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OBSTRUCTION GIVING AWAY

Liberals First Lauded Church-ill and Quoted Him.

Now They are Hammering Britain's Admiralty Lord.

OTTAWA, March 13.—The block- ers are looking about for someone to throw them a rope. The talk is still going on, but its object now is to stave off the collapse which the Lib- eral leaders—those of them who have seats—recognize as inevitable. Many of the Opposition are showing a dis- position to keep out of the hopeless effort which a few irreconcilables, mostly from the Maritime Provinces, insist upon continuing. This has the effect of throwing a greater amount of work upon the few who cannot let go. They have to speak longer and oftener. Since the Churchill corre- spondence was given to the House two nights ago the spirit and heart has been out of the blockade. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is still away from the House. He has not been there since he declared on Monday afternoon that the Churchill tables without the Churchill letters were "not worth the paper they were written on." He is said to be suffering from a cold.

The obstruction yesterday, as Tues- day, took the form of abuse directed against the First Lord of the Admir- alty for giving Premier Borden the information that the building of fleet units in Canada would be unwise and impracticable. The fact that this in- formation was given privately, and was only released in response to the Liberal speaker, has not been for- gotten by the Premier Borden yesterday afternoon took occasion to recall this as- pect of the case to their tired minds. He declared on Monday afternoon that the Churchill tables without the Churchill letters were "not worth the paper they were written on." He is said to be suffering from a cold.

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Business Held Up. Serious results are attending the stoppage of Parliamentary business. No progress whatever has been made with the Bank Act. The Government within the last two days has endeav- ored to arrange with the Opposition so that the Banking and Commerce Committee might sit during the sit- ting of the House. The Liberals re- fused the result being that the re- vision of the Act, which ought to be a non-political question, must wait the end of the blockade. When the re- vision of the Act was last postponed, the bank charters were extended. The time of that extension expires on June 1. This means that the Bank Act or some emergency legislation must be passed. Bankers' business men and others are pressing protests against the continuance of the blockade, personally and by letter, holding up the reciprocal trade agreement with the West In- dies. The Government signified that business ten days ago to bring up the bill for a third reading without discussion, but to this the Opposition would not agree. The result is that the measure cannot go into effect for some weeks. It must pass the Senate, involves certain tariff changes, and the progress of the trade agreement consequently governs the rest. But when in the ordinary course of public affairs the Prime Minister is asked by the First Lord of the Admir- alty for information on definite points, I think hon. gentlemen op- portunist will realize it is the duty of the First Lord to give that information. I don't think the First Lord has given that information in a fair and impar- tial way. Whatever worth there may be with regard to the letters which I have placed on the table should be stated upon my head and not upon (Continued from Page Four).

Hon. Haggart Passes Away

[Canadian Press Despatch] OTTAWA, Ont. March 13.—Hon. John Haggart, member of parliament for South Lanark, ex-postmaster-general and ex-minister of railways and canals, died at his rooms here to-day after an illness of several months duration, which however, did not become acute until a few hours before the end. Death was due to Bright's disease. The deceased statesman had been confined to his bed for about two months. The funeral will take place at Perth on Sunday at 1.30 p.m. from the family resi- dence, where he had resided with his only sister, Mrs. I. N. Miller. Owing to falling health, he had been seen but rarely in the Commons during the last two sessions.

NORTH BRANT MEMBER MADE FINE SPEECH

Mr. J. W. Westbrook M. P. P. Scores the Rowell Party at Toronto.

Mr. J. W. Westbrook, M.P.P. for North Brant, made his maiden speech in the Legislature Tuesday night and created a fine impression on all who heard him. Mr. Westbrook took up the cudgels in great style after Racine of Russell, one of the Opposi- tion members, had wasted the House with a dissertation on various things. The member for North Brant (switted the Rowell party on its failure to pronounce any policy on the much- abused bilingual school question. Premier Whitney had, as usual, come out boldly and taken a stand, but Mr. Rowell still stood uncertain and wavering between the rock of Seyla and the abyss of Charybdis.

In regard to agriculture, Mr. West- brook declared that under the old Liberal plan all the knowledge about the industry was bottled up in the Agricultural College. The Whitney plan of sending out district repre- sentatives placed all scientific in- formation at the very doors of the farm- ers and had proven a great boon to agricultural interests in general. In regard to the liquor license ques- tion, Mr. Rowell wanted it placed under a commission on a non-politi- cal basis, but said Mr. Westbrook amid laughter, no-one acquainted with the leader of the Opposition and his colleagues could believe for a moment that they could keep politics out of anything. The North Brant representative made what was generally considered an effective speech in his maiden effort.

NEW FACTORY A NECESSITY

The Mickle Dymont Company Crowded for Room in Present Quarters.

"No, there is nothing in the report that we have acquired land near the Brantford Cordage Company for a new factory in West Brantford, al- though negotiations were in progress." The above announcement was made by Manager Rhynas of the Mickle-Dymont Company factory this morning. "You may state, however, that we are strained to our capacity in our present quarters, and will probably have to secure more room in the city, but just where we will go has not been settled definitely. "Will it mean a new factory?" "Yes," replied Mr. Rhynas, "and a bigger one."

CONSERVATIVE MEETING

A meeting of the chair- men and sub-chairmen of the South Brant Conservative Association will be held in the Borden Club Rooms on FRIDAY, MARCH 14th, at 8 o'clock sharp. Every chairman is urged to be present as some very important business will be brought up for discussion. W. A. ROBINSON, Secretary.

THE POLICE THREATEN TO STRIKE--- A REAL FINE ROW IS ON TO-DAY

Magistrate Livingston and Chief Slein Deny That They Had Anything to Do With Men's Action—Were Not at the Meeting Yesterday—Mayor Hartman Summons Chairmen of Committees to Discuss Situation—What Will Be the Outcome?

Bang! Zip! Wow! There's a fine row on in police circles! As announced in the Courier last night, the men held a meeting yester- day, when some kind of an ultimatum was drawn up. The Courier announced that Chief Slein and Magistrate Livingston were in con- sultation with the men, but both these gentlemen, and also the men through their spokesman, P. C. Ruth- erford, deny that either the Magis- trate or the Chief were present at the conference.

So far, so good! This morning Mayor Hartman was telephoned from police headquarters to get ready for another police board meeting to-morrow night. His Work- shop asked for a written notice. At the projected meeting of the board the ultimatum of the men will be presented.

It is stated that the demands of the men are therein set forth for in- creased salary, and it is further stated that 9 o'clock Saturday morning is the tragic hour set down for a gen- eral strike of the force. P. C. Ruth- erford did not either deny or affirm the strike proposition to a Courier representative at noon to-day. He would not commit himself, but ad- mitted that he was spokesman for the force. "Please deny," he said, "in box-car letters that the Chief or Magistrate attended the meeting."

"Was the meeting inspired by the higher-ups?" "Yes, there was a buzz on the telephone, and the conversation was off."

The Real Row The real row this morning was between Mayor Hartman and the police officials, including the Magistrate and the Chief.

The Magistrate admitted that he was in the building at the time, but wasn't listening to the proceedings. The Chief stated that he did not even know there was a meeting. The Mayor replied hotly that cer- tainly a funny state of affairs was created when the officers of the de- partment didn't know what was go- ing on under their very noses. His Windsor further charged that the ultimatum of the men had been inspired by the higher-ups, and that it was simply a continuance of the fight against the control of the civic purse and the City Council in general.

"I told the Magistrate," said the Mayor, "that he was not going to take me by the neck, and I also told him there was dirty underhand work going on around the police depart- ment. It was alright for him to say that he didn't know what was going on around the department, but it is my belief that the men are simply being advised badly, and are being misled through the use of some other fellow's purpose."

Notice Received. The Mayor at noon to-day received written notice from the men that an answer to their ultimatum had to be given to them by to-morrow night. It looks like a strike Saturday morning!

Action Taken. The situation is becoming so serious that all the various chairmen of the Council are meeting the Mayor at 3 o'clock this afternoon. What the Council will tell the Mayor to do under the circumstances is a matter for the conference to decide. It will doubtless be a heart-to-heart affair.

What Demand Means. What the demand of the men means that an answer must be given them by to-morrow night can be in- ferred in no other way than that of a threat to strike. If the police board calls the bluff, what then? Brantford will be without a police force on Saturday.

Chief Makes Offer. Chief Slein has backed down in his own demand for a salary increase. He stated to the Courier yesterday that the men would be satisfied if they got an increase and two more men were put on the force.

After the Courier. A reporter of the Courier was nailed this morning when he entered the police court, and was on the carpet for the lack of news in this paper yesterday about the men's meeting. The rules of the police commission- ers were read to the scribe, particu- larly about the matter of information leaks. Nothing was read, however, on the ponderous subject of disciplin- ing or strikes.

A Crisis. It is generally conceded that a crisis has been reached in police af- fairs. Members of the City Council were inclined to treat the subject of a strike by the men lightly this morn- ing, because the Council is almost a unit on advancing the men's pay. In fact, those in the know state that

when the police estimates were put through it was on the understanding that the Council would, if necessary, vote sufficient money to cover salary increases for the men. Where the Council backs up, however, is on an increase to Chief Slein, and the aldermanic body in this regard is reported to be as firm as a rock. The threatened strike of the men, it is believed, will not come off, as assur- ances will be given that their salaries will be raised.

The Sore Touch. Mayor Hartman, having won a victory at the police board meeting on the matter of increased salaries for the "higher-ups," is firmly convinced that certain means have been em- ployed to get the men to quit. "The action is directed at the City Council authorities entirely, and the men are simply being used as instruments," was the statement of a member of the Council to-day.

Autocratic. "Autocratic and injudicious action, as recently displayed by police officials who have no regard for public sentiment and the will of the people, is causing all this trouble," said another member of the Council.

Various other powers-that-be took a crack at the police department in general to-day. Not that any animus is held against the men—it is gener- ally conceded that their case is a just one—but the impression prevails that other influences are at work; and that the men are "being used." There was a time, not so long ago, when a po- lice man had his pay docked for giving an interview with a local paper, also his picture. The charge which the municipal authorities are at present directing against the police officials is that either discipline in the force is gone, or the police have had quiet- ly intimidated to them that if they can "show up" the City Council any breach of discipline will be overlooked. The men, of course, have collec- tive right of action quite properly, but even an assurance which was given them in a roundabout way this week that they were to receive in- creases, as asked for, had no effect under the arguing which it is claimed, the men received from those in dis- cret conflict with real civic interests, and who are really responsible for the threatened strike.

The row at present has assumed beautiful proportions, and the result will be worth watching.

English Scheme For Memorial

[Canadian Press Despatch] NEW YORK, March 13.—A cable from London says: The English scheme for the commemoration of a hundred years peace between Great Britain and America, provides for a permanent memorial and will cover a quarter of a million of dollars. Lord Shaw, who has been prominent in organizing the English arrangement, will lead the delegation of the New York meeting at the end of April. His colleagues probably will include W. C. Gladstone, M. P., grandson of the great statesman; Allan Baker, M. P., and Sir William Mather. It is proposed to acquire Sulgrave Manor, the Northamptonshire seat of the Washington family, make it the centre for American visitors and also establish university chairs of Anglo-American history in London with James Bryce as the first professor.

WILL IMPROVE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Brant Ave. Church Holds a Fine Business Meeting.

A large and representative meeting of Brant Avenue Methodist church was held last evening to consider the proposed improvements to the Sun- day School room. The pastor, Rev. A. E. Lavell took the chair at eight o'clock and explained the object of the meeting. He said that the boards were unanimous as to the need of the proposed changes, which would cost about \$7,000. They wished to know the feeling of the congregation, how- ever, as to when the work should be done and the means of payment. There were some who strongly held that the debt, which was now down to less than \$3,000 dollars, should be completely wiped out before a new burden was assumed. There were others who held that the debt could easily be let alone just now; that the proposed building changes were so needed that it was imperative to proceed with them at once. The boards wished to know the opinion of the people. They further wished to know in the event of proceeding with the work, whether the usual method of payment should be adopted or a debenture method which would com- plete payment of both old debt and new liability in a term of years. An animated and interesting dis- cussion then took place in which many took part and in which enthusiasm and the best of feeling were man- ifested. Among those who spoke were Messrs. Shultz, Preston, Sweet, Brewster, Pitcher, Creech, Jordan, Slein, Hughes, Wilson, Percy, Wat- son, Wickens, Watson, Ransom, Brit- ton, Hagey and others. Major T. Harry Jones hung the architect's plans in a prominent place and ex- plained the proposed changes. A roll- etry would be put around three sides and divided into class rooms which could all be thrown into the main room. There would be more accom- modation, comfort and efficiency. A minister's vestry and a kitchen were also included in the plan. After much discussion it developed that at the canvass some years ago a number of subscriptions were ob- tained on the distinct understanding that no new liability would be assumed until the present debt was cancelled. This was considered, by the majority of the congregation an in- surmountable obstacle to present ac- tion. No matter who was responsible for the pledge or whether it had been a wise one, it was felt that the new changes without tacking the debt first would seem like a breach of faith. It was finally resolved on motion of Messrs. Brew- ster and Sweet "That the congrega- tional meeting recommend to the boards that the question of the pro- posed improvements be brought be- fore us again immediately after our anniversary this year, and that at the anniversary an effort be made to wipe off the whole present indebted- ness of our congregation." This was satisfactory under all the circumstances, to the majority of those present. All seemed to be warmly in favor of all the proposed changes. From the temper of the meeting there seems to be no doubt that the small debt remaining will be speedily cancelled and the new im- provements will then be proceeded with at once. The ladies of the congregation provided refreshments, and the meet- ing closed with a social half hour which was enjoyed by all.

OXFORD WON THE BIG RACE

[Canadian Press Despatch] FULFLEM, England, March 13.—Ox- ford won the annual boat race with Cambridge on the Thames to- day. Oxford won by a quarter of a length. The race between eight-oared crews representing Oxford and Cambridge universities was rowed over the historic course from Putney to Mortlake which has been used for the purpose for seventy years. The race over the 4.1-mile course took place late in the afternoon, ow- ing to the lateness of the tide. Cam- bridge won the toss for choice of stations and the starting pistol was fired at 4.38. Cambridge immediately took the lead and maintained it, pull- ing a stroke of 36 to the minute. By the time the Craven Steps had been reached Cambridge was half a length ahead. At the mile the Cam- bridge crew was still leading and at Hammersmith Bridge about half distance, was a half a length in front, but Oxford then began to gain slowly. By the time the two crews reached Cambridge was half a length ahead. At the mile the Cam- bridge crew was still leading, but then the superior power of the Ox- ford crew carried them to the front and they won by a quarter of a length. Oxford has now won 30 races and Cambridge 30, while one was a dead heat. Oxford's time was 20 minutes, 35 seconds. An Early Despatch. HENLEY, Eng., March 13.—The "Battle of the Blazes" for the aquatic honors of the year, between eight- oared crews representing Oxford and Cambridge universities, light and dark blue respectively, attracted as usual many thousands of spectators. Beginning almost with the dawn, the citizens of London began to surge over the bridge crossing the Thames between Putney and Mortlake, and then waited patiently along the banks for the one fleeting glimpse which was the most they could hope to catch of the contest in this great amateur sporting event. The Oxford crew was as usual favorite, owing to its greater opportunities for practice on the Thames, whereas the Cam- bridge crew in its preliminary train- ing is restricted to the little river Cam.

The expectation was general that the Dark Blues would make it five straight by winning to-day, but Cam- bridge, as usual, had many warm backers, especially among the non-collegiate portion of the crowd. Oxford not only had the advantage of having half of the famous crew which won so handsily last year, but the further benefit of having selected to-day's oarsmen last term. The re- sult was a perfect machine composed of as heavy men as has occupied the Dark Blue shell in many years. Al- though lacking in experience as com- pared with Oxford oarsmen, the (Continued on Page Four).

and three-year-old son; also one brother, Harry, of this city, and two sisters, Mrs. Lloyd Smith of this city, and Mrs. R. Smith of Toronto. The funeral will take place on Sat- urday afternoon, from the family resi- dence, a Stanley street to Green- wood cemetery.

The Late Mrs. Walker. The remains of the late Mrs. Anne Walker arrived on the 4.35 train from Buffalo and were interred in the Mt. Hope cemetery. The late Mrs. Walker was a resident of this city some years ago.

The Late Mrs. Carey. The funeral of the late Mrs. Carey took place from the family residence, 38 Niagara street, St. Basil's church and St. Joseph's cemetery, Rev. Fath- ed Cloherty held Requiem high mass at the church and at the grave. Rev. Dean Brady officiated.

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MONEY TIGHT IN THE WEST

So Says Mr. Yager Brantford's Famous Globe Trotter.

Mr. A. Yager, the well known globe trotter, returned this week from a flying trip to the west, during which he covered 6,000 miles in four weeks. Mr. Yager made the trip in the inter- ests of the Pittsburg Steel Co., with which he has been identified for some time past. As a globe trotter, Mr. Yager probably holds the Cana- dian record. Discussing conditions in the Cana- dian west, Mr. Yager said that he found money particularly tight in British Columbia. The heavy snowfall in the province this winter had tied things up considerably but there was every prospect of a big boom this spring. In the prairie provinces he found that there was a lot of grain not mar- keted. This doubtless is responsible for the complaint made by some in- dustries that collections are poor in the West, but Mr. Yager does not see anything to worry over.

THE PROBS

TORONTO, March 13.—The high pressure which was over the Atlantic states yesterday has passed over the east of Nova Scotia and another area of high pressure accompanied by de- cidedly low temperature has come in from the northward, over Alberta and Saskatchewan. The weather con- tinues quite cold in the Western Pro- vinces and mild from Ontario east- ward. FORECASTS. Southeastern winds, mild, with oc- casional showers to-day and on Fri- day.

One Minute Interviews

Mr. R. Porteus.—"I have lived in Brantford and have yet to ride on a railway train. Can you beat that record?" City Engineer Jones.—"I have re- ceived records which show that loss of life in mining accidents is greater per thousand employed in the world. Great Britain is almost the lowest." Inspector Glover.—"The City Council should appoint an inspector of dairies, as it would be an advan- tage all round. Local dealers are still without licenses."

SMALLPOX IS NOT SERIOUS

Assistant Overseer Taken to Smallpox Hospital Yesterday.

Fred Unger of the city overseer's department is in the pest house, suffer- ing from smallpox, being taken there yesterday afternoon by order of the medical health officer, Dr. Pearson, who said that the patient had only a light attack of the disease. Dr. Pearson ordered the children of two of the divisions of the Central school, which Mr. Unger's children attended, sent home, and the room was thoroughly disinfected as an ex- tra precaution against the spreading of the disease. Mr. Unger said there was no doubt at all about his having the disease; in fact, he had it in a pronounced but not serious way.

DEAL ON FOR OLD Y. M. C. A.

It is Likely to be Used as Terminal Station for C. N. R.

Dr. James one of the owners of the old Y.M.C.A. building at Colborne street, stated to the Courier yester- day, that there was every prospect of the property being sold in the near future, and that while many applica- tions for occupancy had been made, in view of the fact that the property was wanted as a terminal station in connection with the Radial and Cana- dian Northern Railway plans, the owners did not deem it advisable to enter into any leases. It is expected that the Canadian Northern matter will be brought to a head this year and that construction will be com- menced. It is unlikely that the Y.M.C.A. will vacate its present quarters until Sept. 1st.

FOR SALE—Two colts, 2 years old; one young heavy mare, in foal. Apply John Berry, Cainsville.

There is a possibility of a general vaccination being undertaken in the event of any kind of an outbreak. Mr. Unger's brother, a resident of the township, was recently at the smallpox hospital, suffering from the disease, and he was evaded only a short time ago. Teddy Evans, one of the street workers, has assumed the job of looking after the assistant overseer, who was quite cheerful over the telephone to-day. Mr. Unger said there was no doubt at all about his having the disease; in fact, he had it in a pronounced but not serious way.

Obituary

The Late George Sharp. The death occurred this morning of George Arthur Sharp, aged 28 years. The deceased, a comparatively young man, had been ill for some time. He leaves to mourn his deep loss, a wife