

not particularly in love with the idea of the government operating everything in sight, believing that it was the duty and privilege of private citizens to carry on the commerce and business of the country. But sometimes government interference was necessary, and this might be such a case. At all events it would give satisfaction to the farmers of the West, who were very uneasy owing to the existing state of affairs, if the terminal elevators were operated by the government, and he thought probably that would be the best plan.

Arthur Meighen (Cons., Portage la Prairie) humorously criticized the speeches of Mr. Martin and Mr. McNott, suggesting that they feared to express themselves definitely on the subject until the government bill is brought down. He referred to Mr. Martin's speech as "aimless and meaningless circumlocution," and said he would move an amendment that would mean something only that such an amendment would be anticipating a resolution to be moved later by Dr. Schaffner, of Souris, declaring definitely in favor of government ownership.

Neely Opposed

Dr. Neely (Liberal, Humboldt) pointed out what he regarded as serious difficulties in the way of government ownership, speaking of the cost of acquiring the elevators, and of the unwisdom of doing anything which would be likely to discourage the investment of foreign capital in Canada. He favored the appointment of a commission that would hold the same relation to the grain trade as the board of railway commissioners holds to the railways. Dr. Neely referred to the fact that the Saskatchewan elevator commission had reported against government ownership of interior elevators, and W. H. Sharpe (Cons., Ligar) interrupted to ask the member for Humboldt if he was not aware that the report of the commission appointed by the Saskatchewan government was written and handed to the commissioners before they started out to investigate at all. Dr. Neely warmly resented this insinuation, and Mr. Sharpe was also reproved by J. G. Turriff (Liberal, Assiniboia), both gentlemen speaking in the highest terms of Professor McGill and Messrs. F. W. Green and Geo. Langley, M. L. A., the members of the commission.

Mr. Turriff expressed himself as emphatically opposed to government ownership and operation of anything in which it could be avoided, but if no other method could be adopted by which wheat scalping and wheat mixing could be prevented he was willing to go the length of government ownership and operation in this particular question.

Roche and Schaffner Favor

W. J. Roche (Cons., Marquette) and Dr. Schaffner (Cons., Souris) briefly expressed themselves in favor of government ownership and operation of the terminal elevators, both stating that they would reserve the full discussion of the question until Dr. Schaffner's resolution is moved. Dr. Roche paid a high compliment to the farmers' delegation of December 16th and said that if there was anything in which the judgment of the farmers should guide the house it was on the question of terminal elevators. On the question of the tariff each member of the house was just as able, and possibly better able, than the average farmer to form their conclusions, but on this question, in which the farmers were vitally interested, which they had been studying year after year in their various local associations and farmers' parliaments, they were in a better position to express a competent opinion than on any other question dealt with in their memorial. James Connee (Liberal, Thunder Bay and Rainy River) spoke against government ownership, saying he thought the difficulties could be overcome by proper regulation.

The debate continued until six o'clock, then the house adjourned in accordance with the standing orders. Before declaring the house adjourned, the speaker asked if the motion was carried, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier called attention to the fact that it was six o'clock, and no vote was taken.

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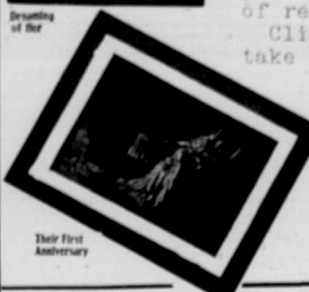
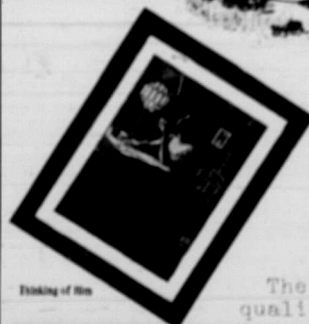
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