

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY REGARDED AS URGENT

Hon. Frank Oliver Believes No Time Should be Lost in Construction

Ottawa, March 14.—The following announcement was made by Hon. Mr. Oliver this afternoon: "The government is fully convinced of the propriety of giving the North-west an additional railway outlet by way of Hudson Bay at the earliest possible date. The government believes that with the increase in production of the West, now in progress, such an additional outlet will be urgently needed as soon as a railway can be built, even if it were commenced at once."

"At the same time it realizes that public opinion throughout Canada could scarcely be expected to be so readily convinced of the great obligations already incurred in connection with railway enterprises, to sanction the additional obligation that would be incurred by providing immediately for the construction of a railway to Hudson Bay, unless special provision were made to meet that obligation. It believes, however, there will be no objection from any quarter if the funds accruing from the disposal of pre-emptions in the three prairie provinces, under the terms of the proposed land bill, shall be considered as a provision in place of the land grant stated in the act to meet the burden upon the credit of the Dominion as a whole, that must be assumed at an early date—now, immediately—a railway is to be in operation to Hudson Bay in time to meet the urgent need that is now plain slight for an additional and shorter railway route from the prairies to tidewater."

"The land grant in the act referred to is contained in section 75 of the bill to amend the acts respecting public lands, which was presented by the government-in-council to make a free grant of land not exceeding in extent 6,400 acres, for each mile of railway within Manitoba, and not exceeding in extent 12,800 acres for each mile outside the province of Manitoba, in aid of the construction of a railway from any point on the C. P. R. to Hudson Bay. Routes Discussed in Senate"

In the Senate today Senator Sullivan, resuming the Hudson Bay route debate, said that even before the Hudson Bay had been claiming victims. He said the road demanded this road at the government's expense. The people of the West would show patriotism and enterprise if they would build the road themselves. Five cents a bushel contributed from their crop of one year would build the road. The West was an important commercial position until the railroads had taken away business. Why spend money on the development of Hudson Bay or on the Georgian Bay canal until existing routes were properly developed? The deepening and enlarging of the Welland canal would greatly reduce the cost of grain carriage and would throw business in the increased volume by the way of the St. Lawrence.

One of the most eminent railway engineers in the world had written to him that on a road between Winnipeg and Quebec of 1,850 miles wheat could be hauled at 74.10 cents per bushel, even if there were no return freight to the West.

Fog in Hudson Bay Hon. Senator Ferguson criticized Senator Power's comments on Mr. Lowe's report by showing that the steamer Neptune, which had only 118 nominal horse power and could not under any circumstances make more than eight knots an hour, had nevertheless in 1904 covered the distance of 875 miles, from the Atlantic to Fullerton four times, in less than 27 days. He quoted from the logs of 38 ships making return voyages belonging to the Hudson's Bay company, which passed through Hudson Strait between 1870 and 1888, showing that there was no detention from ice on the outward voyages and none on the homeward ones.

He compared the record for fog and snow of Hudson Bay and Straits with the Straits of Belle Isle, showing that the duration of fog in hours during the period of navigation was about three times as great as Belle Isle as in Hudson Strait and Hudson Bay. The duration of snow in hours during the same period was about the same at Belle Isle as at Hudson Straits. These observations covered a period of years.

Cost of Transportation Senator Ferguson then discussed the question of transportation, comparing the cost via Hudson Bay and the National Transcontinental railway. Senator Casgrain's estimate of the latter route Quebec was fallacious. The average cost per train mile of freight trains in Canada was over \$2, and on that basis, with the most favorable grades and largest trains, it would cost at least 17 cents per bushel to carry wheat from a point in England to Quebec and for carrying back empty cars, without allowing anything for the first cost of the road. On the same basis, wheat could be carried from the same point in the West to Churchill for 8 cents. There would be a certain saving of 9 cents a bushel. Even if at the start the Hudson Bay route carried only eleven million bushels annually, the quantity now shipped at Montreal, it would relieve the congestion by other routes and put a round million dollars in the pockets of the wheat growers of the West.

In a very few years another railway will be built from the Peace river to Fort Churchill. Without this outlet wheat farming for export could not be profitably carried on so remote a place as the Peace. With it the Peace river will become a wheat granary almost as great as Montreal, Saskatchewan and Alberta combined.

WM. O'BRIEN WITHDRAWS Will Avoid Further Contention With Irish Party.

London, March 23.—Wm. O'Brien, Nationalist member of the House of Commons for Cork, has announced his intention of absending himself from the present session of parliament, in order to avoid further friction with the Irish party, which has now virtually accepted the government's proposal for Irish legislation. Thus there is no longer any serious misunderstanding. Mr. O'Brien explains that between himself and the party he will keep away, as his friends have decided to drop all pending litigation with the followers of John Redmond.

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Bill Submitted

"An Act to Aid the British Columbia by a vinctial Lands," is the submitted to the province by the minister of education's preliminary stages, time and is slated for consideration this afternoon. The throne and is one of those who have taken to the province on an educational point. It must be of value to the province in the next few years, in agricultural, in British Columbia for higher education and recovery of the youth of the province of the well known section."

The bill provides that exceeding two million set aside, the proceeds which shall be devoted to the construction of an institution such as a reference period, is the selection of the institution. The details of the proposed institution that there shall be a faculty of medicine, and a faculty of agriculture. Although it has been stated in the British Columbia has the assistance of the province, or from the extent of its population, the construction of such as is outlined, the educationalists in the province in relation to the result in bringing the result in an early date for higher education. It is not, the measure is not, they contend, so stimulant that something within a comparative time about the establishment of the British Columbia university referred to in the bill. There is little doubt, will reduction of the house in the next few days. The measure was not clear. Its full content. This act may be "University of British Act, 1907."

It shall be lawful and governor in council

Premier's Address at the

Mr. Borden's Office Subsidies Dis

Ottawa, March 25.—Sitting of the house up with the question of Canada at a colonial conference.

The Hon. Mr. Borden's address to the conference. He pointed out that it was not the Dominion of Canada but the Dominion of the British people. He represented at the time the state of public opinion in the Dominion, but he could not be held responsible for it. He said that he was in every legitimate way to assist the Dominion in its development. He said that the Dominion was a young nation and that it needed the assistance of the British people. He said that he was in every legitimate way to assist the Dominion in its development. He said that the Dominion was a young nation and that it needed the assistance of the British people.

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