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THERE WAS JOY AT CITY COUNCIL

Much Satisfaction Because the City Hall Bylaw Carried

WORK WILL BEGIN AT AN EARLY HOUR

A Rather Important Meeting of the Council Last Night

The mayor, commissioners and members of the council would have slain the fatted calf and made merry last night had that animal indiscreetly passed around the city hall. The cause of all the merriment was the fate of the city hall bylaw. There was a meting of the council and between bylaws and motions, rules of order and that sort of thing there were visions of a new city hall.

Mayor Jamieson informed the Albertan that work would be started right away on the building, but he couldn't tell how long before it would be finished.

Ald. Mitchell thought it would take about four months to finish the building and make it fit for human habitation.

Ald. Brocklebank went one better and said that three months should do. But it is pretty safe to say that the next snow will fall upon a completed building, which is good news for everybody.

At the meeting last night it was decided to call for tenders for different sorts of work in connection with the city hall.

A Market Site

The city fathers last night decided to advertise for a suitable market site. The commissioners reported that they had secured options on property owned by Cushing Bros. on Centre street and Twelfth avenue, and also from property owned by W. Harcourt near the present hay market, but letters were read at the council meeting withdrawing both these options, and the aldermen as a last resource decided to advertise.

The Power Plant

A letter was read from Engineer McCaul of the power plant stating that the plant was being overloaded and he could not handle another power load unless some of the street lights were cut off. Commissioner Graves objected to this letter, stating that matters was not as black as painted, and even though the Calgary and transmission power is not available by October 1, he knew of one or two places where power could be obtained by that time to relieve matters.

"It is a letter that will do no good," remarked the commissioner, "as it will cause loose talk around town. For when a man thinks of buying power he will hear that the city plant cannot take any more and will go elsewhere."

The council thought the whole matter should be gone into, and it was left to the power committee for further investigation. The city commissioners in their report recommended that the Ninth avenue be paved with granitoid pavement from Sixth street east to Fourth street west. The council objected to the specializing of any pavement, and altered the recommendation to read "shall be paved."

An Auto Patrol

The Red Devil of the fire department has been such a success that it has been decided to have an auto police patrol waggon. In the estimates for the year $1,000 was set down for the purchase of a patrol waggon and a team of horses. The commissioners went into political economy and discovered that it would cost more than $175 a month to keep up the horses, and that this might go a long way towards paying for an auto patrol, the estimated cost of which is $31,000. The council agreed on this and in future any Calgarian who desires a motor ride gratis will only have to knock a policeman's hat off.

The residents of Rosedale, a subdivision, which will shortly be taken into the city, asked to have the water laid out there, and they would pay all expenses conditional that they would be refunded when the city passed a bylaw for the work. The commissioners endorsed this, providing that the city would take over the pipe when it shows a profit of 10 per cent. Ald. Smalley objected on the point that these people do not pay frontage taxes. The city solicitor raised the point that the city could not legally sell water outside the city limits. Another alderman thought this could be overcome by the city placing a hydrant on the edge of the limits, and putting a meter there. The whole question was thrown back on the commissioners for further consideration.

City Engineer Childs replied to the question raised at the last council meeting why the ratepayers could not use all the water they wanted on their lawns now that the gravity system was in running. He stated that the supply was limited owing to the reservoir where the water balance was kept not being completed, and only a minimum amount of water being kept there. His report was filed.

For a City Park

Wm. Pearce wrote the council suggesting that the land adjoining the old Calgary cemetery and along the cliffs south of the C. P. R. tracks, which is owned by the Dominion government, should be secured by the city for park purposes.

Mayor Jamieson informed the council that it could not all be secured, as one industry, the Alberta Brick and Terra Cotta company, in which ex-Ald. Watson nand himself were interested, had negotiated with the minister of the interior for a portion of the land, which was a clay formation. The minister of the interior had told them to erect a brick plant and they would be given the land under lease. They had put $25,000 into the business and thought that they should be allowed to keep the portion of land they were working.

Ald. Egbert endorsed this, stating that any industry should be protected, but he thought Mr. Pearce was not fully conversant with the situation when he wrote advocating such a move. Mayor Jamieson remarked that all the timbered portions of the property and the promoteries were not

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LABOR PARTY ABANDONED SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER

Socialists Placing Candidates in the Field for Next Election

Halifax, May 25.—The labor party for Cumberland county ceased to exist as a political organization yesterday afternoon, and the socialist party of Canada took its place. A convention of the labor party for Cumberland county met at MacCan yesterday afternoon. The meeting was not largely attended, only about thirty delegates being present, mostly from Springhill, Amherst and Chignecto Mines. The moderate labor men were decidedly in the minority and at an early stage of the convention a resolution was adopted for wholly dissolving the labor party and adopting in its stead the platform as enumerated by the so-called socialist party of Canada. This being done it was further resolved to place candidates in the field to contest the next local election and Messrs. Seaman and Ferris of Springhill, and Adolph Landry of Moncton were nominated. Mr. Ferris was present and accepted the nomination. Mr. Landry has not yet been heard from.

Seyler Was Acquitted

Mays Landing, N. J., May 25.—Wm. Seyler, charged with the murder of Jane Adams on the million dollar pier at Atlantic City, N. J., last February, was acquitted tonight. The jury was out a little more than five hours.

THE VISITING MASONS WERE ENTERTAINED

Given Freedom of the City by the Mayor in the Morning

GET DOWN TO WORK IN THE AFTERNOON

A Very Successful Conversazione Was Given in the Evening

The balance of the delegates to the Grand Lodge of Alberta, A. F. and A. M., arrived in the city yesterday, and there are now in the neighborhood of three hundred visiting Masons and their wives in the city. The first real session of the Grand Lodge was held yesterday afternoon, but they have hardly got down to business as yet and today will see them hard at work.

After the session had been called to order by Most Worshipful Grand Master J. T. Macdonald in the morning, the visitors were welcomed to the city formally by Mayor Jamieson. The freedom of the city was extended to them, and the mayor said that he recognized the important factor for good they were. He touched on the Masonic history of the order, and said that it had always been a power for good all over the world. He hoped their deliberations would be endowed with wisdom, and also that each of them would enjoy to the full the few brief days spent in Calgary.

Conversazione Last Night

There was no session last evening owing to the conversazione that was given by the four city lodges in honor of the Grand Lodge.

Sherman's hall was very tastefully decorated for the occasion, there being being a profusion of flags and bunting displayed. The vast roof of the hall was covered with a bell curtain that was draped in folds. Below this were colored streamers and strings, that stretched to every corner of the hall. Chinese lanterns were also hung around the hall, two long rows of them being strung from side to side, and end to end. The floor was in its usual good shape, and as seven of the fourteen numbers on the program were dance selections, this added greatly to the general enjoyment.

Prof. Howells' orchestra of six pieces was in attendance and provided excellent music for the dance numbers, and the accompaniments were also ably rendered. Mrs. Howells played the first violin and played in her usual proficient manner. Five vocal solos were on the program, and each of them was much appreciated, as was also the clarinet solo, "Second Air Varie," by Bro. W. W. Piper.

After the grand march, Bro. Rev. S. B. Hillocks welcomed them all in a few words that were much appreciated.

Mrs. Lent sang "Because" by Guy De Hardelot in her usual style, and gave great pleasure to her audience. "Deep in the Heart of a Rose," by Landon Ronald, was rendered beautifully by Miss Jessie Glanville, and this was one of the best numbers on the program. Mrs. Barnes rendered "Sunshine and Butterflies," by Bunning, in a very pleasing way, and Miss Davidson rendered the "Garden of Roses," by Schild. "My Queen," by Blumenthal, was another solo that gave great pleasure, Bro. John Scott being in excellent voice.

A dainty recherche supper was provided in the supper room in the basement of the hall, and the many small tables were comfortably arranged.

The committee in charge of the arrangement had attended to every detail and deserve great credit for the way in which everything looking to the comfort of the guests was looked after. The committee was composed of the following: H. J. Robie, chairman; Jos. Shaw, J. N. Rankin and W. E. Hall.

Among those in attendance were the following: M. W. G. M. J. T. Macdonald and Mrs. Macdonald, Deputy Grand Master Bro. McNabb (Lethbridge), M. W. B. Dr. Braithwaite (Edmonton), Rt. W. Bro. Patterson (Macleod), Rt. W. Bro. E. N. Brown, Rt. W. Bro. T. F. English and Mrs. English, W. Bro. S. N. Robins, W. R. Hull, T. English, V. W. Bro. W. F. W. Lent, Rev. Robt. Pearson (Edmonton), Rt. W. Bro. H. McLeod, H. S. Waterbury and Mrs. Waterbury, J. W. Shaw, A. L. Faulkner, F. S. Silwood, A. D. Irvine, J. M. Carson, the Misses Glanville, J. N. Rankin, T. Sharpe, H. H. Alexander, Bro. Davidson, Rev. S. B. Hillocks, John Scott, Wilson (Innisfail), W. Piper and Mrs. Piper, W. Bro. H. J. Robie and Mrs. Robie, W. Bro. W. C. Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong, C. H. Minchin, Rt. W. Bro. W. S. Lowry (Leduc), W. Bro. Turnbull (Edmonton), W. Bro. Yates (Gleichen), W. Bro. John Gillespie and Mrs. Gillespie, Dr. Callum, Bro. Warren, R. A. Darker and Mrs. Darker, S. J. Blair, Rt. W. Bro. Scott (Lethbridge), Rt. W. Bro. S. R. Hodson (Okotoks), Bro. Geo. May and Mrs. May.

NO CHANGE YET IN GOVERNMENT

Something is Likely to Happen at Edmonton During the Day

THE PREMIER'S RESIGNATION READY

The Government Supporters Making an Effort to Save Cross

Edmonton, May 25.—The silence is still unbroken. There is every sign of a change in government, but at the present the symptoms do not lead to any very definite conclusion. Chief Justice Sifton is here and it is assumed that he is not here entirely for his health. The lieutenant-governor seems to have something weighty upon his mind, but he is not telling his troubles above a whisper. There are about 38 members either here or on the way, and every one of them has a different solution of the tangle and diverse information about what is really happening.

Without definite official information the statement of any person is little more than a guess. But here is the best guess of the lot.

Some announcement of a change in government will be made in the house this afternoon. Some members say that there will be no statement at all, but that the house will be prorogued by the lieutenant-governor almost before the speaker has had time to invoke the aid of the Supreme Being upon their deliberations.

The real condition of affairs seems to be that the Rutherford government has decided to resign and that the resignation is now in the hands of the lieutenant-governor to be used at his discretion. The government some time ago expressed a willingness to step out for Chief Justice Sifton, and it is said here that Mr. Cross offered to resign his seat for Mr. Sifton.

Whatever comes or goes, it seems certain that Chief Justice Sifton will be the next premier and within a short time.

Effort to Save Cross

The members of the government party, at a meeting a few hours ago, however, decided that it was worth while to make a supreme effort to have Cross in the Sifton cabinet. They have so confidence in the premier, but they have a great loyalty to Cross, who has maintained the fight and has not been tarnished by the result of the investigation.

With Cross in the cabinet, however, the insurgents would be as determined and united as before and the only change would be one of leadership. It can hardly be conceived that Mr. Sifton would undertake government under such conditions.

The insurgents have practically given up hope of Mr. Sifton taking in Mr. Cushing. However they take the position that they can afford to wait and they are just waiting to see what will turn up. Though every member would oppose a Sifton-Cross government, it is not likely that many would oppose a Sifton government without Cross.

It is said here that Senator Talbot will not be a member of the Sifton cabinet. He is not very desirous of entering the cabinet, in fact would prefer to be out of it. It is stated here tonight that Dr. Warnock is to be the minister of agriculture in the Sifton government. It is also stated that there will be four members in the government and not three as has been suggested. Who the fourth member will be is a matter of conjecture, but it is not likely to be Cross. Some speak of John McDougall of Edmonton.

The Albertan has been unable to find any government member who has deserted, and is almost certain that not a single insurgent will support the government. If a vote is taken this afternoon which may or may not be done, it is not improbable that the line up will be about the same as when the vote was taken before.

On the Way to the Fray

A number of the members of the provincial legislature passed through the city yesterday on their way to the re-assembling of the legislature in Edmonton yesterday afternoon. Mr. Cushing went north on Monday. Yesterday morning Hon. Speaker Fisher and Dr. Warnock of Pincher Creek went north. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Buchanan, Mr. McLean, Mr. Glendenning and Mr. Riley went north. Mr. Hoadley has also gone north.

Mr. Woolf of Cardston and Mr. Mackenzie started out from Macleod in Mr. Mackenzie's auto intending to meet the afternoon train, but the auto, like Halley's comet, didn't keep to scheduled time, and the party did not arrive until late in the evening. They will go north this afternoon in time for the session, if there is any, or in time to hear all about it, if there is none.

So the person who said that Mr. Mackenzie would not return to Edmonton to support the government, somewhat exaggerated.

There is no word of the whereabouts of Mr. O'Brien, the socialist member. He is the absentee of the southern members, Mr. Bennett, as the whole world knows, being in the north.

MRS. MATTHEWS WILL NOT BE EXTRADITED JUST NOW

Edmonton Woman Will Not be Sent Back to Oklahoma

Edmonton, May 25.—The second attempt to extradite Mrs. Matthews of Stillwater, Okla., who is charged with complicity with Chapman, the negro, in the murder of her husband in Stillwater last year, failed tonight when Judge Taylor dismissed extradition proceedings in the district court.

The United States authorities have been fighting for weeks to extradite both Mrs. Matthews and Chapman and only succeeded in getting Chapman extradited after a long legal battle.

It is believed that still another attempt will be made to extradite the woman by Sheriff Fox and Stillwater authorities who are here.

Sir Wilfrid at Woodbine

Toronto, May 25.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier was present at the Woodbine track for a short time this afternoon. He presented the Liverpool cup to Chas. Boyle of the Woodstock stables whose horse, Derive, won the race for which the cup is named.

A SCENE IN THE TOWN OF RED DEER

Red Deer Making Record In Safe and Sane Prosperity

The Progress of This Town During the Last Year Has Been Marvelous---Some of the Strategic Advantages of This Promising Town.

(By J. N. McDonald).

Red Deer, May 21.—Last June when I visited Red Deer I described the town as being one of the most "beautiful, strategic and picturesque" sites for a large city that I had seen in Alberta, and predicted that in a short time Red Deer would come into its own and be recognized as among the principal commercial cities in the province. The prediction was made after a careful study and personal observation of the natural and other conditions existing here. Some of these were its geographical position, midway between Calgary and Edmonton, its railroad prospects, its great natural resources in agriculture, coal, timber, water power, etc., its beautiful environments and the character of its citizens. From what I have seen in my present visit, I am more than ever convinced that my prediction of a year ago will be fulfilled, in fact its fulfilment has even now commenced and the dawn of a brighter day for the town is already breaking.

Red Deer Never "Boomed"

One thing greatly to the advantage of Red Deer, and one that will tend to its future advantage is that the town was never "boomed" and never experienced the reaction which inevitably follows the fictitious inflation of real estate values, so common in many towns in the west. As a consequence, now that it is about entering on an era of greater prosperity and growth there are no heartburnings and disappointments over losses incurred through unwise investments.

During all these years, however, although Red Deer was generally considered a rather slow place, it was making steady and sure progress and its citizens were laying on a solid basis the foundations on which to build the superstructure of a large and prosperous city.

Some Remarkable Progress

I believe that there never was a city in Western Canada of 2500 population—and I have seen most of them at that stage of their history—that had made so much progress in the installation of modern public utilities, that add to the convenience and comfort of its citizens, as Red Deer. I doubt very much whether there is a town in the Dominion of Canada today of 2500 population that can boast of over five miles of water mains, four miles of sewers, electric light and telephone systems, complete fire protection system, such substantial schools, churches, beautiful homes, substantial places of business, public institutions, etc., and as progressive and intelligent citizens as Red Deer has. Its system of municipal government is the admiration of everyone who has studied it and watched how smoothly Red Deer municipal machinery is operated. The system is being copied, either in whole or in part, by a number of other towns and cities in Western Canada, and wherever experimented with has proved highly satisfactory.

Another Prediction

I will here venture to make another prediction, of the fulfilment of which there is not the slightest doubt in my mind. Within the next five years, the population of Red Deer will be four times what it is now. This opinion is shared by all Red Deer's citizens, as they look out into the exceedingly bright vista that is now opening before them. That the prediction is not an extravagant one, and is fully justified, will be seen from a general study of the existing conditions.

Railway Advantages

Railways have always played a very important part in the growth of cities. They have made small towns into large cities and reduced prosperous towns, not favorably situated for railway purposes, to the status of small isolated country villages. In the case of Red Deer, its geographical position, its pure water supply and its proximity to an unlimited supply of the best of steam coal, makes Red Deer an especially suitable place for a busy railway center. These advantages are becoming recognized by the different railway companies and railroad operations in Red Deer and vicinity for the next few years will undoubtedly be very active.

Operations of C.P.R. at Red Deer

That the Canadian Pacific railway company has confidence in the future of Red Deer is evidenced by the large amount of improvements it is making to its facilities at this place. Excavating for the foundation for a handsome $20,000 depot is now completed and the building will be rushed ahead. It will be built of stone, cement and brick, and will be the best on the C. & E. system and an ornament to the town. The yardage will be extended by the addition of several new sidetracks. The roundhouse and machine shops will be doubled in size equipment and capacity and the staff of employes doubled in number.

At the present time Red Deer is a freight divisional point on the C. & E. and the freight trains along the Lacombe-Castor branch are operated from here. It has also been given out that the passenger trains from Castor will shortly run to Red Deer. That the C.P.R. have big plans in regard to the extension of its operations at Red Deer is further evidenced by the refusal of the C. & E. townsite owners to sell

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JAPANESE TALK ABOUT WAR WITH AMERICA

Prominent Japanese Writer Foreshadows the Coming Conflict

EXPECTS IT TO COME IN ABOUT FOUR YEARS

Trouble Will be Acute at the Finish of the Panama Canal

Victoria, B. C., May 25.—The steamer Inaba Maru reached port today with a cargo of 3,500 tons, including 1,000 bales of silk, and 183 passengers.

T. Nakahashi, formerly a Tokio official, now president of the Osaka Hosen Kaisha, who recently visited America as a member of the commercial commission, contributes an article to the Taiyo, a prominent Tokio magazine, received by the steamer Inaba Maru today, stating that the next war waged by Japan may be with America. The immediate issues at stake are the immigration and China questions.

Mr. Nakahashi, after dealing with Japanese immigration in Hawaii and the United States, goes on to consider policies and says:

"The electoral labor tickets cannot be ignored. While the relations of Japan and America have been friendly for forty years they may change in character, the increase of Japanese armament having affected American feeling towards Japan, and there was suspicion of Japan regarding the Philippines."

By 1914-15, Mr. Nakahashi says the Manchuria, China and Philippine questions and others will require serious study.

The article concludes:

"Altogether the relations between Japan and America will become delicate in 1914-15, when the Panama canal is completed, and the Japanese must constantly endeavor to solve the question beforehand and avert a crisis."

A. Honra, editor of the Tokio Nichi Nichi, also writes in the Taiyo of the future relations between America and Japan, stating that the assertion that there would be a conflict between Japan and America regarding Manchuria is not acceptable to cool-headed men. He writes at length of America's increasing activity in Manchuria, urging greater efforts to maintain peace despite the commercial rivalry.

Prominent Leeds Man Dead.

Brockville, May 25.—Alex. Hervey Hume, a native of Franktown, Ont., but a resident of Brockville the greater part of his life, died here today of paralysis, following a general breakdown, aged 77 years. He was employed in the offices of the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railways until ten years ago, when he retired. He was a captain in the old Brockville and Ottawa Rifles which figured in suppressing the Fenian raids.

Golden Rule Chief Suspended

Cleveland, Ohio, May 25.—Pending an investigation of charges against him, Chief of Police Frederick Kohler, who has a national reputation as the "Golden Rule Chief," was suspended by Mayor Baher late today. The charges, filed yesterday, accuse the chief of misconduct in office and of immorality.

HUNDRED BURNED TO DEATH IN JAPAN

Very Disastrous Fire Reported at Aomori in North Japan—Damage to Extent of $2,000,000.

Victoria, B. C., May 25.—Details of the disastrous fire at Aomori, North Japan, in which one hundred persons were burned to death and 8,000 of the town's 11,500 buildings were razed, with a loss of $2,000,000, were received by the steamer Inaba Maru today. The burned area covered one and three-sevenths miles long and a quarter mile broad. Thirty thousand homeless persons were gathered in refuge camps. Great suffering followed the fire, and supplies of rice brought in were eaten raw by the ravenous people. A store of powder exploded and shook the whole area soon after the fire was extinguished.

Protesting Against Restrictions

London, May 25.—A further conference of emigration societies has decided to take steps to obtain relaxation of Canadian rules in cases of individuals who are not desirable. It is also suggested that three months' notice of new rules be given.

CITY HALL BYLAW PASSED BY GOOD VOTE

A Large Vote and Almost Seven to One in Favor of Proposition—Other Bylaw Was Carried.

The Calgary citizens were in a generous mood yesterday, and in all probability realized the fallacy of having a civic building costing over half a million lying idle for the lack of funds to complete it.

The result was that the city hall bylaw for $126,000 to complete the city hall passed by a tremendous majority on a record vote, the basis of approval being 7 to 1 for the completion of the structure.

The vote on the conduit system was equally satisfactory that the system shall be installed, and in a very short time the principal streets of the city will lack telephone and telegraph poles.

The vote on the city hall bylaw was as follows:

	For	Agst.
Ward 1 A	226	8
Ward 1 B and that part of Ward 3 east of the Elbow	58	5
Ward 2 A B	109	41
Ward 2 C	60	3
Ward 3 west of the Elbow	99	11
Ward 4 A	63	18
Ward 4 B	107	17
	722	108

Necessary to pass—554.

The vote on the conduit system: For, 655; against, 128. Necessary to carry, 582.

Reception to Mr. Roosevelt

London, May 25.—Lord Strathcona in his capacity as high commissioner, is giving a reception on Tuesday next at 18 Grosvenor Square in honor of Mr. Roosevelt, to meet visiting and other Canadians.

Dominion Members in Toronto

Toronto, May 25.—Four members of the Dominion government including Sir Wilfrid Laurier, are in Toronto today. The other three are Hon. Geo. P. Graham, Hon. Frank Oliver and Wm. Pugsley.

Dr. Jim and Imperial Preference

Bloemfontein, May 25.—Dr. L. S. Jameson, leader of the Progressive party, has pledged that party to the policy of Imperial preference.

DEAD SET MADE ON MR. CUSHING

Messrs. Biggar and Nolan Cross-Examine Him Most of Day

DOES NOT BUDGE ON ESSENTIAL SUBJECTS

But Memory is Not So Good on Non-Essentials

Edmonton, Alta., May 25.—All afternoon Mr. Biggar, counsel for Attorney General Cross, and P. J. Nolan, counsel for Premier Rutherford, have striven to shake the startling testimony given this morning by Hon. W. H. Cushing, ex-minister of public works, that the date of the letter written by him to Premier Rutherford on September 14, 1909, objecting to the A. & G. W. specifications, was surreptitiously changed. They failed. The ex-minister could not be budged. His memory regarding the incident was perfectly clear, and he told his story in a plain, straightforward manner that carried conviction.

Upon E. Trowbridge, former private secretary to Cushing, will fall most of the trouble of explaining it, and it will be interesting to see how he does it. The combined acumen of Biggar and Nolan was not able to bring out any material weakness in the testimony of Cushing, and his position when he finished his testimony this afternoon was stronger than ever. John Boyle, M. P. P., will go on the stand in the morning.

There was a clash this afternoon between Bennett and Biggar when the latter started to cross-examine the witness in regard to private matters.

"Following the election in March, 1909, you went to Detroit, did you not?" he asked of Cushing.

"Yes."

"Did you not obtain a large sum of money there?"

"I borrowed some."

"Your lordship, this thing should be stopped right here," interrupted Bennett. "Mr. Biggar is making an attempt to elicit information that has nothing to do with this case. If such questioning is to be allowed I would like to have Mr. Cross back in the witness box for about twenty minutes. It is monstrous for counsel to try to suggest the things I know he has in mind. I refrained absolutely from going into such matters."

"If the witness, as counsel seems to be trying to show, received money from interests adverse to the A. & G. W., the commission is not interested except to test the credulity of the witness," remarked Judge Beck, "and we can judge part from that. The other ministers of course were in a different position and it was proper to question them in regard to such matters."

"Both Mr. Walsh and myself refrained from questioning the witness, and on such irrelevancies," continued Mr. Bennett. "For instance, I might have asked Mr. Cross if as large a contribution to the Liberal campaign funds was made by the C.N.R. and G.T.P. as by the A. & G. W., but I did not. If it is to be allowed, I am content, but I want Mr. Cross back in that box."

"I can tell just as much about our campaign fund as you can about yours," cried Mr. Cross, who was in the court room. The commissioners ruled that Biggar could not put the questions.

The Bankview Church Speech.

Mr. Biggar read what purported to be a correct report of the speech Cushing made in the Bankview church, Calgary, in the last election campaign, in which he said R. B. Bennett was in error in saying that the A. & G. W. contract was unsouth, hasty and imprudent, affirming that all the railroad's contracts were drawn up carefully. Cushing admitted that he had said substantially that.

"Well, at that time Mr. Cushing was naturally doing the best he could to defend the government, and I was doing the reverse," returned Bennett.

Mr. Cushing explained that in the speech he only spoke of the railroad contracts in a general way. He also said that before the campaign he had gone to the premier's house and pointed out to him the loose features of the A. & G. W. agreement, and had gotten the promise of the premier to remedy the defects, Mr. Cushing said that at the meeting of October 7 he had said he was willing to accept the C. N. R. standard of specifications, but that was an entirely different thing from the Waddell specifications. He said he had told Cross before the meeting that the Waddell specifications were not the same as those prepared by Chalmers.

Mr. Cushing admitted that he had no particular cause for staying in his position from November, when he first became aware that the A. & G. W. deal had gone through in a faulty manner, except that he felt that he ought to give his reasons for resigning to the legislature. He said that one of the things that made him so sure that he handed the letter objecting to the specifications to the premier on Sept. 14 was that John Stocks had told him after the meeting that he had done so.

P. J. Nolan then cross-examined the witness. He read the letter of resignation which Cushing read to the house Feb. 14, containing his reason for stepping out. The witness declared those were the only reasons that prompted him to so act. He admitted that the cabinet meeting might possibly have been held on Oct. 7 instead of Oct. 8, but if it was the document under consideration, were not presented at that time.

"And by the way, are you sure that the letter of Oct. 7 was written Sept. 14?"

"Absolutely."

"That's what you call a technical memory, I suppose?"

"Why did you wait until four days after the legislature met to resign?"

"I thought it best to wait until after the house met."

"So you thought that the best way to save the province, to safeguard it, was to resign?"

Appointment of Engineer.

Cushing said he did not know when John Jones was appointed engineer, but it was not at any meeting he attended and that he asked the premier to appoint Chalmers to protect the province.

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