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Toronto, Dec. 16.—The Union Trust Company of Toronto, has served notices on George W. Fowler, M.P. and others, for suit for \$55,000 for alleged excess price charged in a British Columbia timber and mill deal, which was ventilated before the insurance commission some time ago.

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TELLS PARLIAMENT WHAT FARMERS ARE UP AGAINST

R. S. Lake Punctures Government's Property bubble -- Demands for Farmers Better Than Protection

In the House of Commons a few days ago, R. S. Lake, M.P. for Qu'Appelle, put aside other issues to make a plea to parliament on behalf of the farmers of this province, who are not only suffering from a poor crop this year, but also from inadequate transportation facilities. Mr. Lake said in part:

Mr. Speaker, the speeches of the members of the government who have spoken during the present debate have been a great disappointment to the country at large. Instead of taking up important subjects which were brought to our notice in the speech from the throne, they have delivered speeches which one might rather have expected to have heard on the hustings during the heat of a contested election. There is one subject, which was mentioned in the speech from the throne, which I believe is at the present time occupying more attention amongst the people of the country than any other, and which is perhaps the most important subject dealt with in their remarks during the present debate that question has not been touched upon by members of the government. I refer, of course, to the financial stringency which exists at the present moment throughout the Dominion of Canada. We might have very well expected that some light would have been thrown on this subject, and we might also well have expected to hear what measures the government proposed to take in the emergency. There have been various reports in the public press of interviews with the minister of finance on the one hand, in which he is reported to have stated that he had made arrangements with the bankers of the country for facilitating the purchase and transport to the markets of the world of the crops of the northwest, while on the other hand we have had reports that his interview with the bankers was productive only of failure. At any rate whatever may have been the outcome in his mind of these interviews, I can tell him that the crop of the Northwest is not being moved as it should be at the present moment, and that conditions that country are far from what we would wish them to be. The farmer who cannot sell his produce except at a ruinous figure in any case, and the merchant who cannot collect the debts due to him on the one hand, while on the other he finds that his credit is curtailed. And the man who is hard up does not know where to find the money to provide him with the necessities of life or to find the work in order to obtain that money, will not consider the speeches which we have heard from the government in this debate to be in any degree satisfactory. I wish to call the attention of the government to the state of affairs which exists in many parts of the northwest. The hon. member for Portage la Prairie (Mr. Crawford), in speaking the other day gave us a story of prosperity which existed in his own immediate district. We have, of course, similar prosperity in other portions of the Northwest, but I regret to say that the prosperity is not universal. Unfortunately the impression which was conveyed by the speech of the hon. member for Portage la Prairie was to the effect that the whole of the new provinces in the northwest, and that the last crop had been more satisfactory to the producers of that crop than the crop of last year.

We have even seen interviews during the last few days with the premier of Saskatchewan in which the same impression is conveyed. There never was a better promise of a heavy crop throughout certain portions of the country at any rate, than during the present year. But the actual luxuriance of the crops was their undoing. The season was late there, as in many other parts of the world, and unfortunately frost came before the crops were in a condition to be immune from danger. The consequence has been that in some districts you may go out and see some of the finest crops, hundreds and thousands of acres still standing, absolutely uncut, which will never be cut, which have nothing in them. There are many other portions where the crops have been cut, and the farmers feel they would be better off if they never had cut them. But I am speaking more of the grain that is in the farmer's hands at the present, and which they desire to market. There is an extreme amount of difficulty in selling the feed wheat at any price. I had a letter only this morning in which I was told that the price offered for feed wheat at a large centre on the main line of the

Canadian Pacific railway in the province of Saskatchewan was only 15 cents per bushel of sixty pounds, and that even that price was not given to everybody. You had to have a pretty fair quality of wheat to get even that. There were people who had wheat for which they could not get any offer at all. I had another letter from that point a few days ago, in which I was told that the price offered for oats was 20 cents, and for wheat 19 cents, and that the prices were even gradually coming down from those figures. This is a very serious question. It is very serious when some of the best wheat growing districts find themselves in the category of their crop comes under the category of feed wheat, and when, in the majority of instances, the yield was only ten or twelve bushels to the acre, and the harvesting was extremely expensive. I know of one case in which a gentleman, who had a magnificent crop before the frost came, and who had a pretty considerable amount of grain from it, finds he would be much better off if he had let that crop stand. The cost of harvesting and threshing and hauling it to market—he has some little distance to draw it—was greater than he can now realize from the prices now offered. It may be said that what I am now stating is not borne out by what we see in the market reports. There is no doubt whatever that the prices for high grades are good at present and have been good throughout the season, but the prices for the lower grades, especially the feed, are absolutely illusory. I have found no one who has been able to avail himself of the prevailing prices that are advertised for those lower grades of wheat. Few are able to sell at the prices so set, and a great many are absolutely unable to sell at all.

I would like to call attention to the feeling of unrest which exists at the present time with regard to the system of grading. It is of course difficult to grade to the satisfaction of everybody in a season like this, in which there has been so much frosted and so many different grades of wheat. There will never be a satisfactory solution to the question until we have a sample market. I do not any prospect for that in the very near future, but I still hope that it will not take many years before we have it. But there are other ways in which the government can do something to relieve the present stringency, and I propose to make a suggestion later on. I am not sufficiently conversant with the grain business to give an opinion which would be of value to this House regarding the reasons generally speaking for the low price of inferior

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Sedley Organizes

Sedley, Dec. 12.—A Conservative association was organized here yesterday. S. R. Moore of Regina came down to address the party on the issues of the election and organization. The following officers were elected: Hon. Pres.—R. S. Lake, M.P. President—R. W. Stayner. Vice Pres.—Oscar Edwards. Sec. Treas.—H. J. Martin. Executive committee—J. O. Scott, J. A. Becker, J. Monee, J. A. Finell and J. Schlosser together with a vice president for each township. This organization will give a good account of themselves on election day.

TAKES ACTION AT LAST

Government Moves in Matter of C.P.R. Exemption After Being Prodded up by Mr. Haultain

At last, as is announced by the government organ, the Scott administration has decided to take action in the matter of C.P.R. taxation, and if the company refuses to pay taxes on their lands a case will be taken to the courts in 1908. Mr. Haultain has urged the government time and again to take this matter to the courts, but at last after waiting from Sept. 1905 to 1908 they have concluded to do something. It will be remembered that the Dominion government played with this question in the way of a test case before the courts, and when the supreme court of Canada decided in favor of

the company, they let the time for appeal to the Privy Council expire, and the matter was dropped. Mr. Scott in speaking in parliament of the C.P.R. exemption urged that the people of the Northwest Territories would be "crazy" to assume provincial responsibilities till this matter was disposed of. Notwithstanding his former statements and regardless of the manner in which Mr. Haultain has been prodding the government up in the matter only now have they decided that it is time to be up and doing.

The way the case will be taken is a matter of general interest, but the result will be eagerly awaited.

Borden Didn't Know

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Gazette will tomorrow publish the following letter: "In order to prevent waste of newspaper space which is at present taking place and further speculation, I would like to make the following statement: First, late Hon. A. G. Blair did not know of the purchase of La Presse until five days after that event was consummated and was therefore in no way connected with the deal. Second: I gave a non-political banquet to Hon. Wm. Pugsley at Caladonia Springs, on account of my personal friendship for that gentleman, and in order to advertise property and affect a sale, which I was successful in doing. Third: R. L. Borden did not know of the purchase of La Presse until I accidentally encountered him at the ladies' entrance of the Windsor hotel and informed him. I am in

duty bound to state that Mr. Borden did not appear enthusiastic on this matter and did not even congratulate me. (Signed) David Russell."

PAUL M. BREDT IS PRESIDENT

Regina Exhibition Company Holds Annual Meeting and Elects Officers—Provincial Fair Next Season.

At the annual meeting of the Regina Agricultural and Exhibition Co. held on Monday, President A. T. Hunter retired and the vice-president P. M. Bredt, was elected to the presidential chair by acclamation. It is the object of the exhibition board to hold a provincial fair next season. There was a good attendance at the meeting when President Hunter called order and presented his annual report. Mr. Hunter, referring to last year's fair said that it was undoubtedly the best exhibition ever held here. The exhibits in horses and cattle were particularly good and in many ways the fair was conducted on provincial lines. Regarding the finances it appeared that there was a deficit this year of \$3,000, but it is unfortunate that owing to the exhibition to show a deficit before the city will make a donation. Over one thousand dollars of the deficit was

capital expenditure which can be charged against the company. Mr. Hunter suggested regarding the dates of the fair next year, that they should be arranged so as to get the exhibits enroute to the Dominion fair at Calgary. Referring to his work as president for the last two years, Mr. Hunter said that he felt that he owed it to himself to retire from the presidential chair. He had given the best service he was capable of to the promotion of the Regina exhibition.

Discussing Mr. Hunter's report P. M. Bredt said that regarding the fair dates he might cite his attitude at the recent convention of agricultural society delegates. He was there representing Regina, but when the Regina dates came up for discussion he could not agree to any arrangement for he wanted to be sure of not conflicting with the Dominion fair dates at Calgary, and while dates are well in view, no doubt, they are not announced. It was decided after Mr. Bredt's statement to leave the fixing of the dates to the executive.

The election of officers was then taken up with the following results: President—P. M. Bredt. (Acclamation.)

Vice Pres.—J. C. Pope. (Acclamation.)

Secretary-Treasurer—E. Meadows. (Acclamation.)

Executive—The foregoing officers and A. T. Hunter, H. F. Mytton, P. Cooper, W. M. Williamson, R. H. Tauber, W. G. Pettigell, H. C. Lawson, J. K. Hunter, R. Bourne, J. Kinross, G. Spring-Rice, J. A. Wetmore, A. E. Whitmore, A. B. Cook, S. Beech, S. Loverock, A. Hammond, J. M. Young and F. H. O. Harrison.

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