Ontario's Secretary Admits Receiving $500 For Expenses During Election

Liberal Members Desert Committee in Protest Against Unfair Ruling of the Chairman; Counsel for Proud-Foot Not Permitted to Examine Taylor

Toronto, April 30.—The committee of the legislature on privileges and elections continued its investigation of the charges against Hon. W. J. Hanna and Sir James Whitney, although the Liberal members all absented themselves as a protest against the ruling of G. H. Ferguson, the chairman, that H. H. Dewart, counsel for Mr. Proudfoot, who made the charge, should not be permitted to question George C. Taylor as to the circumstances under which he had contributed $500 to Mr. Hanna's campaign fund. Wallace Nesbitt, Mr. Hanna's counsel, had admitted the receipt of this money, and the chairman held that any further investigation of the circumstances was unnecessary. Mr. Taylor was giving his evidence at the time this dramatic incident took place, and continued his evidence in answer to Mr. Nesbitt's questions. He said that the settlement of his claim, instead of being improper from the government's point of view, had been unfair to him, that any other arbitrator would allow him $5,000 more, that if this did not turn out to be true he would be willing to pay the expenses of the arbitration. With the exception of the $500 contribution, anything else he had spoken of having against Mr. Hanna, he said, was not of his personal knowledge.

J. D. Montgomery, Taylor's solicitor, supported that gentleman's statements. Instead of getting too much, Mr. Taylor had got the small end of the award. W. K. McNaught said that he had become interested in the matter because he had heard that it was intended to settle the claim by prolonging the contract. He had objected to the contract in the first place, and called on the premier to object to the contract being removed. He had also seen Mr. Hanna for the same purpose, and Mr. Hanna had suggested arbitration. To this Mr. McNaught had agreed, sugsnggesting Mr. Thorne. He had seen no evidence of corruption in the whole matter. His opinion was that the evidence was all the reverse of the charges.

Mr. Hanna himself took the stand, and although he admitted having accepted $500 from Mr. Taylor for election expenses, repudiated all the other charges against him. The money received from Taylor had been spent in legitimate ways, and had not influenced him in any way in dealing with Mr. Taylor's claims. Questioned as to Mr. Thorne's statement that he had said that if these charges were made public he would have to retire from public life, Mr. Hanna said that what he had remarked to Mr. Thorne was that if he had been guilty of pilfering in his department he would not be fit to be in public life. He did not remember having used the word "resign," but might have done so. Mr. Hanna also insisted in making a statement in regard to the charges in respect to the coal tenders. He declared that the original records on file would show that there had been no manipulation of any kind. Mr. Hanna traced the origin of the charges to Harry Masonville, who was formerly secretary to Dr. Rheaume, and has been dismissed from the civil service. Masonville, he said, bore him a grudge arising from out of the trouble which had ended in Masonville's dismissal from the service and in two communications Masonville had threatened to drive him out of public life. Hon. J. J. Foy also testified that there had been no pressure brought to bear to secure the fiat for Taylor and with that the committee adjourned until tomorrow.

Mr. Lloyd George's New Taxes---Is the Chancellor Becoming a Tariff Reformer

(By John Foster Fraser.)

London, April 30.—No, I am not going to write this week about the chancellor of the exchequer's investments in an American company in order to provide for his old age. But I do want to deal with the way he is likely to raise the necessary millions in order that the United Kingdom may pay its bills during the current financial year. Most of the newspapers have been announcing that Mr. Lloyd George will make his budget statement next Thursday. This is a mistake, for it will not be until the following Tuesday that he will reveal what he proposes to do.

During the year which closed at the end of March the national expenditure was $943,109,650 and the income amounted to $944,005,995, so that there is a surplus of about $900,000. The expenditure in the coming year is calculated at $977,651,690, so that there will be a deficit of something like $35,000,000. To be quite fair, it can be assumed that the increase of revenue will produce $15,000,000. This leaves $20,000,000 to be provided for, and the question is: From where is he to get it?

Now, I make no pretense to possess to any of the budget secrets. Occasionally there is a little leakage about what is decided at cabinet meetings, but strict silence is the order concerning the budget, and any statements which appear in the press are no more than shrewd outside anticipations.

A considerable section of the Liberal party, having taken fright at the withdrawal of their Unionist opponents of food taxation as a part of their policy at the next election, and being somewhat uncomfortable at the reminder that between 60,000,000 and 70,000,000 sterling have been imposed by way of taxes on food since the Liberals attained office seven years ago, have been anxious to put themselves right with their constituents by having the existing food taxes considerably reduced. A few weeks ago they presented a memorial to Mr. Lloyd George urging that he should reduce the present taxes on food. The reply they got was by no means satisfactory, for, being in much need of money, the chancellor of the exchequer can not cut off a source of revenue which yields a considerable number of millions. On the other hand, he dare not impose further taxation on food.

In some quarters it has been anticipated that Mr. Lloyd George will endeavor to raise the necessary wind by piling heavier taxes on the owners of land. Land owners, as the chancellor of the exchequer knows, have few friends and they are supposed to batten on the miseries of the poor. Everybody is aware that Mr. Lloyd George's present ambition is to make the squires "sit up" and, not to put it too high, he has an academic interest in the single tax, which means making the land bear the whole of the burden of national expenditure. As land grows food, taxation of land is taxation of the raw material, and this the radical representatives of rural constituencies are beginning to realize. However good a case there may be for the readjustment of taxation—and no one who has studied the question fails to realize that the incidence of taxation is a matter needing reform—the Radical members who have farmers as constituents are not anxious that anything further should be done to alienate their support.

Besides, it is not forgotten that Mr. Lloyd George's endeavors under the 1910 budget to raise millions by land value duties have been a fiasco. Enormous sums have been spent by an army of valuers making investigation and the return has not been profitable. For instance, in the financial year which has just elapsed he reckoned to get from these duties $2,275,000, but the income has fallen short of that amount by $130,000. Indeed there has been a drop of $650,000 on house duty, and $250,000 on land tax, and well over a half million drop in customs, excise and estate duties. Had it not been that there was an increase of nearly $3,000,000 in the telephone service the chancellor of the exchequer would have been in a worse predicament than he finds himself. For the two reasons, that extra taxation on land would not bring forth anything like the millions which Mr. Lloyd George needs, unless there was a complete revolution in taxation, and because Liberal agricultural members are afraid of losing their seats, we may make the assumption that further land taxation will not take place.

Still that doesn't bring us any nearer to the solution of the problem. How is the chancellor to provide for at least another $200,000,000 which is wanted in the present year? The only thing of which we are sure is that there must be extra taxation somewhere. Also those of us who have watched Mr. Lloyd George's financial career have long been acquainted with the fact that he has no settled financial convictions. He is a brilliant political protagonist, but he has never given any evidence that his views on national finance are the result of definite conclusions after careful study. [illegible] ignoring principles, the need always justifies the means with him.

For the last twenty years I have heard most of Lloyd George's speeches delivered in the house of commons and, especially during the last half-dozen years, I have been gradually forced to the conclusion that, without really knowing it, he is a tariff reformer at heart. Keen partisan though he be, and untrammelled by convictions and financial dogma, he has the kind of mind which quickly recognizes anomalies, and makes a dash at rectifying them without being at all clear about the road on which he is travelling. When he was at the board of trade he was responsible for carrying the Patents Act through which foreign firms have been obliged to set up factories here and employ British workingmen. Mr. Lloyd George has boasted of the beneficial results of the Patents Act, without apparently stopping to think that its operation has been destructive of the principles of free trade.

If I say that the chancellor of the exchequer is unscrupulous I do not wish to be misunderstood. He is unscrupulous in the sense that when he wants to accomplish a particular object he does not at all mind the means which he uses. For a long time there has been a subconscious feeling among Unionists that Mr. Lloyd George would not be at all above appropriating the main plank in their program—namely, Tariff Reform—and putting it into practice if it served his purpose. Whatever resistence there may be on the part of the working classes to taxation which would increase the cost of living, there is a rapidly growing feeling, and no one knows it better than the chancellor of the exchequer that there is something unfair in the present situation, whereby the foreigner has free access to our markets while he erects a tariff barrier to prevent our goods competing on level terms with his goods in his own market. Following this, it is the British temper that if the foreigner hits us we would be within our rights in hitting him.

No man in public life can so quickly guage the popular feeling of the crowd than Mr. Lloyd George. Therefore, I would not be at all surprised if in his budget statement of Tuesday week he provided us with a sensation and if, having to get $20,000,000 from somewhere, he, with a little smile advanced the principle of Tariff Reform and plumped taxes on imported motor cars, on silks, and increased the duties on a number of manufactured articles. Of course, he would deny that he was a protectionist; he would repudiate that he was a Tariff Reformer; he would defend his action by pleading that he imposed the taxation for revenue purposes only.

That something like this is in the air is believed by a good many members of parliament. The other night there was a debate on tariffs. Party passion was rather high, and the two sides were flinging the customary taunts at each other. There was a point when the whole ministerial party cheered against the imposition of taxes on imported manufactured goods. "Then," said a Unionist member quickly, "you are committed that never under any circumstances will you put taxes on foreign made articles." There was dead silence at this. For many Liberal members had heard the whisper that has been going the rounds as to how Mr. Lloyd George will find the extra $20,000,000.

Friedmann's Movements Doubtful

Montreal, April 30.—The authorities of the Royal Edward institute received a wire tonight from Dr. F. P. Friedmann, stating that he would arrive here at 7.20 o'clock tomorrow morning for the purpose of giving a second inoculation of his serum to tuberculosis patient whom he treated on his former visit.

Dr. Friedmann's future plans were not revealed in the telegram sent to Dr. Adams, and whether the German physician will visit Toronto and London, during his stay in Canada, could not be ascertained.

Wolgast as Manager

San Francisco, April 30.—Ad Wolgast, former lightweight champion of the world, has announced himself as manager of Willie Hoppe, a local boxer who knocked Wolgast down during the

Pope Pius X. Much Better

Rome, April 30.—The Pope today sat in an arm chair at his desk in the large librark of the state department. This was the first time since his recent illness that the pontiff has been able to leave his department for the floor below. During the past week he has gained much in strength, and the removal of the restrictions placed upon him by his physicians had cheered him greatly.

The Pope sent for Cardinal Merry Del Val, the papal secretary of state to surprise him, but the Cardinal, although proferring his warm congratulations, urged the utmost caution. The pope remarked that he could not be more prudent and he hoped to be at the reception of several personages on important affairs.

GRATIFYING NEWS OF THE GRAIN

Seeding Well on Way to Completion in Prairie West, Say 200 Wires, and Coming Season's Outlook Is Very Good

Winnipeg, May 1—According to reports received from over 200 points in the Canadian prairie west, seeding is well on the way to completion. At 114 points over 75 per cent. of the wheat area is reported seeded. Taking into account the acreage surrounding the points which report a less amount seeded, it is reasonably safe to assume that fully 75 per cent. of the land intended for wheat this year has already been sown to that cereal.

Fifty-five points report the acreage to be seeded same as 1912; 75 points reported the acreage as less than that in 1912, while 44 points report an increase of acreage running from five per cent. to as high as 25 per cent. though thi slast figure occurred but seldom, thus indicating that there probably is no increase in wheat acreage this year and possibly a fractional decrease.

With reference to the seeding on stubble land without re-plowing, the figures would indicate that from 25 to 30 per cent. of the wheat crop had gone in on land in this condition. Very many points reported the ground as too soft for the use of motor tractors.

These reports almost en masse declare that while seeding is, on the whole, considerably later than in 1912, the condition of the ground is so good that there has been very few drawbacks; that the seeding is actually far in advance than it was on the corresponding date last year, with a better general outlook for the season. Taken as a whole, the report is a very satisfactory one, the fact that the acreage in wheat is not materially increased is really a very healthy and satisfactory sign, as it shows that the farmers are slowly but surely awakening to the danger of seeding wheat late, and have confined themselves largely to land that was prepared last season. Only three points report an actual need of rain. Wet snow has fallen, very generally in Southern Alberta, about the only section where additional moisture was needed.

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To the woman who does not care to put very much money in her new spring hat, we offer an extensive showing of many stylish models. Every one new, attractive and wearable, for $7.50; regular values were to $12.00. Just try a few of them on before our mirrors, you'll wonder how we can sell such stylish hats at so reasonable a price. Sale **$7.50**

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