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SESSION WILL BE MOMENTOUS ONE

EXCITEMENT GROWS AS DATE APPROACHES FOR OPENING OF BRITISH HOUSE

(By T. P. O'CONNOR.)

London, Jan. 15.—Already all signs are pointing to the most momentous session of Parliament in many years. Most of the ministers already are in London and the cabinet councils will come soon. The newspapers are fighting the preliminary skirmishes and the leaders of all parties will receive excellent, although menacing, counsel from those organs.

The Liberal Ministers already have been given notice that the Laborites and Radicals will have no talking with the question of reform of the House of Lords. The Laborites and Radicals are dead against any proposed election of Peers as calculated to increase the strength of that body. Their whole conception is that the House of Commons should be the supreme arbiter of all legislation and administration.

Handicapped by Preamble. The members of parliament are rather handicapped by the unfavorable preamble of their veto bill setting forth the necessity and intention to reform the House of Lords. This preamble is inserted by Premier Asquith rather than to force the resignation of Grey and Haldane, but it persisted in it may produce disastrous results. All sections of the coalition are so intent on the common purpose of clipping the Lords by the veto bill that difficulty probably will surround the question.

It is still debated hotly whether the Tories and Lords should adopt an irreconcilable attitude and force on the Liberals the creation of new peers. The Liberals now have come to the conclusion that such an extreme step would be welcome as ending all of the prestige of the Lords and enabling the Ministry with a majority in the House of Lords as in the Commons, to push Home Rule and other reforms without a long delay contemplated by the veto bill.

Tories Divided on This. The Tories are divided on this as on everything else. The hothouse will shirk for a fight to the bitter end and for forcing the creation of new peers, relying on the imaginary unwillingness of the King to consent to such violent measures. These hopes are false, as the King certainly will follow the advice of his Ministers and the Ministers certainly will create the peers without hesitation if forced to do so. For the moment, the differences of the Tories occupy more space in the papers than the intentions of the Ministry.

A. J. Balfour, feeling the strong break among his supporters, wrote a letter regarding legislation, but the situation is growing worse. Balfour's letter was innocuous. It avoided all mention of the referendum for tariff reform, which is the real rock of irreconcilable differences between him and the tariff reformers. With this in hand, its antiquated ideas exposed him to the merciless criticism of Liberals and, at this point, his position is lower than almost any moment of his career.

The Probable Outcome. The final outcome probably will be a patched truce of tariff reform, the silent dropping of the referendum and Balfour's resignation. Asquith, in this will lead, I believe to a financial concentration of Unionists on the Home Rule fight and will enable Balfour to satisfy his followers with a sham fight on the House of Lords. Balfour's course in the coming session is clear. All of the Nationalists are satisfied that everything should be subordinated to Home Rule. There is violent strong criticism of Winston Churchill in connection with the stepney habits but Churchill replies successfully to all critics.

FAVORS RECIPROCITY.

National Tariff Commission of the U. S. Endorses the Reciprocity Movement.

Washington, Jan. 15.—John Chandler Cobb, president of the National Tariff Commission, in an interview today stated that the commission is in favor of reciprocity and is at present proposed to take any action at the convention in regard to the reciprocity negotiations with Canada. The association as a whole strongly approved of the efforts to bring about closer business relations with Canada. "The convention," he says, "consisting as it does, of nearly a thousand delegates from all parts of the country, is one of the most representative gatherings of business men ever held in the United States. Although we do not propose to take any action regarding reciprocity, undoubtedly it will be one of the subjects referred to by a number of the speakers. You can say now only that we strongly favor reciprocity, but that we shall give the government all the moral support we can in its efforts to bring about reciprocity with Canada. We think that a reasonable measure of reciprocity would make for the welfare of both Canada and the United States."

POLICE TAKE ACTIVE MEASURES.

Under Direction of Provincial Authorities to Suppress Social Evil.

Winnipeg, Jan. 14.—Practical comment on the report of Judge Robson was furnished in the provincial police court today when Magistrate McKinnon imposed fines aggregating \$21.00 as a result of a raid made last night on the "red light" district by city police officers under the direction of Chief License Inspector M. J. Johnstone.

Instead of getting off with the usual fifty dollars and costs first offenders paid double that and second offenders two hundred dollars and costs, while three days' loss of livelihood were inflicted and destroyed. The women were promised worse things and this vigorous policy will drive many of them out of town or, at least out of the segregated area.

CALGARY RAILWAY PAYS

Gives a Dividend of Thirteen Per Cent Last Year After All Charges Paid.

Calgary, Jan. 14.—Far beyond the expectations of even Superintendent McCauley have been the results to the city in cold cash of the municipal operation of the street railway during the year 1910.

When Mr. McCauley's annual statement is submitted it will show that the net profits were \$66,500, and that of this amount \$16,500 went into a contingent fund, and \$22,500 into the general account of the city for the relief of the rates.

This leaves a balance of \$23,500, yet to be apportioned. The \$66,500 represents a return of 13 per cent on the total investment, which is not so poor considering that this is the first year of the venture. It is over and above operating expenses, the payment of interest on debentures, depreciation percentage and sinking fund. The total operating expenses for the year were \$214,784.44, while the total expenses of operation and the contribution to the city was \$148,078.

ANOTHER SENSATION IN CHINESE INQUIRY

Gordon Grant, Young Lawyer, Declares Before Chinese Immigration Commission That Foster, Secret Service, Agent, Lied to Judge in His Evidence.

Vancouver, Jan. 14.—In a most dramatic situation, Gordon Grant, a young lawyer, yesterday afternoon swore before Justice Murphy, the Chinese Commissioner, that Edward Foster, of the Dominion Government secret service, had willfully lied when he swore that he had not at various times told the witness that Hon. Wm. Templeman had tried to balk the whole investigation and prevent an inquiry by a royal commission. This statement came as a climax to three weeks of the sitting of the inquiry which has developed the most interesting semi-political evidence that Vancouver people have heard for a long time.

The investigation was ordered by Ottawa following the discharge of Yip On, for many years customs interpreter here. Testimony has been given that David C. Lew, who represents the party Chinese, with Gordon Grant, the young lawyer, and T. R. E. McInnis, who were prime movers in asking for inquiry.

Lew is an interpreter and frankly admits that he lied. Coming on to take the latter's position. To this end, he assisted Foster, the secret service man, in the private inquiry that official made months ago. McInnis, who lives in Ottawa, is a son of former Governor McInnis, of British Columbia, and brother of W. P. McInnis, at one time governor of the Yukon, and now county court judge in Vancouver.

David Lew, on one of the early days of the inquiry, caused a sensation by testifying that Foster, Secret Service Agent, had told him that Hon. Wm. Templeman, while intoxicated, had come at midnight to Foster's room and demanded that the investigation should stop, adding that "it would hurt us too much."

Foster, later called as witness, denied having said this. In this statement was upheld by Dr. A. S. Munro, who declared that on the night in question, he had been with Hon. Wm. Templeman and the latter had not seen Foster, but had more over wished the commission to proceed. Then, on Saturday, came Gordon Grant, who declared that Foster had told him several times that Mr. Templeman had tried to balk the inquiry. A painful silence followed, and after a short delay, Judge Murphy suggested to Foster, who had intended returning to Ottawa today, that he had better remain in Vancouver. He agreed to stay.

Grant continuing that Robert Allen, customs official at the wharf, had been dismissed by Robert Kelly, had got him back. Kelly is a millionaire wholesale grocer and the man generally believed to be the master of the patronage in Vancouver. Grant continued: "I have no grudge against Kelly, but it is a street fact that he is connected with graft in various departments and his profited by such connection. I did not want J. H. Senker, appointed commissioner as he was a friend of Kelly's and would protect Kelly and the men Kelly wanted protected. I was in charge of what 'red light' there might be."

The commission will continue Monday.

MACCOUN'S PARTY RETURNS SAFELY

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY PARTY REACHES CIVILIZATION AFTER LONG TRIP FROM NORTH.

Gimli, Man., Jan. 15.—Prof. J. L. Maccoun, D.L.S., F.R.C.S., assistant director and naturalist of the geological survey department, Ottawa; Mr. A. G. Bachand and party, of the Dominion survey department, Ottawa; Mr. A. G. Captain Harold Bartlett and crew, of the schooner Jeanie, arrived here today, having come all the way from Fort Churchill, 1,100 miles by dog train. Professor Maccoun made the trip north to investigate the flora and fauna of the country north of Churchill and arrange for material for the new national museum.

He left Ottawa for Churchill last spring and the last word received from him was in July. His friends had grave fears for his safety and he had not been heard of since he had reached there in safety.

Chartered by R.N.W.M.P. The schooner Jeanie was chartered by the R.N.W.M.P. to take supplies north to Churchill to Fullerton, making a stop at Steno Point Inlet, Chesterfield Inlet and Wager Bay. The Jeanie, a schooner of a hundred tons, left North Sydney, N.S., in charge of Captain Harold Bartlett in July and had a fair trip, reaching Churchill in August, and it was here that Prof. Maccoun took passage north, also Dr. Macrellus, Superintendent Starnes and four members of the R.N.W.M.P.

Ran Into Hurricane. The day after they had made their exit at Wager Bay, they ran into a severe storm. About 10:30 p.m. the last chain gave way and as best they could the ship was guided towards shore. Amid great darkness and a roaring hurricane the boat was swept against a rocky shore. Upon striking, she immediately filled and water and ice poured over the deck and into the hold. It was high tide and as the tide went down the ship settled on the rocks. At daybreak, the shore was reached safely. Many narrow escapes from drowning were experienced, but the whole party reached Fullerton.

Whaler Gives Them Passage. The whaling schooner, Gifford, with Capt. Connell and crew, came to the rescue for the winter, but Superintendent Starnes persuaded him to take the party to Churchill and they set sail, leaving the whaler on September 26. December 7th the river was frozen and the next day, Mr. Maccoun, accompanied by Harry Foster, an ex-R.N.W.M.P. policeman, and Mr. Bachand, and party of men, made their way over the ice to the whaler and found the crew of the whaler waiting for them. The whaler gave them passage to Churchill and the party of men, made their way over the ice to the whaler and found the crew of the whaler waiting for them.

Almost Record Trip. The regular time for the trip is 25 days, the record 23 days, and they made it in 23 days. With these hours of wind and covered with dark scales showing old frost-bites, the party, weary and tired, began to arrive about twelve o'clock and about 2 p.m. the last straggling trail had got in. Nearly all of the party leave for Winnipeg tomorrow and from there to their homes in the East.

IRMA.

Bulletin News Service. The extremely low temperature of the past few days has made business dull in town.

Evangelist F. J. Johnson has been assisting Rev. Boothroid in holding revival services in the Methodist church for the past fortnight. The Irma Dramatic Club are putting on a three act drama, "Among the Breakers," in the T. O. O. P. hall on Friday evening, January 20th.

Miss Brickman, of Clover Bar, has been engaged as teacher in the Ross school for 1911.

Mr. J. J. Wallace has opened a restaurant in town.

Millburn Brothers have advertised for a clearing sale of their entire general store stock.

Among the number who left last week for Wolf Creek to fight for the G. T. P. were James Donaghy, James Burrell, Carl Ahlf, W. Schaffner, Chas. Reed, W. Chase and T. C. Hill.

The new skating rink is almost completed. Hockey match between the local puck chasers and either Viking or Wainwright will be played in a few days.

Mr. William Harper was elected as councillor for 45, 9 on Monday last, Jan. 14.

VEGVEVILLE MAN KILLED.

S. T. Grosse Meets a Tragic Death at His Farm Near C.N.R. Town.

Vegreville, Jan. 13.—A very sad accident occurred about five o'clock yesterday afternoon, resulting in the death of S. T. Grosse, a former well-known business man of this place. It seems Mr. Grosse was mowing grain from one building to another with a team and sleigh and when passing with his load over a rough, sliding place in the road the load was overturned pinning him beneath it. He was found some time later by his wife, but when a physician arrived life was extinct.

Catholics to Honor King Edward.

Montreal, Jan. 15.—A letter was read in the Catholic churches today in which the Archbishop of Montreal, upon all Catholics to show their loyalty and their appreciation of the late King Edward, as an act of devotion to a peace-maker by subscribing to the King Edward monument fund.

TO QUARANTINE FOR PLAGUE.

Active Measures Taken to Relieve Situation in China.

Pekin, Jan. 13.—Owing to the spread of bubonic plague in Manchuria, there is concern today of the physicians to the foreign legations and missions, and a number of Chinese, who decided to recommend to the government the institution of a five-days quarantine of first class passengers at the Great Wall, until observation camps can be established at Harbin, Mukden, and Shanghai, and the immediate cessation of second and third class passenger traffic. All passes through the wall will be closed and guarded by soldiers.

Contract Goes to New Zealand.

Melbourne, Aus. Jan. 15.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, has sent a cablegram to the Commonwealth premier, Andrew Fisher, requesting that the Commonwealth be declined to renew the Vancouver and Australia mail service with calls at Auckland, Sydney, and New Zealand, a five years' service between Canada and New Zealand.

MISSING HOMESTEADER HAS BEEN DISCOVERED

Wesley Tate, Who Was Anxiously Looked For by Immigration Authorities Meets His Wife Here—Delay in His Service Was Cause of the Trouble.

In answer to letters from the immigration agent in Edmonton, Wesley Tate, the homesteader supposed to have disappeared in the wilds of northwestern Alberta, turned up at Edmonton Saturday night to meet his anxious wife. The explanation of the trouble was not hard to find. Despondent and discouraged, Tate had been the principal cause of the misunderstanding. Tate expected his wife but had no special intention of coming home. As a matter of fact he met the Grand Trunk train at Junkins several times in expectation of seeing her.

Friday came a letter from the immigration hall telling him that his wife was here if he wished to come for her. He hurried in at once on the G. T. P. and arrived in Edmonton Saturday night.

SIGN.

Bulletin News Service. On Monday, January 2, the annual meeting for the election of a councillor for L.L.D., 27-4, W. of 5th street, held the Clinton school room, when a goodly number of taxpayers presented themselves in expectation of the election of a councillor. The balance sheet and statement of accounts was read by the secretary, K. Cottman, and the report of the committee for their work during the year, and also a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the amusement committee for their work during the year.

The shareholders of the Lion Hall Co. Ltd. held their annual meeting on the 1st inst. in an appearance, mostly made up of the same old faces.

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Election of directors was proceeded with. There were three seats on the board open by the retirement by rotation of Messrs. J. T. Bamber and J. Livesey, and the resignation of Rev. W. E. Hodgkinson.

The election resulted in the appointment of Messrs. J. Livesey, W. Park and Fred. Cosens as directors on the board.

Mr. Len Cosens, chairman of the board of directors, presided and before leaving wished the hall and the company every prosperity.

On January 5th the annual meeting of the Clinton school district was held in the schoolroom, when about twenty ratepayers attended. The usual routine of business was transacted, and the report of the trustees and reports of trustees and teacher which showed the gratifying progress of the school and its pupils.

The retiring trustees, Messrs. J. T. Bamber, stood for re-election, and the seat of the Rev. W. E. Hodgkinson having been declared vacant, he also stood for re-election. There were also nominated Messrs. Ed. Cosens and W. Butler.

The polling commenced about one o'clock, and at the close of the voting the result was that Messrs. Ed. Cosens and Rev. W. E. Hodgkinson were elected the former for three years and the latter for one year's trusteeship. The first meeting of the new board will be held on the 12th inst.

The weather here has been so mild, some say as well as in summer. The last few days have, however, brought a very cold snap, the thermometer going to 50 below zero.

A basket social and dance was held here, the Lion Hall, in connection with the regular fortnightly dances. Excellent music was provided by Messrs. Park Bros. and F. Cosens, with their orchestra. A most enjoyable time was spent and the baskets brought a very nice sum for the hall.

Every prize is due to the amusement committee of 1910 for the way in which amusements have been gotten up, especially to the secretary-treasurer, Mr. A. Cottman, during 1910. The 1911 amusement committee start their year with a fancy dress ball on Friday next, 24th inst. The tickets broke up at 4.50 and everyone was delighted with the evening, especially with the music.

Sion, January 11.

Kronstadt, Russia, Jan. 13.—Martial law, which has been in force here since the many of the sailors on November 7th, 1905, was ended today by order of the Government.

\$400,000 FIRE IN CITY OF WINNIPEG

BIG MIDNIGHT MID-WINTER FIRE IN THE HEART OF THE WHOLESALE DISTRICT.

Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—Winnipeg has had another midnight mid-winter fire which will cost the insurance companies the equivalent of \$400,000. The building destroyed Saturday night being the Kelly block on Bannatyne avenue, east, in the very heart of the wholesale district. The firm suffering are the Winnipeg Fur Company, \$200,000, insured for \$100,000; John Eszinger, tobacco, etc., \$80,000, insured for 90 per cent; Kilgour Bros., paper dealers, \$25,000, insured to the full; and the Winnipeg Store Company, \$25,000, insured for \$15,000.

The origin of the fire is still unsettled but it is supposed to have started from an electric light in the fur company's offices. It started about 11:30 Saturday night and the firemen were sent through till seven Sunday morning.

With the mercury 35 below zero, there was much cause of frost bites, some of the firemen having need to retire to the rest fire hall for treatment, though most of them were able to return to the fire.

It was what Chief Buchanan calls the worst yet. The high pressure service was a good working order and the chief obstacle in the way of the fire fighters was the depth of the building, 100 feet, rendering the streams ineffective whether from front or rear, on the fire in the centre of the building.

All day today, the scene was visited by sightseers and the pictures taken of the ruins are in great demand. The whole of the three buildings was a pile of rubble to the west, and a big wholesale warehouse occupied by several stores, was a good working order and the chief obstacle in the way of the fire fighters was the depth of the building, 100 feet, rendering the streams ineffective whether from front or rear, on the fire in the centre of the building.

THREE NEGROES WERE LYNCHED IN KENTUCKY

Mob of 500 Stormed County Jail and Took Away Three Negroes—Two of Them Were Charged With Insulting White Women—Third Was Awaiting Execution for Murder.

Shelbyville, Ky., Jan. 15.—Three negroes were lynched here this morning after a determined mob of five hundred men had stormed the county jail where the negroes were confined. Two of the negroes were charged with insulting white women. The third was awaiting execution for the murder of a colored woman. The bodies of two of the negroes, at Marshall and Patterson, have been found. The third was seen in the hands of the mob with a rope around his neck. The third negro was Jim West.

According to Ernest Hornbeck, deputy sheriff, the mob appeared at the county jail at 2:10 this morning. When they took the three negroes away they left four or five others in the same cell from which the three were taken.

The two bodies recovered were found about a quarter of a mile apart. Marshall was found hanging from a bridge near the jail and Patterson in Clear Creek. Patterson, it is said, attempted to escape from the mob, but was shot and his body thrown into the creek.

According to Deputy Jailor Hornbeck, Jailor Edward Thompson hid the jail keys when the mob appeared. Later, when the mob became more insistent, Hornbeck let them into the jail office.

They said there were three negroes they were going to get or else blow the jail up. Hornbeck said, "They kept yelling for the dynamite and some started to break off the wall locks with a sledge hammer. About twelve men had their guns pointed at me demanding the keys. Finally, at 2:15, they broke the cell door open."

Patterson, it was charged, insulted two white women and knocked both of them down. West, it was alleged, was more recent and it is said he had often been seen throwing kisses at white women.

Both West and Patterson were to have been taken before a grand jury to be called January 23 and a speedy trial was predicted.

CLYDE.

The annual meeting of ratepayers took place on Monday, Jan. 2, for the election of councillors. Eric Anderson was returned unopposed for Division 5.

A meeting for the election of school trustees for the Dugannon, S.D., took place on Wednesday 4th. The report of the trustees was read and accepted. A. Parton was re-elected as trustee. H. A. Dosser addressed the meeting at length and asked the board to show why the former teacher was not given the position as occupied for the previous years, also criticizing the board for their action. The alleged crime of the teacher to be incompetent. Mr. Dosser, therefore, withdrew his criticism in full.

Mrs. and Miss S. Beaton are leaving shortly on a prolonged visit to Dobbieville, N. Dakota.

The congratulations of the district are due to those who were on the committee of the Christmas tree, which was voted the best that had ever been.

We recall to hear that Mrs. C. F. Nelson is seriously indisposed. His speedy recovery is hoped for.

A good many summers have passed since the railway was sure to be running. May 1911 be the year.

Rev. A. Godwin has been re-appointed official auditor.

Rev. French was unable to be at his meeting called to consider building of a church on account of an illness.

HAZEN TO ATTEND CORONATION

New Brunswick Premier and His Wife Will Take Part in Celebration.

Frederickton, N. B., Jan. 14.—Premier Hazen and Mrs. Hazen will attend the coronation of King George V. in London, on June 22. A letter has been received from the Governor General enclosing a despatch received from secretary of state for the colonies inviting the Premier and Mrs. Hazen to officially attend the coronation ceremony. They will sail from here to England early in June or late in May.

Honduras Revolutionists Take Town.

Celiba, Honduras, Jan. 11, via New Orleans, Jan. 15.—Truxillo was captured by the revolutionists Tuesday after a sanguinary skirmish with the federal garrison. The Government lost seven killed including Major de Pajal and twelve wounded. Three hundred federal troops left Celiba this afternoon for Nueva America, 25 miles east, where they expect to engage the revolutionary army, which is said to have left Truxillo en route for Celiba.

MOTHER LOCKED HER CHILDREN IN HOUSE

Returns From Neighbor's to Find Home Ablaze and Three Young Children Burned to Death—Frenzied With Grief She Attempted to Rush Into Flames.

Knife, River, Minn., Jan. 15.—In a fire which destroyed the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Ruge, here, Saturday, three young children who had been locked in while their mother went to the home of a neighbor, were burned to death. The bodies of the two oldest, a girl of six years old and one four years old, have been recovered, while the body of an infant daughter is buried in the ruins.

The town is without fire-fighting apparatus and the crowd that gathered around the burning home made it impossible to prevent the spread of the flames.

The mother arrived while the blaze was at its height and, frantic with but was restrained by bystanders, grief, attempted to dash into the flames.

ONOWAY.

Bulletin News Service. "The annual election of councillors for the L.L.D., 27, A. 5, Division 4, took place at Mr. Broderick's place on Monday, January 9th. The nominated councillors were F. Mills and W. Mackay. The result was 8 to 7 in favor of Mr. Mills.

The annual election of trustees for the Beauriville S.D., No. 850, took place at the school house on Saturday, January 7. The contestants were W. Mackay and T. Newton. Mr. Mackay was returned to office.

Onoway is having some of the coldest weather that has ever been known according to the old timers.

NEW COMPANY INCORPORATED.

Ottawa, Jan. 15.—The Canadian Gazette contains a notice of the incorporation of the "Roanoke Road Corporation of America, Limited," with a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars and head office at Port Arthur, Ont. The provisional directors are Francis Henry Koefer, Francis Hugh Koefer, Harold A. Koefer, Alfred Patterson and Eva Maad Powley.

JOHN AIRD RECEIVES PROMOTION.

Winnipeg, January 15.—John Aird, superintendent of the Western branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and manager of the Winnipeg branch, has been promoted to the post of assistant general manager at Toronto. His successor here has not yet been named.

This Lady Knows How to Keep Well

She always keeps Gin Pills in the House.

"I think GIN PILLS are the finest things for the kidneys. When first I came to Canada, I suffered with dreadful pains in my back, that made me quite ill. A friend gave me six of your GIN PILLS and after I had taken one dose, I felt less pain. I then got myself a box and before half of it was gone, I had lost all the backache. It did seem a treat to be rid of the pain. I always keep a box of GIN PILLS in the house and if I feel the pain coming back, I take about half a dozen pills and it is gone. If any one tells me, what a pain they have in their back, I say 'You should try Gin Pills.'"

Mrs. J. PICKRELL.

Take Mrs. Pickrell's advice and take GIN PILLS. They will cure you of every trace of Backache, Kidney Trouble or Rheumatism, etc., a box, 6 for \$5.00—sent on receipt of price if your dealer does not handle them. Money back if GIN PILLS do not give prompt relief. Sample free if you mention this paper. National Drug & Chemical Co., Dept. A, D., Toronto.

Manga-Tone Blood and Nerve Tablets correct Female Troubles and make pure, rich blood. 50c a box.

John Lytle, candidate for councillor in South Vancouver, drew a free ticket to the case yesterday afternoon, as he was importing a ratepayer to vote for him in the annual election.

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