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A BIG SURPRISE TO ALL

Hon. A. G. Blair Resigns the Chairmanship of the Railway Commission.

WILL STUMP AGAINST G.T.P.

Mr. Blair's Statement.
 Ottawa, Oct. 19.—Hon. A. G. Blair has resigned his position as chairman of the Railway Commission, the announcement which was made at the close of yesterday afternoon's session came as a big surprise to all. None anticipated it. The Government officials knew nothing of it, and even his colleagues were not aware of his intentions before he made the following statement:

"Before the board adjourns I wish to make an announcement which is of a personal character, and which I think may very properly be made by me from my place as chairman of the board. The intimation I wish to have conveyed to the public is that this is the last session of the Commission at which I shall occupy a place either as chairman, or as a member of the board. I have felt myself compelled in my own interests to come to this decision with the utmost regret. I find the work of the board very congenial to me, but, notwithstanding, I have not found it sufficiently attractive to induce me to forego personal advantages which otherwise are open to me in other employment."

"It will be, I think, considered proper that I should state frankly the reason which has led me to pursue this course. I accepted a place on the commission with many misgivings. Since I have been a member of the board I may rather say that they have been intensified. I may say that at the present moment I have had presented to me for prompt determination the question as to whether I will turn my mind and my energies in another direction, which will be very much more profitable to me, personally, than the position which I now fill. I hope it will not be thought that in doing so I have pursued any other course than that which is proper and legitimate in a man who, if he does not consider his own interests, certainly cannot expect to have them considered by others."

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reflections; I do not wish to intimate that I have any cause whatever to find fault. I am reaching the conclusion at which I have arrived purely for reasons that are personal to myself. If it were possible for me to have had a little longer period of service at the board I would have been glad to have continued, because I feel that in a large measure the Railway Commission has been a creation of my own. I think I may claim the passage of it to some considerable extent. At all events, and I feel that during the few months I have had an opportunity of demonstrating the usefulness of this board it has, I think, tended to satisfy the public that the tribunal is one capable of rendering substantial service. "I think, at the same time it is not too much to claim that while demonstrating its usefulness to the public, it has also demonstrated its usefulness to those interested that are supposed to be antagonistic to the interests of the general public, but which, in my opinion, are falsely supposed to be so. I think that the railways will not refuse to acknowledge that the board has endeavored to deal with them in a spirit of fairness and has endeavored to adjudicate the matters that have come up for decision in an equitable and fair manner. The present moment is, I think, as opportune a time as I could have chosen for withdrawing from the chief commission of this board. With the exception of what work has been accumulating during our western trip, we have dealt with almost all the other business which has come before us.

"I cannot resist the conclusion, in my own mind, that if it had been possible to have held further in suspense the question of my retirement from the board, it would have been rather accentuated than diminished, and that I would have found more difficulty in severing my connection with comfort than I find to-day. I trust that my going will not be attended with any inconvenience to anybody. I feel that this infant child, at whose birth I closely attended, has been nursed by this time into some degree of strength and vigor. What little abilities and energies I possess have been applied in that direction. I think it has now got fairly well on its feet, that it will be able to move along, and that it will grow in favor. I believe that this Commission will grow in strength and usefulness and come to be regarded as one of the most important and useful institutions in the country."

"I part with my colleagues with very much regret. Our relations have been cordial. In separating from them I can only wish them well and I express the hope that under their management the work may go on with even greater success than it has while I was a member of the board."

Aside from the above statement Mr. Blair will not say what his plans for the future are. It was first rumored that he was going back into politics. This, however, he emphatically denied.

Other rumors are that he is to be chief solicitor for the G. T. Pacific or for the C. P. R. To these rumors he makes no reply. He will neither deny nor affirm, and refuses to add anything to the above statement other than that he is not going into politics.

WILL GO ON THE STUMP.

Hardest Blow to Sir Wilfrid's Grand Trunk Pacific Scheme to Be Given By

Hon. A. G. Blair.

St. John, N.B., Oct. 19.—Hon. A. G. Blair has resigned the chairmanship of the Railway Commission and will stump the country against the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. This news, which became current here late yesterday afternoon, caused the biggest sensation that has taken place in St. John for years, and when it is known that the ex-Minister of Railways will take the stump against his old leader and colleagues the interest throughout Canada will no doubt be intense.

Hon. Mr. Blair will not seek a constituency, but will, it is understood, deliver addresses against the railway policy of the Administration in Toronto, Montreal, St. John, Halifax and other cities. The ex-Minister is evidently determined to fight the Government to a finish, as The Telegram and Times, controlled by David Russell, will come out to-day squarely against the Liberals, and wage the most vigorous newspaper fight New Brunswick has ever known.

All the stories to the effect that Mr. Blair will accept the solicitorship of this or that railway company can be denied in toto. He will, however, with A. G. Blair, Jr., open a law office in Montreal after the fight is over and settle down to the practice of his profession in that city.

The Evening Times publishes the following statement from Mr. Blair: "I authorize the announcement that I have resigned my position as chairman of the Railway Commission and have notified the Premier that beyond the reaffirming of my strong objections to the Grand

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(Signed) Andrew G. Blair.

The expression "reaffirming" means that Mr. Blair will deliver the hardest possible blows against the railway policy of the Government and the country may expect the most startling revelations the Government has had to face up to the present time.

All this means that two seats in St. John City and County will go Conservative without a shadow of a doubt, and that Hon. Mr. Emmerson will be politically smashed beyond recognition.

Everybody in St. John is paralyzed by the announcement of Mr. Blair's intentions and developments are awaited.

Mr. Blair's Contentions.

In his first letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, dated July 10, 1903, Mr. Blair, after complaining that he had been kept in ignorance of the progress of the negotiations with the Grand Trunk Railway Co., specified the conditions on which he would reconsider his determination to resign. He would require, he said, that the Government should abandon its then intention: "(1) of building or authorizing the building of a line of railway to Moncton paralleling and destroying the Intercolonial, (2) the idea of immediately proceeding with a railway from Quebec to Winnipeg." The Government, he continued, "should be content with declaring itself in favor of the policy of building a Government line from Quebec to the prairies and across the prairies to the Pacific coast as soon as the need shall arise."

His stipulations.

He further stipulated: "(3) That if such a route be found practicable and give promise of a fair measure of traffic a railway should be built by the Government; (4) that when built it should not be handed over to any one existing railway company under lease, but that it should be operated by the Government itself or by a trust under Government control, and (5) that the policy of giving a guarantee or other aid to the Grand Trunk Co. should not then be entertained, and final decision should be deferred until it became reasonably clear that settlement along the prairie route of such a railway would justify its construction."

For Government-Owned Road.

In his second letter to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, dated July 13, Mr. Blair again explained his preference for a Government owned and Government operated railway, and stated that as he stood practically alone the proposition must be laid aside. He again opposed the Government scheme and stated that he was in favor of the whole line being built and owned by the Government. He was prepared, however, to co-operate with his colleagues in guaranteeing the bonds to the extent of three-fourths of the cost on certain conditions as to division of earnings, and as to the carrying of unroute traffic over the whole of the Winnipeg section to a St. Lawrence seaport in summer and to Halifax and St. John in winter.

Cheers For Blair.

Winnipeg, Man., Oct. 19.—Sir Richard Cartwright spoke to a crowded and enthusiastic audience at the Auditorium Rink last night. During Sir Richard's speech considerable sensation was caused by the handing among the audience of handbills announcing the resignation of Mr.

Blair and his probable intention of joining in the Conservative campaign. Announcement was also made of the adherence of La Presse to the cause of Government ownership. Cheers for Hon. Mr. Blair were heard and Sir Richard was visibly annoyed.

Hon. E. J. Davis to Retire.

Newmarket, Oct. 19.—The regular meeting of the Executive of the North York Reform Association was held here yesterday morning, and at it Hon. E. J. Davis, Commissioner of Crown Lands, announced that at the close of the present Parliamentary term he intended to retire from politics.

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