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FUTURE OF C. N. R. BRIGHT, SAYS MACKENZIE

Despite "Mischievous Reports," Overseas Friends of Railway More Enthusiastic Than Ever and His Own Optimism Was Never Greater.

MONTREAL, May 7.—(Special.)—Sir William Mackenzie, president of the Canadian Northern, whose mission to England has caused so much comment throughout Canada, arrived here this afternoon, and previous to leaving for Toronto, made the following statement: "Notwithstanding mischievous reports to the contrary, I have returned from the borrowing centre of the world, feeling just as confident as ever over the success of the Canadian Northern enterprise. I am glad to be able to say that our financial friends on the other side are more enthusiastic than ever over the outlook of the company, and of the general development of the line, and we are all inspired by the fact that the last spike uniting Toronto with Vancouver, over the Canadian Northern rails, will be driven somewhere in the Rockies in November next.

As for the connection with Montreal, the date will be a little later, owing to short delay in the completion of the line between Pembroke and Port Arthur. Montreal will however, be hitched up with Toronto by an independent line by Dominion Day.

Speaking of the issue of preferred stock in Brazilian Light, Heat and Power Co., Sir William said that the money was required for extensions.

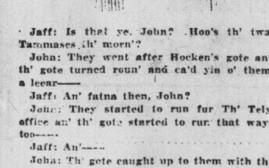
WHEN'S EMPIRE DAY? JOHN BULL UNCERTAIN

Commons in Quandary as to the Wherefore and Why of Celebration.

LONDON, May 7.—(C. A. P.)—Replying to Major MacCallum in the Commons today as to whether it was the intention of the War Office to prohibit all public school corps from parading on Empire Day, Col. Seely said: "Yes, the army council thinks parades of soldiers in uniform should be reserved for the King's birthday."

Sir W. Byles: "Will the right hon. gentleman say when is Empire Day and what does it celebrate?" (Laughter.) "I think the date is the 24th—(Cries of "What?") "of May. I think I am aware that in many of the first self-governing dominions it is regarded as a public holiday and is observed, but in this country we prefer to have our celebrations on the King's birthday."

CITY HALL CAPERS.



Jeff: Is that ye, John? How's th' two Tammases th' morn'?

John: They went after Hocken's cot an' th' gote turned round an' ca'd 'em 'o' them a leen.

Jeff: An' fatna then, John?

John: They started to run for th' Tely office an' th' gote started to run that way, too.

John: An'...

John: Th' gote caught up to them with th' 'per' yonost results in such cases as gote rittion peroided.

Jeff: Fatna sio did he gie th' bonny, bonny hunt th' first, John?

John: When lightnin' strikes it's hard to disintegrate th' shocks—they both got in to the Tely office about even.

Jeff: What did ye die, John? Did ye gang out after him?

John: Nup! I confined myself to advisin' that they swear out a charge for assault an' battery, Gote...

Jeff: Tee-hee, John, tee-hee, gote, John.

John: Don't get too gay, pop. Did Th' Gibe get Jim Whitney's annimie?

Jeff: I'm nae sayin', John. But if ye'll come here, my noosie I'll gie ye on the forengram, Gote...

John: Does Billy know about it?

Jeff: He says, speakin' o' th' Tammasies an' th' Jonnies, fa' th' gotes wud destroy they first make mad.

John: He got a fit to be mad; we've run th' city hall for ten years an' shed our blood to get our Tommies in, not to be Billied out by kates, An' Adam Bek an' John O'Neill's makin' up an' th' gotes.

Jeff: Let me hit th' ye, John, Gote, Bilyard.

John: ...

WATCHED LIGHTNING CAVORT ABOUT HIM

Man Held Breath While His Room Was Completely Wrecked.

Special to The Toronto World.
WINSTED, Conn., May 7.—Brainard Beany held his breath as he lay on a lounge in his home on West Hill last evening and watched a bolt of lightning cavort about him. The ball of fire tore off shingles and plaster, broke out window lights, tore off door casings, ripped up a carpet, riddled an umbrella, burnt a wire cord letting a picture drop, smashed the front door and completely destroyed the telephone instrument. Beany felt no ill effects, but his housekeeper, Mrs. Anna Smith, who was in the kitchen, was shocked.

UNLAWFUL TO KEEP DATE WITH SPOOKS

Buffalo Man Quite Indiscreetly Told Policeman at Falls About It.

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y., May 7.—"I'm going down to Prospect Point to keep a date with the spirits at 2 o'clock," said William F. Ehle, 35 years old, Buffalo, to Reservation Constable Charles J. Martin at 1:30 o'clock this morning, while walking toward the brink. Martin arrested him to prevent him from going over the Falls. "I expected to be arrested for making the remark to the officer," said Ehle, in the police court today. "I don't know why to unlock the door to await the arrival of Buffalo friends. Ehle said he had a wife and child in Buffalo.

BEST WAY TO MAKE CORONER'S COCKTAIL

Special to The Toronto World.
CHICAGO, May 7.—Coroner Peter S. Hoffman of Cook County has evolved "the coroner's cocktail," which he guarantees to stimulate business for the coroner. This is the way to make it: "Mix three chorus girls with as many men, and soak in champagne until midnight, squeeze into an automobile, add a dash of joy and a drunken chauffeur. Shake well and serve in 15 minutes an hour. Coroner's inquest is the result."

TOO MANY ONIONS FOR KING EDWARD

His Late Majesty Rebuked Footmen, According to "What I Know."

Special Cable to The World.
LONDON, May 7.—(Copyright)—"Hawkins, you've been eating onions," angrily exclaimed King Edward to his servant footman one day at Biarritz, according to Edward VII's motor mechanic, C. W. Stamper, in a book just issued, entitled "What I Know."

Stamper confesses that the sergeant footman, the knight courier, and the postmaster, who were with him, had been eating onions. The King was proceeding to tell him when he stopped short, looked at the man, and then accused him of eating onions. "You've been eating onions," protested the courier.

"Yes, you have. I'm sure you have. Send Mr. Hilley here at once, and Mr. Greer."

"Yes, your majesty."

The sergeant footman withdrew, and presently Postmaster Hilley was announced. The King called him to his side and was beginning to read to him a telegram he wanted him to despatch when he burst out:

"Hilley, you've been eating onions."

"No, your majesty," said the postmaster, instinctively recoiling.

"Yes, you have; it's disgraceful."

The courier then entered the room and approached very warily, but his majesty's sense of smell was keen, and all further efforts to suppress the facts in the case were unavailing. The King looked up harshly, sat back in his chair, and growled:

"I'm done. If you haven't been eating onions, too."

"A HORSE ON ME," SAID THIS DRIVER

And the Animal Certainly Was on Him With Both Feet.

Special to The Toronto World.
NEW YORK, May 7.—George Bennett of East Hampton, L. I., was injured today when a runaway horse jumped into his wagon, knocking Bennett out. A team owned by Charles Hackett of East Hampton, frightened by a squealing pig, ran away. As the team came abreast of Bennett's wagon the horse shied and jumped, landing in the vehicle, feet in air. Bennett was knocked unconscious, cut and bruised, and it is feared has internal injuries. It took an hour to get the horse out of the wagon, in which it was wedged. A glass jar of vinegar in the vehicle was not broken.

BURIED THEIR QUEEN

Bees Built Wall of Wax and Then Left the Hive.

ANTARCTIC EXPLORER OTTAWA BOUND TO HELP STEFANSSON IN ORGANIZING

MONTREAL, May 7.—(Can. Press.)—Dr. A. Forbes Mackay, who was one of the medical men attached to the expedition to the south polar regions which won Sir Ernest Shackleton his knighthood, was a passenger by the Allan liner Granman, which arrived here from Glasgow this evening. Dr. Mackay stated that he had come out to join the Swedish explorer Stefansson in his expedition to the far north, and expected to be absent for three and a half to four years, before returning to civilization.

LAMP THROWN DURING FIGHT SET FIRE TO THREE HOUSES AND NEARLY COST TWO LIVES

Drunken Quarrel at One o'Clock This Morning Terminated in the Destruction of Houses 107 to 111 Sherbourne Street Andrew Thomas and Lizzie Thompson Were Locked in Room and Had to Be Rescued by Firemen Before Being Arrested by Police—Roofer Overcome by Smoke and Taken to Hospital.

Locked in a burning room at 111 Sherbourne street, the door of which the firemen could effect their rescue, Lizzie Thompson and Andrew Thomas were within an ace of losing their lives at 1 o'clock this morning in a fire which is said to have resulted from the man throwing a lighted lamp from the woman, and which spread to the adjoining premises at 109 and 107, causing damage estimated at \$800. The couple were in such an intoxicated condition that when the blaze started to spread they were unable to unlock the door, and would have perished but for the arrival of the firemen. When carried out, both of them were suffering from slight burns, while the hair of the woman was badly singed. A boarder in the house, John Foster, a middle-aged man, was overcome by smoke and had to be rushed to St. Michael's hospital for treatment. The couple were taken to Court street station, where a charge of intoxication was preferred against them.

Great Excitement.
Scenes of the greatest excitement attended the release of the couple, the houses in this district are thickly tenanted. Many of the occupants rushed to the street in their night clothes, and hampered the movements of the fire-fighters. The first alarm received at fire headquarters was that Price's stables were on fire, but the real locality was soon learned to be 109 and 107.

Narrow Escapes.
The fire had attained such a good hold at the point of outbreak that in a few minutes tongues of flame had reached the neighboring building at 109 Sherbourne, tenanted by Jacob Wolfman, and secured lodgment on the roof in a short time this house was a mass of flames, and many of the lodgers had difficulty in effecting their escape from the threatened premises. All fled to safety in their night clothes. The several lines of hose were brought into commission, the blaze spread to 107 Sherbourne, tenanted by Thomas McGuire, and before the fire was brought under control this was partially destroyed.

Riot Averted.
When the Thompson woman and her companion were carried down by their rescuers, and it was ascertained that they were to be handed over to the police, the crowd became ugly and surged around both officers and firemen, demanding the release of the couple. Fortunately a riot was averted by the prompt arrival of the patrol wagon, and the prisoners were rushed to the station.

Later the report went out that there were still other lodgers locked in their rooms at No. 111 Sherbourne, and a thorough search resulted in the finding of John Foster, who was discovered unconscious in bed. His condition is said to be critical.

CLOTHING FRED PREMIER BORDEN DIED OF BURNS

Mrs. Robert Orr Fatally Injured While Mixing Medicine For Her Husband's Horses.

Mrs. Robert Orr, 50 years old, 182 Morse street, died in the General Hospital at 2:15 this morning, as the result of burns she sustained in the kitchen of her home yesterday afternoon, when some turpentine she was boiling on the stove ignited and set her clothing on fire. So fast did the flames spread that the woman was unable to beat them out and screamed for assistance. The only other occupant of the house, however, was her husband, who was lying upstairs in bed, where he had been confined, as the result of being struck by a motor car some time ago.

Despite the fact that he heard the shrieks of his wife, he was unable to respond, and the woman, now enveloped in flames from head to foot, rushed into the street.

Several neighbors rushed to her assistance and attempted to beat the fire out with their coats, but without avail. Bicycle Constable Winters of the Pope avenue station arrived at this juncture, and with presence of mind rushed into the house, procured a blanket, and smothered the flames. He then summoned Dr. H. M. East, 1011 East Queen street, who, after rendering first aid, had the woman rushed to the hospital in the police ambulance.

According to a statement made to The World last night, Mrs. Orr, whose husband is a teamster, had been preparing some medicine for one of his horses and accidentally spilled some of the turpentine on the hot stove. This instantly burst into flame and before she could draw back, her clothing became ignited.

Immediately after the accident some person turned in a fire alarm to which Bolton avenue residents responded. When they arrived, however, they found that their services were not required.

PRESTON MAN GETS APPOINTMENT.
GALT, May 7.—(Special.)—H. Gale Legg, C.E., town engineer, Preston, has received an appointment from the Dominion Government to a position in the chief architect's office at Ottawa, and left tonight to assume his new duties.

LEGISLATURE CENSURES PROUDFOOT WHO REFUSES TO RESIGN HIS SEAT; WHITNEY AND HANNA ARE CLEARED

CONDEMNATION AND CENSURE FOR MEMBER FOR CENTRE HURON

Following is the amendment made by T. W. McGarry, and seconded by Dr. Priest, Conservative whip, to the minority report brought in by the opposition. It was carried by a vote of 69 to 19, with Sir James Whitney, Hon. W. J. Hanna and Wm. Proudfoot not voting, and Allan Studholme voting with the opposition. On the same division the majority report of Chairman Howard Ferguson was carried: "That all the words in the amendment after the first word be struck out, and the following substituted therefor: 'The following words be added to the motion (the majority report): And this house deems it to be its duty to place on record its unqualified condemnation and censure of the conduct of the member for Centre Huron in putting before this house charges of a serious character reflecting upon the honor of two ministers of the crown, and which charges were shown by sworn testimony of witnesses called by the said member for Centre Huron to be untrue and without foundation whatever, and this house further censures and condemns the conduct of the said member for Centre Huron in refusing to be sworn and to place on record his explanation to his said charges when called upon by the said committee to do so.'

HANNA CHALLENGES PROUDFOOT TO SUBSTANTIATE HIS CHARGES BUT MEMBER KEEPS SILENCE

Sitting stolidly in his place in the opposition ranks of the legislature yesterday afternoon, William Proudfoot of Centre Huron faced one of the most embarrassing political situations of his career. Challenge after challenge the provincial secretary, whom he had charged with corrupt and improper practice, hurled at him, defying him to substantiate accusations from which the very bases had been torn. A veritable wall of jeers and taunting laughter rising up from eager members failed to arouse him, until the minister, turning to him, accepted his silence as his own assent to the utter failure of his attempts to bring the charges against any member of the government.

"Any little evidence apart from the statements of the Manonville letter re 'coal tenders'" prompted Mr. Hanna. "No reply."

"Any evidence re underfed stokers?" Still no answer.

"Then clamor broke loose, and the rules of parliamentary decorum went by the board.

Long Discussion.
This followed by a discussion participated in by both sides of the house, in which the opposition demanded a royal commission because of unfair committee tactics on the part of the government members claimed an exhaustive and thorough vindication of all parties concerned.

When Mr. Hanna rose to speak, the applause from the desks on all sides was so deafening that for a few moments he was forced to wait. "There was no hesitation in the manner in which he faced the assembly, however, and it was seen at once that he meant to have the matter out for their good and all."

Mr. Hanna's Statement.
"When these charges were made on the floor of the house, I said that I not only did not shrink from them, but that I welcomed them," he began, "and I said it for reasons which are perhaps more apparent to the house today than they were at the time. I have no intention of attempting to review the evidence or going over the ground which has been covered by others so much better than I could do, but there is one stage I may be permitted to refer to. That is that when the charges were made I knew the responsibility resting on me, and I would feel the same responsibility on my part."

"One thing, however, I want to make plain, and that is that the most cruel, unjust, unmanly, and I may say, inhuman act, was when they included Sir James Whitney in those charges. If Sir James Whitney, during the past two or three weeks has been dragged in the mud with his name in every newspaper, it has been because of an indiscretion of mine, an indiscretion, if I may say, if the men who backed these charges were as honest as I was when I took the matter up with Sir James, or when he took it up with me and later came down on the floor of the house and stated the truth, and the whole truth, might be charged to them."

"They got the whole truth, and he did not have to be put on oath to get it. I dealt with my full knowledge and concurrence."

What Responsibility.
This latter statement the minister repeated, and then turned to the remark of Mr. Rowell concerning the responsibility of making a charge on the floor of the house.

"Let me ask here on the floor of the house," he said, "the responsibility of the member from Centre Huron? Let me ask if he has taken more responsibility. How is he going to discharge it? What is his next move? I speak not concerning myself particularly, but the house. I am not here pretending to put up a defence for Sir James, for he does not need a leader. Here the minister brought home fully to the mind of the member who had launched the charges the brink on which he was standing. "I make the suggestion, and I hope that the member from Centre Huron will take it to himself and consider it—that if he acts up to what his leader

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Man Who Formulated the Charges of Improper Conduct Against Ministers Was Strongly Condemned After Wild Scenes in the House—Opposition Still Demands a Royal Commission to Investigate Charges Which Have Utterly Collapsed.

The Ontario Legislature has cleared the names of Sir James Whitney and Hon. W. J. Hanna from any suggestion of improper or corrupt practice. Amid the enthusiastic cheering of the assembled host of members, the singing of voices and thunders upon the desks, which literally rocked the chamber, the house signified the closing term for the year 1913 by establishing with finality the utter falsification of the Proudfoot charges and placing on the records an unqualified condemnation of the man who had formulated them. This having been carried thru amid unlimited excitement by a division of the house, adjournment until prorogation on Friday followed.

To the end, however, the member from Centre Huron clung obstinately to his position, refused to give up his seat in the assembly, as the provincial secretary had suggested. In the afternoon, as a fitting move for one placed in his embarrassing situation, and urged a royal commission to still further proceed. As if to further flatten his charges and follow their expiation a mere mockery, Mr. Hanna submitted to a cross-examination in the course of the evening and came out in the square denial of certain lingering suspicions of opposition minds. An uproar of applause followed the consequent discomfiture of the inquirer. "Did you return the \$500?" asked Mr. Proudfoot.

"It was contributed to party funds and spent in that way legitimately," came the response.

"Did you ask Taylor for any further subscriptions?" came the next cunning question.

"I did not," retorted Mr. Hanna amid applause, and thereafter the house refused to take Mr. Proudfoot seriously.

Premier's Thanks.
Sir James Whitney followed with a brief statement to the whole chamber. "It is not in accordance with what I consider the finest things or my self-respect that should be done in my address," he said. "I desire to thank my hon. friend from East Hamilton for the frankness and candor with which he has voiced the opinion of every hon. gentleman, even those who have been attempting so industriously to destroy the property of Ontario."

Adjournment.
The rising of T. W. McGarry of South Renfrew, the rapid fire speaker of the house, to speak from an intimate knowledge of the whole affair was greeted with a cheer which was shared by the government members, and his whole address, which was delivered with more spirit than has ever been shown, was punctuated through by rounds of applause.

"To look at this matter dispassionately one should regard the man who brought in the charges," he began. "He should come in with clean hands. First, however, let us see the character of the ministers."

Rapidly reviewing the regime of Sir James Whitney since he had appeared on the scene, he pointed out his opponent dismissed for corruption, his aim had been to live up to the understanding with the people that clean government would follow his move. He had done so, as all knew. Mr. Hanna had always been a fair man, fighting for the rights of the people of the province, and had done more for the advance of civilized legislation than any other for a span of years in the history of the province. Never had there been even the hint of a slur against his character until this miserable statement was made.

What About Proudfoot?
And now he wished to make a few revelations about the formulator of the charges. He had heard of the attack with clear hands? In answer, he would ask the opinions of Milton Carr, Taylor Pipe, George Ross, Howard Campbell and others who had been branded as blinded pigeons by Mr. Proudfoot.

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