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EXPORT DUTY ON WHEAT.

London Standard Says Much to Commend in Mr. Maclean's Proposal.

London, Feb. 11.—(C.A.P.)—Referring to W. F. Maclean's proposal to impose an export duty on Canadian wheat, the Standard says the difficulties and objections to the course proposed in Canada are obvious. It is problematical whether America will ever take the greater part of Canada's surplus wheat. For that the United Kingdom is the chief market, but is the United Kingdom to be penalized also? We do not think the Canadian farmer or average Canadian Imperialist would readily agree to that, yet there would be difficulty in drawing a distinction.

The crux may be got over, but even then there remains the increasing body of Canadian farmers to reckon with. Their object is to sell as much wheat as possible, and though he may succeed we think that Mr. Maclean will have some work to do before convincing wheat growers that sending wheat to the United States might temporarily benefit the Northwest farmer, but in the long run it would be to his disadvantage. There is much to commend the proposal, much in it to command the sympathy of the Mother Country. After all, it is for the trade of the United Kingdom that the millers, both of Canada and the United States are contending. Canadians may be assured that we mean to do what we reasonably can to help the industry of our fellow citizens in the Dominion.

It would do great things if they had the money, but few will attempt great things to get the money.

Keep your troubles to yourself and they won't be magnified.

COMMITTEE TO MEET COUNTY

City Council Appoint Delegation to Wait Upon the County Representatives

Will Discuss Probable Sale of Harrison Hall—Mayor Optimistic on Civic Finances

The Council met last night to discuss selling out the city's share of Harrison Hall to the county. After the meeting had nicely opened it was rather difficult to discover whether Ald. Bell's financial report or the Harrison Hall sale was the real topic of discussion.

Mayor Cowan, in opening the meeting, explained that he had talked with the chairman of the Property Committee and the Warden in regard to the proposed sale. The Warden said that while he wasn't a strong advocate, still the County Council might consider the matter if the City made a proposition. The Property Committee of the County Council would meet to-morrow and the meeting of the City Council was for the purpose of having something definite to lay before the County committee.

Mayor Cowan also deprecated Ald. Bell's gloomy forebodings over the financial condition of the city. The city was better off than any other city in Ontario, but if Ald. Bell's black idea of the state of the city finances got abroad the city's credit might be injured.

Ald. Bell said that Harrison Hall had cost \$38,000. The County had paid \$28,450, the City \$9,550. The City had also purchased the site at a cost of \$6,000. At the time the building was put up both material and labor was much cheaper.

Ald. Westman—Yes, about 20 per cent cheaper.

Ald. Edmondson—Could we sell this building?

The Mayor—Yes.

Ald. Bell said he still thought as he did on the previous night. He thought that the people ought to know the facts about the city's finances.

The Mayor—It is all right if you tell both sides of the case, but you only gave one side.

Ald. Bell—Oh, I don't think the city is bankrupt by any means. I just want a little care exercised.

Ald. Edmondson said that the city had spent \$100,000 to get the people know all about the city's financial condition only a year ago.

Ald. Marshall said that to a large extent he agreed with Ald. Bell. He believed the citizens should be made perfectly acquainted with the financial condition of the city, yet he would be glad to have this to an extent set off by the many local and permanent improvements secured.

Continuing, Ald. Marshall said that he believed the city's interest in Harrison Hall was something over \$15,000. Last year the County desired the City to either buy or sell. As the City had the lesser interest it was better that it should sell. He did not think the present time was, however, a good one to close such a sale. Matters were settled for the next three or four years. If it ever was the County's intention to buy the City out, however, he understood it must be now before the new building was erected on the market square.

In answer to Ald. Westman, the Mayor gave figures showing the average annual cost for the last 15 years for maintenance of the hall (the City's share) was about \$425.

Ald. Edmondson said that time wouldn't wait for the Council and the best way would be to put the matter before the County Council in as forceful a manner as possible at once.

Ald. Austin asked if the City sold out to the County would Harrison Hall be a source of revenue to the City through the County paying taxes?

The City Clerk said that the building was not taxable.

Ald. Westman thought that the County could rent the offices.

Ald. O'Keefe said he had spoken to County Commissioner Ross about the matter.

Ald. Potter said that they should give the matter sufficient time and thought before they did anything. Mr. Ross had given him to understand that at present the County had all the room they required. At the time of the last agreement Mr. Ross thought that the County should have bought out the City's interest, but since then a number of new men had been elected to the Council. Ald. Potter was firmly of the opinion that one house was not large enough for more than one family. He had been told that the City and County had already had two arbitrations. There would be more. It would be better to wait the four years if necessary and not sacrifice the city's interests. In the meantime, let the city build just what was wanted and was necessary in the matter of a market.

Ald. Bell was not prepared to sacrifice the City's interest in Harrison Hall.

Ald. King had met and discussed the matter with County Councillor Chinnick. Mr. Chinnick thought it would be a good thing in some ways. Mr. King thought that it was worth trying to see what could be done with the County. No harm could be done by trying.

Ald. Austin agreed with Ald. Potter. There was no pressing necessity and it wasn't wise to throw away a large sum of money in sacrificing Harrison Hall. If the sale were left the Council wouldn't commit themselves to any great expenditure.

Ald. J. T. O'Keefe said that the Council hadn't considered sufficiently how much the City could afford to take for its interest in Harrison Hall. It was also necessary to consider the cost of maintenance.

Ald. Kingworth believed in getting all that he could for Harrison Hall. Since it had been built, labor, wages and material had advanced about 30 per cent.

The Mayor appointed Ald. O'Keefe, Ald. Austin and Marshall as a committee with himself, to meet the Property Committee of the County Council.

STORY OF CRISIS OF '96

Hon. John Haggart Tells It in the House of Commons.

Decried Mr. Foster Against the Charge That He Was One of the Famous "Knots of Treason"—Sir Wilfrid Denies Charge That Hon. Mr. Brodeur Was His Kinsman to Fetch Up Farther Crisis.

Ottawa, Feb. 11.—Quebec's political crisis, with its Federal ramifications, was brought to the attention of the House by F. D. Monk and Dr. Leonard of Laval yesterday afternoon. Dr. Leonard of Laval asked if Mr. Brodeur had been sent to Quebec as Sir Wilfrid's special emissary.

Sir Wilfrid said he regretted being unable to gratify the very fastidious curiosity of the hon. member. It was true there was a political crisis at Quebec, as there had been crises before and would be again. But the Government of Canada was taking no part in the crisis, and no part would be taken by it. If the Minister of Inland Revenue went to Quebec, he went as Mr. Brodeur and not as a member of the Government.

Mr. Foster observed that Sir Wilfrid had made neither a long statement nor a strong statement, nor one that could be characterized as either frank or skillful. The fact is, he said, that Sir Wilfrid was making common cause with Mr. Parent, as he once before did with Mr. Mercier when they each agreed to deliver a majority to the other, for a consideration.

Sir Wilfrid denied that he had sent Mr. Brodeur to Quebec, or had given Mr. Brodeur any instructions, certainly none involving money considerations, as hinted at by Mr. Foster. There had been discussions in the Conservative party, but the breach had been healed, and he hoped he himself would have the same good fortune in this case.

The Crisis of 1896.

Alex. Martin of Queen's P. E. I., made an enquiry concerning the mail service between the island and civilization. In replying Sir William Mulock referred to Mr. Foster's "past," and bad blood immediately flowed. Mr. Foster paid his respects in unqualified language to Sir William's "past," and Hon. John Haggart unravelled the history of the crisis of 1896, exonerating Mr. Foster from the charge of knifing his leader, Sir Mackenzie Bowell. Mr. Taylor upheld the explanations offered by Messrs. Foster and Haggart.

Read a Third Time.

The following bills were read a third time and passed: Respecting the Columbia and Western Railway Company—Mr. Gallihier. Respecting the Atlantic, Quebec and Western Railway Company—Mr. Genuvrat.

To incorporate the St. Mary's and Western Railway Company—Mr. McIntyre.

Respecting the Ottawa, Northern and Western Railway Co. Several bills were advanced a stage, and the House again went into committee of supply, and the estimates of the trade and commerce department were taken up.

Mr. Patterson's Reply.

Mr. Patterson explained that there was no change in the appropriation for the Atlantic mail service.

Thereupon Mr. Maclean asked if there was to be no improvement in the service between Canada and Great Britain.

Mr. Patterson replied that there would be an improved service when the two new turbine steamers of the Allan Company were put on, one on March 23 and the other in April. Their speed would be an average of 17 knots, which would mean a trans-Atlantic passage in about six days.

Private Bills.

The following private bills were introduced in the House yesterday:

Respecting the Toronto and Hamilton Railway Company—Mr. Calvert.

Respecting the Century Life Insurance Company—Mr. McPherson.

To incorporate the Calgary and Battleford Railway Company—Mr. Turill.

The several items for mail services were passed, and the House adjourned at half-past 11.

To be told you look green is enough to make one feel blue.

Negligence is the rust of the soul that corrodes through all the best resolves.

THE SHERIFF REPUDIATES IT

Cannot Understand Strange Appointment of McColl's Uncle After Election.

McCarron Was Officially Named But Was Apparently Behatted to Make Room for Relative.

The appointment of Matthew Martin, the uncle of Arch. B. McColl, M. P., as sheriff of Kent County, over the head of Sheriff Gemmill's nomination and apparently unendorsed by the Liberal party has created much suspicion and dissatisfaction. The manner of its making will call for some explanation from Mr. McColl even prior to the investigation which will be undertaken by the Attorney General, Hon. J. P. Whitney, the present Premier.

There has been a general protest against the post-mortem appointment of the defeated and discredited Ross administration, but Kent's case is even more flagrant. Prior to the election (about January 10) Sheriff Gemmill, acting under the statute, submitted the appointment of Miles McCarron for the position. After the election, unknown to the Sheriff and apparently to the Kent Liberals too, this appointment is strangely set aside in favor of a relative of the member-elect McColl.

The people of both parties are severely condemning the suspicious action.

"It is unexplainable," said a well-known Liberal, "the new appointment cannot be one on the ground of efficiency we all know. It was not earned by party service and the only reason for the change in selection seems to be to provide a berth for a relative of McColl. I'd like to have it cleared up, I don't think it's very satisfactory to the party."

"If Mr. McColl wants to locate any more of his relatives," was the smiling comment of a Conservative, "he better go about it more openly and creditably. Suppose, for instance, he were to submit their names to James Clancy or Phil Bowyer. That would be the best way."

SHERIFF INTERVIEWED.

This morning Sheriff Gemmill was interviewed by The Planet. The Sheriff naturally does not desire in any way to be identified with the difficulty, but frankly confessed his annoyance over the matter, which he fails to understand.

"On January 10th I appointed Miles McCarron to the position," he said, "and received an acknowledgment of my nomination from the Government."

"I heard nothing further of the matter until the day before yesterday, when I was unexpectedly informed that Matthew Martin had been appointed on my recommendation. I at once wrote back that I had not appointed Martin and there must be some irregularity. If the Government had not approved of McCarron's appointment I should have been notified, when I would have made another nomination."

The Sheriff said he could not let Martin go to work as he did not believe he was legally appointed under the statute.

Many stories are, of course, afloat concerning the matter. It is said McCarron was rejected because he was a Wallaceburg man; again that the Ross Government made a blunder and mixed the names, but this, of course, is not taken seriously; again, that McColl made the change after his election; again, that there was some peculiar and underhand work in the local Liberal ranks; again, that McCarron was turned down because he was once a Tory—a hundred and one explanations were given. But the men on the street say that the appointing of all his relatives to fat jobs ruined Gibson and leaves him who runs to read the lesson.

There is no doubt but that the matter will be promptly taken up and investigated by the Government. Already it has been officially called to the attention of Messrs. Clancy and Bowyer—and to the Attorney-General himself.

The Chatham Loan and Savings Company

The report of the twenty-fourth general annual meeting of the shareholders of the company, which appears on another page, shows satisfactory results of the past year's business. The financial statement presented indicates continual progress of the company's business.

After paying all expenses the shareholders were paid the usual six per cent. half yearly dividends and a snug addition was made to the reserve fund, which, including the unappropriated profits, now amounts to upwards of \$40,000.

The company's prospects are favorable for a continuation of the prosperity that has characterized the past twenty-three years of its history.

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That time honored day, celebrated in different manners from the time of Valentinus of Terin in the dark ages down to our own times, has a greater hold on the masses today than ever before. Thanks to the postal service, we can now send greetings to our friends from one end of the world to the other.

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