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**GOOD APPOINTMENT**

Speaking of the appointment of Sir Henry Thornton, Mr. Graham said the government found that the G.T.R. was strongly opposed to the Canadian Northern, and in one of the heads of those systems had been appointed to manage the unified system there would have been trouble. Sir Henry Thornton had brought about co-ordination and harmony, and he was one of whom no one could take exception. Although having been born in the U.S., and receiving his training on the great Pennsylvania road, he had managed a large railway system in England, and was a naturalized British subject. "Those who didn't want a broken down Canadian didn't get him. Those who didn't want a Yankee didn't get him. But those who wanted a Britisher got him."

**SURPLUS TO DIMINISH**

Mr. Graham admitted that the surplus of last year would not be seen this year. Owing to the bad wheat crop and the fact that this was election year in the States, it had been a bad time for freight. However, the road was being managed well, and he appealed for a square deal for the people's road. They were admittedly giving a vastly improved service.

**SAYS MEIGHEN AMUSING**

Mr. Meighen had been amusing himself and getting funny at his own expense in telling the people that the railway system of bookkeeping in regard to loans had been changed. Mr. Graham vigorously denied Mr. Meighen's claim that these loans should be added to the public debt. The reason the government guaranteed these loans was because the railways could thereby borrow at a cheaper rate. Not one dollar of the 170 millions guaranteed by Mr. Meighen and his associates from 1911 to 1921 was charged to the public debt, said Mr. Graham, turning the tables on the opposition leader.

The only time it could be charged to the public debt would be when the railways fell down. But we believe they will be a success if the people give them a chance.

The program closed with the hearty singing of the National Anthem.

Premier King will have no more meetings this week after his appearance today in Woodstock. He is billed to appear in Peterborough on the 29th of August and at Grimsby Beach on the 30th of August. He and his party left the city last evening for London.

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