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THE LIBERAL PARTY AND THE WAR BUDGET

The conduct of the Laurier opposition in the debate on the war budget affords ground for some speculation as to what would have happened to the British Empire in this war if a Laurier opposition were sitting to the left of the speaker in the British Parliament.

Of course the Borden government would let no Laurier to their councils. The people of Canada, wisely for themselves and luckily for the Empire, put Sir Wilfrid and his party where they would have nothing to do with the councils of the administration and the affairs of government.

Now what was the amendment? The Government motion was that the House resolve itself into a committee of ways and means. The Laurier amendment provided that "the speaker do not now leave the chair."

What was it that Sir Wilfrid intended and had in mind when he seconded this amendment? Just what Premier Borden pointed out. Either the Liberal Leader had that in mind and intended just that, or else he did not know what he was doing.

That was in the end of 1912. Today, with the war upon us he moves in effect that Parliament don't take the action necessary for our forces to go to war, he moves to prevent the raising of the necessary revenues.

"My right hon. friend has proposed a motion which, if carried in this House, would defeat the proposals of the Government. He has moved that the Speaker do not leave the chair for the House to consider those proposals, and if that motion carried the proposals could not be considered this session. It is in effect a vote of want of confidence which my right hon. friend is pressing against the Government at this juncture."

If what you just ate is souring on your stomach or lies like a lump of lead, refusing to digest, or you belch gas and eructate sour, indigested food, or have a feeling of distension, heartburn, fullness, nausea, bad taste in mouth and stomach-headache, you can get blessed relief in five minutes. Put an end to stomach trouble forever by getting a large fifty-cent case of Pape's Diaprepain from any drug store. You realize in five minutes how needless it is to suffer from indigestion, dyspepsia or any stomach disorder. It's the quickest, surest stomach doctor in the world. It's wonderful.

should accept it, it is imperatively necessary, if we are to take our part in this war, that additional revenue shall be raised in Canada by some method of taxation. When hon. gentlemen on the other side of the House move a vote of want of confidence in the Government, move that the Speaker do not leave the Chair for the purpose of considering these proposals, and put forward no proposals of their own, I say that they in effect declare to this House and the country that we shall not continue to take our fair share in this war as we intended to do and as the people of Canada desire that we shall do."

It seems pretty clear from this, that the Laurier amendment would have kept Canada out of the conflict, so far as continued action is concerned. There would have been an end of that great spectacle of Imperial Unity, which has amazed the world and spelled the wreck of German hopes. How would it have looked? How would it have looked to the men who are risking their lives for the Empire, left in the lurch by the Liberal party, which will not risk even a five cent piece on a railway ticket?

Ottawa, March 25.—Since the Canadian forces went abroad there have been 268 deaths in the ranks. This includes those who died at Salisbury Plain or elsewhere, who have been killed in action, or who have died from wounds sustained in action. The Princess Patricia list of casualties is counted as part of the regular division.

CORRESPONDENCE

The views of our correspondents are not necessarily those of The Advocate.

MR. SAWYER REPLIES

March 30, 1915. To the Editor of The Advocate: A few questions in your issue of March 24th regarding conditions at the Wireless Station. He has evidently been misinformed in several respects.

I am accused of being an American. Your subscriber is correct. My four great-grandfathers also were Americans. Mrs. Sawyer likewise is an American, although her father was born in Wales, her mother's family having lived in America for several generations.

The American flag has decorated the door of my private office since this building was first occupied. Another door leading to the same room is arched with two Canadian flags and a large picture of an English Bull Dog. Directly outside my window and at least ten feet higher than the American flag flies the Union Jack. Such visitors as the Hon. J. D. Hazen, General Rutherford, Col. J. B. D. F. Mackenzie and others, have found no fault with my decorations which are not in any way disrespectful to the Union Jack.

Your subscriber states that all Canadians and Britishers have been discharged and that I have taken on some foreigners. This is untrue. There are no foreigners here at present and none will be taken on in the future. Because of the necessity of reducing expenses several employees have been laid off, not discharged.

This Syndicate was organized in London with British money. The most prominent of the promoters has been in France since the beginning of the war as Aldi-camp to Sir John French. The Chairman of the Board of Directors Mr. H. A. Earle is a well known electrical engineer and financier of London. The Managing Director, Mr. A. S. Baxendale was formerly the head of the Commercial Cable Board of London. The Secretary Mr. F. A. Waldron is a prominent Londoner. The other members of the Syndicate are not personally known to me. My salary and that of my employees comes direct from the Syndicate who still own and manage this property.

The guard was placed here two days before war was declared and will more than likely remain until after Peace is assured. The reasons are not generally published or known and because of military censorship it is doubtful if you can obtain further information from either local or Ottawa authorities.

I trust that I have answered your questions satisfactorily. E. W. SAWYER. Manager Universal Radio Syndicate, Ltd.

END STOMACH TROUBLE, GASES OR DYSPEPSIA

"Pape's Diaprepain" makes Sick, Sour, Gassy Stomachs surely feel fine in five minutes.

Miramichi Boom Bill Was Before Committee Friday

Southwest Miramichi Company Seeking Power to Increase Charges for Rafting and Also to Extend Their Charter

(Gleaner) Committee Room. March 26th, 1915. The Corporations Committee met this morning. Mr. Slipp nominated Mr. Tilley as chairman of the committee, and this motion was put and carried.

Mr. Tilley then assumed the position of chairman and the bill to consolidate and amend the acts relating to the South West Boom Company was taken up. Large delegations appeared both for and against the bills. Hon. Allan Ritchie, the President, Mr. William A. Park, the secretary, Mr. James Robinson, the manager, and Mr. Hubert Sinclair, of Newcastle, appeared on behalf of the bill, while Mr. D. J. Buckley, of Rogersville, and Mr. John McIntosh, of Glassville, headed the delegation of smaller operators in opposition to the bill.

Mr. R. B. Hanson, for the promoters of the bill, reviewed the history of the company since 1881, declaring that the amounts allowed the company for carrying on its work had been increased from time to time as the cost of operations increased. The original charge for rafting saw logs was 47 1/2 cents per thousand feet, this was increased to 55 cents in 1883—now 32 years ago—but with the advent of the pulp business and the cutting of smaller logs for the purposes of that business there was a special rate of 75 cents per thousand legalized for this class of lumber in 1902. In all this time there was no increase in the rates.

The lessee of the company who operated the booms and rafting plant was Mr. James Robinson, and the amount paid him was 37 1/2 cents per thousand, the remaining 17 1/2 cents being for the company to pay its charges, keep up its property and pay whatever dividends were paid. As to the dividends paid he claimed they were not abnormal in view of the fact that the company did not have any sinking fund or put any amount away for depreciation or keeping the plant up to date, which they had to do. Upwards of 75 per cent. of the double liability had been called upon from the stockholders.

The bill asked for the extension of the company's charter, which expired on May 1st, 1920, for 21 years, and a straight increase of 10 cents in the toll's charged per thousand for rafting, bringing the charge for saw logs up to 65 cents and for pulp logs up to 85 cents.

A petition has been presented to the House signed by more than fifty per cent. of the parties using the boom and swing over 80 per cent. of the increase in rates and expressing a willingness to pay the proposed rates. Over 50 per cent. of the stockholders of the petition were not stockholders of the boom company.

The Miramichi Lumber Company's advent on the river had brought about a great deal more small or under-sized logs to be handled by the boom company. Last year a total of 68 million feet of lumber was handled, and of that amount 28 millions were under-sized logs, largely the Miramichi Lumber Co.'s cut. This year's estimated cut was placed at 67 million feet.

The Miramichi Lumber Company would pay the greater proportion of this increase, and they are willing to do so, because they knew it was due the boom company. The Miramichi Lumber Company, he said in answer to an inquiry, held less than 100 of the 1,204 shares of the company.

Mr. Park said that the dividends paid by the Company had ranged from 2 to 17 1/2 per cent. The dividends the past few years had been: 1914, 9 per cent; 1913, 12 1/2 per cent; 1912, 11 per cent; 1911, 12 1/2 per cent; 1910, 12 1/2 per cent. He pointed out that in paying these dividends the company made no allowance for depreciation, and kept no sinking fund to pay for improvements or the necessary up-keep of the plant.

Hon. Mr. Ritchie, the president of the company, said he had been connected with the company for fifty years and had been in all phases of trouble. He reviewed the history of the company and declared there had been no end of trouble until Mr. Robinson became lessee and manager 36 years ago. Since then the business was well looked after, the lumbermen felt their interests were well looked after and their lumber was safe with Mr. Robinson looking after their interests.

EASTER SALE SATURDAY--MONDAY--TUESDAY

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Mr. Robinson's Statement

Mr. James Robinson said it had been alleged that Mr. Buckley's log were not as good as those of others operating on the crown lands. He might say with one or two exceptions they were a better class of logs than any that came through the booms. He was in a position to prove from his own experience that it cost \$2 per thousand more for logs which were being taken off the crown lands on the river than it cost the same concern to get logs from the New Brunswick Railway Company's land and pay all the various expenses in connection therewith.

Mr. Hartley said that the promoters of the bill should have come before the committee with their books and documents to prove their case. Instead of submitting what an official of the company remembered about its affairs. The reason they had not kept books of accounts, as a well regulated company would keep, and that they had not had the services of an auditor as one would imagine a company carrying on such business would have, was that they were well satisfied with the way their business was going and the profits they were making.

The principle which should be adopted with all such companies as these should be that the lumbermen themselves should control the booming and driving business. They would then be able to do the work at cost. There should be no extension of this charter. Companies were not incorporated today as they were sixty years ago, and no body of men, not actually lumbermen themselves, should be allowed to make a profit out of the business in which they had no interest. Mr. Robinson had declared he would not renew his contract unless he could get it for ten years. He would give the names of men who could give the present rates for a five year contract, and give whatever bonds were needed for the proper performance of the work. There was no justification for the increase of 10 cents asked. Not only are the New Brunswick company's lands much further from the river, but the stumpage is \$2.00 per thousand. Therefore, it would be an even greater hardship to increase the rafting tolls.

per thousand less for delivering logs at the boom when taken from the railway company's land than from the crown land.

Mr. McIntosh said he could not understand it. Mr. Hanson closed the argument urging that the company's charter be extended and the increase in rates be allowed. Mr. Carter asked if the promoters of the bill would be willing to accept an extension of their charter rights without any increase in their toll charges being permitted. Mr. Hanson said that the company above everything else wanted their charter rights extended, and for the reason which he had placed before the committee they felt they were entitled to an increase in rates which they had set forth.

Bill Turned Down

Fredericton, Mar. 30.—The Corporations Committee of the Legislature spent several hours in private session this morning considering the South West Miramichi Boom Company's bill. The company asked for the extension of their charter for twenty years from 1920, but the committee recommend an extension of only five years, or until 1925, instead of 1940. The company's application for an increase of 10 cents per thousand feet for rafting was refused by the committee, and a recommendation has been decided upon to bring the company in future under the regulations of the Public Utilities Commission.

Mite Box Opening

The United Workers Mission Band of the Methodist church gave a concert at their annual mite box opening in the vestry last night. A goodly sum was realized for missions. The band has 29 members, with Miss Evelyn Price president and Mrs. A. B. Leard, leader. A good program was given.

BASKET BALL GAME WON BY CHATHAM

(Continued from page 1) team are a team in themselves, and it will take a good team to down them. Following was the line-up and scores: Newcastle Forwards Chatham Allison Forwards Ross Whitney Centre Murray McMurray Defence Walling Barry Cook Loggie Cook Points Scored: Chatham—Walling: 1 1 2 2 2 2 Murray: 2 Newcastle—Allison 1 17-1

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