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PREMIER FLATLY DENIES ROGERS' CHARGE; NEVER CONSULTED WITH PAPAL DELEGATE AS TO THE BOUNDARIES OF MANITOBA

Interview Between Manitoba Minister and Sbaretti Not Prompted by Premier or Colleagues.

Never Discussed the Matter With the Agents of the Church.

Mons. Sbaretti Refuses to Make a Statement—May Be Recalled.

(Special to the Advertiser.)

Ottawa, April 5.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier will make a full statement in the House of Commons this afternoon repudiating the statements of Hon. Robert Rogers, of the Manitoba Government, that the papal delegate had authority from the Dominion Government to discuss the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba.

Sir Wilfrid will say that Mgr. Sbaretti had absolutely no authority of any kind to discuss this matter on behalf of the Dominion.

The Premier will also state that neither he nor any of his colleagues had ever discussed the question with Mgr. Sbaretti, nor was there any correspondence between himself or his colleagues and the papal delegate in regard thereto.

NOT ASKED TO WAIT

Manitoba Delegation Not Asked to Return in Three Days.

Sir Wilfrid will state that at the interview which took place between the Government and the Manitoba delegates on Feb. 17 regarding the boundary, the matter was there and then practically decided, and that there was no need for the Manitoba delegation waiting longer in the city. He did not ask Mr. Rogers or Mr. Campbell to wait two or three days. At that meeting he told the delegation that it was impossible to get any extension of the boundaries eastward. The people were all opposed to it. When the question of extending northward came up Sir Wilfrid Mulock said that the Province of Ontario had a right to be heard in regard to this matter and that he would provide separate accommodation for each of such classes.

No Letter From Rogers.

Mr. Rogers was present when this arrangement was reached, and so understood it. That he did so was seen from an interview which he gives to the press attacking the Government for not sanctioning the extension. The matter was disposed of there and then, and there was no reference to any delay for 3 or 4 days. The Premier did not receive any letter from Mr. Rogers or any member of the Manitoba Government dated Feb. 14, and therefore, he could not have answered it. Sir Wilfrid will show that it was Manitoba that opened the correspondence with him in respect to the boundaries. The Manitoba Government as the correspondence shows, asked the Premier if he would receive a delegation on the subject, and reply was sent stating that the delegation would get an interview upon its arrival here.

DELEGATE WON'T TALK

Feeling at the Capital That He May Be Recalled.

Efforts were made today to get an interview with Mgr. Sbaretti, but the only reply was that "His excellency had nothing to say."

The general opinion here is that if the papal delegate has been in any way encroaching upon the political domain he will be recalled.

It is said here that Premier Roblin has been conferring with Mgr. Sbaretti, for nearly a year past, hence the reason of Mr. Rogers and Mr. Campbell

calling upon him on their recent visit here.

ROGERS AND SBARETTI

Manitoba Minister Tells of Interview With the Papal Delegate.

Winnipeg, Man., April 4.—Hon. Robert Rogers, Minister of Public Works, on behalf of the Roblin Government this afternoon, made a statement in explanation of information furnished in a recent interview on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's stand regarding the extension of the boundaries of the Province and the separate schools question. Mr. Rogers claims that an extension of boundaries could have been obtained if the Manitoba Government would have conceded separate schools, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was merely killing time in order to assist the designs of Mgr. Sbaretti, papal delegate at Ottawa, by stating that a conference of different provinces was necessary before Manitoba extension could be granted.

Mr. Rogers disclaims any object of starting a sectarian quarrel in the province, and takes the ground that the claim for extension of boundaries is not a political one. What the Manitoba Government has to complain of now is the fact that neither Sir Wilfrid Laurier nor any other person attempts to put forward a solitary reason why the claims are not entitled to immediate consideration.

Mr. Rogers continues: "On Feb. 13, Hon. Colin Campbell and I received formal invitation by telegram from Sir Wilfrid to come to Ottawa as soon as convenient. We left on Feb. 14, and arrived on the morning of the 15th, when we received a letter from Sir Wilfrid at the Russell House saying he would be pleased to meet us at his office at midday, on Friday, the 17th. During that interview we presented the claims of the province as urgently and as strongly as possible.

"In reply Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that if we would be good enough to remain in Ottawa for three or four days he would again send for us, and then be in a position to give us an answer.

"On three days time, on Feb. 20, a letter was received from his excellency, Mgr. Sbaretti, asking for a conference. This invitation was accepted, and his excellency then presented the following memorandum, remarking that if we would place this on the statute books for our province it would greatly facilitate an early settlement of our mission, the fixing of our boundaries which would be extended to the shores of Hudson Bay. His excellency further added that our failure to act in the past has prejudiced our claim for extension westward."

The following is a copy of his excellency's memorandum concerning proposed amendments to the Manitoba school act:

Add to section 125 (b): "And when in any district there shall be thirty or more Roman Catholic children and also thirty or more non-Roman Catholic children or in any district more than fifteen of each class the trustees shall if requested by a petition of parents or guardians of such children of either such classes provide separate accommodation for each of such classes."

Add to section 48 (b): "And when in any district there shall be fifteen children, the trustees shall, if required by a petition of parents or guardians of many of either of the above classes, provide separate accommodation for each of such classes, and employ for them respectively Roman Catholic and non-Roman Catholic teachers."

On Feb. 23, Mr. Rogers and Mr. Campbell, not having been able to meet from Sir Wilfrid, wrote him again, setting forth the claims of Manitoba, notwithstanding Sir Wilfrid's invitation and their interview followed by his promise, of which he was reminded by the letter, but they have received no reply.

"I deny the right of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mgr. Sbaretti to undertake to mix up the matter of separate schools with the question of boundaries, and I am sure that in so doing they do not reflect the wishes of either the Roman Catholics or Protestants of the province," concluded Mr. Rogers.

A Langevin-Roblin Deal.

Ottawa, April 4.—A special to the Toronto Globe has the following:

It is freely asserted at Ottawa that Premier Roblin and his colleagues have been negotiating with Archbishop Langevin in regard to separate schools ever since the accession of the former to office. It is not improbable that communications even passed between Premier Roblin and Mgr. Sbaretti through the medium of Archbishop Langevin on

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GALA DAY AT THE JAP CAPITAL; THE BIG VICTORY CELEBRATED

Tokio, April 5.—The profits from the tobacco monopoly for the first year are 27,000,000 yen (about \$13,500,000). This exceeds the Government's estimate of 7,000,000 yen.

The celebration of the victory at Mukden has been postponed until next Monday, owing to the storm which occurred today. The business men and labor guilds today arranged an enormous procession which, picturesquely garbed, formed at Hibiya Park and marched to Yueno Park. Passing the palace each unit halted and cheered the Emperor, his cabinet and the commanders of the army and navy. Exercises were held in Yueno Park, where there was a large crowd. Lieut.-Gen. Terachi, Minister of War, responded

CHARGED WITH BIGAMY

Leamington's Police Chief Arrests Bruce Thompson, of Wheatley.

Leamington, Ont., April 5.—Bruce Thompson, of Wheatley, who disappeared about four weeks ago with the daughter of Chief of Police Harford, of this place, who traced the couple to Detroit, where they were lost sight of, was yesterday found near his old home by Harford, who arrested him and took him to Windsor. Thompson, it is said, married a Leamington girl, several years ago. Afterwards, it is alleged, he deserted the girl, going to the Canadian Northwest. A few months ago he returned to Wheatley with a woman, whom, it is alleged, he introduced as his wife. Mrs. Thompson heard of this and swore vengeance. She then disappeared. Thompson then disappeared with Miss Harford. The lady has returned to her home. Thompson has been committed for trial on the charge of bigamy sworn out by his wife.

BANK MANAGER ARRESTED

Charged With Making False Monthly Returns to Government.

Yarmouth, N. S., April 5.—The arrest of Manager Johns, of the Bank of Yarmouth, was made upon information furnished by W. E. Staver, who has been examining the books, charging him with having made false monthly returns to the government.

Johns was arraigned yesterday and remanded until April 13 for preliminary examination. He was released on \$1,500 bail.

THE MURPHY DIVORCE BILL

[Special to the Advertiser.]

Ottawa, April 5.—An act for the divorce of Edward Albert Murphy, of Montreal, from his wife, Margaret Dillon, also of Montreal, was up before the private bills committee today. Mr. Laverne, of Drummond-Arthabaska, pointed out that both parties were Roman Catholics and consequently were not entitled to divorce. Suit could be taken in Quebec for separation.

Mr. Monk and Mr. Belcourt said that as the question had been raised it would be better to leave the matter for further consideration instead of pressing the objections. The bill was allowed to stand.

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MIGRATING TO THE WEST

Another Thousand of Ontario's Farmers Seek New Homes.

Toronto, April 5.—The Canadian Northwest continues to be enriched with the best men that Ontario can offer, and in material wealth, calculated in dollars and cents, the majority of the settlers are already capable of taking their places among the well-to-do people in their new homes. "It is a shame to see them go," said an official at the depot yesterday as three long homeseekers' excursion trains were preparing to leave for the west. The remark reflected the thoughts of hundreds around the depot, for the mark of intelligence, respectability and independence was borne almost without exception by the entire party.

The first train which left at 1:45, consisted of seven coaches and two baggage cars. Two other trains followed at 15-minute intervals. Altogether 960 people were moved out. The settlers left last night at 4 o'clock as usual, with a colonist car attached.

FOR CONSUMPTIVES

Whitney Promises Financial Help for the Free Hospitals.

Toronto, April 5.—A deputation of prominent men from Toronto and Hamilton waited on the Premier this morning to ask for a special grant of \$25,000 for the free hospital for consumptives at Gravenhurst. They were introduced by Mr. W. J. Gage. Mr. Whitney said the Government fully appreciated the good work that was being carried on, and if it were possible he would give a grant of \$100,000, but there was a limit to the resources at the disposal of the Government. However, the request would be considered, and probably granted, in part, at least. It would not be necessary, he said, for the deputation to see him again, about the matter, as he fully realized the importance of doing something in the direction indicated.

Harcourt Cross Petitions.

Toronto, April 5.—The registrar today received notice that Hon. Richard Harcourt had filed a cross-petition in Monck against his old opponent, Mr. J. Ross.

Fine Immigrant Folk.

Toronto, April 5.—Twenty-five families sent out by the fund of the London Daily Telegraph arrived at the Union station this morning. They are an exceptionally fine body of English people. They are being disposed of among the farmers of the Province by the immigration officials.

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DHARMSALA, BRITISH INDIA,

WIPE OUT BY EARTHQUAKE

Many of Inhabitants Buried in Ruins—Entire Population Camped On Hills and in Great Distress.

Lahore, Punjab, India, April 5.—The hill station of Dharmsala was practically razed to the ground by the earthquakes. The native quarter was entirely obliterated, many of the inhabitants were buried in the ruins, most of the houses in the European quarter were wrecked, and nine persons were killed. The people are sleeping in the open air, food is not procurable, and the great distress prevailing

is accentuated by keen frost. The entire population is encamped on the adjoining hillsides without protection and without medical aid. A relief party was dispatched from here to Dharmasala today.

The Europeans killed at Dharmasala were Mrs. Robinson, wife of the colonel commanding the troops there, and her two daughters, Mrs. Holderness, Mrs. (Capt.) Muscroft, and four members of the Indian civil service.

Mr. Whitney May Change

Govt. Soo Representatives

Interesting Story in Detroit Paper Re Clergue and Conservatives.

Premier Says He Has Some Surprising Information as to Corporation.

Local House Sits for a Bare Half Hour—New Bills Introduced That Affect London.

[Special to the Advertiser.]

The feature of the House's half-hour session this afternoon was Mr. Graham's question as to prospective changes in the directorate of the Soo companies, and Mr. Whitney's answers thereto. The matter was brought up by the reading of a dispatch sent from Toronto to a Detroit paper, which says that a former newspaperman who was appointed to a position in the office of one of the new ministers has been making premature disclosures of the Government's intentions. Mr. Whitney, of course, denied the statements in the dispatch, but hinted at changes in the future.

Some New Bills.

Mr. Craig (East Wellington), introduced a bill to incorporate the Western Central Railway, to be constructed from the city of London, through the counties of Middlesex, Oxford, Perth, Waterloo and Wellington to the city of Guelph. The company's capital stock is to be \$500,000, and the provisional directors are A. T. Drummond, K.C., Toronto; Col. John I. Davidson, Toronto; Arthur Hocking, Godolphin House, London, England; A. E. Welch, London, Ont., and Wm. D. Harris, Ottawa. The head office is to be at Toronto.

Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Hodgins,

introduced a bill respecting the London Street Railway, confirming four agreements made with the corporation of the city, on May 28, 1902, June 10, 1902, July 15, 1904, and Jan. 30, 1905, and confirming two agreements made with the Township of London, on Feb. 13, 1905.

Mr. Lucas introduced a bill to amend the consolidated municipal act of 1903, to enable county councils to incorporate villages of less than 10,000 population.

Mr. Sutherland introduced a bill to

amend the act respecting the speed of motor vehicles on highways.

The Soo Directorate.

Before the orders of the day were reached, Mr. Graham said he wished some information from the Premier relative to an article which he had noticed in the Detroit Free Press. The article read as follows:

CLERGUE IS AGAIN ON TOP.

Things Coming His Way in All Matters.

Warren and His Crowd Have Been Turned Out by Ontario.

Toronto, April 1.—A great thorn in the side of F. H. Clergue in the reor-

RUSSIA'S NERVES ARE ON EDGE;

A FRESH UPHEAVAL AT HAND

The Radicals Will Even Signal for Outbreak at Easter.

St. Petersburg, April 5.—The prospects of a general upheaval of the city and country, with the advent of spring increases daily. Evidence accumulates that all the radical forces are acting in unison and awaiting a signal which it is generally believed will be given shortly after the Russian Easter.

The terrorists are showing great activity, and reports from all over the country prove that the workmen, who in many cases have been formulating petty demands, which are no sooner granted than they are succeeded by others, are acting under instructions from the revolutionary leaders, who are only biding their time. The employers frankly admit that it is impossible to try to keep their businesses, and some of them have already shut

Sale of British Warships.

London, April 4.—An unusual sale occurred at Chatham dockyard today, when 23 obsolete British war vessels were sold to the highest bidders. The total realized was \$800,000. The lot included twelve cruisers, among them being the Warspite, Northampton, Galatea and Australia, two torpedo boats and the training ship, Exmouth. The terms of the sale provide that none of the vessels could be sold to a foreign power. All of them must be broken up within twelve months. The ships sold represented an original outlay

of \$15,000,000.