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FIGHT WAXED WARM IN PARLIAMENT.

Hot Talk Between Borden, Laurier, Foster, McCarthy, Fisher, MacLean, Fitzpatrick and Others Over the Sbarretti Incident—Campbell of Manitoba Supports Rogers.

Ottawa, April 6.—On the orders of the day being called the leader of the opposition brought up the Rogers-Sbarretti matter which was the subject of controversy the day before. Mr. Borden said that the apostolic delegate first came to Canada at the instance of forty liberal members of parliament on a political rather than an ecclesiastical mission. The North-west Review had said Manitoba must remain small and mean as long as it maintained a small and mean school policy. Le Soleil, Sir Wilfrid's organ, said on April 4th that Manitoba was being punished for its sins. The apostolic delegate had been consulted with regard to the terms of the autonomy bill. He had also conferred with the Manitoba representatives and told them that action along the line he suggested would be "politically expedient." It would not make a suggestion to them which he did not feel he was able to carry out. What does "politically expedient" mean? It would be politically expedient for Manitoba, which had desired an extension of its boundaries, to make amendments to its school laws. The dominion government had power to extend the boundaries. That was the only power. His excellency thoroughly believed that he had the power to suggest to Messrs. Campbell and Rogers that if they acceded to his demand there would be the extension of the boundaries they desired. In conclusion Mr. Borden said:

"I am not concerned as to whether or not his excellency should be recalled. As I said yesterday he is not responsible to us in any sense. He is responsible only to his superior. But the government of this country are responsible to us, and if there has been any suggestion of this kind by or on behalf of the government of this country, or by, or on behalf of any man of it then I say the country will demand, and I think the people will demand, and I think the people will demand, that the government of this country should be held responsible for the suggestion made to the house today."

Sir Wilfrid Laurier.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier said it had been shown that Mr. Sbarretti did not say to Mr. Rogers that if Manitoba had restored separate schools to the minority in that province it would have facilitated the extension of its boundaries westward. He had not seen Mr. Rogers at all. He had only a friendly interview with Mr. Campbell. Sir Wilfrid denied that he was responsible for the statements of Le Soleil or that there was any conspiracy between himself and the minister of justice and Mr. Sbarretti. The government had nothing to do with Mr. Sbarretti's action. There was nothing behind the scenes. In conclusion he said:

"A few minutes ago Mr. Borden said we would fight this question out elsewhere. We will fight it out elsewhere. We will fight it out on the charge that gentlemen opposite have brought to the attention of the house. I have no fear of the result."

Hon. Mr. Foster.—Hon. Mr. Foster said the premier spoke with heat and attempted to make a little cheap political capital at the expense of the opposition leader. Had it come to this, that a high representative of the church must be visited by the premier and the latter dare submit the proposed legislation before parliament. Sir Wilfrid had not denied that he had visited the apostolic delegate before submitting this Northwest autonomy bill to the house. He could not deny it. Was it right to consult Mr. Sbarretti and give the go by to two members of his cabinet, Messrs. Sifton and Fielding?

With dramatic force, Mr. Foster declared that the people of Canada would not tolerate even the semblance of any alliance between church and state in this country. They were tired of toll, they had fought to keep the church and state apart and would stand by the doctrine. (Applause.)

The apostolic delegate was not here because of spiritual difficulties. It was not on record that he was here at the request of the officers of the church. The only reason for his being here was in order to help reform the government out of the difficulties in which they had got themselves.

In 1896 the premier saw light by which he could get into power and threw his conscience and solicitude for Manitoba's minority to the winds and got in as a champion of provincial rights and of the promise to the minority that he would give them something more. Why then should he say it was only an instalment of justice. He went to Rome and asked for a high dignitary to come here and exercise pressure and use influence which he knew well how to use and in the end it might blossom

out into separate schools for Manitoba. What futile reason it was to think the premier's statement would go down. Mr. Sbarretti did what he was brought here to do, said Mr. Foster sarcastically, but had no authority to deliver the goods. The premier had brought him here for this purpose and when he brought him to the crucial point he discovered him. People of Canada demanded that there should be no plausible alliance in this country between church and state.

Leighton McCarthy.—Mr. McCarthy asked Mr. Foster how long he was prepared to stand by the principles enunciated today. Were these clothes put on as his clothes were put on before 1896, and then discarded as soon as he was detected. (Applause.) He had heard Mr. Foster attack Dalton McCarthy and say he would protect the minority of Manitoba. He asked him if he had forsaken forever, the yoke which he had worn under the hierarchy of Quebec from 1882 to 1896.

"I have simply sent the yoke over to my hon. friends," responded Mr. Foster, amid laughter. "He will find the high ox is hitched on the off side," said Mr. McCarthy. If he thought Mr. Foster was sincere, he would not make the speech he was now making. "What do you mean by a yoke?" asked Mr. Lennox.

"My hon. friend took a position under that yoke in 1896, when he contested North Simcoe, and he knows the result. I don't want to rub it in too far," replied Mr. McCarthy.

Proceeding, he said he agreed with the statement that Mr. Sbarretti should not have interfered. Mr. Foster had changed his spots. He had moved from St. John to Toronto. "He was kicked out," suggested a member.

Mr. Foster denied the last statement utterly, and asked that he be credited for sincerity.

Mr. McCarthy accepted the statement and repeated that coercion in Manitoba was attempted at the request of the hierarchy of Quebec. W. H. Bennett followed in an attack on Mr. McCarthy, and a challenge to the postmaster general to go to North York and fight an election on the issue.

Calls Foster a Firebrand.—Hon. Sydney Fisher continued the debate in a vigorous speech. He opened by accusing Mr. Foster of making an incendiary speech and contrasting his attitude now and in 1896, quoted a speech by him in the latter year when he reproached Dr. Sprout for making a speech appealing to the Protestant people, which should be deplored.

Touching the statement by Mr. Rogers, Mr. Fisher said it contained inferences which were false to record and untrue. Mr. Foster had accused the premier of giving authority to Mr. Sbarretti in face of the denial of the statement yesterday by the premier, confirmed by the statement of the apostolic delegate.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier stood out as a conciliator and his name would go down in history as his success in bringing about an entente cordiale between different peoples and nations today was a compromise which was not perhaps acceptable to a compromiser on either side, but a compromise which would be acceptable to the common sense of the great masses of the people in this country.

The opposition was feeding on rumors. They had not much else to feed upon. They had been beaten over and over again, when the policies of the two parties were compared. The delegate was not sent.

Frightful Dreams.—Hon. Mr. Foster said the premier spoke with heat and attempted to make a little cheap political capital at the expense of the opposition leader. Had it come to this, that a high representative of the church must be visited by the premier and the latter dare submit the proposed legislation before parliament.

Dull Headaches.—Terrible Pains and a Frequent Desire to Urinate. Such were the troubles of Mr. Joseph Leland, Alma N. W. T. He happily found relief in DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS.

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here for political purposes, but to interfere and stop political interference by the clergy in interests of the Conservative party. If ever there was a man who had not showed the white feather in the face of duty it was the premier. For Mr. Foster to accuse the premier of cowardice was to jump from the sublime to the ridiculous. (Cheers.)

A Lively Passage.—"That is not parliamentary language," observed Dr. Sprout. "If it is not parliamentary language, I will withdraw it," but if I withdraw it, I want to say it," replied Mr. Fisher, amid cheers and laughter. The government are not afraid to meet issue raised at any time."

Why don't you put up a candidate in Centre Toronto?" asked Dr. Sprout.

"Because we don't want you and your friends raising fanatical and religious prejudices," responded Mr. Fisher, amid cheers.

The premier had been accused of showing heat. Under the circumstances he did not wonder that any man who had the interests of his country at heart, showing heat. (Cheers.)

In closing, Mr. Fisher expressed the opposition of keeping up the discussion with the object of raising prejudices.

After recess W. F. MacLean said that the apostolic delegate was a grit organizer and a big policeman, and was brought here to keep the bishops in order. He said it was a solid Quebec that wanted to give autonomy to the Northwest.

Mr. Bruneau—How do you know it was a solid Quebec?—

Mr. MacLean—Because a solid Quebec will support it. Mr. Bruneau—As some say it is Nova Scotia because solid Nova Scotia will support it.

Mr. MacLean—The issue in the country would be that there was in the bill a connection between church and state. The school clause would never pass the house.

E. M. MacDonald.—E. M. MacDonald (Picton) said that negotiations had been going on for a long time between Premier Rogers and Archbishop Langevin in regard to separate schools in Manitoba. The negotiations reached the point where a year ago saw Attorney-General Campbell. All this time was not present at the interview with Sbarretti.

He referred to Foster as a political boss and a political pirate who was after Rogers's job.

Dr. Sprout followed and Hon. Wm. Patterson replied. When Mr. Patterson was speaking, Stasile (McDonough) said that the missing letter of the 23rd was brought by Rogers to Laurier's residence.

Mr. Oler replied. Mr. Borden made some explanations at the close of the debate. He denied that he was fanning the flame of religious discord. He said he had not or was not going to use anything that he would have to take Rogers's statement in the house.

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that the real issue was not the school clause, but was to get rid of the apostolic delegate who had brought political peace to the province. Stasile (McDonough) said that the missing letter of the 23rd was brought by Rogers to Laurier's residence.

Campbell Heard From.—Winipeg, April 6.—Hon. Col. Campbell, attorney general of Manitoba, tonight, gave out the following regarding the explanation of Mr. Sbarretti, the apostolic delegate at Ottawa.

"I think all the essential facts have been brought out. I never met him prior to our meeting in Ottawa. His excellency is under a misapprehension in thinking we met before."

"The communication and memorandum which I received from him I only delivered and communicated, as he requested me to do, to my colleagues. I do not see that there is any conflict in the statement made by his excellency and that of my colleague, Hon. Mr. Rogers."

HARKINS' ATTRACTIONS.—A bumper audience assembled at the Opera House last evening to see a third production of Conan Doyle's "The Sign of the Four." Tonight the company will present their great success, "A Stranger in a Strange Land."

Saturday matinee, in his Power will be the last chance to see the company. A great bill is offered in Nevada or the Devil's Mine. The Half-fax Recorder has this to say of the play: "The theatre was packed to the doors. The play was Nevada, or the Devil's Mine, a story of Western mining life, filled with the most exciting incidents, and which aroused the audience to the greatest enthusiasm, who not only applauded heartily, but fairly burst into cheers as the hero and heroine foiled the villains. In fact not for some time has such applause been given to the Academy, which is not surprising, as Nevada is one of the best of melodramas, and was splendidly presented by the Harkins company. The most exciting incident in the play, is the parting of the rope by a shot from a rifle, when a man is suspended in mid-air. How it is done is the question. It is certainly a thrilling situation and evokes rounds of applause."

WEST END FIRE.—About \$40 or \$50 damage was caused by a fire from a defective chimney in the residence of Mrs. A. W. Wyman, Guilford St., west end, last evening. The blaze was quenched by the firemen from a hose from the water tap in the house. No alarm was sounded.

NEW RAILS FOR I. C. R.

The Soo Got the Contract Although Sydney Works Also Tendered.

Ottawa, April 7.—(Special).—Hon. H. R. Munro stated today that there were two tenders received for the contract for steel rails for the Intercolonial, which was just awarded to the Sault Ste. Marie Company. The other tender was from the Sydney Company, but as the rails had to be delivered before July 1, and as the Sydney Company could not do this, the contract went to the "Soo" people. The rails which the Canadian Companies are turning out are of the very best in quality. The tenders were confined to Canadians.

TO STRENGTHEN Y. M. C. A. WORK.

International Committee Enlarged by Addition of More Canadian Members.

Montreal, April 7.—(Special).—A move for closer co-ordination of the Canadian Y. M. C. A. with the International Committee was made at the Dominion convention of the Y. M. C. A. this morning. It was decided to increase the Canadian representation on that committee to seven or nine and in return the International Committee be given general control of the plans for the Canadian field. Carrying out these plans will, however, be left to the Canadian section of the committee which shall have its headquarters in Montreal.

This Canadian committee was authorized to call another Dominion conference whenever advisable in their judgment after a consultation with the International committee. A committee of five was appointed to confer with the present Canadian members of the International committee as to the appointment of new members. The object of this re-organization, which is an outgrowth of the Buffalo convention of the North American Y. M. C. A. last May, is to strengthen the work of the association in sparsely settled districts of Canada.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.—Dufferin.—W. A. Cunningham, Halifax; Robt. Connely, Great Salmon River; A. Branson, Clear Lake; F. K. Schilling, N. Y. City; T. Comdy, Montreal; C. Salisbury, Montreal; F. E. Gill, Keokuk, N. Y.; L. B. Dickson, Montreal.

Clifton.—A. F. Bently, Chatham; J. B. Shaw, Montreal.

Grand Union.—J. D. Campbell, Argosham; Mrs. Madden, Portland; E. Brown, Montreal; Robt. Coyne, Montreal; Jas. Murphy, Winnipeg; John Clarke, Winnipeg; L. Clero, Montreal; E. Fisher, De Coven's, Miss Burton, De Coven's.

New Victoria.—William Layland, New York; John Hallett, Lawrence Mass.

Royal.—J. B. Hanson—Fredericton; Geo. S. Leiver, New York; L. E. Commons, New York; F. E. H. Hall, Campbellton; F. B. Burton, New York; Mrs. Burton, New York; Miss Burton, De Coven's.

St. John's.—Mrs. Le France, W. Cloud, Geo. Cloud, New York; G. Peterson, Montreal.

Calais, France, April 7.—Jacques Faure's balloon, which left Folkestone, Eng., at 11 p. m. yesterday, made a successful passage of the channel, landing near Calais at 3 o'clock, this morning. The balloon encountered a severe storm, but was not injured. All its three occupants were in good health and spirits when they landed.

Bark Antigua, at Bahia Blanca from Portland, Mo., was discharging March 22. An average bond has been signed by congress and legal proceedings against the vessels stopped.

The schooner Greta registered at Dorchester, N. B., sailed from this port today for New York. Previous to sailing she was sold to Charles Powell for \$5,250.

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