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## THE LINE OF ARGUMENT

Premier Indicates Future Course on Autonomy Bills.

Tries to Square Speeches Hon. Mr. Fielding Made in 1897 With What He Himself Says Now—Manitoba Had No Separate Schools When It Came Into Union and Was Not Bound to Continue Them.

Ottawa, March 11.—The Parliamentary week which has been one of intense interest in the autonomy bill, ended in a flash of autonomy talk in the House yesterday. R. L. Borden repeated some enquiries he had made earlier in the week. He wanted to know when a successor to Hon. Clifford Sifton would be appointed, and his curiosity led him further to ask who the western people had been consulted in regard to the terms of the bill? Sir Wilfrid treated the enquiries lightly, almost insolently. He would not say, when he would advise his Cabinet with a Minister of the Interior, nor would he divulge the secrets of the conferences held between the Dominion Government and Messrs. Haultain and Bulyea.

But the Premier did say something in a serious strain. He indicated the line of argument the Government would pursue to reconcile its position on the Manitoba School question, with its present attitude towards the Territories. R. L. Borden had effectively raised this point by reading from speeches delivered by Hon. W. S. Fielding in Nova Scotia in the campaign of 1894. In that fight Mr. Fielding spoke strongly against the interference with the Provinces in the conduct of their educational affairs, and stood firmly on the platform of Provincial rights.

Sir Wilfrid's answer to these quotations was a blunt assertion to the effect that the autonomy bill was no departure from his policy in 1894. In the Manitoba School question, a Separate School system had been adopted and rejected. It had no system of Separate Schools when it came into the Union, and was therefore under no constitutional obligation to continue them.

Foster Hits Him.

Hon. George E. Foster answered the Prime Minister, paying particular attention to the differences in the Cabinet over the autonomy bill, and the failure on the part of the Government to get an expression of opinion from the west before introducing the bill.

Dr. Sproule also attacked the Government's position, and showed that it was following an unconstitutional course in connection with the autonomy bill.

## STRIKING DAIRY TESTS.

Eighty-Nine Pounds of Milk in 48 Hours, With 4 Per Cent. Butter Fat.

Ottawa, March 11.—The 48-hour dairy test was the feature of the Live Stock Show Wednesday. The grand prize cow, which took first place with 110.7 points and gave 89 pounds of milk, testing over 4 per cent. of fat, was bought by her present owner, T. A. Spratt, Billings' Bridge, at auction for \$47. Under normal conditions she now gives 50 pounds of milk daily, which places her easily in the 10,000-pound class. The second prize winner, owned by Neil Sengster, Ontario, gave 84.7 pounds. During the test she gave 118 pounds of milk, testing 2.8 per cent. fat.

In the afternoon Prof. J. H. Grisdale discussed the practical topic of raising baby beef. He showed that the farmer who keeps his steers for three or four years loses money, while the feeder who finishes his cattle at two years of age secures the largest profit. It costs about 20 per cent. of gain from birth to six months, 4c to 5c from six to twelve months, 5c to 6c from one to two years, while from three to four years of age it costs from 7c to 8c per pound of gain.

## WILL BALFOUR ANSWER?

On What Ground Will Britain Meet Colonial Representatives?

London, March 11.—The Canadian Associated Press understands that during next week Premier Balfour is to be asked whether in the event of a conference taking place before the general election, the question of imperial unity on the basis of preferential duties on colonial produce will be submitted to the conference, and whether the British representatives will have the power, subject to subsequent approval of the House of Commons, to negotiate a scheme of preferential trading with the colonies on the basis of the taxation of food and raw material.

## MAPLE CITY MINISTERS DISCUSS PREMIER'S POSITION

All Hold Decided Views Relative to the Separate School Clauses in Laurier's Autonomy Bills—Some Strong and Effective Criticism.

With a view to the decided stand taken both by Catholics and Protestants on Sir Wilfrid Laurier's Separate school clauses in his autonomy bills, an effort has been made to secure for Planet readers a brief and concise opinion thereon from all of our city clergymen. It will be seen that the various views held are very decided.

### REV. FATHER JAMES.

Rev. Father James, of St. Joseph's Church, when called upon by a Planet representative, said that owing to his parish duties, which have been quite heavy of late, he has been unable to verse himself as thoroughly on the Autonomy Bill as he could otherwise have wished.

### REV. DR. BATTISBY.

Rev. Dr. Battisby, the earnest pastor of St. Andrew's Church, said: "I am in favor of the establishment of Separate schools in the Northwest." "In Ontario we are dealt justly with by the Government, in that we are allowed to have our own Separate schools. According to the Autonomy Bill, however, our brethren in the Northwest will be given the same privileges as we enjoy in Ontario in this respect."

### REV. MR. COBBLEDICK.

Rev. F. E. Cobbledick said: "As far as I can see the cases of the new provinces and of Manitoba are identical and should be similarly dealt with. The Manitoba school question was an issue at the time Sir Wilfrid Laurier attained power in 1896. He made a splendid fight at that time for provincial rights and won. It seems very queer that now the Government should be taking the opposite course. It would indeed be a great pity if the Laurier Government should fasten Separate schools on that great western land for all time to come. It surely is only right that the new provinces should be left free to manage their own affairs with regard to education. It pleased me to see Mr. Sifton's consistent course and I hope he may be succeeded now as in 1896 and that the new provinces may remain unshackled."

### REV. MR. MALOTT.

Rev. F. E. Malott, pastor of the Victoria avenue Methodist church, said: "I read Sir Wilfrid's speech carefully without any partisan bias and I say without hesitation that I sincerely hope that the education clause of the Autonomy Bill will be thrown out and that the new provinces will be left to themselves to shape their own educational policy. Personally, I have no use for the Separate school system. I believe that the highest blessing that could come to our Dominion would be to have one system of national schools for all the provinces."

### REV. MR. HOYT.

Rev. Mr. Hoyt said: "You have asked me to state my opinion of the Autonomy Bill now before the House of Commons at Ottawa. I would say that I am unalterably opposed to the educational clauses contained in the Bill. There are many reasons for my holding such opinions. To state them all would be unnecessary. I would like, however, to give three reasons for my convictions: 1. Because the educational part of the Bill is opposed to the principles that the people of the West have adhered to and taught, viz., separation of church and state. We believe the church is separate from the state and should not receive state aid to maintain or carry on any of her work. The Bill as it now stands will join the Roman Catholic church to the state for all time, and the citizens of the West will be compelled to support and maintain a religion which they do not believe in and have no sympathy with. 2. Because it is unfair and unjust to the people of the West to impose or saddle upon them an educational system which they believe will be against the best interests of the people and the country. The West is a new and growing country, and for the Dominion Parliament to shape the policy of this new country during its formative period, by forcing an educational system which is not at all congenial to the western spirit or temper, would be most unfortunate. The people of the Territories have shown their ability to make laws and carry on their own government, and now that they are to become Provinces, to take away their Provincial rights to regulate and work out their own system of education, is at least contrary to the British spirit. It is unfair and unjust, because it gives one class of citizens a distinct advantage over all others. Why should the Roman Catholics have Separate schools any more than the Germans, the Doukhobors, the Mennonites, the Mormons and all other factions of religion and nationalities? Any fair minded man will concede, that it would be against the best interest of a country to have Separate schools for each of these sects. If the West or any country is to become a unit the national school system is the only system. This is the general feeling of the western people. They strongly believe that to build up a great country, the cosmopolitan complexion of the West demands a national school and not Separate schools. 3. Because Sir Wilfrid has not treated the electorate fairly in this matter. At the last general election nothing was said or even hinted at that such an important Bill was to be brought before the House. It was upon this rock that the Tupper Government was wrecked in 1896, and if Sir Wilfrid had announced his intentions of introducing the Autonomy Bill, as it now stands, I feel quite confident that this same rock would have wrecked the Laurier Government in November, 1904. There has been no little surprise expressed by some of the most faithful followers and great admirers, that he should introduce such important legislation without ever hinting his intentions. The matter of education is of greater importance to the country than the Grand Trunk Pacific, yet the G. T. P. was given the preference. In the House Sir Wilfrid expressed a desire to get, at the heart of the 'Stannard' 'Laurier' company. Surely he did not seek this at the last election, when he failed to mention his intentions of introducing such an important measure."

## MAY CHARGE MURDER

John Adams and Stepdaughter Held on a Serious Charge.

Prisoners Are in Hamilton Jail—15-Year-Old Girl's Child Disappeared a Few Days After Its Birth—Police Uncovered the Body of a Child Friday Afternoon at Adam's Home—May Have Breathed.

Hamilton, March 11.—John Adams, a laborer, and Martha Adams, his 15-year-old step-daughter, were brought to the jail last night by Chief Twiss and Detective Milloy on a very serious charge, which may be changed to murder.

Chief Twiss received information that the girl's child disappeared a few days after its birth. He asked Chief Smith for one of his best men, and Detective Miller was sent out to him yesterday morning.

Found Dead Child. The two officers visited Adams' home yesterday afternoon, and after digging in the ground under the stable, uncovered the body of a child. The officers say they have information that the child breathed after it was born. The body was taken to a morgue, and an inquest will be held upon it this morning at Dundas.

The evidence brought out at the enquiry will determine the charge that will be laid against the two prisoners, who are now held on the charge of concealing the body. They were remanded for a week by the Magistrate in Dundas, and were brought to the jail here for safe-keeping.

## MARTIN PAYS THE PENALTY.

Walks to Gallows and Makes an Assertion of Innocence—Previously Confessed Crime.

Toronto, March 11.—On August 3 last John Alexander Martin murdered a helpless nine-months-old babe. Yesterday he was hanged for the crime in Toronto Jail yard. Notwithstanding that only a few moments before the condemned man left his cell for the scaffold he confessed to the clergyman in attendance that he had murdered the infant, his last words on earth were: "Simply this, you are hanging an innocent man."

There were about twenty-five persons present. A few minutes after 11 the procession left the cell, Sheriff Mowat and Governor VanZant were followed by the Revs. Heathcote and Vipond, who recited passages from the Scriptures as they walked, the condemned man with his hands manacled behind him and a guard on either side. He walked firmly and gazed at the few spectators with somewhat of a defiant manner. After ascending the scaffold, two verses of a hymn were recited, and then commenced the Lord's Prayer, the clergyman turning their backs to the doomed man. In the meantime the executioner had strapped Martin's legs together and adjusted the black cap. Radcliffe was a bit nervous and rather slow in adjusting the noose. The clergyman was asked to stop the prayer, they began over again, and when the words "deliver us" were reached, Radcliffe pulled the lever. The rope twitched and vibrated for nearly a minute. Dr. Powell reported the man dead in nine minutes.

Martin was restless until 2 a.m., when he fell asleep. He was awakened at 6 and partook of a light breakfast. The clergyman arrived at 7 and held service in the cell. Martin was shaky, but a stimulant revived him.

Last Monday Martin wrote a letter to Mr. Hassard, his lawyer, confessing the crime, and giving his extreme poverty as the reason. The execution was the twenty-fifth in the history of Toronto.

## DRUGGED AND KILLED.

Fort Frances, March 11.—A lumberjack, by the name of John Fraynack, was struck by the east train Thursday near Mine Centre, and instantly killed. It is supposed that he had been drugged and robbed and left in the position in which the train struck him. He had been working for H. E. Wood and was a Swede by birth. It is likely that an inquest will be ordered, as the circumstances surrounding his death would indicate foul play.

## PUNISHED ENOUGH ALREADY.

Hiram Beaman of Brockville Discharged on Suspended Sentence.

Brockville, March 11.—Last summer Hiram Beaman, a young farmer, was arrested, charged with the wholesale theft of boat houses along the River St. Lawrence. During his confinement in jail awaiting his trial, he developed signs of insanity, which warranted his commitment to the asylum. The treatment there proved so beneficial that he was discharged yesterday entirely recovered. Immediately afterwards he was brought before Judge McDonald and charged with the theft of goods from Mrs. A. R. Allan and John Taylor, Brockville, and E. H. Fleming, Ottawa. He pleaded guilty, and was discharged upon suspended sentence, his father entering into a recognizance of \$200 for the appearance of his son to receive sentence.

## SHOT FOR INSURANCE.

But Victim Lived Long Enough to Name His Murderer.

Cottage Grove, Oregon, March 11.—In the mall of the City Marshal of this place Thursday was a letter purporting to be written by John Fleischer, stating his intentions of introducing such an important measure.

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