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CAN FIGURES LIE?

When so much time has been devoted to scandal in the federal house this session it is a wonder the Opposition have not taken the Government severely to task on the census and immigration returns relating to the new provinces.

We believe that the manipulation of the western census figures last year was nothing short of a scandal to keep down western representation, and now the annual return of the Interior Department caps the climax by recording officially that out of the 181,268 immigrants who came to Canada from across the water last year only 7,313 were destined for Saskatchewan.

These figures are palpably incorrect and purposely misleading.

The report shows that Manitoba received 29,413 settlers from last year's immigration, yet we find, on another page, that there were only 1182 homestead entries in Manitoba last year against 27,715 in the province of Saskatchewan. If Manitoba received the proportion which Mr. Oliver sets forth then the Dominion government is not bringing settlers into Canada. They are not bringing in a class of people that will go on the land and this side of the immigration question should be taken up in the House of Commons.

We were robbed of our public lands and the only excuse given was that the Dominion needed the control of the lands for immigration purposes. If that was really the case, we want to know why Saskatchewan gets only one-fourth as many settlers as Manitoba, only one-seventh as many as Ontario, one-third as many as Quebec, and only a thousand more than the little provinces down by the sea, the three of which could be lost in the constituency of Maple Creek, and as Dr. Sprule once said they would never be found "except for the smell of bad whiskey."

This province has not got a square deal at Ottawa—we are not getting it from either side of the house.

If this province is only getting the small proportion of the Canadian immigration shown in the blue book returns then we ought to be placed in a position equal to that of Ontario which can prosecute an immigration scheme of her own and by so doing, with the aid of the Dominion expenditure, gets the bulk of the settlers, for whom the Ottawa government claims that the western lands are retained. This is a very serious matter and while the exposition of private character might have a proper place in the proceedings of parliament, the false position of the government respecting the autonomy settlement, and the census and immigration returns ought surely to find a place.

All we want is justice and at whatever cost to either political party we are going after our own.

We heard the farce recited about the services of the police for the new provinces which we would have to pay for if we got our lands. Well, as was shown in the Legislature recently by Mr. Haultain, we have lost our lands and we have to pay \$75,000 per annum for the services of the force. That is consistency as handed out by the so-called Liberals at Ottawa and at Regina.

A New Orleans woman was thin. Because she did not extract sufficient nourishment from her food. She took Scott's Emulsion. Result: She gained a pound a day in weight. ALL DRUGGISTS, 50c. AND \$1.00

THE BAY ROUTE

Elsewhere we publish a portion of the speech delivered in the Upper House this session by Senator Davis on the Hudson's Bay railway project.

This is undoubtedly the greatest question before the people of the West at present and it will become a paramount issue before the transportation and grain questions are solved. The grievances of the grain trade cannot be remedied till adequate railway facilities are provided and this must include the Bay route.

The associated boards of trade will shortly meet at Prince Albert and they will be expected to redeem themselves on this question. The attitude assumed by them as Edmonton last year has found no support in Saskatchewan and Manitoba. This question is forcing itself to the front and the arguments against its feasibility have been wiped away by the data furnished by Senator Davis. His speech is well worthy of perusal and his facts should be carefully noted.

We cannot agree with the opening remarks of the Senator, however, when he takes for granted that the words of Sir Wilfrid Laurier respecting the Hudson's Bay route mean that its construction is a foregone conclusion. The people have heard announcements of policy on this subject for the last fifteen years. What we want is action.

THAT DAY WILL COME

The Bourassa-Lavergne party does not enjoy the thought of the day to come, when the west will be strong enough to play a return match with Quebec on the provincial rights issue.

That day will come and Henri Bourassa, M.P., ought to be a big enough man to recognise the folly of protesting against the inevitable.

Quebec has not respected the provincial rights of the west in the days of its power. The time may come when the west will be in a position to deal with the provincial rights of Quebec even as Quebec dealt with the liberties of the new provinces in the days of their weakness.—Toronto Telegram.

HAPPY HOOLIGAN

Mr. Calder is the Happy Hooligan of the Scott Government and Mr. Motherwell is Gloomy Gus.

They are both running the public works department in the absence of Premier Scott and are making a huge joke of the whole thing, but they are going too far.

Mr. Motherwell saw that he was cornered in the legislature and he withheld important documents from the House. Afterwards, however, and almost before the echo of his stentorian voice had died away his statement proved false, and he ran away to his country home to avoid the blast of public censure.

Mr. Calder, never serious in public matters, has dismissed with brief comment the expressed public opinion on the land titles office scandal. His statement that the place to discuss this matter is in the legislature, cannot be taken seriously for as those who followed the session know, the information asked for by the House was suppressed by almost a solemn affirmation of a member of the Government. How, therefore, can a matter of this kind be discussed in the legislature if parliamentary usage is outraged and responsible government ignored in a manner now becoming common to the members of the Scott government.

It is all very well for Mr. Calder to treat this matter as a joke, but Mr. Motherwell wittily held an important public document that the House was entitled to and without it discussion in the House was limited on this subject.

It is not within the right of a responsible minister to act the part of a Gloomy Gus or a Happy Hooligan.

COST OF MILITARISM

Another peace conference is at hand and the following editorial comment from the Butte News is both timely and thoughtful: "Despite all the talk about universal peace in the capitals pursuing any standstill or retrenchment of Europe, the powers have not been men, in the matter of armament. A recent report shows that Europe spent on its army two hundred million pounds and eighty million pounds on its navy in 1906, a total increase of 74,000,000 pounds in nine years, or say 26 per cent.

Soon after the war proclaimed his favorite peace doctrine, he began to plan the annihilation of Japan, with results that probably made him sincerely anxious for peace. Nearly all the nations that approved of the peace making methods recommended by the Hague convention have been enlarging their arsenals ever since.

Human instinct governs the acts of nations, as of the individual. As long as avarice, and lust of power live in the human heart, so long will nations be ready to rush at each other's throats. Commercialism and imperialism are inseparable. Wars provoked by chivalric or honorable impulses are not nearly so frequent as they used to be.

THE WEST AND ESTIMATES

Where the New Provinces Figure in the Supplementaries Presented to House

Ottawa, April 19.—The supplementary estimates for the year ending March 31st, 1907, were presented to parliament today.

Among other items are the following: Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. To provide a further amount for schools \$14,000, to provide a further amount for destitute Indians \$60,000, to provide a general amount for general expenses \$42,182, to provide for annuity and expenses of treaty \$8000.

Public buildings in Saskatchewan: Battleford public buildings \$7,000; addition to buildings, Estevan, lands office \$30,000, Humboldt public buildings five thousand, Indian Head forty-eight hundred; Maple Creek public buildings five thousand; Prince Albert public buildings forty-five thousand; Prince Albert penitentiary site thirty-five thousand; Toronton public buildings five thousand.

To provide for the appointment of three post office inspectors and for the salaries of three assistants and ten clerks for the province of Alberta and Saskatchewan \$14,000. For the appointment of two superintendents for the railway mail services at Calgary and one at Moose Jaw, and for the salaries of six clerks, \$8,600.

For the appointment of letter carriers in such cities and towns, as the governor may determine sixty thousand dollars. Additional amount required for provisions at allowance in Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan 918,075.

Last Mountain lake navigable route, new buildings for telegraph offices and agents' house at Battleford, two thousand dollars, new building for telegraph office and agents' house at Saddle Lake one thousand eight hundred, telegraph line from Fort Qu'Appelle to File Hills Indian agency via Lebret and Balcarres, \$3,400.

BLAMES THE RAILWAYS

Mr. Oliver in the House Says Transportation Companies are Responsible for Coal Shortage

Ottawa, April 19.—Hon. Frank Oliver, continuing the debate on the western coal situation in the House, read memorials and correspondence from mine owners in the west, received last December, showing that when the coal famine was on there, these mines could have put out thousands of tons more coal had they had proper transportation facilities. He cited the case of the Hill Crest mines, which, according to the manager, during January shipped only 780 tons through cat shortage, while the mines had a daily capacity of 7500 tons daily. In other words the mines in one month shipped only a day and a half's output. The consequence was that during the very time when coal was at its highest premium in the west the mine owners could not give the market steady employment because there was no proper transportation.

Hon. Geo. E. Foster enquired whether, after receiving the correspondence and the memorials, the government had taken any steps to remedy the matter in making the railway companies provide sufficient transportation. Mr. Oliver said the information he quoted in the correspondence was made the basis of representation to the railway companies. He contended that the allegations that the labor troubles of the Lehigh Valley coal strike was the cause of the famine was not true, and that the lack of transportation was at the bottom of the labor troubles at the mines in the west.

WHOLE FAMILY CHARRED VICTIMS

Brandon Man Learns That his Family Were on the Chapleau Wreck—Taking Action

Brandon, Man., April 22.—The horrors of the wreck near Chapleau on the C.P.R. have been brought home here in vivid reality by the discovery of Thomas Goulding, proprietor of the Lambton House of this city, that among the charred victims of the wreck was every member of his family, with the exception of his aged and grief-stricken mother who resides in Plaistow, Essex, England.

Whole Family Lost Two brothers, William and Charles Goulding, his wife and his two children, the youngest of whom was two years of age, is the fearfully sad loss sustained by Thomas Goulding. The latter did not learn of the calamity which happened to the members of his family for some time after the wreck. Messrs details began to reach him till the whole cruel story was laid bare. Goulding and his aged mother are the sole survivors of this sturdy English family, who crossed the sea to enter colonial life.

Particularly sad and distressing are the details of the loss, when the fact is known that one of the brothers was blind, and was a musician of some ability. All were enroute during the busy summer in the conduct of the business of the Lambton house which Goulding has occupied since last fall.

Charred Bodies On enquiry by the bereaved as to the disposition of the remains of his dear ones, he was informed by the C.P.R. authorities that their charred bodies were beyond recognition and that all were accorded a decent burial. He has not yet heard of the place of burial or what has become

of the five people who were travelling with buoyant and expectant hearts to reach the friendly shelter of their prospective home in Brandon. Goulding expects to go to Montreal in connection with the affair.

The Verdict The jury's verdict on the Chapleau accident was as follows: "That the death of the deceased and other unfortunate victims was caused from the injuries received in a railway accident on the main line of the Canadian Pacific Railway, at about 11:30 a.m. on the 16th of April 1907, at Windermete or Wawa Lake, twenty-two miles west of Chapleau. The immediate cause of the accident or derailment of the train was a broken rail located in a curve around which the train was passing at a safe method or means of lighting trains than by gas."

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Arrangements are being made by the department of the Interior to have the Elk park strongly fenced for the incarceration of these man-oaks of the prairies. Two special trains will be required for the transportation of the herd.

A COMBINE DOES EXIST

Report of Parliamentary Committee Advises House That Western Prices are Excessive

Ottawa, April 19.—The Hon. Theo. Greenway presented to parliament today the report of the lumber committee, which is as follows:

Your committee have during the course of their enquiry held some 30 sittings and examined 32 witnesses and had a large number of books, letters, price lists and other papers and documents laid before them as exhibits, which together with the minutes of their proceedings are herewith submitted for the information of the house.

Your committee are of the opinion that the prices charged for lumber are excessive. Your committee years past, and still exists an association known as the Western Retail Lumbermen's association. These associations included all three provinces until recently when the retailers of Alberta formed a similar association of their own called the Alberta Retail Lumbermen's association. These two associations amount, in the opinion of your committee, to a combination, and the objects and results of the operations of these two associations have been to unduly enhance said price, as appears from the said price lists themselves, and the bylaws, minute books and correspondence and evidence of witnesses in regard to said operations.

Your committee find that more recently the manufacturers formed an association known as the British Columbia Lumber and Shingle Manufacturers' association, which in the opinion of your committee amounts to a combination, and co-operates with the said retail associations; and on the part of these manufacturers a good deal of evidence was submitted to show that their prices were not excessive. But before concurring in that view your committee thinks that there should be more ex-

istence as to the cost of production to the manufacturers. "Your committee also has to take into consideration the fact that the cost of lumber to the settler is materially affected by the cost of freight as well as the cost and profits to the manufacturer and retailer."

(Signed.) T. GREENWAY.

PRESS COMMENTS

(Estevan Observer.)

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