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LIBERALS AND TORIES

UNITE IN VOTING FOR SIR JOHN THOMPSON'S AMENDMENT.

Carried by a Vote of 149 to 50—The Blues Rally Round the Government Standard—Some Pronounced Expressions of Opinion—Bismarck is not yet Dead but Sleeps.

Ottawa Feb. 24.—The storm which raged over the capital during the past two weeks has, for the time at least, blown over but we shall hear more of the dual language question again. It will be a prominent feature at the next general election, and Mr. McCarthy promises it will be a political topic for the rest of his days, if that time is necessary to bring about unity of language in Canada. The debate came to an end at 10 o'clock on Friday night. Sir John Thompson's amendment was adopted by a vote of 149 to 50.

THIS AMENDMENT DECLARES: "That this house, having regard to the long continued use of the French language in Old Canada, and to be covetous on that subject embodied in a British North America Act, cannot agree to the declaration contained in the bill as the basis thereof, that it is expedient in the interests of the national unity of the Dominion that there should be a community of language amongst the people of Canada. That on the contrary, this House declares its adherence to the said covenants, and its determination to resist any attempt to impair the same. That at the same time this House deems it expedient and proper, and not inconsistent with the covenants, that the Legislative Assembly of the North-West Territories should receive from the Parliament of Canada power to regulate, after the next general election of the Assembly, the proceedings of the Assembly, and manner of recording and publishing such proceedings."

The amendment is a compromise one. It allows the North-West Legislature to abolish the official use of French in the assembly, but leaves its use in the territorial courts to be dealt with by the Federal parliament, and re-affirms the sacredness of the French privileges in old Canada.

At one time there was every indication that the Blues would oppose the amendment because of its prospective effect in sacrificing their language in the Assembly. But Sir John has again scared them into line. They were given to understand that they had to let their language in the Assembly go or submit to still further restriction of their privileges, and the vast majority of them concluded to accept the less. The two Tory Old Men succeeded equally well with his Conservative following from Ontario, only half a dozen of the Conservatives from this province supporting McCarthy in his opposition to the amendment of the Minister of Justice.

Among those who voted with the majority were Messrs. Cockburn and Small, of Toronto. The other Conservatives who voted against the temporizing amendment were: Bell, McCarthy, McNair, O'Brien, Tyrwhitt, Weldon, White, of Renfrew, Wilson and Lennox.

The English speaking Liberals who voted the same way were Armstrong, Bain, (West north), Brown, Charlton, Davies, Ellis, Gilmore, Hale, Innes, Landerkin, Long, Livingston, McDonald, McMullen, Mulock, Paterson, (Brant), Perry, Platt, Robertson, Rowland, Tupper, Somerville, Sutherland, Waidie, Watson, Weldon, (St. John), Walsh, Wilson, (Elgin), and Yeo. The Liberals made a much better showing on the division than the Conservatives.

There were two hundred out of the two hundred and fifteen members of the House present, and they all voted, except the Speaker. Fourteen were absent and Haldimand is vacant.

Before the division was taken Col. Amyot was the first speaker of the day. "The French nationality," he declared, "is not a bastard nationality as declared by Mr. McCarthy. But even if it was we would rather have it so than have such men for our forefathers as he. We desire the sect led by that gentleman to mind their own business. We have to respect the rights of each other and all work for the common good of the country."

"I endorse the utterances of the last speaker," said Mr. Charlton "in reference to mutual rights, but I am not aware that the French-speaking community of the North-west have any vested rights so far as language is concerned. They were not granted such privileges under the British North America Act as were conferred upon their brethren in Quebec. It will be a calamity if the French hold out for their language in the North-west. The design of Mr. McCarthy's bill is to retrace a false step made in a new land. Mr. Edgar says it will drive the French-Canadians to annexation. What better will they be under American institutions? It is not the present importance of his question to which attention is called, but it is its importance in the future. It is easier to deal with it now while the question is a comparatively unimportant one. The Jesuit agitation aroused a strong public sentiment respecting the dangers about us. The movement to abolish separate schools and the dual language in Manitoba was the result of last year's vote in this House. I countenance no attempt to interfere with the vested rights of Quebec, but so far as the North-west is concerned the inevitable may as well be bowed to at once."

THE DOMINION IN BRIEF.

Dunville will have an Equal Rights Association.

The next Dominion census will be taken April 4th, 1891.

The Fair Managers' Association met in Ottawa last week.

Wm. Amos, the alleged Belleville murderer has not been captured.

Walkerville is to have a blast furnace for reduction of Canadian ores.

St. Mary's, Montreal, and Strathroy, have just been visited by severe fires.

It is proposed to supply St. Catharines with natural gas piped from Pt. Colborne.

Dr. Montague's majority in the recent election contest Haldimand was 220.

The Manitoba millers have returned home and feel satisfied with their mission.

The river at Belleville is again overflowing its banks, and a few dwellings are flooded.

John J. Ashcroft, a Windsor boy, was sent to Kingston for three years for horse stealing.

The case of the St. Catharines Milling & Lumbering Co. v. The Queen is adjourned to March 6th.

Mr. T. D. McConkey, sheriff of the County of Simcoe, died at Barrie, of paralysis last week.

The Quebec Government intends providing accommodation for immigrants at the port of Montreal.

The Montreal plasterers are still out on strike, and it is possible they will be shortly joined by the painters.

Miss Fowler, who is on her way to nurse the Sandwich Island lepers, has a brother on a farm near Winnipeg.

Valmor Sauve, a pretty little page of the Dominion House of Commons, was killed last week while tobogganing.

Senator McInnes, of British Columbia, has introduced a bill in the Senate providing for the official use of Gaelic.

Isaac McMullen, living near Cape Vincent, was on Monday last frozen to death while under the influence of liquor.

A verdict of murder has been found by the Coroner's jury against Henry Smith, London, for killing his wife.

Rev. Enos Langford, who went to Manitoba eleven years ago as a Methodist missionary, died at Winnipeg on Saturday.

The permanent organization of the Dominion Fruit-Growers' Association has been completed, and officers elected.

The Duke of Connaught and his party will leave for Victoria, B. C., on May 8th.

Daniel Herald, boat builder, Gore's Landing, was killed on the railway track at Coburg on Friday night by a locomotive.

An explosion at the Gas Works in Owen Sound on Sunday, resulted in the loss of one life and considerable damage to property.

Lieut.-Governor Royal proposes to go to the Mormon settlement in the Northwest, to inquire into alleged polygamous practices.

Messrs. R. G. Hervey and W. H. Cole left Brockville for Montreal to promote the scheme for bridging the St. Lawrence at Brockville.

A very heavy snowstorm is reported to have occurred in the Province of Quebec, causing much delay to the traffic on the railways.

Two young Englishmen in Winnipeg uttered a forged cheque for \$150 and struck for Dakota, where they were promptly arrested.

A post mortem examination of the remains of the man found near Princeton, Ont., shows that a murder has undoubtedly been committed.

London Board of Trade want that city to regain control of the Port Stanley Railway as soon as the present lease to the G. T. R. runs out.

A man at La Chevrotrie, Que., with an axe killed his mother-in-law, his wife and two children under the most atrocious circumstances.

Harry Philpott, recently arrived from England, was killed by receiving a shock at the Electric Light Works in Quebec where he was employed.

The telephone cable laid by the Canadian Government between Pointe St. Charles and Pointe St. Louis earned 32 cents more than running expenses last year.

The body of Mr. B. Sifton, of St. John's, who disappeared so mysteriously, has been found in a creek near that village without any mark of violence on it.

The terms on which Hamilton is to give the T. H. & B. Railway bonus of \$275,000 have been arranged with the Railway Committee of the Hamilton City Council.

The new evidence being considered insufficient to warrant his further detention, Daniel McCall, held on the charge of killing Blanchard, at Parkhill, has been discharged.

Samuel Scarlett, a prominent Orangeman and well-to-do farmer of the Township of McKillop, County Huron, was trampled to death by a steer in his own yard on Saturday.

Sir Richard Cartwright, at the annual dinner of the New York Board of Trade, pledged to the host of the United States and Canada, and advocated Unrestricted Reciprocity.

Lieut.-Governor McLellan opened the Nova Scotia Provincial Legislature.

The speech from the throne stated that the business of the Crown Lands Department was unusually large last year.

The annual report of the Department of Marine, just issued, says the Georgian Bay survey, which is still progressing, will not be finished for three years, has so far cost \$123,906.

A T. Trickey, formerly agent for Chamberlain & Co., Prescott, patent medicine manufacturers, has been sentenced to one year in the Central Prison on two charges of embezzlement.

An effort is being made to induce the Grand Trunk Railway Company to construct elevators at Levis, Quebec, the object of doing there a portion of the business now done at Boston.

On Wednesday night while an American travelling physician from Pennsylvania, named H. E. J. Delton, was trying to cross the train at Orono, a freight train, he was struck and instantly killed.

According to the Railway report presented to the House of Commons, there are 12,162 miles of railway now in operation in the Dominion, which last year yielded a profit over expenses of \$20,652,040. The total loss on the Government railways was \$845,521.

Martin Brockman came to Windsor with his wife and family from Cincinnati, O., and started business. It became known that he was a defaulter to the amount of \$9,000 from the city on the Ohio, and his business fell off. He became bankrupt and reckless, and was arrested in Detroit and taken to his former home.

Edward Clark, a one-armed man aged 42 years, living a mile south of West Lorne, committed suicide by taking Paris green mixed with luscious oil. Deceased was an engineer in the West Lorne saw mill, and being unmarried lived with his brother, Wm. Clark. He lost his arm in a threshing machine some years ago, and has had fits of despondency occasionally since.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

UNITED STATES.

The Carnegie Free Library of Allegheny City was opened by President Harrison.

Helena, Mont., had a \$5000 blaze Thursday.

Three of the Navassa rioters have been sentenced to death.

The Gebhardt Paper Co. of Buffalo has assigned.

The snowblockade in the Sierras has been raised.

Wheatstown a suburb of Erie, Pa., has been laid waste by fire.

Rev. John H. Lance of Georgia has been assassinated by moonshiners.

Lawrence Co., (Ind.) officials have stolen over \$60,000 during the last 8 years.

The dead-lock in the Iowa Legislature has been broken by the election of a Speaker and Clerk.

Malignant diphtheria is epidemic in Wellington, Ohio, and the public schools have been closed.

Col. Hemingway the ex-treasurer of Jackson, Miss., is a 1/2 million dollars short in his accounts.

The Detroit Tunnel Company is prepared to proceed at once with the tunnel under the Detroit River.

Charles J. Harrah, the millionaire Brazilian railway contractor died at the age of 74, in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Rebecca Way Taylor, mother of the late Bayard Taylor, is dead at Kenneth Square, Pa. Her husband died in 1879.

The American Seed Oil Company has filed articles increasing its capital stock from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000.

The steamer City of Kingston, reported lost during her trip from New York, has arrived at Seattle, W. T.

Gen. Butler has just had a delicate operation performed on him, by which the drooping of his eyelid will be prevented.

The Junk and Crescent breweries, Cincinnati, have passed into the hands of an English syndicate for nearly \$1,000,000 cash.

Dr. Harrison, a prominent medical man of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., has been arrested for smuggling from the Canadian "800."

An English syndicate is trying to purchase the wood working machinery manufacturing of Cincinnati, which are the largest in the United States.

John Jacob Astor, who died on Saturday morning, left wealth estimated at \$150,000,000, the bulk of which will go to his son William W. Astor.

After shooting his wife, as he supposed fatally, Frank Trowbridge, of Big Rapids, Mich., shot and killed himself while under the influence of liquor.

Ex-Gov. Foraker, of Ohio, denies that he said that the call for information in regard to the militia in 1887 had any reference to possible trouble with Canada.

The commission of French engineers who have been examining the Panama Canal are in Chicago on their way home, but refuse to say what their report will be.

The Pan-American Congress will not make their proposed southern tour until the end of the Congressional session; then three weeks will be devoted to visiting that section.

Bishop Walker, of North Dakota, has let the contract for a Gospel car, which will be properly fitted for the conduct of religious services in the country where few churches exist.

Miss McBree, of Bath, Mich., eloped with Joseph Platt to Canada, but finding him out to be an embezzler of \$1,400 from New York, decamped him back to Bath, where he was arrested.

The amendments made in the Extradition Treaty between Great Britain and the United States are of such an important character that they will have to be submitted to the English Government for ratification before the treaty goes into force.

A sensation was created at McKeesport, Pa., by the arrest of Mrs. Giles Collins, wife of a leading politician, and her daughter for shop lifting. The women were detected stealing articles in a dry goods store. At their home was found \$5,000 worth of goods taken from various stores.

A terrible explosion of dynamite cartridges occurred at Wm. Taylor's house at Philadelphia, N. J. The house was wrecked and the furniture destroyed. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and the children were seriously injured. A boarder placed the cartridges in a stove to dry. Mrs. Taylor, not knowing that they were there, shut the oven door. The boarder died.

FOREIGN.

Mr. Chladetore is ill with catarrh.

Cholera is spreading in Mesopotamia.

Herr Lutz, Bavaria's Premier is dying.

The late Joseph Biggar's funeral was largely attended.

The Communal theatre in Amsterdam has been destroyed by fire.

The coal miners of St. Etienne, France, have decided on a general strike.

Another plot against the life of Prince Ferdinand is believed to be on foot.

Lord Tennyson is suffering from a severe attack of influenza, and his condition is considered very serious.

Leprosy is spreading in New Caledonia. Three thousand aborigines and many convicts have been attacked.

The Spaniards are alarmed at the intention of the British Government to build a dry-dock in Port Gibraltar.

A terrible famine is feared in Japan. By the abnormal advance in the price of rice distress has been caused.

Secret negotiations to induce Portugal to propose the Pope as arbitrator of her dispute with Great Britain failed.

One hundred and twenty tenants on the Pomeroy estate will be summoned to surrender possession of their holdings.

The Pope has written to the Emperor of Germany a letter of thanks for the law exempting Catholic priests from conscription.

Two clerics employed in the Russian Admiralty office have been arrested for selling to Germany plans of the defences in Finland.

Russia has demanded of Bulgaria 3,000,000 roubles, the arrears of money due on account of the Russian occupation during 1878 and 1879.

The elections for members of the Portuguese Chamber of Deputies have been fixed for March 27, when Senhor Pinto and other African explorers will be favorite candidates of the Progressist party.

The steamer Highgate collided with the ship Sovereign in a fog off Lundy Island and sank. Thirteen persons from the steamer landed at Milford Haven. A boat containing others is missing.

A London cable says the new Land Purchase Bill will not be limited to \$100,000,000, it will provide for combining the Landed Estates Court and the Land Commission into a single great tribunal for the settlement of all land disputes, and will simplify and cheapen the transfer of land.

Monzenich, the agent at Sofia of the St. Petersburg Slav Charitable Committee, has been arrested there. It is reported that among his papers which were seized are documents which compromise General Ignatieff, President of the committee, and the members of the Russian Embassy at Constantinople, as well as several Russian Consuls.

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