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Elections

The dissolution of the provincial legislature and the rushing on of a general provincial election is thoroughly in accord with the cheap ideas of statesmanship held by the members of the Saskatchewan government.

Premier Scott announced during the recent session that another session of the House would be held this autumn, and recent events prove that he was purposely trying to deceive.

He can give no valid reason to the people of the province for his action. Voters lists were to be compiled, but these will not be used for this election as they will not be prepared in time.

The bringing on of the elections now is an attempt to secure a favorable decision from the electors. The government thinks that the opposition is not prepared. They forget, however, that the electors are prepared and the Supplementary Revenue Tax, the Calder-Morag Book Contract, the Parliament Buildings Contract and the manifold other sins and misdeeds of this government are too green in their memory to forget their duty to the province when they have the opportunity.

Cost of the G.T.P.

The country has recently been startled by announcements made in parliament as to the cost of the new transcontinental railway. Dealing with this subject the Toronto Mail and Empire says:

"That the country has been grossly deceived on the subject of the cost of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway as planned by the Ottawa politicians is now admitted. The liability we were to assume was represented to be \$13,000,000, whereas, according to the acknowledgment of the minister of railways, the sum we will have to provide is no less than \$192,920,000! Finance Minister Fielding misinformed the country to the tune of \$180,000,000 on this point. But the lying about the cost was not the only deceit practiced by the Ottawa gentlemen with reference to this matter.

When the proposition to build in the far north came down to parliament Sir Wilfrid Laurier was asked three times if any other scheme had been submitted by the Grand Trunk Railway Company. On each occasion the right hon. gentleman replied in the negative. When he was asked for the last time if the Grand Trunk had not made a proposal, he intimated in a furious tone, and, as he said, "without equivocation," that no project had been laid before him by the company. One year later, Finance Minister Fielding in order to reply to a point that had been raised, astonished parliament by reading the proposition the Grand Trunk had made to the government. What the Grand Trunk sought was the right to build "a first-class line of railway from the northern terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway, at or near North Bay, through to the Pacific coast." The company asked the usual subsidy, which is \$6,400 per mile and which would have amounted to \$15,360,000. This offer of the Grand Trunk was deliberately suppressed until parliament had been committed to the \$192,920,000 folly. Not until

the more expensive plan had been rivited on the country was the moderate and business like proposal of the Grand Trunk allowed to leak out. One of the features of the Grand Trunk proposition was the offer to use the Intercolonial railway as part of the new transcontinental. The company wrote thus:

"In order to provide for connection with the Atlantic seaboard all the year round, and through an all British territory route, your petitioners will be prepared to enter into an agreement with the government for an interchange of traffic, or other satisfactory agreement with the Intercolonial railway at Montreal, or to consider such other proposal as the government may consider."

The offer to give traffic to the government railway was rejected. The government determined, instead of accepting this plan, to build a new line to parallel the Intercolonial, and to be leased by the Grand Trunk Pacific. Now the argument in favor of this course was the shortening of the route. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said in parliament:

"We believe we can abridge the distance between Moncton and Lewis by from 120 to 140 miles."

This statement turns out to be false. The distance between Quebec and Moncton by the Intercolonial is 493 miles. The engineers of the G.T.P. calculate that the distance between the same points by the new line will be 495 miles, or two miles longer than the present route, unless the "pusher grade" is adopted at two places, in which event there will be a reduction of 33 miles. So that we will be building 495 miles of railway, at an expense of \$63,000 a mile, in order to get a second line that will be either 2 miles longer, or 33 miles shorter, instead of the 120 or 140 miles shorter of which Sir Wilfrid spoke.

With respect to nearly every phase of this Grand Trunk Pacific scheme the country has been misled. But the colossal deceit is that regarding the cost. Thousands of people, no doubt, believed Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding when these gentlemen stated that the liability would be no more than \$13,000,000. The admission that the price will be \$192,920,000, or about three times what we paid for the Canadian Pacific, is a surprise to these citizens, and, in fact, to the entire country.

The Crops

Every element in the country will be more than pleased with the reports which come in regarding the western crops. The past year has been a hard one for many people to finance. Last year's failure left many people with the debt of a year's expense. A good crop this year will give the farmers and those more directly depending on the crops an opportunity to pull square again, but not much more, as in the most of cases there are the debts of two years to pay. There will be less plunging next year. It is to be hoped that the lessons learned in the past season of distress will not be lost. Speculation without the certainty of being able to make good, has taught many people a good lesson lately. Should farmers and others have a surplus this year they will be wise enough to put some-

thing by for times when things will not be so rosy.

However, the crop of 1908 has not been marketed yet and we believe the heads of the transportation companies are aware that the crop is good and that it is about a month ahead of last year. It is time for them to get busy. The farmer who wants to sell his wheat as soon as it is threshed should be given an opportunity to do so. If the railway companies do not prepare to haul the wheat away as soon as it is needed they will not only be doing an injustice to the farmer, but will be doing a serious injury to the country.

It is also the duty of the government to see that the railway companies prepare to do the work that is ahead of them. If they haven't made a move yet, it is time they did. Writing letters when a blockade is on will not do much good. Now is the time to get busy.

Editorial Notes.

The building of the telephone lines is of importance to the province. Wonder if it's any use tendering if Peter Lyall & Sons put in a bid?

Walter didn't secure a port on the Hudson's Bay. However, he's satisfied. Has to be if Laurier says so. It would be just the same to him if Quebec was given all the Bay.

Money seems to be no object to the Ottawa government. Recently a vote of \$15,000 was passed for the Olympic games and another one of \$8,000 was passed in favor of the National Gymnastic Society, a French Canadian Athletic club, which is to send athletes to compete in games at Rome, Italy.

Talk about having provincial government. Not in this province at present. The big fat contract that the local government had to let went to Quebec at a higher price than it could have been done at home for. Now it has leaked out that Laurier intimated to Scott that he had to hold his provincial elections and he got busy at once. If the people of this province want home government they have an opportunity to turn out this bunch of tools.

It is interesting to learn that the Marquis de Montcalm, who fell at Quebec, has one descendant living, and that his name is Paul Louis Joseph de Montcalm, with the right to call himself Marquis de Montcalm, Count de Saint Veran and Viscount de Candia. Instead of this high sounding title he poses simply as Mr. Montcalm, and his home is at Hackensack, New Jersey.—Victoria Colonist.

Press Comments.

(Toronto News) A correspondent of the Winnipeg Free Press, writing from Saskatoon says: "The political sentiment out through the new districts is decidedly Liberal, but not always favorable to the government. Many of the people are not too well informed as to the wide differences between the policies of the two parties. The true Conservative haven in the country works insidiously to convey the impression that there is no difference between the two parties. The fact that most of the grievances which press heaviest are of a nature that Conservatives would intensify rather than remove is not made clear to the elector. It seems to me that an active campaign is necessary through the new provinces to awaken the people to a knowledge of the truth as to the aims of the two great parties of the country. When a general election comes on, it will be fought out here among an almost totally new electorate, and it will be well to make sure that no strength is lost through misapprehensions."

It can well be believed that "the fact that most of the grievances which press heaviest are of a nature that Conservatives would intensify rather than remove is not made clear to the average elector." It is doubtful if the fact can be established by any amount of discussion. The danger is that discussion will lead western people to a very different conclusion and that nothing would prove of less service to the government. The Liberal politicians for the first time since 1896 must fight a defensive battle, with many departmental scandals on their heads, with the country committed to enormous expenditures, with only one or two ministers who have exceptional strength in their own provinces, with the skill and dis-

tion of the prime minister as their chief asset, and against an opposition which, during the last session at least, has more than matched the government in parliamentary strategy, and whose leader's devotion to public duty and solidity of character are steadily winning the good will and confidence of the people.

(Grenfell Sun.)

Excitement has been taken in some quarters to some of our remarks in a late issue of The Sun on the Redistribution Bill lately passed by the provincial legislature as it effects this electoral district. If we have been unfair to the government as to their part in the matter, we regret it. But let any unprejudiced man look at the shape of the new electoral districts of Weyburn, Moose Mountain, Pipestone and Francis and try to think out on what grounds except "political exigencies" such misshapen, crooked and unequal divisions could have been made. More outrageous geographical monstrosities could scarcely be conceived. And if the leaders of the opposition supported or acquiesced in such a division they have precious little respect for them in doing so.

Take the district in which the people of Wolsley, Grenfell and Summerville find themselves. Draw a line across from east to west, one mile south of the C.P.R. and nearly one-half of the population would be found living north of that to the river. Yet the southern boundary which the electoral division is named is nearly sixty miles south of that line. Wolsley and Grenfell have been obliterated as electoral centres and the district named after a range of hills in the far south. A dozen old ladies at an afternoon tea could have made as good a "Redistribution Bill" so far as we are concerned. They could scarcely have made a worse one.

(Bystander in Toronto Sun.)

The Orangemen avow their intention of increased activity in politics. As a general rule we should entirely deprecate and deplore religious intervention in politics from any quarter. But this is a special case. As to the power of the Papacy here and its intervention in our politics, there can unfortunately be no doubt. We had a fatal proof in the Separate Schools Act, which not only was unconstitutional and passed in the interests of the Papacy, but was carried by means injurious to the character of the legislature of this country. The Jesuit is avowedly a political agent, as well as an ecclesiastical agent, and we had a proof of his ascendancy here when he succeeded in forcing the restoration of his estate or part of it, a concession which Roman Catholic countries would have refused. The political control of the Roman hierarchy over the mass of its people is well known to be complete, and there is no force opposed to it but that of the Orange lodge. That the situation were otherwise, all right minded Christians and men must heartily desire, but such at present is. Meanwhile, let it emphatically be said, unwillingness to be ruled by delegates of the Papal power is a widely different thing from hatred of the Catholic religion.

BRYAN WILL BEAT TAFT

So Says Noted American Editor
 --Accumulated Sins of Republican Party too much for Taft to Carry.

Cincinnati, O., July 17.—In an interview here today Henry Watterson the noted editor, said: "This is the year that destiny has picked out to beat the republican party. The very virtues of Taft are against him, as they were against James G. Blaine. Blaine was the most captivating of Americans, as is Taft, but he was beaten by a comparatively unknown man, the late Grover Cleveland. Clay the most captivating of Americans, 40 years before that was beaten by Jas. E. Polk, a comparatively unknown man. Taft has a captivating personality, and although Bryan cannot be described as unknown, his time has come. Bryan is a good dog, but Holdfast is better." Mr. Taft will have to carry the accumulated sins of the Republican party, handicapped by the weight of Sherman, the vice-presidential candidate.

"Bryan on the day of election will have the United Democracy with him. The dinner pail is empty now and it isn't going to fill up before November. All signs and portents point to a change of parties. My belief is that the single lesson made by Roosevelt and embodied in Bryan will sweep the country, I mean the

working classes against the lawless rich.

"Mr. Taft represents the lawless rich, and with all of his nobility of character and admirable equipment, he cannot escape his destiny. He had better have taken the seat upon the supreme court bench which several times during the past ten years has been offered to him."

City Solicitor D. T. Smith of Saskatoon has accepted the registrarship of land titles for that district. His duties will commence the first of August. There is no land titles or district organized here yet, so Mr. Smith will be the first holder of the position.

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Judicial Sale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

Pursuant to the Order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Newlands dated herein the 18th day of April, A.D. 1908, and made in the action BETWEEN:

H. W. Laird and Company Limited Plaintiffs

—and—
 George Lachinski Defendant.

There will be offered for sale at the Sheriff's Office in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan at Twelve O'clock Noon on Saturday the First day of August A.D. 1908. All and singular the following land, viz: Lots Numbers Thirty-eight (38), Thirty-nine (39) and Forty (40) in Block Number Two Hundred and Ninety-one (291) in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan.

Terms: The purchaser shall pay twenty-five per cent. of the purchase money at the time of the sale, and the balance upon delivery of transfer duly confirmed within one month after the sale, subject to further conditions approved herein. Full particulars may be had from the undersigned.

ALLAN, GORDON & BRYANT, Solicitors for Plaintiff, REGINA, SASK.

Judicial Sale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF SASKATCHEWAN JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LAND TITLES ACT and in the matter of a certain mortgage dated the fourth day of December, 1906, made by Edward Wirth of Kennell to the Great West Life Assurance Company on the North East quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28) Township Twenty (20) in Range Nineteen (19) West of the Second Meridian in the province of Saskatchewan registered as Number L-5010.

Pursuant to the order of the Honourable Mr. Justice Lamont made in the action of The Great West Life Assurance Company, Plaintiff,

and Fannie Wirth, administratrix of the estate of Edward Wirth, deceased, the Massey Harris Company Limited, James Smith and Albert Leslie Gordon, Defendants.

There will be offered for sale at the Sheriff's Office in the City of Regina in the Province of Saskatchewan at twelve o'clock noon on Saturday the 8th day of August, A.D. 1908.

ALL AND SINGULAR the following lands, viz: The North East Quarter of Section Twenty-eight (28) in Township Twenty (20) in Range (19) West of the Second Meridian in the Province of Saskatchewan.

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