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LIBERAL ESTIMATES OF COST OF RAILWAY

Sir Wilfred's Estimate of Cost Won't Pay the Interest on Cost--How Liberals Had to Repudiate a Pugsley Deal--Liberals Now Support What They Formerly Condemned--Sir Richard Won't Retire.

Mr. Houghton Lennox has put the case of the National Transcontinental as it stands at present in very concise form. He moved an amendment on going into supply last week which had the effect of making the government very angry indeed. The amendment first recalled the facts that Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1903 declared that "the total cost to Canada" would not exceed \$13,000,000; and that Mr. Fielding in the same year said that the "actual cost" of the Western Division would be only \$61,640,000. It then noted that official returns by the government show that this Eastern Division, without counting anything for interest, and with many items of construction as yet not included, will cost not less than \$154,000,000, or an average of more than \$85,000 per mile. It continues: "But, according to these official returns and statements of ministers, the total cost of the Eastern Division will actually amount to not less than the sum of \$218,468,314, made up as follows:

Payments under 31 contracts \$104,580,905
4-9 share of the cost of the Quebec bridges 7,594,091
Terminals at Quebec 7,594,091
Share of terminals at Winnipeg 1,156,252
Share of shops at Moncton 750,000
Share of terminal yards at Moncton 97,000
Numerous items (not covered by contracts), as per statements recently submitted 37,797,852

Total, exclusive of interest \$155,926,100
Interest on outlay during one-half period of construction, that is, average of four years' simple interest at 3 1/2 per cent. 21,540,654

Cost at time road is to be handed over to company \$175,475,754
Add interest at 3 1/2 per cent for seven years after road is handed over, during which country is to bear the charge 42,991,560

Total at end of 7 year period \$218,468,314
Making an average expenditure of more than \$120,000 a mile, and representing a fixed annual charge of \$6,554,020.

"To this sort of construction, and to interest account, must be added very large sums for entry into Winnipeg, for locomotive accommodation there, also for additional terminal requirements at Moncton and at other points, and for further probable interest charges."

And Mr. Lennox went on to demand the appointment of a Royal Commission to investigate into the enormous excess of the cost over the estimates. The government refused to grant the investigation and voted down the demand.

Sir Richard Cartwright. Commenting on the rumors regarding Sir Richard Cartwright's prospective disappearance from the Cabinet, the St. John Standard summarizes that minister's career in a very few words. "But if Sir Richard cannot point to much that he has done since he took office, he can refer to much that he has refrained from doing. He has sat with ministers, some of whom he despised. He has accepted as colleagues politicians whom he distrusted. He has sanctioned in public deeds which he condemned in council. He has kept back large volumes of bitter fruit that he could have found rare delight in telling Sir Wilfrid he admitted an obligation to Sir Richard for these things."

Condemns the Deal. Major Sam Sharpe, M.P., has achieved a noteworthy success for some time and has been probing into the remarkable bargain by which the Government leased two buildings in Ottawa from the Imperial Realty Company, otherwise Mr. J. W. Woods, a local friend of the Laurier administration. It was uphill work for Mr. Fuglesy, and encouraged the representatives of the company to adopt a defiant attitude in refusing information. Moreover, Major Sharpe made so good a case that today the case-hardened Liberals who were present fairly capitulated and agreed to the passing of

that the recipient of such favors would naturally be too glad to know who are the persons to whom he owes gratitude, and if he does not choose to know who are those to whom he owes gratitude, it must be because his moral sense tells him that he would find these names that would be a condemnation of his accepting such a testimonial."

And Sir Richard Cartwright said that the fact that the minister did not know his benefactors were simply aggravated the offence.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply in 1910 when confronted with his doctrines of 1891 was in effect that Mr. Fielding is so honorable a man that there is no need for taking such precautions as he had urged in the case of Sir John A. Macdonald. He also said that it had been understood that no contractors, government officials, etc., were to be allowed to subscribe. The situation is:

1. No one knows whether Mr. Fielding does or does not know who his benefactors are. He left the House while the discussion was going on.
2. Sir Wilfrid Laurier does not know who they are.
3. It is asserted that directors of the Bank of Montreal, directors of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company and other corporations have subscribed. So far there has been no denial.
4. Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Dominion Iron and Steel Company as corporations had not subscribed. That is the extent of his denial.
5. Meanwhile Mr. Fielding remains Finance Minister, doing business with these great corporations.

PREPARING FOR FUNERAL.

Extraordinary Prices Being Paid for Seats to See Cortage.

London, May 15. — Arrangements have been completed for the royal funeral on Friday next. The bier bearing the remains of the late King will leave Westminster Hall for Paddington Station about a quarter past ten that morning, by which time the head of the procession will be at least half an hour on its way. The moment the body leaves Westminster Hall all the cars on the tramway systems in London will come to a standstill, remaining stationary for a quarter of an hour.

It is announced that the period of deep mourning extends to June 17, and from thence to July 19 half mourning is requested.

MINUTE GUNS.

Will Be Fired From Coast to Coast on Friday.

Ottawa, May 14.—A militia order gives particulars in respect to the firing of minute guns commencing at noon on May 20, the day on which King Edward will be buried. Minute guns will be fired at different points from Charlottetown, P.E.I., to Victoria, B.C. the number to be decided later, including Halifax, St. John, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, London, Winnipeg, and Lethbridge. At each place where units of government forces are stationed every available officer and man is to be present on parade at the place where the salute is fired. When the first and last guns are being fired, troops will present arms. During the firing of the salute they will be stationed with arms reversed. After an appreciable pause, during which the salute will be removed from the colors and the black from the drums, a royal salute will be given by troops present in arms, and bands, when present, playing "God Save the King." If a band is present on parade with troops it will play during the firing of the guns. After the salute the Dead March in "Saul."

RECOVERS SIGHT.

After Being Blind for Ten Years Windsor Woman Once More Sees.

Windsor, May 16.—Totally blind for the last ten years, Bridget Horn, an aged inmate of the Home of Friendless, is now able to see once more, through what she is pleased to call "the special gift of God." Mrs. Horn was born in Ireland, she does not know how long ago, and came to America shortly after the outbreak of the Civil War. She has been in Windsor thirty years. She was intimately acquainted with Florence Nightingale, and saw the entire campaign during the Crimean War, following, as the custom then was, her husband who was killed in battle. Mrs. Horn served in the household of Florence Nightingale and also looked after the quarters of Lord Raglan during the war.

Arrangements have been made by the Greater Regina Club to entertain the visiting Winnipeg business men tomorrow.

ELEVATOR COMMISSION

Begin Taking Evidence in Moose Jaw To-day--Questions to Be Answered by Witnesses.

The Saskatchewan Elevator Commission which will hold its first sitting for the taking of evidence at Moose Jaw on Wednesday, Thursday and possibly Friday of this week, have prepared the following list of questions which have been circulated with a view of affording some suggestion as to the lines along which the enquiry may proceed, though not intended in any way to limit the evidence of those who will appear before the commission:

1. What are the existing evils which a State aided system of elevators would remedy?
2. Could these evils be removed by such methods as:
1. Additional loading platforms?
2. Additional farmers' elevators?
3. Additional railway lines and car facilities?
4. A system of inspection?
3. Would a system of government ownership and government operation, such as given in the Manitoba Act, be satisfactory, and if not, why not?
4. Would a system of government ownership, combined with operation by an independent commission, as suggested by the Grain Growers' Association, be satisfactory to you? What do you say to the following objections to this scheme?
1. Should the expenditure of money provided by the state be under the control of any body or board not responsible to all the citizens?
2. If the Commission operating the system consisted of an appointee of the Government and two of the Grain Growers' Association, would political influence be eliminated, and would one vote out of three safeguard the interests of the province?
3. If the system were not a financial success, would the deficit be met?
4. Under such a system would it be necessary to have a monopoly of all the elevators in the province?

LECTURES TO FARMERS

Extension Work of College of Agriculture--Many Meetings to Be Held in Outlying Parts of Province.

The Extension Work of the Saskatchewan College of Agriculture has planned for the month of June includes the following meetings in the south-western part of the province, as well as several others in Northern Saskatchewan.

Waldeck	June 13
Bigford	14
New Hoffman	15
Glen Bryan	16
Burrdak	17
Notre Dame D'Auvergne	18
Cananea	19
Meyronne	20
Gravelbourg	21
Carrigan	22
Hodgeville	23
Morse	24
Mosshank	June 14
Dow Drop	15
Leville	16
Deanton	17
Una	18
Willow Bunch	19
Stonelenge	20
Lamerick	21
La Fleche	22
Masened	23
Ada	24
New Warren	June 14
Truax	15
Buffin	16
Key West	17
Kabeyun	18
Aldred	19
Souris Valley	20
Gorge Lake	21
Stager	22
Homar	23
Dupuis	24
Lowton	25
Ingleford	26
Trossachs	27
Forward	28

(All meetings to be held at 2 p.m.)
The speakers who will address the gatherings of farmers at these places are Prof. John Bracken of the Agricultural College staff, W. R. Abbott, a prominent farmer of the Maple Creek district, D. D. Campbell, who was appointed a few years ago by the Dominion Government to act as the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Manitoba, John Miller, Indian Head, chairman of the Royal Grain Commission of 1907, and A. F. Mantle of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture.

A SEARCH IN VAIN.

Elkhorn Boy Missing, Norman France Gone--Hound Finds No Scout.

Elkhorn, Man., May 14.—There is still nothing new to report in the search for little Norman France, who disappeared from his home near here on Sunday last.

The small army of searchers, ever increasing in size, have covered the country for miles around and the German police hound has circled the France farm for a radius of some ten miles, but is at a complete loss.

Among others, the clairvoyant, in whom many placed so much faith, has failed completely in his effort, and the mystery of the disappearance of the little boy could not be deeper if the earth had opened and swallowed him up.

The sloughs around the France home have been raked systematically, but without success. The rewards, now totalling \$1,500, have attracted people from a long distance, and every possible clue is being followed up.

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Legislature when it re-convenes, T. C. Fraser, Manager of the Merchants Bank, will be the first witness. Premier Rutherford will come on Wednesday. Two witnesses for whom subpoenas have been issued cannot be located. They are Senator Roy and M. W. Hopkins. The former was one of the original incorporators of the Athabasca Railway Company, and the latter came into the limelight by reason of Mr. Bennett's vicious attack on him from the floor of the Legislature. Hopkins purchased school lands along the line of the railway.

Contractors Organize.
Last night the contractors of the city met in the city hall and organized a Builders' Exchange. R. J. Leckie is president of the new association.

Waterways' Commission.
Edmonton, May 16.—The Great Waterways' Commission resumes sittings here at ten o'clock to-morrow morning. Mr. Walsh says it is unlikely it will conclude before the end of next week. Adjournment may be taken on Thursday over the holidays. The report of the Commission will not be ready for

AND

WE'LL SOON NOW NOW, WE'RE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO IT! I'VE HEARD IT WAS MADE OF MONEY!

CAPTAIN MAKE IT EASY! NEVER VERY NOW! WHAT'S IT?

DECLARE, MEMO, WILL YOU PLEASE GO TO SLEEP IN HERE AND QUIT ROAMING ABOUT?

MCCAY