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Statement From West Kent's Energetic and Earnest Member Arouses Government to Action After Years of Waiting

The issue of the official Hansard of the Dominion Parliament just published gives the text of the address in the House of Commons by Herbert S. Clements, M. P., by which he secured from the Minister of Public Works and the Government the definite promise to take action to prevent the floods which for years have done so much damage to this district in the spring. It was thought this strong and effective appeal that Mr. Clements secured action in a matter that for years has been shamefully neglected and earned for him the editorial commendation of the Toronto Globe for performing a real service to the people of the whole western peninsula of Ontario.

Hansard reports Mr. Clements as follows:

Mr. H. S. Clements, West Kent. Mr. Speaker, I desire to call the attention of the Government to a very important question appertaining to the district in which I reside. There are a large number of people living between the city of Chatham and Lake St. Clair on the banks of the River Thames, covering a distance of seven or eight miles on each side of the river, who have a very great grievance because of the ice jamming in the River Thames and causing a large amount of damage to property in that district. The previous year the jam there last year caused damage to the farmers in that vicinity to the extent of from \$175,000 to \$200,000. The cause of this jam is the breaking up of the ice between London and Chatham, previous to its breaking up between Chatham and Lake St. Clair, and the reason of that is that the banks are higher from Chatham to London than from Chatham to Lake St. Clair, the result being that the water rises more rapidly above than at the lower end. The ice breaks up above several days previous to its breaking up below. The ice remains firm and solid at the lower end and the ice from above comes down and jams there causing the ice and water from the London district to overflow the banks of the river and flood the property of adjacent residents. I may say for the information of the Government that the jam that was caused there last year resulted in the flooding of the magnificent farms on both sides of the river to the depth of eight or nine feet. I may also state that the Grand Trunk tracks were swept away causing damage to that company to the extent of from \$40,000 to \$50,000 besides impeding traffic for several days. I am not speaking in the interest of the Grand Trunk Railway because I think they are able to take care of themselves, but I am speaking particularly in the interests of the farmers of that district who lost, practically, in many cases, everything that they had. Some farmers, who have good farms, were last year obliged to go out and work by the river and the day to get a living. The hon. acting Minister of Public Works (Mr. Hyman) who lives in the district knows the situation possibly as well as I do. Although not living in the exact vicinity in which these jams occur the hon. acting Minister knows possibly the results of these jams and of the floods caused by them. I trust that the Government will see fit to remedy this. I think there is a remedy. What we desire, what I have agitated and what a number of prominent men in my district have agitated is that we should have the services of an ice crusher that would come from Lake St. Clair and crush the ice between Lake St. Clair and Chatham two and three days previous to its breaking up in the London district. There are men living in the district who will be able to notify the hon. acting Minister when the crusher should go up the river and break the ice. There are ice crushers at Detroit and at Port Huron so that they are available in that district and I trust that the Government will see fit to provide a remedy. The reason that I call the attention of the Government to it now is that the river will break up within the next six or seven weeks and we may have the same results this spring as last spring. I trust that in the interests of the residents of that district the Government will see fit to go into the matter at once and give these people the relief which I think they are properly entitled to.

I may say, as far as being able to get the crusher from Detroit or Port Huron is concerned, that I think the hon. Minister would have no difficulty whatever because the ice is not, as a rule, over a foot or one and one-half feet thick. The Minister will understand that these crushers are able to crush ice two feet thick so that it is not necessary to have a boat lie at the mouth of the river for this special

purpose. But it would be a great advantage if we were able to get a boat when we required it. We quite understand that it is just at a record; it must be at the time when the ice is breaking up, which may be three weeks from now or may be in six weeks.

Mr. Hyman. I shall have the engineer report and see what can be done in the matter.

AT THE PINES

A deeply interesting and very instructive lecture, illustrated by stereopticon views, was given last evening at the Ursuline Academy by Very Reverend Father Anselm, O. F. M., superior of the Indian Missions.

The subject of the lecture was the life, customs, progress, etc., of the Navajo, Pueblo and other Indian tribes. As each picture appeared on the canvas, the reverend speaker's remarks were so strikingly graphic, so perfectly realistic, that those present felt as though they were enjoying an actual trip through the happy hunting grounds of those dusky races and witnessing in person many of their peculiar ceremonies.

Especially gratifying was the account given by Mr. Anselm of the educational progress of the Indian children and their aptitude in the acquirement of all useful knowledge.

RADIAL ROAD TO BE BUILT

Bonds are all Purchased, Material Ordered and Work will be Commenced at Once

Delegation to Visit Chatham Next Week—Car Shops and Terminals to be Built here

E. W. Heshelins, of Leamington, brother of the general manager of the proposed electric road between Windsor and Chatham, called up the Planet late yesterday afternoon to give the welcome intelligence that the work on the new road would commence immediately.

"I received a message from the general manager and president this afternoon," was Mr. Heshelins' important announcement, "that every bond for the new road has been purchased and paid for and that the enterprise will be proceeded with at once."

"The work of grading will be inaugurated immediately and the necessary material is expected on the ground by March 1st. The material and equipment for the various depots has been already ordered."

"The directors expect to visit Chatham next week and interview the City Council and people relative to the granting of some privileges for the lines and terminals of the road. It is likely car shops will be erected in Chatham."

BOWYER BUSY

Energetic M. P. P. for East Kent Interesting Himself in a Proper Mail Route

The post office department is calling for tenders for carrying the mail between Seltou and Thamesville, and Ridgetown and Morpeth. If contracts are let it means the discontinuance of the present single route between Morpeth and Thamesville, leaving a gap in the service between Seltou and Ridgetown to the inconvenience of farmers who receive their mail in boxes placed at their gates, and also for those who use the stage to make connections with the G. T. R. and C. P. R. at Thamesville. The daily mail route by stage between Thamesville and Morpeth has been continuous for nearly half a century and the people look upon it almost as a sacred institution not to be disturbed. It is also the opinion of many that the cost of the two short routes will equal or almost equal the cost of the present single route connecting the two extreme points. Much dissatisfaction is expressed along the line, and hearing of Mr. P. H. Bowyer took the liberty of writing Mr. D. A. Gordon, M. P., at Ottawa, placing the facts of the case before him, knowing he would be only too anxious to serve in any way the interests of his constituents. Mr. Gordon promptly replied, thanking Mr. Bowyer, and asking for all the information the latter could give. Mr. Bowyer has again written Mr. Gordon and feels confident that gentleman will do everything possible in the matter. Mr. Gordon has also, believe, written Revere McLarty, of Howard, asking their views and advice. It is hoped the prompt steps taken will result in the continuance of the old line—Ridgetown Dominion.

LOOKING FOR ICE CRUSHER

Government, Acting On Mr. Clements' Appeal is Trying to Get One in Detroit

Prompt Action Secured by West Kent's Energetic Young Member

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 17.—An official of the Canadian Government is here looking for an ice crushing boat which can go through Lake St. Clair, and up the Thames River as far as Chatham, to break the ice and relieve the city of Chatham of the danger of a flood when the ice breaks away this spring. The ferry boats cannot make the trip there not being enough water at the mouth of the Thames to permit going there, and it is thought a tug may be secured to do the work.

This action by the Government is the result of the earnest and energetic work of West Kent's member, Herbert S. Clements, M. P.

WHITNEY CABINET

Dr. A. W. Thornton, President of the West Kent Conservative Association, has just recently returned from Toronto, where he has been delivering a course of lectures in the Royal College of Dental Surgeons on crown and bridge work. While in Toronto he had the pleasure of attending the big Whitney demonstration. In speaking to The Planet this morning the doctor said:

"The Whitney demonstration was without a doubt the greatest ever given to a public man in Toronto. This perhaps is not to be wondered at as Toronto alone gave a popular majority of 10,000 to the present Government."

"While there was a good deal of speculation before the Cabinet was sworn in, very great satisfaction is expressed with the removal of the Cabinet. One of the appointments that has been criticised is the appointment of Dr. Reame to the Department of Public Works. The public, however, are willing to wait and see whether or not he has any aptitude for the work. His appointment is looked upon from all quarters as the fulfillment of Whitney's pledge that should he be in power he would have a French-Canadian in the Cabinet and is a striking contrast to the late Government that, though 32 years in power, just at the eve of an election, it was that that section of the people of Canada was given any recognition whatever in the appointment of Evanturel without portfolio."

"One of the actions of Mr. Whitney that is being very favorably commented upon in all quarters in Toronto is the removal of all Cabinet Ministers from residence in the building. No member of the Whitney Cabinet has apartments, except of course in the building. This will prevent many of the scandals which attached to the party just gone out of power."

"While it is generally conceded Mr. Whitney made a very wise selection in the members of the Cabinet the one appointment which gives universal satisfaction is that of W. J. Hanna to Provincial Secretary. The members are all down to work in their several departments. While of necessity they have many callers, yet they appear to be getting in harness quickly and getting onto the routine of their work."

A BIGGER HOUSE

Alvin Moore of Meota, Saskatchewan is Getting Out Logs for an Addition to his Pioneer Home

Alvin Moore wrote to his father, W. J. Moore, from Meota, Saskatchewan, the Canadian Northwest, on January 29th, and the letter only arrived yesterday. He says that the first train is expected into Battleford on the Canadian Northern this month. "I think," continued Alvin, "that we have a promising country here and I've never regretted coming. I'm getting out logs so that I can build an addition to my house and will have lots of room when our little comes up in the spring. Have had a good time this winter. I've been to seven or eight parties and there are as many more in sight. After all this disipation I'll be able to settle down in the spring. My cattle are all looking fine. I think I'll have lots of hay to see them through. It has been a very winter so far. We could not wish for better. There is just enough snow for sleighing and that is all."

The Danvers Club have issued invitations for a dance on Thursday, Feb. 23rd, at 8 o'clock. The officers are:—President, Roy Boyce; Secretary, Hillard Bragg; Social Committee—Miss Maude Willard, Miss Ferna Coatsworth, Will Wheeler and Duncan Sullivan.

SPLENDID CONCERT

The annual entertainment at School Section No. 1, Harwich, was held last evening, and in spite of the severe cold weather, and the fact that the roads are practically impassable in many places, there was a good crowd present and everyone enjoyed the splendid program.

A special feature of the evening was the dialogue work. It was performed by young ladies and gentlemen of No. 1, and it was indeed surprising to note the excellent dramatic talent displayed by the participants. It was also work that was deeply appreciated by the audience. The costumes used were all home-made and they had a distinct stage appearance. The concert was well worth attending, as it was one of the best entertainments ever held in any of the rural districts in this vicinity. The Christ Church mixed quartette was also present and gave a couple of selections, which were applauded to the echo and encored each time. Roger Philp, trombone soloist, and Miss Bedford, soloist, of this city, were also favorites with the audience.

The following was the program:—Chairman's Address—W. D. A. Ross. Instrumental Solo—Miss McGeechy. Quartette—Misses McKellar and Peete, Messrs. Wilson and Angus. Recitation—Miss Hazel Bedford. Dialogue—"His Lordship." Vocal Solo—Miss Lucy McKellar. Trombone Solo—Roger Philp. Duet—Miss McKellar and J. W. Wilson. Recitation—Miss Etta English. Vocal Solo—R. W. Angus. Instrumental—Miss McGeechy. Bayonet Exercises—Mr. Garron. Flute Solo—J. W. Wilson. Dialogue—"Tecumseh." Act I. Quartette—Misses McKellar and Peete, Messrs. Wilson and Angus. Dialogue—"Tecumseh." Act II. Flute Solo—J. W. Wilson. Dialogue—"Tecumseh." Acts III, IV. God Save the King.

GRAIN MARKET

W. J. Moore, of the firm of Moore & Benson, says that the grain markets have shown a little strength this week. There has been considerable excitement in Detroit over the bean trade. The market reports state that beans are quite scarce by reason of the heavy export. The market in consequence is decidedly firmer but there has as yet been no advance in price. May wheat in Chicago touched \$1.21 per bushel. Oats are high in the States as they are in Canada. The only demand for oats is for home consumption. The lower provinces have been taking a large quantity for feeding purposes.

RINK COMPETITION

The following is the schedule of games yet to be played in the home contest in the Curling Club:—

Rinks not yet played in second series—

W. G. Richards v. G. W. Cornell
J. L. Bray v. H. Gillies.
Drawing of Players for Series No. 3—(a) Winners v. Winners (winning two straight games).
Winners No. 1 v. Winners No. 4.
P. S. Coote v. W. D. Sheldon.
W. E. Merritt—scores a bye.

(b)—Losers v. Losers (winning one game and losing one).
J. Fleming v. Losers No. 4.
A. H. MacGillivray v. A. B. McCaig.
Losers No. 1 v. R. V. Bray.
R. McCaig v. G. G. Taylor.
R. Gray—scores a bye.
Rinks No. 1 and No. 4 are requested to complete second series at once. The rinks in drawing of series No. 3 may go on at any time and complete their games.

The following skips have dropped out of the third series on account of losing twice:—
W. T. Shannon, Geo. Fielder.
A. D. Chaplin, W. E. Rispin.

SAD DEATH

Georgie Stephenson, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stephenson, Richmond St., passed away yesterday in his sixth year. The little fellow has been ill for some time, but his recovery was earnestly looked for. The death has come as a sad blow to his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Stephenson have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their sad bereavement. Mr. Stephenson is a valued employee of the William Gray & Sons Co., Ltd.

The funeral will take place on Monday afternoon at two o'clock, to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. R. McCaig will conduct the funeral service.

Fred Clark, of J. W. McLaren's drug store, attempted to drive out to his home at McKay's Corners yesterday but he had to return after going only a few miles. The drifts are so bad on the road that he couldn't get through. Mr. Clark tried to make it by crossing farms but at last had to give up.

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