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## ALBERT MEDAL TO WRECK HERO

Reward for Bravery in Spanish River Disaster Pinned on Conductor Reynolds—A. O. H. Concert at Massey Hall.

For the first time in the history of Canada the very seldom bestowed "Albert Medal of the First-Class," was pinned to the breast of a Canadian citizen when, last night at Massey Hall, Lt.-Gov. Gibson, after a felicitous speech of congratulation, presented this badge of bravery to Conductor Thomas Reynolds of North Bay, hero of the recent railway wreck at Spanish River.

The ceremony was specially included in the regular annual celebration of St. Patrick's Day, conducted by the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Massey Hall was packed to the doors with enthusiastic Irishmen, and, as was remarked by all, it was the greatest function of its kind yet celebrated in Toronto by the A. O. H. For Irishmen of Catholic and Protestant creed had met under the city's auspices to do deserved honor to the land of their birth (County Cavan, Ireland) and the country of his adoption (Canada).

Mr. Murphy's Laudation. The presentation came in the middle of a musical and literary program of very entertaining quality. And the speaker of the occasion was Hon. Charles Murphy, P.C., M.P., who hurried from his duties at Ottawa as secretary of state of Canada, to make the introductory speech in praise of Mr. Reynolds. Mr. Murphy, who was introduced by Nicholas Kennedy, chairman general committee, dwelt with felicitous illustration on the part that Reynolds had played in the disaster, and incidentally, in that of Canada, mentioning especially the names of Archbishop Connolly of Halifax, D'Arcy McGee of Montreal, and Edward Blake of Toronto. The address was both inspiring and impressive and was, of course, made entertaining here and there with apt quotations from the poets and orators and with touches of the wortlier kind of Irish-Canadian humor.

At the conclusion of his remarks he introduced Hon. J. M. Gibson, who explained the history of "The Albert Medal of the First-Class," and pointed out the great infrequency of its bestowal. It being in this regard very like the "Victoria Cross," awarded only for absolutely remarkable heroism in special danger of personal life, the lieutenant-governor then read a congratulatory letter from Lord Grey, who, in acting for the King, also added his own meed of praise for Conductor Reynolds. After the general huzzas which were coincident with his honor's pluming, the Albert Medal to the Irish-Canadian's breast, the lieutenant-governor turned to the audience and called for three cheers and a tiger from them for the hero of the evening, which were given with right good will. Conductor Reynolds was then presented with the medal.

Another Medal and a Gift. At this juncture, when the people thought the honors were all over, the secretary of state arose and announced that the Royal Canadian Humane Association had requested him to make a public presentation to Mr. Reynolds of the medal at the annual concert of the Hibernian Society in Massey Hall, in recognition of Reynolds' "most remarkable heroism in life saving at the Spanish River railway accident."

Inscription. The R. S. H. Association's medal is inscribed as follows: Reynolds for presence of mind and heroism in saving lives at the Spanish River railway accident on the 21st of January 1910. But still further gifts were in store for Reynolds, when after the presentation of the medal, Mr. Andrew T. Heron, past county president of the A.S.O.H. in Ontario, rose and in his happy oratory explained the purpose and significance of the medal. He said that the A. O. H. was always delighted to honor a "true born Irishman," whatever his creed, who had done honor to his country and sustained the glory of Erin's green isle. Mr. Heron, on behalf of the society presented Mr. Reynolds with a silver tea set, "as a mark of their appreciation of the heroism of a fellow-countryman."

Musical Program. The addresses and presentations to Mr. Reynolds were sandwiched in between a brilliant popular program of music, vocal and instrumental, readings, bagpipes, solos and Irish dances. Of these the chief feature was the chorus of 40 children's voices, conducted by Professor Donville, chairman of St. Mary's Church. They sang Irish patriotic songs with great cheer and excellent musicianship. C. J. Devine was specially effective in his reading, "When I was Twenty-one." Bert Harvey, assisted by the chorus, made a hit with his singing of Robert Emmet and Piper Sullivan, was, as always, the delight of the audience. The hand reel by the members of the Gaelic League was also a feature. Those who sang were: Miss Corbett, Christina Charlbois, and Messrs. Thomas Bernard Kennedy and Connor Meohan, were superb in familiar Irish songs, while Miss Margaret Findlay closed out a gallop for violin playing with Irish airs, Miss Angela Tone. Even proved a helpful accompanist. All in all, it was a really grand party in the history of the A. O. H.

Ten Dollar Hog. The ten dollar Canadian hog has arrived. Yesterday on the city market, three carloads were reported as sold at \$10 a hundredweight.

## Hon. Mr. Fisher For the Senate

Minister of Agriculture Will Shortly Leave the Commons, But Will Retain His Portfolio.

OTTAWA, March 17.—(Special.)—It is now considered certain that Hon. Sydney Fisher will shortly resign his seat in the commons for the County of Bromont, Quebec, and go to the senate as senator for the division recently held by the late Sen. Baker.

Mr. Fisher would take with him the portfolio of agriculture, and thus give to the upper house the cabinet minister for which it has been called.

In the event of Mr. Fisher going to the leadership of the upper house, which is practically assured, R. C. Smith, K.C., the batsman of the Montreal bar, who was a candidate against H. B. Ames in St. Antoine in 1908, and who is the counsel for the transcontinental commission in the Lumsden enquiry, will run for Bromont in the Liberal interest.

## SPEAKER "JOE" CANNON UP AGAINST THE WALL

Fighting for His Political Life in Washington, Awaiting Arrival of Reinforcements.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 17.—With Speaker Cannon's power in the house of representatives hanging in the balance, his supporters fencing for time, and no one in a position to say what would be the outcome, the fiercest battle probably that ever has been waged against the house rules obliterated party lines in the historic chamber to-day. It had been raging for seven hours at 11 o'clock to-night.

At that hour the Cannon forces were fighting an open battle in the chamber. At that hour the Cannon forces were fighting an open battle in the chamber. At that hour the Cannon forces were fighting an open battle in the chamber.

## FAVORS SEPARATE COURT FOR WOMEN OFFENDERS

Toronto Women's Suffrage Association Takes Action—Medical Inspection.

"That the Toronto branch of the Women's Suffrage Association are in full sympathy with the system of separate courts for women, such as now exist in Montreal, and are desirous for the same system in Toronto," was the resolution passed last evening at the regular meeting of the association in Zion church hall.

Mrs. Archibald Huestis addressed the association on the subject of "Medical Inspection in Public Schools." Mrs. Huestis quoted figures showing that there had been a decrease of five-sixths of the number of cases of scarlet fever and of two-thirds of the number of cases of diphtheria since this system of inspection had been adopted in Boston.

There are 35,000 children registered in the public schools of this city, and the average daily attendance is only 22,555," said the speaker. "This means that over 9000 children are absent from our schools daily. Is it not high time that we should ask the reason why this condition of affairs should exist, and, if possible, seek a remedy, by which it may be overcome?"

The statement that the death rate in this city of infants under one year, was much greater than in even New York and London, much larger cities, where the condition of the slums is simply horrifying, was a great surprise to all present.

## MAKE 'EM PAY THEIR DEBTS

Object of Bill Which Will Affect the Civil Service.

OTTAWA, March 17.—(Special.)—When the house met to-night, Hon. Mr. Pledger introduced the Insurance bill, which was given a first reading. In view of the fact that the house has already dealt with this bill, consideration will largely be confined to the amendments which have been made by the upper chamber.

Mr. Beauparlant introduced a bill which aims at making the salary of civil servants attainable. He argued that men earning large salaries in the service should be made pay their debts if corporation laborers earning a dollar a day were compelled to do so.

## ON TO OTTAWA! AND LEAD OUT

Allan Studholme Tells the Opposition They Are Caustic, Critical and Reactionary, Instead of Progressive.

"What the opposition should do," declared Allan Studholme (E. Hamilton) in the course of his speech, moving the second reading of his bill for eight hour working day, and a 29c an hour minimum wage, in the legislature yesterday afternoon, "is to get 25 years ahead of the government. It should get out in front, like Billy Maclean at Ottawa."

"The trouble with the present opposition is that it is caustic, critical and reactionary. Stop fault finding. Let the government jog along and lead out in front."

When Mr. Studholme arose at 12:40 he asked whether, in view of the hour, the government would not be willing to adjourn for lunch.

The premier assured him that he was willing to adjourn, but that he would drop, and perhaps the honorable member will drop too.

Mr. Studholme, who continued speaking till 2 o'clock, complained of his bill being left till the dying hour of the session.

His object was above the mere commercial side, and looked to the welfare of the people, the biggest asset of the province.

The Almighty Dollar. "The trouble with conditions at the present day," he continued, "is that everybody is after the almighty dollar. The idea of shipping everything out of the Dominion was done in the hope of escaping a vote on the matter."

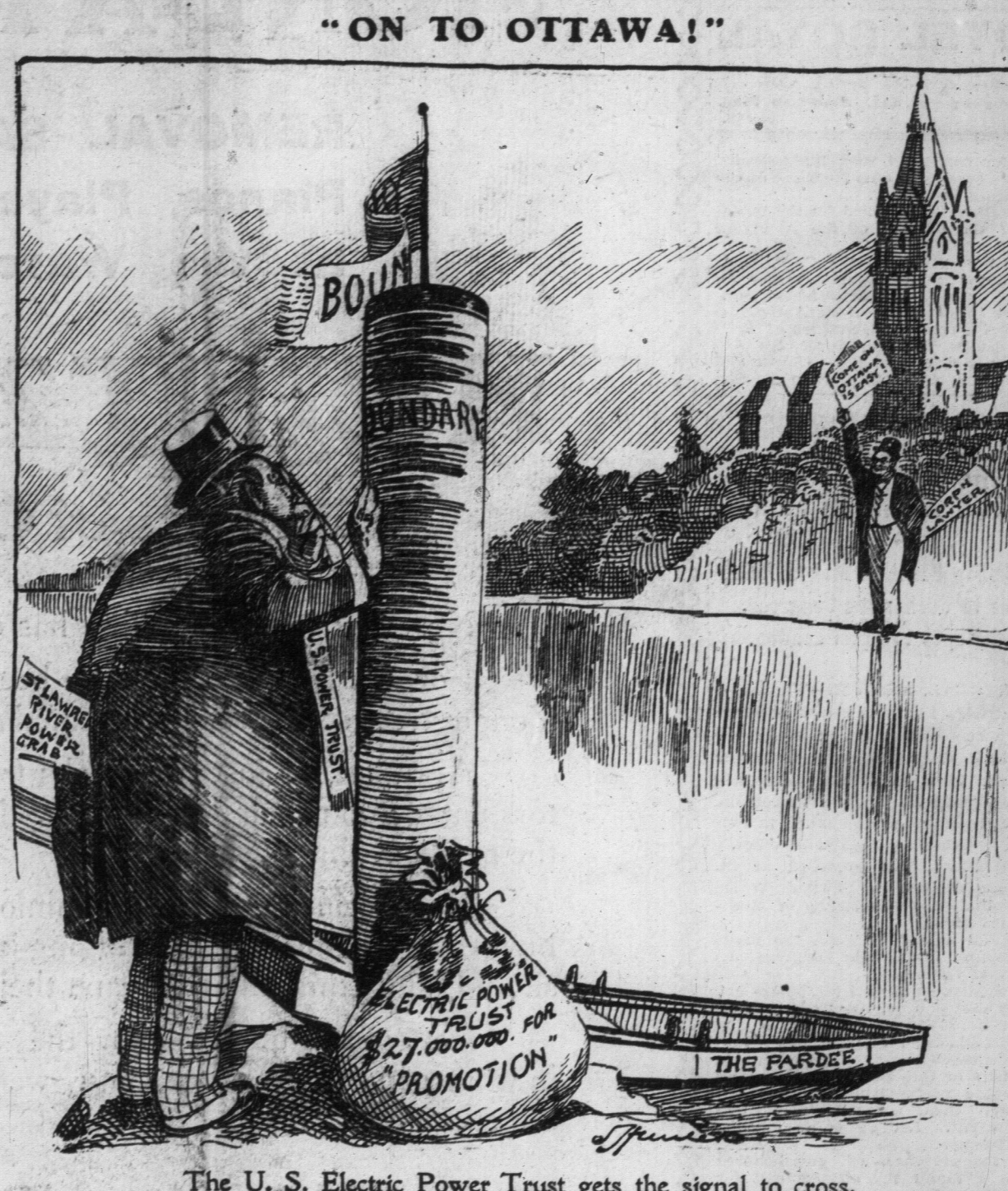
Members are said to be busy circulating round robins. If they were as busy working to earn 20 cents an hour to get a \$2 bill, they would appreciate this bill better.

Mr. Studholme said he would take the people back to the land. Under the present conditions we were making criminals of our boys. They were placed in the hands of unmerciful employers and got no schooling.

He had a hard rap for the farmers, who, he declared, sat and smoked while God sent the rain and sunshine, while the laboring man had to work to earn every dollar.

Don't Want Third Party. A. E. Phipps (W. Alexandria) declared that members of the house should take a stand one way or another on the question. If they went on as they were going, they would be in England, the creation of a third party, which he considered would be an undesirable consummation.

P. R. Shillington (Tussock) said that from his experience as a large manufacturer he was of the opinion that members of the house should take a stand one way or another on the question.



The U. S. Electric Power Trust gets the signal to cross.

## AL. REEVES, MILLIONAIRE SHOWMAN

ONCE NEWSBOY ON TORONTO STREETS TO SELL PAPERS FOR NEWSIES' HOME

Man Who Had His Own Struggles in Early Life, Volunteers Service in Cause—Buy a Paper From Him To-Day and Don't Ask for Change.

AL REEVES, MILLIONAIRE SHOWMAN. Thirty-five years ago he stood on the corner of Yonge and Adelaide streets and sold papers to support his mother. He is one of those upon whom fortune has smiled, and to-day he owns more than one of the biggest burlesque shows on the road, while his fortune is estimated at a million or more.

Mr. Reeves has not forgotten his boyhood days, and his big heart goes out to the hundreds of little street merchants of his native city. Consequently, this millionaire showman wants to do something to improve the condition of the boys who are to-day in the position in which he was 35 years ago.

There was one condition he imposed: That he should give no change. The condition was at once accepted. He was told that the good people of Toronto would ask no change if the money were used in a good cause.

So, to-day good people, go down to the corner of Yonge and Adelaide about the hour of noon and invest a little money. Buy a paper from Al Reeves. Don't ask for any money back. It will all go into the fund to provide a place where the newsboys can gather and improve their condition.

Price Cut to 50c. The price of seats for the Newsboys' Benefit at the Royal Alexandra this afternoon has been reduced to Fifty Cents.

NO COMMISSIONERS TO SUPERSEDE BOARD. Mention of Trustee Rawlinson Voted Down—New Centres for Domestic Science.

Give to Newsboys' Building Fund. Campaign for Home and Gymnasium Should Appeal to All Who Feel the Need of Social Service.

## WOULD COLONIALS LIKE SEATS IN THE ORDS?

Lansdowne Fears That the Best Men Would Not Attend—A Challenge to Premier Asquith.

LONDON, March 17.—(C.A.P. Cable.) In the house of lords, Lord Rosebery's resolution was carried without division. Lord Lansdowne accepted the principle of reform, but refused to surrender entirely the hereditary right of a peer to a seat.

He challenged Asquith to let the country decide between the cabinet plan of veto first and reform later, and the lords' plan of reform first.

He disapproved the suggestion that there should be a great number of representatives of the dominions overseas. An imperial parliament was one thing, a second chamber another.

"I do not think the colonies would part with their best men to attend regularly your lordship's house," said Lord Lansdowne. "I do not think they would be grateful for the amount of representation which, from force of circumstances, we should be able to give them."

Lord Crewe, in an ironical reply, declared the government favored a bicameral system. He pointed out that the reform of the lords, and the latter would, therefore, want a voice in the reform of the lords, and the latter would, therefore, want a voice in the reform of the lords.

Quebec Leads in Apples; Should Fisher Say So? Comparison of Minister of Agriculture Riles Western Ontario Member for Fruit Growers.

OTTAWA, March 17.—(Special.)—Joseph Armstrong (East Lambton) was after Hon. Sydney Fisher to-day in the commons, and he gave the minister of agriculture an uncomfortable time.

Mr. Fisher, in advancing arguments in favor of his bill to destroy vegetable insect pests, happened to say that the best apples in the world were grown in the Province of Quebec.

Mr. Armstrong resented this as coming from a minister, but H. H. Miller (South Grey) supported the minister, declaring that he had a perfect right to state his opinion.

Major Currie (North Simcoe) pointed out that apples from Mr. Miller's own riding brought the highest prices in the English market. He was surprised that the minister should make comparisons, especially when they were not true.

Foreign stock to be imported, he thought seedlings should be grown in Canada. Canadian seedlings were better than those of the United States.

Mr. Armstrong again protested, on behalf of the fruit growers of his own district, against the statement made by Mr. Fisher.