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THE FIGHT FOR FAIR FREIGHT RATES

Winnipeg Board of Trade Resolution

At the recent annual meeting of the Winnipeg Board of Trade the vital question of freight-rate injustices was the only subject discussed outside the election of officers and the presentation of reports.

The Board unanimously endorsed the resolution adopted by its council petitioning the Dominion government that it give financial aid to the Canadian Northern Railway only on condition that its western freight rates be placed upon an equality with those in

the east, "except in so far as the company may be able to establish high cost of operation in the West."

This matter had no sooner been broached than H. A. J. Mullins, the well known live stock dealer, jumped to his feet and urged that the resolution specifically mention the exorbitant rates charged for the shipment of live stock. "The cattle trade of Western Canada has been practically put out of business," he said, "by excessive freight rates. They have slowly and deliberately killed the goose that laid the golden egg. I want to tell you," he continued, "that live stock rates are higher now than they were 20 years

ago by reason of the railways establishing a terminal charge. This was only a polite way of raising the rates."

Boost Prices of Meat

"In all of the discussions that have taken place with regard to exorbitant freight rates, I have failed to hear any person champion the cause of live stock," said Mr. Mullins. "Even the legislators have failed to mention it. It is these high rates and the neglect of the railways in shipping that have killed the business in the West and forced meat prices to ridiculous figures. I have just been down to the town of Russell, Manitoba, from where we used

to get lots of live stock, but you could not get a car of cattle there now for love or money."

Mr. Mullins made his case so strong that it was decided to have the shippers' section of the board give its attention to this special phase of the rate injustice.

N. T. MacMillan thought the board should petition the government in the strongest terms possible against giving grants to any railway company. He thought that corporations which deliberately overburdened the people with rates were not deserving of assistance, and mentioned the notorious methods of watering stock by these companies.

Should Force Issue at Once

The report of the council with regard to the western freight rates investigation concludes with the observation that: "In justice to the country which admittedly continues to pay the high freight rates in Western Canada, the Board of Railway Commissioners should force the issue and come to a decision without unnecessary delay."

In connection with the telegraph rates case the council, in its report, "deeply regretted that the Board of Railway Commissioners has not forced a decision on this matter long ere this. Your Council," it states, "can only report that the matter is still before the Commission, and that there is no forecast when a decision will be rendered."

DIRECT LEGISLATION IN AUSTRALIA

The Australian constitution empowers the government to submit questions of public policy directly to the electors; and this provision has been employed on several occasions. Thus in the general election now pending the people will vote directly upon two important issues: The nationalization of commercial monopolies and the proposal to give the commonwealth government an individual control over trade and commerce. The labor government which seeks re-election to office is, however, to go much farther if it is in control of the next parliament. Andrew Fisher, Prime Minister of Australia, in his program speech at Maryborough, Queensland, on March 31, declared for the adoption of direct legislation as a constantly available factor in government. Speaking on this point he said:

"At the present time the voice of the people of the Commonwealth is heard at elections every three years. During the intervals the people speak through their representatives in parliament. The government of the commonwealth is broad-based on the people's will. In the din of fierce party contests good ideas may be unheard, and, sometimes when heard, unheeded. This is not good for the Commonwealth. It is proposed to bring the government of the people nearer to themselves by means of the initiative and referendum. The means by which these great instruments of democratic government are to be made available under our present constitution may be shortly stated: Firstly, the government will at an early date in the session pass an Act to provide the machinery whereby a prescribed number of electors may request the parliament to legislate in a certain direction. Secondly, such legislation, or any other originating in the usual way in parliament, may, upon the required number of electors so requesting in the prescribed way, be submitted to the people of the Commonwealth by way of referendum. In this way the people will be able to initiate legislation and to vote it. The control by the electors will thus be not only technically, but practically, complete, as well as continuous."

Mr. Fisher is the British-born prime minister of the most British of the overseas Dominions of the Empire. He is, presumably, as familiar with the principles of responsible government as the prime minister of any other British dominion. Yet, it is plain, he does not regard direct legislation as an British, unconstitutional, destructive of responsible government and a manifestation of "degenerate republicanism." Sir Rodmond Roblin should address communications to Mr. Fisher without delay, pointing out to him the error of his ways and pleading with him to retrace his steps before he destroys responsible government and with it the Empire. —Free Press.



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