

master, Sir Rodolphe, and by the hour of midnight they had done part of the task to earn their ten pieces of silver. The session far spent, and the usual appointed hour at hand for selling their country's birthright for a mess of politics, the master of the cabinet marionettes seemed to say: 'Well done, good and faithful puppets: ye have been faithful over a few things, but this is the supreme betrayal.' But among the weary scribes there were murmurings against the pharisees and money-changers, and one unpatriotic sinner did mutter: 'Verily this House has long been the House of Pretence, but it has now become an House of Barter!'

Undoubtedly the three cabinet ministers referred to are Hon. J. D. Reid, who explained the measure; Hon. Arthur Meighen, who justified it, and Hon. T. Chas. Gasgrain who glorified it.

No Opposition to Loans

The C.N.R. and G.T.P. loan proposals passed thru the final stages with a few murmurings and no real opposition. R. B. Bennett spoke for two hours and said many hard things about Mackenzie and Mann, but spoiled the effect of it all by declaring that he would support the measures because of the proposal to inquire into the Canadian railway situation, with the object of dealing in a permanent way with the problem. He advocated a special session of parliament in the autumn to consider railway legislation alone.

W. F. Maclean as usual made a thoughtful speech in favor of the nationalization of all the railway systems of Canada. His idea is that the task would be made easy if the C.P.R. were included, because the big earnings of which that system is capable would balance the deficits on the other lines. He thought the C.P.R. could be secured by guaranteeing the shareholders 7 per cent. for twenty-five years, when the stock could be purchased.

Apart from the railway legislation little of interest happened. On the closing day the increased scale of pensions recommended by a committee, of which Hon. J. D. Hazen was chairman, was discussed, and Sir Robert Borden said that the report would in all probability be acted upon. One of the recommendations of the committee is that a pension board should be named, and that the payment of pensions should be absolutely removed from the domain of politics. The importance of the work which this board will have to perform will be recognized when it is stated that they will in all probability have charge of annual disbursements amounting to \$25,000,000.

Thos. MacNutt, of Saltcoats, brought up the question of the duty being paid by western farmers on machinery parts. He produced documents to show that according to a ruling of the collector of customs in Winnipeg, 30 per cent. is often paid on a retail valuation. The minister of customs, after hearing Mr. MacNutt's statement, admitted that a mistake may have been made, and promised to have the matter looked into. If anything was wrong it would be rectified, he said.

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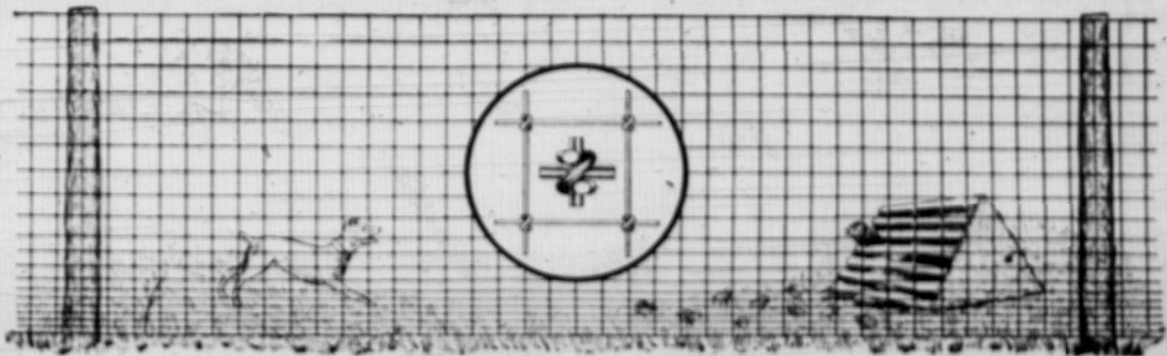
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