

CHAMPION SPENDTHRIFT OF SPENDTHRIFT GOVERNMENT HELD UP TO PUBLIC VIEW

Leader of Provincial Opposition Reviews Stewardship of Foster Government, Delving into Its Mismanagement of the People's Affairs—Accuses Minister of Public Works With Wrecking Finances of Province, Twice Bringing That Gentleman to His Feet in Effort to Camouflage the Issue by His Bluster.

Fredericton, March 3.—At the re-opening of the Legislature this afternoon, C. D. Richards, of Fredericton, leader of the Conservative Opposition in the House, resumed the debate on the address. The Opposition leader, in a logical, telling manner reviewed the blunders of a misfit Government, delving deeply into the oratory of extravaganzas conducted by one Hon. Peter Vealot. The points brought out by Mr. Richards and the array of facts presented in substantiation of his claim that the Minister of Public Works was the champion spendthrift of a spendthrift Government, had the honorable member from Bathurst on the uneasy seat.

Mr. Richards on the order of the day being called, said that, owing to changes made in the constitution of the House since last session, he had been chosen to act as House leader to the Opposition. The present session was his second as a member, and while last year with some difficulty he had taken part in the budget debate, he felt that the responsibility for the would rest upon him this year would be very much greater. While his duties were important he would endeavor to perform them not only in the interests of the party he represented, but in the interests of the Province as a whole. In this connection he wished to express his appreciation of the kindly reference which had been made to him by the honorable member of the address, and to the cordial way it had been received by honorable members.

He wished to extend his congratulations to the mover and the sponsor of the address, particularly to the honorable member for Gloucester, who had spoken in a language not his own. While he congratulated those honorable members, he did not wish it to be understood that he was in agreement in any great measure with the sentiments they expressed. The honorable member of the address had referred to the fact that the House had passed away during the recess, he had, by his geniality and close attention to his duties, endeavored himself to all, and had, he thought, spared no effort to make the House a pleasant place to be in. He was glad to welcome his son as his successor, and perhaps the welcome would be a little more cheerful, if he were on his (Richards') side of the House. Reference had also been made to the absence of Hon. Dr. Baxter and Mr. Jones of Kings. The members of the Opposition realized that they had suffered a great loss in the retirement of Dr. Baxter, and that his place would be difficult to fill. He was sure that all honorable members would agree with him that the House had gained a very severe loss. Mr. Baxter was a good representative, possessed of a well trained legal mind, and was thoroughly qualified to deal with all questions coming before the House. He felt that he was a man well able to take his place alongside of the ablest men who had held seats in the Legislature. While he was not now a member of the House, all recognized that his valuable services were not lost to the Province, and that in his new field of labor his talents would be available for the benefit not only of New Brunswick but for the Dominion as a whole. In regard to Mr. Jones, he was a man of large business experience, who had been long in public life, and was well qualified to deal with public matters. While the party which he had been called upon to lead had lost the two members to whom he had referred, it had gained two others who, for reasons well known, had been unable to occupy their seats at the last session. He had referred to the honorable member for Restigouche, and took great pleasure in welcoming them to the House. These honorable members, at the previous session had been prevented from taking the seats which rightly belonged to them, and the fact that they were present today as the results of a decision of the court was a well merited rebuke to the honorable Premier.

Refer to Vacancies. While on this subject it might not be out of place for him to make reference to the vacancies in the House which had occurred since last session. The vacancy in Northumberland occurred in June and the by-election was called in October. At that election they had the spectacle of three candidates, not one of whom was officially named, endorsed by the Government. Such a condition of affairs certainly does not indicate courage on the part of the administration, nor did it display very much confidence in the administration of public affairs. While there was no official endorsement, it

was understood that there was an endorsement of a candidate who was not elected. In addition to Northumberland, vacancies had also occurred in the counties of St. John, Kings and Madawaska. There might be some excuse for the vacancy in Madawaska, but none could be put forward in the cases of St. John and Kings, as the vacancies had occurred in ample time for new representatives to be chosen by the people. He was aware that similar conditions had arisen in the past, and that there had been criticism from his side of the House. The only attempt at justification had been made by the honorable Premier, who, at a justification in St. John county, had stated that the resignation of Mr. Baxter had not been received in time to allow the vacancy to be filled. While in the past seats had been held open by both parties, it was wrong in principle and should not be continued.

Speech From Throne Weak. With regard to the Speech of His Honor, he did not intend to apply the stereotyped statement that it was remarkable for what it did not contain, but he had no hesitation in saying that never before had the House listened to a speech so barren of a constructive program. Apart from a few remarks on co-operative marketing of farm produce, there was absolutely no reference to proposed legislation. A most remarkable feature of the speech was the all-pervading spirit of depression and pessimism which characterized it from beginning to end. It was certainly a most harrowing picture to paint of conditions in the Province at the present time. It almost seemed as if His Honor was delivering a funeral oration on the present administration, and if he intended to do so, he was certainly doing so in the most effective manner. Referring again to His Honor's speech, he said that there were some paragraphs in which he could most heartily concur. The recent Disarmament Conference at Washington was an outstanding event in international politics. After the disastrous experience of European war, he thought that any measure that might be taken to prevent a recurrence of that great calamity would be heartily welcomed by all civilized people. He heartily endorsed the reference which had been made to the Duke of Devonshire and his worthy successor, Lord Byng. The Duke of Devonshire had travelled over Canada, had made himself familiar with its various industries, and on his departure carried with him the best wishes of the people. Lord Byng was no stranger to many Canadians and his association with our boys overseas gave him an intimate knowledge of Canadian manhood. All heartily welcomed him to Canada, as the representative of the sovereign.

The speech from the Throne made reference to our basic industries, lumbering and agriculture. He did not profess to be an expert on those matters, but some of his Hon. colleagues do doubt would deal with the matter more fully. However, he had been struck by the fact that the Government had claimed credit for what had been done in connection with those industries; in fact, the Government was disposed to claim credit for everything. He was surprised no reference had been made to the fact that the Province had won prizes for fruit at a horticultural show in London, and as he did in the St. John Valley, he knew something of its capabilities in the way of fruit growing, and felt that the development of horticulture was a matter which should engage the attention of the Government. The Government had not taken credit for the prizes won in London, probably because they felt that it was due to the policy inaugurated by their predecessors and carried on by them. In looking over the statement of expenditures, he found that the only current account last year was in the Department of Agriculture, yet the Government was taking credit for having encouraged that industry. There was one paragraph in the speech which he confessed it was difficult for him to understand. It stated that the trusteeship of the funds of the St. John and Quebec Railway was now located in the Province, and a bill would be introduced to confirm the agreement and form a new company. He was at a loss to understand why a new company was necessary, unless it was to furnish employment and remuneration for friends of Hon. members opposite.

Educational Matters. His Honor's speech made reference to the subject of education, and it was intimated that a bill would be introduced to provide greater pensions for teachers. He was at a loss to know, in view of the fact that the teachers were to contribute to the fund a portion of their government grant, why the administration could claim any great amount of credit. (Continued on page 2)

COMMERCIAL UNDERSTANDING MAY BE RESULT OF RECIPROCAL PROPOSAL

Reciprocity Proposal of 1911 Is Regarded as Dead Letter in Washington. TRADE ARRANGEMENTS MAY BE IMPROVED. Mr. Fielding Abandons All Idea of Securing His Much Desired Reciprocity.

New York, March 3.—(Canadian Press)—A Washington correspondent of the Tribune indicates that the recent conversations between Hon. W. S. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, and officials of the United States Government, in regard to reciprocity, have disclosed that a commercial understanding between the two countries would be an advantage, even though the reciprocity proposal of 1911 is regarded as a dead letter and there is no prospect of its revival in the immediate future. The correspondent writes that the only reason for the cold attitude of American officials toward the revival of the 1911 act, but also because leaders of the agricultural bloc will not consent to any concessions to Canada in agricultural duties the feeling is that little is to be expected in the way of reciprocity with Canada in the near future. He then continues:—

Better Understanding. Despite these developments it is known that it was made clear to Mr. Fielding that both Mr. Fielding and Mr. MacDermott perceived the importance of bringing about a reciprocal commercial understanding between Canada and the United States. This, in the face of the determination to enact in the tariff bill a revivification of the ill-fated proposal of 1911, is a significant step. This step, it was said, is a necessary one for the realization of the mutual advantage of the two governments. "My brakes would not hold," is the motorist's explanation. "She got away on me."

Abandons Reciprocity. The upshot of Minister Fielding's mission to the capital is said to be complete abandonment of the idea of seeking a revival of the old reciprocal proposal. Mr. Fielding was assured that a study of the reciprocity situation between the United States and Canada would be made by the bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce to ascertain in what way reciprocal relations might be maintained to the mutual advantage of the two governments.

STREET CAR TAKES THIRTY FOOT DROP. Runs Off Bridge, Turns Somersault and Lands on Bank of River.

Saskatoon, Sask., March 3.—An exhibit of the street car left the tracks at the foot of the long hill on the Nutana side of the Saskatchewan river at 1 o'clock today, ran off the bridge with twenty passengers, turned a complete somersault and landed on the bank thirty feet below. Three of the passengers were quite seriously injured, the others escaping with bruises. The car collapsed completely as it struck, but the momentum of the fall carried the heavy trucks over the heads of the passengers. Most of the passengers were able to clamber up the bank without assistance. "My brakes would not hold," is the motorist's explanation. "She got away on me."

WILL ASK REDUCTION OF RATES ON LUMBER. Canadian Lumbermen's Assn. to Appear Before Freight Committee of Ry. Board.

Toronto, March 3.—That a reduction of freight rates for lumber would result in a greatly increased volume of business, which in the end would compensate the railways and help remove their deficits, is the opinion of the Canadian Lumbermen's Association whose president, Edward Clarke, of Toronto, is heading a delegation to appear before the freight committee of the Railway Commission at Ottawa on March 7.

THE SOCIAL SERVICE COUNCIL GETS BUSY. Delegation Waits on Premier. Requesting Amendments to Criminal Code.

Ottawa, March 3.—(Canadian Press)—A delegation from the Social Service Council of Canada, composed of Ven. Archdeacon Inglis, director; Dr. T. Albert Moore, general secretary; Rev. J. W. Woodside, of Ottawa, and Dr. J. G. Shearer, general secretary, waited on the Prime Minister and several members of the cabinet at noon today asking that the Federal Government amend the criminal code during the coming session of Parliament in such manner as to prohibit race track gambling and make other changes requested by the social service organizations.

MANITOBA TO FIGHT FOR RECIPROcity PACT. Promises Federal Gov't Every Aid to Bring About Reciprocal Agreement.

Winnipeg, March 3.—A resolution approving the Federal Government in whatever steps it may take in the way of negotiating a reciprocity agreement with the United States, will be introduced in the Provincial Legislature next Tuesday by George Palmer, Labor-Farmer member for Dauphin.

OFFICE HELP SHOT BY TWO NEGROES. Chicago, March 3.—Increased because this lot was smaller than they had expected, two negroes who robbed a real estate office today shot down a nineteen-year-old girl stenographer and a clerk in the office. The clerk, Frank Klotner, cannot live, according to the physicians; the condition of the girl, Marion Karlson, is serious.

HEWART APPOINTED LORD CHIEF JUSTICE. London, March 3.—Sir George Hewart, the Attorney-General has been appointed Lord Chief Justice. It was officially announced tonight. An announcement was also made that he will be advanced to the peerage. He will succeed Lord Trevethin, who was appointed to that position about a year ago.

BRITISH PREMIER'S THREAT TO RESIGN SUSPENDED AT REQUEST OF COLLEAGUES

Unionist Ministers Have Unanimously Requested the Premier to Remain as Head of the Government — Not Slightest Repentance Shown by "Die-Hard" Conservatives Whose Opposition to Premier Was Responsible for Present Political Crisis in England.

London, March 3.—Premier Lloyd George's threat to resign has been suspended at the urgent solicitation of his Unionist colleagues in the Cabinet, according to an authoritative statement tonight, but no justification for its withdrawal is said to exist as yet. Official denial is made that any great time limit has been fixed for receiving assurances of loyalty to the Premier from the adherents of Sir George Younger, the Unionist leader, although it is added that obviously the tension cannot be extended indefinitely. Meanwhile, there is no indication of any move on the part of the Unionist party to depose Younger or to take the reins of government. The whole Unionist party has been called, and the general opinion is that the only happening will be that the Unionist Ministers in the Cabinet—Arthur J. Balfour and Austen Chamberlain—may publicly reprove Younger for his tactics, as Lord Birkenhead has already done.

Stand by Premier. Speaking at Oxford today, Austen Chamberlain announced that the Unionist Ministers had unanimously requested the Premier to remain as head of the Government. Not the slightest repentance has yet been shown by the "die-hard" Conservatives, whose opposition to the leadership of the Prime Minister is primarily responsible for the present crisis. They are co-operating with the Liberals in the House of Commons in putting up a stiff fight against the Free State Bill, by presenting amendment after amendment. The Government programme has been Thursday scheduled for third reading of the measure, and, owing to the determined opposition, the Government will on Friday propose suspension of the rule whereby debate terminates at 11 p.m. in order to get the committee stage finished before the night sitting closes.

Younger's Position Stronger. In addition to this manifestation of readiness in the Commons, it is stated that the Unionist leaders are receiving from all over the country communications promising loyal adherence to the Premier.

DOMINION CONVENTION OF CONSERVATIVES URGED. Winnipeg Organization Taking Initiative for Dominion Wide.

Winnipeg, March 3.—A communication from the recently organized Conservative Association, Winnipeg, calling for a Dominion-wide Conservative convention, has been forwarded by the officials of that organization to all Conservative members and Senators in the Federal Parliament, and to all defeated Conservative candidates in the last Federal election. The communication suggests that the proposed convention be held in Winnipeg, on the ground that it would encourage organization in the West where the party is almost extinct, so far as representation is concerned, and that it would help Eastern members of the party to a realization of the mutual advantage of the two governments.

NATIVE OF N. B. DIES IN KOREA. Dr. Katherine McMullan, of Presbyterian Board, Passed Away February 25.

Ottawa, March 3.—A cable received at the Presbyterian Foreign Mission office here today announces the death in Han Hwang, North Korea, on February 25, of Dr. Katherine McMullan, who had charge of the Freebyterian hospital there. Dr. McMullan was born at Jacques River, N. B., in 1867, and was a graduate of the New Brunswick Normal School and woman's medical college, Baltimore, Md.

FAMOUS CANADIAN DIES IN ENGLAND. London, March 3.—(Canadian Press Cable)—Sir Donald MacMaster, former member of the British House of Commons, died at 7 o'clock tonight. He had been bedridden for several months, growing gradually weaker until the end came. He recently resigned his seat in Parliament for the Chertsey division of Surrey, owing to ill health.

CHARGED WITH KILLING INFANT. Montreal, March 3.—When Louis Guillemette appeared before Judge Cusson in the Enquete Court, today, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of his five-month-old baby, Yvette, the charge against him was formally changed to one of murder, in accordance with a new warrant issued by Coroner Mahon, who formerly had him remanded for manslaughter. The accused is alleged to have caused the death of his child by smothering her while she was sleeping by his side on a sofa.

FASCISTI REVOLUTIONARIES ARE NOW IN COMPLETE CONTROL OF FIUME. Rome, March 3.—Alarming news from Fiume has been received by the Giornale D'Italia reporting that the Fascist revolutionaries are masters of the city and have formed a government. President Zanussi and his followers have fled to Buccari, near Fiume. The accounts received by the papers say that the Zanussi police attempted a sortie from the palace, but were repulsed after a sharp fight. The palace has been subjected to a bombardment of machine guns and was killed and many on both sides were wounded. The revolutionaries tried to bombard the palace from an armored boat, but were prevented from doing so by an Italian torpedo boat. The Italian destroyer Mirabello, is expected to arrive shortly at Fiume from Pola with landing troops.

ATTACK MADE ON ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY

Fired Upon While Proceeding from Tipperary for Dublin — Arms Seized.

Belfast, March 3.—When three cars containing members of the Royal Irish Constabulary were leaving Tipperary for Dublin yesterday they were fired on and forced to halt before barricades which had been thrown across the road. It became known today, Captains Galloway and Purdy were taken prisoner and the others were lined up in the street and searched by members of the Irish Republican Army. Two of the cars were burned during the firing and two of the police were wounded and sent to a hospital. One of the most sensational features of the affair occurred when, during the firing, a policeman was seen to jump from a car with his clothing in flames. He dashed madly down the street, but collapsed after having gone some 50 yards. A Sinn Feiner went to his rescue and quickly stripped off the burning clothes and had the man removed to a hospital for medical attention. A police escort with seven motor lorries and one armoured car was held up by 200 men at Dunlisk, two miles from Waterford this morning. The lorries which contained Government property including rifles and ammunition, were seized and driven to an unknown destination. The money loss is estimated at £12,000. The police escort was not harmed. The lorries were on the way to the Gormanston Camp, County Kilkenny, which is the police demobilization center. Head Constable Davis, who was injured in this attack on the constabulary near Tipperary, died this evening.

MONTREAL CITY HALL DESTROYED BY FIRE. Whole Fire Brigade of City Called to Fight Blaze—Three Firemen Injured.

Montreal, March 4.—The Montreal City Hall, built thirty years ago at a cost of about a million dollars, was totally destroyed by fire tonight after a vain effort had been made to save it by the combined forces of all the fire brigades in the city. At 1.30 this morning the great tower of the building collapsed carrying with it the roof and leaving only the walls of the five-story building standing. Valuable documents stored in the City Hall will, it is thought, be saved owing to their being housed in a fire-proof vault. Firemen are now concentrating all their efforts in an attempt to save the Court House which adjoins the City Hall.

CARRIED TO HIS DOOM STRAPPED IN CHAIR. Chicago, March 3.—Strapped to a chair and carried to the gallows in the same comatose state in which he has lain for weeks, Harvey Church, slayer of two automobile salesmen, paid the penalty for his crime at 1.34 o'clock this afternoon. He refused to intercede for the condemned man. The trap fell just four minutes after court action in his behalf had been completed. Church's head dropped on his chest as he was carried to the gallows and the deputy sheriff had to raise his head to adjust the noose. Sheriff Peters asked the usual question: whether the condemned man had any statement to make, but received no response and the chair carrying the slayer, crashed through the apring trap.

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