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MEMORANDUM OF MR. BLAIR PRECIPITATES HOT DEBATE

Mr. Borden Denies Theft and Sir Wilfrid Accepts Explanation, But End Not Yet.

Ottawa, April 15.—(Staff Special.)—In words as strong as parliamentary records would permit, R. L. Borden to-day denied that he knew Mr. Blair's memorandum was stolen or obtained by wrongful means. In words equally forceful Sir Wilfrid Laurier declared that the document was stolen by some one and Mr. Borden was to blame for making use of it. Mr. Borden stated that the memorandum was placed in his hands without his solicitation by a gentleman who was not in the confidence or in the employ of the government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in reply to this avowal which he freely accepted, declared that Mr. Borden knew it to be a state document which a minister could not give out without violating his oath of office; that it must, therefore, have been obtained by improper means, and that it was the duty of the leader of the opposition to lay it on the table of the house without referring to it.

Determined to locate offender. Thus the two leaders denied their positions in regard to the publicity given Mr. Blair's memorandum. And this is only the first chapter of what promises to be an interesting revelation. The government is determined to locate the person or persons through whose agency the memorandum was made public. If the origin of the publication is traced to anyone in the employ of the government, retribution will be swift and merciless. It may be that innocent officials will fall before the truth is revealed, but the facts will be brought out, no matter what the cost may be.

Sir Wilfrid readily acquitted Mr. Borden of the charge that he obtained the memorandum by improper means or knew it to be wrongfully obtained. He stated very emphatically, however, that Mr. Blair was not the guilty party, and this assertion considerably narrows the scope for guess work. There is no question about Mr. Borden's absolute innocence, but it may yet be shown that he did not exercise the very best discretion in accepting and making use of the memorandum under the peculiar circumstances of its delivery into his hands. That, however, is a nice point which cannot be determined till the identity of the person who handed him the document is known. Mr. Borden does not appear to have made enquiries

as to how the papers were secured from which the inference is drawn that he placed too much reliance on someone whose identity has not yet been disclosed.

Cowan Caused It All. The explanations arose out of the sweeping statements made by Mr. F. Cowan in the house yesterday, wherein he asserted that Mr. Borden knew the papers were stolen. Rising to a question of privilege in the house this afternoon, Mr. Borden said that he quoted from Mr. Blair's memo in refutation of the statements made by the prime minister, that Mr. Blair had characterized the opposition proposal as a "mad" scheme. As to the statement that he knew the document to have been stolen, Mr. Borden said: "I desire to disclaim, in language as strong as I can use, any knowledge of the document, and would adopt it if he came into power. We have heard of 'confidential' communications made to manufacturers in Montreal and Toronto, and it is to the same matter, and that statement has been made on the floor of this house in my presence and not contradicted by any member of the government. Are these declarations of policy so made to the manufacturers to be treated as confidential by anyone who may happen to become aware of them?"

Fielding Says Nothing New. Mr. Fielding said the document added nothing to what the country knew as to Mr. Blair's favoring government ownership of railways. "The hon. leader of the opposition," he said excitedly, "is in possession of the stolen goods and has upon him the onus of explaining how they came into his possession. From that there is no escape. We don't, he added, accuse the leader of the opposition of having stolen them himself. "You dare not," shouted Rufus Pope.

"No," retorted Mr. Fielding, "because we are more considerate than hon. gentlemen opposite." He went on to accuse Mr. Borden of having committed "an extraordinary breach of the proprieties of public life," declaring in his conclusion that "until he is satisfied that he is in possession of these stolen goods his honor as a public man is at stake in this country."

In Fielding's Excitement T. Chase Casgrain observed the finance minister's excited condition. He said the publication of the document must have hit the government pretty hard, seeing they made such a fuss about it. "The finance minister," he said, "is still paid with money." Sir Wilfrid Laurier had accused Mr. Borden of putting a railway scheme before the house which Mr. Blair himself characterized as "a mad scheme." Mr. Borden had quoted from Mr. Blair's document to show that Mr. Blair favored that very scheme himself. The document, declared Mr. Casgrain, was not stolen from Mr. Blair. It was put in his hands by a gentleman.

Mr. Davis: "A gentleman?" "Yes," retorted Mr. Casgrain, "by a gentleman. If the member for Saskatchewan knows what a gentleman means." But as for stolen documents he would remind the house that in the session of 1894 Sir Wilfrid Laurier had a letter that had been stolen from a member's desk and the right hon. gentleman knew it was stolen.

Mr. Ingram deprecated the charge that a civil servant had stolen the Blair document. He told how he himself had read to the house correspondence relating to the service of the Canadian troops, which was not used in the official report. To have blamed a clerk of the military department for that correspondence getting out would have been unfair and untrue, just as it probably would be in this case. Mr. Ingram reminded the house that the postmaster-general had published the correspondence marked "private" of a professor in Ottawa.

This ended the incident for the time being, and the house settled to listen to Mr. Oliver of Alberta on the Grand Trunk Pacific contract.

WANTS RESIDENT CONSUL. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 15.—The Post published a letter from Beckles Wilson urging a resident British consul for the Islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon. The group is the rendezvous of the smugglers in North America, and Canada and Newfoundland, as New Zealand stands outside of the Australian confederation, he says. Newfoundland should stay outside the Dominion. The Canadians, he believes, realize the embarrassing vastness of the interests confined to the sub-central government at Ottawa, dominated by imperial sympathies and by the co-operation of the lukewarm Quebec faction.

OVERSENSITIVENESS. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 15.—Dr. Gowers, writing to Notes and Queries, tells how Rudyard Kipling wrote "Our Lady of the Snows." Kipling said the phrase kept floating in his mind for some time before occasion arose for his inspiration. The actual occasion being the news of the Canadian diminution of duty on English imports. The news came to Torquay on Saturday and the verses were composed on Sunday, while Kipling was in bed. He did not publish them for a week or two, but his friends urged immediate publication, and he sent them. Dr. Gowers considers the Canadian objection to the title an instance alike of ingratitude and perverted oversensitiveness.

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CHURCHILL'S INTENTIONS. (Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 15.—Winston Churchill, speaking at Oldham, announced that at the next general election he would not contest the constituency, because Alfred Emmott, the Liberal member, and Ashton, the labor candidate, were both good free traders, and he would go elsewhere near Oldham. The speech was received with much enthusiasm. Col. Kemp declared of the protectionist fleet, that bottling up was not enough, it must be destroyed.

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WILL PASS RELIEF ACT.

To Give Pettipiece a Place on Railway Commission.

The government has decided to name the proposed railway taxation commission immediately after the session, and pass a relief act to enable H. J. Pettipiece, who discovered the way to tax railways to become a member of the commission and at the same time remain a member of the house. The independence of parliament act declares that a member of parliament may not accept an office of emolument under the crown. As the commission is not a permanent thing, Mr. Pettipiece is not anxious to give up his seat in the house, and as the majority is small the premier can't let Mr. Pettipiece go very well. So it has been decided to square the law with the situation.



THE LATE JULIAN SALE.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 15.—Lloyd's Register, commenting upon the reopening of the St. Lawrence season, says that the rocky nature of the route makes partial losses a very serious item. The statement had been made that the repairs on the Manchester and engines, stranded in October, 1902, cost \$19,220, a proportion on the insured value of \$4000 of nearly 50 per cent. On the C. P. R. steamer Mount Royal grounding, it was so slight that no attention was paid to it by the underwriters, but the repair bill was 10 per cent. on the insured value of \$85,000. Initial direct sailing from Glasgow to the St. Lawrence began with the Salacia yesterday and the Corinthian to-day, both carrying heavy cargoes.

TO TRAIN 50 TEACHERS.

The regular monthly meeting of the Sabbath School Association was held yesterday, in the Manning Arcade, W. Hamilton presiding. The reports submitted were all of a satisfactory character.

JOSEPH AT HOME.

(Canadian Associated Press Cable.) London, April 15.—Rev. Hon. Joseph Chamberlain was received at Charing Cross Station by a tremendous crowd cheering with great vigor and enthusiasm, there was some groaning and hooting. He looked somewhat brooded, but thin.

Julian Sale, Sr. Dead.

Yesterday morning Julian Sale, Sr., one of Toronto's oldest citizens, passed away at the residence of his son Ephraim, at 688 Ontario-street. Mr. Sale's wife died last December, and since that time he has gradually failed. He was born in Kent County, England, in 1825, and at the age of 29 he came out to New York. A year was spent there, after which he came to Toronto and entered into the Rowell-Hutchinson Publishing Company's establishment. In 1871 he was appointed to a position in the crown lands department, and that position he occupied until his falling health forced him to give it up about three years ago. He leaves five children, three of whom reside in Toronto. They are Julian and Ephraim of the Julian Sale Leather Goods Co., George, president of the Atlanta Baptist College, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Joseph Smedley of Algoma and Mrs. Charles Beach of Toronto.

William J. Cliff.

The death occurred unexpectedly yesterday, from heart failure, of William J. Cliff, son of the late Richard Cliff, aged 42 years. Deceased was born in Toronto, and was one of the early pupils of Louis-School. Issue of the fire department street cleaning, his postoffice, are brothers. Deceased was a life-long Conservative. The funeral will take place from 121 John-street, to the Necropolis, on Monday, at 2:30 p.m.

Postponement of Grand Lodge.

The grand master of B.A., Dr. T. S. Sprague, M.P., has found it necessary to postpone the meeting of the Grand Lodge on Wednesday, June 8, instead of holding it on the 15th. The meeting will be held on the 15th, if it is found that no special rates will be obtained from the railways or the steamship companies until after June 1.

Conductor Lost Fare Box.

The conductor of a Queen and Durand car lost his fare-box last night. It contained about \$20 worth of tickets and tickets. The loss was reported to the police.

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