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AGAIN CAUGHT MINUS MAJORITY

Ross Once More Afraid of a Division Sets his Supporters to Talk all Night

Fast Losing Control of Followers
—Two Members Afraid to Face Music—Dodging on Temperance

Toronto, March 28.—The Ontario Government again presented a ridiculously helpless spectacle in the House to-day. That Premier Ross is fast losing control of his followers is becoming more evident as the session progresses, while on the other hand, the Opposition confident that victory is near, present a united front. To-day the Government was absolutely at the mercy of their opponents, and let them try ever so hard, the Liberal whips were unable to find the majority of three. It is rumored to-night that there are sore-heads in the party, and that at least two Grit members have refused to respond to the crack of the party whip until their demands have been accepted. Almost every seat on the Opposition side was occupied, and they watched the Government and its supporters wriggle on the gridiron.

It was Dr. Nisbett who once more cornered the Government. He moved a resolution that all railways be nationalized in the future by the Province shall not have a passenger rate exceeding two cents a mile. The Premier, in a long rambling speech, in which he repeated himself over and over again, combated the motion, and spoke almost like a paid advocate in defence of the Grand Trunk, two of whose head officials occupied seats on the floor of the House. Mr. Whitney upset the Premier's argument completely, and then the Opposition pressed the motion, Liberal speakers were put up to kill time. All afternoon this continued, and at six o'clock the Premier, still afraid of a division, moved that the Speaker leave the chair.

Mr. Whitney suggested that if the Government would allow the debate to continue, on Wednesday they might adjourn.

The Premier consulted with the Attorney-General, and they decided in favor of a night session.

The reason was that H. J. Pettipiece had been promised by Mr. Ross that his Taxation Bill would be taken up on Wednesday, and the Premier, who heard Mr. Pettipiece's ultimatum of the other day, dared not disappoint him, and Mr. Pettipiece was exceedingly restless, and had frequent conversations with the Premier, in which it was very evident that he was in no amiable mood. An amendment was moved by Mr. Preston, of Brant, that was frankly characterized by Mr. Pettipiece as meaning nothing.

At ten o'clock Mr. Dickinson (Liberal, South Wentworth) asked Mr. Speaker whether there was any chance of adjournment at ten o'clock. The Speaker said he did not know.

"The Premier, of course, has the control of the House, and can move the adjournment when he sees fit," said Mr. Whitney, with a twinkle in his eye.

"It is usual to adjourn at ten o'clock, but I don't propose to plead for an adjournment," replied the Premier.

Mr. Whitney wanted to know why the Government had robbed the House of the only remaining opportunity to discuss private orders. In view of that he was inclined to continue the debate.

Premier Ross promised to abandon Wednesday as Government day and allow the Opposition to continue this debate and any other pressing matters that they might have.

"Oh, well," retorted Mr. Whitney, quickly, "you have wasted our time all day; we had better vote on this question now and settle it," and the debate went on.

Meats, Graham, Grace, MacKay, Pense and other Liberal members, armed with literature, were put up to kill time, and at 2 a. m. they were still talking. The Government, in the hope that some of their missing men will show up on the morning trains, express the intention of continuing the debate right through the night.

AGAIN ABSENT.

Mr. Hanna was ready to again ask his question regarding the mechanism of the James Connell, M.P.P., for \$400,000 against the Algoma Central Railway. Neither the member for Port Arthur nor the Liberal whip was in the Chamber, having, as on former occasions, conveniently absented themselves when they knew the question was to be applied to them.

Mr. Hanna remarked:—"I notice the constituencies of Port Arthur and North Bruce are without representatives in this Legislative chamber, and my question must again stand over unanswered."

An hour later Messrs Connell and Bowman entered the chamber, but as the debate on a two-cent railway rate was in progress they were safe from having the question hurled at them. Their appearance together caused a ripple of laughter to pass over the chamber, as everyone saw the humor of the situation.

THAT TEMPERANCE BILL.

Just before the House rose for recess, Mr. Crawford asked if the Premier intended to give the Temperance people the legislation he had promised to give, and when the House might expect his Temperance Bill.

Premier Ross merely shook his head, and tried to look pleasant.

The Speaker was about to pronounce the House adjourned when Mr. Crawford persisted in having an answer.

The Premier, in a low, almost indistinct voice, stated that the honorable member's question would be answered in good time.

The bachelor girls of Wallaceburg will give a dance in Stonehouse Hall, on April 5. Several of the young gentlemen of the city have received invitations and will attend. Miss Margaret Coughlin is secretary of the girls club and the committee who have the dance in charge are: Misses Grace Collings, Maude Macdonnell, Rhea Murphy, Inez Chubb, Etta Barry, Kathleen Fraser, Margaret Taylor, Carrie Hinnegan, Owen McRae and Marie Lee. The Patronesses are: Messrs. Wm. Deck, H. H. Simms, (Dr.) Hoy, Jno. Murphy, F. Hinnegan, J. S. Fraser, C. Chubb and T. Forbes.

TO OUR PATRONS

In common with other establishments in the city THE PLANET has been "hit hard" by the prevailing flood—and the paper to-day is issued under serious disadvantages. The stoppage of the supply of gas and electrical power brought our engines and typograph machines to a standstill—and threatened to stay the issue of the paper.

However, the exercise of energy and expense has relieved the situation to some extent and THE PLANET not only greets its many readers as usual on schedule time, but is also enabled to lend a helping hand to others less fortunate.

Upon inevitable short-comings for a day or so we ask the generous consideration of advertisers and readers.

JUST BURSTING WITH BUSINESS

Chief Holmes Receives Belated Intelligence of
Boyd's Return to
His Chicks

The Customary 'Settlement' had been Secured and the Sprinter Honors City With his Presence Again

"Say, Chief, Billy Boyd's here! He's out feeding his chickens right now," exclaimed the little editor of the Banner, rushing up to Chief of Police Holmes this morning, and just bubbling over with excitement and importance.

"Now, is that right?" questioned the Chief, smiling.

"Why, sure thing. I tell you I saw him myself," retorted the miniature outburst.

"I don't want him, though. He's no use to me. We don't need him. The Chief was still smiling.

"What! You don't? What's the matter now?" was the crest-fallen exclamation.

The Chief then showed the interesting but not very surprising telegram he had received some hours before.

It read as follows:

"Dunville, March 29.
William Boyd is not wanted here. Charges withdrawn. Wrong person."
—M. D. Winslow.

Shortly before this belated informant unloaded his excitement, Chief Holmes was standing on Thornton & Douglas' corner, when Irish Jack appeared in view. He had been taking a peep at the turbulent waters of the great Thames.

"Well," commented the Chief, "Billy is out feeding his chicks."

"Yes," retorted the redoubtable Jack, "but he won't shoot the shots now," with a significant glance toward the Thames.

After all it seems possible that Boyd went to Dunville on the same train as the great Winslow. It will be remembered that Ald. Geo. G. Martin says he (Boyd) was at the station when the train went out.

The charges have been withdrawn and the case has been smoothed over.

FLOOD STORIES

No matter how serious a matter is there are always a few who can tell of having seen something more serious. The present flood is a snap for the Maple City story tellers, and they are making the best of it, several have never seen it so high.

There were a few of them in at Northwood's restaurant the other evening and the subject of the flood came up for discussion. Mike O'Neill was the one to start the stories going.

"This is certainly the biggest flood I have ever seen," said he, and in Wallaceburg the other day and I saw a very funny thing. There were two men in a row boat paddling around in the river when a big piece of ice came along and struck the boat. Both men and boat were thrown up in the air and the whole three lit on the piece of ice, the boat bottom upwards. The men had no difficulty in regaining their feet and shoving off their boat again from the piece of ice as it was travelling down stream."

"That is pretty good," quietly put in Herb Mount. "The flood must be pretty bad in Wallaceburg, but I'll assure you it can't be as bad as it was in Thamesville. I was coming through there the other day and the passengers had to all get out on the tops of the coaches to keep out of the water."

"That's easy," said Reg. Miller, but he wondered why everyone laughed when he tried to tell of seeing a man floating peacefully down the river on a cake of ice fishing.

MODERN VENICE

There have been great do's in Chatham's Venice, the valley, formerly known as Brookline, during the past couple of days.

There are a dozen or more boats of all descriptions plying continuously higher and higher, carrying people and goods to terra firma.

Yesterday Jack Handysides was carrying a sewing machine from a house on the south side of Dover street to put it in a boat. Jack lost his balance. The machine fell into the boat, Jack fell in also, but not in the boat. He got a very severe ducking but was rescued.

Two or three colored fellows were noticed this morning on Third street bridge fishing out driftwood with a wire loop. They were very successful.

WILL RELIEVE FLOOD DISTRICT

Mayor McKeough and Herbert S. Clements Take Energetic Interest in Distressed Farmers

Courtesy and Co-operation of G.T.R. Supt.—Special Train this Morning with Municipal Delegation

J. J. Bradley, from the Raleigh plains and the scene of the ice jam, visited the city yesterday to interest co-operation in relief for the sufferers in that district. He bore the serious intelligence that if something was not done at once there was grave danger of a number of residents in the district losing their lives by exposure and drowning.

Mr. Bradley interviewed Mayor McKeough who expressed his readiness to do anything in his power and assist in every way possible.

Mr. Bradley then visited Herbert S. Clements and also asked his co-operation in the matter. Mr. Clements at once placed himself in communication with the Mayor and started energetically to work. Mr. Clements realized the situation having lived on the river all his life. He put on his coat forthwith and started in pursuit of Mr. Pritchard, G. T. R. agent, feeling assured his company would interest themselves if communicated with.

Mr. Pritchard shortly phoned Mr. Clements that G. T. R. superintendent C. S. Cunningham and Master Mechanic George Mitchell, were at the scene and advised meeting them as they would be at the city station in a short time.

Mayor McKeough had City Engineer Jones accompany Mr. Clements to interview Mr. Cunningham. The railroad superintendent is a very energetic and business-like gentleman and granted the delegation every courtesy and assistance. He was willing to try the experiment of dynamiting if the city thought wise but stated his own personal experience was that dynamiting would not give relief.

As Mr. Cunningham was staying in the city Mr. Clements and the Mayor arranged for a meeting of citizens.

A little meeting was held at the G. T. R. station last night. There were present at the conference Master Bridge Builder G. T. R. Geo. Mitchell, Toronto; Division Supt. C. S. Cunningham, St. Thomas; Gen. Agent W. H. H. of the Pere Marquette; Mayor McKeough, Herbert S. Clements, John Fack, M. Wilson, K. C. Station Agent J. C. Pritchard, J. J. Bradley, and Reeve James Grayson, of Raleigh. It was decided that it was imperative to dynamite the ice jam Mr. Cunningham said that unless the entire length could be jarred at once there was no use.

The G. T. R. had made arrangements to send three auxiliary trains down in the morning and Mr. Cunningham extended an invitation to the municipal officers to go down.

The G. T. R. management have arranged to raise their track and let the water away and then guard the track with abutments filled with sand. This work will be begun at once and some expected that traffic will be opened in two days. Work was received in this city last night that the water had fallen 15 inches in Thamesville and was still falling. The C. P. R. track is blocked at Kent Bridge. It is also reported that there is a bad jam just above the bridge.

The water began to cut a hole in the Pere Marquette embankment at the waterworks and gravel and cinders by the carload were dumped in last night.

The Waterworks Dept. have made a gallant fight against the flood. They boarded up the engine room and by using the pumps succeeded in keeping the water out. Two pumps were kept busy.

MORNING TRIP.

This morning at 7 o'clock the special auxiliary train left for the scene to inspect the conditions and devise means of alleviating danger and distress. Those who accompanied Supt. Cunningham on this special were Mayor McKeough, Herbert S. Clements, Reeve Grayson, of Raleigh, John Fack, City Solicitor Wilson, Wm. Foster, Nathaniel Massey, J. J. Bradley, General Agent L. E. Tillson, of the Pere Marquette R'y., and a PLANET representative.

The auxiliary carried all apparatus necessary for blasting equipment to use if deemed advisable.

Much credit is due Supt. Cunningham, Mayor McKeough and Mr. Clements for the prompt and energetic steps they have taken in the matter.

IN HARWICH.

Councillor James Campbell, of Harwich, was in the city to-day. He says that the whole township of Harwich is in a serious condition on account of the flood. The jam has given away at Thamesville and the water has flooded down over the whole township at Northwood, matters are very serious. Several township bridges have been completely carried away and the dam resulting will be great.

DISTRESS IN RALEIGH.

Peter McCallum, of the Dauphin scheme near Jeanette's Creek, was a Planet visitor this morning. Mr. McCallum left the flood district yesterday and gives a graphic description of the situation.

"The ice jam begins opposite St. Peter's church," he said in an interview with The Planet, "and extends down past Prairie Side, a distance of over three miles. The ice and trees and brush are packed solid in a massive high wall."

"The jam caused the river to flow in on the Pike scheme in Raleigh and the water rose Sunday until it overflowed the dump between the Pike and Dauphin schemes. For a quarter of a mile the water overflowed the embankment from one to two feet and the Dauphin scheme fled up."

"When I left yesterday the whole Dauphin scheme was under water. On Sunday the scheme was under water. On Sunday the scheme was under water. On Sunday the scheme was under water."

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