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NO NEED FOR A CHANGE

Relations of Canada and Britain Are Satisfactory.

So Declares Sir Wilfrid Laurier in Reply to Col. Sam Hughes' Resolution and Speech in Favor of a Full Partnership Union With the Mother Country—Interesting Debate in the House of Commons.

Ottawa, March 14.—Col. Sam Hughes yesterday projected into the deliberations of the House a question which led to a long discussion. He moved, "That in the opinion of this House, the best interests of Canada and the Empire at large would be advanced, and the peace, progress and prosperity of humanity be assured, by a full partnership union of Great Britain and her colonies, which there would be a united Imperial Parliament, empowered to deal with inter-imperial, international, commercial, financial and other necessary national problems; but leaving to the existing Parliaments their present powers, functions, control of tariff, and other matters necessary for their own purposes."

E. F. Clarke to Have Seconded. Col. Hughes reflected sadly on the circumstance that E. F. Clarke was to have seconded the resolution. He said he was no pioneer in the movement for a full partnership union of Great Britain and her colonies. As early as 1848 a great Nova Scotian, Hon. Joseph Howe, took a strong stand on the question, and predicted a day when the British Empire would be a united whole.

It had been said that Britain and her colonies were divided by great stretches of ocean. The ocean, he argued, was really a bond of union. "What was needed was a bond in the national life of the country. A continent which begets pride in the country's flag. A closer union was essential in the interest of the Mother Country. Britain had reached the climax of her greatness."

It was in the interest of the colonies also to enter a closer union. The colonies were loyal to the core, they were growing in method, and it was absurd to say that they must remain as they are to-day. If there was no union it would not be the fault of the colonies but of the mother country. The various courses open to Canada, including independence and annexation, Col. Hughes' preference was strongly for a full partnership union.

Discussing annexation, Col. Hughes said it was commonly supposed that Canada would have to bear less war tax as a portion of the United States than as part of the British Empire. This was a mistake. The hundred years the United States had spent for the purposes of war four billion dollars more than Great Britain. Canada was now paying \$2,500,000 a year for defence. As a benefit of the United States we would have to pay \$2,500,000 annually. Canada would be in a position to protect herself. It was an insult to say that the United States would protect us against invasion. The spirit of Canadians would not tolerate such a thing.

As an independent nation, Col. Hughes figured out Canada would have to pay during the next thirty years from sixty to a hundred thousand dollars a year to be on a par with the commonest second rate power in the world. Col. Hughes thought the full partnership union scheme would do away with racial and creed differences all over the Empire, would reduce freight rates and promote immigration to Canada from the British Isles, and promote also the importation of colonial products to take the place of articles now purchased by Great Britain from foreign countries.

As to how this Imperial Federation would be brought about was not for him to say. There was to be an Imperial Conference, which he hoped the Prime Minister would attend, and from which he hoped Sir Wilfrid would return in better health than from the last conference. Doubtless plans and proposals would be submitted there from which the most practical methods would be selected.

Recalled the Khan. Robert McPherson of Vancouver made a violent attack upon those who, he said, were given to proclaim their own loyalty at the expense of that of their neighbors. He accused Col. Hughes of indulging in the insinuation that there were annexationists and independents in Canada, declared that the worst rebels were those who threatened to take up arms to coerce their fellow-citizens of other races or religion, and proclaimed his own loyal sentiments by reciting an stanza of "Men of the Northern Zone."

Mr. Cockburn, Brantford, in the course of a lengthy argument, emphasized the fact that Canada was not contributing a cent toward the maintenance of the British navy. Such conditions, he said, could not exist long. Some day Canada might have to shoulder responsibility for her own protection.

Mr. Bureau of Richelieu criticized the resolution and summoned history to support his argument. He declared in favor of the Nationalist policy, which was not British first, Britain afterwards and British always, but Canada first, Canada afterwards and Canada always.

No Solution Yet. Sir Wilfrid Laurier said the question introduced by Col. Hughes had engaged the minds of some of the best men of the Empire. So far, no solution of the problem had been reached. The Imperial Federation League, which took up the question, finally agreed that there were no practical means of realizing its objects. He would say to Col. Hughes that there was no solution of the question on the four corners of his resolution. He did not see how we

could have complete partnership in the union of the Empire and at the same time leave the Colonial Parliaments with the powers which they already enjoy. In this respect the resolution was contradictory. Sir Wilfrid said he did not think any of the self-governing colonies would be willing to part with any of the powers which they now possess. He was proud to say that the relations between Britain and the colonies were satisfactory. While they remained satisfactory, it was idle to suppose that any changes would be made.

It was only when a grievance was found to exist that the British people made the necessary changes. If present conditions no longer answered the purposes of the British Empire, no doubt means would be found to remedy these deficiencies.

No Changes Expected. "But," said Sir Wilfrid in conclusion, "so long as they are found satisfactory, so long as there is contentment in every part of the Empire, as there is to-day, I am sure that all efforts to change these relations will be futile. The British Empire to-day is composed of nations; it is an aggregation of nations all bearing allegiance to the same Sovereign. Even the difference between the British Empire of the present day and the Empire which has been seen in the past, namely, that whereas the Empire of the past rested on force, the Empire of to-day, so far at least as the great colonies are concerned, rests altogether on the will of the colonists themselves."

Sir Wilfrid asked that, while the question was one which could always be treated advantageously even though at the present time it seems premature, the resolution be withdrawn.

Mr. Borden Replies. "I am very glad," observed E. L. Borden in reply, "that the Right Hon. gentleman regards the relations of Canada with the Empire as so entirely satisfactory, for it is not more than 18 months ago that he himself announced in this House that they were absolutely unsatisfactory, that we must attain to a greater share of the treaty-making power." (Hear, Hear.)

Continuing, Mr. Borden said that it was time development of relations with the rest of the Empire came around by a process of gradual evolution. It was also true that in respect of all these matters the best table was set by the people of Canada, through the public men of Canada. It was, therefore, an interesting question, and one which was being deliberated upon, that Col. Hughes had brought to the attention of the House.

As to the financial features of the resolution, Mr. Borden said that he for one had no opinion for a number of years that the material prosperity of the Empire and the ties which bind its different portions together might be improved and strengthened by a system of mutual trade preferences within the Empire. That policy, he said, Canada had advocated in the House and on the platform. Mr. Chamberlain's movement, which was bound to come, and every payment current and right-fully placed. All fees received by the County Clerk have been promptly paid to the Treasurer. All moneys received by the keeper of the House of Refuge have been placed to the credit of the county.

In Sympathy With Chamberlain. "But," continued Mr. Borden, "taking for myself as a Canadian, I am heartily in sympathy with the movement, and I believe that the people of Great Britain, the people of Canada and the people of the Empire, taken together, could make an arrangement by which each would give certain advantages in trade matters which they do not extend to other countries. If this could be accomplished, it does not seem to me there is room for doubt that it would result in great benefit, not only to Canada, but to all portions of the Empire. For one sincerely hope that many who are now within the sound of my voice may live to see that great project an accomplished fact." (Cheers.)

Col. Hughes expressed his gratification at the Prime Minister's and Mr. Borden's expression of opinion, and withdrew his motion. After some cross-firing over the Separate School petition, the House adjourned at 11:30 p. m.

Dr. Thompson, M. P., Takes Seat. Ottawa, March 14.—Dr. Thompson, M. P., Yabon, who arrived on Saturday, took his seat yesterday afternoon. The return of his election reached the Clerk of the Crown in Chancery yesterday morning. Dr. Thompson did not require anyone to introduce him, being returned at the general election.

BELLEVILLE BALLOT BOXES. Crowds Gather to Attend the Hearing.

Belleville, March 14.—As the hour of opening the ballot box trials approached, public interest is intensified in this city. The hotels are already filled up with people connected with the trials. The principals in the trial are here—Messrs. Harvett, Bell, Whalen, and Rutan. T. C. Robinson of Toronto will defend Harvett, the other three will be defended by E. F. B. Johnston, E. C. of Toronto.

The Assizes which open to-day promise to be the most interesting of any in the history of this city. There are a number of jurymen and witnesses summoned that it is said the general public will be entirely excluded from the courtroom.

In speaking of the matter last night, the Ontario, T. S. Carman's paper, says: "The Mr. Wood and Mr. Vernet will not have things all their own way this time is assured."

Chas. T. Cherry, the King St. Grocer, has returned from a short visit to his father at his old home in North Carolina. Mr. Cherry had a splendid trip.

The motion of the Bank of Montreal for speedy judgment in their suit against Scott Bros. & Co., was heard this morning and adjourned till this afternoon.

NOT THEM

Maple City Twin Who Declined to Interrupt Life's Long Sweet Dream by Contact With Armed Convict

Already amusing incidents in connection with the escape of Dan Forsythe from the jail are in circulation. When E. E. Parrott was going home he found young Alexander standing guard outside the Court House with a revolver. An open window above the porch was being closely scrutinized by the young man.

"What's up?" queried the Maple City's real estate dealer. "A prisoner is about to escape," replied the watcher, "and I'm going to shoot him."

"Don't do that," said Mr. Parrott, "we'll take him alive."

"Not much," was the ready response. "He may have something so I'm going to shoot him and take no chances."

The young man was certainly taking no chances as the open window testified and Forsythe had long before disappeared into the night.

Just then a young fellow and a girl came walking down Stanley avenue from the direction of Judge Bell's residence.

"What's up?" queried the pair in chorus as they saw the two watchers.

"A man is escaping from jail," explained the two guardsmen, "and he is liable to appear at that window at any minute and begin shooting."

"Well, he won't shoot us," remarked the lovers as the girl hitched up her skirts and the two fled at a Lou Dillon clip away from the dangerous catchers had to laugh at the suddenness of the exit.

AUDITORS' REPORT

Auditors Cochran and McCully have prepared their report after a careful examination of the affairs of the county. The liabilities in excess of assets on the 31st of December, 1904, was \$4,024.04. This is just about half what it was a year ago. This reduction was made without raising the county rate. If the expenses this year are no greater than they were during the two previous years the county's assets and liabilities will balance without an increase of the county rate. The auditors say:

"After a careful and diligent investigation of the Treasurer's books and vouchers for the year 1904, we find all moneys received have been properly entered and counted for and every payment current and right-fully placed. All fees received by the County Clerk have been promptly paid to the Treasurer. All moneys received by the keeper of the House of Refuge have been placed to the credit of the county."

EPWORTH LEAGUE

The meeting of the Park street Epworth League last evening was under the direction of W. J. Young. There was a very large attendance. The meeting was conducted upon unique lines and proved very enjoyable and interesting. The following was the program as prepared and presided over by Mr. Young:

Opening Hymn, Page 431.
Invocation.
Chairman's Address.
Resolution—Miss Hicklin.
Solo—Miss Jones.
Conversation—"The Irish."
Solo—Miss Barassa.
Violin Solo—Master Robinson.
Solo—Master Hoig.
Conversation—Sunday Evening Sermon.
Solo—Mr. Peake.
Club Singing—Miss Snell.
Solo—Miss Potter.
Solo—Mr. Weeks.
Conversation—Proposed Electric Road.
God Save the King.

GOT A YEAR

Chas. Benjamin, the pal of the escaped prisoner, Dan Forsythe, was arraigned to-day at the Court House on three charges of burglary, to which he has pleaded guilty. In view of Benjamin's refusal to escape when the way was open to him Judge Dowlin took a lenient view of his case and sentenced him to a year in the Central Prison. Nothing has yet been heard of Forsythe since his sudden departure.

OLD RESIDENT GONE

Mrs. Blackburn, an aged resident of Chatham Township, passed away Sunday evening, after a short illness with heart failure.

Deceased was 65 years of age and has been a resident of Chatham Twp. for the past 40 years. A husband and a grown-up family are left to mourn her death.

The funeral will take place from her late residence, corner of the 4th concession and the Centre side road, Chatham Twp., to the Louisville Cemetery.

W. L. G. Snell has started the foundation of a new house on Queen St., adjoining the residence of ex-Ald. Robt. Cuckey.

HER STRANGE DEATH

Straw Stack Fell and Smothered Mrs. Lowry.

Returned From Church Sunday Evening, She Went to Help Husband at the Barn to Get Out Bedding for the Horses. When the Stack Topped Over Upon Her, With Fatal Results.

St. Thomas, March 14.—A strange death was that of Mrs. George Lowry, wife of a young farmer near Fort Dorver. On returning from church on Sunday evening, she went with her husband to the barn, and while he was throwing the hay she went to the straw stack to get out the bedding for the horses.

Just how it happened is not known, but in some manner the straw stack toppled over and the whole weight fell on the young woman. There was considerable snow and ice on the top of the stack, which, added to the weight and rendered the woman's fate a terrible one. When her husband reached her only her head was visible, and despite all his efforts, he could not release her. He was alone on the farm and had to saddle a horse and ride half a mile before he could get help.

When at length Mrs. Lowry was released she was quite dead. It is thought that she was suffocated almost instantly, her body being a mass of bruises from the terrible weight that had fallen on her. Mrs. Lowry had been married only a year. Her maiden name was Steele.

CAUGHT BY A COG.

Robert Moore Badly Injured at Millbrook on Monday.

Millbrook, March 14.—Yesterday morning Robert Moore, late of Minden, and now in the employ of Needlers Mills, met with a serious accident. He was sitting in the machinery, when in some manner the back of his sleeve became entangled in a cog, which wrenched his arm and mutilated the upper part so badly near the shoulder that he was unable to extricate himself.

It was a long time before his cries for assistance were heard. The mill was going. When the employees on the ground floor heard his cries and realized what was wrong, the mill was immediately closed down. The unfortunate man was released. Dr. Turner was quickly on the spot. Amputation was found to be necessary. The young man is doing as well as can be expected.

NOT YET COMPLETE.

But Canada's Offer to Provide Garrison Will Soon Be Ready.

London, March 14.—(C. A. P.)—In the course of the debate on the army estimates in the House of Commons, the Secretary of State said the Dominion Government had offered to assume the cost of the army's expenses in garrisoning Halifax and Esquimaux, providing Canadian troops for the purpose, and until those troops were ready, paying the cost of the Imperial troops retained at those stations. "Arrangements for this are not yet complete, but I have no doubt a satisfactory conclusion will soon be reached."

For British Postage Reduction.

London, March 14.—(C. A. P.)—Sir Gilbert Parker will on Thursday present a deputation of Members of Parliament, from both sides of politics, to the Postmaster-General, and place before him the case for the reduction of rates on British magazines and weekly papers to Canada. Sir Gilbert Parker will also hand to the Postmaster-General the petition signed by the President of the Canadian Press Association and other heads of important public bodies in Canada, praying for a reduction of the magazine rate from fourpence to a penny.

Sunday Cars Ran.

Port Arthur, March 14.—Port Arthur operated its street cars through Fort William Sunday despite the objections of Mayor Rutledge of that town, who stated that he would not sanction the operation of the cars through the town on the Sabbath. The action of Port Arthur is the result of the recent decision of the Supreme Court. Superintendent McGayley informed Mayor Rutledge that Sunday cars would be operated through Fort William. The Council will take action to stop the service.

War on the Beef Trust.

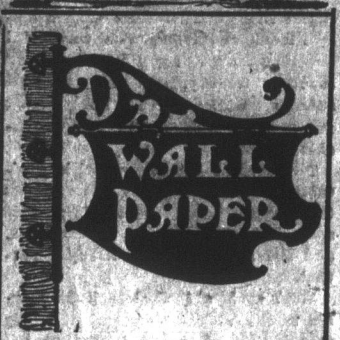
Chicago, March 14.—The daily News yesterday says: "War to the knife between the Big Five of the beef combine and 26 firms and corporations, classed as independent packers, will, it is asserted, begin in Chicago on March 20, when the special Federal Grand Jury begins its investigation of the affairs of the alleged beef combination. A fund of \$3,000,000 has been raised to carry on the fight against the alleged beef combine, and set the claims of the independent packers squarely before the public."

Heavy Sentences Imposed.

Winnipeg, March 14.—A sensation was caused yesterday by the heavy sentences meted out by Judge Richards to two highwaymen convicted before the Grand Jury, and who, for some time, terrorized the city. John Sanderson was given fifteen years and seventy-five lashes, and William Macdonald ten years and seventy-five lashes. The severity of the sentences is due to the brutality of the men to the victims they held up. They kicked one man in the face after robbing him.

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