

DR. CLARKE IS POWER IN HOUSE HOW HE ESTABLISHED REPUTATION AS DEBATER

Member for Red Deer Will Be Among Speakers at Meeting on Monday Night

A few sessions ago at Ottawa, during a rather arid debate, a well built, clear voted member rose among the liberal benches to make a few observations. He was a "back benchman," a term applied to new-comers in the House, who, having their spurs to win, are allotted seats well in the rear of the chamber, and who, as sessions and parliaments pass by, are gradually advanced towards the places of the night, if their political lives last long enough.

Little attention was paid to the new member when he claimed the ear of Mr. Speaker, the impression being that it was the case of a tyro airing his views for the benefit of his constituents and rehearsing some hoary old platitudes which had done service when most of them were in swaddling clothes.

But they were speedily undeceived. No sooner was the first sentence spoken than the House literally sat up and took notice. The jaded representatives of the press reached for their galleys-crane their necks in closer scrutiny of the speaker. With the consummate ease of the experienced debater he took hold of the subject under consideration, deftly brushed aside some of the economic cobwebs clinging to it, decked it out in a new suit of clothes and sat down, having in thirty minutes caught the ear of the House and in one bound leaped to the very forefront of Canadian parliamentary life.

The speaker was Dr. Michael Clarke, Liberal member of Red Deer, Alberta.

It was so unusual a thing, this establishing a reputation in a few minutes, that the doctor soon found himself an object of curiosity. Debating laurels in parliament invariably are won only after years of experience and many agonizing moments in the fiery furnace. The members had expected to see in the representative from Red Deer a bluff, hard-headed type of the soil, who would have to encounter many cruel knocks before he could count upon holding the attention of the House. Instead they saw a man whose every word indicated a trained mind, and whose marshalling of fact and argument bespoke long experience in the company of debaters par excellence.

There was no uncertainty as to his points. They were as clear as crystal and his delivery was as powerful as the pawing of the air for histrionic effect in rhetorical staidness to take the place of argument. The House at once realized that it had in the new member an exceedingly talented debater, and his name was entered in the House of Commons, because he never fails to take a die at long-winded orators like George Foster as well as the verbose members on his own side.

The doctor is happiest when he is dealing with economics. He fairly revels in this rather trying atmosphere. He grapples with his subject with the joy and abandon of a school boy in a football scrimmage. It is doubtful if there is a public man in Canada with such a thorough mastery of practical political economy as he. He sat at the feet of Gladstone, Bright, Cobden and Morley the days when mighty deeds were wrought upon the hustings. Early in life he developed an intense interest in public questions; he developed, too, an inexhaustible faith in the principles of Liberalism. He is a free trader, and prides himself on the fact. He will glow with enthusiasm and his voice will ring out challengingly when, in graphic language, he describes what free-trade has achieved in the field of commerce; the enormous product of his factories, exported in hundred of millions to the markets of the world; her matchless mercantile marine, and usually winds up with this deft to his opponents: "Not bad for little old Britain, is it? And there they have free trade."

Dr. Clarke's speech in favor of reciprocity in the House of Commons recently was one of the strongest utterances heard there in many years. For sheer logic, faultlessly expressed, it was a veritable triumph. Following the old familiar argument of that high priest of protection, the tariff, it was as refreshing as a shower on a sultry day. The House saw the other side of the shield—the side of the masses of consumers, whose interests certainly did not suffer in the hands of the member for Red Deer. Unencumbered by no more notes than could be contained on the back of an envelope, he rattled the protectionist theories through and through, and to this day his argument has not been answered. His handling of Mr. Foster's four-hour speech was perfect. It is doubtful if that gentleman ever had his case so completely stripped of its rhetorical tinsel, and probably no one knows it better than himself.

mouths of Mr. Borden and his followers. The member for Red Deer was born in Northumberland, England, just fifty years ago. He was educated at Elmfield College, York, and Edinburgh University, devoting himself to the practice of medicine. Seven years ago, attracted by the splendid opportunities afforded by the Canadian West and gratifying a desire for an open-air life, he came to Alberta and engaged in farming. He was elected to the House of Commons in the general election of 1908. He is greatly in demand as a public speaker in the east, and has addressed meetings in the big Canadian centres as well as in Boston and New York.

WILL NOT RUN IN COMOX-ATLIN

HON. W. TEMPLEMAN ANNOUNCES DECISION

Minister Writes to Liberal Associations Regarding Course in Next General Election

Hon. Wm. Templeman has addressed the following self-explanatory letter to the various Liberal Associations in the constituency of Comox-Atlin, regarding his course in the next general election:

Dear Sir: In view of the possibility of an election before the expiration of the present parliamentary term, it is desirable that I should state to my friends and supporters in the government in Comox-Atlin what my future course of action will be.

I have been assured by friends in every portion of the constituency that my candidature would be acceptable to the Liberal electors, and that the Conservatives have joined with my political friends in declaring that in view of the policy of the government and the generally satisfactory results of my efforts as their representative, the issue of a contest in Comox-Atlin in the next year or next year, undoubtedly would be an endorsement of the government and myself. I am glad to know that I have been of some service to the constituency of Comox-Atlin, and that the confidence given me in 1908, when I was elected by acclamation, has not been, in the opinion of the electors, misplaced.

When, upon my defeat in Victoria, Mr. Sloan resigned to enable me to continue as Minister of the Crown, the duty of representing British Columbia in the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it was generally understood that my connection with Comox-Atlin would be of a tentative character, as the electors would probably desire, upon the conclusion of the parliamentary term, to select as their representative a resident of the district. I feel that it is greatly indebted to the electors of Comox-Atlin for their confidence in the past and their goodwill for the future. The knowledge I have gained of the constituency will be of great value to me and will enable me to assist its representative in promoting the interests of the district in many ways. I therefore desire to say, with great regret, that I will not offer myself for nomination in Comox-Atlin at the coming election. I respectfully suggest that early consideration be given to the question of choosing another candidate. I believe Comox-Atlin is entitled to a representative who will represent the interests of the district as fully as possible, and will enable me to assist its representative in promoting the interests of the district in many ways. I therefore desire to say, with great regret, that I will not offer myself for nomination in Comox-Atlin at the coming election.

Yours respectfully, W. TEMPLEMAN.

VANCOUVER FATALITY

Vancouver, June 29.—The jury, state that the said Jesse Adams came to his death about 10:45 p. m. on Saturday night, June 24, in the city of Vancouver. The evidence submitted, we believe, the accident would not have happened if the railway yards had been better lighted, and we further believe an open, unobstructed ditch by the side of the track where the accident happened contributed to the death of the deceased; and we strongly recommend that every reasonable precaution that can be taken to prevent such destruction of human life. We therefore suggest better lighted yards with all unnecessary obstructions removed.

NAPOLÉON'S CAMP BED.

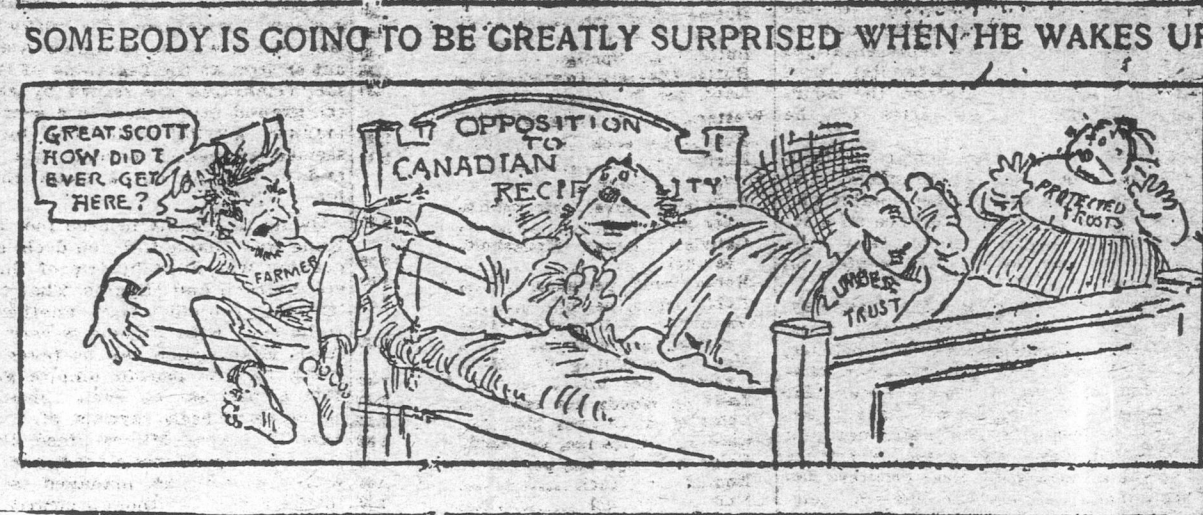
Paris, June 30.—Edward Tucker, formerly of New York, but now a resident of Paris, following in the footsteps of J. P. Morgan, has presented to France Napoleon's camp bed. It was used at St. Helena. The gift was accompanied by letters showing its authenticity.

POLICE CHIEF'S PRESIDENT.

Ottawa, June 30.—The Chief Constables' Association elected Chief Chamberlain of Vancouver, president for the year at the close of the convention here yesterday.

BOY'S BODY FOUND.

Kingston, June 30.—The body of George Lally, aged five, was found yesterday in Cataragau bay. He had disappeared on Coronation day and it was feared he had been kidnapped by gypsies.



—The Des Moines Register and Leader.

GRAIN OUTLOOK IS IMPROVING

WEATHER FAVORABLE FOR SPRING WHEAT

Cutting of Fall Wheat Will Soon Be in Progress in Alberta

Winnipeg, June 30.—Notwithstanding the magnificent prospects for the spring wheat crop of the Canadian prairies considerable anxiety was manifested among the grain exchange a few days ago on account of very heavy and continued rains of the latter end of May and most of June, which threatened damage to grain on low lying lands, especially in this province. Rains in Saskatchewan, which now contributes the bigger part of the spring wheat yield, have been more moderate and less insistent. The past week, however, has been mostly fine and dry in Manitoba, while cooler weather has contributed to the strengthening of the wheat plant, thus lessening danger of loss through the grain lodging. A small percentage of wheat on bottom lands has been drowned right out, but for the most part the condition of the crop to-day is a good deal more favorable than it was a week ago.

FIRE DESTROYS BLOCK IN IDITAROD

Seattle, Wash., June 30.—A cable dispatch from Iditarod City to the Seattle Times June 25, via Kaitaga June 23, says: For the second time in its brief history this camp was nearly destroyed by fire early to-day, when, following the explosion of a gasoline lamp, a city block between Willows street and Front street, on the river, was razed to the ground, causing a loss of \$100,000.

CHARGES COMBINE AMONG PLUMBERS

Calgary, June 30.—Whether Calgary is suffering from an illegal combine of the plumbing interests or not is a question to be settled in the courts to-day when E. J. Young, president of the Master Plumbers' Association, is scheduled to appear at the instigation of R. Maslin, of the Central Heating & Plumbing Co., who alleges a conspiracy to restrict trade and enhance prices in Calgary. The case is one of extreme interest from the allegation of the complainant that the whole trouble is caused because he is not a member of the Master Plumbers' Association, and that he was discriminated against by the wholesalers because of that fact. He alleges his goods are quoted at a much higher rate than those given the members of the Master Plumbers' Association, and in some cases he says they are as much as 20 per cent. higher. On this account he cannot compete on the same terms as other members of the trade, who belong to the Master Plumbers' Association.

POTATOES SCARCE.

Winnipeg, June 30.—There is a potato famine in sight for all Western Canada at the present time potatoes are selling here at \$1.75 per bushel, but to-day it is \$1.50 to \$1.60, with no supply heavy rains in certain sections which have drowned out the crops are said to be responsible for the advance.

MISSIONARY WORK AMONG INDIANS

Conference of the Methodist Workers Will Be Held in B. C. in August

Toronto, June 30.—At a meeting of the Methodist general board of missions, Rev. T. E. E. Shore, secretary of foreign missions, was authorized to arrange for a conference of Indian workers in British Columbia in August, probably at Fort Simpson, with a view to developing and reconstructing the missionary policy affecting Indians. A loan of \$5,000 without interest was made by the committee towards establishment of a church at Prince Rupert.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS.

Winnipeg, June 30.—Two fatalities occurred within a few hundred yards of each other last evening. A Canadian named Sherlock, address unknown, boarded a Grand Trunk Pacific train in mistake for a Canadian Northern railway train, bound for Prince Albert. He discovered his mistake as the train was crossing the subway and jumped, crushing his head in the fall. He is supposed to be from Toronto. Alex. Sigmyk, foreign born, picked up a live wire while at work in the Canadian Northern railway shops, and was dead when he arrived. Inquests are likely in both cases.

TEN WORKMEN CRUSHED TO DEATH

Buffalo, N. Y., June 30.—Ten men are believed to have been killed while four others were seriously injured today by the collapse of the roof and other portions of the Buffalo water department's new pumping station.

AVIATOR BEATS EXPRESS TRAIN

Berlin, June 30.—Hirth, the German aviator, who with a passenger in his monoplane, started from Munich at 7 o'clock last evening, arrived here at 9:03 this morning. His actual flying time was 5 hours 41 minutes for 345 miles. A stop over night was made at Nuremberg and another landing was made at Leipzig. The aviator wins a prize of \$12,500.

WRECKERS DERAIL TRAIN.

Paris, June 30.—The express from Havre to Paris was derailed by train wreckers near Louviers last night. All of the cars turned over, but none of the passengers were seriously injured. Cops of the Guerre Sociale were found lying beside the cut rails. The press to-day strikes a note of warning and demands that the new ministry put an end to revolutionary activity and outrages.

MEXICAN SITUATION.

Canadian Commissioner Says the Outlook for Trade is Hopeful.

R. L. BORDEN'S TOUR.

Lloydminster, Alb., June 30.—R. L. Borden spoke at Vegreville yesterday afternoon. He received a memorial from two local branches of the United Farmers of Alberta, who endorsed his stand on all questions but reciprocity. He spoke at Lloydminster last evening.

STRIKE RIOTS AT PORT OF HULL

London, June 30.—The shipping strike has assumed the nature of an endless chain. No sooner is a settlement reached in one quarter than a disagreement appears in another. Both sides charge the other with contravening the arrangements which promised to end the dispute.

LONDON POLICE SENT TO SCENE OF TROUBLE

Over Five Hundred Will Aid Local Force in Preserving Order

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TACOMA MILL BURNED.

Tacoma, Wash., June 30.—Fire which started at 8 o'clock last evening from unknown causes, totally destroyed the mill of the Holland Cook Manufacturing Company at Fern Hill, a suburb, with a loss of \$50,000. About 200,000 feet of lumber was consumed. The plant, which manufactured columns and other ornamental wood-work was insured for \$20,000.

PHOENIX BRIDGE OPENED.

Phoenix, Ariz., June 30.—The bridge over Salt River at Phoenix, the largest concrete structure of its kind in the world, was opened yesterday. The bridge proper is 2,150 feet in length, while with the approaches it measures 4,600 feet.

AVIATOR KILLED.

Chelons Sur Marna, France, June 30.—Lieutenant Trochon was fatally injured yesterday while making his first trip as pilot of a biplane. The machine plunged to the earth almost immediately after rising, and the lieutenant was taken from the wreckage terribly injured. He died soon afterward.

FARMER DISAPPEARS.

Lethbridge, June 30.—Josiah Taylor, a wealthy farmer from Iowa, has disappeared. It is believed he has committed suicide as he was dependent over the death of his wife.

YARDEN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sandwich, England, June 30.—In the play-off of their tie for the open golf championship, Harry Varden of the South Herds Golf Club, defeated Arnaud Massey of Neville, Franco, winning the championship cup, gold medal and \$250.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSED TO-DAY

PROMOTION LISTS AND ROLLS OF HONOR

Children Free for Well-Earned Holiday—No Formal Exercises This Year

(From Friday's Daily.) The public schools of Victoria were informally closed to-day for the summer vacation, and consequently the spirit of joy was let loose among the juvenile section of the community.

In none of the schools was any ceremony conducted. The pupils simply assembled in their respective classrooms, received the blessings of their teachers on their holidays and were then dismissed. It is understood that the closing ceremony has given place to the opening ceremony. Once the holidays are over and the pupils return to the classroom for another year's work a formal opening ceremony will mark the occasion.

The feature of public interest in connection with the closing exercises is the issuance of the promotion lists of all the schools. These will be found below. Kingston Street scholars, for the first time, had closing in their own school. A short programme was rendered on the lawn, many parents being present. The programmes were painted by the children and were most creditable to the young artists.

BOYS' CENTRAL

Division III. Promoted to Entrance Class—Alexander McDonald, Ernest Greenwood, Lum Hoo, Lee Poy, Archie Riddle, George Roberts, Malcolm Wain, Cyril Punnett, Frank McNamee, George Goodwin, Arthur Greenshaw, Colin Eddie, George Billard, Josie Stinson, Charles Kinney, Aubrey Mason, Cecil Hand, John Ford, Alan Jones, Donald Hanna, John Helmecken, Clifford Kilpatrick, Cyril Sprinkling, Sam Chew, Charlie O'Neil, Arthur McCallum.

Rolls of Honor—Department, Archie Riddle, proficiency, Alex. McDonald; attendance, Lum Hoo.

Division IV. Promoted—Howard Knott, Frederic MacInnes, Newton Pullen, Kenji Kusuyama, Winston Gardner, Robert Hepburn, Robert Thom, William Mackenzie, Frank Jones, Frederic Townsend, Thomas Taylor, Gordon Duperou, Aubrey Roberts, Earle Hall, William Gropp, James Gray, Norman Alexander, Robert Todd, Cecil Hay, Percy Lipsky, John Weng, George Russell, Henry Wilby, Robert Lawrence, Robert Margat, William Barton, William Butt, Andrew Smith, Robert Lemm, Douglas Gregson, Gerald Willburn.

Rolls of Honor—Department, Newton Pullen; proficiency, Howard Knott; regularity, and punctuality, Thomas Taylor, Frank Jones and Cecil Hay.

Division V. Promoted—Lalsham Chew, Frederick George Eaton, James Eakins Ellard, Stanley Cecil Hawkins, Henry William Johnson, Stuart Kenning, Victor George Mayor, James Lewis McFadden, Stanley Frederick Miles, Terunaru Nagano, Benjamin Ernest Nickless, Eric Thomas Rossiter, Daniel Henry Slater, Alexander Sidney Walker, Albert Joseph Wilson.

Rolls of Honor—Punctuality and regularity, Victor Eden, James Eakins Ellard, James Lewis McFadden, Robert Clifford McIlwaine, William Holden McIlwaine and Stanley Frederick Miles; department, Leon Usoska; proficiency, Stanley Cecil Hawkins.

Division VI. From Intermediate to Senior Grade—Henry Gilliland, Ernest Cox, Malcolm McMillan, Claude Lysons, Arthur Hepburn, Leslie Mitchell, Robert Wootton, Stanley Johnston, Harrington McInnes, Alex. Stewart, Edwin Newman, Clifford Macklin, Ernest Hall, Cecil Mayor, Victor Emery, Orriek Winter, Kinsley Baird, Fred Shandley, James Buckett, Dan McLehlan Arthur Nash, Willie Huxtable, Warren Cooper, Willie Huxtable, Lee Quan, Richard Goodwin, Horace Shandley, Willie Pears, Wallace Alexander.

Recommended—Frank Lelievre, Gordon Paterson, Charlie Wong, Ainslie Helmecken, Jack Lee, Tong Bark Hong. Rolls of Honor—Proficiency, regularity and punctuality, Henry Cecil Gilliland; department, Roy William Emery; regularity and punctuality, Ernest Alfred Cox, Victor Charles Emery, Harold John O'Neil, Robert Alexander Wootton.

Division VII. From 3rd Reader to 4th Reader—Harold Townsend, Bing Chow, Laurence Wyles, Reginald Owen, Victor Wheatley, Vernot Jones, Harry Moore, Chas. Greenshaw, Charles Muir, Cecil Ross, Ching Lee, Willie Bailey, Edwin Williamson, Louis Burbidge, Charles Moore, Ewart Sprinkling, Chow Wall, Wong Foon, Victor Travellin, Cecil Holman, Richard Smart.

Rolls of Honor—Bing Chow; proficiency, Laurence Wyles; department, Vernot Jones; attendance, Willie Bailey and Wong Foon.

Division VIII. From 2nd Reader to 4th Reader—Frederick W. Bailey, Donald Hiram B. Pickard, Delmer Harold Battrick. (Concluded on page 7.)

ARCHBISHOP O'CONNOR DEAD.

Toronto, Ont., June 30.—Archbishop Dennis O'Connor, of the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Toronto, died to-day from Bright's disease.

GUELPH RESIDENT DEAD.

Guelph, Ont., June 30.—William Wheatley, a well known citizen, died yesterday.