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THE HUDSON BAY RAILWAY IS THE PARAMOUNT ISSUE

Hon. Frank Oliver Speaks to Largest Assembly in the History of This City.

FOUR THOUSAND PEOPLE CHEER HIS ENTRY TO RINK

He Vigorously Repels Opponents' Attack on Land and Timber Administration.

He Makes Definite Statement That the Hudson Bay Railway Will Be Built if the Liberal Government is Returned - He Effectively Contrasts the Policy of Development Instituted and Successfully Carried Out by the Liberal Government with the Policy of Stagnation of the Conservative Party - A Policy of Expansion as Opposed to a Policy of Slender Calumny and Obstruction.

(From Saturday's Daily.) Overwhelming proof of the commanding position Hon. Frank Oliver occupies in the eyes of the people of Edmonton and of the confidence with which the policy of the Dominion Government is regarded, was furnished by the immense audience which greeted him in the Thistle Rink last evening. The vast audience which thronged this great building made up the largest assembly of people in the history of the city. The crowd was estimated at between 4,000 and 5,000. It was composed of hundreds of people who for the first time were afforded the opportunity of hearing the Minister of the Interior speak. These people knew him only by reputation; they knew of him as the man to whom the progress of this city is in a large measure due, and they know of him as a member of the government whose policy of settling the West, and opening the Last Great West, is being successfully carried out. They knew of him to a persistent opponent of railway monopoly and as a fighter.

Hon. Frank Oliver did not appear to the people of Edmonton on his personal. The personal element is an incident; the national element is the question. It is the way he put it. He signalled his appearance in the fighting line as a battle as a statesman on behalf of the cause he has served so splendidly with a speech that was not patriotic, but national, broad enough to embrace the whole of Canada. There were flashes of fire here and there elicited by frequent interruptions, and it was in his effective and silencing replies to these that his fighting ability showed itself.

The enthusiasm which greeted him when he entered the rink accompanied by Mayor McDougall, Senator Roy, Premier Rutherford, Hon. C. W. Cross, J. R. Boyle, M.P.P. for Sturgeon, W. H. McKenney, M.P.P. for St. Albert, and John A. McPherson, M.P.P. for Stony Plain, was tumultuous. A thousand flags waved a greeting. It was eminently fitting that the man who has represented Edmonton for twenty-two years, ten in the Northwest Council, and twelve in the House of Commons, and who has been a resident of Edmonton thirty-two years. Who not only lived out a home as a pioneer of the West, but whose ability, judgment, and honesty has placed him in the front rank of

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"Just as the Liberal Government undertook the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific it will undertake and carry to completion the Hudson Bay Railway. The Hudson Bay Railway will cut the distance to Edmonton's ultimate market by 1,000 miles; it will put cents in the pocket of the farmer for every bushel of grain carried to Liverpool, and fractions of cents for every pound of beef shipped. Do you want the Hudson Bay Railway or do you not? That is the question to be answered on October 28th.

"The development of the West is the development of Canada, for it is in the West that Canada has room to grow. "Canada has achieved in the last twelve years a measure of progress such as some of the fathers of our country may have dreamed of and hoped for - I am sure did dream of and did hope for - but certainly never expected to see.

"I ask you to put the record of twelve years of government, under which Canada has achieved progress that has been as surprising to the rest of the world as ourselves, against the campaign of slander, calumny and obstruction, to which it has and is being subjected. "If that government's record has been a record for the well-doing and well-being of this country and its people, during each and every one of those twelve years in every legislative and administrative act, then I ask you to give me your endorsement."

Hon. Frank Oliver at Edmonton. Canada's statement, should receive so pronounced a demonstration of admiration at the hands of the people of his home city.

The keynote of his speech was the clear-cut, unequivocal declaration that the Liberal government has definitely decided to construct the Hudson Bay Railway. His pronouncement on this issue to the West in the present campaign, was received with cheers. This statement followed his presentation of irrefutable evidence shattering the Conservative party to the policy of railway monopoly, a policy which denied the demands of the West for adequate railway facilities.

Mr. Oliver rose to address the meeting amid wild cheering, which continued for several minutes. Simultaneously a string was pulled and the long streamer unfolded, bearing the words, "Five years more." Mr. Oliver said, on silence being resumed: Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, it is thirty years since I have had the pleasure of addressing an audience in Edmonton and it is gratifying to me to see the progress that has taken place in the Northwest. I have been identified with Edmonton for many years and for the greater part of my life I lived in it - hoping to see it become a great city. Although I have been called to another sphere of action, I still have the same faith and interest in Edmonton; and I am proud of the progress it has made.

SIR WILFRID ON CANAL PROJECT

One of the Undertakings He Hopes to See Completed in the Near Future.

North Bay, Ont., Sept. 25 - Charles Murphy, of Ottawa, who has been elected for the position of Secretary of State, in succession to Secretary Scott, appeared on the platform with Sir Wilfrid Laurier here this afternoon and made a public acknowledgment of his gratitude to Sir Wilfrid for choosing him for the position. In the discussion of the political situation, Murphy said the opposition was so strong that it was expected he would devote his whole time and attention was being devoted to bringing wrong doing on the part of opponents. The statement that the Liberal government were kept in power by the solid vote of Quebec, he said was a deliberate falsehood.

"The question to be decided on October 28 is not personal; they are national. The personal element is incidental. I speak as a member of the government and I speak with the responsibility of conducting the country's affairs for 12 years, and I wish to report on behalf of that government. (Hear, hear.) If that government's record has been a record for the well-doing and well-being of this country and its people, during each and every one of those 12 years in every legislative and administrative act, then I ask you to give me your endorsement. If it has been untrue, in any particular, to the best interest of the country, then I ask you to ask you to endorse it. But before you come to the conclusion that it has been untrue, I ask you for the proofs of the instances in which it has been untrue. (Hear, hear and applause.)

"The Records Side by Side. "I invite you also to put the record of 12 years of government under which Canada has achieved progress that has been as surprising to the rest of the world as ourselves, against the campaign of slander, calumny and obstruction, to which it has and is being subjected. (Cheers.) I have no fault to find with our opponents' methods. They are their own judges as to what is the best means of achieving the public confidence. But I do think that if the people could be successfully appealed by such a campaign I would not consider it my credit to be a successful candidate for their support. (Renewed cheers.) I should accept defeat with greater satisfaction than victory.

"Canada has achieved in the last twelve years a measure of progress such as some of the fathers of our country may have dreamed of and hoped for - I am sure did dream of and did hope for - but certainly never expected to see. We have seen a change, from ocean to ocean, that is as surprising as the progress of the West, and as Canadian. What do our opponents, who ask for support, have to say to the people of this country? They say that the country has prospered and progressed; but they say it has done so not because of the Liberal government's administration. Now that is a clear-cut issue and we can afford to discuss it for a few minutes.

In twenty years Canada's trade has doubled. The wealth of Canada, as represented by our financial institutions, has doubled. During our opponents' administration of 12 years, the increase in trade and wealth was less than one-fourth of what has occurred in the last 12 years. (Cheers.) Why was it the country prospered and progressed? We contend that it was because the country's affairs were not managed in a showboating and showy manner. Now that is a clear-cut issue and we can afford to discuss it for a few minutes.

There is no necessity for me to advocate the Georgian Bay Canal, why, we have only to look at history. The route of the Georgian Bay Canal, the well-known route of the colonies. We must have the Grand Trunk Pacific, the Georgian Bay Canal, the Welland Canal deepened to twenty feet, and more railways, and we shall have hardly means enough of transportation for the immense development foreseen in the West. This is the policy, but when shall it be? I must speak with perfect frankness. I can not say whether we will be ready to commence building the Georgian Bay Canal today or tomorrow, because we have a falling revenue and heavy expenses to meet. But if Providence spares me, and Canadian people leave me and my friends at the head of the canal, it will be our duty to take up the Georgian Bay Canal as soon as the resources of the country permit us.

St. John's New Conservative Platform. St. John's, Sept. 25 - The first issue of the Standard, the new Conservative paper, came out this morning. It was four pages in length and was beyond the plant would be obtained a paper equal to any in St. John's would be printed.

A NEW POSTAL TREATY

Man. Rob. Bruce, Reports an American Method of Delivery.

Washington, D.C., There is a strong likelihood of the new postal treaty going into effect between the United States and Great Britain, provided that the plans now under consideration and the discussion between the acting second assistant postmaster general, Holliday, and the Hon. Robert Bruce, controller of the British post office department, who is accompanied by W. Pugh, a member of his staff, materialize. After they have agreed upon all points that are to be embodied in the proposed postal treaty, it will be submitted to Postmaster-General Meyer for his approval. Controller Bruce says this is his first visit to this country. He further said that arrangements under which the new post service is now being conducted was temporary in character, and it was his hope to effect a treaty which would be permanent. It was also possible, he said, to have the service extended as to take the Canadian line with a switch at St. Lawrence and Louisiana, but a subsidy demand was so large he was afraid the United States government would not care to bear half the cost. Mr. Bruce said that a decrease in letter postage, which becomes effective October 1st, would greatly increase the volume of correspondence between this country and his own and that he was hoping to visit certain large American cities to see if he can pick up some new methods for the service at home.

He has asked the Postmaster General's permission to visit certain large American cities to see if he can pick up some new methods for the service at home. He has twelve deliveries daily in London," he said "while you have but four and these only in your most thickly populated districts. But America is very progressive in mechanical devices and we are hopeful of finding some of your inventions that will enable us to better our service. Mr. Bruce referred particularly to the new mechanical devices now being installed in the local post offices and thought they promised to give admirable results. Mr. Bruce is very much interested in the question of the benefits derived by the rural delivery service which is under the direction of General P. V. Degraw fourth lieutenant in the army. He has studied details, the vast extent of territory which it covers and the extraordinary number of people of all occupations whom it must touch and serves on its 40,000 routes, some of them even in the most remote parts of the United States. He thought they have attracted his attention and he is giving them as much study as he can consistently with the time that can be spared from the prime object of his official visit.

FOG ON ST. LAWRENCE. Ties up Navigation and Delays Mails. Passengers Make Merry. Montreal, Sept. 25 - The dense fog and fog and smog which for the past week has stopped all navigation between Montreal and Quebec, lifted for a brief spell today and during that time four large ocean liners, the Manchester Exchange, Englishman, Montrose and Coaling, managed to creep into their large ocean basins, but they could not make the 107 miles between the two ports. Later the blanket lowered again and all traffic was stopped. The most serious result of the phenomenal conditions which have no parallel in the history of the St. Lawrence navigation is the delay of the mails. His Majesty's mails, The Virginian, which should have sailed at daybreak for Liverpool, picking up her mails at Montreal early on Saturday, is still at her berth here and cannot move. She is crowded with passengers. The delay of the mails has caused a large number of passengers, is still somewhere in the river, but the passengers are having the time of their lives with promenade and fog dances on the promenade deck.

BORDEN AT PETERBORO. Roblin on the Same Platform Attacks Editor of Globe. Peterboro, Sept. 24 - R. L. Borden and Premier Roblin spoke before a large audience in the opera house to night. Borden declared that it rested with the people to make good a government which desired that the government be not left to professional politicians. He denied that he (Borden) could control the presentation of Bayne's case as still before the court and he pronounced no judgment on him. Roblin followed the opposition, repeating his attack on the Globe and its editor, declaring that whether Macdonald knew of it or whether Wilson knew anything about it or not, would not affect it. He charged the reverend editor with shielding the government in the Pringle charges while attacking Foster.

Last Mail for Dawson. Ottawa, Sept. 25 - The last steam carrying all classes of mail for Dawson and other places north of Whitehorse leaves Vancouver about October 1st. The mail matter sent to the north beyond Whitehorse is letters, postcards, singly wrapped newspapers and periodicals and miscellaneous articles, except books, trade catalogues, circulars, patterns of merchandise or newspapers to dealers. The department, however, has no objection to parcels to Whitehorse being marked for forwarding to points north of Whitehorse during the period of closed navigation.

FORAKER REFUTES CHARGES. Denies Impropriety in His Dealing With Standard Oil Co. Cincinnati, O., Sept. 25 - Senator Joseph B. Foraker, in a statement issued tonight, refuted the charges against him by Hearst and Roosevelt and makes an exhaustive argument in support of his own position with respect to the Standard Oil Co. He said that as a member of the senate in the Brownsville affair and on the rate bill, he charges that with respect to the Standard Oil Co. he was not connected with the charges against him by Hearst and Roosevelt and makes an exhaustive argument in support of his own position with respect to the Standard Oil Co. He said that as a member of the senate in the Brownsville affair and on the rate bill, he charges that with respect to the Standard Oil Co. he was not connected with the charges against him by Hearst and Roosevelt and makes an exhaustive argument in support of his own position with respect to the Standard Oil Co.

Fire Visits College. Truro, N. S., Sept. 25 - A fire at the Agricultural College last night caused a loss of \$4,000. The dairy, pigsty and the west wing buildings were destroyed. Insurance is \$3,500.

TRAINS MEET IN BLINDING STORM

Terrible Wreck on Northern Pacific - Twenty-two Passengers Are Killed.

Livingston, Mont., Sept. 25 - Twenty-two dead, as many injured, and a whole passenger train and half a freight train smashed to splinters, is the result of a collision on the Northern Pacific between the Burlington Pacific Coast flyer eastbound, and a westbound freight train today. The wreck occurred at Young's Point, four miles from Parks City, to which point the wounded have been taken. The partial list of dead is: Tom Anderson, Hardy, Mont.; Col. Bodson, Salt Lake; John Cawian, Billings; L. A. Stewart, Dean, Mont.; H. C. Gamble, Mankston, Iowa; F. L. Elmok, Denver; G. M. Kossick, Anaconda; C. R. Babcock, Billings; S. Chinglin, Chico Springs, Mont.; D. H. Barnes, Seattle, Wash.; Chas. E. Johnson, Denver; J. B. Babcock, Anaconda; John Ryan, Cushing, Okla.; M. Halloway, Billings; H. Scherman, address unknown; three unidentified miners from Anaconda.

From Billings to Seattle the Burlington runs over Northern Pacific tracks. It is said the crew of the freight train disregarded orders to meet the passenger and went ahead. Later, when it was remembered the freight was to take the siding, the flagman was sent out, but owing to the blinding snowstorm, the flagman was not seen and the passenger, which ran into the freight at full speed. The members of the Spokane delegation to the National Irrigation Congress at Albuquerque were aboard, but none were injured.

PLAGUE OF STARVATION. Serious Rioting in Azores to Break Up Election to Secure Food. Lisbon, Sept. 25 - There has been a resumption of the Azores Islands, the serious rioting that broke out about ten days ago, as a result of the popular anger over the failure of local authorities to take preventive measures against the bubonic plague. The people of Horta on the island of Pico, which is isolated because of the plague, are dying of hunger and when the governor attempted to prevent the landing of a boatload of supplies with supplies, the populace attacked them. Many on both sides were injured. The government finally yielded and there was a scorch of wild rivalry when the supplies finally reached the exhausted people. The plague on the island is spreading.

Bubonic Plague Ebbs. St. Petersburg, Sept. 25 - The cholera epidemic in St. Petersburg, in the opinion of the health authorities, has now reached its maximum, and notwithstanding a number of new cases daily is expected to remain about stationary for a week or ten days, and then gradually to decline under the influence of the cold weather. The sharp frost last night, and clear weather to-day, have contributed to check the spread of cholera epidemic. For twelve hours ending at noon yesterday 357 new cases and 100 deaths were reported at the municipal hospitals, and this is slightly an improvement over Thursday. The number of cases in the municipal hospitals alone now reaches 4,431, and there have been 1,759 deaths. The total of 976 patients have been discharged from the municipal hospital as cured.

With Step Bush Fight. Sherbrooke, Sept. 25 - Rain fell heavily this morning throughout this district. This will probably put an end to the bush fires in this vicinity.

THE WESTERN ELECTOR AND POLITICAL ISSUES. No one who heard Hon. Frank Oliver in the Rink last night could fail to realize fully and absolutely the trivial character of the whole material that forms the basis of the Conservative campaign. Though there cannot be any doubt as to about the influence in Mr. Oliver's favor of his career as a hard-working and optimistic pioneer as well as a successful public man, it was more than borne in on every listener last night that he merited approval for his part in the general administration on account of direct and straightforward dealing.

Western electors are taking account of larger matters politically than the chatter of the pomp-show men who have not only failed in the people's House to conceive or appreciate constructive administration but have likewise failed in all efforts at minor criticism. The fatality of putting the Liberal Government to a trial on such issues is too ridiculous for a serious people. Mr. Oliver's speech reflects the moral seriousness of the West, and understands it. It is doubtful whether the East appreciates properly the discrimination of the West in regard to political issues; or that it understands the development of the West towards political leadership.