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BRIDGE COLLAPSED BECAUSE OF DESIGN WHICH WAS AT FAULT

No One in Authority at Great Structure to Meet the Crisis-Nothing Could Have Saved Structure From Ultimate Collapse After Aug. 27 -- Government Not Wholly Without Responsibility.

OTTAWA, March 9 .- (Special.)-The report of the Quebec Bridge commiswion was laid on the table this afternoon by Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

It declares that the collapse of the bridge was due to errors of judgment of the designing engineer, P. L. Szlapka, and the consulting engineer, Theodore Cooper, whose ability, says the report, "was tried in one of the most difficult professional problems of the day and proved to be insufficient for

The specifications were unsatisfactory in that unit stresses were higher than any established by past practice. The steel used was of good quality, but serious defects were fundamental in the design and the failure of the company to appoint an experienced bridge engineer as chief engineer was a great mistake.

The commission was composed of Henry Holgate, C.E., of Montreal, John G. Kerry, C.E., of Montreal, and Prof. John Galbraith, C.E., of Toronto University. The members of the commission were appointed on Aug. 30, the day following the accident, and the taking of evidence was begun in Quebec on Sept. 9. Subsequent sittings were held at Ottawa, New York, Phoenixville and Philladelphia.

delphia.

The report goes fully into the history of the Quebec Bridge Co., contracts entered into with the Phoenix Bridge Co., and the employment of Theodore Cooper of New York as consulting engineer. The engineer of the Quebec gineer. The engineer of the Quebec Bridge Co. was W. A. Hoare and the chief engineer of the Phoenix Bridge Co., John Sterling Deans.

In the spring of 1900, with the object of reducing the time for the completing the spring of the completing the comp pleting the sub-structure the proposed lengt hof the central span was increased from 1600 to 1800 feet. Of this change Mr. Cooper approved, Subsequent changes in specifications made in 1903 were also made under made in 1903 were also made under two.

pressed surprise that a return had been defining the system of Windsor Castle when Emperor William was there recently.

An amusing feature of the affair is three days what would take a week or that all the sensational newspapers of two.

itions were such that nothing but solutely necessary work could be dertaken. The effect of lack of funds is noticeable in the methods of calling for tenders and of letting contracts, and in delays that occurred in the execution of the work. We con-sider that the procedure adopted in calling for tenders was not satisfac in view of the magnitude of th work and was not calculated to produce the most efficient results."

Haste Resulted in Errors. Dealing with the financial weakness of the Quebec Bridge Co. before its bonds were guaranteed by the Dominion Government, the report states:
"When the Dominion Government finally came to be more closely identified with the Quebec Bridge Co. in 1903 in titimated unofficially to the Phoenix Bridge Co. its desire that the bridge should be ready for the Quebec horizon and for ordinary business reasons, the Phoenix Bridge Co. hurried the work of designing and of manufacture as much as possible, this hurry resulting in errors, but not in these errors which were the immediate cause of the Parkhill, Port Perry, Richmond Hill, Rochester Township, St. Thomas, St. Rochester Township, Rochester Township, St. Thomas, St. Rochester Township, Rochester Township, St. Thomas, St. Rochester Township, Rochester Township, Rocheste

The commissioners show that Theoto the Phoenix Bridge Co. "was made for technical reasons, altho he did not overlook the costs." Further, upon this point, the report says: "The this point, the report says: mix Bridge Co. were limited only by specifications as amended by Mr. Cooper, endorsed by the government and concurred in by themselves and no sum of money or total weight was set as a limit to designing or building superstructure, the sole aim of all being to produce a safe and economical bridge. The Phoenix Bridge Co. were tawa. paid for the work at so much per pound,

make the bridge lighter than they deemed it should be It appears from the report that Collingwood Scheiber in 1903 recommended that the government employ a competent bridge engineer, to have final conof bridge construction and to be an employe of the department of rail-

ways and canals. Cooper, however, declined to ber assumed that he was directed by order-in-council to place the entire responsibility in Mr. Cooper's hands.
The Quebec Bridge Co., however, did

Alterations Not Infrequent. and Mr. Szlapka, who designed the Robinson. bridge, considered Mr. Cooper's proncements final thruout and not liable to alteration either by the Quebec of public works. Bridge Co. or by the Dominion Government. Thus Mr. Cooper's sole au

FATAL HURRY.

After the defects were ascer-After the defects were ascer-tained the commissioners say it would have been impossible to prevent the fall of the bridge and any effort to brace or take down the structure would have been impracticable owing to the risk of human life involved. risk of human life involved.

An important point dealt with by the commissioners was the insufficient capital of the company. When the Dominion Government came to be more closely identified with the company in 1903, it intimated unofficially its desire that the bridge should be ready for the Quebec tercentenary in 1908. Then the work was hurried,

Then the work was hurried,

Information For Mr. MacKay -- "The" Statement Promised To-day.

On Hon A G. MacKay moving yes-

need not object when \$10,000 had been spent on his suggestion to investigate gas-producer power alone.
"Allow me to present the return now," interposed the provincial secretary.

Premier Whitney stated that the other return regarding the reported negotiations for the Electrical Development plant would be ready this after-

The return supplied the following de-

Municipalities applying to the hydroelectric power commission for the transmission of electric energy, sundry

Rochester Township, St. Thomas, St. Mary's, Stratford, Simcoe, Stanley, Steelton, Strathroy, S. Dumfries, To-

The commission in 1906 gave an estimate as shown in a table attached of the cost price of power delivered to the nunicipalities ready for distribution. Bylaws were submitted in twenty-one municipalities under section 7 of the municipalities under section 8 of the municipalities and Controller Hocken 1 and Municipalities 2 of the municipalities 1 of the municipalities and Controller 1 of the adam minicipalities and Controller 1 of the adam municipalities and Controller 1 of the municipalities and Controller 1 of the municipalities 1 of the municipalities 2 of the municipalities 2 of the municipalities 2 of the municipalities 2 of the

A contract had been made with Otso there was no incentive to them to in the negative.

EMMERSON TO COMMISSION. Premier Robinson to Succeed to Seat ters.

in Commons.

agree to this, as it would place him in a subordinate position, and Mr. Schrei-

Premier Robinson is expected to tennot agree with this interpretation of the order-in-council, claiming that all plans were to be considered as a member of the legislature as soon as the government one of the defeated opposition candi-On the other hand Mr. Deans, chief dates, will be allowed to enter the legisengineer of the Phoenix Bridge Co., lature unopposed, as will Hon. Mr.

> The idea is that Melanson will enter the Hazen cabinet as commm

TIME EXTENDED.

LETTER IS SECRET INCIDENT IS

Balfour Endorses Cabinet's Reticence, and "Times" is Being Called a Yellow Journal.

LONDON, March 9.—The government has decided to keep private the perschal letter written by Emperor William to Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty, in which it was charged by The London Times that his majesty had attempted to influence legislation in the matter of the naval estimates of Great Britain. How this decision, which is announced in both houses of parliament this evening, will please the country, remains to be seen Since A. J. Balfour, speaking for the opposition, endorsed the policy of the cabinet, it may be predicted that the public may consider the incident closed

The remark made by Lord Rosebery nat the nation was making itself ridicand dry. All the participants proceeded as if they were walking on eggs, for tion is a delicate business.

The fact that Lord Tweedmouth consulted with Sir Edward Grey, the for-eign secretary, before replying to Em-peror William's letter was the only new fact brought out, and it goes far terday in the legislature for the return as suggested by Premier Whitney last week of information regarding the hydro-electric power commission, Hon. Adam Beck, who had not been present when the arrangement was made, expressed surprise that a return had been asked for without any reason being given. The staff had worked day and

In its report on the "effect of financial limitations upon the design of the bridge," the commission state that "it must have been clear to the engineers from the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that nothing but the first that financial conditions were such that the province, having spent \$75,000 on the commission, was reason enough for asking information. was reason enough for asking information.

A. J. Balfour and his other questioners that he had nothing to add to his statement of Friday, and that so far as he knew Lord Tweedmouth so far as he knew Lord Tweedmouth so far as

he knew Lord Tweedmouth had no-thing to add to his declaration, be-yend the fact that immediately on the receipt of Emperor William's letter the first lord of the admiralty showed it to Sir Edward Grey, the foreign secretary, who agreed with the recipient that the letter had no official character, and should be treated as a private "It is clearly out of the question

antinued Mr. Asquith, "to lay private

about as much privacy appeared to have been attached to this correspondronto, Tavistock, Tillsonburg, Toronto Junction Thedford, Tilbury, Thamesville, Uxbridge, Waterloo, Woodstock, Walkerton, West Flamboro Township, West Luther.

without any suggestion of impropriety. The feature of the session in the house of lords was a speech by Lord His other questions were all answered n the negative.

Reschery, who had the Prince of Wales or municipalities have applied to the hydro-electric power commission for

appointed to a position on the railway commission, and that Hon. C. W. Robinson will succeed him as the Liberal candidate for Ottawa in Westmoreland Ccunty.

This is that a date and the lateral and in the purpose of submitting such in the purpo the head of any educated person entitled to remain outside of a lunatic asylum."

Bengough, Whytock, Foster, Keeler asylum."

MAYOR SCOTT, PERHAPS. May Become Member of the Railway Vaughan-13. Commission.

THE POET AND THE FARMER

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"If Canada is the country of the twentieth century, it must adopt twentieth cenutry ideas, and the twentieth century idea in connection with transportation is the nationalization of the Grand Trunk in conjunction with the Interto diminish the criticism of Lord Tweedmouth because it relieves him of all suspicion of anything resembling Ottawa,

If City Has Delayed It's Been on Advice So Mayor Explains

Council Indulge in a Free Discus- REDISTRIBUTION SCHEME sion on Power Matters, Which Will Be Accelerated.

SAYS THE GOVERNMEMT CAN'T DEVELOP POWER

A question from Amelius R. M. Lockwood, a Conservative member of the house, as to whether it was possible for a communication on such portant areas at the classical control and the Toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, Mayor Oliver announcing at the classical control and the toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, Mayor Oliver announcing at the classical control and the toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, Mayor Oliver announcing at the classical control and the toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, Mayor Oliver announcing at the classical control and the toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, Mayor Oliver announcing at the classical control and the toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, Mayor Oliver announcing at the classical control and the toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, Mayor Oliver announcing at the classical control and the control and the classical control and the toronto Electric Light Company will approach a crisis at this afternoon's conference, and the classical control and the The negotiations between the board heated discussion by the city council yesterday that he would pin the company's representatives down to a straight promise to consider a definite proposition within a specified time.

Thus, altho Controller Harrison's resclution went under by a vote of 13 to 10, its "hurry-up" injunction was practically adopted. Incidentally the air

sclution went under by a vote of 13 to 10, its "burry-up" injunction was practically adopted. Incidentally the air was cleared of much of the secrecy which has hung about the series of conferences between the board of the board

mer made an attack upon the "yellow" journalism of England, with special reference to the inferences drawn by The London Times from the letters.

"We have witnessed." Lord Rosebery said. "the whole world drawing the control be required to submit a final respective to the provided the provid ST. JOHN, N.B., March 9.—(Special.)

A report from what might be considered an authoritative source is that Hon. H. R. Emmerson will at once be appointed to a position on the railway.

For—Controller Harrison, Aid. Mc-Ghie, Chisholm, J. J. Graham, Bredin,

and McBride—10.

Against — The mayor, Controllers Hocken, Ward and Spence, Add. Church, Adams, McMurrich, Saunderson, R. H. Graham, Hales, Stewart, Lytte and Ald. McMurrich objected to the board

of control being expected to report on OTTAWA, March 9.—Special.)—
Still another name has been mentioned in connection with appointments to the new railway board. It is said that the month would be nearly over before the next meeting, and that two thority "to alter any requirements of the specifications was not infrequently exercised."

OTTAWA, March 9.—(Special).—
Answering a question by Mr. Lefurgey this afternoon, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, The connection of the government with the enterprise proved the means and the specifications was not infrequently exercised."

It is said that before the next meeting, and that two months had been already allowed to his andlord that he will not require his present office premises after April 1 and as Mayor Scott has been active to his processitions where the could be secured, and whether the Electron of the meeting and that two months had been already allowed to his andlord that he will not require the intermitation of the secured and the meeting and that two months had been already allowed to his andlord that he will not require the intermitation of the secured and whether the secured and whether the secured and whether the secured and whether the secured and th with the enterprise proved the means receiving tenders for a new winter in prosecuting his claims for an approval of the plans rested with it, vice had been extended till March 16.

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Why England Did Not Insist on Columbia River as the

Prenier Says the Great Majority of the Constituencies Will Remain Unchanged.

In the legislature yesterday afternoon, Premier Whitney announced that the schedules of the redistribution till might be ready to-day. The form of the bill, he stated, was entirely new.

MAY BE ANNOUNCED

IN HOUSE TO-DAY

Have Applied for Quotations for Power From the Hydro-Electric Commission.

to locate a large plant on the Niagara River, in the Township of Willoughby, in the Slater farm. The township will be asked to grant fixed taxation. company will ultimately employ 500 hands in the treatment of metaliferous wastes, ores and bullion. Negotiations are now under way with

the hydro-electric power commission for a quotation on power. The above industry was prepared to locate on Ashbridge's Marsh, but the city wouldn't make satisfactory terms.

SHERBROOKE WILL BUY. SHERBROOKE, March 9.—The elect-

ors of Sherbrooke to-day approved of a bylaw for the city to take over the plant of the Sherbrooke Power, Light & Heat Co., by a majority of 291.

Public Will Soon Know Boundary.

don gathering the material. He has don gathering the material. He has already had access to the correspondence on the subject in the archives of position, that he didn't desire the by-

sist upon the Columbia River boundary, finally draft a treaty admitting number of prominent dergymen had the contention of the Americans, that told him they sympathized with his the 49th parallel was the proper line? | stand.

There have been made answers to ments to show the unfairness of this question, but none satisfactory to bylaw, and scored aldermen who had the historian. The Hudson Bay Company, then a power, was fighting to re-WELLAND, March 9—(Special.)—The tain its posts on the Columbia and Wil- Hotel, Bay-street, made an earnest aplamette Rivers and urged the British peal for British fair play. He candid-Government not to give up a foot of ly expressed the fear that, if the byland. The Aberdeen treaty gave up all law were carried out, his hotel "would the country south of the 49th parallel be one of the first to go out of busijust above Chippewa. A site of twenty acres has been taken by the company tion of Varcouver Island, whereon the "Eternal Vigilance." company had an important post and large landed interests. Prof. Schaefer to allow his motion to remain on the is inclined to believe that the letters of large landed interests. Prof. Schaefer to allow his motion to remain on the order paper, but Ald. Keeler wanted to Lord Aberdeen will disclose that private advices from the country pointing out the difficulty of governing the district, and the influx of Americans, who outnumbered the English, influenced the foreign minister in conceding the American district and Ald. Hales, who seconded, owned the foreign minister in conceding the American district and Ald. McGhie pro-American claims in opposition to the tested, the latter saying that never becompany.

STOPPED JAIL DELIVERY. Timely Discovery at Guelph Prevents

by the alertness of a son of Warden | agreed that courtesy demanded but in no way did the government exercise any check on the work itself or any authority over contractors.

The administration of the contract part disposition of funds supplied by the administration of the contract president of the Canadian Pacific Rail-way, passed thru the city yesterday.

Mon a holiday trip on the Mediterran-burned off.

W. H. White of Winnipeg, third vice-fund to a sissue in three or four days as in as many months. The property owners had a right to know what was going to be done. He believed burned off. and here arm painfully on the Mediterran-burned off. and here arm painfully on the Mediterran-burned off. Schmitz fixed the board, but beyond one or two conferences nething had been of two conferences nething had been on the store to sake that to untered one the one of the prison as well be brought to an issue in three or four days as in as many months. The property owners had a right to know what was going to be done. He believed burned off. Schmitz was untered one of the prison was former fundor the total one of two conferences nething had been on the former fundor to a sissue in three or four days as in as many months. The property owners had a right to know what was going to be done. The believed by the

And Motion to Adver-

tise it Again Fails---A Question of Courtesy Now.

DEFEATED: Ald. Keeler-Hales' notion to strike out Ald. Whytock's motion to repeal the license reduction bylaw.

DEFEATED: Controller Spence's notion to promulgate the license reduction bylaw.

These were the results of the city council's dealings with a decidedly vexed question yesterday afternoon, Ald. Whytock's expressed wish to have his motion stand over, making it necessary for the opposing forces to as-

sume the offensive. The voting on Ald. Keeler's motion, which aimed at disposing finally of any movement to rescind the bylaw, resulted in a tie. The mayor, who had previously declared himself opposed to such summary tactics, did not vote, and, following the rules of procedure, the resolution was declared

lost. The line-up was: For-Controllers Spence, Hocken and Harrison, Ald. Bredin, Bengough, J. J. Graham, Foster, Keeler, Hales, R.

H. Graham and Vaughan-11. Against-Controller Ward, Ald. Lytle, Whytock, Chisholm, McBride, Church, Adams, McMurrich, Saunderson, Stewart and McGhie—11.

Lots of Excitement.

A two-thirds majority was necessary to carry Controller Spence's motion to advertise, but the division was 14 to 9. The controller's next step will be to have the board of control ress a special adventige announced.

will be to have the board of control pass a special advertising appropriation so that a simple majority alone will be needed at the next council meeting. The vote was:

For—The mayor, Controllers Spence, Hocken and Harrison, Ald. Vaughan, J. J. Graham, McGhie, Adams, Halés, R. H. Graham, Bredin, Bengough, Foster and Keeler—14.

Against—Controller Ward, Ald.

art, Lytle, Whytock, McBride and Chisholm-9. Chisholm—9.
The atmosphere of the council chaimber was almost as superheated as on the occasion of the introduction of the bylaw four weeks ago. The available space on the ground floor was packed to the crushing point, and the galleries overflowed. The blue ribbon contingent, consisting largely of ladies, occupied seats on the east side, while the citizens committee was stattloned on the opposite side. Despite the mayor's injunctions the audience broke forth into rounds of applause many times during the remarks of the

sity of Oregon, who has written several books on the Northwest, is now in Lonbooks on the Northwest in the major had been supported by the will be the Major had been supported by the Major had been supp

J. H. Kennedy reviewed the argu-

fore in his six years' municipal experi ence could he recall a case where such a courtesy had been denied. Ald. Keeler's defence was that attempts were being made to inflame public sentiment and that it was desirable to put

an end to such opportunities. Ald. McMurrich challenged him to GUELPH, March 9.—(Special.)—A show by the rules that he had a right fall delivery was prevented here to-day to force Ald. Whytock, and the mayor