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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

Alarmed at the great and growing popularity of the Conservative policy of government ownership of the new transcontinental railway, and at the ineffectiveness of their attempts to convince the people that it will be far better for them to give their money away to a company and keep it for themselves, Liberal papers are trying to discredit Conservative sincerity in the matter.

The Winnipeg Free Press, Sifton's organ, has been adopting these tactics, as the following quotation from a recent editorial shows:

"It is to Mr. Borden the country looks for the formulation of the Conservative policy. He is the leader of that party. The Borden resolution, which sets forth the Conservative railway policy at the length of some two thousand words, and which is on record in Hansard, contains absolutely nothing to commit the Conservative party to government ownership."

Unfortunately the public have all the time had before them the official report of Mr. Borden's first speech this session, in the course of which he and in the maritime provinces of the G. T. P. bill.

"The immediate construction and control by the dominion of such lines of railway in the west to the Pacific as the enormous importance and increasing development of the great western country require. (3) The extension of the Intercolonial Railway to the Georgian Bay and thence to Winnipeg, and the extension and improvement in the province of Quebec and in the maritime provinces of the government system of railways."

Mr. Borden's clinching speech last night comes still more unfortunately for these Liberals. Mrs. Farrington, who, with trivial editorial brooms, are frantically trying to sweep back the tide of popular approval of the Conservatives. If anything were needed to commit the opposition more fully to the policy of government ownership than the speech from which the amendment above is quoted it is fully supplied by the amendment Mr. Borden moved last night:

"That the house is of opinion that instead of ratifying the proposed amendments, it would be more in the public interest that the dominion government assume the whole obligation necessary for extending across the continent the present government system of railways, thereby completing a transcontinental railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, entirely owned by and under the control of the people of Canada."

THE COAL AND RAILWAY COMPANY.

President McAvity gives a very cheerful and sanguine account of the condition and prospects of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company's railway. One does not quite see why there should ever have been any trouble or why freight should have been accumulating at the other end of the line, when the road was in such good condition.

Mr. McAvity's description of the road bed from Chapman to Miramichi is not surprising. That is known to be a good piece of road. It was built entirely with the proceeds of government guarantees, which were given for some thirty miles and exhausted on about half the distance. A good road bed ought to be provided for \$15,000 to \$20,000 a mile in four per cent. government guarantees. But the people of New Brunswick have not yet been told what they got for the \$200,000 that it has cost them to transfer the Central railway from the former company to the corporation over which Mr. McAvity presides—Sun.

According to the report of Mr. Emmerson's speech published in the Telegraph this morning the minister of railways said that "he favored the government-owned and operated railway from the maritime provinces to the wheat fields of the west, and secondly a government constructed, company operated road."

Mr. Emmerson might have made his speech interesting if he had explained why, when the opposition's policy realizes his first choice, he is content to passively assist in the defeat of that policy in favor of one which is only his second choice.

The breaking of a silence so long and closely sealed as Mr. Emmerson's should, one would think, have made a greater report than this morning's papers published of the speech delivered by the minister of railways last night.

There has been a rumor in circulation around Ottawa that Edward Farrar, the well-known journalist, was writing a speech on the G. T. P. for Mr. Emmerson. The Star never believed the story and is confirmed in its position since reading a report of the speech Mr. Emmerson made last night. Mr. Farrar would never have written anything like that.

GO'D'S HEART.

Come down with me to the moon-led sea, Where the long wave ebbs and fills— Are these the tides that follow As the lunar impulse will?

Nay, rather this is the heart of God, Naked under the sky, And we hear his pulse with wonder— The shore, and the clouds, and I

Uselessly, awfully, unimpelled, Earth's transient, some day, The urge of exhausted passions, Rocking beneath the grey!

Its life is the blood of the universe Through cosmic arteries hurled; With the throes of its great pulsing, God feeds the veins of the world!

And the lands are wrinkled and grey with time, And scored with a thousand scars, But the sea is the soul of the infinite, Swinging beneath the stars! —Frederick Lawrence Knowles, in New England Magazine.

G. T. P. BILL PASSED

House Sat Till 5:30 This Morning Forcing it Through—Borden for Government Ownership.

OTTAWA, May 26.—The closing scenes of the debate on the surrender of Canada to the G. T. P. are pregnant with ideas. The speech of Borden of Halifax, leader of the opposition, this afternoon was a surprise to the government front benches. Mr. Borden is always gentlemanly and usually mild. Today, however, he threw his hat in the ring and announced that in the event of the conservative party being returned to power, as all indications showed it would be, the construction and control of the transcontinental line would be taken out of the hands of the alien corporation to which it had been surrendered by Laurier and would be conducted by Canada on her own terms.

This statement was received with rousing cheers from the opposition benches. Borden closed by moving the following amendment:

"That the bill be not now read the third time but that it be resolved that the bill proposes to ratify and confirm agreements imposing upon the country enormous obligations for the construction of a transcontinental railway, a large portion of which is to become the property of a railway corporation, to whom the remaining portion is to be leased for fifty years on terms onerous to the country. The proposed amendments, if adopted, would provide almost wholly for the cost of constructing the proposed railway, while the obligation assumed by the Grand Trunk Railway Company is completely discharged."

"The house is of opinion that instead of ratifying the proposed amendments, it would be more in the public interest that the dominion government assume the whole obligation necessary for extending across the continent the present government system of railways, thereby completing a transcontinental railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific, entirely owned by and under the control of the people of Canada."

Fielding, who followed Borden, talked fluently and ably, but skinned over the surface of the opposition leader's argument as a swallow skims over the surface of a lake, without more than wetting his wings. He asserted that while one year ago the opposition were dead against another transcontinental road, they were now tumbling over each other in its support. He had the first six of railroads, correcting Fielding's misrepresentations of the action of the St. John board of trade regarding government ownership of railways, and showing that in August the board had passed resolutions directly favoring the carriage of freight over the proposed Grand Trunk Pacific down to Canadian ports, the road government owned and under government control, favoring extension of the I. C. R. over the continent to the Pacific. That was the position of the government today. It was for government ownership. Why did not Emmerson stand up today for government railway ownership as he did last year?

Emmerson took the floor at 1 o'clock this morning in explanation of his position and his previous silence. Emmerson closed at 2:30 and Reid of Victoria followed. The debate was in progress at 3 a. m.

LATER.

The house sat till half-past five this morning before the Grand Trunk Pacific bill passed its final stage.

ST. MARTIN'S CONSERVATIVES

Are Getting Into Line for the Expected Fight.

The opposition to St. Martin's are bound not to be caught napping and are already getting their forces into line for the coming election. Last evening a large and enthusiastic meeting was held in Temperance Hall, when speeches were delivered by W. H. Bourke, A. W. Fowles and J. J. Creamer. The speeches were heard by James D. Brown, Michael Kelly, A. A. Fowles, Cudlipp Miller, A. W. Fowles, W. H. Bourke, S. Osborne, J. Creamer, M. R. Daley, John Manset, Wm. Smith and S. McCurdy were appointed delegates to the county nominating convention.

"Can any one tell me what a Christian is?" asked the Sunday-school teacher.

"Yes, ma'am, I can," answered a little girl. "A Christian is a man who doesn't swear when his wife is cleaning house."

LOCAL NEWS.

The meeting of the Agricultural Society which was to have been held yesterday has been postponed. J. Royden Thomson has been appointed vice-consul for Sweden and Norway in the place of his late father. Pilot Trainer has gone to New York to come down to St. John on the bark Westmorland.

The South Shore steamer Seniac, which reached St. John on Wednesday night, left on her trip to Halifax via N. York last night. The Eastern liner Calvin Austin, Capt. Pike, arrived about 8:30 last evening from Boston. She landed some 50 passengers.

The rector and church-wardens of Trinity church gave a supper last night at White's cafe to the members of the choir. After supper the party enjoyed a pleasant musical evening. Coal freights from New York are now a dollar a ton. This is some 20 cents less than the rate at the same time last year. Some dynamite has taken place within the last few days.

Rev. Mark Guy Pearce addressed a large audience in the Forsyth street Methodist church last evening. His subject was Some Old Folks at Home, and he treated the subject in a very interesting and instructive manner.

Frank Alward, who has given ten years of his life to the service of the St. John Railway Company, has resigned his position as conductor on account of ill health. He is not known to have met with the smallest accident during his employment with the street railway.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE

Factory Workers and Law.

FIRE ESCAPES.

Almost all countries recognize the need to protect from fire those employees who are crowded in rooms above the street. Stairways should be wide, doors opening outwards, except when entrance is from narrow streets, and where case doors should slide. Strong and efficient fire escapes should also be provided for the upper floors, stairs only being used for fire escapes and no fire escapes. In fact, the Market Building, where the Natural History Society often have fifty or more persons in the lecture room two flights up, has one entrance door opening inward.

The proposed factory law will cover all such cases. A warrant for such legislation is found in the fact that in the United States there is a law whereby all factories shall be provided with one or more fire escapes, easily accessible, and unobstructed. This general law has been adopted by the following states:

Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin.

Even the remote western states and territories are ahead of New Brunswick in this particular. W. FRANK HATHAWAY, May 27, 1904.

RECENT DEATHS.

ST. MARTIN'S, N. B., May 26.—David Vaughan died at his residence here last night, in the eightieth year of his age. Mr. Vaughan was prominently identified with the different enterprises of this place in its early days, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits for a period of nearly sixty years. He is survived by two sons, Ernest, carrying on business here; Doctor Harry, of Brooklyn, and two daughters, Mrs. Mary Vaughan of St. John, and Mrs. J. H. Ryan, wife of Dr. Ryan, of Sussex.

WOODSTOCK, May 25.—Mrs. Thomas Fower, Sr., died at her home here today, after a severe illness of several weeks, in the 72nd year of her age. The death is particularly sad by reason of the fact that she had been stricken with the fatal illness her husband was also taken ill and died eight days ago, the information being withheld from the wife, as it was expected such news would hasten death.

The Boston Herald announces the death in Roxbury, Mass., May 25, of Susan L. E. Bill, so long known and so greatly beloved by the Baptists of this province and Nova Scotia. Mrs. Bill had reached the age of 84 years.

The death of Mrs. John Ballie occurred at home, Lancaster Heights, yesterday after a lingering illness. A husband, three sons and three daughters survive. Deceased was a native of Scotland and with her husband, who was in the employ of the C. P. R., came to this country many years ago.

Late last night Hon. Robert Marshall died at the residence of Mrs. E. G. Seeds, seventy-two years of age. Mr. Marshall had been an invalid for about three years. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. W. C. Whittaker, of this city, and Misses Jane and Sarah, of Chatham.

A biographical sketch of his life appeared in the Star a few days ago.

A GOOD SEND OFF.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Robinson, who for many years have been residents of South Bay, leave today for Regina, where in the future they will reside. Last evening a number of their friends met and Councillor Jas. Lovell on behalf of the present presenters, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson with an address, a handsome Bible and a fountain pen.

Dr. W. S. Morrison, Rev. Mr. Malcolm, George Ellison and A. W. Anderson, were served, and the meeting closed by a chorus from the Sunday school.

DEATHS. BROWN—On the 27th inst., at 235 British street, Miramichi, eldest daughter of James and Helena S. Brown, aged fourteen years and eight months.

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THE DANGER OF CATS.

How Pet Animals Contract and Spread Disease.

The medical officer of Hexham, near London, after investigating a case of diphtheria, stated in his report that the transmission of the disease is directly traceable to the family cat.

The cat, he said, went marauding after the manner of cats, and visited an infected area. Then she returned to her owners an unconscious purveyor of disease.

A medical man who was interviewed yesterday on the matter affirmed that this case was by no means an isolated one.

"Cats and dogs allowed to roam at will, are a constant source of danger," he said. "Nobody seems to think that domestic animals can as surely carry disease from one house to another as a human being."

"While men and women have to undergo a process of disinfection after visiting a house where there is contagious disease, animals are allowed to roam in and out at will. No precaution is taken."

"It would be well for the community if every domestic animal were rigidly excluded from infected houses."

"I believe," continued the doctor, "that many cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever and influenza which occurs in London could be traced to cats."

"Children especially should be watched carefully in connection with this danger. They carry their pets, and dogs and cats are likely to make a great fuss of their little human friends in return."

"Death, however, often lurks in the affectionate caress of some pet dog or cat."

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JAPANESE GETTING TALLER.

The Japanese have not only found out the way of getting rid of the un-European formation of the eyes. They are also, if we can believe what we are told, in a generation or so going to increase in stature until they arrive at the European standard of height.

The Japanese spine is as long as the European; the legs are, however, considerably shorter.

This is due to the former national habit of sitting on the ankles, cross-legged, whereby the supply of blood to the growing bones was temporarily stopped and the bones prevented from attaining their full development.

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"Do you know the meaning of the word 'lazy'?" asked the teacher, addressing a small pupil. "Sure!" answered the little fellow. "It means that you'd rather sit down and watch the other fellow do it."