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AMES AT EDMONTON

Montreal Member Holds a Very Successful Meeting at the Alberta Capital.

Edmonton, Alta., Aug. 26.—The opera house was crowded to the doors and many could not get admittance to the public meeting addressed by Herbert B. Ames, M.P., of Montreal, in the city tonight. In point of enthusiasm the meeting was the most successful held during Ames' present tour of Western Canada and here in Edmonton, in the heart of the Oliver stronghold, and at the seat of a provincial Liberal government hundreds of enthusiastic people wildly cheered the speaker of the evening and his telling criticisms of the Laurier government in their administration, or rather mal-administration of the western lands. That question is a vital one here in Alberta and that the people of Edmonton are awakening to the fact was evidenced by the close attention given to the address tonight. The unqualified disapproval of the way our western heritage is being squandered was expressed by the audience in no uncertain terms and it would seem to presage the downfall of that government at the coming federal elections.

A. Williamson Taylor, president of the local Conservative association, acted as chairman of the meeting. A number of prominent Conservatives from the city and district occupied seats on the platform, among them being J. D. Hyndman, who has been nominated to oppose Hon. Frank Oliver in the Edmonton riding at the next election. The audience was composed of Conservatives and Liberals.

A telling feature of the Ames' address was the views thrown upon the canvas which helped the audience to realize more vividly the splendid lands they were losing and the clever schemes adopted by unscrupulous politicians to dispose of these lands and timber rights for the benefit of themselves and their friends.

Ames' speech was a complete arraignment of the Liberal government. Proofs and statements of the facts were forthcoming which were irrefutable.

"Why did you not make these charges on the floor of the house?" Ames was asked.

"Every statement I have made tonight has been made on the floor of the house and I have repeatedly asked the government to appoint a commission to enquire into them," was the reply amid deafening cheers.

"When the Conservatives are returned to power this fall will there be any way to have these charges investigated and the wrong done put where the California municipal grafters are?" asked Rev. J. Burt Morgan, a local divine.

"Borden," said Ames, "was pledged to have the most searching investigation possible made. Where the land timber or minerals are proved to have been stolen from the people, restitution will be made. Offenders will be punished if convictions can be secured."

The meeting concluded at a late hour with rousing cheers for Ames.

Ames leaves tomorrow for the east over the C.N.R.

An important case arising out of the assessment of land within the corporation of Milestone, came up before Mr. Justice Lamont, at a special court for the hearing of appeal cases held in that town recently, in which H. N. Morphy of Weyburn and Norman Mackenzie, K.C., of Regina, appeared on behalf of the appellant, Martin, and Messrs. Withoughby & Pickett of Moose Jaw, for the town. In Milestone the single tax system is in force, and some of the appellant's property was assessed at \$100 per acre and some at \$75 per acre, and against which Mr. Martin appealed, "taking the ground" that the assessment was excessive. After argument for and against the assessment of \$75 was reduced to \$50, and the \$100 rate was allowed to stand.

Don't Be Duped

Mr. Angus Mackay of the Indian Head Experimental Farm has given out the following:

"Sir—I notice in nearly all papers reports of a wonderful wheat raised in the States, and no doubt being prepared to take in conding farmers in due time.

Those of your readers who have lived the half century will remember the huge swindle operated in Ontario with a wheat called the "El Dorado" which was to revolutionize the whole world. In the province of Ontario such a well known farmer as Hon. John Dryden was one of the unfortunates (with scores of others, myself among them), who invested in that grain, only to find it a fake of the first class.

The El Dorado wheat was an exact counterpart of this new variety, and was for a year or two dangled before our eyes through newspapers, then agents went through the country and sold at big prices, stipulating that the entire crop from the seed was to be taken by the agents, at a great advance in price over all other grain. When the grain was grown, no agents or buyers could be found, and the notes given by the farmers having passed into the hands of third parties, were collected in court of law.

My opinion is, another big wheat swindle is being prepared, and I trust that the settlers of the three western provinces will not be suckers like those of Ontario were in the seventies.

The El Dorado wheat was no use for flour, and could not be sold except for feed. It gave no better yield than the ordinary wheat of that period.

A man named Lange was arrested at Watrous by Constable Chaney of the R.N.W.M.P., who is stationed at Vonda, and brought to Humboldt for trial. The charge against Lange is one of sending obscene matter through the mails and addressed to one Otto Scheitler. The case came up for hearing before the local police court on Tuesday before P. L. Hauser, J.P., but as no evidence was produced the case was adjourned for one week. J. M. Crear was prosecuting lawyer and F. A. G. Ouseley appeared for the defendant.—Humboldt Journal.

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NORTHERN MISSIONARY

Leaves for Rome—Forty-Seven Years in the Solitudes—Bishop Breynat Looks Old at Forty.

Edmonton, Aug. 24.—A more than ordinarily interesting visitor to Edmonton this week is Bishop Breynat of Fort Resolution, on the Great Slave Lake, whose diocese is larger than the whole of Russia. It is a wide and dreary one, embracing the wilderness that stretches from Great Slave Lake to the Arctic Ocean, and including the vast area of the Yukon district. Bishop Breynat is staying at the Roman Catholic mission on Tenth street, and leaves in company with Bishop Grouard on a visit to Rome. The latter, who is an old-time missionary with headquarters at Lesser Slave Lake, is now en route from the north to Edmonton.

A quiet faced, patriarchal man with long brown beard, a patient worn face, Bishop Breynat is a fine specimen of those who have spent their lives in behalf of the Indians of the north. He was born in Valence, Belgium, entered the priesthood of the Oblate Order and volunteered for the Canadian Northwest missions fifteen years ago. He arrived here in the late autumn and going north to his post at Fond de Lac came upon very cold weather. The mercury dropping to 60 degrees. The unacclimated Belgian felt this keenly, and going from Chipewyan to Fond de Lac had his toes badly frozen.

This necessitated a crude surgical operation as such things are done in the north, with penknives and a great trust in Providence. The result of this trip and subsequent hardships was that the missionary's health broke down before three years' time. His food at Fond de Lac and in the missions for the first years consisted mainly of pemmican and whitefish and game when it could be had.

So it is, though still a young man only forty years of age, the bishop, worn with work and illness, gives the impression of age.

In 1902 Father Breynat was raised to the dignity of vicar apostolic of the Mackenzie and Yukon districts, titular Bishop of Adramyte and suffragan to the Bishop of Victoria. He was consecrated at St. Albert's in 1902. In his vaguely defined ecclesiastical province there are some 200,000 souls, particularly at Fort Resolution and Fort Good Hope, the latter point 1,000 miles north of Edmonton. He has under his direction about 25 missionaries scattered far and wide across the north, and each of these he endeavors to visit every year.

There is one priest, Father Roure, who has passed forty-seven years at Fort Rae, a very small post of the north arm of Great Slave Lake. It is up there that the Barren Islands are. But many Indians call at the post and the father must stay there. Bishop Breynat in the course of a conversation was asked what progress was being made at Fort Resolution.

"Ah—it is as you look at it," was the reply. "We farm all we can, we have a small mill, and the mission lately bought a boat with which we hope to do great things on the river. It has a steel frame and was brought from Toronto. Before I came away I helped put it together. We had to saw planks and get to work in real earnest, but added the good bishop smiling, 'there is a blessing in work in the north as in any other part of the world. Our Indians work at their ancient occupation of hunting—would you consider the work of the modern industrial world the only work? They no longer abandon their old or sick people, however. At several of our missions the nuns are taking care of the old and blind. That leaves their relatives free to follow the hunt, to get the meat of the animals for food and the furs to exchange with the traders.'"

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