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GRAHAM GIVEN A ROUSING WELCOME IN PARLIAMENT

Ex-Minister of Railways Takes Seat Reserved for him Alongside of Sir Wilfrid Laurier---Received a Great Ovation from his Fellow Liberals---Tories Attempted Counter Demonstration with Webster of Brockville as the Clown---Budget to be Brought Down Today

Ottawa, March 12—Amid scenes of infectious Liberal enthusiasm, Hon. George P. Graham, the victor of South Renfrew, took his seat in the Commons this afternoon. It was a gala day for the Liberals. The galleries were thronged, and the opposition benches were gaily decorated. Mr. Graham's desk was adorned with a huge basket of American beauty roses, while the adjoining desk of "The Chief" was garlanded in red flowers, and every Liberal member found a deep red rose resting upon his ink well.

Mr. Graham was escorted into the chamber by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Duncan C. Ross, of West Middlesex. Liberalism has not forgotten how to cheer. Desks were thumped, hands clapped, and voices joined in the acclaim, continuing moment after moment, while the trio stood facing the mass. Finally Sir Wilfrid had to raise his hand to get his enthusiastic followers to desist from their cheering. He then formally introduced the member-elect to Mr. Speaker, who extended the customary handshake and invited the honorable member to take his seat.

TORIES GLOOMY.

The government benches throughout the ceremony preserved an uncomfortable silence. Hon. Messrs. Monk and Foster succeeded in smiling, but Premier Borden's face was a picture of gloom, while Hon. Dr. Reid, with his hat tilted down over his eyes, stared gloomily at his desk.

Then came an amusing counter-demonstration, engineered by the political minister of customs. Mr. Webster, the member for Brockville, who had been standing at the back of the House during the preliminaries, went out into the corridor, and around to the main entrance of the chamber. As soon as Mr. Graham had taken his seat the doors again swung open to admit the swaggering avoidpoups of the member for Brockville, who strutted down the centre of the House towards the Speaker.

Since Mr. Webster's initial "speech" no one in the House has taken him

very seriously, and he enjoyed his momentary attention immensely. He bowed grandiloquently to the now cheering Conservatives, but his glory was short lived.

"There is no circus without a clown," commented Dr. Michael Clark, and the Liberal benches roared with derisive and ironical laughter during which the Brockville man rather precipitately hurried to his seat on the very back row.

NO IRON BOUNTIES LIKELY.

The first budget speech of the new minister of finance, Hon. W. T. White, to be delivered tomorrow afternoon, will, it is understood, contain no new announcement of government policy with regard to the tariff or other matters connected with the financial administration of the country.

It is understood that the storm of protest from rural members and from various farmers organizations against the proposal to renew the iron and steel bounties has caused the government to reconsider its original decision to grant a temporary renewal of the bounties on pig iron, pending a report of the new tariff commission as to the necessity for further tariff protection for the iron and steel industry.

While no official information is given out, prior to Mr. White's formal announcement to parliament, it is stated tonight on reliable authority that no bounty changes will be announced.

In regard to the financial statement for the fiscal year, closing with the end of the month, it is understood that the forecast of estimated revenue and expenditure as sent by your correspondent last week will be borne out by the finance minister's official figures. The surplus of revenue over expenditure on consolidated fund account will be in the neighborhood of \$35,000,000, this estimate being a decidedly conservative one and having in view the possibility of a slight falling off in customs receipts at the end of the month because of delays in importations owing to the strike in Great Britain.

Reckless Extravagance of the Flemming Government

Flagrant Attempt to Keep Back Information in Regard to Bridge Expenditures---Opposition Members of the House Refused to be Bluffed by the Tactics of the Chief Commissioner---Accounts of Bridge Superintendents are Hidden in the Reports---Auditor General Muzzled by the Members of the Government

Never in the recent legislative history of the province has there been such determined effort made to hide information from the public as was made by the chief commissioner of public works in the House on Tuesday.

The day after the opening session, Mr. Copp asked for information concerning expenditures on wharves and bridges in Queens county paid since the close of the fiscal year, and he made his question include the name of the structure, the foreman, the names of the workmen and the wages they received. Of course, everybody knows that if the accounts were made public in this way the effect would be most damaging upon the government and every day since the question was put members of the opposition were laughed at outside the House for expecting the government to give away the snaps their favorites were gathering.

MORRISSEY'S BLUFF.

So when Mr. Copp's question was called by the Speaker today, Hon. Mr. Morrissey answered the first part and then said the names of persons employed and wages would make such a voluminous answer and would take so much time that he had asked the secretary of his department to bring in the accounts themselves, and if the opposition insisted upon getting the information he would read from the original documents, but it would take hours for each county, and as the chief made this announcement the page boys entered with an arm load of fyled documents followed by Secretary H. M. Blair, who took a seat upon the floor of the House to assist Mr. Morrissey in his reading of the records.

If Mr. Morrissey thought that he would induce Mr. Copp to retire from his question he made an error. He suggested that the information was available to the personal view of the members but would not be given in the usual way. Mr. Copp told him he could suit himself but he wanted the information.

Mr. LaBillois said that in his twenty-nine years experience he had never seen such an attempt to keep back information in proper form from the public, and then Premier Flemming, in his suave fashion, attempted to pour oil upon the troubled waters, pointing out the great difficulty in giving such information.

Mr. Copp did not recede from his position and Mr. Morrissey proceeded to read from the records until he had finished the answer to Queens county wharves and bridges.

NO RECORD OF INFORMATION READ.

But there is no record of his answer, and that is just what the government want. They fear the result should the people of Queens county read how their money has been squandered and so they will not make it public.

The auditor general's report this year shows this most plainly. Last year in all the accounts of expenditures upon roads and bridges there were two items that gave some information and those were the "pay list" and "foreman." This year there is no division. The structural superintendent has disappeared. He is not in the "pay list" but hidden under the head of "various persons."

There is no information worth having. The name of the bridge or wharf is given, the cost of the lumber, paint or hardware and then this wonderful all-embracing item "various persons" so much.

SUPERINTENDENT'S SNAPS.

This is the result of last year's criticism and comparison of the structural superintendent's bills and the pay list. In many cases Robert Wilkins of St. John, or Ezra Hoar of Albert, or Howe of Queens, or Erb of Kings county, got more for driving around inspecting the work than all the laborers received.

Never since New Brunswick was a province has there been such graft and extravagance in the construction of small works the people of every parish are interested in.

In the county of Kent alone \$56,230 were spent upon ordinary bridges, and only one payment of \$400 was made on a contract.

Such an example of wholesale open extravagance is not given in any other pages of the report. For example, Gloucester county gets a little over \$10,000 for its ordinary bridges—not one-fifth of what Kent had, but then Gloucester sends three Liberal members and Kent three Conservatives, and the former must be punished. Premier Flemming's equal justice to Grit and Tory seems to have some flaws.

MUZZLED THE AUDITOR GENERAL

The auditor-general is dumb this year. Last year he was fearless and though the demands upon him were far fewer than in 1911 he spoke his mind plainly, and some government members said that if he did not alter his ways he would get his walking ticket. He has changed his ways. This year there is not a word out of him in spite of the fact that the departments began to howl for money by the middle of May and up to the end of the fiscal year there were thirty orders from the treasury board under the famous audit act giving the several departments all the money they asked for.

And the deficit was over \$50,000. The revenues were far larger but the waste and demands of the heeled are growing greater yearly, and the result is evident.

There are many wonderful things in this auditor's report—too many to criticize at one time. It has been referred to the public accounts committee who will no doubt look into it as carefully as time will permit.

Among matters of interest in the house yesterday afternoon was Mr. Flemming's address when presenting the Valley Railway bill. It is in order for members when introducing a measure to explain its provisions, but not to take advantage of the occasion to make violent attack upon his opponents. Premier Flemming violated all precedent when introducing this bill by making a violent attack upon Dr. Pugsley, Mr. Tweedale and all others who had taken a stand for the protection of the inter-colony reply to him and he was permitted to take much liberty.

In his talk he poop-pooed the idea that there would be any through freight via Grand Falls, and said that a branch would be built from Napadogan by the Grand Trunk Pacific to make connection with the Valley road at Fredericton.

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BLACK KNIGHTS OPPOSED TO HOME RULE

Strong Resolution Adopted at Meeting of Grand Chapter of Ontario West

(Canadian Press)

London, Ont., March 13—"As the Grand Black Chapter, Ontario West of the Royal Black Knights of Ireland assembled, we are strongly opposed to the action of the Asquith government in granting Home Rule to Ireland, in that we consider it a step toward the dismemberment of the British empire."

The above resolution was unanimously carried by a standing vote of every member present at the convention of the Black Knights of Ontario West, in Duffield Block, last night. Home Rule in Ireland, the Ne Temere decree and Bi-lingual schools were roundly scored in the opening address of Grand Preceptor Dr. Hunter. In a passing reference to the Dominion election of last September, he observed:

"In our land the defeat of reciprocity last September was a notable victory for imperialism. It is gratifying to know that thousands of Canadians laid aside party to repudiate a deal which tended to weaken the imperial bond."

SERIOUS ACCIDENT TO I.C.R. BRAKEMAN

(Special to The Mail)

Moncton, March 13—George Crossman an I.C.R. brakeman had his right foot so badly crushed while coupling cars in the yards here yesterday that amputation has to be performed.

Samuel Dickson an aged resident of Sackville died this morning. He leaves a widow and three sons.

STATE DINNER.

The first state dinner to be given by His Honor the Lieutenant Governor will take place at the Barker House tomorrow. About thirty invitations have been issued. O'Brien's Orchestra will be in attendance.

OLD ENGLAND PREPARED FOR EMERGENCIES

Big Army Could be Mobilized for Service within a Few Days---Dramatic Scene in the House

(Canadian Press)

London, March 13—A dramatic scene was enacted in the House of Commons yesterday. The government was being criticized for its alleged unpreparedness for war, whereupon the Rt. Hon. J. B. Seeley, under secretary for war held up a sealed envelope, which contained he said information which any member could have under pledge of secrecy as to how within a few days on an order of mobilization 150,000 men could be despatched abroad with ammunition and stores for three months and he added in the opinion of the general staff, when this expeditionary force had left the country taking into account the relative strength of the navy and the surrounding circumstances the country would be quite safe from invasion.

A BLACK STAIN ON HISTORY OF THE U.S.

New York, Mar. 13—Before several hundred members of the Canadian Club who assembled at the Waldorf Astoria last night for an informal smoker, John F. Wallace, the first Engineer of the new Panama Canal paid his respects to Wm. Nelson Cromwell, and by indirection expressed Roosevelt in no uncertain tones, of Mr. Cromwell the speaker said that he was "the bunty who pulled the strings of the Roosevelt administration in all affairs pertaining to the Canal."

Mr. Wallace characterized the inaction of the United States in the matter of Colombia's claim for reparation for fomenting the Panama revolution and the seizure of the canal zone, as "the blackest stain on this country's history."

"Until we take off our hat," he declared, "and apologize to that government, we have no right to pride ourselves on our achievements in the Canal Zone."

MINERS' FEDERATION AGREES TO PREMIER ASQUITH'S PLAN

Joint Conference will be Held in the Various Districts for the Settlement of Minimum Wage Proposals--National Settlement must be Affected before Miners Resume Work---Distress Throughout Great Britain on Account of the Strike is Becoming Acute

London, March 13—The conference between the British coal mine owners and delegates of the striking miners under the auspices of several members of the cabinet and presided over by Premier Asquith, was resumed this morning at the foreign office. No details of the proceedings have been made public but the premier at noon expressed his gratification at the course the negotiations were taking. The morning session lasted for two and a half hours and the participants then adjourned for luncheon.

Berlin, March 13—The coal miners strike in the German coal fields of West Phalia has taken a most serious turn and has resulted already in a fatal conflict between the police and the striking miners in the district of Herne. The fighting among the men who have struck work is increasing in intensity. From several quarters come reports of serious disturbances and the miners who remain at work have to be strongly protected by police.

London, March 13—The distress which has been caused throughout England, Scotland and Wales, as the result of the great coal strike, which affects 1,000,000 miners and over a million men employed in other trades is becoming very acute particularly in Wales. In that country practically the life of the people depends upon the output of the coal mines. In the city of Cardiff alone, the chief constables report that 700 families are in immediate need of relief, and in all the mining towns now that the strike pay of the miners has been cut down by the miners' union there will be need for assistance unless a settlement of the dispute is quickly reached. The men on the railroads and those connected with other industries are now being discharged daily by hundreds, the notices to quit which were given them when the coal strike began now expiring. The notices generally ran for a fortnight.

It is stated on the authority of a member of the cabinet, that should

negotiations between the miners and the mine owners be continued on the lines opened yesterday, a settlement of the industrial war should be reached today. Even then some days would pass before work could be fully resumed and several weeks before the trade of the country could be restored to its normal condition. The miners federation today adopted the recommendation of the executive committee which was held last night recommending the federation to agree to Premier Asquith's plan for a joint conference in the various districts for the settlement of the minimum wage proposals on the understanding that none of the districts would resume work until settlement is affected.

GERMAN STRIKE SPREADING

Berlin, March 13—The strike in the West Phalia coal fields where over 200,000 miners have left work appears to be spreading, so e of the men who had hitherto remained in the pits now joining their striking comrades. The general demand is for a 15 per cent increase of wages, which the mine owners declare that they are unable to meet. Disturbances have been reported from various districts. The most serious occurred at Herne-mining village where a number of strikers threw stones and fired revolver shots at a detachment of armed police who replied with their revolvers and one of the strikers was killed.

At Hamborn in the district of Dusseldorf where fighting occurred between the strikers and the police yesterday, a number were injured.

London, March 13—The conference between the miners and operators and representatives of the government which was resumed this morning, has adjourned for lunch. While no official statement was made, it is intimated that the negotiations for a settlement of the difficulty were proceeding satisfactorily.

PATHETIC INCIDENT AT TRIAL OF MONTREAL MURDERER

(Canadian Press)

Montreal, Mar. 13—There were pathetic scenes this morning, during the trial of Charles J. Ross, charged with the murder of Robert Fitzsimmons during a poker game, in the basement of the Orpheum Theatre when his young wife was placed on the stand. Mrs. Ross pretty and fragile, who has been brought down from Ottawa, where she was attending her mother Mrs. Landry, who lies dangerously ill.

Mrs. Ross had to be assisted into the box, her pitiable condition arousing general sympathy and causing the prisoner to burst into sobs which were audible all over the court. Mrs. Ross said she has been married for eighteen months. She was in Ottawa on the night of the tragedy she received a message that her husband was coming on the 8.30

train. She went to meet it, but her husband never came. "Do you know this revolver?" asked counsel, handing up the weapon, with which the crime is alleged to have been committed. "Yes," said the wife, shrinking back from it. The only time she knew her husband carried it was on a hunting trip.

While it was lying around the house it was never loaded and she was certain he never carried it about in his pocket.

The most important witness on the Ross side yet was George French a small arms manufacturer, (who testified that a blow in the face would cause a man's hand muscles to involuntarily contract and if his fingers happened to be on the trigger or trigger guard, would fire, the revolver which was self cocker, and therefore could easily be accidentally discharged.

THE BOUNDARIES BILL PASSES THE COMMONS

Ottawa, March 13—The House of Commons sat until four o'clock this morning and disposed of the Manitoba Boundaries bill. The vote on Mr. Lamarche's amendment was taken at one o'clock and on the motion for the third reading Hon. Dr. Beland moved that the bill be not passed until a conference of provincial premiers shall be held. This was defeated by 55 majority and the way paved for the budget speech.

MONTREAL MINING MEN VISIT GRAND LAKE

(Special to The Mail)

St. John, March 13—Two mining men from Montreal accompanied by an engineer left here this morning for the Grand Lake coal field to look over the ground.

It is reported that the Allan steamship company has purchased a coal mine at Grand Lake but the story cannot be confirmed at the local office.

FRENCH AVIATOR OUT FOR POLITICAL HONORS

(Canadian Press)

Paris, March 13—All Paris is talking of the parliamentary candidature of Vedrines, the popular aviator, who is wooing the constituency of Limoux in the South of France as an independent socialist. Vedrines announced today that he was certain of 7,000 votes, which would give him a majority. He will begin canvassing in an aeroplane today, dropping from the machine copies of his electoral address, in which he says he is a national defence candidate and contends that what is needed in the chamber is a practical air-man in order to give advice on the administration of the National Aviation Fund now being raised in France.

ANARCHY PREVAILS IN CHINESE PROVINCE

(Canadian Press)

Hong Kong, Mar. 13—A condition approaching anarchy appears to prevail everywhere in the Chinese province of Kuan Lang.

At Sawton the soldiers of the garrison opposed the landing of 2,000 Hakkas or marauding tribesmen, and several fierce engagements have taken place between them. A battle was fought on Saturday at Chow Yank, a short distance to the south of Swatow, during which forty men were killed, and sixty men wounded. General Wu Sum, one of the commanders of the troops at Canton is leaving for Sawton with 2,000 men in order to suppress the disturbances.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER TRUE TO HIS RECORD

(Canadian Press)

Ottawa, March 12—Sir Wilfrid Laurier and most of his followers voted against the Bourassa Nationalists in parliament tonight on the question of separate schools in Manitoba.

Mr. Lamarche had offered an amendment that any rights to separate schools the minority had in Kewatin at present should be continued, when the territory was added to Manitoba.

Sir Wilfrid declared that the settlement of the Manitoba school question he had made in 1896 was satisfactory. He declined to take any action to arouse passion in Canada and would vote against the amendment. He was cheered by Liberals and Conservatives alike when he stood up and recorded his vote.

The motion was defeated at 1.30 by 160 to 24.

HEAVY SENTENCES FOR SUFFRAGETTES

(Canadian Press)

London, Mar. 13—Ten of the suffragettes who were committed for trial by the police magistrate at the Bow Street Court on March 2, on a charge of smashing windows during the women's Suffrage demonstration on March 1, were sentenced today at the London sessions court to terms ranging from four to six months in prison. The women were tried in the superior court on account of the damage caused by each of them having exceeded the value of \$25.