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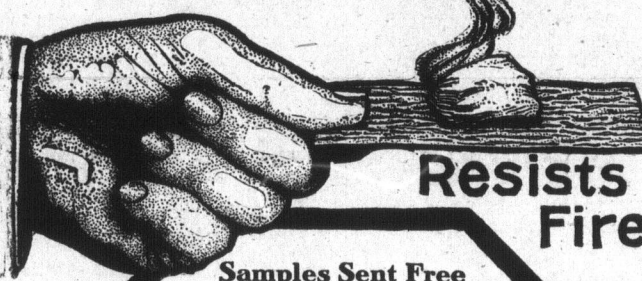
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 1907

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## COMPANIES TO BE PROTECTED

Railway And Municipal  
Board Reject Proposed  
Amendments

UPHOLD CONNIE CLAUSE

Toronto, March 20.—In the course of the budget debate which occupied the attention of the Legislature at the afternoon and night sessions yesterday, Hon. Mr. Whitney, the Prime Minister, took occasion to emphasize the continued opposition with which the assistance to the university and schools of Ontario was being met by the Liberals in the House. He expressed surprise at it and thought it was time the people should be cognizant of the position which the Liberal party were taking. As for the Government, he was well satisfied that the aid given to education and agriculture was among Ontario's best expenditures.

The Prime Minister laid on the table a report of the Railway and Municipal Board in respect to several proposed amendments to the municipal law, introduced last session, particularly some introduced by Mr. McNaught with the intent of repealing the so-called "Connie clauses." The Board reported against the latter proposition on the ground that many municipalities, rather than instal public utilities, used their influence and held out inducements to companies to construct them at a time when they would not pay. The companies, having operated the works in the lean years, municipalities should not, when the work was beginning, be remunerative to be permitted to construct a competitive system without acquiring the existing plant on fair terms. The Connie Act provides that municipalities can acquire such works by arbitration at their actual value, making due allowance for depreciation, wear and tear, but allowing nothing for franchise or prospective profits. It appears to the Board that it would be more in the interests of municipalities to acquire existing plants on fair terms than to duplicate them and to have competition that might render the operation of municipal plants unprofitable and use the funds at large in order to make up the loss in an unremunerative business. The clauses are not regarded as in any way being a barrier to municipal ownership.

**Selling Electric Power.**  
The Board also reported against an amendment allowing the construction by municipalities of conduits and the erection of poles for the conveyance of telegraph, telephone, power transmission and other wires and the renting of the same to public utility companies. This was regarded by the Board as a hazardous and unprofitable undertaking.

The Board was likewise adverse to municipalities contracting for more electric power or gas than they required and selling the surplus to consumers, or otherwise acting as middlemen. This should be left to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission. They also reported against power being given to municipalities to construct street railways on streets not covered by existing operating companies, on the ground that it would be a duplication of systems and a waste of capital.

**Resumes Budget Debate.**  
Col. Atkinson (North Norfolk) resumed the budget debate. He took up at once the question of prison labor, advocating compelling the prisoners to do work on the roads or farm which would not come into competition with farm labor. The old Government's Montreal pulpwood concession was defended as in the best interests of the settlement of the Province. Col. Atkinson drew a picture of the Provincial Treasurer, Hon. Col. Matheson, as the fortunate inhabitant of a palace, "surrounded by orchards, vineyards and groves," which he had not built, and "receiving gold, silver and precious stones" which his predecessors had earned.

Referring to the Provincial loan the speaker pointed out that a temporary loan should have been negotiated until the close of the South African war when money would have been cheaper. He would have renewed every six months until this time, if necessary.

**Believes In Cheap Power.**  
The colonel expressed his belief in cheap power, but he feared the progress promised was not being made. He questioned whether it could be made. If the people were living in a fool's paradise in the matter, he believed in tearing away the veil.

The colonel closed by touching briefly in criticism on the local option clauses, the Toronto investigation into license matters, the employment of Mr. Thorne, "a thorn in the flesh," and the amendments to the Public Schools Act. He severely deprecated the uncalculated innuendoes concerning the late leader, now Senator Ross, to whom he paid a eulogistic tribute as the developer of the school system and the builder of the Government-owned Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway.

Mr. Allan Studholme, the Labor member from East Hamilton, followed. First he took a few rounds out of the Government on its prison labor contract, then he turned round and eulogized Hon. Adam Beck and the Government's power policy. Then he lapsed into a personal explanation. When he was accused of speaking too much, the press and the members forgot that he represented "the great army of wage-earners in Ontario, the bone and sinew of the Province." Mr. Studholme was proud of being a working man and of representing his fellow workers. On the six o'clock adjournment the Hamilton man was still speaking.

**Opposition Criticism Weak.**

Mr. G. Pattinson (South Waterloo) followed Mr. Studholme in a splendid address at night. Mr. Pattinson said that praise of the Provincial Treasurer or the budget from him might seem prejudiced. He preferred rather

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to direct attention to the fact that the Opposition criticism had been the weakest on record, in fact there had been no criticism at all.

Mr. Pattinson, who is a member of the first Hydro-Electric Commission, went into an endorsement of the power policy, correcting the impressions that seemed to have mis-guided Col. Atkinson.

"Oh, no," put in Hon. Mr. Mackay. "I will convince the hon. member from North Grey that he is mistaken," said Mr. Pattinson.

"Impossible," declared the Prime Minister and Hon. Mr. Mackay in unison.

"Surely not," quoth Mr. Pattinson, "while the lamp holds out to burn, the greatest sinner may return." (Laughter and applause.)

Mr. Pattinson, continuing, took up the question of agriculture, the greatest of all Ontario questions and advocated further development along agricultural lines.

ONTARIO INSURANCE.

Report of Provincial Inspector Presented to the Legislature.

Toronto, March 20.—The abstract report of the provincial inspector of insurance for the year 1906 was presented to the Legislature yesterday. It covers only those companies making returns to the Ontario Government. These include one life insurance company (the Equity Life), purely joint stock fire insurance companies (Merchants, Queen City and Traders); weather insurance companies

(the Huron Weather, Ontario Farmers' and Western Farmers); the cash mutual fire companies, 14 in number; and the purely mutual fire companies, of which there are 69. The fire insurance mutual companies of all classes show a gross amount at risk of \$230,827,923. The surplus of general assets over liabilities is placed at \$8,803,476. In 1906 the new business amounted to \$55,832,656.

DYNAMITE IN CELLAR.

Dastardly Work of Upton Sinclair's Enemies.

New York, March 20.—Upton Sinclair, whose co-operative colony house, Helicon Hall, near Englewood, N.J., was destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, admitted Monday that there was enough dynamite found in the cellar of the building to have blown it to atoms.

This statement, with the finding Saturday afternoon of a stick of explosives near the wreck of the boilers, has spurred the authorities to more vigorous efforts upon the theory of incendiarism.

The police are working on the supposition that the place was set on fire, and will question several persons who are known to have had disagreements with Mr. Sinclair.

Whom can we accuse but ourselves for what we suffer.

A woman may ask if her hat is on straight, but never her complexion.

## People Are Talking

We are the subject of conversation a good deal these days. It is all about our fine, hand tailored new Spring Suits fresh from our factory. We like it, and appreciate it all the more, because it is not idle flattery, but honest praise that sends people into our store to look, to admire, to buy. And the fact that so many do buy is proof that the compliments are well deserved.

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