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MR. BORDEN'S POLICY

The Toronto News, edited by Mr. J. S. Willison, for years editor-in-chief of the Globe, says:

"The leader of the Dominion Conservative party has declared in favor of government ownership and operation of the new trans-continental railway. The Conservative Parliamentary party has voted solidly for that policy. With the Conservatives have sided the independent members. The event is the most important in Canadian internal development since the launching of the Canadian Pacific project.

"Mr. Borden's plan challenges comparison with that put forth by the Government. The News repeatedly has expressed the opinion that the central idea of the trunk line is excellent, while the method of attaining it is dubious and disadvantageous. The Government advocates a trans-continental line, weighted with a mass of doubtful and dangerous details. Government ownership will be postponed, perhaps will be rendered impossible. The Government will carry eighty or ninety per cent. of the responsibility, and will gain no additional control. Some watering of stock will be possible. Bonds guaranteed by Government are to be rendered less attractive to help the flotation of the private company's bonds. Private capitalists are to dictate the size of the obligations which the country must assume. Unfair branch line and terminal arrangements encumber the contracts. The general plan of a national trunk line from Winnipeg to Quebec is admirable. The arrangements with the promoters involved, complicated, abounding in subtle and far-reaching concessions, tying the hands of the Government on every side, giving fertile advantages to the two companies in every paragraph—are impossible of serious defence. Build the line, Mr. Borden says; own the line; send the Intercolonial over it to the Pacific Coast; allow the Grand Trunk to use it. The contract is dangerous to the Government. Mr. Borden's speech and resolution change the whole face of Canadian politics. The issue which he presents must affect the party relationships of a great body of the electorate, and will unquestionably determine the result of the next general election."

The Hamilton Herald, an independent paper, rather Liberal in its leanings, has the following:

"To speak of Mr. Borden's latest declaration in favor of Government ownership of railways as a 'flip' and a 'rightabout turn' is absurdly dishonest. His alternative plan for the construction of the G. T. Pacific road, put forward last year, was based on the principle of Government ownership. His amendment to the Government resolution introducing the new contract, offered early in the present session, went still further in the direction of Government ownership. The amendment which he moved on Thursday and his remarks in support of it were among the same lines as his former amendments and utterances, and fully in harmony with them."

"Another ground for criticism is that Government ownership of railways though all right in theory, is not practicable. Such criticism is, we think, rather weak. Mr. Fielding, in his reply to Mr. Borden on Thursday, indulged in that sort of criticism. He admitted that public ownership was every day becoming more popular, but he held that it was more popular as a theory than as a practice. If Mr. Fielding meant that there are people who believe in Government ownership of railways, but are not in favor of having the principle of Government ownership of railways put into practice, he might just as well have said that there are just so many foolish or dishonest persons. Of what use is a theory unless it can be put into practice?"

"But perhaps Mr. Fielding meant that Government ownership is growing more in favor where it is not put into practice than in countries where it is put into practice. If that is his belief he is certainly mistaken. In all countries where the railways are owned by private corporations a popular sentiment in favor of public ownership of railways is rapidly growing; but in countries where the railways are government-owned there is no popular sentiment in favor of private ownership of the railways. In continental Europe, in Australia, in New Zealand, most of the railway property is both owned and operated by the Governments, and the movements, so far from being hostile to Government ownership, is in the direction of getting under Government control those lines which are still privately owned."

"Wherever the principle has been

fairly tried, Government ownership of railways has come to stay."

THE LAW ON THE CASE.

Says the Mail and Empire: In his recent speech on the Fisher case Col. Sam Hughes put the law governing the dispute of the Minister of Agriculture with Lord Dundonald very plainly. The Revised Statutes set forth the subjects that shall be under the control of the Minister of Agriculture. These are "agriculture, quarantine, marine, and emigrant hospitals, arts and manufactures, census, statistics, patents, trade marks, and experimental farms." While the Minister of Agriculture has jurisdiction in these matters, the Minister of Militia has authority to administer militia affairs. The General Officer Commanding, according to law, is charged with "the military command and discipline of the militia." The regulations supplementing the law and defining the duties of the General are in these terms:

"He is the principal adviser of the Minister of Militia and Defence on all military questions; is charged with the general supervision of the military branch of the department; issues general orders, and holds periodical inspections of the militia."

"He is charged with the distribution, quartering and localization of the militia; with the preparation and maintenance of detailed plans for mobilization; with the preparation of schemes for offensive and defensive operations; and with the collection and compilation of military information."

"He recommends to the Minister of Militia and Defence fit and proper persons for appointment to commissions in the militia; and proposes fit and proper officers for promotion, for staff and other military appointments and for military honors and rewards."

The last paragraph deals with the present conflict. The General, it says, "recommends to the Minister of Militia and Defence fit and proper persons for appointment to commissions in the militia."

This provision is somewhat similar to that in the British regulations governing the duties of the Commander-in-Chief, Anson, in his "Law and Custom of the Constitution," explains the reason why the appointments and promotions in the army are made on the advice of that officer. The purpose in view was to make it certain that "such matters would be dealt with by an officer free from the prepossessions of party and politics, who would regard no other interest save that of the army." It is the duty of the Secretary of State of War to see to it that the prerogative of the Crown is exercised through the Commander-in-Chief, and it is held to be important that power of this sort should be in the hands of a non-political officer, such as the Commander-in-Chief, because the army is not divorced from the political rights of citizenship.

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qualified, may exercise the franchise; the officer may sit in the House of Commons. Plainly, then, the King, or a Minister of the Crown, might use, or be pressed to use, the powers of appointment, promotion, or dismissal for political or party ends. The history of the last century attests the reality of this danger. The office of Commander-in-Chief was intended to meet it. We in Canada followed the British rule, and our determination so to do is embodied in the regulation just cited, which defines the duties of the General Officer Commanding. That this policy in this regard is wise no one can doubt. The militia is a national and not a political force. The expenditure upon it, its numerical strength, the general principle upon which it shall be conducted are proper subjects for political control; but the drill and the discipline, which are scientific matters, ought to be separate from politics, and certainly the selection of officers should, as in Great Britain, be free from even the suspicion of partisanship. Now the entire question between Lord Dundonald and Mr. Sydney Fisher has to do with the regulation or law under which Lord Dundonald is ordered by the Ottawa Government to act. The regulation distinctly imposes upon Lord Dundonald the duty of selecting and recommending the officers. Mr. Sydney Fisher required the General to violate the instructions he had received by allowing the Minister of Agriculture, who has to do with patents, statistics, and marine hospitals, to supervise the officer of a regiment on a political basis. The claim of Mr. Fisher is founded upon a theory of responsible government, in which Sir Wilfrid Laurier, it appears, participates. It is pretended that because a politician is a Minister he is entitled to override the law. But if a Minister can set this particular law at naught he can violate any other law. As a matter of fact, the Minister has a right to take measures to have any law repealed; but so long as the law is law he has to observe it as rigidly as has any other man.

Lord Dundonald has stood by the regulations governing the office he holds. He has acted as a British officer should in that he has observed independently of politics the instructions which the government gave him when he took command. If he goes, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier is determined to put the "foregone" out, he will leave this country because he opposed the politicalizing of the national force and because he did his duty as the law requires. But he will not go with diminished prestige. He will carry with him the respect of the people of Canada and the warmest regards of the militia force.

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DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY
June 16.—Miss Meta Pickard, who has been visiting her cousin here, Miss Pearl MacLaughlin, returned to her home in Thamesville yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Poole and Mr. and Mrs. Sloan leave today to reside in Chatham.

Bert Wilson, of Wallaceburg, visited relatives here yesterday.

James Magee has had his insurance adjusted on his loss in the recent fire at \$725.

Misses Greenhill and Campbell, of Leamington, have been the guests of Mrs. W. C. Crawford this week.

Mrs. James Stevenson was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

BLENHEIM
June 16.—The wedding took place last evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cookson, when their daughter, Miss Nellie, was married to Mr. E. Henniker, son of Mr. Jas. Henniker, Ridge Road West.

Yesterday another old landmark was removed. The house of Mrs. Wedge, Sr., was moved from the corner of Main and Marlborough St. and put on C. A. Wedge's lot opposite the Methodist Church. On the old site there will be a handsome building put up for the Canadian Bank of Commerce.

The marriage took place on Tuesday last, at Ridgewood, of W. R. Fellows, Jr., to Miss Verna White, daughter of Mr. Jas. White. The young couple are going to reside at Erieau.

Miss G. M. Shillington is visiting her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Davidson, Windsor.

To-morrow evening the Allan Villars & Pearl Lewis Co. will put on, at the Opera House, that famous counterfeiting play, "The Heart of Texas." A very successful meeting was held last evening of the ladies of Trinity Church, when it was decided to prepare a dinner on Orangemen's day, July 12, in the old skating rink.

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The Str. City of Chatham will not make the usual one way trip on Thursday, June 30th, or Friday, July 1st.

Reappearance of Wild Pigeons.
There seems to be no longer any doubt that the wild pigeons, which were once so abundant as to be a nuisance, and which disappeared so mysteriously all of a sudden from the inhabited parts of the United States and Canada, are reappearing in some of their old haunts. It is not likely that they will be ever witnessed again in the vast numbers of former years. Many of our citizens, who are still on the bright side of half a century, will readily recall when they were so plentiful in this district that they could be seen in the city markets as low as 124 cents a dozen, while others, whose memories carry them back still further, will remember when their flights were so great as to almost darken the sky and when the Divine Intercession was frequently implored to save the growing crops from their destructiveness.

Pigeon hunting was a favorite sport all over the country and contributed largely to the food supply of the people. But their numbers did not seem to very greatly diminish until suddenly in the latter sixties or early seventies they disappeared altogether from the settled parts of the United States and Canada. What became of them? All sorts of more or less colorful theories have been imagined, but it has never yet been satisfactorily explained. The fact, however, that they are now reappearing is much more important at present, and will be hailed with much joy both by Canadian and American sportsmen.—Quebec Telegraph.

EXCURSION TO NEW YORK JULY 14TH
The event of the season will without doubt be the cheap excursion to New York, which will be run by the New York Central and Hudson River Railroad from Suspension Bridge and Buffalo on July 14th. Tickets will be good for return passage for 15 days and the fare is only \$10.25 for the round trip.

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Further particulars of Louis Drago, Canadian Passenger Agent, 691-2 Yonge Street, Toronto. 14-22

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Sealed bids or separate tenders (marked tender) will be received at the Merchants' Bank Building, Chatham, Ont., until Wednesday, June 16th for the masonry work, carpenter work, iron and steel work, painting, glazing, heating, plumbing, etc., required in the erection and completion of a stone and pressed brick block and Bank Building, on the corner of King and Fifth Streets, in the City of Chatham. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of the undersigned Architect. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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Chatham, May 17, 1904.

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