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WHERE WAS HE

(Wednesday's Daily)

The chief grievance in the speech of the leader of the opposition on Monday evening was that the Government had put up a vigorous campaign in the constituency of Gleichen, making the complaint that the Opposition needed strengthening in the legislature Is this not a poor time for such a complaint? Where was the leader of the Opposition during that by-election? Notwithstanding the fact that his own constituency adjoins that of Gleichen he did not take the trouble to come over the line fence to speak with his neighbors upon a matter of such grave importance.

When by-elections are held for the House of Commons the voice of Mr. Borden is always heard advocating his cause and that of his candidate. When Mr. Whitney was in opposition in Ontario he spoke in practically every by-election, and if Mr. Robertson deemed it of such importance that another supporter should be elected in Gleichen then he neglected his duty as leader of the Opposition in deserting his cause and his candidate in the hour of battle.

There was no Macedonian call to the people from Mr. Robertson during that campaign, can it be that there was no Macedonian call to Mr. Robertson from the Conservative candidate. Nothing would have helped the Opposition in that contest quite so much as for Mr. Robertson to have gone into the campaign and asked the people to give him the help in opposition that he needed and nothing was quite so injurious to the Conservative campaign as the attack made upon the leader of the Opposition by a certain section of the press, and the booming of the Gleichen candidate as leader of the Opposition.

We don't think any effort of Mr. Robertson could have defeated the popular Liberal candidate in Gleichen, but after failing to even appear in the constituency to advocate the cause of his candidate or his party it is hardly his right to complain at the Liberals for presenting their case as strongly as possible to the electors of Gleichen. They were not ashamed of either their candidate or the record of their party and the Premier's reply that he hoped the Liberals would always carry on their elections vigorously because they have the courage of their convictions, was a most effective one. The Opposition leader did not show up very well playing this role.

BETTER INFORMATION NEEDED

(Wednesday's Daily)

The fire in the Cnisholm block and the difficulty in overcoming it suggests the necessity of the fire chief becoming better acquainted with the buildings of the city and the means of obtaining access to them in case of fire. We have no complaint to make against either the chief or the firemen and the valiant fight they made to save the building in that recent conflagration, but there are dozens of buildings on the main street of the city about which if they caught fire, the chief would not possess the necessary information to deal quickly and effectively with the blaze.

We believe it would be very much in the interests of the city for the chief to make a personal inspection, both inside and outside of every business place in the city, securing such data and where necessary such plans as would enable him to use his men to the very best possible advantage when fire broke out. This is a very serious and important matter and should engage the attention of the city council. Just how effectively this city is prepared to fight a big fire we do not care to say, but a little more preparation and a little better knowledge of the buildings would be of great value to the brigade, every man of which is prepared to do his duty, but who must be directed by a chief who thoroughly knows his way about the building that happens to be burning.

SOME CREDIT DUE

(Wednesday's Daily)

Mr. Boyle in his speech yesterday very properly reprimanded the members of the opposition for their loud and general declamations against combines while they had no single word of commendation for the action of the government which by its legislation last session had taken a drastic step to relieve the people from the monopoly of the Bell telephone.

It is an easy matter to lash corporations with your tongue upon the floor of the legislature, but it is another matter to deal with them in a practical manner such as the government has dealt with the telephone question. The Alberta government has started out with its face firmly set against all encroachments upon the peoples' rights by corporations of any kind. The government is doing things rather than talking about them. To harangue corporations in general may be politics—of a certain kind—but it can hardly be counted statesmanship.

TO THE JOURNAL

(Thursday's Daily)

The man, the newspaper, or the thing, that says the hotelkeepers, or any hotelkeepers, subscribed to the Liberal campaign fund, or any Liberal campaign fund, in the Gleichen election, or for the Gleichen election, is a liar and the truth is not in him.

SHORT COMMONS

(Thursday's Daily)

The House of Commons is a great institution. It is composed, or it should be composed, of the cream of the public spirited men of the Dominion. Even defeated candidates would admit that its members are the next best. They are—or should be—men of light and leading, whose time is precious, and who snatch with difficulty from other presssing duties a few brief weeks for the service of their country. Yet anyone who attends its sittings would be justified in thinking that they had all the time there is on their hands. Take today. Although the House opened sharp at 3, it was 4 o'clock before anything was done that could not have been done in five minutes. The consumer of time was the item known as answers to members. The questions to be answered are spread on the Orders of the Day. There were 26 of them, and while there might be two or three of them of some significance or importance, the great bulk of them are such as would be too trifling for conversation between two gossips in the market place on a dull morning. It is a form of fame for which little nobodies whose presence in Parliament is a mischance, or at all events a mistake, thirst. In today's batch, for example, Mr. Blain of Peel asks "When was the Ottawa post office built, and what was the contract price?" As it was built some 30 years ago, the appositeness of the question may be appreciated. He probably wants to settle a bet on behalf of himself or a friend, and he takes up the time and printing of Parliament to get an answer. Then Mr. Lefurgey asks, "How often are harbor dues due on a vessel for a year, and how are they paid? May one portion of said dues be paid in one part, and one portion in another" Why did not Mr. Lefurgey use the mails or the telephone for this statesmanlike question? Fully a quarter of the interrogations are of this calibre, and a wearisome hour is spent in answering them. The question may welll be considered whether the replies could not be laid on the table just as the questions have been. They all subsequently appear in the Hansard, and, so far as giving them to the public is concerned, they would be more likely to reach that hydra headed monster if copies of the answer which the minister reads from a typewritten page were filed in the press room. Question hour is a feature of the Imperial Parliament, but it is not a precedent which should be slavishly followed. It is mainly an hour wasted.

While speaking of the waste of time, table just as the questions have been cogently cited. Mr. Herron, the member for Alberta, introduced a resolution on a most important subject, namely, the alleged existence of a lumber "combine" in British Columbia, by which the price of lumber throughout the west is unduly and illegally enhanced. His resolution called for the appointment of a select committee to inquire into the matter. Mr. Herron stated his case well and succinctly. Mr. Oliver, saying that the existence of such a "combine" was generally credited in the west, and the Government would agree to the appointment of the commmittee and endeavor to get at the bottom of the matter.

If the Governmen had refused the committee it would have been in order to have backed up Mr. Herron's case with addditional buttresses. As it was agreed to, however, what did it profit the House or the country that Messrs. McCarthy of Calgary and Lake of Qu'Appelle should spend the rest of the afternoon proving that a commmittee was needed—slaying the slain? Edmund E. Sheppard was once discoursing on the western man. He was a silent man, he said. The vast quiet places had lain their impress on him, and his words were few and weighty. Well, it may be wagered that he never met Messrs. McCarthy and Lake. If Mr. Lake saw a coyote on a knoll he would make a speech at it, if he had his notes with him. He had his notes with him today, and there was nothing for it but to practise saintly patience. It was all good stuff, no doubt, as evidence for the commission, but nobody but the industrious proofreader of Hansard will ever read what was uttered today. Is the time of the chief legislature of Canada of no value?

There is no need for this Parliament to sit six or seven months of the year. It would be a pleasanter body, a more respected body, and do the business of the country better if it sat three or four.—Toronto Globe.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

(Thursday's Daily)

The Young Liberals of the city have tendered to the members of the legislature the freedom of their club rooms during the session.

John Marcellus, M.P.P. for Pincher Creek, asked leave in the legislature yesterday to introduce a bill to amend the Coal Miners' Act by providing for an eight-hour day underground.

We congratulate F. A. Walker, M.P.P., on his election as Liberal Whip. A better selection could scarcely be made as Mr. Walker is one of the most popular members of the legislature.

Now that the government is going to care for the insane of the province it is up to the Calgary papers to suggest Edmonton as a site for the asylum. This is one of the things they call a joke.

Mr. Heibert, it appears, wants a hansard in the legislature. With the abolition of hansard a live question at Ottawa the member for Rosebud will likely have to depend upon the press for reports of his speeches yet awhile.

The Chicago stock yards have a new bug called "the lead pipe cinch bug" from its habits of making a meal on the lead pipes encasing the underground electric wires. They are brown, hairy little wigglers about five eighths of an inch long and are swarming in the hoof storage houses at the yards, eating the lead pipe and often short-circuiting the electric current.

YOUNG LIBERAL CLUB

(Friday's Daily)

The Young Liberal club of this city deserves a good deal of credit for the earnest, useful work in the interests of the Liberal party that it is carrying on in the city. If it were doing nothing but keeping open the rooms of its headquarters as a meeting place for Liberals of the city and visitors from other parts of the province the result would be well worth the effort. The work of the club though is by no means confined to simply maintaining these comfortable quarters.

By its frequent meetings and invitations to members of the legislature and others to address the club a lively interest in the welfare of the party and the work of the Liberal governments, both Provincial and Dominion, has been kept up.

Too much praise cannot be given to both the present and past officers of the club for their enthusiastic interest in their organization and their excellent work both during election campaigns and in the interval. The active work on behalf of a party in election campaigns must be done by the young men. Upon their vigor and enthusiasm much of the success of a campaign depends. The object of the Edmonton Liberal club is to promote a patriotic interest in the political affairs of our country, keeping its members so informed that their services may be of value in the shaping of public affairs both in Alberta and in the larger field of Canadian politics.

Last year a well conducted mock parliament served a useful purpose in the practice of debate and many members of this organization proved themselves to be no novices in the discussion of public affairs. It is the intention of the club to pursue the same course this winter with, no doubt, the same success. It is also the intention to have a number of the members of the legislature address meetings of the club during the session.

The club has the good will and active support of all the Liberals of the city and it deserves both encouragement and congratulations on its excellent work, and its officers and members are the men who will fight the future battles for the cause of Liberalism in this city.

The Liberal party has always been the party of democracy, the party whose foundation has been built upon the will of the people. Its ideals, its hopes and its ambitions appeal strongly to the young men, and especially to the young men who have come to the West to make homes with their own hands and by their own efforts. To them the Liberal party presents the splendid appeal of government by the people, its traditions reach back through every early struggle in Canada for the civil rights of citizenship, and its history runs through every law of liberty and right and privilege and equality that grace the statute books of Canada. That this club may honor the illustrious history of the great Liberal party is our earnest hope, and that they will is our firm conviction.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING

(Friday's Daily)

It is rather amusing to read of the powerful speech of Mr. Hiebert charging the government with allowing this city to make an agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific anent its terminals. The city of Edmonton has a charter to do business on its own account; it made an agreement with the Grand Trunk Pacific, which agreement has been ratified by a very substantial vote of the ratepayers of the city, and we doubt very much if the civic authorities, or the citizens would take very kindly to any interference from either the provincial government or the member for Rosebud. The question of annulling this agreement was brought before the Railway Commission in this city by one of our citizens and in reply the chairman of the Commission said this was a compact entered into by two responsible bodies who possessed the power and authority to make it and it was purely a matter betweeen these parties, the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway company and the city of Edmonton, and was essentially their own business, so that all these expressions of commiseration for this city are purely gratuitous upon the part of the member for Rosebud. The city of Edmonton may not be able to manage her own business but she is willing to try.

The junior member of the opposition must have seen a map at some time with the railways printed on it in red lines, as "lines of blood" is one of his lurid expressions. In the sense of their being the arteries of commerce the similie would not be far astray. What this country needs most is more such lines. More lines of railway better equipped for business will do more for Western Canada than any other public enterprise, and for this reason the whole country welcomes the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

The member for Rosebud endeavors to belittle the railway tax. What does it amount to? he asks. It may be his opinion that it is of no consequence but that opinion is not shared by many people in the province of Alberta.

The railway tax is popular and satisfactory legislation and will be endorsed by ninety per cent. of the citizens of the province.

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Does the member for Rosebud wants the tax upon railways repealed, or what is his object in trying to belittle it?

The member for Rosebud did not discuss the lumber question. This is a question upon which he could doubtless have given the legislature some useful information.

The Journal tells falsehoods one day and writes explanatory articles about them the next in the hope that some people will think there is something in their yarn.

With so much practice in retracting, excusing and explaining, something better might have been expected from the Journal than its lame performance this morning.

This country wants more railways whether they look like lines of blood or the tentacles of a devil fish. We want greater competition in the carrying systems of our country.

How the friends of the first great railway corporation of this country hate the Grand Trunk Pacific, which will be the first transcontinental competitor their favorite railway has had.

While it is falsely villifying the Rutherford government with inuendo and suggestion the Journal is loudly proclaiming its own independence. There never was a blatant hypocrite yet who didn't pray himself hoarse.

ALBERTA FAT STOCK SHOW

Dates Set For April 2, 3, 4 and 5, at Calgary---Will be Sale of Pure Bred Stock and Grand Challenge Stock Judging Competion

(Friday's Daily)

The attention of the breeders and live stock men throughout the province is called to the meeting of the third annual Fat Stock Show at Calgary next April 2, 3, 4 and 5. The show is held under the auspices of the Alberta Department of Agriculture, and the Alberta Cattle, Horse, Sheep and Swine Breeders' Associations.

In connection with the show a sale of pure bred bulls will be held on the last day, April 5th. Entries for this sale close on February 1st.

Entries for the fat stock show and the horse show close on March 1st. In order to place exhibitors at a distance from the place of the show on the same footing as those nearby, the Live Stock Association will undertake to convey exhibits to the show at a uniform rate of $2.00 per head for cattle, and 50 cents per head for sheep and swine if properly crated. These charges must be forwarded along with the entry fees which are as follows: For each carload of cattle $3.00; for each head of cattle $2.00; for each head of swine or sheep, 75 cents. Hay is supplied free but a charge is made for grain.

Attention is called to a judging competition which will take place in the manufacturer's building on Tuesday, April 2 at 1.30 p.m. Entries may be made upon the grounds up to 1 p.m. the same day. This will be followed by a competition of all the various winners in the stock judging schools held throughout the province during the winter. The winner will secure a grand challenge cup.

Programs, pamphlets and application forms may be obtained from the secretary, E. L. Richardson, Calgary, or from Thomas Daly, Edmonton who is pursuing an active canvas of the live stockmen of the Edmonton district with a view to having Edmonton well represented at the show.

The Outlook of Wheat

(Friday's Daily)

For some weeks past the world's shipments of wheat have been falling off about 3 million bushels less than the requirements, and it is pretty certain that Europe will make demands upon exporting countries. The continental countries are importing heavily compared with Great Britain. Germany especially will have to import liberally for the next six months owing to the moderate quantity which she has imported due to the low water in the rivers not permitting shipment into the interior of the country. This fact coupled with the inability of Russia to maintain the large supply of past years will contribute to a firm demand for American wheat. The Argentine and Australia have a considerable quantity for export from the long voyage the shipments will not be available for sometime. European stocks are depleted and there seems to be little doubt but that the situation is becoming stronger.

Rotaries Not Wanted

(Friday's Daily)

Superintendent Carey of the C. N. R. is not a believer in rotary snow plows for use on the line between Edmonton and Winnipeg. Such was the tenor of his remarks in conversation with the Bulletin yesterday on his return from a thirty days' snow fight down the line.

Since the tie up has been on there has been considerable adverse criticism of the Canadian Northern, many claiming that much of the trouble was owing to the absence of rotaries and inadequate snow fighting motive power. This fact was pointed out to Mr. Carey and in reply he said the rotary snow plow would be almost useless here as it is too slow. It is mainly effective where snow has to be thrown some distance as in the case of a line on the mountain side. Two "wing" plows have been in use this winter on the C. N. R., and they were much more effective according to the superintendent's statement, than a larger number of rotaries.

With reference to the motive power Mr. Carey said that ten powerful new engines has recently been placed on the road and three had arrived this week from Toronto. Much injury had been done to the locomotives this winter by the heavy battering they had received in the hard crusts and the alkali water used was also in a large degree the cause of their recent ineffectiveness.

Speaking of the coal situation Mr. Carey stated that cars had been sent to Vegreville, Mannville, and Battleford during the past few days and more will be forwarded to other eastern towns at once.

FIRE IN BRANDON

Brandon, Jan. 31—At one o'clock this morning the fire brigade was called out to extinguish a fire on the roof at the rear of the old C. P. R. telegraph building at the corner of Ninth street and Rosser avenue, occupied by Price's grocery store. The fire was in the roof only and was caused by a defective chimney inoo which ran the stove pipe from the shoe shining shop. The damage from fire was very small but the furnishings in the latter place were practically ruined, while the furniture of a family named Preston, who occupied the apartment at the back of the main building, were also considerably damaged by water. The stock of groceries in the store below were also damaged to some extent by the water that came through the floor, but this loss is covered by insurance.

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