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SUPREME CHIEF AT LIVELY MEETING

Head of Foresters Talks on New Rates For 3 Hours in Calvin Church.

Questions from the Floor Give Proceedings Added Interest and There are Some Spirited Moments--Dr. Stevenson Presents Suggestion of Way Out of the Difficulty Caused by Proposed Increase.

Thursday evening Supreme Chief Ranger Stevenson, of the I. O. F., spoke for more than three hours in Calvin church on the proposition to increase the rates in the case of old members. It was expected that he would be subjected to much heckling by the audience and as a matter of fact many questions were asked and the meeting was decidedly lively.

The supreme chief ranger said that if of meeting the difficulty his proposition would receive due consideration from the supreme court. He also pointed out that while his own plan might seem harsh to the old members that put forward in the report of the royal commission on insurance was much more drastic.

PRINCE OF WALES OPENS THE FRANCO-BRITISH EXHIBITION

Canadian Government, C. P. R., and T. R. Are Making Attractive Plays.

Special to The Telegraph. May 14--A special London Heavy skies and pitiless rain increased the appreciation of the peace and gaiety inside the huge hall at Shepherd's Bush, where the Prince and Princess of Wales came to open the Franco-British exhibition today.

The Prince entered, he might have asked, as the King of the Belgians asked at the inauguration of the Antwerp exposition, "Gentlemen, am I asked to open the exhibition or the boxes?" "Hardly any exhibitors are ready at Shepherd's Bush. All that can be said is that Canada is as well forward as any one else, and will, in a fortnight's time, make an impressive show. The Canadian government, Canadian Pacific and Grand Trunk exhibits promise exceedingly well."

The Canadian Pacific pavilion and Grand Trunk exhibits are most happily placed amid pear trees, vines and palms of French gardens, laid out by Vacherot, the famous French landscape gardener. The Canadian Pacific has embellished the pavilion with many Quebec relics illustrating the route of old pioneers and the new Grand Trunk building in the Renaissance style with allegorical figures. Chatting with Canadians, the Prince and Princess again and again expressed their special interest in Canadian progress, which the prince has been promoting colonial interests here he may find a peculiarly fruitful field of his own, just as the king has done in promoting good relations with foreign lands.

FIVE MEN CRUSHED IN STR. OTTAWA COLLISION

One Dead and Four Badly Injured--Victims were Sleeping in Lower Hold and Buried in Mass of Steel Plates--Vessel at Montreal With Gap 30 Feet Long in Bow.

Special to The Telegraph. Montreal, May 14--One of the crew was fatally injured while asleep and four others badly wounded on board the S. S. Ottawa in her collision with the Trold last Sunday night. The news was received tonight after the Ottawa had slowly steamed into Montreal harbor and passengers allowed to come down the gangway and give details to anxious friends waiting to greet them.

WILL ASK PROVINCE TO PAY ALL MONCTON SMALLPOX BILLS

Union of Municipalities to Discuss Matter at Fredericton Meeting--Sudden Death of J. McLeod at Dorchester.

Special to The Telegraph. Moncton, N. B., May 14--J. S. Magee, secretary of N. B. Union of Municipalities, which meets at Fredericton May 19 and 20, gives out an interesting programme to be carried out at the convention. The executive meets at 11 o'clock Tuesday morning and the convention at 2 in the afternoon. Representatives from all the larger cities in the province are expected and some important matters are expected to come up. Not the least important to Moncton will be the request that the union memorialize the local government to pay the smallpox bills incurred by Moncton in suppression of an epidemic on the ground that it was for the general good of the province.

RESCUED WIFE AND CHILDREN FROM FLAMES BUT PERISHED HIMSELF

Kenora, Ont., May 14--(Special)--Dying fire in his house this morning, before he had arrived, Joseph Portier, an old resident here, succeeded in getting his wife and four children from the burning building, but in so doing, lost his own life. He was 45 years old.

FLEEMING, IN BUDGET, EXPOSES THE FREEZED FINANCE OF THE OLD GOV'T

Unsuspected Bill of Nearly \$50,000 More Against Central Railway Comes to Light, Causing Scandal

Provincial Secretary Shows That Total Debt is of Staggering Proportions, and Produces Figures to Prove It--His Merciless Review of ex-Government's Methods--How the Money Went in the Good Old Days.

Special to The Telegraph. Fredericton, N. B., May 14--Quite a sensation was created here this afternoon by the announcement of Provincial Secretary Fleming in his budget speech that the Intercolonial Railway authorities had rendered a bill to the government for \$47,000.34, for rails and fastenings supplied to the much discussed Central Railway, and many people, particularly members of the legislature, are wondering what will come next.

Premier Hazen, when seen this evening in reference to the matter, said that the bill from the Intercolonial had been received this morning and was for rails and material supplied to the Central Railway in years 1902 and 1903. Enclosed with the bill, he said, was a letter from W. C. Hunter, manager of the Central Railway, before his connection with the road and therefore he knew nothing about it. He said, however, that he understood it was for material supplied to the Chipman-Minto section.

The premier said that, on enquiry, he had learned that the bill had been rendered to the old government when that section of the road was under construction by the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company, and the government by order in council had undertaken to pay the Dominion government for the rails. On the last day of December, 1903, \$4,925 was paid, thus reducing the bill by that amount, but nothing has been paid since that date.

SECURITY NO GOOD

He went on to say that when the government in 1902 became responsible for this amount it was on the understanding that security in the way of a bond guaranteeing the province would be taken from the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company, but as the whole matter had since come to the province the security expected to be taken was not taken.

In view of the fact that this large amount with interest, has been allowed to stand against the province since 1903, Mr. Hazen said he was not surprised that the session of the legislature the public accounts committee had been refused permission to examine the books of the Central Railway and this furnished an excuse for the government's friends in the legislature some years ago rejecting the resolution in favor of an independent committee to examine into the expenditures made in connection with the road.

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ACCOUNTS JUGGLER

This loose and wasteful system did not apply only to agriculture but to every department of the public services. Juggling with the accounts was practiced throughout to make, in the words of an honorable gentleman, not now present, it possible for the government to come out each year with a "tidy surplus."

Taking up the expenditure of \$21,677.73 for game protection, he directed the attention of the house to the amounts spent during the year but was an aggregation of grants made previously and carried over. The amounts paid to exhibitions held in 1907 had been carried over to 1908.

PROTECTION AGAINST FIRE

Hon. Mr. Grimmer said that a few days ago the premier announced that he and the speaker had been to Ottawa to interview the authorities there on the subject of protecting the crown lands from fire

during the construction of the Transcontinental railway, since then there has been a good deal of speculation both in the press and different parts of the province, and particularly in the neighborhood of Fredericton, as to what was going to be done in that respect. He had had considerable correspondence with the officials at Ottawa and had today received a telegram from the minister of railways announcing that the commissioners of the transcontinental railway had undertaken a system of forest protection and that a staff would be put to work immediately. This announcement he hoped would be satisfactory.

Mr. Robinson said that it was very satisfactory. So much so that he was most pleased to second a motion expressing the appreciation of the house on behalf of the people of New Brunswick at the steps proposed to be taken. Hon. Mr. Hazen said it would be as well before jumping to conclusions to pass a little. He failed to see that there was any ground whatever for expressing gratification at the steps proposed to be taken, seeing that it was nothing more than to bear the whole expense consequent upon the building of this railway through the province.

CLASH AT BANQUET OF CANADIANS IN N. Y.

New York, May 14--Praise of the Dominion was sounded at the banquet of the Canadian Club in the Hotel Astor tonight. Speaking to the topic "Canada of Today," Hon. Charles Mackenzie, deputy speaker of the House of Commons at Ottawa, declared that Canada's destiny to become one of the two great nations of the Western world.

Hugh Guthrie, member of the Canadian parliament, from Ontario, who had for his topic "The Last Great West," paid eloquent tribute to the marvellous wheat producing lands of the Canadian north-western territory.

Other speakers at the banquet, which was attended by about 300 Canadians, most of them residents in New York, included Ambassador Bryce, J. W. Longley, of Halifax, N.S.; Lieutenant-Governor D. C. Fraser, of Nova Scotia; Robert George McPherson, M.P., of Vancouver, B.C.

During the evening, British airs were sung with great enthusiasm. The toast "The Great President of the United States and the Equal Great King of England," was drunk standing.

Justice J. W. Longley, of Halifax, whose subject was "The Relations between Canada, Great Britain and the United States," surprised his hearers by expressing the opinion that Canada would not always remain a dependency of the British crown, but would one day be an ally of Great Britain. His words were applauded heartily and Ambassador Bryce, who spoke immediately after him and in a certain sense took issue with him, saying that he believed that the patriotism of Canadians, and their feeling toward Great Britain was never stronger than now, was applauded just as heartily.

LONGBOAT BEAT HORSE IN TEN-MILE RACE

Toronto, May 14--(Special)--Tom Longboat, Indian runner, beat the fast trotting horse, Sam McE, in a race from Hagersville to Caledonia yesterday making the ten miles in 54.30.

Earthquake Shock at Yarmouth. Yarmouth, N. S., May 14 (Special)--A perceptible shock of earthquake was felt here last midnight. Houses trembled and a loud report as of heavy thunder accompanied the shock. No damage is reported.

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ONTARIO BANKER KILLS HIMSELF

M. Smith, of Forest, Ended His Life Yesterday With Four Bullets

WROTE FAREWELL

Said Mental Strain Was Too Much--Was Liberal Candidate in East Lambton in Provincial Contest, But Had Little Prospect of Election.

Special to The Telegraph. Forest, Ont., May 14--The whole town was shocked this morning when it was known that Montague Smith, of the banking firm of L. H. Smith & Company, and Liberal candidate for East Lambton, had committed suicide. The act was committed about 8 o'clock in the lavatory at the rear of the bank.

When J. D. Livingston, accountant, came to the bank at 8 o'clock, he found a letter on the desk addressed to himself in Smith's handwriting, telling of his determination to end his life. Livingston at once began a search and found the deceased in the lavatory, dead, with three bullet holes in his head, and a revolver clutched in his hands. Coroner Dr. Totten was called and on examination found an other bullet wound in the breast.

Smith was apparently in his usual good spirits until the last moment. At 11 o'clock last night he completed arrangements for holding a series of political meetings for the first to be held at Forest this evening. This morning he arose early, went to a lively talk and then went to the bank where he evidently wrote his farewell letter. The letter referred to the mental strain caused by his position as a candidate and other matters.

Deceased was fifty-seven years of age, and married. His business affairs were in a state of confusion, and he was in connection with the bank and privately. No inquest will be held, Coroner Totten giving sudden mental aberration as the cause of suicide.

POSTER QUERIES ON MARINE INQUIRY

Mr. Foster moved the adjournment of the house this afternoon in order to discuss the present status of Judge Casella's inquiry into marine department affairs. He pointed out that there could be no effective investigation during the next six months, if it could only be continued as a duty as an exchequer court judge.

He reminded the premier that Judge Casella had been promised assistance with his court duties, but this had not been done, and while the inquiry was delayed the marine department officials still remained under the shadow of suspicion.

Strange facts had been developed at the inquiry so far. It had been shown that a former cabinet minister was a promoter of a company which did a big business with the government. Carbine was

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Again, dissolution would be a confession of weakness on the part of the administration which could not but enhance the chances of the Conservatives for carrying the country. It would be construed, and very properly so, as an indication that the government fears the outcome of the investigations already under way and dreads revelations of scandals to come. Moreover, there is but one precedent for a government going to the country with an empty exchequer, and that is not likely to invite the risks which their predecessors ran in 1898 on that score.

Government to Blame. Mr. Borden remarked that this bill was introduced on March 9, while on April 1, Judge Casella wrote asking assistance. The bill had thus been awaiting its second reading for more than two months and not once had it been passed. Surely it was not the opposition's place to say in what order legislation should be taken up. As a matter of fact this bill did not comply with the request of Judge Casella, which suggested that the registrar of the exchequer court be given the powers of a judge. Had the premier intended to amend a bill? Were these amendments even drafted? If not, no responsibility rested with the opposition. It was time some steps were taken to make the investigation effective.

This closed the discussion. On a question of privilege Mr. Jackson (Selkirk) attempted to read a letter which he had received from Mr. Cyr (Provencher), who is ill. In the letter Mr. Cyr, in strong language objected to the statement made by Mr. Foster in the house to the effect that he (Cyr) owed his election to fraudulent manipulation on the part of the returning officer. Mr. Cyr started off by saying that Mr. Foster had demonstrated that he was ignorant of the facts and with an expression of regret that he could not be present in the house give the member for North Toronto "the castigation he so well deserves."

So far it had been plain sailing for Mr. Jackson but next sentence was reached. It was to the effect that Mr. Foster had stated something which he knew to be untrue. Mr. Jackson proceeded to read from the letter to the effect that Mr. Foster's statement branded him as a falsifier. This was greeted with cries of "apologize" from the opposition benches.

Mr. Borden took the point of order that it was not proper for a member to read a letter written by another member which contained unparliamentary language.

After a little cross-firing the speaker ruled the letter out of order but Mr. Jackson managed to say that in effect he repudiated in toto the statements made by Mr. Foster. Foster's action was one, he added, which showed the "ignorance" of that gentleman.

Mr. Foster demanded a retraction from the member for Selkirk and the speaker expressed the opinion that the statement should be withdrawn. Mr. Jackson said the word "ignorance" was not unparliamentary. He had nothing to retract. It was used only in respect to this matter.

Mr. Speaker expressed the opinion that if Mr. Jackson only meant that Mr. Foster was ignorant of the facts, the expression was not unparliamentary. Mr. Jackson said that was all he meant and the matter was dropped.

PROVINCIAL ESTIMATES BEFORE LEGISLATURE

Hon. Mr. Fleming Expects Income of \$20,000 Over Expenditure--Education Heads the List, With Public Works and Interest Account a Close Second.

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