs. May Darwin; East Toronto, James Simpson; West Toronto, John A. Kelly. The Socialists may also put up a candidate in South Toronto. Deputy Attorney General Cartwright when asked whether a woman could be a candidate for legislative honors, said that on a cursory look at the law on the subject, he saw nothing to prevent it. A woman had no franchise, but that would prove no hindrance to her candidature. This means that Mrs. Darwin, who has received the Socialistic nomination for North Toronto, will be a legal contestant for the seat, complications will arise, however, should she be elected.

LA CROSSE

CLUB AT RIDGETOWN.
Ridgetown, Ont., April 24.—A lacrosse club was organized here this evening, with the following officers: President—P. Hawdon. Vice-President—R. W. Youngs. Sec'y-Treas.—C. H. Eastlake. Committee—G. Claxton, S. B. Gray, W. A. Houston. Field Captain—R. W. Youngs.

PRAISED CANADIANS

Ottawa, April 24.—A letter was received to-day from Balkarast, South Africa, dated March 27th, by Col. Neilson, Director-General of Medical Service, from Surgeon Col. Worthington, of the 10th Field Hospital Corps, which accompanied the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles to Africa. The writer states that the troops had been reviewed by General Cleary, who was much pleased with the general appearance, soldierly carriage, and discipline of the Canadians. He had also words of praise for the transport wagons of the Canadians, which were made in Ottawa, and said that he would recommend the purchase of similar wagons to the Imperial War Department. In fact, Col. Worthington states, the general was so much taken up with the Canadians that he induced Lord Kitchener to have the men sent immediately to the front, and this is how they came to take part in the action at Klein Hart's River on March 31. They were at that time in transit to Klerksdorp.

GOT THE REWARD

Windsor, April 25.—Judge McHugh yesterday gave judgment in the action brought by Fred. Pridmore and Albert Piggett against Chief Wills, to compel the latter to pay over to them the \$30 reward which it is alleged the Chief received for the arrest of Andrew Epperson, who escaped from the county jail at Chatham. He held that the plaintiffs are entitled to the reward.

SAD SCENE IN COURT ROOM

**Punishment Meted out to the
Woman who Deserted
Her Babe.**

**Goes to Mercer Reformatory for
Six Months—Judge Houston
was Affected.**

"If you only let me off this time, it will never happen again. I am very sorry the baby ever happened."

Thus the unfortunate woman, Mrs. Julian pleaded with Judge Houston, her voice choking with sobs and her eyes wet with weeping. The little woman was neatly attired in a grey cloth suit and wore a fur cape.

Judge Houston had heard the "never do it again" story often, but as the little woman in grey sobbed out her appeal he was visibly affected. Nevertheless, he recalled the poor little two weeks' old babe, whose life the woman had imperilled by leaving it outside.

"In your case," said the judge, "there is scarcely any excuse. You had three children, and the Children's Aid Society are looking after them. You took the poor baby—it wasn't its fault that it was brought into the world—and left it where the chances were it would die. That it didn't was not due to you at all. Two persons passed over the babe, supposing it was a bundle of clothes, and left there. It might have happened that the child had thus died. I am not going to say which would have been the better for the child.

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