

# GRITS TRY TO STIR UP ANTAGONISM BETWEEN HALIFAX AND ST. JOHN

F. B. Carvell and A. K. MacLean Endeavor to Arouse Local Jealousies and Draw Forth Well Merited Rebuke from Hon. Mr. Pelletier.

## PREMIER BORDEN'S MASTRLY PRESENTATION OF THE CASE

No Influence Brought to Bear On Companies, Premier Declares—Were Left to Select Their Ports—Hon. Mr. Pelletier Says Announcements of Sailings by Companies Were Unfair—Condemns Liberals for their Efforts to Stir Up Ill Feeling.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Feb. 9.—Liberal speakers representing Halifax and Carleton, N. B., in the persons of A. K. MacLean and F. B. Carvell gave a striking illustration today of the sectional partisan sort of guerilla warfare that has been the stock in trade of the Liberals whenever any question affecting more than one section of the country has been under discussion.

The exhibition strikingly demonstrated to what small ends has the Liberal party fallen. All session they have been more dead and alive, watching with impotent stony eyes the serious minded statesmen on the government benches shaping the destinies of the nation, but with never an action or a thought of their own that would show them capable of grasping anything but trivia. Today they were at the small business again. A. K. MacLean of Halifax, led the way and showed his rating. When opposed to men of the calibre of the Premier, Mr. Pelletier and others, as he was today, he is as put as a funder from the Bay of Fundy. He protested against the Royal George and the Royal Edward making St. John their port of call. He said it was unjust to Halifax and he accused Mr. Hazen and Mr. Pelletier of being the bad men who had forced the C. N. R. to send vessels to St. John. He also blamed the Premier as member for Halifax, for allowing such an enormity. It was small business. Blustering, blundering, bellowing Carvell was his first lieutenant in the petty stuff.

Hon. Mr. Pelletier, the Postmaster General, protested against the two Liberal members stirring up miserable petty local jealousies and prejudices, and he told them plainly the situation. The Liberals of St. John were trying to say that the government was acting in favor of Halifax and the Liberals of Halifax were trying to say that the government was in favor of St. John, while the truth was that the government was trying to create a great public service for the benefit of the whole people of Canada. Mr. Pelletier condemned the steamship companies for the unfair way in which they had treated St. John. They had advertised in the St. John papers, he said, that St. John would be the port of call and then they had changed their minds and gone to Halifax. He told the house that he had made use of his opportunity to tell the people who did that what he thought of them. The explanation of the Royal Line finally going to St. John was simply because they saw the others going to Halifax. The government had nothing to do with the arrangement.

Premier Borden with his usual mastery summed up of a situation showing that MacLean was endeavoring to make out discrimination against Halifax, while Carvell was endeavoring to make out discrimination against St. John and he pointed out that it was not a desirable thing to stir up and dwell upon local jealousies and differences.

Mr. Borden explained that hitherto the facilities both at St. John and Halifax were not adequate for the traffic of the ports, but now terminals were in course of erection at both ports which when finished would make them the equal of any ports on the Atlantic or in the world for that matter. The companies concerned had decided objections to call at both ports they wanted to call at one port or the other and so the government did what it was only right to do, left it to the companies to decide what port they should call at.

Such a debate could hardly take place without E. M. MacDonald showing his quality. He refused to believe the Premier's statement that he had not discriminated against Halifax, but Hon. Robert Rogers was on him in a flash, and asked him point blank if he refused to accept the Premier's statement. It was too much for the member for Fictou, he qualified and said he accepted what Mr. Borden said. One can't blame E. M. MacDonald exactly for climbing down as fast as possible, it wouldn't be nice to be made muzzed out by the minister of public works.

Before the orders of the day were called when the house opened this afternoon, Mr. Knowles, of Moosejaw, referred to press reports which stated that the administration would bring down legislation to reduce the duties on agricultural implements.

Premier Borden replied that any announcements of the tariff "are made in this house in first instance and at the proper time."

A. K. MacLean, of Halifax, stated that he had been informed that Conservative workers in the County of Victoria, N. S., where a by-election was pending were taking around what they purported to be copies of the supplementary estimates containing appropriations for public works. Mr. MacLean stated that in the county of Antigonish similar lists had been circulated on a previous occasion. He asked the minister of public works if he had authorized or if any one had been authorized to send advance copies of the supplementary estimates to Victoria.

"I am in no way responsible for any statements which may have been made in Victoria concerning proposed works," said Mr. Rogers. "In respect of the supplementary estimates the same have not been made public nor has any information so far as I am concerned been given."

Mr. Carroll of Cape Breton read a telegram which stated that Conservatives were using lists in Victoria which purported to give the public works proposed to be provided for by the supplementary estimates.

Hon. George P. Graham called the attention of the minister of railways to an item appearing in the Ottawa Citizen. This item he declared had now appeared for the third time in the Conservative press. It purported to give the results of investigation into the Transcontinental.

"They are simply guessing so far as I am concerned," said Mr. Cochran.

"There may be some truth and there may not. The report will be brought down Wednesday next. I am opposed to anything like that getting out."

"The wish is father to the thought," said Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

As a condition has been made with the old wharf. To make the connection by one route it was estimated would cost \$19,949 and by another plan \$15,511.

### Arrangement Temporary.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was told that the agreement for the hauling of C. P. R. trains and cars between St. John and Halifax for freight and passenger service to be from small boats had been made September 30, 1913, by G. M. Bosworth for the C.P.R., and F.P. Gaudin for the I.C.R. It took effect November 15 and continues until May 15, 1914. The agreement had not been ratified or approved by order in council. Premier Borden told Mr. Emmerson that they had been informal conferences between the government and certain representatives from St. John on this question.

In introducing his motion for the production of all papers bearing on the adoption of St. John as the winter port of the steamers of the Royal Line, A. K. MacLean, Liberal member for Halifax, complained of the "unnecessary and unjustifiable interference of the government with the trans-Atlantic service." He pointed out that under the mail service contract which was discussed in parliament last winter it was left optional with the steamship companies concerned to choose whether they would sail to St. John or to Halifax. He stated that the Liberal-Conservative clubs rooms on Queen street, Frank Hester was chairman and Hon. H. P. McLeod, M. P., John A. Young, M. L. A., Percy A. Guthrie, the party's standard bearer, Mayor Hooper, and Rev. H. H. Ferguson, of Gilmour, were the speakers.

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On its merits as a port, he went on, Halifax was selected both by the C.P.R. and by the Royal Line. The announcement caused an outbreak of indignation in St. John. Influence was brought to bear to induce the companies to change their decision. Pressure on the Canadian Pacific was unavailing. "But," he said, "the Royal Line changed from Halifax to St. John and the change was made owing to pressure brought to bear upon the company by the government or some member of the government."

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Mr. F. B. Carvell, Liberal member for Carleton, N. B., then took the floor. "I am surprised," he said, "that there is no reply from the Minister of Marine or any one else on the government benches to the statements just made by the members for Halifax."

Mr. Cochran stated that the section of the N. T. R., from the Quebec bridge to Mile 203 would be taken over as soon as possible after completion of the contractors, which would be next summer; that it would be operated by the Grand Trunk Pacific, and that through rates could be obtained as soon as that company took it over.

The following information given to Dr. Neely by Hon. Dr. Roche:—

Honested entries exclusive of pre-emption and purchased homestead entries granted 1911 were 38,909 1912 35,538; in 1913, 31,499. Patents for original homestead entries granted in 1911, were 16,479; 1912, 21,211; 1913, 24,999. On October 1st, 1911, there were forty homestead inspectors employed by the department; at the present there are sixty. In the collective dominion land offices on October 1st, 1911, there were 332 employees including 83 sub-agents; at present there are 377 employees including 87 sub-agents.

# CAMPAGNE IN YORK CO. HAS BEGUN

Rally Last Night Largest in History of York Conservative Club—Temperance People Endorse Mr. Scott.

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, Feb. 9.—At a convention held in the Y. M. C. A. hall this afternoon about 30 advocates of temperance in York county passed a resolution endorsing the candidacy of James M. Scott in York by-election. The session was taken up with getting a resolution drafted in order to suit all present. Convention also appointed a committee composed of Rev. Dr. Smith, Rev. J. E. Wilson and Rev. C. J. Colpitts, to distribute literature throughout the county in Mr. Scott's behalf.

The provincial government party's campaign opened this evening with the biggest rally ever held in the Liberal-Conservative clubs rooms on Queen street. Frank Hester was chairman and Hon. H. P. McLeod, M. P., John A. Young, M. L. A., Percy A. Guthrie, the party's standard bearer, Mayor Hooper, and Rev. H. H. Ferguson, of Gilmour, were the speakers.

# MR. JAMESON MEETS WITH AN ACCIDENT

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# NEW COURT OF APPEALS WILL MEET TODAY

First Sitting to be Held This Morning—St. John Case on the Docket.

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Fredericton, Feb. 9.—First session of the new court of appeal of New Brunswick will open here tomorrow morning. Chief Justice McLeod and Judges White and Grimmer arrived here this evening. Complete docket follows:—

Motion paper—Ex parte Eva Smith, Mr. A. R. Slipp, K. C., to show cause against an application for discharge.

Robinson vs. Halsey, et al. Mr. N. Mark Mills for plaintiff, to move to set aside verdict for defendant and to enter verdict for plaintiff for \$1,000.00 pursuant to leave reserved, or for a new trial.

Porter vs. Cross, Mr. G. H. V. Bell, for plaintiff, to move to set aside verdict for defendant and to enter verdict for plaintiff, or for a new trial.

Steeves vs. Steeves, Mr. G. W. Fowler, K. C., for defendant, to move to set aside verdict for plaintiff and to enter verdict for defendant, or for a new trial, or for reduction of damages.

# FIRST PACKET VIA CANADA PARCELS POST MAILED AT MIDNIGHT

Hon. L. P. Pelletier Inaugurated System by Sending a Mail Pouch to the Governor General.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The first packet under the new regulations of the parcel post system will be mailed at midnight from the Hon. R. P. Pelletier, post-master general to H. R. H. The Duke of Connaught. It is a leather mail pouch, bearing the inscription in gold letter, "first packet sent by Canadian parcel post, February 10, 1914."

The bag will be used in carrying mails to Governor House.

# SIR LIONEL GARDEN COMING TO WASHINGTON

Will Visit British Ambassador—Preparing to Leave Post in Mexico.

Mexico City, Feb. 9.—Sir Lionel Garden, the British minister, is preparing to leave for London upon the arrival about February 15 of Thomas Hopier, secretary and charge, who will undertake the business of the legation pending the arrival in Mexico of a new minister to succeed Sir Lionel upon his approaching transfer to Rio Janeiro.

It is learned that Sir Lionel will go first to visit Sir Cecil Spring Rice, the British ambassador at Washington.

# STILL ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR MARCONI

London, Feb. 9.—William Marconi has succeeded in lighting an electric bulb at a distance of six miles by wireless current supplied from a hundred horse power engine, according to the Daily Mail. He is hopeful that the experiment will prove the feasibility of wireless power for the lighting and heating of houses.

# MAJORITY OF MEMBERS HASN'T RIGHT TO ENDORSE CANDIDATE

Ministerial Association of Fredericton as Body Cannot Endorse Candidature of Individual in Election.

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, Feb. 9.—"The principle that ministerial association has no right to endorse candidature of an individual in this by-election, has been established," declared Very Rev. Dean Schofield, this evening following a special meeting of its Fredericton Ministerial Association held this afternoon.

"Members as individuals may endorse one of the candidates but not as an association. Rev. Dr. Smith has sought to have the association condemn one of the candidates and that is where he will differ. I entered a protest against announcement which had been made that Ministerial Association as a body had endorsed one of the candidates at the meeting which was held on Saturday and endorsement was invalidated at first meeting."

"I could not remain to attend the second meeting having to return home at once. They didn't want me to leave the house at all, but I felt I had to go up to enter my protest and therefore took a cab and drove up to the hall."

Rev. S. A. Baker, who presided at the meeting, said the second meeting of the Ministerial Association this afternoon was to consider other matters than those taken up at the previous meeting. He admitted that some of the ministers might address meetings during the campaign.

Mr. Lambkin was called as a witness recently before the License Commission, which finally decided to cut off the licenses of the cabarets, or night cafes, of Montreal. During these sessions the recorder, as a member of the commission criticized in caustic terms the tame attitude of Mr. Lambkin, whilst the police, protestant and Catholic clergymen, and even the licensed victuallers' association in an official resolution, united in denouncing the cabarets as immoral resorts. It is charged against Mr. Lambkin's conduct to the Minister of Justice at Ottawa.

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# J. LAMBKIN'S WORK MUCH CRITICISED

Montreal, Feb. 9.—J. Lambkin, special officer appointed by the Dominion government to investigate "white slave" conditions in Montreal, admitted today that he is likely to lose his job as the result of criticism of his actions made by Recorder Weir and the Moral Reform Council of the Methodist body.

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# SESSION MAY END ABOUT LAST OF MAY

Unless the Redistribution Bill Proves Unusually Contentious—Great Interest Centered in N. T. R. Report.

Ottawa, Feb. 9.—It is predicted today that unless the redistribution bill should prove unusually contentious parliament will prorogue about the end of May. The bill will be brought down this week, and the report of the N. T. R. investigation is also expected about Wednesday. Aside from these chief business of the session includes civil service legislation, trust and loan company regulations, consolidation of the shipping and railway acts, and some smaller measures which are not expected to prove contentious. Chief interest today is centered in the possible revelations contained in the N. T. R. report.

# MEMBERS FOR SESSION

Full Fighting Forces of Parties Arrive for the Opening.

LARGE MUSTER IN HOUSE OF LORDS. Amendments to Address in Reply to Speech from Throne Will Be Made in Both of the Houses.

London, Feb. 9.—The full fighting forces of the various British political parties in response to the urgent demands of their leaders arrived in London today for the opening of parliament, of which the coming session starting tomorrow, promises to be one of the most exciting for many years. Practically every member of the House of Commons will be present as serious illness is the only excuse accepted by the whips for non-attendance. A large muster is also expected in the House of Lords since the fight against Home Rule and other government measures is to be carried on simultaneously in both chambers.

The Unionist leaders who held an other meeting today decided to make in the House of Lords amendments to the Home Rule bill, and according to current reports will refuse to allow discussion of any other subjects in the hope thus of forcing the government to dissolve parliament and refer the Home Rule question to the people.

Both in the House of Commons and in the House of Lords amendments are to be moved to the address in reply to the King's speech. These will express regret that nothing has been done to satisfy the demands of parliament and will refer to the Home Rule bill. Should these amendments fail to move the government the House of Lords will send an address to the King in support of an appeal to the country, and will withhold their consent to the Army and Navy Bill and the Expiring Laws Continuance Bill thus generally playing havoc with the normal processes of parliament and leaving the country without any authorized armed force and with many of its laws in suspense.

While Premier Asquith has not disclosed his intentions, the more moderate Liberals have advised him to make immediately after the opening of parliament, a statement explaining what concessions he is prepared to offer to Ulster, and asking for a candid reply from the opposition as to what they consider satisfactory. This would, it is believed, lower the temperature of the controversy and secure the sympathy of the country in case the Unionists should persist in obstructing the business of the Houses of Parliament.

# MARITIME DREDGING COMPANY GETS CONTRACT

Contract for Wharves at West St. John Formally Awarded Yesterday by Public Works Department.

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, Feb. 9.—The contract for deep water wharves at West St. John which was until lately held by the Annolly Brothers was today awarded by the public works department to the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company on exactly the same terms on which the contract was first awarded to Connelly Bros. It had been expected for some time that the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company would get the contract but it was not until today that it was formally awarded.

# SEND GOVT BOAT TO CONVEY PARTY TO BISHOP HOGAN'S FUNERAL

Minister of Marine Placed Steamer at Disposal of Party Attending Veteran Missionary Bishop's Obsequies.

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