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The Elevator Question.

In 1906 the Opposition advocated the appointment of a commission to enquire into the elevator question, which was voted down by the government.

In the opening debate in the House Mr. Haultain again announced his stand on this important question, and stated that the Opposition would assist the Government in carrying out the scheme.

Within a few days come the announcement that the Manitoba Government has accepted the policy of the Grain Growers and in so doing followed Mr. Haultain's lead.

Will the government appoint a fair commission? Will they act upon the report? They have pledged their word to the legislature to do so and the Opposition have accepted their pledge in good faith and rely upon the government to redeem it.

The Naval Debate.

Very rarely has any legislative body seen such an exhibition of bad his harangue on the naval debate in taste as given by Premier Scott in the legislature on Friday.

Editorial Notes.

\$40,000 a year to the "poisoned well" must have furnished quite a fund for the Scott government.

Will the Leader name some of the Manitoba men who worked for the Haultain candidates in the last election?

Turgeon gave the Social and Moral Reform Council the cold steel on the amendments to the Liquor License Act.

The Premier's exhibition of bad taste on the naval question disgusted even the members of the government annex.

The Social and Moral Reform Association should move a vote of thanks to Brother Turgeon for putting the "cold steel" into the local option act.

Election fund from Winnipeg was not necessary in the case of the Scott government. They spent \$400,000 in the public works department to carry the province.

The notorious Duncan Marshall of Edmonton, campaigned through Saskatchewan during the last election in the interests of the Scott government. Was he one of Bob Rogers' henchmen?

Increased license fees, decreased assessment, more funds to the government, less to the towns. The govern-

ment is better off, the hotels are no worse, only the municipalities suffer.

There's a hot time for George Langley at the next meeting of the Grain Growers. During this session he performed in the dual role of government apologist and government buffoon.

Motherwell says that there are no grievances against the elevators in the older districts, Manitoba, which contains the oldest grain growing districts in the West, has adopted a system of government elevators.

Geo. Walton, member for Emerson in the Manitoba legislature, was in the district of Wolsley during the last provincial election. He spent his time working among the foreign vote in the interests of Chris. Roseborough. Was Geo. Walton an emissary of Bob Rogers?

The "poisoned well" says that the opposition received money from Manitoba to pay expenses in the last election. We would like to have seen some of it, as like other supporters of the opposition we have found that election expenses have always been paid by contributions from among ourselves. If the Leader will furnish The West with the name of the party who received the money, it will confer a favor on those, who have been subscribing to pay expenses.

Press Comment.

The opinion of the average American newspaper of Canada is ill-informed but flattering. We cite the following from the New York Journal, a Hearst newspaper, as indicative of the fact that even papers which were at some time contemptuous, if not hostile, in their comments are beginning to experience a change of heart.

The Banquet.

On Friday evening the Regina supporters of the opposition in the local legislature entertained Mr. Haultain and his associate members at a banquet at the King's hotel.

About one hundred and thirty gathered in the spacious dining room of the King's and partook of the excellent dinner provided. Dr. Whitmore presided and the following delivered stirring addresses, Messrs. Bigelow, Both, Embury, Leahy, MacInnann, P. H. Gordon, Bryant, Hanbridge, Cowan, Molanis and the following members of the legislature responded to the various toasts: Messrs. Haultain, Elliott, Tate, Anderson, Bradshaw, and Gillies.

During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by music by Laubach's orchestra, and songs by Messrs. Hunter and Hayes.

Prorogued.

Lieut. Governor Forget prorogued the Legislature on Saturday afternoon. In the speech from the throne he referred to the public health act, railway legislation, drainage act, Hudson's Bay railway and the elevator question.

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PREMIER SCOTT ON THE RAMPAGE

Uses Debate on the Naval Question to Show His Command of Billingsgate--Disgusts Even His Servile Following.

The legislature Friday afternoon was the scene of one of the stormiest debates that has ever been witnessed within its walls. The provincial government was established. The occasion was the discussion of D. J. Wylie's naval motion which called for an immediate contribution of a Dreadnought to the Imperial government.

This unfounded statement was indignantly denied by P. W. G. Haultain who replied in scathing terms to the Premier's remarks. Incidentally he also said that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was a separatist, whose political ideal for Canada was independence and remission of the debt.

That this house affirms its belief in the integral relationship of Canada to the British Empire and that while participating in the great and numerous benefits resulting from such relationship Canada should for the defence of the Empire, assume her rightful responsibility and is of the opinion that the Dominion parliament should contribute to the cost of at least one Dreadnought.

NO EXCUSE NECESSARY

Mr. Wylie said he did not think it was necessary to make excuses for the resolution. He thought the reasons that gave rise to it should be explained. Its introduction into any assembly where British institutions are featured to be considered. He hoped all agreed that it was the duty of Canada to assume her responsibility for defence.

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Premier Scott said no apology need be made for the resolution for the necessity was obvious. He hoped all could agree on certain general principles, but there were certain Canadian features to be considered. He hoped all agreed that it was the duty of Canada to assume her responsibility for defence.

The last clause in the resolution had been put in for political purposes. The Premier then said Mr. Haultain had been quoted by the Moose Jaw convention in 1905 and it seemed an attempt was now being made to bring Mr. Borden into submission. The reasons for the resolution were too patent. All knew that aid had come to the opposition from Winnipeg and now the Saskatchewan Conservatives were showing their gratitude to Mr. Rogers.

Mr. Tate said it was a privilege to speak on such a motion. He referred to Earl Grey's recent utterances in Regina on the need of Canada doing her duty in the present juncture. The present action might have an important bearing on the results. History showed that mistakes made at certain times were irreparable. Tradition had made the race what it was.

organization of a Canadian naval service in co-operation with and in close relation to the Imperial navy, along the lines suggested by the admiralty at the successive imperial conferences and in full sympathy with the view that the naval supremacy of Britain is essential to the security of commerce, the safety of the Empire and the peace of the world.

Mr. Bradshaw said that if there were disagreements among the Conservatives on naval matters, it was a sign of patriotism, not of party spirit. He made many narrow, selfish, and unpatriotic speeches has been delivered than the one to which they had unfortunately listened from the leader of the house.

Mr. Haultain congratulated the speaker on their speeches, which he said breathed patriotism and high motive. He did not think on the other hand, many narrow, selfish, and unpatriotic speeches had been delivered than the one to which they had unfortunately listened from the leader of the house.

The honorable gentleman was an example of the creation of a mouthpiece of Ottawa, and he could quite realize what an extraordinary thing it would seem to this honorable gentleman that any man, associated with a political party at Ottawa should express an opinion without first getting his orders from headquarters.

It was brought in by a member of his own accord, and without any suggestion from Winnipeg or anywhere else, he was not aware of the motion until the hon. gentleman showed it to him the day on which he gave notice of it.

That was not the opinion of his leader at Ottawa. "He is a separatist," continued Mr. Haultain, "he has on more than one occasion stated that the ultimate goal of his ambitions or aspirations, the ideal to be attained, is that of independence."

That was not when he was a boy, that was his attitude and that was the attitude which suggested the policy which was being pursued. He thought the honorable gentleman must not wait too much with regard to either slavish following or occasional independent outbreaks.

Dr. Wilson Dead. Dr. Wilson, the first speaker of the Territorial legislature, died at his home in Edmonton on Saturday. He defeated Frank Oliver in 1895 and was a member of the legislature until 1898. The deceased was for many years president of the Edmonton Conservative Association.

On Saturday Jan. Wellington, M. L. A., received a telegram telling of the serious illness of Mrs. Wellington at Milwaukee. He at once left for that place, but during the afternoon another message was received telling of her death. Mrs. Wellington has been an invalid for a year but recently seemed to be recovering and her sudden death was a great shock to a large circle of friends in Moose Jaw.

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