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DISSENT OF DONALD BORDEN

R. L. Borden and F. D. Monk Voice the Stand that the Opposition Proposes to Take

Ottawa, June 23.—(Special.)—One of the liveliest debates that has been heard in the house of commons was that which to-day defined the DUNDONALD issue and revealed the opposition's weapons of attack and the government's sources of defence. The galleries were filled to overflowing, and few seats in the house were vacant. R. L. Borden threw the DUNDONALD incident into the center of the stage by moving a resolution condemning the interference of the minister of agriculture in appointments and dismissals, and expressing regret that this unwarrantable interference, approved by the government, had deprived the Canadian militia of an experienced and distinguished commanding officer.

Hon. Sydney Fisher defended the minister with considerable vigor. Then F. D. Monk projected himself into the debate, and in a slashing speech, dealt some heavy blows to the minister of agriculture. Sir Frederick Borden's reply consisted of a counter-charge in the way of reprisals against Lord Dundonald's manifesto, which gave the house clear and unobscured views on the subject. A large amount of trouble with Lord Dundonald. His references to his lordship were at times so pointed and so direct that Col. Sam Hughes will continue the debate to-morrow.

The question is. Mr. Borden in opening the discussion said the question was whether we were to have in Canada a non-partisan militia force or a partisan militia force introduced into the appointment of officers. It would be extremely regrettable, he said, if partisan politics and intrigues should be allowed to interfere between the general officer commanding and those who are subordinate to him, to permit the interference by politicians with men who are engaged in the performance of their military duties, and to interfere with an officer in that regard would likely result in the most disastrous effects upon the militia force of this country.

Dealing with the organization of the Scottish Light Infantry, Mr. Borden said there was nothing to indicate that political influences governed Col. Smart or Col. Whiteley. He was endeavoring to find the best available man, qualified men, or, failing these, the most efficient men for commissions. Col. Smart is a politician, whatever Col. Whiteley was Liberal and what reason was there to suppose that either of them would endeavor to do the Conservative party in making appointments. Mr. Fisher had stated in the house that the only reason here his interference could only be regarded as a meddling one, not absolutely necessary. He would be walking on one car to another when the coupling broke and she fell to the rails, several cars passing.

Mr. Fisher's audacity. Senator Baker seemed to be the bete noir of Mr. Fisher, yet the minister of agriculture had the audacity to stand up in the house and say that his interference in the affairs of that regiment was concerned with the militia with the military qualification of the officers.

Mr. Borden quoted from Mr. Fisher the latter's further remarks, stating that he had no objection to Mr. Fisher's statement to the effect that there had been political intrigue. Mr. Borden said that he had no objection to Mr. Fisher's statement to the effect that there had been political intrigue. Mr. Borden said that he had no objection to Mr. Fisher's statement to the effect that there had been political intrigue.

Mr. Borden explained the nature of the duties conferred on the general officer commanding by statute. His duty was not only to train the militia and discipline the militia, but also to recommend to the minister of militia of fit and proper persons for appointment to commissions in the militia.

THE CATARACT POWER COMPANY SETS UP INGENIOUS PLEA IN SUIT BROUGHT BY CITY

Says Hamilton Had No Right to Enter Into Agreement With Railway for Mileage and Percentage of Receipts—Special Committee of Council Will Demand Substantial Reduction in Price of Light

Hamilton, June 23.—(Staff Special.)—The people of Hamilton are watching with interest the fight now going on in the courts between the city and the Cataract Power Company. This great corporation is trying to get over an agreement made with the city some years ago, when the company was launched, and secured the franchise to operate the street railway. The city managed to secure a fairly good bargain. In return for the use of the streets, the company bound itself to pay the city a percentage of its receipts, amounting to 7 per cent, up to \$300,000, and 8 per cent, when the receipts went over that figure. This was paid for several years ago, when the company withheld the percentage on that portion of the receipts collected outside the city limits. Fares collected coming from the grounds were regarded as the rightful property of the railway. The amount so withheld is about \$3,000, and to compel payment, the city entered an action, the argument being heard by Mr. Justice Richard Meredith to-day.

No Authority. On behalf of the railway, E. Douglas Armour, K. C., of Toronto, argued that the city did not have the authority to make an agreement with the company covering a mileage payment and a percentage of the receipts. The railway proposed to move to amend its statement of defence along these lines, but instead of moving to amend, Mr. Armour made the following statement:

MISS FANNIE GURAFSKY KILLED WAS VARSITY'S BRIGHTEST GIRL

Fell Between Cars at Wilkes-Barre While on Vacation Trip.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., June 23.—(Special.)—Miss Fanny Gurafsky, a 20-year-old girl from Toronto, and a passenger on the Black Diamond express on the Lehigh Valley route, was killed at Sugar Notch, near here, to-night by the train passing.

Death came quickly to Christopher Cuthbert Baines, the well-known stock broker, last yesterday afternoon. He was an enthusiastic bowler and, leaving his office, wheeled rapidly up Church-street to the Granite Rink, to participate in the game. The heavy and exertion in going up grade caused acute dilation of the heart, and when he entered the rink he was noticed to reel. Dr. Hawke was near by and gave prompt assistance, but attempts at resuscitation were unavailing.

Major Forester's Death. Somewhat unexpectedly Major William Forester of the Royal Canadian Dragoons died in the Oakville Sanitarium yesterday morning. He had been illing for some time, but took a sudden turn for the worse on Wednesday and passed away tranquilly.

BURIED UNDER WRONG NAME. A month ago there died in the King-street Mission an army pensioner, whose name was reported by the police to be Michael Sullivan and upon whose body an inquest was held. It turns out that no inquiry was made by the coroner or police to verify the name, which was only by which he was popularly known. Deceased was John Brosham, and he is thought to have relatives in Manchester, Eng.

THIRTY KILLED IN A WRECK. Madrid, June 23.—Thirty persons were killed last night in a train wreck in the Province of Teruel (one of the most mountainous in Spain, abounding in torrents). The train was derailed on a bridge over the Jiloca River and the coaches were burned.

RAILWAY PASSENGER RATES BASED ON MICHIGAN LAW

Mr. Maclean Gives Notice of His Amendments to the General Railway Act.

Ottawa, June 23.—(Special.)—Mr. Maclean has arranged with Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick to discuss amendments to the Railway Act at the same time that the amendments introduced by the minister of justice are discussed. Mr. Maclean has decided to make the issue on railway passenger rates turn on the Michigan law, of a graded rate per mile, based on earnings.

Text of Notice. Following is Mr. Maclean's notice of motion: That in committee of the whole, he will move to add the following amendments to bill No. 133, introduced by the minister of justice, entitled an Act to Amend the Railway Act.

Section 3 of the Railway Act, 1903, is hereby amended by inserting therein the words "and the first line the words "and express companies." Section 10 of the said act is amended by striking out the words "and his opinion upon any question, which in the opinion of the commissioners shall be a question of law, shall prevail."

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MACCABEES WILL SECEDE IF HIGH RATE IS PRESSED

Ontario Delegation Confer With Dr. Hunter and Agree on a Compromise Schedule.

The deputation of the supreme officers of the K.O.T.M., which recently waited upon Dr. Howard Hunter, registrar of fraternal societies, was followed yesterday by another, representing the Ontario members, a number of them being supreme representatives for the province. The deputation consisted of J. A. Paterson, K. C., counsel for the order; L. M. Cather, E. H. Woolley, W. J. Woods, S. W. Truster, Camlachie, E. Roos, Norwich; Dr. Harvey Norwich; J. C. Watters, Woodstock; H. B. Morphy, Listowel; M. E. Glynn, Sarnia; G. W. Sulman, Chatham; G. H. Townsen, Smithville. Dr. Hunter had received letters from many members in various parts of the province after the last interview, and he requested that some arrangement be made for the changes proposed in the articles of incorporation and the laws of the society.

It regarded some of the proposed rates as oppressive in the cases of married couples, and suggested a compromise rate. The early rates were simple foolness, but there is a substantial contract to be observed, and it would have been repudiation of this previous contract to charge the old members the rate that was proposed.

People do not realize all the extent of the insurance carried by the fraternal societies," continued Dr. Hunter. "All that the old law companies have combined is nothing compared with the millions at stake in these orders, and it would be a very serious thing for the country if they collapsed. It is therefore, absolutely necessary to place them in a position of security, and several of the societies must increase their rates at once. It is a pity that some of them have made two bites of the cherry, where they raised them within the last year or two, and must still further increase them next year."

Dr. Hunter published, in 1896, a table of rates, which he incorporated in the act. Its publication produced a marked effect. Some, however, thought the rates too high, and believed they could work at lower figures. The Fraternal Societies' Congress appointed a committee to calculate rates on the experience of all the societies, which covered millions of lives.

In the Maccabees, men at the age of 51 were assessed at \$1.40, while their average experience mortality demands \$2.07. Their proposition was to make the table apply to the members at the retained age, which would bear very heavily on the older men, who have entered 20 years ago, at the age of 48, according to the first proposal, would be called upon to pay the rate for a man of 68, or \$7.70 a month. Dr. Hunter suggests that the members be rated at the age of entry, on the scale of the new table, so that the man who joined at 48 would pay \$2.65, the old rate being \$1.40.

There are many things that add such charm and finish to the summer costume of a lady as a tasteful and well-designed hat. The Dineen Co.'s representative in New York has recently forwarded some remarkable and very catchy designs. No two alike. All the very latest designs on Fifth-avenue.

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In the Companions of the Imperial Service Order are: Antoine Gobel, deputy minister of public works; John Roberts Wallace, assistant receiver, general department of finance; Antoine Alphonse Boucher, assistant master in charge of the railway department; Gustave Grenier, clerk of the executive council, Province of Quebec; Charles Taylor, landing waiter, Whitby, Ont.; Francis Curran, messenger supreme court, John Caston, lockmaster, Welland Canal; Edward Masson, caretaker Grosse Island Quarantine Station; John Stewart, carrier, Toronto; John Nasmith Beattie, letter carrier, London; Caleb Belyia, letter carrier, St. John; Henry Hughes, bank messenger, treasury department; Wilfred Dubuc, office manager, attorney-general's office, Quebec; and three gentlemen who are pleased to confer the prefix royal on the Northwest Mounted Police.

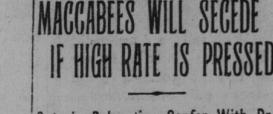
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