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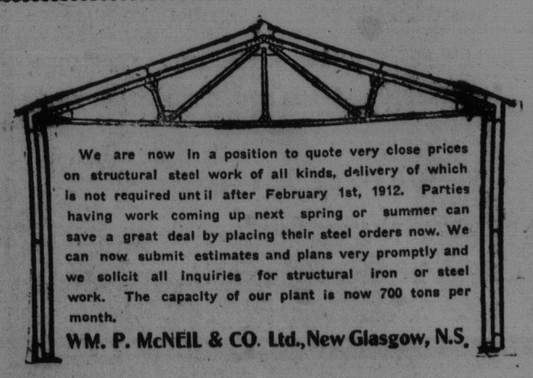

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Ottawa, Dec. 8.—"If any official in the Service chooses to be a politician he shall be given every opportunity by this government of being a politician." This was the dictum of Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1896 regarding the dismissal of public officials. In the debate which occupied the time of the House two days this week it became plainly evident the Liberals have another policy now that they are in opposition. A strenuous effort was made to prove that the government had shown undue harshness in carrying out the rules and regulations, but in every case ministers were able to vindicate the action taken. The result was a decided triumph for the fairness and moderation of the new administration. The Hudson Bay Railway and the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba with an incidental reference to the rights of the Maritime Provinces were also prominent features in the debate.

At the opening of the sitting on Monday Mr. Borden presented the report, giving a list of the standing committees of the House. The members from New Brunswick who will sit on the various committees are as follows:

Committee on Privileges and Elections, (41 members)—Messrs. Carvell and Fowler.

Committees on Railways and Canals (119 members)—Messrs. Crocket, Emmerson, Hartt, Hazen, McLean, Pugsley, and Turgeon.

Committee on Private Bills (58 members)—Messrs. Hazen, Michaud, and McLean. Mr. Crocket was subsequently elected chairman of this committee.

Committee on Standing Orders, (35 members)—Messrs. Hazen Michaud, Reid and Turgeon.

Committee on Public Accounts, (61 members)—Messrs. Carvell, Crocket, Fowler, Michaud, Pugsley, Reid and Robidoux.

Committee on Banking and Commerce, (98 members)—Messrs. Carvell Crocket, Emmerson, Fowler, Loggie and Pugsley.

Committee on Agriculture and Colonization, (98 members)—Mr. Hartt.

Committee on Marine and Fisheries, (35 members)—Messrs. Emmerson, Fowler, Hazen, Loggie, Robidoux, and Turgeon.

Committee on Mines and Minerals, (34 members)—Messrs. Hartt, Loggie and Turgeon.

Committee on Trusts and Water Powers, (32 members)—Mr. Michaud.

Committe on Debates, (15 members) —Mr. Reid.

In replying to questions several matters of general interest were dealt with. It was announced that a redistribution bill will be passed before dissolution; that a basis of settlement respecting the financial terms for the extension of the boundaries of Manitoba had been reached on the principle of equality of treatment as between Manitoba and the other prairie provinces; and that the portion of the national transcontinental running through New Brunswick will be completed by Sept., 1912, and the portion in Quebec from the N. B. boundary to the St. Lawrence by September 30, 1913.

Hudson Bay Railway.

On a motion by Mr. Neely, of Humboldt, for the production of papers, a lengthy debate ensued on the Hudson Bay Railway. It is to be noted that the government with commendable prudence, acting on representations which have been made that the road as planned by the late government did not start in the right place, and that the surveys were not correct, have ordered an investigation. It might reasonably be supposed that a short delay for such an immensely practical purpose would not be objected to. Mr. Neely, Mr. Oliver and other Liberals from the west, however, conveniently ignoring the years that had passed while the Laurier government did nothing declared that people of the prairies had suffered "an awful shock" and were filled with "great consternation" at the suspension of the work.

James McKay the new Conservative member for Prince Albert, neatly countered by reminding the Liberals of a quotation of theirs in the campaign of 1908, that if Laurier was returned to power trains would be running to Hudson Bay in three or four years. The West, he said, had lost all confidence in the late administration.

Mr. Cochrane, Minister of Railways, pointed out why an investigation was necessary, and closed with the assurance to the House "that there will be no more delay in the building of the road than is absolutely necessary in the public interest."

Mr. Foster, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Borden joined in the debate, the prime minister making a definite statement that as soon as the best route had been selected the work of construction would be proceeded with.

A good deal of time was wasted. The opposition gained nothing. The attitude the government on all such questions, not to become responsible for the action of their predecessors without thorough investigation, will appeal to the country as a sane and businesslike proposition.

The location of the Transcontinental Railway station at Quebec was next discussed on a motion by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The selection of the Champlain market by the late government was shown by Mr. Cochrane and Mr. Pelletier, the postmaster general, to be open to serious objections. Despite protests from Sir Wilfrid this matter will also be the subject of investigation.

The Boundary Question.

A more or less academic discussion on the need of uniformity in naturalization occupied the House early in the evening session and was followed by an animated debate on the Manitoba boundary question. Mr. Macdonald, of Pictou, was the moving spirit asking for details of the recent negotiations with the Dominion government.

The first point of interest was Mr. Borden's reply to Mr. Macdonald, who had attempted to reopen the Manitoba school question. "My hon friend," said the premier, "is very much concerned with regard to the attitude of the government with respect to this question. I would like to remind him that if he will refer to the speech from the Throne delivered to parliament in 1897, and prepared no doubt by his leader at the present time in this House, he will find therein an assurance that the Manitoba school question had been settled."

"That is not good enough," retorted Mr. Macdonald. "What do you say about it?"

"All I can say," replied Mr. Borden blandly, "is that if the word of my hon. friend's leader is not good enough for him, I would despair of convincing him by any word of mine."

Mr. Macdonald went on to talk of something else.

The rights of the Maritime Provinces to a satisfactory readjustment of the terms of union in the event of the boundaries of Manitoba being enlarged or if any money were paid that province in lieu of land was introduced into the discussion by Mr. Pugsley. It is instructive to note that all the members from the Maritime Provinces, irrespective of politics, who took part in the debate were united on this question.

Mr. Pugsley based his argument on the fact that Prince Rupert's Land was purchased by all the provinces then constituting the Dominion and that it is no more the property of Manitoba than it is the property of New Brunswick or Prince Edward Island, or Nova Scotia, or Quebec, or Ontario. Any enlargement of boundaries or grant in lieu of land to Manitoba would entitle the other provinces he contended, to a proportionate share.

Mr. Chisholm, of Antigonish, pointed out that if these extensions are made Quebec would have a right to an extension of its territories to include Ungava. An increase in population would necessarily follow and as result Nova Scotia would be "wiped off the map, so far as representation is concerned."

Mr. Fowler.

Mr. Fowler, of Kings-Albert, said he was very glad to hear Mr. Pugsley "take the stand he did on this question and insist that the rights of the Maritime Provinces should be protected if additional territory were to be given to these western provinces." Mr. Fowler went on to remind Mr. Pugsley, however, that there was a certain inconsistency in his attitude in view of the fact that the Laurier government had been making grants of land to the other western provinces. Mr. Fowler also recalled Mr. Pugsley's argument before the privy council that by reason of boundaries of Quebec being increased the Maritime Provinces should have a readjustment of the B. N. A. Act, so that their comparative representation should not be lost.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier interrupted to say that he was under the impression that any increase of population in Quebec by the addition of Ungava was not to be counted part of the population to be the basis of representation.

Mr. Borden recalled the fact that the resolution with regard to Quebec when passed by the House was amended by saying that the representation of the other provinces should not be affected by such addition of territory to Quebec.

Mr. Fowler submitted that such an amendment was ultra vires and that the B. N. A. Act was not confined to the boundaries of Quebec granted in 1867. By no act of the House could the B. N. A. Act be affected. It would require an act of the Imperial Parliament. Mr. Pugsley, he remarked, should have taken the same ground three years ago, but he was glad to see he was repenting, and he welcomed him again into the fold of loyal and patriotic men who stood up for the interests of the Maritime Provinces. "Although I am a supporter of the government," added Mr. Fowler, "I shall oppose any resolutions that come down here giving territory to the western provinces, which do not make ample provision for the rights of the Maritime Provinces."

Mr. A. A. McLean, conservative member for Queens, P. E. Island, agreed with Mr. Fowler that the members of the Maritime Provinces should not consent to any addition to the territory of Manitoba unless some quid pro quo was given them.

Mr. Rogers Replies.

Mr. Rogers, minister of the interior, had a word to say from the point of view of Manitoba. He recalled a certain interprovincial conference some years ago at which Mr. Pugsley, representing New Brunswick, signed a memorandum setting forth that the questions at issue between Manitoba and the Dominion government were matters to be settled entirely between the two governments. Mr. Pugsley, he remarked, had a short memory. With regard to the boundary question, Mr. Rogers said the settlement which had been agreed to, gave Manitoba a position of equality with the other provinces. Mr. Borden had acknowledged that principle and it simply required the employment of an actuary to work out the details.

Mr. MacDonald, who was palpably annoyed that he had not succeeded in drawing the government, closed the debate. His motion for papers was carried. They will not be brought down however, until the negotiations, in the words of Mr. Borden, "have been made absolutely complete."

The House met on Tuesday, two bills relating to the National Transcontinental Railway were put through as a matter of urgency, as the time limit for the completion of the work had expired on Dec. 1, and the company then ceased to have any power to proceed. The first bill enabled the company to go on and complete its work. The second bill fixed the time for completion. The prairie section is to be finished within a period not exceeding one year and the mountain section within three years. The date in both cases is left for the governor in council to determine.

On a question of privilege Mr. Pugsley denied having signed any memorandum on the Manitoba boundary question as referred to by Mr. Rogers. As Mr. Rogers was not in the House, the subject dropped.

The remainder of the day was devoted to a rambling debate originated by W. F. Cockshutt, Conservative member for Brantford in a defence of the Cockshutt Plough Company which had been accused by Mr. Oliver of selling ploughs $100 cheaper in the states than in its home province. The question resolved itself into a difference between wholesale and retail prices, but the discussion wandered far afield and before the House adjourned reciprocity, the iniquities of the Canadian manufacturer, the price of wheat and other kindred subjects were dragged in by the Liberals and debated at length. Incidentally the Cockshutt Plough Company had no reason to complain, getting more free advertising in the Canadian press and in the columns of Hansard than could be bought for love or money.

Supervision of Grain.

An important resolution involving a revision of the Manitoba grain act and the inspection and sales act was introduced by Mr. Foster when the House opened on Wednesday. It first allows a bill to incorporate and consolidate these two acts, which have wide reference to the conduct and supervision of the grain trade of the west, and also to provide for the appointment of a commission. The object sought by the bill, as outlined by Mr. Foster, is to alleviate the grievance of grain producers and grain handlers that they are not fairly treated by reason of selfish interests which have worked to their detriment, more particularly in the elevators.

Mr. Knowles emphasized the importance of taking away from the owners of the elevator any interest in the grain or in its classification, thereby removing any motive for manipulation. He expressed the hope that the bill would cover this point. No feature, he said, would be more profitable to the grain growers than to see that those who have an interest in the elevators have absolutely no interest in the grain.

The resolution was agreed to and the bill introduced without further discussion.

An answer which instanced the lack of attention paid by the late government to immigration to the Maritime Provinces was given by the minister of the interior in reply to Mr. Sutherland. "How many commission agents for placing immigrants as farm laborers have been appointed in each province in each year since the method was adopted?" was the question. Here is the answer:

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It will be observed that the Maritime Provinces as a field for immigration were entirely neglected. The other provinces particularly Ontario and Quebec, benefitted to the extent of 20,859 new settlers during the five years. The Salvation Army also was paid $11,716 in commissions for placing immigrants during the same period.

In reply to Mr. Lemieux, Mr. Rogers gave the number of dismissals made in the immigration branch. Included in the list were James Cummings, St. Andrews; N. S. Dow, McAdam Junction, and C. H. Brannen, St. John.

The enquiring mind of Mr. Macdonald of Pictou received a somewhat rude shock in the curt but comprehensive replies to his question what contracts the government had given since October without tenders. "None," said Mr. Monk, for the department of public works. "None," was Mr. Hazen's answer for the department of marine and fisheries. "None," replied Mr. Reid for the customs department. The Borden government does not appear to be doing business that way.

Dismissals.

The remainder of the sitting was taken up with a debate on the dismissal of public officials on a motion by Mr. Maclean of Halifax for the production of papers. The discussion was fully reported in a despatch to The Standard.

The feature of the debate was the speech of Mr. Pelletier, who made his first appearance in a discussion of any length. Like several other ministers the postmaster general was an unknown quantity. Charges by the opposition of unfair dismissals in his department brought him to his feet. He more than vindicated the position taken by the government and carried the war into the enemy's camp by quoting much embarrassing evidence of the ruthless slaughter of Conservatives by the Liberal government in 1896. Speaking with a decided French accent, Mr. Pelletier nevertheless showed he was a complete master of English. He was quick and effective in his replies and was repeatedly cheered from the government benches.

In the course of the debate referring to Mr. Maclean's complaint that the postmaster at Spry Bay, N. S., has been dismissed, Mr. Pelletier made a very clear statement as to the policy

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In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section alongside his homestead. Price $3.00 per acre.

Duties.—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price $3.00 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth $300.00.

W. W. CORY,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.
N.B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY TENDER

Sealed Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, and marked on the outside, "Tender, Freight Shed, Truro," will be received up to and including

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26th, 1911.

For the construction of a Brick Freight Shed at Truro, N. S.

Plans and Specifications may be seen at the Station Master's Office, Truro, N. S., and at the Chief Engineer's Office, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

All the conditions of the specification must be complied with.

A. W. CAMPBELL,
Chairman Government Railways Managing Board.
Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 1st, 1911.

PROBATE COURT.

City and County of Saint John.

To the Sheriff of the City and County of Saint John, or any Constable of the said City and County—Greeting:

Whereas the surviving executor of the estate of Caroline A. Jack, of the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John, Widow, deceased, has filed in this Court an account of his Administration of the said deceased's estate and has prayed that the same may be passed and allowed in due form of Law, and distribution of the said Estate directed according to the terms of the last Will and Testament of the said Caroline A. Jack deceased.

You are therefore required to cite the Devisees and Legatees of the deceased and all of the creditors and other persons interested in her said estate to appear before me at a Court of Probate to be held in and for the City and County of Saint John, at the Probate Court Room in the Pugsley Building in the City of Saint John, on Friday, the twenty-ninth day of December next at eleven o'clock in the forenoon then and there to attend at the passing and allowing of the said accounts and at the making of the order for the distribution of the said estate as prayed for and as by Law directed.

Given under my hand and the Seal of the said Probate Court, this thirtieth day of November, A. D. 1911.

(L. S.)
(Signed) J. R. ARMSTRONG, Judge of Probate.
(Signed) H. O. McINERNEY, Registrar of Probate.
(Signed) BEVERLEY R. ARMSTRONG Proctor.