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SIR WILFRID SWINGING AROUND TO GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP IDEA

Not Prepared to Adopt the Principle, But Admits That the Time May Come When "We May Do What has Been Done in Other Countries."

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier is being rapidly converted to the principle of Government ownership of railways. The seal of the convert is so strong in him that he rose in the House to-day and attested the progress thus far of his political regeneration. It was towards the close of a spirited debate on the question of expropriating the proposed Toronto-Collingwood Air Line, when the supporters of the bill in the shape Arch. Campbell has presented it, were getting decidedly the worst of the argument, that the Premier said:

This Parliament has the right at any time to expropriate railway property, even the C.P.R. I think my hon. friend from East York will agree with me that we have an undoubted right to do so, and we can do so to-morrow. I do not know but the time may come, which my hon. friend from East York is sighing for, when we should have all the railways of this country under our jurisdiction, that we should have the ownership of them. I am not prepared to adopt this principle to-day, but some time we may come to his conclusion. We may do what has been done in other countries. But if that time ever came, this Parliament would have to consider the clauses of expropriation, and what rule of expropriation should be followed.

Word "National" to Be Dropped.

Mr. W. F. Maclean: I am glad to have heard this confession of the hon. gentleman with regard to Government ownership, and I say we would never have had that confession but for the discussion which has taken place in this House. [Hear, hear.] All progress that we may make can only be by the kind of discussion we had here when the House went into committee on the Air Line bill, the style of which is to incorporate the Canada National Railway and Transport Company. He objected to the word "National" in the title. That word should, he said, be reserved for the Government road. The Intercolonial is the National Railway of Canada, and that road only should have such an appellation. [Hear, hear.]

Hon. A. G. Blair saw no objection to striking out the word, if there was a feeling in the House about it.

Hon. J. Sutherland said the third reading was the proper time for making the alteration in the title.

It was agreed to omit the word at the third reading stage.

Mr. Clarke Takes a Hand.

Mr. E. F. Clarke moved that His Majesty shall have the right at any time to expropriate the road, and that on the taking over of the same the amount of any bonus granted to the road shall be deducted from the price. Mr. Clarke stated that the road is not intended to serve any local purpose. The present railways to Collingwood and Midland serve all local purposes. This road is regarded as a link in the lake and river navigation system. Large bonding powers are proposed, so that the road shall be constructed as an air line in the most substantial manner. The Board of Trade of Toronto had for years been endeavoring to further such a line. In all the discussions that have taken place thus far, this railway has been contemplated essentially as a link in the chain of communication from the head of Lake Superior and the ports of Montreal and Quebec. Mr. Clarke submitted that it was a matter of the most vital importance that the link should be in the hands of the people of Canada for all time to come. [Hear, hear.] If the clause was not inserted, and the road succeeded in getting bonuses, nothing would be done. The charter would be taken over by one of the roads now in existence.

Mr. Blair's Explanation.

Hon. Mr. Blair replied that the clause proposed by Mr. Clarke had been very thoroly threshed out before the Railway Committee. He, as Minister of Railways, had submitted to the committee an amendment identical with the proposal of Mr. Clarke, but it did not find favor with the committee. The incorporation of the clause could not possibly militate against the success of the undertaking, as Parliament would always have the right to expropriate. The committee should consider whether the deducting of the bonus was a proper condition to annex to the charter. He

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GOVERNMENT TAKEN TO TASK BY MR. RICHARDSON OF LISGAR

"More in Sorrow Than in Anger," the Westerner Pointed Out the Record of Broken Promises on Tariff Question—Voice of Jacob, But Hand of Esau.

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—Mr. Richardson (Lisgar), the most independent of the Liberals in the House, speaking more in sorrow than in anger, to-night gave the Government a sore overhauling, when, after recess, the debate on the mutual preference resolution offered by the leader of the Opposition was resumed.

Mr. Walter Scott (Liberal, Assiniboia West), led off. He was not entirely in favor of the present tariff. It is too high, and should be cut. For an hour he discussed whether there should be one or more provinces when the Northwest Territories come of age, in a year or two. He had no very decided opinion one way or the other, but seemed to favor one province.

The Man From Niagara.

Mr. Lancaster (Conservative) said every member who spoke on the Government side had some sectional issue to talk about. Canada had done much for the Mother Country, and was not unreasonable in expecting something in return. Sir Wilfrid Laurier assured them that Mr. Chamberlain would not give a mutual preference, but was that any reason why Canada should not strive to secure mutual preference? [Applause.]

Mr. Hughes (Liberal, King's, P.E.I.,) continued the debate.

Mr. Richardson's Pointed Speech.

Mr. Richardson (Lisgar) reminded himself that very many supporters of the Government had declared themselves free traders in theory and protectionists in practice. All sorts of statements had been made by them about the tariff, so that it had become necessary to ask for a clear statement whether the tariff is protection or for revenue only. The Liberal party, in the Ottawa platform, promised the country that if free trade as it is in England could not be obtained a purely revenue tariff would be evolved. The Mackenzie revenue tariff was 17½ per cent. The present Minister of Customs, however, had declared the present tariff 32½. Therefore the country had not got the Mackenzie revenue tariff. Perfect frankness about this matter was absolutely necessary. In the West the people were in a mind to be patient, if there was to be a further gradual scaling down. But the Minister of Customs declared the tariff now to be perfectly satisfactory, and it was certain that tariff stability was to be the policy of the Government. Agricultural implements, coal oil and other necessaries of the people in the Northwest were not to be touched. He was afraid, indeed, that they might have tariff increases instead of decreases; that there might be a reimposition of the duty on lumber, which was a necessary of settlement in the Northwest. He would like to sound a warning note to the Liberals of the country. The Government seemed to be slowly drawn along the road to protection, and would inevitably fall, body and boots, and be impaled on high protection. The position of official Liberalism is this: The voice is the voice of free trade Jacob, but the hand is the hand of protective Esau. He wished to be perfectly logical with the Government. If they were to give huge bounties to iron industries, he had a plea to make for the bounties for the farmers, who are more essential to the progress of the country. He pleaded with the Prime Minister not to let the protective idea prevail.

Mr. Richardson put himself on record against the Doukhobors, against railway bonuses and the lavish expenditure of money. In discussing this matter with a Liberal friend the other day he was told that the people of Canada did not want reform, and favored the lavish expenditure of money. He answered with Grover Cleveland, that public office is a public trust. The bonus system is one of the chief sources of political corruption. In the interest of humanity alone, the Government should endeavor to check this corruption, and if Government control of the railways could do it the time had come for Government ownership. [Applause.] As the amendment declared for protection, he could not support it.

Mr. Richardson recalled the days when he learned all his high principles at Sir Wilfrid Laurier's knee. He had sat at the feet of Gamaliel—and where was he now?

"Jocular Jabel" of West Elgin.

"Jocular Jabel," the member for West Elgin, closed the debate with a story which made the red cushions turn quite pale in the Senate gallery, where the ladies had sat all evening. He would have to vote against the amendment as a free trader. He blamed the Government for not having carried out its pledges to the farmers, for not having reduced the duty on coal oil and binder twine, and for not having reduced the debt. He gave the text of an amendment he would move if the rules of the House allowed. It declared that all the infant industries should be assisted till they could stand alone, but not after that; that all raw materials, including binders," should be free of duty "as much as possible;" that revenue should be raised on the luxuries and not on the necessities of life, "as far as possible;" that 50 per cent., instead of 33 1-3 per cent. should be taken off the duty on all kinds of British goods; that a reciprocal duty be levied against all other countries which not prejudicial to this country.

After discussion, Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced that it would not be possible to finish the debate till Thursday, Wednesday being private members' day.

The House adjourned at midnight.

SUICIDE OF MRS. SUMMERS.

Coroner's Jury Say She Was Temporarily Insane When She Strangled Herself.

Coroner Duncan conducted an inquest at the Jail yesterday regarding the death of Mrs. Alice Summers, the woman who committed suicide in the institution on Sunday. The jury's verdict was that Mrs. Summers died from self-strangulation, while she was laboring under a fit of temporary insanity.

The verdict was in accordance with the evidence of Dr. Richardson, the Jail physician, who made the autopsy, and of Miss Ironsides, the Jail matron, who discovered the body.

At the conclusion of the inquest the remains were removed to the late home of the deceased, 43 Arthur-street, and the funeral will take place to-morrow afternoon.

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Cook's Turkish & steam baths, 204 King w, cures colds, coughs and rheumatism

BRITAIN'S CREDIT STILL GOOD.

Applications for Treasury Bills More Than Double the Amount Required.

London, March 25.—Tenders for £2,720,000 in treasury bills were opened at the Bank of England to-day. The applications totalled £5,787,000. The average rate of the allotments was 3⅛ per cent.

Signs point to a bright, cheery Easter, and you will be dressed in Easter fashion if you leave your order with Hobberlin Bros. & Co., 153 Yonge-street, for your new Easter suit. This is the popular store for fashionable men dressers.

Let the Storm Begin.

Mr. H. H. Cook left Toronto last night for Ottawa to appear before the committee appointed by the Senate to investigate the charges made by him previous to the last Dominion election. When seen by The World he declined to be interviewed as to the object of his visit to Ottawa, but it is stated on good authority that he has been subpoenaed by the committee to appear to-morrow.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W.

Cough and Hoarseness After Grip. Brumell's Cough Drops has no equal for that night cough. 25c, Bingham's Pharmacy, opposite Shea's. 246

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c.

HELD ON A SERIOUS CHARGE

Colored Porter Said to Have Committed a Brutal Assault on a Young Girl.

DEED DONE AT THE UNION STATION.

Alleged Assailant Arrested at Ottawa and Brought to the City Last Night.

Detective Siemin went to Ottawa last night for David Hawes, a railway car colored porter, who was arrested there yesterday and is wanted here to answer a serious charge, preferred by Louisa Lebar, a 17-year-old girl.

Miss Lebar was employed as a domestic at the home of a resident of Winnipeg until Wednesday last, when she left to pay a visit to her sister, who lives at Oshawa. The young woman came east on the regular train from Winnipeg, to which was attached the Government car Montreal No. 28, on which Hawes is employed as porter. On the way to Toronto Hawes is said to have become acquainted with Miss Lebar, who occupied a seat in another car.

The train reached here at 5 p.m. on Friday, and Miss Lebar was compelled to wait about an hour for the departure of the express for the east. She remained in the waiting room at the Union Station, and while there Hawes is said to have visited her frequently, with a view to getting her to enter his car. After the young woman had repeatedly made known her intention to spend the time in the waiting room, Hawes, it is asserted, returned once more and told her that her train was going.

Miss Lebar then hurriedly left the waiting room and was directed, it is said, by Hawes to the car on which he is employed. When she entered, it is alleged, he locked the door and committed a brutal assault on her.

The young woman afterwards boarded the train for the east, and on reaching Oshawa informed her sister of the alleged assault. The police there were notified, and Miss Lebar was advised to return to Toronto and make the complaint. She came here yesterday accompanied by a constable and interviewed Staff Inspector Archibald, who had the warrant issued for Hawes' arrest.

ICE LEAVES THE DON.

Now is the Time to Fish for Suckers in the Noble River—A Thaw Flood.

The Don is clear of ice as far up as the dam at the first paper mill, and sucker fishing is great. The ice went away very respectably this year, it having been a thaw flood instead of a rain flood, as is usually the case. A rain flood always brings a large volume of water and ice from the upper portion of the stream, which submerges the entire flats and often causes a lot of destruction to property. To avoid damage south of the Queen-street bridge, the ice was blown up with dynamite yesterday morning.

As the main portion of the noble river is now clear there is very little likelihood that the ice which is due from the north in a day or so will make much fuss on its trip to the lake.

A patrol man was placed on the C.P.R. tracks yesterday, from Winchester bridge to Leaside Jct., in the Don Valley, on the look out for the wash-down of the terra cotta clay which comes from the cut banks on the east side of the track during the spring thaws. His duty is to see that the track is always clear of any obstruction.

DEADLY TORNADO IN ALABAMA.

Twenty-Five Persons Killed, Five of Whom Were White—Property Loss of $250,000.

Birmingham, Ala., March 25.—Shortly before 10 o'clock this morning a fearful tornado swept over the southern section of this city, traveling in an easterly direction. The number of killed is estimated at 25. Only five of them are white. The destruction of property is placed at a quarter of a million dollars. Eighteen bodies had been recovered from the debris up to dark, and scores of injured have been removed to the hospitals.

Among the dead are: Dr. G. G. Chapman, of the firm of Tally & Chapman, who conduct a private infirmary in this city, and the wife and infant child of Hon. J. Lowe, chairman of the Democratic Executive State Committee; also the little daughter of B. B. Hudson. All the rest are colored.

Insult or Blunder?

Sault Ste. Marie Star: The new Dominion Government issue of four dollar bills contains a beautifully executed cut of the American ship canal with a Canadian steamer, the Alberta, of the Canadian Pacific Railway line, being locked thru into the St. Mary's River. If this is a mistake it is a very stupid and inexcusable one on the part of the Government. If it is intentional it is an insult to the people of Canada, who have a canal of their own at the Sault quite as good as either of the American. The Government is advertising the American canal as tho we had none in Canada. It has long been known that the present administration was lacking in enterprise and patriotism, but this is going to an extreme which Canadians generally will not tolerate. We sincerely hope for the honor of Canada that this is only a stupid blunder, and if so we trust the Government will call in all bills now issued and correct the mistake at once.

First Thunderstorm of Century.

Toronto enjoyed its initial 20th century thunderstorm at about 11 o'clock last night. For half an hour or so the rain descended in pieces, and the streets received a bath that was timely. The storm was not of long duration, but it was very sincere during its sojourn here. The lightning was of splendid quality, but the thunder seemed a little out of practice.

Edwards and Hart-Smith, Chartered Accountants, offices Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

Careful Thought

Is given to every detail of the process of making "Clubb's Dollar Mixture." In the selection of the stock, in the blending and the packing, every effort is put forth to produce the best tobacco, and the efforts succeed. One lb. tin, $1; ½-lb. tin, 50c; ¼-lb. package, 25c; sample 1-10-lb. package, 10c. At A Clubb & Sons, 49 King-St. West.

Resolve on a new suit of clothes for Easter, resolve on having a stylish, seasonable, well-fitting suit by leaving the order with Hobberlin Bros. & Co., 153 Yonge St., whose fame is great with all careful men-dressers.

What's Up?—Umbrellas!

Last season Fairweather's (84 Yonge) could reckon their umbrella stock as "a few choice ones." This spring the firm is showing a great range of them—extra values—all prices, from $1.00 to $15.00, with special mention of their close-rolling natural wood stick, all-silk, line, at $5.25.

Turkish Baths at Pember's, 75c

High School Board.

The High School Board last night decided that Miss Thomas should be classed with university graduates and $190 arrears of salary be paid her. Last year's salary estimates will stand for this year, and will need an overdraft of $2440.

Articles for Sale. See next page. 6246

INFORMATION VOUCHSAFED.

Mr. Clancy's Curiosity Appeased as to the Amount of "Paddy" Imported Under Preference.

TORONTO BRANCH POSTOFFICES.

Aid to the Doukhobors—Mr. Stubbs and Mr. O'Brien Draw Government Pay.

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—Mr. Clancy got the following information from Hon. Mr. Paterson in the House to-day:

The quantity of uncleaned or unhulled rice, or "paddy," imported from Great Britain and entered for consumption in Canada in 1900 amounted to 10,047,075 pounds, valued at $132,221, of which amounts 10,609,779 pounds, valued at $131,450, were entered at preferential tariff rates. It was chiefly grown in British India.

Toronto Station B Postoffice.

Mr. E. F. Clarke was informed by Hon. J. Sutherland to-day that the building which is now occupied as Station B of Toronto postoffice was leased on Aug. 14, 1900, from A. L. Bender for five years, at $750 per annum. There was no rent paid directly to the late postmaster at the York-street branch, but a salary of $900 and commission was allowed.

Aid to the Doukhobors.

Mr. Sutherland also gave the following figures in answer to a question by Mr. Wilson:

The sum of $35,817 was paid the Doukhobors by way of bonus, $52,008 of which was handed over to the committee in Winnipeg, the balance being expended in provisions. The rate was £1 per head. Nothing was loaned to them, but $20,000 was paid for supplies, liens being taken on their lands. No distinct account is kept of the expense of locating different nationalities. No account was kept for medical attendance. No separate account is kept to show the proportionate cost of English, Irish, Scotch, Galician and Doukhobor immigrants.

No Labor Clause Inserted.

Hon. Mr. Blair informed Mr. E. F. Clarke that no labor clause had been inserted in the contract for the 20 locomotives given by the Government to the Kingston Locomotive Works.

Replying to a long question by Mr. LaRiviere, Mr. Fisher said the Government is considering the matter of Canadian horses for the army.

Messrs. Stubbs and O'Brien.

Mr. Jennett was informed that William Stubbs, former representative of Cardwell, had been appointed official veterinary to the Department of Agriculture in regard to tuberculosis, at a slary of $1200, and that W. E. O'Brien of Shanty Bay had been appointed Commissioner to the Glasgow Exhibition, at a salary of $2500, living expenses of $5 a day and traveling allowance.

Mr. Henderson (sarcastically): Pretty good.

Duncan C. Anderson of Oro, East Simcoe, has been appointed lecturer on agriculture in British Columbia, at $3 a day.

SENATE IS NOT SATISFIED.

University Will Ask the Government to Be More Liberal With the Cash Grant.

WOULD LIKE FIFTY THOUSAND.

Deputation Will Wait Upon Hon. Mr. Harcourt at the Parliament Buildings, To-Day.

All is excitement in University circles in regard to the attitude of the Government toward the University. Saturday afternoon there was a meeting of a sub-committee of the University Senate to prepare a report. Last night the Senate met and approved the report, which will be presented to the Government to-day at 12 o'clock. While the particulars of this report have not been divulged, it is certain that the general trend of it is in regard to the financial condition of the University, the constitutional changes made by the Government in the new bill being ignored in view of the more pressing question of money. The import of the report is to urge upon the Government to be more liberal in the cash grant.

One of the members of the Senate being questioned on the point admitted this, and it may be surmised that the report asks for the $50,000 before requested, but falling in this that an amount approaching that figure be given. All the members of the Senate are reticent on the subject.

That the issue is not going to be allowed to die is evident from the activity of the Senate, a committee of which will meet this evening, again on Wednesday and also on Thursday, with a special meeting of the Senate on Friday evening. These committee meetings, however, will, it is understood, be attended by a majority of the Senate.

The Alumni also are active and will have a meeting to-night in the secretary's apartments to discuss the action of the Government, with which they are not at all pleased. The Government has fallen far short of their expectations, and, if necessary, another and greater deputation will be assembled to again press the claims of the provincial seat of learning.

Lightning Fired a Stable.

A frame stable on Fisher-street, the property of the Globe Paint Company, was visited by fire shortly before 11 o'clock last night. The fire originated when the thunderstorm was in progress, and is believed to have been caused by lightning. Six horses were taken out of the building with considerable difficulty. The loss on building and contents is placed at $1000, fully covered by insurance. Police Constable Walsh turned in the alarm.

Death of Mrs. Dorrien.

The death occurred yesterday of Margaret Dorrien, wife of Mr. John Dorrien, manager of the Dorrien Plating and Manufacturing Company, at her late residence, 565 Sherbourne-street. Deceased was widely known in many circles, and her death will be deeply regretted.

Mrs. Pottinger Dead at 91.

Moncton, March 25.—Mrs. Pottinger, mother of General Manager Pottinger of the Intercolonial Railway, died at her son's residence here this evening, aged 91 years. She was born in Pictou, and her body will be taken there on Wednesday for burial.

It Was No. 18.

It was at 15 East Wellington-street that Inspector Hall found the young men and women carousing on Saturday night, and not at No. 18, as stated thru a typographical error in The World of yesterday.

All druggists sell Gibbons' Toothache Gum. Price 10c. 246

City of Venice Floated.

London, March 25.—The British steamer City of Venice, which grounded Saturday night in a dangerous position 17 miles below Calcutta, has been floated.

TO CURE THE GRIP IN TWO DAYS. Lavative Bromo-Quinine removes the cause

SEVERAL NEW BILLS READ.

Sir Louis Davies Brought in Three in Relation to Navigation Matters and Shipping.

MR. RICHARDSON'S RAILWAY BILL.

The Member for Lisgar Wants a Clause in Each Charter Providing for Expropriation.

Ottawa, March 25.—(Special.)—In the House to-day, Sir Louis Davies moved the first reading of a bill to amend the Inland Waters Seamen's Act. The object of the bill is to define what are the inland waters of Canada.

The bill was read.

Sir Louis also moved the first reading of a bill to further amend the Act Respecting the Safety of Ships. The object is to bring the Canadian act into conformity with the Imperial statute. The empty spaces on the decks of steamships, which are now covered in, may, by this amendment, be filled with some light material, like hay.

The bill was read.

The first reading was also moved by Sir Louis of a bill respecting enquiries and investigations into shipping casualties. The Minister of Marine explained that there have been complaints of British captains that they have not received fair play in investigations conducted in Canada. To bring the act, so far as it relates to certificates granted by the British Board of Trade, into line, a County Court judge, or some other legal person, will preside, and will have the assistance of a competent nautical assessor. In regard to British certificates, also, the Minister of Marine will not have appellate power. But in regard to certificates granted by the Minister of Marine, the law will remain as at present.

The bill was read.

Mr. Richardson's Bill.

Mr. Richardson moved the first reading of his bill to amend the Railway Act. The object, as explained by him, is that the Railway Act shall have a clause empowering the insertion in every railway charter of a provision for expropriation; also that any bonus given to the road may be deducted from the purchase price, in case of the Government taking the road over.

Mr. Richardson explained that in the first railway charter granted in Canada, viz., the Champlain and St. Lawrence road, also the G.T.R. and the Great Western, such a clause was inserted.

The bill was read.

'TWAS A GOODLY COMPANY.

London Old Boys' Association Have a Jolly Time at the Temple Cafe.

The London Old Boys' Association made merry in the Assembly Hall of the Temple last night, the occasion being their annual dinner and re-union. President Dr. Fred Winnett was chairman, with Joseph W. Davis, Atwell Fleming and Joseph W. Hickson in the role of vice-chairmen; and there were about 150 of London's sons seated around the festive board. The gathering was graced by the presence of Mayor Howland, Col. Lavs, M.L.A., and the following who came down from the metropolis of the west for the feast: Mayor Rumball, Police Magistrate Love, Ald. Parnell, Ald. Gerry, Frank Cooper, Thomas Gillian, James Bell, R. K. Conn, Thomas Bland, Dr. Winnett, City Clerk Kingstone, Charles Graham, George Belton and Sam Stevely.

MRS. CRAIG'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Seized With Fainting Spell and Expired Before Medical Assistance Could Be Procured.

Heart disease caused the death of Mrs. Thomas Craig very suddenly at her home, 792 East Queen-street, yesterday. While attending to her household duties, she was seized with a fainting spell. Dr. Stevens was summoned, but Mrs. Craig expired before his arrival. She was 34 years of age, and was apparently in good health until a very short time before her death. Her husband is employed at Nelles' liquor store. There are no children. The interment will take place to-morrow afternoon in Norway Cemetery.

MISS PAUL AGAIN FOUND.

The Unfortunate Toronto Woman Discovered in Tonawanda and Taken Back to Buffalo.

Buffalo, March 25.—Shortly before 11 o'clock this morning the missing Miss May Paul of Toronto was brought to the office of the Overseer of the Poor in this city by Henry Schultz, Overseer of the Poor at Tonawanda, who found her at that place early this morning. She says that she has no recollection whatever of what took place yesterday or Saturday afternoon. It is supposed that she was suffering from temporary mental aberration, due to the grip.

A cousin of Miss Paul left this city last night for Buffalo to take charge of the young woman and bring her to Toronto, provided her condition is such that she cannot continue her journey to the home of her sister in Cleveland.

RAILWAY NOTES FROM MONTREAL

No Rate-Slashing in Prospect— C. P. R. and Grand Trunk Representatives at Pan-American.

Montreal, March 25.—(Special.)—The passenger departments of the G.T.R. and C.P.R. say that there is no truth in the Toronto report that rate-slashing will follow the meeting of the Canadian lines held last week in the Queen City.

The Canadian Pacific Railway will be represented at the Pan-American Exhibition by Sydney Haywood, formerly of Calcutta, India, and the Grand Trunk by R. M. C. Smith, formerly of Toronto, but recently of Cincinnati.

Hanlan's Point Leased.

Negotiations are just about completed whereby the Toronto Ferry Company will grant a lease of Hanlan's Point for the coming season to Lawrence Solomon. The documents will probably be signed to-day, and will include the privileges of the hotel, billiard room, bowling alley, amusements and everything else on the Ferry Company's end of the Island, as well as the steamers Mayflower, Primrose, Shamrock, Thistle, Luella, Island Queen, Arlington and Kathleen. The steamer John Hanlan, which is owned by Mr. Solomon, will be added to the fleet. It is understood that Mr. Solomon will himself undertake the management of the Point, and may be assisted by Mr. Garwood, who has been there some years. Mr. A. J. Small of the Toronto Opera House has been asked to arrange for the season's attractions, but he says he will be too busy with his new theatres and will therefore have to decline.

Col. Steele to Have a Rest.

Ottawa, March 25.—Col. Steele will not return to South Africa with the Constabulary. He will enjoy a six weeks' furlough before returning to assume the important command given him by the Imperial Government.

Archbishop Lewis Better.

New York, March 25.—The Most Rev. John Travers Lewis, whose condition yesterday was considered critical, was said to be improving to-day.

BOER FORCES BADLY DEFEATED BY GEN. BABINGTON'S COMMAND

Delarey Was in Command of the Enemy and His Rear Guard Were Driven in—Convoy Captured and a Lot of Guns, Ammunition and Prisoners Taken.

London, March 25.—The War Office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener:

"Pretoria, March 25.—Babington's force, including Shekelton's column, attacked Delarey, 1500 strong, southwest of Ventersdorp, and, having defeated him, followed him up rapidly, with the result that the Boer rear guard were driven in and their convoy, including the guns, captured at Vaalbank.

"Our troops displayed great gallantry and dash. They captured two fifteen-pounder guns, one pompom, six maxims, 320 rounds of big ammunition, 15,000 rounds of small ammunition, 160 rifles, 53 wagons and 24 carts, besides taking 140 prisoners.

"Our losses were slight. Many Boers were killed or wounded."

NO CONFISCATION.

Boers' Lands Will Not Be Expropriated, Says Chamberlain.

London, March 25.—Mr. Chamberlain, in reply to a question as to the reported intention of the Government to settle a number of soldiers in South Africa, replied that the Government had no intention of dispossessing the owners of lands, or of taking land in any other way than it could be taken in England. Mr. Balfour, reinforcing the Colonial Secretary's statement, said the Government did not contemplate any such suicidal folly as confiscating the lands of the Boers.

Caused the Chancellor to Consider.

Liverpool, March 25.—The Daily Post hears that the failure of the peace negotiations in South Africa is causing the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, to consider the expediency of abandoning the suggestion of a shilling registration duty on corn in favor of a two-shilling direct duty.

Queenstown Menaced by Boers.

Queenstown, Cape Colony, March 25.—The town guard here has been called out owing to reports that a force of Boers is near the town. Business has been shut down in order to allow the employes to man the trenches and the forts day and night. The Boers, said to be 20 miles off, are alleged to have crossed the railroad near Drummond.

Must Fight to the Bitter End.

London, March 25.—The Colonial Secretary, Mr. Chamberlain, when asked in the House of Commons to-day if it was possible to change the offer of peace terms to the Boers, said the negotiations were closed and there was no intention of reopening them.

BOER DELEGATES IN LONDON.

Messrs. Merriman and Sauer Want to Address the Commons Regarding Peace Settlement.

London, March 25.—Sir Robert Reid today laid upon the table of the House of Commons a petition from Messrs. Merriman and Sauer, respectively former Treasurer of Cape Colony and former Commissioner of Public Works of Cape Colony, asking for permission to address the House with respect to the peace settlement in South Africa, and especially against the establishment of a Crown colony form of government. The petitioners have dropped the idea of protesting against annexation.

SIFTON IS AGAINST THE DEAL, SO AN OTTAWA REPORT SAYS

Could Swing the Ottawa Government Against It If He Were to Try —Mr. Mackenzie Has No Fear of Bargain Being Blocked —Mr. Rogers Thinks Bill Will Be Ratified.

Winnipeg, March 25.—(Special)—An Ottawa despatch published here to-night says: "Mr. Sifton is said to have expressed a private opinion against the deal, and if he were to come out strongly against it publicly, and use the force of his position, it could possibly easily be beaten, as he could likely swing the Government."

Mr. Mackenzie is Confident.

Mr. Wm. Mackenzie arrived to-day from the east, and in company with Hon. Robert Rogers paid a visit to the Attorney-General's office. When asked by a reporter about the taking over of the N.P. lines, Mr. Mackenzie said: "It was never the intention that the Government should be bound to take over the road before April 1, or that the contract should be voided by their failure to do so. Time is not the essence of the contract. The road will, no doubt, be taken over in due course, and I do not think that anybody need worry themselves over the matter."

Mr. Rogers in Good Humor.

Mr. Rogers, when questioned regarding his trip east, appeared in high good humor. "Everything is most satisfactory," said he, "and my trip has been all that could be expected. I think there is no doubt of the bill being ratified at Ottawa."

What Mr. Davidson Said.

When questioned regarding the taking over of the N.P. lines by the Government, Hon. Mr. Davidson said: "There is no truth in the report that the lines are being transferred to-day, and I do not anticipate that they will be until the Government can at once transfer them to the Canadian Northern Company, as the Government does not want to assume the responsibility of operating them even for a few days, altho we are quite prepared to do so if necessary. There is nothing to gain by such a step, and I do not think that the N.P. will require it. We do not consider that the N.P. people have any desire to embarrass the Government, even if they could. The story about President Mellen coming to Winnipeg is all nonsense, as there is not the least occasion for his presence."

Winnipeg Notes.

Premier Roblin is confined to his house to-day by slight indisposition.

It is generally considered that the Legislature will prorog on Friday.

In The Free Press criminal libel suit the defence has summoned Messrs. Roblin, Davidson and Rogers.

KILLED BY HIS OWN WEAPON.

Noah Tarles, a Young Man of Thistletown, Met Death While Duck Shooting.

CHARGE ENTERED HIS ABDOMEN

Medical Aid Was Futile, and the Unfortunate Victim Passed Away Last Night.

Thistletown, March 25.—(Special.)—Noah Tarles, a young man of this town, went out shooting ducks on Longtree's Flats this afternoon. When near Humberford, the trigger of his gun got caught on a twig, and the gun went off.

The full charge of duck shot struck him, entering his abdomen, and making a horrible wound. The intestines protruded, and were cut in several places, as if by a knife. A doctor was summoned to his aid, but the nature of the young man's wounds rendered all medical assistance futile. After suffering untold agonies, the unfortunate man passed away about 8 o'clock to-night.

The deceased was popular with his fellows, and was the son of John Tarles, a respected farmer living near here.

Patents.—Fetherstonhaugh & Co., King-street West, Toronto, also Montreal, Ottawa and Washington.

MARRIAGES.

EATON—GORDON—On March 25, 1901, at 95 Walker-avenue, Toronto, by the Rev. T. W. Patterson of Christ Church, Deer Park, Violet May, eldest daughter of the late Commander Andrew R. Gordon, lieutenant R.N., and granddaughter of Sir Melville Parker, Bart., of "Knoyle," Cooksville, Ont., to Lieut. Robert Barry, South African Constabulary, second son of James K. Eaton, C.E., of Truro, N.S.

DEATHS.

DORRIEN—At 565 Sherbourne-street, Margaret, beloved wife of Henry John Dorrien.

Funeral notice hereafter.

LANGTON—On Sunday, 24th inst., at his late residence, 1128 Queen-street west, John Langton, member of Toronto Lodge, No. 30, K. of P., in his 36th year.

Funeral Tuesday, March 26, at 2 p.m. sharp. Friends and acquaintances please accept this intimation.

WEATHERBURN—At 98 Seaton-street, on Monday, March 25, 1901, Mary, widow of the late John Weatherburn, aged 68 years.

Funeral Wednesday at 2 p.m. to Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

CRAIG—On Monday morning, March 26, 1901, Isabella, beloved wife of Thomas Craig, at her late residence, 792 East Queen-street.

Funeral Wednesday at 4 o'clock to Norway Cemetery.

POLITICAL POINTERS.

The official return of the result of the bye-election in North Bruce was made by the returning officer at Tara on Saturday. James Halliday, Conservative, was officially declared elected by a majority of 11.

An Established Reputation.

There is a long difference between hats made to wear and hats made to sell.

The manufacturers who are mostly to be relied upon are those who combine good quality and up-to-date styles with low prices, and in this particular the famous Henry Heath of London and the celebrated Dunlap of New York have stood the test of years.

The W. & D. Dineen Co., corner of Yonge and Temperance-streets, are their sole selling agents, and the enormous sales made each year testify that their reputation is already established. The prices are less than many makers who have no reputation.

Unsettled Weather.

Meteorological Office, Toronto, March 25.—(8 p.m.)—The disturbance mentioned last night is now centred over Michigan, and pressure is highest in the Maritime Provinces. Showers have been fairly general in the Georgian Bay and lower lake region, together with a few local thunderstorms, and snow has fallen over Lake Superior. Elsewhere it has been fine.

Minimum and maximum temperatures—Victoria, 42—46; Calgary, 26—46; Qu'Appelle, 18—30; Winnipeg, 24—34; Pt. Arthur, 28—30; Parry Sound, 36—44; Toronto, 37—46; Montreal, 28—38; Quebec, 24—32; Halifax, 30—50.

Probabilities.

Lower Lakes and Georgian Bay—Continued mild; occasional showers; fair intervals.

Ottawa Valley, Upper and Lower St. Lawrence: Unsettled, mild and showery.

Gulf and Maritime—Fresh to strong easterly to southerly winds, turning unsettled and showery.

Lake Superior—Light falls of sleet or snow at most places; not much change in temperature.

Manitoba—Fair; higher temperature on Wednesday.

The new spring stock of clothing is ready at the Oak Hall stores, 115 King-street East and 116 Yonge-street.

STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

March 25.	At.	From.
Numidian	Brow Head	Portland
Rhynland	Liverpool	Philadelphia
Tauric	Liverpool	New York
Pr. Vic. Louise	Genoa	New York
Bolivia	Marseilles	New York
Norge	Copenhagen	New York

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