

## INDEPENDENTS VOTE WITH THE OPPOSITION AGAINST POLITICS IN HIGHWAY ACT

### Vote Stood 28 to 12 Against Full Municipal Control of Roads—Gloucester Men Condemn Hazen's Inconsistency—Strong Protest Against Increased Taxes

FREDERICTON, N. B., May 12.—The legislative assembly chamber today was brightened by the visit of Mrs. Fisk, Mrs. Coby Smith, Miss Mabel Peters and Miss Hatheway, who are a delegation from St. John to impress upon the government the necessity of extending the franchise to women on the same conditions as it is now extended by them in civic and municipal elections. Before submitting their case to the government, the ladies made a tour of the assembly chamber and the corridors and met with the members who happened to be there to vote for their bill when it came before the House.

Mr. Hazen shewed their request by stating that no amendments would be made to the election act this year. It is said, however, that Mr. Hatheway will introduce a measure to give effect to the request of the ladies (who, by the way, were accompanied by Rev. Dr. Skinner) and if he does, the ladies say they have the assurance of members on both sides.

In the House this afternoon, the bill authorizing the appointment of a commission to investigate the Central Railway was considered and passed. No amendments were offered. Mr. McKeown pointed out that the bill gave greater powers to the commission than the supreme court possessed regarding the examination of witnesses, but Mr. Hazen did not think the power granted was too great, and the bill was allowed to be reported without amendment.

### Highway Miscellaneous

The first real debate of the session on a government measure took place when the Highway Act came up for consideration. When section four was read Mr. Robinson opened the debate by pointing out that the proposed law was not in accord with either the letter or the spirit of the platform laid down by the leader of the government when appealing to the people. Instead of turning the money for roads over to the municipal council, highways boards are created, the chairman of which is to be appointed by the government and given greater authority than any other member of the board. In reply to this, Mr. Hazen stated that he had had hundreds of letters from all parts of the province endorsing the principle of highway boards.

Mr. Lowell made a strong case against the government when he read the platform upon which Mr. Hazen ran the last election, in which it is set out "that the repeal of the present Highway Act and the enactment of a law which, while not diminishing the amount of provincial money given to the roads, shall vest the management of the roads and the appointment of all officials in the county councils."

### An Injury to St. John Co.

Mr. Lowell also pointed out that St. John was concerned the government was taking away from St. John County a privilege they had possessed since 1878, the right to make all the members of the highway board. Mr. Lowell further charged the government with violating another pledge, "the putting up of the public works of the road and the appointment of a law which, while not diminishing the amount of provincial money given to the roads, shall vest the management of the roads and the appointment of all officials in the county councils."

This remark brought a statement from Mr. Wilson strongly endorsing Mr. Lowell's stand. Mr. Wilson said he stood on that plank of the platform, but he had been informed that the work on the Suspension Bridge could not be done by contract because of the strong opposition of citizens who were hastening to the scene of the accident. A number of men are at present engaged in making the necessary repairs to the Suspension Bridge. For this it is necessary to use a boat. The five men, Barney Allaire, Fred Clark, John Fenner, J. Rouleau and H. Savard, were on the boat when it was wrecked. When the boat was overturned, the men were all drowned.

Two of the independent members for Gloucester spoke on the bill. Mr. Byrne and Dr. Sormany, the latter scoring the point of the debate by stating that the people of Gloucester must have misheard Mr. Hazen in the late election when he said that he proposed handing over the control of the highways to the municipal councils.

### A Reflection on County Councils

The worst break in the debate was made by Mr. Sheridan, who said that the government would have trouble with the expenditure unless they had a man on the board to control them. This Mr. McKeown pointed out was a direct charge of incompetence on the part of the municipal councillors and not in line with what had previously been claimed by the present government when in opposition. The present bill was a direct violation of every pledge made by Mr. Hazen in and out of the legislature, but quite in line with his right about face on the question of appointing a solicitor general.

### Taxes Increased

The discussions which followed showed that the act would increase taxation for highway purposes. Mr. Hazen said that the intention was to increase the poll tax to 25¢ and the property tax by 25 cents on each one thousand dollars of value. Mr. Lezer protested against this increase and Mr. Lablache stated most clearly that the large taxpayer would take advantage of the statute labor clause and escape taxation.

During the debate the admission was made by Mr. Fleming, that last session was a bad one for the roads and that enough money was not raised by the late government to maintain good roads.

Two votes on taxation clause stood: Government, 23; opposition, 12.

## FOUR MEN DROWNED AT CAMPBELLTON

### Boat Sank While They Were Unloading Heavy Anchor Men Were Repairing Mill and Were Only a Few Feet from the Shore—One Man Reached Shore

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., May 12.—This afternoon four men were drowned here while preparing to repair the haul-up chain of the Shives Lumber Company's mill. The men were drowned through the sinking of a rowboat. One man, who was particularly strong swimmer, reached shore alive.

About three o'clock the work was in progress. A number of men are at present engaged in making the necessary repairs to the Suspension Bridge. For this it is necessary to use a boat. The five men, Barney Allaire, Fred Clark, John Fenner, J. Rouleau and H. Savard, were on the boat when it was wrecked. When the boat was overturned, the men were all drowned.

### Broderick's Summer Hotel at Parrsboro Destroyed by Fire

PARRSBORO, N. S., May 14.—Broderick's summer hotel at Riverside beach was totally destroyed by fire today. The fire started from a defective fuse in the main part of the house and was discovered just after dinner and being outside of the town and fire district, and having gained such headway before being discovered, the firemen could do little to check the flames and the building was turned to the ground.

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## OPPOSITION INSISTS ON RETENTION OF PRESENT UNFAIR MANITOBA LISTS

### Borden Refuses to Accept Laurier's Offered Compromise Though Admitting it Was Fair—Obstruction and Refusal to Vote Supply Will Be Continued.

OTTAWA, May 13.—The seventh day of the debate on the election bill still finds the commons at a complete deadlock with the opposition displaying a blind obstinacy in rejecting the reasonable and absolutely fair compromise offered yesterday by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and regardless of the inconsistency of the present attitude in contrast with the position taken earlier in the debate. Determined to continue obstruction and hold up the business of the country, to the embarrassment of hundreds of members of the civil service throughout Canada, whose salaries cannot be paid until additional supplies are voted. In caucus this morning the opposition decided that they would be satisfied with nothing less than the complete withdrawal of the contentious first clause of the bill providing for the remedying of acknowledged defects in the present situation in Manitoba.

Mr. Borden in his speech this afternoon took his party with him in a bold plunge of uncompromising opposition to the government's position. Practically the opposition now says to the government: "While your proposal as outlined by Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech is completely and not only desirable, but acceptable and while we agree that some action is necessary, you must withdraw the present bill; otherwise we will not consent to pass one cent of supply."

The government, of course, believing the attitude they have now taken to be the absolutely fair and right, cannot consent to be bulldozed in any such manner and are willing to let people judge as to whether or not the opposition's present attitude is justified by any other motive than their desire to retain an unfair advantage which their party now has through the Roblin government's complete control and manipulation of the election lists in the province of Manitoba.

It may be noted that the very compromise offered yesterday by Sir Wilfrid was practically the one suggested on behalf of the opposition by Mr. Roche of Marquette. Sir Wilfrid, in speaking, was reported to have said that from the government side that what was desired was a non-partisan measure fair to both parties, and that any compromise offered by the government would be treated in that spirit, accepted the basis of agreement as presented by Mr. Roche. In brief that compromise was made by Hon. Mr. Foster and accepted by him yesterday, and today Mr. Borden himself concurred in the Bill with complete disregard of the inconsistency of the opposition's attitude there followed a demand for the complete withdrawal of clause one of the bill with the proposed amendments.

Yet that clause withdrawn there would be no means of applying the joint proposal of the premier and the opposition or of remedying the evils it is intended to cope with.

Naturally the government believes in fair play to all alike, and has no intention of backing down before the threats of a blindly partisan minority. The debate will continue tomorrow, and from the developments of the next few days people will be left to judge as to who is to blame for the withdrawal of the bill.

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### LADY DALY DIED THIS MORNING IN HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., May 14.—The death occurred this morning of Lady Johanna Daly, wife of Sir John Daly, formerly Lieut.-Governor, after an illness extending over a year. She was a native of this city and daughter of the late Sir John Daly.

### THE MONTCALM FLOATED

QUEBEC, May 12.—The government steamer Montcalm was successfully floated this afternoon by Messrs. Davis, whose divers succeeded at low tide in blocking all the holes in the steamer. The steamer was moved back so as to prevent the bow sinking again.

### CANTON, Ohio, May 12.—Bishop Ignatius P. Horstman of the Catholic diocese of Cleveland died at 3.20 o'clock tonight.