

READING THE MIND OF LAURIER'S POLICY

Government Must Help Solve Problem of Future of Transcontinental Lines. CANADIAN NORTHERN LOOKS FOR ASSISTANCE Must Be Put in Position to Carry Out the Work for Which it is Intended, or Left Uncompleted.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—The Canadian Northern Railway is after further assistance from the government. This is positive. Formal application has not yet been made to the cabinet, but the Canadian Northern officials are in the capital canvassing the situation. Sir William MacKenzie has seen most of the leaders of the two parties, although with what success he has met is not known. Just what amount is asked is also not known, but it is said that it is twenty-five million dollars.

There is a feeling against any further aid, and nothing will be done without calling a caucus of the Conservative party. However, the situation is such that the whole question will have to be given the most careful consideration before any action is taken. With the money market in its present situation it is very questionable whether the C. N. R. can on its own efforts secure any further capital abroad. Whatever the views of members of parliament are on this subject, generally on the subject of further railway aid, they are confronted with the problem of putting this road in a position to carry out the work for which it was intended, or permitting it to linger in a semi-completed condition financially embarrassed or else gobbled by another powerful railway system, thus annihilating competition.

Government Lost Seat In Bethnal Green

Defeat of G. F. G. Masterson, Means Blow to Ministerial Prestige at a Critical Time—Home Rule Not Great Factor in the Fight. London, Feb. 20.—The temerity of the government in opening up two metropolitan seats resulted in a reverse which while not serious from a numerical standpoint is nevertheless bound to affect ministerial prestige at a critical moment. By 24 votes G. F. G. Masterson, the new chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, was rejected by Bethnal Green, which in the election of 1911 gave him a majority of 184. The Liberals themselves themselves with the fact that it was a triangular fight in which the socialist candidate secured 316 votes, most of which they claim would have otherwise been given to their candidate. Although the result must damage the government, it cannot be taken as a direct verdict on the Irish question since Home Rule evoked little genuine interest during the brief campaign. Bethnal Green is an East End borough where the struggle for life rather than political ideas is predominant, hence the Insurance Act, with some of its failures and anomalies played a prominent part in the fight. The new member, Sir Matthew Williams, emphasized his victory as a condemnation of the Insurance Act.

OCEAN RATES QUESTION GROSSLY NEGLECTED BY LIBERAL GOVERNMENT

Hon. Mr. Foster Exposes Grit Laxity in Dealing With the Matter. ENVOY FROM ENGLAND FAILS TO STIR THEM Great Britain Found Sir Wilfrid and His Party Unwilling to Act and Gave Up the Attempt.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 19.—The extraordinary laxity of the late Liberal government in dealing with the vexed question of growing ocean freight rates was shown today by Hon. George E. Foster after a jibe by Hon. Frank Oliver, who seldom opens his mouth without putting his clod hopper into it. The discussion was upon ocean rates. "The government ought to wake up," shot Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Foster glanced at him for a moment with a smile of satisfaction and then proceeded to tell the house that the Laurier government in February, 1910 asked the Imperial government to appoint a joint tribunal to deal with ocean freight rates. The Imperial government agreed, but at this point, Sir Wilfrid Laurier stopped action. Three times envoys were sent to Canada from London to stir the Canadian Liberal government into action, but all to no purpose, and finally Great Britain gave up the attempt. The present government, stated Mr. Foster, proposes to go through with it.

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INFLAMMABLE DART FOR AEROPLANES

Test Made by Experts Satisfactory—Will Set Fire to Buildings or Airships. Buc, France, Feb. 19.—An inflammable dart for use by aeroplanes was tested today in the presence of military air experts with satisfactory results. The dart carries a small reservoir containing gasoline, which explodes on contact. Its purpose is to set fire to dirigible balloons or buildings. Three of the darts were dropped today from an aeroplane at an altitude of 600 feet, and found their mark.

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TYMPHOID ON BOARD; ROMA IS QUARANTINED

Providence, R. I., Feb. 19.—The steamer Roma, flying the yellow quarantine flag because of two cases of typhoid on board, remained at her anchor today while city officials and representatives of the steamship company tried to solve the problem of caring for more than 150 immigrants who were detained.

OLIVER SHOWS UP THE GRITS UNWITTINGLY

His Remarks on Free Wheat Showed Plainly How Insincere the Opposition Are.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 19.—Hon. Frank Oliver caught himself tonight and although the incident was an unimportant one, it illustrated how the Grits are insincere in the pretensions and are endeavoring to be all things to all men. It was during the discussion on the ocean freight rates. Mr. Oliver had managed to introduce free wheat into the discussion. He traveled announced that with reciprocity the farmers of the west would have had access to the American market and could consequently get better prices for their wheat.

LADYSMITH HERO IS GRANTED \$10,000 DAMAGES

Jury Decides in His Favor Against Sir Edward Ward—Confidential Reports System is Censured. London, Feb. 19.—The British War Office system of confidential reports on which officers of the army may be condemned and sentenced to professional ruin without being heard in their own defence was seriously censured by the judge of the King's Bench Court today. A jury awarded Major W. A. Adam, formerly of the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the sum of \$10,000 damages against Sir Edward Ward, a charge of permanent secretary of the war office.

GETS CHEQUE FOR BALANCE, ONE CENT

Ottawa Lady Wins Over New Jersey Governor For Small Cheques. Ottawa, Feb. 19.—Recently the State of New Jersey gave an acting governor a cheque for two cents, the smallest cheque by the state, but this record is beaten in Ottawa. Miss Ostrom of this city had a saving account in a branch of the post office savings department. She closed her account a short while ago and it was found that she was credited with the sum of one cent for which the department sent her a cheque.

GUTHRIE CARRIES YORK WITH LARGE MAJORITY

Government Candidate Defeats J. A. Scott by Over Six Hundred. VOTE POLLED MUCH BELOW THE AVERAGE. Mr. Guthrie's Election a Foregone Conclusion—With Bigger Vote Much Greater Majority Would Have Resulted.

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WOMEN STOOD TRIAL AS ACCESSORY.

No Bill in Case of Tena Atkinson, who was Charged with Being Accessory Before the Fact. Sydney, N. S., Feb. 19.—The Haynes trial has commenced. Shortly after ten o'clock this morning His Lordship Justice Drysdale called the prisoner and after pleading, the work of empanelling a jury was then proceeded with. Haynes appeared in court neatly dressed in a new blue suit, cleanly shaven and with good assurance.

Motor Boat and Auto Collide in the Street

Heavy Floods in Southern California Cause Two Deaths and Much Damage—Boat Cruising in Street Bumps Into the Mayor's Automobile. Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 19.—Two lives were claimed and damage estimated at \$100,000. Orange orchards here were washed out. The body of Harold Seltz, a rancher, drowned there was recovered. The body of Emmet Osterman, the 13-year-old boy drowned at Santa Barbara, was believed to have been swept out to sea.

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The total number of votes polled was away below the average, due to the impassable condition of the roads as a result of recent storms, and with anything like a full vote there would have been a majority of 1,000 or more for Mr. Guthrie. The outcome of the election is a great personal victory for Mr. Guthrie as well as for Hon. Mr. McLeod and Mr. Young, who worked together for Mr. Guthrie. The returns show that Mr. Guthrie carried the city of Fredericton with a majority of 176; swept Nashwaak valley; carried Margville, Gibson, Harvey Station, McAdam, broke pretty well even along the St. John Valley, and did even better than expected in Southampton, Mr. Pinder's home parish. One of the biggest surprises scored by Mr. Guthrie was at Kingsclear where York's new M. L. A. took 183 votes out of a total of 229 polled. There was a big celebration tonight when Mr. Guthrie arrived in the city. A parade with two bands was formed and Mr. Guthrie spoke from a big stand in front of the provincial government party headquarters at the Liberal Conservative club rooms as well as in front of the Gleason office. Later the parade went to the C. P. R. station to welcome Hon. H. F. McLeod, who had been at Canterbury Station, and speeches by Hon. Mr. McLeod, Mr. Young and Mayor Hooper marked the celebration.

TO PREVENT THE USE OF OFFENSIVE FLAGS

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 19.—All red and black flags and all banners and signs with inscriptions offensive to organized government, to morals or sacrilegious in character, will be forbidden in public parades and assemblages if a bill introduced today by Assemblyman Phelan passes. The use of the national flag on such occasions would be made obligatory.

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