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## BORDEN TOURISTS AT WETASKIWIN

Borden Spoke But Briefly—McCarthy Insults Dr. McIntyre—Bergerson Talks Some More.

Bulletin Staff Correspondence.

Wetaskiwin, Oct. 8.—The Borden meeting in Wetaskiwin last night was well attended by friends of both political parties. Angus Hall was decorated with flags and mottoes emphasizing the principle of public ownership in a manner that smacked of the popular policy of the Liberal Government of the Province of Alberta.

Mr. Borden spent the afternoon in the city, having come up from Red Deer with his party, in the private car "Winchester," notwithstanding Mr. Bergerson's caustic distribution the night before on the platform at Red Deer with respect to public men riding in private cars. His reception at the station was quiet. He was met by a few of the representative Conservatives, and escorted to the Grand Hotel. The brass band was at the station, but seemed to have no definite role in the programme. Later Mr. Borden went for an automobile spin in the country, returning about 5 o'clock to the organization meeting of the Conservative association of the riding of Strathcona, where he was introduced to several gentlemen of the party.

The evening meeting was well attended by the citizens of Wetaskiwin. Led by the towns on the Wetaskiwin branch of the C. P. R. Both parties were well represented in the audience which numbered over 700.

When Mr. Borden entered the hall at ten minutes to 8 o'clock it was fairly well filled. He was received with moderate enthusiasm and cheering. Before the speaking commenced the hall was well filled, and many standing. Mr. Borden finished his speech, the chairman invited those standing at the back to come forward, as there were "a few seats left in front."

Mr. Borden was suffering from cold and spoke briefly, retiring from the hall at the completion of his speech to his private car. He returned to the meeting. His speech was a sonorous and comic caricature of the record of the Liberal party during the last thirty years.

Mr. W. J. Logan, president of the local Conservative association of Wetaskiwin, occupied the chair, and acted with him were Mr. Borden, T. G. H. Bergerson, M.P., Dr. Reid, M.P., M. S. McCarthy, M.P., E. W. Day, Dunsand, Mayor Griesbach, Edmonton; O. Bush, Strathcona.

Mr. Borden Spoke First.

Mr. Borden was the first speaker of the evening. The chief desideratum of government, he argued, was that strict regard for the three cardinal principles of democratic government.

which he said were honest expenditure, decent appointments and pure elections.

Mr. Borden then went into a definition of his policy, which he described as "some principles I laid down at Halifax."

Following this, he repeated his arguments about the G. T. P. agreement and the restoration of the public lands to the control of the province of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Every foot of soil, he said, that had been added to the Dominion of Canada was added by the Conservative leaders of bygone days. Any that was lost, was lost by the men who sat on the Treasury benches today. The Conservative party was the party of optimism, and never opposed the second translocation of territory. He reviewed the issues of 1904, and defended his attitude on that occasion.

Coming to matters of general interest he again explained his position on the public ownership of railways, telephones and telegraphs, civil service and postal improvement.

Mr. McCarthy Adds His Word.

Mr. McCarthy was introduced as one of the few Conservatives who survived the fight at last election in this country. He had nothing to apologize for in the record of the Conservative party. The statesman who made this country great were Conservatives. He cited the opposition of Liberal members who opposed immigration in the west, and stated that the Liberals opposed the C. P. R. and every railway charter proposed by the former Conservative administrations who had written the proud history of Canada on the pages of the west. He knew of no Liberals who were proud of any one in the present cabinet. He went into the increase of expenditure, and said that the government could not spend such sums honestly. The west was not getting its share, nor the riding of Strathcona.

After referring to the plank relating to Mr. Borden's utility commission, and his land policy, Mr. McCarthy criticized the present coal mining regulations, stating that it was absurd that applications should be made to Ottawa instead of to the local land office. The holding of these lands by the federal power gave no inducement to the provincial government to encourage enterprise, when they were practically forced to pay a royalty on the coal production of the province.

He said he never knew of a promise made by a Conservative leader which was not fulfilled to the letter, while on the other hand there was not a promise made by the Liberals but was broken.

Insulted Dr. McIntyre.

The member for Calgary went off his way to insult the sitting member for Strathcona. He said Dr. McIntyre's political principles were so crooked that if the rain fell straight down, it would cover the ridiculous ed Dr. McIntyre's efforts to obtain a three cent rate on western railways.

He said that when the rate was ordered by the railway commission, the member for Strathcona "went and got his picture taken, and put it in the Toronto World as the great man who gave the west a three cent rate."

Vancover Rioter Sentenced.

Vancover, B.C., Oct. 8.—A. W. Reid, the first of the rioters, was sentenced to six months in the assize court today. The police testified that the defendant had been in a window, the defence was that Reid suffered from sunstroke, leaving him emotional and easily provoked by provocation. He was found guilty and sentenced to six months.

Authorship of Songs of Solomon.

Baltimore, Oct. 8.—Paul Haupt, professor of Semitic languages in the Johns Hopkins university, who has finished a translation of the Songs of Solomon, is credited with saying that Solomon never wrote the "The Songs," the professor said. "The Songs," he said, were written by a man who was in 900 B.C. The book is a collection of love songs dealing with the king's bride, the "Christ, who was to come, for man. It was written in the neighborhood of Damascus."

## LIBERALS CAUSE HIGH LUMBER PRICES

He charged that the Liberal policy with regard to the disposal of timber lands, the reason for much vacant land in the west, he alleged, was due to the dishonesty of the government in giving these lands to the political supporters, by fake home-ownership, issuance of scrip, closed grazing leases and irrigation grants of land worth from \$12 to \$15 an acre, and concluded this tirade by saying that if money was scarce in this country it was being carried away by the "Robins deal," and that Laurier was surrounded by men whose only aim in attaining office was to rob the country.

Mr. Bergerson's Plunge.

Mr. Bergerson plunged at once into a review of the history of the parties in Canada. "Everything we see today in Canada is the work of the Conservative party, and in spite of the Liberals," the Liberals had opposed Confederation, the admission of British Columbia, the purchase of Hudson's Bay Co.'s Territory, and the construction of the C. P. R.

Dealing with the four years of Liberal rule from 1874, he said they were painted in black, and were the darkest in our history.

Mr. Ball, who has been engaged in the fur trade for many years, has supervision of the entire fur purchases made on this continent by the Revillon Freres, on the Canadian side, and is satisfied with the appearance of Edmonton. Although he has for the past few years been following its growth at a distance, he did not anticipate finding here a city of such fine proportion and aspiration, nor did he believe that the settlement of the company with which he is connected could have in a few years attained such a size.

Splendid Furs from Edmonton.

"I have felt particularly interested in Edmonton lately," said Mr. Ball, "because of the reorganization of our big wholesale and retail fur business. We had in one window a display of furs worth \$500,000 and 60 per cent. of these beautiful skins were from Russia. There were silver fox, mix and marten, and other varieties, and some of the Peace River variety, which is the finest of the Russian marten skins—so sable, as they are called when dressed."

Why, from some sections the finest of these skins from the Peace River trappers of this north country know well how to handle the raw furs," Mr. Ball said.

How do they compare with other trappers? A query to which Mr. Ball made the statement quoted at the start.

"In what way are they superior to the Russians?"

"Mostly in their method of stretching the skins. The Russians clean the skins well enough, but they do not stretch them as the Canadian trappers do. Why, there comes to us sometimes from these northern post furs that look almost like dressed furs."

Furs Dressed in New York.

"Where are your furs dressed?"

"Those brought on this continent are dressed in New York at our 30th street house, a huge 12-story building. The furs bought at our branch houses in Nijni-Novgorod, Irkut and Moscow, in Russia, in our Persian house, and in London, in our Paris house, in the States, in which there are still fur-bearing animals for trapping.

## NORTH TRAPPERS DRESS FURS BEST

W.E. Ball, New York Fur Buyer for Revillon Freres, Says They Excel Russians.

Bulletin Staff Correspondence.

During the past season we have broken the record with almost \$6,000,000 worth stored for ourselves and small houses. This plant was the first of its kind in America. The Marshall Field storage plant in Chicago was modelled after it.

A Hundred Pound Nugget.

Toronto, Oct. 8.—A Cobalt despatch says "Yesterday a manager Hoakes, Kerr Lake Mining Company, took out a hundred pound nugget from No. 7 shaft at a depth of 70 feet. This vein was spoken of by members of the American Institute of Mining Engineers on their recent visit as being the best looking vein seen in camp and giving the greatest indications of permanency."

Engineer Found Guilty.

Thomas, Oct. 8.—Barley Stephens was engineer on the Wabash theoretical special which collided with the C.P.R. passenger train at diamond crossing east of the city, August 24, 1906, resulting in the death of two trainmen, was today found guilty by a jury at the Ontario court of manslaughter, with a neglect of duty in failing to stop the train on approaching the diamond crossing, and occasionally grievous bodily harm to the C.P.R. trainmen. Stephens will be sentenced tomorrow being in the meantime out on \$2,000 bail.

TO-DAY'S GRAIN MARKET.

Winnipeg, Oct. 8.—The markets became very strong today again. Liverpool closed 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher. U.S. markets closed 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 higher. The Winnipeg market was even stronger than other markets and closed 1 1/2 higher for cash and October wheat and 2 1/2 higher for May. Barley is nothing new in the situation facing today's advance, but the market has become stronger on the whole.

Canadian Treasure Ship.

Wreckage May Lead to Recovery of Empire.

Ottawa, Oct. 8.—It is thought the par-mastor's scuttled ship Ensign, which was sunk with her crew of ninety souls in Chippewa Bay, in the St. Lawrence near Brockville, during the war of 1818, has probably been located by fishermen near Dark Island, the summer home of Commodore P. B. Boscawen of New York.

Persecution of Jews.

Russian Unionists Fire on Group of Murderers in Cemetery.

Odessa, Oct. 8.—The Unionists of Odessa continued to-day their attacks and outrages upon the Jews. They began by surrounding the Hebrew cemetery, where a funeral service was going on. First they stoned and then fired a volley of revolver shots at the mourning Jews, many of whom were wounded. The Jews fled in panic. The Jews fled in panic. The Jews fled in panic.

## WHY MERCHANTS ARE UP AGAINST IT

Toronto, Oct. 9.—The failures in Canada during the first nine months of the present year amount to \$70,000,000 for the same period in 1906, but the liabilities total \$8,000,000,128 for the first named period, against \$6,296,389 in 1906.

In Toronto the feeling among commercial houses is distrustful of the future, but none are prepared to make predictions. Large wholesale houses are exercising unusual discretion in giving credits and are scrutinizing accounts as they have not done for years.

The incentive for this cautiousness is assigned to two causes—first, the decision of the banks to restrain credits, and second, to the belief that this season's crops in the Dominion will not warrant any draft on the future.

The large commercial houses are averse to making statements for obvious reasons, but from an accountant who is in close connection with many of these houses information was secured that payments are not coming forward in a satisfactory way.

This authority said: "I know that extraordinary care is being exercised by the large trading concerns. They are of the opinion that the small dealer has no chance of success in the future, and the consumer is not able or willing to buy as fast as was anticipated. Besides this, there is the knowledge that the recent boom in business has brought many new small concerns into existence without any backing except that supplied by the wholesale houses, any small men who have been able to finance hitherto through the banks are now shut off because the financial institutions have withdrawn credits except where there exists a plentiful supply of assets, when in size, uniformity and bulk that the farmer will have but little profit this year on account of the lean crops. I think the wholesalers have reasonable grounds to expect that credits, as far as I can learn, all the actions are purely tentative until the outlook becomes clearer."

People Living Too Fast.

W. H. Cross, of Clarkson & Cross, when asked to give an opinion on the "Over supply and over development has caused the financial conditions to lose an important feature, I think it is, however, by the action of the banks being gradually restored, Canada is not the only country in the same fix. In Europe and the United States similar conditions prevail, a general depression has been brought on by the over living too fast and thus the situation is thoroughly understood by our Canadian bankers, and as a result, this is putting a curb on credits, and his spring wheat will go for a low price."

When asked how the farmers would pull through this year Mr. Lund stated that the farmers were all right if the monopolists would leave them alone. "Get down protection," said he, "and we are all right." Mr. Northey, who lives north of Mr. Lund, has a good crop and plenty of stock to feed. He has 125 cattle and half as many hogs. Other farms in the district are those of Messrs. J. Smith, S. McConnell, C. A. J. Sherman and J. Halgreen, who was busy stocking out his estimated crop of 40 bushels to the acre. The grain was not as heavy as last year, but there was plenty of straw. He has plenty of high quality of his oats and found their vitality was unimpaired. He is a mixed farmer and has a few head of cattle. He has lived 22 years in the country and never has had a failure. "There's not many countries you can say that of," said Mr. Halgreen.

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Railroads Are Anxious.

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Drowning at Kingston.

Kingston, Oct. 8.—John M. Nivell, district agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Co., fell into the lake last night during a storm and was drowned. He was aged 36 years.

## CROP IS ALL CUT AROUND RED DEER

Wheat, Oats, and Barley Show Fair Samples Everywhere—Yield is Good.

Bulletin Staff Correspondence.

Red Deer, Oct. 8.—The crop in this district is all cut. Farmers are busy stacking and those that can secure machines are threshing. A few have already threshed. The yield this year will not be up to that of former years.

The crop of wheat is equal to and in the majority of cases is greater than that of last year. The oats on the whole were cut on the green side and have not filled as well as they would have done under more normal conditions. The bulk of the crop will not exceed the standard weight per measured bushel. Wheat and barley have come through fairly well. There will be but a small quantity available. The rest will be fed in the district. The farmers here do not go in exclusively for grain as in some parts of Saskatchewan and Manitoba and consequently any grain that is not marketable finds a ready home market on the farm on which it was produced.

In Balmoral District.

Yesterday afternoon the Bulletin correspondent visited the district east and south of the town of Red Deer known as the Balmoral and Springvale school districts. The first farm visited was that of H. Jamieson, five miles east of the town. Mr. Jamieson has threshed. His oats will run 25 bushels per acre. The sample is fair in size, uniformity and bulk. The crop in this district was covered with snow for a couple of days, which has yellowed the straw and discolored a percentage of the seed. His barley he puts at one-half a crop, and the sample is good. Mr. Jamieson's wheat has done well. He threshed 800 bushels of twenty-three acres. The sample is small, but a good color and of good milling quality.

Threshing was in full swing on the farm of J. G. Gatz. The wheat was damp and the straw was yellowed, which a few had been threshed, turned out well. Across the fence on the farm of C. Higgs, the wheat and oats were in stock. The fall wheat indicated a good yield of straw. The kernels were well filled but discolored. Mr. Higgs' oats are a good crop and from samples shelled from the sheaf, indicated good weight. The same is true of the oats examined in the field of George White.

Fine Alberta Red.

H. I. Lund has 14 stacks of Alberta red that will compare favorably with any crop in the town of Red Deer. It is well preserved and the grain is hard and red. Mr. Lund estimates the yield from the 27 acres at an average of 40 bushels. "My barley is OK," said Mr. Lund. "It was cut over four weeks ago and is estimated at 35 bushels. His spring wheat will go for a low price."

"Forty acres of my oats were cut early," said Mr. Lund, "and are good for feed."

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**Boy Burned to Death.**

Toronto, Oct. 8.—Freddie Hewitt was burned to death near Deerpark, Ontario, when his mother's absence from home. Coal oil had been poured on kindling in the stove and the boy, who was five years old, was sitting on the stove, burning the house and himself.