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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1910 FIGHTING FOR THEIR LIVES.

The Government has never faced so serious a situation as the present since it came into power in 1896. So dependent has Sir Wilfrid Laurier been on the counsel of Hon. W. S. Fielding in constructing legislation, and so often has the finance minister pulled him out of a tight corner that the loss of Mr. Fielding to the Premier will be of the most serious matter.

Another weakness which has developed is that the Secretary of State has contrived to awaken the hostility of the French-Canadians, especially those of the Nationalist persuasion, and that they have sworn to defeat him at the next election. It is admitted that he cannot be elected in Russell again, but it is stated that the party will find an Irish Catholic constituency for him. It is obvious, however, that no political party would stick to any man who was proving a weakness to it.

Another disappointment to the Liberal party is that Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, the Postmaster General, is in South Africa, and will not be here until some time in January. This lessens still further the fighting strength of the Government.

The situation is further complicated by the result of the Drummond-Athabaska election. Mr. Brodeur has lost prestige and the Quebec members generally are resenting the position in which they have been placed by the Government over the navy bill.

From ministers such as Messrs. Pugsley and Graham not very much help can be expected from them by the Prime Minister. They are kept exceedingly busy minding their own affairs. Indeed the former will be one of the ministers who will not lend credit to the Government's rendition of the session, as there are one or two matters with which he has been connected that will ensure some warm debating and exercise all Mr. Pugsley's wits to defend.

THE DEMANDS OF THE WEST.

One passage in Mr. R. L. Borden's speech in the debate on the address at the opening of Parliament is of special interest to the West. He reviewed the manner in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his western visit last summer dodged the tariff issue with public works, and he then went on to say: "Mr. Speaker, the West presses certain claims, and is entitled to have

these claims considered by this government. "It presses for the construction of the Hudson Bay railway. As I understood it, both parties in this country have committed themselves to the construction of this railway. But the West asks for something more. It asks that the construction of the railway should be by the government and that the operation of it should be such as to ensure absolute, thorough control of rates, effective competition and no monopoly.

"That demand on the part of the West seems to me eminently reasonable. "The West asks also the redress of grievances in the operation of the terminal elevators. They declare that the farmers of the West are shamelessly robbed through these elevators—that ten per cent. of No. 1 wheat goes in and thirty per cent. goes out, and so on all along the line. They declare that this condition of affairs has existed to the knowledge of the government for many years and with out redress. And I say that the government of this country ought to be responsible for knowing whether that condition of affairs does exist or not.

"I say further that, if ownership by the state and operation by an independent commission is the only remedy, then, in my opinion, that remedy should be applied. "But the farmers of the West say something more. They say there ought to be lower duties on agricultural implements, that they are paying higher prices for implements than are paid in the United States and higher prices for Canadian implements than these implements are sold for abroad.

"I say the government is derelict in its duty in not having brought down to parliament direct and positive information on this subject, and I say that if the claims that are made are true there ought to be a remedy. And I want to know from the Government whether they believe them to be true or not. If they say that they do not know, I ask why they have not taken means to know; if they say that these claims are not true, I ask upon what evidence they base that assertion and what they purpose to do in the premises.

"In the fourth place, as I understand it, the West demands that the government of this country should hand over to the people of the three Western provinces their public domain to be administered by their own governments under control of their own legislatures. They say that they are free men, and being free men in a free country, they have as good a right to control through their own local legislatures and by their own provincial executive the administration of their public lands as have the people of any of the eastern provinces who enjoy and have enjoyed that right."

THE LETHBRIDGE POST OFFICE.

A reminder of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's western tour is found in an appropriation of \$75,000 for a new post office building at Lethbridge. It was at Lethbridge that Mr. E. M. Macdonald, the Liberal member for Pictou, said to the people: "You want a post office, and you certainly need one badly, but you will never get it as long as you vote Tory." It was the storm raised by Mr. Macdonald's candid statement, which forced Sir Wilfrid Laurier to promise at once that Lethbridge should have a suitable public building.

CONTROLLING THE RATES.

Mr. R. L. Borden, in his speech in the debate on the address, was very happy in exposing the inaptitude of the Government's transportation policy. Here is what it has done: First it builds the Transcontinental railway. Then Mr. Pugsley begins to promise to build a canal across the prairies to control the rates on the railway, which the people built and the G. T. P. is to control.

The next step, Mr. Borden said, probably will be to promise an attempt to control the rates on the canal built by the people to control the rates on the railway built by the people.

LANCASTER AT IT AGAIN.

Mr. Lancaster, of Lincoln, has begun the session by introducing another of the railway bills which he is determined to carry through. His explanation as given in the House of Commons is: "The object of this bill is to require all Dominion railways, in case of any person being killed on a train or on the property of the company, to cause an inquest to be held by the nearest coroner forthwith. There has been a great many deaths throughout this country caused by railways without any enquiry being made as to the cause of death. This is becoming a scandal in some parts of the country, and this bill is intended to remedy that evil."

SASKATCHEWAN ELEVATOR COMMISSION.

A careful consideration of the summarized report of the Saskatchewan elevator commission published in our last issue, indicates considerable study on the part of the commissioners. They have examined various schemes presented to them, but have practically dismissed them all as unworkable and have evolved a new scheme which they consider to be suitable to the needs of Saskatchewan. The finding of the commission will meet with some favor as well as opposition among Saskatchewan farmers. Undoubtedly the ideal system would be that of private ownership with proper provisions for a sample market with full protection being given to the grain of the individual farmer from the time it is harvested till it reaches the Liverpool market. Of course it would depend entirely on the farmers themselves whether such a system as outlined by the commission would be a success, and it places on the farmers the whole burden of responsibility. We do not think the farmers are averse to taking their share of responsibility, but the government is merely a committee of the people's representatives to carry out their wishes, and if the Grain Growers of Saskatchewan prefer government-owned elevators to the scheme outlined by the commission, they have a perfect right to demand that the government should inaugurate such a system. The report of the commission is not binding either upon the Grain Growers or upon the government. The matter is still open and it is the duty of the Grain Growers to decide which course they will pursue. The Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association have been unanimous for government ownership for several years, and if they are still of the same mind they should know more of their own needs than any commission. There is one phase of the report of the Saskatchewan commission which we think was a most unwarranted attitude to be taken by the commission, that is their remarks about the elevator system in Manitoba. The following is the paragraph to which we refer: "The Commission are unanimous in holding that a scheme similar to the Manitoba scheme would not be satisfactory to the farmers generally on the one hand, and on the other would probably end in financial disaster. True by various conceivable devices of bookkeeping the facts may be more or less concealed for a while, but if there is anything of a business character that can be forecasted, such a scheme runs the greatest possible financial risk."

The commission dismissed the whole thing with the sweeping inference that the Manitoba system will probably end in financial disaster. With all due respect to the Saskatchewan elevator commission we do not think their information was sufficient to warrant such a statement. The Manitoba system is as yet untried. We do not think the Manitoba system is what it should be, but we believe that it will be a complete success if certain amendments are made to the existing lines suggested to the government by the Manitoba Grain Growers. Again, the Saskatchewan commission assumes that certain books will be done to keep the books of the Manitoba commission from showing the true facts of the situation. We think it would have been wise and courteous for the Saskatchewan commission to allow the Manitoba to work out her own problems without interference. The Saskatchewan problem is enough without adding Manitoba's troubles as well. The Saskatchewan commission said either to much or too little. If they have information warranting their statements regarding Manitoba they should have given it in detail for the benefit of the public.—Grain Growers' Guide.

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

Municipal nominations were held throughout the province on Monday, and voting, including that on the local option veto, takes place next Monday. In Regina there are proposed to be several interesting contests for seats on the council and school boards. Dr. Cowan's entrance into the mayoralty campaign was the feature of the nominations. Following are the candidates: Mayoralty—P. McAra, Jr., Dr. W. D. Cowan. Aldermen—Ward 1—Ald. Kramer, elected by acclamation. Ward 2—Ald. Darke, J. A. Westman, Ward 3—Charles Willoughby, Robert Martin, George Samuel Houston, Russell Henry Reid. Two to be elected. Ward 4—Donald J. McKay, J. E. Duff. Ward 5—Richard M. Halloean, Geo. Cushing. Public School Trustees—Charles Otto Hodgkins, Robert James Westgate, James Albert Cross, J. Kelso Hunter, Dr. W. A. Thomson, Thomas William Peart and Andrew MacBeth. Four to be elected. Wilson and Regina Collegiate Board—J. F. L. Embury, W. R. Duncan and L. H. Bennett. Separate School Trustees—D. J. Murphy, C. Weber and Phillip Busch, all elected by acclamation. Other Mayoralty Nominations. Moose Jaw—J. M. Paul, A. W. May. Saskatoon—Robert Chalkhill, Robt. McIntosh. Prince Albert—Mayor Holmes, acclamation. Lacombe—R. H. Scott, acclamation. Arcola—R. H. Cooke, re-elected by acclamation. Balgonie—Dr. W. H. Kabisfleisch, acclamation. Battleford—C. H. Bennett, acclamation. Broadview—Messrs. Brown and Hinchey. Caron—E. A. Gray, acclamation. Craik—E. H. Insull, acclamation. Davidson—Mayor John Davidson, and all other members of council re-elected. Estevan—M. H. King, acclamation. Hanley—D. M. Dilley, J. A. Nyssen. Indian Head—F. L. McKay, acclamation. Kindersley—Preston C. West, acclamation. Langham—Fred Donivan, W. R. Welbe. Lloydminster—James Gee, acclamation. Lumsden—D. M. Balfour, Herb. T. Baker. Melville—R. B. Taylor, acclamation. Milestone—J. R. McKenzie, acclamation. Mooseominia—Dr. A. W. Turner, acclamation. North Battleford—J. A. Foley, re-elected. Outlook—O. K. McElhinney, acclamation. Qu'Appelle—Dr. W. Henderson, W. G. Vickers. Rosthern—D. S. McGregor, acclamation. Rouleau—J. H. Craig, re-elected. Scott—R. H. Street, C. B. Smith. Sisseton—T. R. Partridge, acclamation. Strassburg—E. Martin, E. F. Steadman. Weyburn—John McTaggart, acclamation. Whitewood—R. S. Park, acclamation. Yellow Grass—J. H. Allen, acclamation. Wapella—W. P. C. McDonald, acclamation. Wolseley—R. J. Campbell, acclamation. Two Trainers Hurt in Wreck. Wetaakwin, Alta., Dec. 5.—Early this morning there was a collision between two freight cars on the C. P. R. between Sedgewick and Loughdale. The engine and seven cars were derailed and burned. The engineer, J. Curry was badly scalded, and a brakeman had several ribs broken. They were taken to Bowlin hospital.

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BAN ON HATPINNERS

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—In an effort to curtail the long hatpin evil in this city an ordinance was introduced in Council today providing that no person upon the public streets or on conveyances shall be permitted to wear a hatpin the exposed point of which extends more than one-half inch beyond the crown of the hat. A fine of \$50 for each and every offence is provided for in the proposed ordinance. Councilman Schumucker declared that the lives of riders on street cars and pedestrians on crowded streets are imperiled by long hatpins. Secured Realistic Effect. Vienna, Dec. 2.—Friedrich Steinlschmid, the playwright and poet, surrendered to the police of Prague today, confessing that while rehearsing one of his plays, in which a peasant sets fire to the barn, he failed to make the scene realistic. He decided that he must himself experience a criminal's impression. He, therefore, went into the country and set fire to a barn, taking notes of the incident and his own feelings. These he incorporated into his play, which is now running in Bohemia with great success. Emulates Eve. Portage is Prairie, Man., Dec. 6.—Suddenly becoming demented this morning Miss G. E. Cutler, teacher in the West Ward school, left her lodgings about eight o'clock, and without a stitch of clothing on was wandering around the streets. She was only out a short time when she was taken in charge and taken to the hospital. She was severely frost-bitten. Miss Cutler came here this fall from North Dakota and had a permit to teach for one year. Worried over religious affairs, she was the cause of this morning's incident.

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