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"WHAT HAVE WE DONE?" ASKS PREMIER

MAKES A "CAMPAIGN CLOSE" TO DEBATE ADDRESS

ALL CLEANED UP BUT LAW REFORM

Leaders Hold Floor and Outline Policies for Use in Approaching Elections—Interesting Exchange of Comment.

MACKAY SAYS FOLLOWERS HAVE NOT DESERTED HIM

"What have we done?" enquired Mr. Whitney, in closing the debate in the legislature yesterday with the air of a man ready with an answer.

When he had occupied the office of attorney-general for the first four months of the present parliament he had acted as a policeman and closed the pool rooms. That was a milestone.

The government had cut off from the statute book the act which authorized it and there would be no numbered ballot in future.

They had appropriated large sums and reorganized the university.

They had dealt with the public schools and the County Councils Act.

They had showed that the license law could be enforced, and what was of more importance, that it would be enforced as long as the government was in office.

They had almost completed the T. & N. O. Railway.

They had, thru the provincial treasurer, managed to sell $3,000,000 of railway bonds to the people of the province, bankers, farmers and business men, at par, without a dollar of expenditure, except $2000 for advertising, and, if the hon. members would not take it amiss, without any $25,000 commission.

Law reform was the only question left which the opposition to the late government had indicated they wanted to legislate upon. Every other question had been disposed of. There would be no law reform bill this session, however, as it was not desirable to hurry in such a matter, and the resolutions would have to be thoroly discussed.

Most in 30 Years.

The government had enacted more legislation since they took office than has been passed in the thirty years previous. It has been practically impossible for the government of the last seven years of Liberal office to do anything but make plans to save themselves. He did not think they could point to anything but the Ballot Act, the Judicature Act, and the Good Roads Act. Yet the Liberals had occupied a pedestal—built by themselves—from which they looked down with easy scorn on everything calling itself Conservative.

Premier Whitney uttered one phrase which may endure in referring to Mr MacKay's visit to Brockville, which he said had been starved and gerrymandered into a "scarified reminiscence of what a decent constituency ought to be."

The only reference Mr. Whitney made to the power question was in correcting Mr. MacKay's statement regarding the government attitude on building transmission lines, the proposal being to build them for the municipalities at their expense.

He made two remarks in opening his speech, one of welcome to the new leader and another at greater length, in which he said many nice things of Hon. Mr. Graham praising the course he pursued, the ability he showed and his fair play. His frank and generous manner had tended to the expedition of business, and he hoped this quality would be shown by his successor, as no other exceeded it in importance.

MacKay Was Subdued.

Hon. A. G. MacKay closed the debate for the opposition in a very able speech, subdued in tone and almost diffident in manner, becoming to his position in the first official effort as leader of his party. Those who had not heard him previously might have left disappointed, but his followers took courage behind the quiet confidence and masterly grasp that Mr. MacKay exhibited in handling a situation which by common consent is one of the most difficult a public man was ever called upon to assume.

He began with a cordial reference to the rising young member from Dufferin and passed on to speak kindly of those unexpectedly called away and to Mr Anderson, trained in the old municipal school, and Hon. Dr. Willoughby, a large-hearted man, about both of whom not too hopeful statements were made of the possibility of their return. Another personal reference he made later on was to T. H. Lennox.

"I am bound to say that, in my humble judgment, the speech of the honorable member for North York was one of the most incisive, best reasoned, most forcible, and by all odds the best speech which has been delivered by the hon. gentlemen opposite in this debate."

He noted the desire of the opposition not to make political speeches, but, as Mr. Harcourt had done, suggestive speeches, taking up important topics like that of technical education. The speeches of the government members had been on a pretty high level, but he resented the suggestion that he had not a united party behind him. That statement was not in accordance with the facts.

In reply to the taunt that his party was leaving him, Mr. MacKay first pointed out that the retiring members in West Kent, East Huron and South Brant had announced their intention before he was selected as leader, and not one was leaving on account of the present leadership. (Opposition applause.) In contrast to the narrow spirit of such a view, he owed it to the press of the province to say that they had treated him as fairly and decently and handsomely as any public man could expect.

With respect to the expected surplus of $500,000, announced by Mr. Donovan, he pointed out that the estimated excess of receipts in last year's budget was $1,093,156. Moreover, when the historic channels were considered, thru which the revenue flowed, and the debates remembered in which those chan-

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The Whitney-Beck Power Policy

If ever Premier Whitney required to be a man of the supremest courage, it is at the present moment. All kinds of efforts are being pursued to break down his power policy, a policy that has for its object the distribution of cheap electric energy to all the towns and people of Ontario.

There never was so widespread a conspiracy against a great public benefit as there is in this case. Most of the banks and capitalists are against it; the whole electric ring, which has its headquarters in this province, is against it; the great bulk of the newspapers are against it, and Mr. Whitney has members of his own party who are secretly against it, and take their information from a sinister source. These latter are secretly, not openly, conniving against the power proposition, for they dare not stand up in caucus and say in words what they are saying by insinuation.

A newspaper in Toronto, called The Financial Post, is putting forward a lot of specious arguments in the interest of the electric ring, and recently it taunted Mr. Whitney with letting "Mr. Mackenzie get hold of a good thing," when he bought out the Electric Development Co. These articles are being reproduced by other papers at so much per line. The Toronto News of Monday night, too, had a cartoon representing Mr. Whitney's power policy as going blind of an eye, and as a very weak horse at the best.

There is no doubt now that Robert Fleming and his friends in the council raised the reduction-of-license question, so as to befog the power issue. Right along the line, there are scores of things, all of a like nature, intended to weaken or discredit the power policy. But the people are for it stronger than ever, tho at times bewildered with the sinister things they hear.

It was the electric ring that ruined Ross, and these same people, speaking thru the mouths of men who profess to be friends of Mr. Whitney, would wheedle Mr. Whitney to his destruction. Ross sold out to them because he wanted to remain in power. Mr. Whitney can remain in power by having nothing to do with them or their plans, and The World believes more than ever that Mr. Whitney will go with the cause of the people, and with nothing else. It believes that, in face of all this open and secret attack, Mr. Whitney is more than ever "the just man, firm in his resolve," who is moved neither to the right nor to the left, nor aside from duty by any kind of secret or open hostility.

It is Mr. Whitney's duty to call this sinister opposition good and quick. They are getting altogether too brazen within the past few days.

SHORT AND SHARP, MR. MAYOR.

The World trusts that the assurance given out at the City Hall yesterday to the effect that the mayor and controllers are busy in promoting Toronto's public power policy are reliable. We trust that the mayor and his associates are losing no time in this matter. Quite two months have passed since they received a mandate from the people. In view of the sinister opposition, referred to elsewhere as being directed against the whole Whitney power policy, it behooves the city authorities to lose no time, and to go boldly forward. The World trusts that Mayor Oliver will have a definite announcement to make within two or three days at the most. He cannot afford to trifle with the Toronto Electric Light Co any longer. His statement to them should be open and for all the people to read, and, having made the statement, give them two days to answer it. If they do not answer it, then go ahead and deal with the government. Pretended negotiation and delay are both of them instruments used by the electric ring to wreck the Whitney power policy.

UP-TO-DATE ADVERTISING METHODS TO SWELL MISSION FUNDS

U. S. National Presbyterian Board Plan a Whirlwind Publicity Campaign.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Modern advertising methods for the exploitation of up-to-date missionary effort thruout the United States will hereafter be employed by the national Presbyterian board of home missions, according to an announcement made to-day. In connection with this general plan, a one-day whirlwind publicity campaign will be conducted in about fifteen cities, beginning Monday, March 16.

Among the speakers who will participate in the campaign are the Rev. Wm. Henry Roberts, D.D., moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly; the Rev. Chas. Thompson, D.D., secretary of the board of home missions; Rev. John Dixon, D.D., and Mr. J. Ernest McAfee, associate secretaries; Rev. Charles Steelstlee, superintendent of the department of church and labor; Rev. Thomas Clinton Moffet, specialist on United States Indian problems, and others. These speakers will be assisted by prominent local men.

The discussions will deal with the social, the economic, the religious and the general national problems confronting the church in the United States.

THEY FEAR ONLY DEATH.

MONTREAL, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—Father Caranello of the Italian colony says that nothing short of the scaffold will strike terror into the hearts of the murderous Italians of the city. He says these rascals only fear death.

ELEC. DEV. SHAREHOLDERS WILL KNOW THEIR FATE TO-DAY

There is Said to Be Some Dissatisfaction With Wm. Mackenzie's Proposals.

The Electrical Development Company holds a meeting to-day to discuss the re-organization scheme, with which the name of William Mackenzie has been identified.

On the eve of the meeting some considerable opposition has developed. By one who is supposed to be an authority, it is said that Sir Henry Pellatt, Fred. Nicholls and W. D. Matthews of the original organization do not take kindly to the fatherly solicitude William Mackenzie is showing for the welfare of the company. It is said that they consider Mr. Mackenzie's scheme involves the giving him of $3,000,000 in common stock that may soon be turned into cash by floating it out on the public.

Further, it is asserted that the opponents of Wm. Mackenzie desire to sell the generating plant and transmission lines to the government, which is not on Mr. Mackenzie's books. Besides, there are many influential shareholders in the Electrical Development Company who are jealous of Mr. Mackenzie's greatness. There is undoubtedly a split in the Electrical Development forces.

Pilgrimages have been made of late to the parliament buildings. Wm. Mackenzie has been there frequently within the past three months; he was an interested auditor of A. G. MacKay's speech yesterday afternoon. Monday saw Messrs. Pellatt, Nicholls and Matthews in the park.

From al lthe facts so far gleaned, an interesting meeting may be expected at to-day's gathering of electrically financial experts.

AN EARLY PLUNGE

WILF: Well, by jing, if Jim Whitney's goin' in, I'm goin' in.

Want "Abolish the Bar" To Become the Slogan Of One of the Parties

Ontario Alliance Will Suggest it to Government To-Day in Asking for Other Assistance.

THE THREE-FIFTHS CLAUSE IS ESPECIALLY ASSAILED.

In special cars a deputation from the convention of the Ontario branch of the Dominion Alliance will go to the parliament buildings to-day, leaving Bond-street Congregational Church at 10.30 a.m., to ask for provincial measures to abolish all bars; to prevent the treating system; to repeal the clause in the License Act which makes a 60 per cent. majority necessary in carrying a local option bylaw, and for a provision enabling municipalities which gave a majority for local option last January and the January before, but which failed to give a three-fifths majority to the "dry" issue to re-open the question on the straight majority basis at next January's elections.

The deputation will be armed with some such argument as was presented by President Joseph Gibson of Bowmanville in opening the convention yesterday, and with the threat that it is as good as the government's life is worth if it turns down the request.

Mr. Gibson said that in all decency there was nothing for the government to do but repeal the three-fifths clause, which made it easier to secure local option in the neighboring republic than in Canada. If a law enacted by the majority were duly enforced, there would surely be a permanency in it, and Premier Whitney himself had said that enforcement of any law would be easy.

Mr. Hanna had said that this law

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THREE CITIES HAVE ALREADY SENT IN CONTRACTS FOR POWER

Hamilton, Guelph and Galt in Line—City Will Co-Operate With Commission.

The hydro-electric power commission had a conference with the city authorities yesterday, and The World is informed that the commission is satisfied that the city will co-operate with the commission in an effort to carry the power policy to a successful issue. Mayor Oliver protests his devotion to the cause, and the controllers also express their assured support.

The commission is receiving very satisfactory news from the outside municipalities. Already Galt, Guelph and Hamilton have sent in their requisitions for power, in accordance with the terms of the contract bylaw, the amounts required aggregating about 5000 horse power.

Other places are getting ready to report.

ACTOR TERRY DEAD.

T. W. Terry, nephew of Ellen Terry, who was in the "Tom Jones" Company, died in St. Michael's Hospital last evening from acute jaundice.

PREMIER HINTS AT VETERANS' PENSIONS

Construction Placed on One of His Utterances During Debate in the House of Commons.

OTTAWA, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—It is not often that the opposition in the commons has to find fault with the government on the score of parsimony, but that was the ground of complaint to-day.

The resolution granting 320 acres of land to every volunteer from Manitoba and the northwest who served in South Africa was taken up early in the afternoon and debated until late at night. The opposition took the stand that the grant should be made general to South African volunteers from all parts of Canada. They pointed out that the limitation proposed in the resolution would create an invidious discrimination against volunteers from other parts of the country, but as the rules forbid an amendment the protest had to be confined to criticism and reproof. In the course of the debate the prime minister used words capable of the construction that a pension for South African volunteers was within the possibilities.

Veteran Land Grants.

The house took up consideration of the resolution awarding the land grants of 320 acres each to volunteers of Manitoba and the territories who served in the South African war.

Mr. Bergeron made a stout plea to have the grant made to volunteers from all provinces.

Mr. Oliver said the resolution was founded upon a motion by Col. Hughes which the house passed last session.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier agreed with Mr. Bergeron that there should be no discrimination. But inasmuch as the provinces of British Columbia and Ontario had already granted land to veterans resident in those provinces, it would be making a double grant in some cases.

Col. Sam Hughes pointed out that when he first introduced his resolution the prime minister declared the grant could not be made as it had not then been decided whether the lands in the Northwest would be given to the new provinces or retained by the Dominion. Finally it was decided that the Dominion should retain control. Then, however, the prime minister raised the objection to a general grant that two of the provinces had already provided their volunteers with land, and it was to meet this objection that he introduced his resolution of last year, confining the grant of Dominion lands to South African volunteers from Manitoba and the old territories.

"That resolution carried," said Col. Hughes, "but I knew then that the prime minister's sense of justice would correct that discrimination and lead to the grant being made general. Indeed, I can assure him that he'll have a veritable hornet's nest about his ears unless he does justice in this matter."

Lavergne Had Warmed Up.

An approving interruption by Ar-

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MAY BE DEPORTED INSTEAD OF TRIED

Provincial Authorities Convinced That the Alleged Murderer Terrace is of a Weak Mind.

John Terrace, the young Englishman charged with the murder of William Curry, the aged farmer, at his farm in Toronto Township, near Brampton, on the night of Dec. 25 last, may never face trial.

The provincial authorities will examine him with a view to deporting him to England, whence he came to this country fifteen weeks ago from Newcastle-on-Tyne. Dr. Bruce Smith, provincial inspector of asylums, was in Brampton this week collecting data as to the history of Terrace's life and family.

He learned from Terrace that thruout his life he has suffered from fits, or seizures, during which time he has not been conscious of his actions. There is also said to be a strain of insanity in his family.

It appears that there is a strong feeling in the County of Peel against the case ever coming to trial. This feeling, is growing in strength as the time for the spring assizes, for which the case is set, draws nearer. A verdict of guilty might bring about an execution, something which has never yet occurred in the county.

In this connection it is recalled that Terrace made, or pretended to make, a discovery of a letter in the courtroom at his preliminary hearing, which he said had fallen from James Curry's pocket. The letter was addressed to Curry and purported to be from someone who had stood outside the window of the Curry home on the night of the shooting. It is said that unless Curry paid a sum of money the truth of the shooting would be told.

In addition to this, Terrace said that he had found Jim Curry's diary, in which from time to time entries were made, setting out that Curry had committed a number of robberies and had been upbraided by his father upon returning to the house. Observations that he would have to do something to silence the old man were scattered thru this book, which, with the letter, is believed to be the product of Terrace's own mind and hand.

These things have been said by doctors connected with the case to indicate the low cunning of a poor order of mentality.

If not deported, to be taken in charge by English authorities, he may be placed in an asylum in Canada.

BRITISH COLUMBIA IS SCORED BY JUSTICE CLEMENT

Inflaming Question on Which There is No Shadow of a Constitutional Doubt.

VICTORIA, B. C., Feb. 25.—(Special.) Something of a sensation was occasioned to-day by the outspoken manner in which Justice Clement arraigned the provincial government for disloyalty, treason and un-Canadianism in connection with the recently enacted Natal Act, directed at the exclusion of Japanese.

The unusual comment was embodied in his lordship's judgment in the full court, dismissing an appeal from the chief justice's decision that the act is ultra vires of the legislature, Justices Irving and Morrison concurring with Justice Clement. After sketching the relative jurisdictions of Dominion and province, Justice Clement said:

"No doubt honest differences may exist as to where the line is drawn by the B. N. A. Act, or as to which side of the line a particular matter may fall upon, but to suggest doubt where no real doubt exists, and particularly as to matters apt to inflame, is not to be commended. Such a matter we have here. This matter of Japanese immigration has been dealt with properly, that is to say, constitutionally, by the parliament of Canada, and I must say it smacks strongly of disloyalty to our settled form of government when the authorities of one province undertake to override and render abortive the will of the people of Canada. "Et quorum pars magna sumus" constitutionally expressed in an act of the parliament of Canada, and when they ever made bold to forbid the honorable observance of our solemn engagements with a foreign power."

SNOW DELAYS TRAINS.

C.P.R. Train From Teeswater Had to Be Canceled.

The snow yesterday again caused trouble on the railways. The C. P. R. train, No. 24, due here from Teeswater 8.55 last night, had to be cancelled. The G. T. R. train on the Midland division, due at 9.10, was stuck in the snow just north of Uxbridge, while all the trains from Detroit and Chicago were several hours late.

A Member for Brantford.

BRANTFORD, Feb. 25.—(Special.)—It is stated here on good authority that the proposed redistribution will give the City of Brantford one member.

Serious Views Are Taken of the Macedonian Trouble

Sir Edward Grey, in Imperial House of Commons, Says Neglect Will End in Catastrophe.

LONDON, Feb. 25.—Lord Fitzmaurice, parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, was asked in the house of lords to-day for information regarding the Macedonian reforms and the effect of the Austrian project for the construction of a branch railroad line thru Turkish territory, to connect Vienna with Salonikl.

In reply Lord Fitzmaurice said he regretted that he had no cheerful news to impart.

A very critical stage had been reached, he said, in both the local affairs of Macedonia and in the diplomatic entente known as the concert of Europe.

Sir Edward Grey said that in discussing the Macedonian question the government was not far from the Turkish question, which more than once had led to a European war. They were rapidly nearing a point, he said, where the concert of powers must either justify or stultify itself, and if the concert disappeared it was impossible to foretell what misunderstanding might arise. If Macedonia continued to be neglected he added as a note of warning, it must sooner or later provoke a catastrophe.

Sir Edward suggested that if a Turkish governor were appointed for a term of years, and he was a man whose capacity and character were recognized and accepted by the powers, the whole question might be solved.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Feb. 25.—Several persons are reported dead as a result of an explosion in the Cambria steel plant to-night.