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HON. A. G. BLAIR STEPS OUT

HE RESIGNS THE RAILWAY PORTFOLIO.

Out of Sympathy With His Colleagues on the Grand Trunk Pacific Policy—Believes That the Moncton-Quebec Portion of the New Project Will, if Carried Out, Injure the Intercolonial.

Ottawa, July 14.—Like a bolt out of the blue last night came the report that the Minister of Railways had sent in his resignation to the Prime Minister. Instantly it monopolized attention to the entire exclusion of everything else. Members forsook the chamber and gathered in knots in the corridors to discuss the matter. When the report was brought to the Prime Minister's attention, he refused to say a word in regard to it. Hon. Mr. Blair was just as reticent, and politely but firmly declined to open his mouth on the subject. Nobody, however, doubts that the report is true, and the probability is that the Prime Minister will be consulting the Governor-General with respect to the matter to-morrow morning.

The action of Mr. Blair is apparently connected with the Government's decision to build another Government line from Moncton to Quebec. He seemingly takes the view that such a policy will not be beneficial to the Intercolonial, which it has been his special pride and ambition to build up and extend. Being out of harmony with the majority of his colleagues, Mr. Blair doubtless felt there was only one course open to him. He was out of town on Saturday and Sunday, having gone to pay a visit to his daughter. He returned about 12.30, but did not attend the afternoon meeting of the Council, neither did he visit his department.

The Premier will in all likelihood announce the policy of the Government on the Grand Trunk Pacific project at the end of the present week or the beginning of the next. Sir Wilfrid has from the very beginning taken an active part in the negotiations, and will elaborate the Government plans for the benefit of Parliament.

Before the adjournment of the House of Commons at 1 o'clock this morning, Mr. R. L. Borden asked the Finance Minister, who was leading the House, whether he could give the House any information in relation to the rumors current that the Minister of Railways and Canals had handed in his resignation. He had no doubt the Minister of Finance was aware that throughout the corridors the rumor was current that Mr. Blair had resigned.

Hon. Mr. Fielding replied that he had not had the pleasure of seeing either the Prime Minister or Minister of Railways during the evening, and therefore was afraid he was not in a position to give the leader of the Opposition any information with regard to the question asked.

Mr. Borden suggested that perhaps before this evening the Minister of Finance might be able to get into communication with the Minister of Railways and Canals.

EXCITED BELFAST.

100,000 Men Participated in the Orange Celebration.

Belfast, Ireland, July 14.—The Orangemen yesterday engaged in their annual celebration of July 12, in their customary way. About 100,000 men participated in the celebration here. The entire police force was on duty and the troops were confined to the barracks to be ready in case of emergency. At Rostrevor, County Down, there are 1,700 police and soldiers in the town and vicinity, which gives the place the appearance of being in a state of siege.

Belfast, Ireland, July 14.—The procession of Orangemen on returning from the demonstration here were attacked by Nationalists and a serious riot ensued. There was an exchange of missiles, many windows were broken, and a number of policemen and civilians were injured. Strong reinforcements of police restored order. Similar rioting occurred at Carrick Hill.

FREE FOOD LEAGUE.

Formed by Unionist Free Traders—Educational Crusade.

London, July 14.—The Unionist free traders held another meeting last night under the Chairmanship of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a committee room of the House of Commons. The Unionist Free Food League was formally organized, and it was announced that a large campaign fund was accumulating. The league will immediately start an educational crusade. An appeal will be made to Premier Balfour to set an early day for a full fiscal debate.

PLOT AGAINST PETER.

To Avenge the Late King Alexander—Twelve Officers Involved.

Bucharest, Roumania, July 14.—It is said that the Servian authorities have unearthed a conspiracy to avenge the late King Alexander. A lieutenant of a frontier garrison has been arrested charged with making threats against Colonel Maschin. A search of the lieutenant's quarters disclosed evidence that twelve officers had formed a league to take vengeance upon the regicides.

TWO CIVIC COMMITTEES AIR THEIR TROUBLES

Differences Between Board of Works and Property—Splendid Half-Year's Record Shows \$900 Saved on Last Year

—Aldermen will play Baseball and Spirited Competition Ensues for Places on the Team.

The recent row between the Property Committee was threshed out at the City Council meeting last evening.

Ald. Edmondson brought the matter up under the head of Inquiries. He said:—

"Being that the Board of Works have assumed the responsibilities of the Property Committee, I would like to ask Ald. Mounter whether or not he intends to place a guard chain on the new Rankin dock. This matter of placing the electric light pole was referred to us, but Engineer Jones interfered and placed the pole himself, saying that he wanted to use it in putting a chain across the dock. I think if the Board of Works will attend properly to their duties they will be a busy body of men. Complaints against the Board of Works are coming in all the time."

Ald. Mounter replied that Engineer Jones had the matter in hand.

Under the head of new business, Ald. Edmondson brought the matter up again. He moved that the line-men, Moore Bros., be given control of the circuit outside of the electric light plant. As it is now, when a complaint comes in about the lights, the line-men blame the matter on the Engineer and the Engineer blames the line-men and, as a result, the aldermen of the Property Committee take the blame.

Ald. Edmondson wanted to give Moore Bros. full control, so Council would know whom to hold liable if lights are not burning.

Ald. Mounter here took occasion to reply to Ald. Edmondson on the pole business.

He thought Engineer Jones had a perfect right to place the pole, as he had orders to place it ten days ago. He also thought that the sooner this department had a head, the better.

The Mayor ordered the Property Committee to bring in a report on the matter.

All the members of the Council were present at the meeting, with the exception of Ald. Robinson and Taylor. The electric fans were in working order, and a marked improvement was noticed in the atmosphere of the room. One fan was placed on the desk near Ald. Martin and one of the Aldermen announced that it was for the purpose of keeping the little alderman cool. Ald. Martin himself thought that the fan was as opposition to him in the matter of wind. Glasses of ice cold water were placed on the desks of the Aldermen and reporters. This act on the part of the janitor was much appreciated.

Letters from Messrs. Moore, Robinson and Scott, re dog taxes, were referred to the Finance Committee.

J. E. Thomas complained of the poor service in sprinkling the streets. Some of the aldermen also made complaints in this matter. The contractor will be notified to live up to his contract.

The annual report of the Chief of the Fire Department was referred to the Property Committee.

A communication from Thomas McKie, re injuries received by his boy on Queen St., was referred to Finance.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Municipal Association will be held in Guelph on Aug. 12 and 13. The matter of sending delegates was left with the Finance Committee.

ATHLETIC ARTISTS.

An invitation was extended from J. W. Shackleton to the City Council to play a game of baseball with the Council of Algona at Walpole Island, on the day of the Christ Church Sunday School's excursion to that place. The invitation was accepted, and after the meeting the aldermen discussed the question of the different positions on the team. It is a tight race between Ald. Scullard and Martin as to who will play "short" stop. It is thought that Ald. Scullard will win out, for if Ald. Martin's baseball playing is anything like his Council speeches, it is a sure thing that he would never qualify at short stop. Ald. Piggott is billed for first base, as that position requires a man with a long reach, and Ald. Piggott is fast developing along this line in trying to secure factories for the Maple City. He also might qualify behind the bat, as it is claimed, especially by ambitious mothers with marriageable daughters, that he would be a "good catch." The team will be made up of aldermen and ex-aldermen of ex-mayors. This fortuitously lets in ex-Mayor T. A. Smith. The guarantee from the Ontario Asphalt Block Company was referred to the Board of Works.

The engineer will be instructed to tear up the plank walk on Forest St. from Victoria Ave. to Van Allen Ave.

Moved by Mounter and Piggott, that owing to the delay in the execution of a paving company or partnership and sureties the deposit should become subject to forfeiture, but that the matter be referred to the Board of Works to consult the solicitor and take any necessary action in default of satisfactory agreement and bondsmen not being given to re-let the work or to report back to the Council.—Carried.

CIVIC EXPENDITURE.

The following is a statement showing expenditure for the first six months for 1902 and the first six months for 1903, on current accounts as presented by Finance Minister Marshall:—

	1902.	1903.
Admin. of Justice	\$ 1,175.23	\$ 1,390.22
Bridges	312.63	187.60
Board of Health	4,655.51	563.51
Charity	1,002.02	833.35
Harrison Hall	177.17	292.10
Fire Dept.	2,271.22	2,963.59
Salary Acct.	2,450.00	2,091.63
Sealed Air	256.07	143.22
Electric Light	2,017.15	2,485.51
Collegiate Institute	3,680.00	3,680.00
Cemetery	478.53	600.00
Markets	485.30	440.43
Victoria Park	123.75	134.73
Park	68.00	54.50
Pg. and Stationery	349.59	258.21
Police Dept.	2,133.89	2,190.40
Public Schools	9,711.14	10,491.41
Contingencies	168.73	347.76
R. C. School	206.34	700.00
	\$35,932.21	\$835,048.26

Amount less in 1903 as compared with 1902, \$883.95.

The following tenders were opened and referred to the Property committee:—

FIREMEN'S SUITS.

T. H. Taylor Co., \$24 per suit; \$22 per suit.
Lemon & Avichouser, \$22 per suit, \$22.50, \$23.50 and \$24.00.

PAINTING FIRE HALL.

W. H. Palmer, \$190.
Readson & Co., \$125.
W. Pomeroy, \$260.

A number of by-laws were then passed, one regulating the management of public wharves in the city. In this by-law a fee of \$100 was charged to the Chatham Navigation Co. for the use of the Rankin dock for one year. As this company are now paying \$100 a year taxes Ald. Scullard asked that this clause of the by-law be laid over till the next meeting. The by-law passed and Ald. Mounter later made a motion that half of the fee be rebated this year, owing to the lateness of the season when the dock was completed. This carried.

Two by-laws for plank walks, one on the east side of Ingram street from Head street to the north end and the other on the west side of Ingram street from Head street to the north end and 22 local improvement by-laws were put through their reading and passed.

BOARD OF WORKS.

The following was the Board of Works report:—
1. Re petition of residents on Head street complaining of the loading and unloading of cars on the street, we recommend that the Clerk be instructed to notify the E. E. & D. R. R. that they must not allow any loading or unloading on the street.
2. We also recommend that the Clerk be instructed to notify the L. E. & D. R. R. company that they must at once put Head street in a proper state of repair as per their agreement made by the Erie & Huron Railway Company and also promised by the Lake Erie by letter dated Dec. 22, 1902, again by letter dated April 14, 1903.
The following accounts were passed:—
Central Drug Store, \$16.63—referred.
Geo. Thomas, \$9.
Horace Rogers, \$9.
Stanley Turner, \$3.
Westman Bros., \$80.—referred.
R. J. Dunlop, \$7.
Pay sheets, \$543.75.
Bell Telephone Co., \$2.55—referred.
J. R. Guttridge, \$15—referred.
J. J. Guttridge, \$21.25—referred.
Chatham Paving Co., \$154.35.
Chatham Paving Co., \$99.72.

THOUGHT ALL KNEW

"I thought everybody knew. Abe. Savage sidewalk inspector," remarked that dignitary this morning, "after 37 years' residence in this city, but do you know there are some who do not. Why, this very morning, Irish Jack came up to me and said, 'When you start that Queen St. pavement, don't open up more than one block at a time and finish as you go.'"

"I looked at him and after a minute I realized he thought I was one of the bilkable pavement contractors, and I got wise. A little earlier I would have given him a flight of imagination that would have made his hair stand."

TO BREAK MORGAN.

SAID TO BE THE AIM OF JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER.

The Rumors Are Denied by Both, but Wall Street Traders Anticipate a Great Battle.

New York, July 14.—One feature of the dull market is worthy of note, writes Walter Wellman to The Chicago Record-Herald. It is the renewed gossip that John D. Rockefeller wants to "break" Pierpont Morgan.

I am told by a man who is in position to know whereof he speaks that Mr. Rockefeller has never approved of Morgan's promotion enterprises. He particularly disapproves of the steel trust, and in forming his opinion jealousy over the creation of a greater industrial concern than the Standard Oil Company played a natural part. Mr. Rockefeller is a man who lives a good deal within his shell. He is not communicative even to his family. But in divers ways he has permitted it to become known that he is opposed to wild-cat promoting, and that he regards Mr. Morgan as the chief offender in that line. It is known to everyone that a year or so ago, while Mr. Morgan was still in his reorganization fever, Mr. Vanderlip made an address before a bankers' association, in which he pointed out the danger of manufacturing too many securities without adequate property behind them. Mr. Vanderlip aimed this blow at Mr. Morgan, and from that day to this the wise men of the street have known that there was a coolness between the greatest man of money and the greatest financier on the American continent.

But this is quite a different thing from a desire on Mr. Rockefeller's part to "break" Mr. Morgan, and this part of the story will have to be dismissed for want of both evidence and inherent probability. If Mr. Morgan were to get into trouble, doubtless the first man to offer help would be Mr. Rockefeller.

Mr. Morgan is not likely to get into trouble. Idle gossippers, men with plenty of imagination and very little information, have tried to make themselves and others believe the king was about to be dethroned. They point to the colossal failure of the International Mercantile Marine Company, and to the steadily dropping values of steel trust securities. They say Mr. Morgan has "lost his grip"; that "he is no longer the wizard of Wall Street," and that he "could not organize a \$5,000,000 company now to save his life, because he has no followers." So much for the gossips. Now for the judgment of better informed men. These latter admit Mr. Morgan's prestige is a little weakened by his shipping trust failure and the weakness of steel shares, but he is still easily the first financier of the American continent, if not of the world. Men who talk of his going to pieces don't know anything of the facts.

Mr. Morgan has millions and millions of money and sterling securities in his strong boxes. He has, for the most part, been gambling with other people's money. He rarely makes large investments on his own account. He prefers to engineer deals, as the guide, philosopher and friend, and stick away in his vaults the commissions on other men's buyings and sellings. No one that will tell knows how much money or its convertible equivalent Mr. Morgan has stuck away, but it must be a very large sum. Mr. Morgan has a number of hobbies, and one of these is the maintenance of a big cash surplus. He carries money in his vaults far and away beyond all ordinary needs, because, as he says, one can never tell what is going to happen. There has not been a money tightness in New York in twenty years that Mr. Morgan did not take the first step in relieving, and he always appears to have plenty of stuff on hand to do it with. Mr. Morgan makes so much of this point of having a large available surplus that the first question he asks his partners whenever he returns from a voyage is, "Well, boys, how's the ammunition? Plenty on hand?"

His use of the word "ammunition" indicates his attitude of mind. High finance is a good deal like war. There is no use of going into battle unless you have plenty of powder.

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