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## MR. BORDEN HAS LOST GRIP IN QUEBEC

French Conservatives Themselves to Blame for Studied and Persistent Refusal to Mention His Name Publicly.

(MONTREAL, April 4.—Special.)—The "Lafontaine Club crowd," as the French Conservative machine adherents are designated in this city, have one weak spot in their armor when agitating for the withdrawal of R. L. Borden, M.P., from the party leadership, or for an absolute change in his policy. If Mr. Borden is the moving spirit of the Lafontaine Club, responsible for that weakness, for during the past two or three years they have never mentioned his name, either at their banquets or at other party meetings.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier's school policy in the new western provinces was announced, the French Conservatives took such extreme ground with a view of making cheap capital against the government of the day that it was impossible for them to support Mr. Borden when the leader's hand was first shown on that question. From that time the French Conservatives persisted in a policy so contrary to the wishes of the majority of French-speaking utterances these men were either forced to denounce Mr. Borden or to abstain altogether from mentioning his name. They chose the latter course.

Only One Journalistic Friend. The word of command appeared to be given and although public meetings were held every week, either here or in other parts of the province, the name of R. L. Borden was systematically ignored all over the province, both on the hustings and in the press. The only exception, in fact, was L'Evenement of Quebec, which did at times speak favorably.

The French Tories of course supposed they were building up their party in the country, but they forgot that the French habitant was not behind the separate school movement, inaugurated by Bourassa, who declared at a crowded meeting at the Monument National that he would carry the banner of the Catholics of Alberta and Saskatchewan to the foot of the throne, and that if they did not get redress, Quebec might go out of the confederation. The Tories here cheered such utterances just as they cheered Bourassa's pro-Boer utterances and his anti-British utterances in the public arena.

They are now being led by a man, who is not only a member of the French-Canadian voters of the same race, but who is solidly against him. No one is more disgusted than the hundred thousand good Conservatives in this province, who have always voted against Laurier, at seeing their party abandoned by the old principles of Cartier and flirting with the men who attempt to set Quebec against the other provinces.

The Conservatives of this district, or at least the Conservative leaders, have almost made the position of an English-speaking Chinaman in the hands of the Liberals, and as a matter of fact, when the Conservative party was almost split in two over a few weeks ago, a majority of the voters of Quebec turned over and voted for the Laurier and McCarthy alliance, and still the French Conservatives do not realize that the electors, as a whole, take little or no interest in their co-religionists in the other provinces.

Hasn't Been Tactful. All these things have made it very difficult for Mr. Borden to make any headway in Quebec, for every word that he has taken has already been condemned by his supporters in this province. One thing is certain, however—they all admit that Mr. Borden is honest and an exceedingly able man, and that if he would be a little more careful in the selection of his immediate allies, and display a little more tact, he would win out in the end.

## The Kind of Settlers Canada Can Get

MONTREAL, April 4.—(Special.)—According to a despatch to the Grand Trunk office here, 32 cars of settlers' effects arrived at Scott, Sask., to-day, from points in the United States, and a second train of 22 cars will arrive to-morrow.

## WAIT AND SEE SAYS ASQUITH

Declines to Outline His Program, But Does Not Say That Budget May Be Altered to Satisfy Irish.

LONDON, April 4.—(C.A.P.)—The official opposition amendment to the resolution of the premier on the veto power of the house of lords, moved in the house of commons by Sir Robert Bannatyne Finlay, declaring in favor of a strong and efficient second chamber and expressing willingness to consider proposals for the reform of the upper house, but declining to proceed with the government proposals, was defeated in the commons to-night by a majority of 106, the house dividing 357 to 251.

"Wait and see," was Premier Asquith's answer to the inconvenient curiosity of several opposition members, who endeavored to obtain enlightenment regarding the government's program and any possible alterations in the budget.

Replying to Austen Chamberlain, however, the premier said he had not authorized Churchill's statement that the budget would be passed without alteration. This is taken as indicating that some of the objections of Irishmen will be met.

A new phase of the situation is the recognition by irritated Liberals that Redmond's desire to "keep a grip on the budget" is inspired not merely by hostility to the lords, but by his distrust of the government, but for what will finally happen the country must wait and see.

The debate on the premier's motion to go to a committee to consider his proposals on disabling the lords was concluded to-night. Right Hon. M. Lyttelton, who opened, warmly protested against Churchill's statement last week that the lords, having used the veto to "affront the prerogative of the crown," and invade the rights of the commons, it had become necessary for the "crown and commons" to act together and restore the balance of constitution, which he described as "ungenerous and unseemly."

Col. Seeley said that if the commons had not taken immediate steps to secure effective control over finance legislation, the self-governing dominions would think it was not fit to manage its own affairs. The argument that there was anything contrary to colonial policy in an attempt to restrict the hereditary powers could not be sustained.

## NO COMPETITION FOR ONTARIO POWER LINE

Laurier Declares That Reason for Opposition's Fight Against St. Lawrence Company's Bill is "Out at Last."

OTTAWA, April 4.—(Special.)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier made a discovery to-night, he affirmed at 11.30 p.m., in addressing the evening's debate on the bill of the St. Lawrence Power Transmission Co. This is the bill which caused the all night session of parliament three weeks ago.

Major Sharpe (N. Ontario) had pointed out that no board of trade or public body of any weight had supported the bill—rather they opposed to it. Besides, the lines of transmission which it was proposed to charter would duplicate the Ontario government's hydro-electric line.

Thereupon, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, in a two minute speech, declared that the bill was out of the bag. He had been wondering, with others, the real reason for the determined opposition to the bill, and Major Sharpe had revealed it. It was simply that the members did not want any competition with the hydro-electric. The hydro-electric was built to compete with other lines, but the opposition did not want this line, that competed with other lines, to have competition.

"I am glad that people now know the real reason for this opposition," he concluded.

Pardee Fights Delay. When the deputy speaker read over the first clause of the bill this evening, Col. Sam Hughes asked that the bill stand over for further study.

The premier answered that there was not, so far as he knew. He denied that the government had any objection with his fate. For his part, he quite shared the apprehension which was entertained by the public when it came into this bill, that in some way or other the object of the promoters was to take a step forward in the legislation, which was adopted years ago in regard to the damming of the St. Lawrence.

Mr. Graham supported it. Hon. George E. Foster supported the bill. If it had anything to do with a dam, he would hesitate in supporting it, he said, but the bill had nothing to do with damming the St. Lawrence.

Mr. Sproule: Did they ever ask for power from the hydro-electric commission?

Mr. Graham: Yes. They asked for bread and got a stone. J. G. Turritt (Assiniboia) said he was not still sure there was not a tiger in the fence.

R. L. Borden moved the following amendment: "That the governor in council shall not give his approval to the construction of any further canals, watercourses, raceways, dams, wing dams, sluices, weirs, locks or other works on the River St. Lawrence to the St. Lawrence Power Co. Limited, until the plans thereof shall have been first submitted and approved by parliament."

W. B. Northrup asked why the St. Lawrence Power Co. should not transmit its own electricity. He pointed out that in 1901, when the auditor-general objected to payments in connection with that bill, and took legal action, Mr. Aylesworth supported him.

Emmerson Won Over. W. S. Middlebro (North Grey) contended the bill as nothing more than a measure to supplement the powers of the bill of 1901.

## HARD LUCK



## POLITICAL FISHERMAN: I've been striking snags ever since I've been in the blame place.

WOMAN IS SUFFOCATED IN A BLAZE AMONG RAGS  
 Conflagration in Rag Shop on West Adelaide Street Costs Life of Mrs. A. Barker—Fireman Overcome by Smoke.

Lying lifeless between two paper presses in a corner of the burning rag shop of E. Pullan at West Adelaide and Maude-streets, the body of Mrs. A. Barker, 77 West Richmond-street, a paper sorter, was found where she had succumbed to suffocation yesterday afternoon. She was taken to the morgue.

When the first alarm of fire was given, Mrs. Barker, Miss Irwin and Mrs. Miles were working in the rear of the shop, directly above the place where the fire is supposed to have started. They hurried to the stairs, as did twenty men who were also working on the same floor. Just as the two women ran down Mrs. Barker exclaimed she had lost her coat and some clothes behind. She turned to go back for them and was never again seen alive.

It is thought that she became confused by the dense smoke, which quickly filled the building, for, although the stairs were within a few feet of the floor, and the floor used to feed the paper presses and fell thru onto the press in the next story.

Found Between Presses. From there the unfortunate woman rolled to the floor, and lay between two presses until discovered some fifteen minutes later. The firemen did not receive any word of their being any one in the place until they had been working at the fire for about six or seven minutes. The first intimation.

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 G. T. BLACKSTOCK ILL  
 Unable to Act as Prosecutor at North Bay Assizes.

NORTH BAY, Ont., April 4.—(Special.)—George Tate Blackstock, K.C., the eminent Toronto lawyer, who was assigned as crown prosecutor at North Bay assizes, opening to-day, was taken suddenly ill this morning and is confined to his room in the Pacific Hotel. He will not be able to act, and the department has appointed his partner, H. E. Rose, K.C., to act.

SIR JAMES DENIES RUMOR. "I can't waste my time and that of the reporters in contradicting the ridiculous rumors afloat," remarked Sir James Whitney yesterday in regard to the story that Hon. J. F. Foy was to retire and be succeeded in the attorney-generalship by Hon. I. B. Lucas. "You can rely on the fact that there is no truth in these stories," the premier added.

## NEWSBOYS TO REAP PROFITS OF LUNCH

In accordance with the generous offer made a few days ago the menu card of the Scherrers Lunch Co. today bears the headline: "All sales to-day are for the benefit of the newsboys."

The merchants who contributed the produce which thus goes into the good work of helping along the newsboys' home scheme are: Wm. Ryan Co., White & Co., W. Adams, Dale's Limited, M. P. Mallen, Jas. Brown, City Dairy, Medland's Limited, Gallagher's Co., A. G. Billingshurst, Alexander Brown Milling Co., John J. Fee, Neilson Ice Cream Co.

The card of the special 35 cents dinner prepared for the occasion reads as follows:

- SOUP.
- Puree of Split Pea.
- FISH.
- Baked White Fish, au Gratin, Parsley Sauce.
- ENTREE.
- Chicken Potpie, Family Style.
- ROASTS.
- Prime Ribs of Roast Beef and Brown Gravy.
- Roast Veal and Dressing.
- VEGETABLES.
- Creamed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes (Baked).
- DESSERT.
- Maple Custard Pudding, Wine Sauce.
- Deep Apple Pie, Whipped Cream.
- Hot Apple Dumplings, Whipped Cream, SPECIALS.
- Fresh Strawberry Shortcake, 10c.
- Strawberries and Cream, 10c.
- Sliced Pineapple, 10c.
- Assorted Deep Home-Made Pies, per cut. 5c.
- Apple Dumplings, Whipped Cream, 5c.
- Baked Apple, Whipped Cream, 5c.
- Sliced Orange, 10c.
- Hot Mince Pie, 5c.
- Hot Beef Sandwiches, Brown Gravy, 10c.
- Sliced New Tomatoes, 10c.



MRS. A. BARKER

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The County of York is not held liable, owing to an agreement by which the city assumed all obligations in the matter.

Two years ago, at the request of the crown, Crown Attorney Drayton indicted the city for its negligence. The city council waited on the department and begged a withdrawal of the indictment, promising that special provision should be made that year.

"In a moment of weakness," added Dr. Bruce Smith, "the indictment was withdrawn." The city did nothing to implement its promise.

RAILWAY MEN'S WAGES. OTTAWA, April 4.—(Special.)—A board of conciliation and investigation has been appointed to enquire into the wages of G.T.R. and C.P.R. trainmen, being J. G. O'Donoghue, Toronto, for the men; Wallace Nesbitt, K.C., Toronto, for the company; and J. E. Atkinson, Toronto, chairman.

## MATERS HOLD BOARDS AT THE ROYAL ALEX.

Earl Grey Musical and Dramatic Competition Opens at Alexandra Before Distinguished Audience.

The fourth annual musical and dramatic trophy competition, originated by His Excellency Earl Grey, commenced at the Royal Alexandra Theatre last evening before a distinguished audience, before Their Excellencies Earl and Countess Grey, and His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Gibson, Mrs. Gibson and party.

While the dramatic competition was the chief attraction of the evening, the musical numbers were cordially received. The vice-regal and gubernatorial parties arrived promptly at a quarter past eight, and on the conclusion of the National Anthem the curtain went up. Out of respect for the competitive nature of the program this week The World will refrain from expressing any criticism upon any performance.

In addition to the trophy competitions, gold, silver and bronze medals were offered by the local committee for amateurs under twenty-three years of age, for which the following appeared: Piano Solo, "Polonaise in A-flat, op. 57," Chopin, Miss Muriel Little, Cobourg; Solo, "The Lord is My Light," Allister, Mr. Arthur Brown, Toronto; Violin Solo, "Reverie," Vest-temp, Mr. E. Frederic Singer, Toronto; Solo, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," Samson, and Delilah, Saint Saens, Miss Victoria Stairs, Hamilton.

In the musical competition, the numbers rendered by the choir of the Bloor-street Presbyterian Church could only bring forth words of praise. Peter C. Kennedy, organist and director, received many congratulations on the results achieved by his songsters, and as one musical critic said to The World on the completion of the performance, "Kennedy will be heard from here on." The numbers submitted were: Chorus, "Hymn to Music," by Dudley Buck; Motet, "Come Unto Him," Gounod.

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 NEWS BUILDING TO BE CONVERTED INTO HOTEL?  
 Philo Lamb Wants to Transfer His License From Ward—Pays \$150,000 For Site.

Philo Lamb, who conducts the only hotel in the "Ward," at Agnes-street, has made application to the board of license commissioners for a transfer of his license to the southeast corner of Yonge and Adelaide-streets—better known as The News Building. It is understood he has secured an option on the premises for \$150,000, and a large building of three stories, and a full basement, and could be adapted into a roomy hotel.

Should this transfer go thru it will leave a void in the ward so far as retail dispensaries are concerned, and to offset this Mrs. R. V. Ghilena is applying for a license at 144 Chestnut-street.

REAL ESTATE CAUTION.  
 Let each one of us go slow on real estate speculation. There is a demand for a considerable amount of building lots and for business property, and for a moderate amount of opening up of outlying districts. The greatest care, nevertheless, must be exercised, especially by those of small means.

C. M. A. SUPPORT BYLAW.  
 The executive committee of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association have issued a circular in which they ask every member of the Toronto branch to use their influence in the carrying of the hospital bylaw, which provides for a grant of \$250,000 for the new General Hospital.

A RETROSPECT.  
 - April 5, 1852—Buckville, Upper Canada, was incorporated into a town.  
 - April 5, 1854—General Pollock occupied Fort Jalalabad, forcing the Khcyber Pass.  
 - April 5, 1856—Vesuvius in eruption. Thirty lives were lost.

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