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...werful Speech of Sir M. P. Cashin.

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...ller, and a solicitor. Their ...edge of railway operation was ... as may be acquired from text ... and short courses in railway ...agement. He had no confidence ...eir ability to manage a railway ...m, and their record has not been ... as to inspire anyone with con... in their direction of the road ...ure, but they were in charge and ...ust take them as we find them.

The Government, however, ... not propose to entrust to their ...ling the amount of money asked ...n these resolutions, the Govern... were going to retain control of ... a manner which would make it ...ssible for it to be diverted from ... purpose for which it is being ... He had no confidence in these ... and would take the necessary ...cautions in the interests of the ...ntion."

...INCAPABLES IN CONTROL.

...et us look at this. The men who ...e in charge of the railroad were, ...rding to the Premier, incapable. ...had no confidence in them and he ...not believe anybody else had con...nce in them. As Premier, he was ... prepared to entrust them with ... money, and accordingly he was ...g to take precautions to make ...e that everything was rightly and ...erly expended. A million dollars ... to be raised by loan to be applied ...ertain improvements in the rail..., and he was so careful of the ...ntry's interests that he was going ...take extreme measures to prevent ... mismanagement by the Reids.

...ow, then, we will follow his ...ch a little further and ask what ...e the precautions he was going to ... Here are his own words: "This ...trol would consist of a Commis..., three appointed by the Govern...nt and three by the Reid Company. ...e Government could also appoint a ...irman. He will probably be a ca...le and experienced railway man ...e outside the Colony, who will be ...ght here by the Government for ...direction of this work. He will be ...n who will know his job and who ... devote his whole time to the ...k. On the Board the Government ... have an auditor and accountant ... will have access to the books ...the Reid Company. It is possible ... the Government Engineer will be ...the Board. It is the intention of ...Government to lift the operation ...this system from inefficiency to ...ciency in so far as it can be done."

...ow let us look at that declaration. ...re were to be seven men; includ... the Chairman, who was to be an ...erienced railway official from ...road. He was to be a man who ...ew his job and who would devote ... whole time to the work. Where ...he? Was any such person appoint...? On the contrary we know that ... man who was appointed Chairman ...as the Minister of Marine and Fish...ies, Mr. Coaker, who knew as much ...out running a railway as the Prime ...inister knows about law, and that ...am told is very little, and who in...ad of devoting his whole time to the ...rk, was unable, from the day he ...ok it until the end of June last to ...e more than a casual attention to ... and who was out of the Colony for ...e four worst months of the year in regard to the operation of the railway, namely, January, February, March and April. That is the sort of way in which the Premier made good his promise to lift the railway from inefficiency to efficiency, and to give us economy, good service, and everything we were led to expect from this great scheme of Commission control. The Premier also told us that the Government would have on the Board an auditor and accountant. Well, they had not. They have an auditor attached to the Commission and they must take the responsibility for him. I do not know anything about him, for or against, except that a man who was willing to leave his job, whatever it was somewhere in the United States, and come down here on the chance of a twelve month's employment, cannot amount to very much. The Premier also talked of having an engineer appointed to study the whole railroad question, and of bringing out an English lawyer, well versed in Company law, to unravel all the tangles of the Reid contracts, but he did neither the one nor the other until a few days ago when on the verge of the collapse of the railroad, he brought Sir George Bury here from Canada to look into the situation.

PREMIER ATTACKS MANAGEMENT.

But this is not all that the Premier told us last year about his plans for creating the Commission and ensuring Government control. In a most offensive paragraph he attacked the Reid Company and those connected with it. That paragraph is as follows:

"The Dominion is faced with this situation, unless he was misinformed, that the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Trust Company are really the Reid Newfoundland Company. In other words, if these institutions were to say that Jim Jones, an inmate of the Lunatic Asylum, shall be President of the Reid Newfoundland Company, Jim Jones becomes President. The Government desires to deal with the Reid Newfoundland Company, not the Bank of Montreal and the Royal Trust Company. But we must now recognize that there are two sections or factions in the Reid Company. One of these is at Montreal conducting a law suit against the other, the ultimate outcome of which we cannot forecast. The other is here in Newfoundland devoting its time to politics and directing political operations through its highest officials against the Government as they did in the general election last November and in the by-election in the West End and later in Bay de Verde. Unfortunately we have to deal with a corporation or with the factions of the corporation bearing such important relations to this Dominion. Under these circumstances the Government have stipulated that of the three Commissioners which the Reid Company may appoint, one shall be a nominee of the minority shareholders which contest control of the Company with the present management."

I make no comment on the needlessly offensive character of this paragraph. Everybody knows it was dictated by the bitter personal hostility of the Premier to the President of the Reid Newfoundland Company, Mr. H. D. Reid, and by the fact that the Premier is an advocate of the former President, Sir William Reid, who is understood to have subsidized the Premier extensively in his campaign fund for the last general election, on a promise that if the Squires party got in he was to be restored to control here. I believe I can truthfully assert that the Premier, after the House closed, when the question of appointing Government members on this commission came before the Executive Council, nominated Sir William Reid as one of these Commissioners and could not get a seconder for the motion amongst the whole of his colleagues, and I think I can leave the matter at that. The point that I want to call the attention of the House to is that the Premier laid down the principle here that one of the three Reid Commissioners was to represent the minority, in other words, to be either Sir William Reid or a nominee of Sir William Reid, but here again the Reid Company refused to be browbeaten by the Government and got their way. They appointed as their three men Mr. H. D. Reid, Mr. R. G. Reid and Mr. John Powell, the latter a man whom Sir Wm. Reid dismissed from his position during the last brief period that he was in control of the railroad, a step which did much to bring about his own overthrow. Now let us see what works out from all this tangle. The Premier talked of a Commission of seven, but the Reids refused to have anything to do with a Commission of more than six, and the Reids beat him on that point. The Premier talked of insisting that one of the three Reid Commissioners should represent the minority, but the Reid majority refused to agree to this and they beat him again. The Premier talked of getting an expert railroad man for Chairman. But his colleague, Mr. Coaker, who was then all powerful in the Government, wanted the job himself and he beat the Premier out in the Executive Council and took the position for himself. The Premier wanted a clear majority for the Government. Mr. Coaker thought that he himself was as good as a majority, and he so managed things that nobody was appointed by the Government besides himself, only Mr. Hall, the Government Engineer, and the result was that Mr. Coaker was absolute boss of the whole thing and Mr. Hall was merely his adviser, who prevented him from making too big a fool of himself when he attempted to deal with matters that he did not understand. This was the organization that resulted from the Government's scheme to remedy all the blunderings of the Reid Company to substitute efficiency for inefficiency, as the Premier puts it. But now I come to the most preposterous statement in the whole speech in the light of what has happened since. The Premier closed this section of his address by stating that "the Government hopes that by thus improving and making the road safe the Company may be rehabilitated financially without any loss to the country."

Think of that, Mr. Speaker. The Premier hoped a year ago, or at any rate said he hoped, that as a result of this wonderful scheme the road was going to be made safe and satisfactory, and the Reid Company was going to be put on its feet again—all without any loss to the Colony. Instead of that we find that the Reid Company is still in the same position that it was a year ago, except that it has got a million dollars of our money to provide locomotives, freight cars, and so forth, and that so far from the Commission's scheme working to prevent the country from loss, the real truth is that the country has had to put up a million and a half dollars the past twelve months to keep the railroad going while the Reids have escaped with the contribution towards this enormous loss of $100,000, but as against that have an offset for nearly the whole of this amount in a bill for electice light, power, and other things furnished the Government during the time. This I think you will agree Mr. Speaker and the country as well, represents a monument of incapacity bigger and more disgraceful than any that was ever erected by an incompetent Government in the past history of the country, and this in the space of twelve short months. The country was then prosperous, had a Surplus and everything promised well. To-day it is on the verge of bankruptcy and the Government are as incapable of dealing with the question as a pack of school children. The Reids, so the Premier told us a year ago, were incapable, were a pack of know nothings. He and his party were going to teach them how to put things right and were going to do it without any cost to the Colony. To-day we see the reality, which is that Messrs. Squires, Coaker & Co. have made a worse mess of the Railroad and everything connected with it than ever the Reids did, and have spent a tremendous amount of public money without any authority from the House or the country and are to-day only in the same position they were a year ago, namely, that the Reid Company cannot operate the road, and that it must be shut down unless the Government are prepared to tax the people of Newfoundland to an extent never before attempted, in order to get the money to run the Railroad.

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The Week's Calendar.

JULY—7th Month—31 Days.

18.—MONDAY. German Reichstag "Peace" Resolutions, 1917. Foch launched great counter attack 1918.

19.—TUESDAY. Bishop Wilberforce died, 1873. H.R.H. Duke of Albany born, 1884. Peace Day celebrations in Britain, 1919.

20.—WEDNESDAY. Full moon, 3.39 a.m. **St. Margaret.** Naval Review at Pleasantville, 1888. Germans recrossed the Marne, 1918.

21.—THURSDAY. Robert Burns' (Scotia's poet) died, 1796. Great Tichborne trial began, 1873.

22.—FRIDAY. **St. Mary Magdalene.** Battle of Salamanca (Peninsular War), 1812. Allies forced passage of the Marne, 1918.

23.—SATURDAY. Prince of Wales (late King Edward VII.) arrived St. John's 1860. Austrian ultimatum to Serbia, 1914.

24.—SUNDAY. **9th after Trinity.** Capture of Gibraltar, 1704. Capt. Webb drowned, 1883.

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Measuring Stars.

One of the most remarkable feats of astronomy has just been accomplished by Professor A. A. Michaelson. By means of an instrument of his own invention, named the interferometer, he has measured a star.

It is now known for the first time that Betelgeuse, a star which is visible to the naked eye throughout most of the winter, has a diameter of no less than 260,000,000 miles.

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It is believed by scientists that as the sun, many millions of years ago, filled the entire solar system, there is a possibility that stars even larger than Betelgeuse may exist. The great astronomer, Russell, once stated that in his opinion there were two great classes of stars—those which were in an early stage of development, and those which have shrunk to the size represented by the sun.

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