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Britain's Danger is Real Secrets Undisclosed, Says Foster in Notable Speech

House Stirred to Great Enthusiasm by Closing-Day Address, Which Points Out That Premier Borden is Unable to Reveal True Inwardness of German Menace—Hugh Guthrie Challenges Government to Appeal to Country at Once.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Hon. George E. Foster contributed a notable speech to the naval debate this afternoon, which roused the supporters of the government to the highest pitch of enthusiasm. Time and again there were great manifestations of applause, the Conservatives more than once rising to their feet and cheering wildly. The Liberals evidently felt that some message should go to the country from their side and Hugh Guthrie challenged the government to dissolve parliament and appeal to the electorate. To facilitate this, he said, the Liberals would expedite the passage of a redistribution bill.

The keynote of Mr. Foster's speech was the unity of the empire. The government, he said, was not giving money to England. It was spending the money of Canada for the defence of the empire. Just now the heart of the empire was Great Britain. It was in European waters that the fate of the empire would be decided. Mr. Borden, he said, had visited England and had acquired intimate and secret knowledge possessed by the British Government respecting the international situation and the danger of attack from Germany. This information would not be divulged, could not be published, but should not the parliament rely upon Mr. Borden's assurance that an emergency existed?

Personally, Mr. Foster deprecated the use of the word "emergency." The resolution adopted by the house of commons in 1909 pledged Canada to come to the assistance of the empire by contributing generously to its naval defence whenever assistance was needed. We were not to wait till war was declared. The time to act was now, when we were assured that action on our part was needed.

Mr. Foster disposed of the constitutional objections to a cash contribution, which apparently troubled the opposition. He reminded the house that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in opening the debate, had said that if England was in danger he would send a cash contribution, not of \$35,000,000 but of four times that amount.

"We say that the danger is here, that the emergency does exist and surely the gentlemen who would favor sending \$140,000,000 cannot believe that the constitution is endangered by our sending \$35,000,000," he said.

After showing that the proposed grant would be voted by the Canadian Parliament and would be expended for

CITY INAUGURATES CAR SERVICE



FIRST CIVIC CARS

The civic car service was commenced under auspicious circumstances when the mayor and city council rode over the Gerrard street section yesterday. The ceremonies were under the charge of Works Commissioner Harris, who is responsible for the speedy construction of the lines. He is seen standing in characteristic pose in the lower picture talking to Aldermen Spence and Ryding. Controller Foster is looking over Alderman Spence's shoulder. The upper picture shows the crowd filing into the cars at Greenwood avenue to take their initial trip.

The first spike was driven by Ex-Mayor Geary just a year ago, and upwards of 18 miles of civic tracks will be in use by next July.

Hearst Paid \$34,000 To Get Documents

Such Was Evidence Given Before Senate Committee Respecting Archbold Letters.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 18.—(Can. Press.)—Former Senator J. B. Foraker today produced a statement before the senate campaign expenditures investigating committee prepared by Gilbert Stewart, purporting to be based on a description by W. W. Winkfield of how Winkfield and Chas. Stump took the "Archbold letters" from the Standard Oil offices and sold them to a representative of Wm. E. Hearst.

In all, the statement continued, \$34,000 was paid to the two men. For two signatures of Mr. Archbold, standing alone, they claimed they were paid \$500.

Samuel Boyd Dead.
Samuel I. Boyd of 90 College street, the deputy collector of inland revenue, died yesterday afternoon at the Western Hospital. He was well-known throughout Canada, especially in this city. The funeral is to take place from his late residence, 90 College street, tomorrow afternoon at 2.30.

FIRST CARS RUN ON TORONTO'S LINES

Public Ownership of Street Railways Inaugurated Yesterday When Mayor Hocken Started the First Car—R. C. Harris Complimented for the Good Work.

The City of Toronto went into the street railway business yesterday when Mayor Hocken started the first civic car on its journey over the Gerrard street section of the city's own tracks, at 3 o'clock.

The mayor, board of control, aldermen, ex-mayors, civic officials and representatives of various bodies interested in municipal enterprises and beautification, occupied the first car, which left Greenwood avenue at 3.03, reaching the Main street terminus just 12 minutes later.

The demands of the army of photographers being appeased, an adjournment was made to the Y. M. C. A. building, where speeches were in order. Encomiums were hurled at "Bully" Harris for the manner in which the track had been constructed and the smoothness with which the cars had run. Controller McCarthy suggested that the running was as good as on a system many years old.

Public Ownership Successful.

Public ownership was in the air, every reference made to it by the speakers being the sign for lusty cheers from the assembled throng. Past, present and probable mayors were one in denouncing the conditions caused by the administration of the street

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CABINET SUFFERS FROM PRESSURE OF DUTIES

Sir George Murray Suggests That Individual Ministers and Deputies Be Clothed With More Authority—Outside Service Should Come Under Civil Service Act.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(Can. Press.)—A report on the organization of the public service of Canada, made by Sir George Murray at the request of the Dominion Government, was laid on the table of the house today by the prime minister. The report is a lengthy one, containing some thirty printed pages.

The report is divided into four parts. These are: First, methods employed in transaction of public business; second, control of appropriations and expenditures; third, the administrative methods and operations of the chief spending departments; and fourth, miscellaneous suggestions.

Sir George states that he was most impressed by the enormous amount of work the ministers have to do under the present system in force in Canada. They both have too much to do and do too much.

The numbers of orders-in-council passed a year is between 4000 and 4000. This is too many. They deal with everything from a foreign treaty to the appointment of an excise man. Moreover, in theory at any rate, almost every decision of a minister, however trivial, goes before his colleagues for approval. With the growth of Canada this system will break down by its own weight.

More Power to Ministers.

Sir George recommends a greater devolution of authority, that is, much that is now done by order-in-council should be done by the individual ministers. That is further, that the ministers should be given greater authority without submission to the cabinet. Legislation would be necessary to effect such changes.

A committee of ministers should be appointed to deal with this matter and to recommend such duties as may be left to the individual ministers. No harm would be done, says the report, if the treasury board were abolished and the duties performed by the several departments concerned.

The report also considers the relief of individual ministers by the transfer of some of their duties to their deputies and to others.

Sir George recommends that the provisions of the Civil Service Act be extended to the outside service of the government, thus taking it from the political arena. It was undesirable, however, that the commission should interfere in the matter of promotions. Sir George finds that there have been cases where considerations "otherwise than merit" have resulted in promotions in the service in the past. He makes the recommendation that pro-

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CANADA MERELY BRITISH COLONY

So Declares Bourassa in Bitter Denunciation of What He Terms Selfish Attitude of Britain.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—(Special.)—The most vigorous protest enunciated by a Canadian public man against any contribution by Canada to imperial defence was given by Henri Bourassa, the Nationalist leader, as a guest of the Ottawa Canadian Club here tonight. Mr. Bourassa spoke in the normal school before a large audience.

Mr. Bourassa sought to show that it was British diplomacy which had created the European situation, which had sowed the wind and was reaping the whirlwind.

He attacked the landed classes of the old country, accusing them of having kept the land for their own private amusement instead of for agriculture, and of having thus created the expensive necessity of maintaining a gigantic fleet to protect trade routes leading to the country so that the people might be fed from without instead of from within.

Canada's Share.

In all this, he asked, what was Canada's part? Did Canada share the triumph of diplomacy? Did Canada do anything towards creating the necessity for enormous expenditure in armament?

Mr. Bourassa dwelt upon the legislative demands which he claimed had for many years been made by Canada only to be refused by England. "The foreign-born citizen of this country is liable to military service under our militia act," he said, "but he is not a British subject. If he leaves the country to visit his home in Belgium or Germany or wherever he may live, he is liable to punishment."

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"The Rose Maid" Seal Sale.

Those desirous of attending the charming Viennese operetta, "The Rose Maid," at the Princess next week, should not lose sight of the fact that the advance sale of seats opens this morning at the theatre box office. Better be early and get seats than wish you had.

An Important Proverb Contest Announcement on Page 2 Today. Read it Carefully

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