

WAS COWAN DISMISSED OR DID HE JUST RESIGN?

Question Asked in Legislature With
Reference to South Wellington
License Inspectorship.

There was very little of interest in the short session of the legislature yesterday afternoon. The house adjourned at 4 o'clock. There were fifteen Conservatives and thirteen Liberals on hand at the finish, when the adjournment was moved by the Premier. With a half-expressed smile Mr. Reid of Addington called for the yeas and nays, and looked about him to ascertain the strength of the Conservative contingent. His colleagues were there in sufficient numbers to defeat the government. When the situation was stated up there was a burst of laughter on both sides of the Speaker.

"We have a majority," said Mr. Reid, apologizing for his sudden demand for a count of noses.

The Speaker waited just long enough to find out the temper of the house and declared the adjournment.

Mr. Whitby was one of the absentees. He was in Morrisburg over Sunday, and had not returned. Mr. Carleton was also away, but will probably be on hand to-day, when the budget debate will be renewed by his fellow representative from the Ambrose City, Col. Hendrie. His "pair" Mr. Baber, was in the house, but would not have voted, as the matter would have been a majority of three against the Premier's motion if there had been any intention of discontinuing the ineffective method of fighting which has been inaugurated by the opposition, namely, of not catching the government unawares.

Wellington Inspectorship.
Mr. Downey moved for a return of complaints received by the License Department against W. S. Cowan, formerly license inspector for South Wellington, any reports touching the investigation into such complaints and copy of correspondence touching the dismissal of W. S. Cowan.

Mr. Downey said Mr. Cowan had been a servant of the department for eighteen years, and so far as he knew his work was satisfactory to the department. In December Mr. Cowan received an intimation from a St. Catharines business man that he had been dismissed. He wrote to the Provincial Secretary saying he took this as his dismissal. To this Mr. Saunders, chief of the department, replied that this was not the way the department did business. Col. McIntyre had called at the department and said Mr. Cowan's resignation would be sent in a few days, and the department accepted this letter as his resignation.

Mr. Stratton Replies.
The Provincial Secretary replied that complaint had been made to the department on several occasions as to the inefficient manner in which the law was enforced. The provincial inspector investigated, but had never made a report, as he was engaged in other investigations at the time. Cowan was dismissed on a verbal report of the provincial inspector. Mr. Stratton moved to dismiss any inspector on a verbal report of the provincial inspector.

Col. Matheson: Without a report? Mr. Stratton: If the provincial inspector happened to die before his report was made.

Mr. Downey read from the correspondence with the department that the matter of dealing with the case was not the usual course in the department.

Mr. Stratton: Does the honorable gentleman say the law was enforced in that city?

Mr. Downey: I say the law is not enforced in that city now, or in any city. And if the law was enforced we would not have such an agitation for more stringent laws.

A Bad Practice.
The Attorney-General called attention to the practice of moving for a return, and after the statement of the minister had been given the member continuing the discussion. License inspectors, he said, held office as long as they were not removed by investigation. They were so informed by Order-in-Council. The reason for this action being that the best interests of the department would sometimes be served by making changes. Sometimes they were in the office too long. A great deal had been made of the statement in a letter from the department that there had been no dismissal. As a matter of fact there was no dismissal. There had been many complaints, the Attorney-General had heard them himself. The officer was too old to properly carry out the law. They all knew that the law was not absolutely enforced in Wellington now. It was an extremely difficult matter to suddenly enforce the law in any constituency.

Mr. Smith of Peel moved the second reading of his bill to permit public libraries to charge a fee to outsiders. Mr. Matheson will ask on Wednesday if the office of clerk of the peace and district attorney for Thunder Bay is vacant.

Deported Back to Canada.
Buffalo, Feb. 15.—Seven Chinamen, smuggled into the United States in December last were to-day ordered deported to Canada. There were eleven in the party, but by an accident the vehicle in which they were riding was thrown into the Erie canal and two were drowned, and two others were never heard of afterwards.

Susan B. Anthony's Birthday.
Washington, Feb. 15.—To-day's session of the National American Woman Suffrage Association was largely devoted to a discussion of plans of work. Miss Susan B. Anthony, the pioneer advocate of suffrage, and honorary president of the association, is 84 years old to-day.

Straitening Out a Failure.
The firm of Mrs. E. Beardsley & Co., with places of business at Moorehead and Dorloch, have assigned to E. R. Clark. A statement of the assets and liabilities is being prepared, and will probably be ready to-day. A few months ago the business of the Dorloch branch, valued at \$7000, was turned over to one Hunt of that place to satisfy an old debt owed him at the rate of 85 cents on the dollar. The matter is an involved one, and difficulty is apprehended in straightening it out.

So Paper Co. Creditors.
The creditors of the So Paper and Pulp Co. will meet at the King Edward on Tuesday next. The meeting is in with the winding up. It is estimated that the mortgage held by the Central Trust Co. of New York against the defunct concern will be discussed, and that the firm's assets, including the Dominion Rubber Co., Employers' Liability Association, Corporation, Paricha and Rubie Co., Independent Cordage Co., and the Queen City Oil Co., are the largest Toronto creditors.

Played Havoc With Traffic.
Belleville, Feb. 15.—The snowstorm of yesterday and to-day played havoc with train and stage traffic in this vicinity. None of the outside stages came, and the Peterboro train had to be cancelled this morning.

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WILLISON ON POLITICS PARTY LINE NECESSARY

Parliamentary Government Would
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Full Dignity.

President Parker presided at the Canadian Club in McCowen's yesterday. Besides J. S. Willison, the speaker of the day, there were present Hon. R. P. Roblin, Premier of Manitoba; A. E. Kemp, M.P., and J. Leonard of the C. P. R. Mr. Willison, in beginning, stated that he had arranged a modest dinner with Mr. Roblin, so that the matter how much that gentleman might dissent from Mr. Willison's opinions, there would be no resort to personal hostilities. Goldwin Smith, in speaking to them last week, had asked for the proper way to govern a country was to divide it into two parties, who should maintain a perpetual fight. He thought Dr. Smith was not quite fair in that. The Whig and Tory parties in England represent generations of struggle for political reform. The Republican party in the States represented a struggle for the freedom of the slave. The Liberal party in Canada was the direct result of the struggle for responsible government. The evils that existed arose from the abuse of the party system for personal ends. It was doubtful if parliamentary government could reach its full dignity except through the struggle of parties.

Parties in England were organized on national issues and that there had been successful. But such issues became positively injurious when introduced into the narrower areas of provincial and municipal affairs.

Loyalty to Party.
The idolatry of party rests on no rational ground whatever. When party issues are settled party loyalty is conditional on honest and efficient government. There was no more reason why we should carry the hereditary principle into politics than that we should desire to have gout, because it ran in our family.

If a party which has championed protection should turn to free trade, men who had been allied with the party would be released from their obligations. If a party which had governed honestly turned corrupt, its followers would be absolved from their allegiance if people had as clear an appreciation of the awful events of the day of judgment as the average politician has of the dreadful results that should follow if his party were to go out of office, there would be a revival of religion, such as the oldest circuit rider had never seen.

To Improve Politics.
This country does not depend for its prosperity on any one set of leaders or one party. There are brave and honest men everywhere, and he believed the proportion of honest men was as great in the Conservative as in the Liberal ranks. If they wished to make party government respected, they must punish governments which profit by corruption. If they desired to see the constitution respected they must punish the government which violates its terms. If they wished free public opinion they must encourage its expression, and discourage party servitude.

Mr. Willison had just as much respect for the patronage hunter and the ward heeler as for the superior person who showed his contempt for public life and service. He advocated freedom and candor in the discussion of public affairs, the support of the idealism of the political leaders, and a common devotion of the citizens to the common good of the nation.

It was an evil day in party government when an easy and complacent temper prevails. The United States with British politics, of which the world thought most well. Those methods added the last touch of character to the British people. "It is for us to determine whether we are to maintain British or American ideals in Canada."

Premier Roblin Doing His Best.
Premier Roblin was not sure if he would be considered a fair critic of Mr. Willison's address. His environment might be thought to prejudice him. He was glad he had accepted the invitation to be present, for he thought nothing but good could come of a club having the common interests of our country at heart. He hoped Mr. Willison would not think him biased if he assured them that he tried to give a fair and honest account of the political situation.

LET THE MAJORITY RULE
In Pursuit of Aid, Ward's Resolution That Council May Support.

The Legislation Committee will meet this afternoon to reconsider the matter of cumulative voting and the consolidation of the city bylaws. Aid, Ward will submit a resolution providing that any bylaw or proposition endorsed by the City Council relating to the bylaws of franchises, the application for legislation to change the city's government, the raising of money or grant of exemptions shall be held over for 30 days before being finally passed.

If, during that period, five per cent. of the electors petition for the submission of the bylaw to a vote, it shall be submitted and the result shall govern the final action of the Council. It also provides that if the Council declines to pass a bylaw or resolution demanded by eight per cent. of the electors, the matter must be submitted to the people at the following municipal election.

It is said that twenty-one members of the City Council will pledge themselves to support the motion, the only opponents being Aid, Dunn and Foster. A large lobby delegation will be present to urge the adoption of the principle, which is being pushed by the Toronto Federation for majority rule.

Insurance Companies Go Under.
Baltimore, Feb. 15.—A receiver was appointed to-day for the Peabody Insurance Company of Baltimore. The company lost \$700,000 by the fire, and had assets of \$200,000.

How Discontented.
Washington, Feb. 15.—The bill to pay \$150,000 to ex-Queen Liliuokalani failed to pass the Senate to-day, the vote being 29 to 35.

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