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MEANT NO DISCOURTESY

Mr. F. Nicholls Writes Hon. Adam Beck to That Effect

General Manager of Electrical Development Co. Willing to Meet Minister

Toronto, Feb. 22.—It was supposed yesterday morning that the royal hydro-electric commission would require Frederick Nicholls, vice-president and general manager of the Electrical Development Co. of Ontario, to answer certain questions propounded to him, or face the law.

It is not recorded that Mr. Nicholls answered any questions nor paid a penalty.

Mr. Nicholls, however, wrote to Hon. Adam Beck, protesting that he had not intended to treat the commission discourteously. He also added that he would cheerfully give any information that "might be given without detriment to the company."

When Cecil B. Smith called upon him on Feb. 12, representing the commission, and had asked certain questions connected with the cost of the undertaking, Mr. Nicholls had informed him of the amount of the expenditure already made, and what the probable cost for the completion of the work would be, but that, as the works were not yet completed, it would be impossible to give any more accurate information as to cost. He had then stated to Mr. Smith that if Mr. Beck would make an appointment he should be glad to give all such further and other information as might be given without detriment to the affairs of the company.

Willing to Meet Mr. Beck.

"I have been prepared ever since, as I am now, for you to make such appointment, and I am quite prepared, within the limitations above mentioned, to meet you and discuss the matters in question," he wrote.

"I have not had the opinion of my counsel upon a question in respect of which I personally feel very strongly, and that is, that the Province of Ontario has no right, under a commission issued under a statute, which only gives power to deal with the question of 'good government,' 'public business,' the 'administration of justice' and the like, to investigate what my company is, without breaking any of the laws of the province, legitimately doing business under a charter rightfully granted to it, and under which it is paying very large sums of money by way of rental and royalty."

Discussed by Cabinet.

The difficulty was discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet yesterday after noon. Hon. Adam Beck and George Patterson, M. P. P., with E. Douglas Armour, brought the matter to the attention of the Government. Afterwards, Mr. Whitney made the following statement to the press:

"We have discussed the matter with the commissioners and Mr. T. Douglas Armour. No doubt, they will communicate with Mr. Nicholls with reference to the matter in dispute, and I hope an arrangement will be made."

HATE THE AUTOMOBILE.
Proposal to Force Deposits Which Will Cover Damage Done.

Toronto, Feb. 22.—The annual convention of the Western Good Roads Association, now in session here, includes delegates from all parts of the province. W. H. Pugsley is president and Col. Farewell, Whitby, secretary. Called primarily to discuss the question of good roads yesterday's meeting displayed a singular unanimity in denouncing the automobile as ruinous to the peace and well-being of the farming community at large. A resolution will be presented to the Government.

Warden Murphy and Reeve Quinlan (Simcoe County) outlined the operations of the act for the improvement of the public highways, adopted in Simcoe and a number of other counties. With an assessment of \$23,000,000, the county had expended \$77,000, of which \$27,000 was contributed by the provincial Government. Some 300 miles of road had been improved. The results were generally satisfactory.

The convention will reassemble this morning at 10 o'clock.

Pure Food Bill Passed.
Washington, D. C., Feb. 22.—After fifteen years of more or less serious consideration of the subject, the United States Senate yesterday passed a pure food bill by the decisive vote of 63 to 4. The vote was taken after a day devoted almost exclusively to debate of a desultory character on the measure. The bill makes it a misdemeanor to manufacture or sell adulterated or misbranded foods, drugs, medicines or liquors, and prohibits the receipt of such goods. Punishment by fine of \$500 or by imprisonment for one year or both is prescribed.

Eight Horses Burned.
Owen Sound, Feb. 22.—The stables of the Allison Hotel, occupied by McKay Bros. teamsters, were totally destroyed by fire at 4 o'clock yesterday morning. Eight horses and one cow, together with harness, rigs and feed, were burned. Loss \$2,000, insured for \$700.

Business District Fire Swept.
Peterson, N. J., Feb. 22.—Pine Tuesday night in the business district did damage estimated at \$100,000. All the firms affected were wiped out by the big fire four years ago, and only recently were re-established in business.

WHERE IS THE LAWYER?

Local Barrister has Mysteriously Disappeared From Town

Left a Note to his Landlord and has not Been Heard of Since

A well known Chatham lawyer mysteriously disappeared one day of last week and nothing has since been heard of him or his whereabouts.

The missing barrister locked up his offices Saturday night, leaving a note to his landlord, and has not shown up since. The note to his landlord stated that the effects in his office, if sold, would command a sufficient sum to pay for his back rent.

The cause for his disappearance is not definitely known.

WANTS HIS MONEY

Local Lacrosse Player will get After Executive for Wages he Claims are Due Him

The rumor that a certain lacrosse player, a member of the Tecumseh team of 1905, intended to enter proceedings against the Executive of the club to recover wages which he claims are due him, has proven to be true.

The Executive have received a notice from the Division Court Clerk to the effect that the said player has entered an action claiming \$85.

A member of this Executive in conversation with a "Planet" reporter, stated that the lacrosse man was hired to take charge of the team at a fixed salary. Instead of looking after the team all his time, he secured another job at about \$20 a week and devoted the time over working hours to his work with the team. In the face of this he received \$16.50 for every game he played this year. The Executive, therefore, claim that he has nothing coming from the club.

An interesting time is expected when this case comes up for hearing.

GOOD SOCIAL

Very Successful Event Held at the French Church on Tuesday Evening

A very successful chicken pie social was held at the French church, under the auspices of the Ladies Aid of the church. The proceeds will be devoted towards repairs to be made to the edifice.

The program was as follows:
Solo—Miss Edith Kennedy, Harry Flowers and Garnet Griffith.
Recitations—Miss Bertha French, Miss Jessie French, Miss Florence Ritchie, Miss Edith Kennedy, and Miss Nellie Forsythe.
Quartette—Misses Duncan and Miss Violet French.
Duet—Miss Elsie Tompkins and Miss Edith Kennedy.
Music was supplied by a quartette composed of Messrs. Side, Wrigley and French, and a very fine address was delivered by the pastor, Rev. Mr. McKelvey.

CIVIC REPAIRS

Property Committee Decide to Award Contracts on Various Local Improvements

On Tuesday evening the Property committee held a meeting in the City Clerk's Office, Harrison Hall, to consider the tenders sent in by local firms for the repairs to the fire hall. After much deliberation and discussion the following estimates were accepted and contracts awarded:—

Robert Oucksey, cement floor \$140, floor repairs \$47.
Tilt & Hildreth, plastering, etc., \$62.50 or \$80, according to job.

The members of the Property committee met again last night in the City Clerk's Office, in company with the Water Commissioners, to consider the tenders sent in to them to furnish supplies for electric lighting at the city power houses. Three tenders had been sent in and the committee had a heavy task to select the winner.

Finally they decided to award the contract for supplying wiring, etc., to the Chatham Gas Co., whose tender was considered most satisfactory.

Many men gave lavishly of gold, and in order that they may get the pitch.

If a man is a woman-hater it's a cliché that he had the wrong kind of a mother.

NO HOME RULE TERRORS

Deter Mr. J. Bryce, Chief Secretary for Ireland

Answers Unionist Fishing Motion—Chamberlain Says Pre-Election Fears Have Been Fully Realized

London, Feb. 22.—As an amendment to the address in reply to the speech from the throne, Col. J. Sanderson, Unionist, yesterday moved in the House of Commons an expression of alarm at the statement in the King's speech that the Ministers were considering proposals to effect changes in the system of the Government of Ireland, believing that His Majesty's advisors had committed themselves to a policy which will endanger the liberties and property of the loyalist minority, promote discord in civil life and impair the integrity of the United Kingdom.

Col. Sanderson stated that the object of his amendment was to extract some statement as to when the Government meant by the proposals suggested.

Home Rule Had No Terrors.

After considerable discussion, James Bryce, Liberal and chief secretary for Ireland, said the speech from the throne meant nothing more than the Premier and other Liberal leaders had repeatedly stated and what had been endorsed by the enormous majority returned to Parliament that much was necessary to improve the administration of Ireland.

Mr. Bryce said home rule had no terrors for him. His Majesty's Government had every reason to make an effort in the direction of improvement of the system of Government, and the association of the people therewith.

Cheered My Nationalists.

Mr. Bryce asked that the House defeat the amendment because he believed that the great possible cause of the present difficulty was the creation of an intelligent self-government for Ireland now under consideration. The electorate of the United Kingdom had given the House a mandate for conciliation and the extension of self-government to Ireland. The demand of Ireland was one no constitutional Government could overlook.

Mr. Bryce's speech was received with enthusiastic cheers. Mr. Dillon, Nationalist, said that as long as the Government acted in the spirit of Mr. Bryce's speech, the Nationalists would allow the Government time to develop its plan and give them a fair and frank consideration.

Unionists' Charges Proven.

Joseph Chamberlain said the Unionist party had maintained during the elections that the Government was a home rule and Little Englander Government. It had been proved to-night that it was a home rule Government, and it would be proved later that it was a Little Englander Government.

Many members on the ministerial benches he said had found it necessary during the election to pledge themselves to oppose home rule, and, therefore, the Government would proceed by the more invidious method of instalments.

The amendment was defeated 406 to 88.

BARRED FROM YANKEELAND.

So Two Young Scotchmen Will Come Along to Toronto.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 22.—The C. P. R. liner Montreal arrived here yesterday from Antwerp with 220 passengers, made up of Italian and Russian Jews. They are not a very desirable lot. Fourteen were held by the health officials suffering from trachoma.

On the Donaldson liner Athena, which got here from Glasgow, were two boys named Burns and Vennie, bound for the States. They admitted to officials that they were going to work for a horse dealer in Illinois, and were refused admittance. Both were greatly disappointed and leave for Toronto today. They have considerable money.

Divorce Will For Canadians.
Detroit, Feb. 22.—In an address at the annual banquet Tuesday night of the alumni faculty and students of the Detroit College of Law, Judge Hosmer of the Wayne County Court said: "I believe the majority of the divorce cases heard in Detroit are presented by Canadians who take up a residence in Detroit with that end in view. Detroit bears the same relation to Canada in this respect as North Dakota to New York. In my court, too, I have noticed that at least one out of every three of the divorce cases are the result of runaway marriages."

Men Who Manage Fairs.
Toronto, Feb. 22.—There is a large and very representative attendance at the annual meeting of the Ontario Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, which is being held at the City Hall, and will be continued till to-morrow evening. J. W. Sheppard opened the business with his annual address. The report of the superintendent, H. B. Cowan, was debated with considerable interest. In the evening Hon. Nelson Monteth, Minister of Agriculture, presided, and made a congratulatory address.

THE LIBERAL BANQUET

In 'Order, In Beauty, In Numbers Sir Wilfrid's Best

Prominent Politician and Liberal Women, Flowers and Bunting Made up a Scene Long to be Remembered

Toronto, Feb. 22.—Toronto Liberals have once more demonstrated that in organizing a reception to their chief they have nothing to learn. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has come to Toronto, received the acclamations of his political friends, and he will depart sorrowfully for he cannot, with all his virtues, win the political support of this city confirmed in Conservatism. The banquet in Massey Hall last night was a magnificent and inspiring event. If Sir Wilfrid was not guilty of a perversion of truth it excelled, in order, in beauty and in numbers anything he has ever witnessed, and the Liberal leader has been the recipient of some remarkable demonstrations of party fealty.

Provided 820 Quails.

There were 820 diners—at least the caterer provided 820 quails, and he had just enough—and a couple of thousand ladies and gentlemen looked down upon the table from the altitude of the galleries. Flowers were lavished in the decorations, and there was a profusion of bunting, with the British ensign predominant. The scene was one to be remembered. Upon the stage of the hall the most prominent politicians were ranged along two tables, while in the boxes on either side sat the leading Liberal women of Ontario.

Lady Laurier Cheered.

The wife of the gifted chieftain was in the balcony. Her entrance at 8.20 was the signal for an ebullition of cheers and the waving of handkerchiefs, which testified to the gallantry of an Ontario audience which always accords the helpmeet of the Premier a welcome quite as warm as that of the man of the hour.

Sir Wilfrid appeared to be enjoying excellent health. He spoke without showing fatigue and lacked nothing of his old time eloquence.

Opponents in Derision.

Many times he roused his audience to enthusiastic applause, and even if he failed to convince some of the shouting Thomases of Ontario Liberalism that he has adhered strictly to the principles for which they have fought he at least was able to fire their breasts by holding up their opponents to derision. Who were the Conservatives that they should deplore coercion? The chieftain devoted the principal portion of his time to the anatomy of bills. He came to Toronto to rehabilitate himself, and the only road was by way of Alberta and Saskatchewan. The question could not be ignored in an Ontario gathering. The most wonderful thing to Sir Wilfrid was that Conservatives had come to the party of provincial rights, but not even as Bismarck, who had at one time eaten half a pea and regarded himself as a vegetarian, could the Conservatives regard themselves as the champions of provincial rights. This doctrine was taught by Mowat and Blake, and opposed by Sir John Macdonald.

Not a Coercionist.

Sir Wilfrid repeated the arguments advanced a year ago for imposing restricted autonomy on Alberta and Saskatchewan, and led up to the declaration that the new provinces had by their vote ratified the constitution. Then why should the term "coercionist" be applied to him after what he had done. On other questions of policy Sir Wilfrid touched lightly. His new departure in the shape of policy was the extension of trade with the Orient.

But Laurier was not all. Rose was "it" a part of the time. He is not basking in the sunshine just now, but Laurier was in the shade a long time when Rose enjoyed prosperity. In adversity, G. W. is almost as radiant as magnificence as when he has the office to dispense. The audience enjoyed Rose; they simply admired Laurier. The Old Wives' Tale was particularly happy when touching his own altered fortunes. Balfour had his sympathy. Mackenzie, under whom he and Sir Wilfrid fought 32 years ago, had, like the noble 400, ridden into the jaws of death, into the mouth of the national policy. He paid a nice compliment to Sir Wilfrid, who was the "master builder of the Empire."

Aylesworth Popular.

Next to Laurier the heartiest reception was accorded Hon. A. B. Aylesworth. Other speakers were Senator Gibson, Hon. N. A. Belcourt, Hon. G. A. Graham, and Hon. Richard Harcourt.

Forty Addresses.

Hon. G. W. Ross announced that there were some 40 addresses to be delivered to Sir Wilfrid, "which, I suppose you want me to read," he dryly added. He related, however, and they were presented in bulk, with the exception of that from the Provincial Liberal Association, which was read by H. M. Mowat.

Sir Wilfrid acknowledged the addresses.

Miss Mae Dickson sang "Rule, Britannia," and was generously assisted by the audience, while enthusiasm ran high.

Hon. G. W. Ross, after acknowledging the honor done him in choosing him as chairman, expressed pleasure at the large response to the banquet. Tremendous enthusiasm was aroused by Hon. Mr. Ross' oration, in which he said: "We are nation builders, and

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the master builder sits at my right hand." To him was due homage for three reasons. Because he was a great Canadian; because he was the leader of the Liberal party; and because of his great personality. Amid advice, eulogy, surroundings, he had born himself honestly always. Then followed Sir Wilfrid's speech, summarized above. The other speakers mentioned followed, and it was nearly one o'clock when the final cheer reverberated through the spacious auditorium and the guests departed.

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