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HIGHWAY LEGISLATION DISCUSSED AT OTTAWA

Government will Assist the Various Provinces in the Construction of Highways --Measure as Submitted to the House was Hastily Prepared in Order to Influence Votes in the South Renfrew Election--Principle Approved by both Sides of the House

Ottawa, Feb. 23--Road building was the business of parliament today. The idea of creating first class highways in the country was commended from both sides of the House. There was special fervency in the approval expressed by Liberals and Conservatives who were in the South Renfrew campaign, where the roads are said to be some degrees beyond the limit. The government's bill for the assistance of road work was criticized by the Liberals as a thing which had not been prepared with care.

Sir Wilfrid attacked the measure as too meagre, and he offered an amendment to give it a more definite character, and, as he said, put the plan on a definite basis beyond the whim or caprice of the government of the day.

Premier Borden admitted that the bill had been prepared in a hurry and perhaps had shortcomings which could be remedied next session. In fact, he promised that next session the government would go into the whole matter more thoroughly.

THE REASON FOR THE HASTE.

Dr. Pugsley suggested that the reason the measure had been prepared in such a rush was to produce an effect in South Renfrew.

Dr. Clark and Mr. German urged the government to hurry and perfect the bill this session, as they might not have another chance at it, from the way things were going in the country.

Hon. Mr. Cochrane, the minister in charge, briefly said the bill blazed a new trail. He did not know of any country where the federal government co-operated with the provinces, as was proposed today in highway improvements. At Washington, he understood, there was a bureau to educate the people to the need for good highways and the best way to build them.

"I think," he added, "it would probably be well if we had in Canada such a bureau as that."

The government expected to work with the provinces. The basis adopted would be that suggested by Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his amendment, of aid in proportion to population as subsidies are granted.

"I think every government, whether Grit or Tory, will welcome the bill," continued Mr. Cochrane. "This government will not force any of them to join us if they do not wish to. I hope we will be able to arrange with the provincial governments to make a grant equal to that of the federal government, but if any government does not wish to contribute there is no reason why we should not go on with the work ourselves."

ATTENDANT AT INFANT'S HOSPITAL POISONED EIGHT BABIES

(Canadian Press)

New York, Feb. 24--Winifred Ankers, an attendant at the Brooklyn Nursery and Infants' Hospital, was arraigned today in the Magistrate's Court in Brooklyn, charged with homicide in connection with the death of eight infants in the hospital since Sunday. The woman had confessed that she had put oxalic acid in the babies' milk, not for the purpose of killing but to make them ill, so that it would appear that the nurses against whom she had a grudge were not taking proper care of the infants. The woman's confession came after a grilling examination, during which she broke down when told that they would take her baby away from her if she did not tell the truth. The Ankers woman then told how the babies had been poisoned.

District Attorney Gregory of Brooklyn, proposed to take measures today for the appointment of a commission to determine the sanity of the hospital

SIR WILFRID'S AMENDMENT.

Sir Wilfrid's amendment was: "While this House is favorable to the granting of federal assistance towards the construction of permanent roads, it is of the opinion that such aid should be given to the governments of the provinces for such purpose and should be granted on a fixed basis similar to that now prescribed by the British North America Act, and amendments thereto, for subsidies to the provinces."

In support of his amendment, Sir Wilfrid pointed out that the government bill gave money control to the governor general in council without guidance as to expenditure. He had no fault to find with the proposal to aid in the construction of good roads. In view of the buoyancy of the revenues, the legislation might be wise. However, the bill made no provision for the expenditure upon any rule or principle. To be effective, federal aid should not be left to the whim, caprice or favor of the government of the day. Each province should share proportionately. The principle of the British North America Act should be adopted and the provinces aided according to population.

BORDEN ADMITS BILL IS FAULTY

Premier Borden replied that Sir Wilfrid's interest in the welfare of the provinces was something new. He had formerly extended "warm sympathy and cold justice." It was true that the bill was somewhat meagre, but the government had not much time to prepare it. It was prepared in a hurry.

"Next session or the session after," said Mr. Borden, "we may go into the matter more elaborately."

DR. PUGSLEY'S CRITICISM.

"It does not need the statement of the premier to know that this bill is meagre and prepared in a hurry," observed Hon. Dr. Pugsley.

It was "of sloped character, rough, crude and immature." The premier had coolly informed the House that the government had not had time to prepare a good bill. "Leave it to the government," Mr. Borden had virtually said, "and we will try in another session to prepare a better bill."

The government had now been over four months in office, but they had been so busy wielding the axe and decapitating officials that they could not find time to properly prepare their legislation.

As a matter of fact, continued Dr. Pugsley, it was generally believed that the government had hurriedly

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NATIONALISTS AT IT AGAIN

Armand Lavergne Puts it up to Borden on Manitoba Boundaries Bill

Borden Capitulates and Bill Stands Until Next Week--Stormy Caucus of Nationalists

Ottawa, Feb. 23--Henri Bourassa proposes to remind Premier Borden that the Nationalist end of the government coalition is to remain the dominant end and that he has still accounts to collect on the Manitoba school question and the naval policy.

Armand Lavergne, ambassador of the Nationalist leader, arrived in Ottawa last night following the announcement of the premier that he would move in the Manitoba boundary matter at today's sitting of the house.

Mr. Lavergne is reported to have presided at a stormy caucus of the French-Canadian Catholic supporters of the government last night, with the result that Premier Borden abandoned his announced intention of taking up the question at today's sitting. It has now gone over to next week and in the meantime the government will give the matter further consideration.

Throughout the day Mr. Lavergne has not been idle, one after another the Nationalist supporters of the government have been summoned from their places in the house to confer with Mr. Bourassa's lieutenant, Hon. Mr. Pelletier joined him for dinner tonight.

BORDEN SURRENDERS

It is understood that Mr. Bourassa's communications are mandatory and emphatic. The Nationalist leader insists upon assurances of unquestioned character that separate schools shall be provided far in the Keewatin territory to be annexed to Manitoba either in the bill or by definite understanding with the provincial government.

At a late hour tonight it was reported that Premier Borden had granted the concessions demanded, though it is not probable that any change will be made in the bill at present. The question so far as the public is concerned is to be allowed to stand with the understanding that considerable activity will be shown in establishing separate schools in the district during the coming twelve months, thus creating a "vested interest" so to speak, which will have peculiar claims when the matter of final public settlement is reached.

Mr. Lavergne also interested himself in the naval question, and it is probable that further effort will be made by the Nationalist wing of the government to secure the early consideration of Mr. Seavigny's resolution calling for the abolition of the Laurier policy.

A BLOW TO THE BORDEN GOVERNMENT

Ottawa, Feb. 24--The appeal of Hon. George E. Foster to the Conservative electors at Annapolis is of special interest. As reported in the Ottawa Conservative press, Mr. Foster said:

"When Sir Wilfrid Laurier asks you to elect George P. Graham instead of Dr. Maloney he is asking you to inject the drop of poison into the veins of the Government that will eventually destroy that Government. If you elect George P. Graham it will be considered everywhere as a severe blow to the new Government. Let the new Government show you what it can do before you strike it such a severe blow."

BRIEFS

St. John, Feb. 24--The New Brunswick Railway Mail Clerks about forty-eight in number have appointed Mr. W. Bruce Caldwell to proceed to Ottawa next week and along with mail clerks from other districts with the Postmaster-General in regard to improving the condition of the service.

The Presidential Trust Company a new concern which is to handle the St. John Valley Railway bonds, is shortly to open an office in this city.

LIBERALS ARE FULL OF FIGHT

The Great Victory in South Renfrew has Proved a Great Stimulus

Sir Wilfrid will Continue to Lead the Party with Hon. Mr. Graham as Chief Adviser

Ottawa, Feb. 23--The Liberals in parliament are full of fight. The election of Mr. Graham in South Renfrew was the only thing anyone in the Room 89 would talk about, while the Room 89 would talk about, while the exceedingly disagreeable weather from which the capital has been suffering for some days.

However, there were some Conservatives who would talk about the election. They declare that a monumental blunder was made by the government leaders.

It is quite upon the cards that Sir Wilfrid will lead the Liberals through the next general election. He certainly will if the government follows its present intention of bringing on a general election immediately after re-distribution which will mean that the people will be called upon to vote in little more than a year.

Hon. Geo. Graham's majority stands this morning at 296 with four polls to hear from.

Doctor Reid, says the Conservatives who talk was mainly responsible for this fight and any discredit to the Conservative party resulting from it belongs primarily to him.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction with Hon. Geo. E. Foster who laid the cards of the party on the table in a most conspicuous fashion when he declared that the election of Graham would be a black eye for the government. It is recognized here that the statement was an indiscreet one but the general opinion is that Mr. Foster made it deliberately for the purpose of calling attention to the blunder by some members of the government who are younger but more conspicuous than himself.

It is a matter of common knowledge that Mr. Foster would have preferred the finance portfolio to that of trade which was given to him. It is unlikely that the Liberals will ever trust the Conservatives again in any sort of an arrangement.

The Liberal members at Ottawa from Sir Wilfrid down regard the opposition to Mr. Graham as a distinct breach of faith in which the government and its followers participated from Premier Borden down, with a few exceptions. Several Conservative members declined to go into the fight, but almost all the ministers were sent by the Premier.

The session will close in a lively fashion. The Liberals feel that they have made a distinct gain and intend to emphasize the fact that they were not killed on Sept. 21. There will be a fight on every possible occasion, and Finance Minister White is likely to have a far more lively time with his budget than would have been the case had Graham been beaten.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier will continue as the leader of the Liberal party and Hon. Mr. Graham will fall, naturally into place as one of his chief advisers.

B.C. ORANGE ORDER ON NE TEMERE DECREE

Revelstoke, B. C., Feb. 24--The Orange Grand Lodge here has passed the following resolution regarding the Ne Temere decree:

"The Protestants of Canada will not brook any delay in this matter and will not be satisfied until legislation is placed upon our statute books nullifying any civil effect that has been given to the Ne Temere Decree and providing punishment for any persons who attempt to separate a legally married couple."

Vancouver is making strong effort to get the triennial Orange session in 1915.

FROZEN TO DEATH

Omsk, Asiatic Russia, Feb. 24--A large number of persons were frozen to death during a snow storm in this district today. In Omsk itself 31 fatalities have been reported while, in Koptovsk, the death toll totals 32 and in Petropavlovsk it reaches 105.

MAY DISCOVER SOUTH POLE

Practically Certain that one of the Rival Expeditions will Succeed

Norwegian Geographical Society Believes that Capt. Amundson has Best Chance of Reaching Pole

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 24--News of the discovery of the South Pole is expected to reach London at any moment, and already the newspapers are beginning to discuss the chances of the rival expeditions of Capt. Ronald Amundsen and Capt. R. N. Scott. It is practically certain that the great race, which is surely most remarkable ever run, is by this time lost and won.

ACopenhagen despatch says that the geographical society at Christiana held a meeting to discuss when Amundsen might be expected. All the members agreed that no news of the expedition could reasonably be expected before March.

It is believed that they have better chances than Capt. Scott, the Norwegian explorers having taken dogs with them, as these animals can stand the cold, better than the horses which accompanied the Scott expedition.

DUKE OF FIFE'S BODY REACHED PORTSMOUTH

Was Accompanied from Egypt by the Princess Royal and her Daughters--Interment will be Made in Scotland

Portsmouth, Eng., Feb. 24--The British cruiser Powerful, arrived here this morning with the body of the late Duke of Fife, who died on January 29th, at Assuan in Egypt, from pleurisy, and congestion of the lungs, the result of a chill, contracted when he was with the Princess Royal and her daughter narrowly escaped with their lives from the wreck of the Peninsular and Oriental Liner Delhi, off Cape Shartel in Morocco in December. The body was accompanied from Egypt by the Princess Royal and her two daughters. King George, Queen Mary and Queen Mother Alexandra met the vessel at Portsmouth and accompanied the widowed Princess to Windsor.

The body was also taken to the Royal Palace there, where a funeral service will be held before it is removed to Scotland for burial.

WOODSTOCK IS HOT AFTER RAILWAY SHOPS

Trotting Park and Exhibition Grounds will be Purchased and Presented to Company

(Special to The Mail)

Woodstock, Feb. 24--At a special meeting of the town council held last night it was stated that Woodstock would be made a divisional point for the St. John Valley Railway. Legislation will be sought at the next session of the Legislature to enable the town to purchase the trotting park and exhibition grounds adjoining, and if Engineer Ross Thompson cannot secure the car shops for Woodstock the property will revert to the town. It is settled that this town will be a divisional point for the new railway.

Hattie Williams is to return to musical comedy soon in a new piece called "The Doll Girl."

CANADA WARMLY PRAISED AT MEETING IN LONDON

Earl Grey, Former Governor General and the Archbishop of Canterbury the Principal Speakers--Canada is one of the World's Vastest and Richest Areas, says Former Governor General--Archbishop Would "go out there" if he were a Young Man

(Canadian Press.)

London, Feb. 24--A well attended meeting was held in Queen's Hall last night, in aid of the Archbishop's Western Canada Fund, the principal speakers being Earl Grey and Archbishop of Canterbury.

The late governor-general reminded his audience that the needs of Canada were created by the wonderful state of things that resulted from the unprecedentedly swift and widespread peopling of one of the world's vastest and richest areas. During his experience in Canada, three-quarters of a million citizens of Great Britain and Ireland alone, had created homes for themselves in that country, and eighty per cent. of them belonged to the church. He emphasized that fact because he wished to bring home to them the problem of how the church was going to meet the spiritual requirements of this large and rapidly increasing population. Not only was it a business aim for the church to meet the spiritual requirements of British emigrants, but it must indoctrinate with Christian ideals vast numbers of aliens who flocked into Canada from foreign countries.

Western Canada today wanted men who would make the church the centre of social, artistic and industrial life. They did not want frills or formalities, and they wanted churchmen to be free from the British way of condescending or patronizing superiority.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, who followed, said that Canada's progress and development was most remarkable. She was destined to be the foremost region on the face of the globe. No changes in the face of the world's surface were comparable with the rapidity and magnitude of the changes that are taking place on the vast plains of Western Canada. Therefore all the greater opportunity was offered to the people of England to identify themselves with and help forward the work of civilization and progress and Christianity in this great young country and help mould it while still plastic. (Applause.)

"We shall be turning to Canada before many generations are passed, asking them to come over and help us," the Archbishop declared. "We shouldn't leave it open to Canadians in the future to retort that at the time that Canada had most need of England's help in spiritual work, we had failed her." (Hear, hear.)

Two years ago the Archbishop of York and himself had initiated the movement which today resulted in £7,000 being raised. If he had been a young man now he couldn't conceive of any power that could restrain him from going out there himself. (Applause.)

JUDGMENTS HANDED DOWN IN THE SUPREME COURT

The following judgments were given yesterday in Supreme Court yesterday afternoon:

The King vs. Francis Matheson Ex parte Peter Martin Mr. Justice Landry read judgment refusing rule. Court concurred Judge McLeod taking no part.

The King Ex parte Whalen. Rule absolute. Judge Barry dissenting. Judge McLeod taking no part.

McLaughlin vs. Weslett. Appeal dismissed with costs. Judge McLeod taking no part.

Sorier vs. Brean. Motion refused without costs and plaintiff ordered to amend his statement of claim. The amendments to be submitted to Judge Landry for approval.

Gulmond et al and The Bank Nationale vs. The Fidelity Phoenix Insurance Company. Judgments ordered to be entered for the defendant.

Ferguson vs. Swedish Canadian Lumber Company. Ordered that the verdict be set aside and a new trial granted on terms as follows:

That the defendants on or before April 23rd next pay to the plaintiff or his attorney the taxed costs of this motion and the taxed costs of trial and that they should within the said time give security for the payment of the amount of any verdict which in a new trial the plaintiff shall recover and sustain, not exceeding \$5,750.62 such security may be by payment of the said sum into court or by such other security as Mr. Justice White shall deem sufficient and approves of.

On the failure of the defendants to pay such cost and give the security within the said time this motion shall be dismissed with costs.

APPLICATION MADE

The following common motions were made:

Ex parte Patrick Gallagher. Mr. C. A. Steeves moved that an order nisi for a prohibition granted by His Honor Mr. Justice Landry on February 8th inst. be discharged. No person appeared to support the order. Order nisi discharged.

The King vs. James Key Ex parte Rangers. Mr. Steeves showed cause

against an order nisi to quash a conviction made by Justice Landry on February 19th. Order nisi discharged.

Before Judge Barry yesterday afternoon in the matter of an application to sign summary judgment on an action brought to revive a judgment recovered by the late Judge Gregory about twenty years ago against James H. Crockett the defendant filed an appearance and by affidavits made by himself and F. St. John Bliss alleged that the judgment which amounted to several thousand dollars had been released by Judge Gregory by a payment of ninety dollars. Plaintiffs who are the executors of the will of the late Judge Gregory claimed that this ninety dollars was only received in payment for some papers that had been seized by the Sheriff. After hearing the argument the Judge said he would consider Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., appeared for the defendant and Mr. J. J. F. Winslow for the plaintiffs.

LIBERAL M.P. WILL NOT GIVE UP HIS SEAT

Ottawa, Ont., Feb. 24--"I do not see any reason why A. H. Clark should resign; he is too useful to the Liberal party where he is."

The statement was made by Mr. F. G. Inwood, secretary of the Dominion Liberal Association, who is in Ottawa today en route from Renfrew, where he conducted Hon. Geo. P. Graham's campaign activities, to his headquarters in Toronto.

Asked as to the rumor that the member for South Essex would open his seat to Hon. MacKenzie King, Mr. Inwood stated that he did not think there was much ground for it, unless Mr. Clark, who had a large law practice, was forced to give up politics on account of business reasons.

"He will scarcely resign this session, anyhow," said Mr. Inwood.