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BRITISH PRESS COMMENT ON THE HOME RULE BILL

Denunciation of the Unionist Papers is of a milder character than was anticipated—Liberal and Radical Papers on the Other Hand Describe the Bill as Moderate and Praiseworthy—The Thunderer's Views—The Nationalist Press a Unit in Favor of Bill

(Canadian Press.)
London, April 12—Comment on the Home Rule bill in the newspapers follow party lines, but in the case of the London Unionist morning papers, denunciation of the bill is of a milder character than might have been expected. An effort apparently is made to inflame the Nationalists against the bill by describing its provisions as illusory in the matter of giving Ireland real autonomy and ridiculing it as a measure of devolution such as no other self-respecting section of the empire could accept. The Unionist organs in Ireland denounce the bill in the bitterest terms.

The Liberal papers admit the complexity of the bill and generally object to the system of nomination with respect to the senate. They think also that there may be difficulty with the financial proposals, which at present are little understood. It is calculated that for the first few years, the imperial contribution to the Irish exchequer will amount to between \$5,000,000 and \$10,000,000, which should gradually diminish. On the whole, however, the Liberal and Radical papers are pleased to describe the bill as a moderate, skilful and praiseworthy attempt to give Ireland, if not complete satisfaction, at least a substantial fulfilment of her demands. They believe that the ingenious financial proposals will prove successful. Lord MacDonnell, a great authority on Irish finances, thinks that the bill treats Ireland rather rigidly, but that the general spirit of the bill is excellent.

The Times says that the Home Rule scheme will not be received in any quarter with much enthusiasm. It will disappoint the hopes of Nationalist Ireland, and will not allay the fears of diminish the hostility of Unionist Ireland.

"And," continues The Times, "if we are not mistaken, it will swell the rising tide of opposition in Great Britain to a level high enough to submerge the government and their bill in no distant future. It will not even satisfy any of the various schools of theoretical home rulers."

The Unionist Standard says: "The best criticism is the term with which Sir Edward Carson opened his trenchant attack upon the prime minister's statement. The scheme is absolutely unworkable—a budget of fantastic proposals which would inevitably go to pieces in practice. It is worse than its predecessor. Hurran ingenuity could hardly have conceived a project more

The Opposition Leader Moves Vote of Censure

Mr. Copp in Concluding a Brilliant Speech asks the Local Legislature to Condemn the Waste and Extravagance of the Administration—The Public Works Department Comes in for Trenchant Criticism—Some Plain Facts for the People to Ponder over—Hon. John Morrissey's Pyrotechnical Display

Mr. Copp, the Opposition leader, finished his able and lengthy address upon the budget Thursday afternoon and moved an amendment that the "House views with alarm the growing evil of using taxpayers' money to pay tribute to a political party, thereby causing waste and extravagance; and further desires to place on record its disapproval of the very large and unparalleled increase in the public debt under the present administration, and the inability of the government to prudently administer the provincial finances so as to keep the ordinary expenditure within the ordinary revenue, notwithstanding the large increase in the subsidy from the dominion government and other large increases in revenue."

The amendment seemed to come as a surprise to the government benches and there was a hurried consultation over what course to adopt. The result that Hon. John Morrissey began his speech in reply at a few minutes to 6 o'clock and continued after adjournment.

Because of House routine interfering Mr. Copp's speech has continued from day to day beginning just before the Easter adjournment. His criticism of the government policy and the receipts and expenditures has been most comprehensive and represents much research in the financial and other reports of the administration.

The promises and pledges of the government, when in opposition, and their acts since they assumed power were all taken up in detail and exposed with all the eloquence of the Opposition leader.

That the people have been following his speech with keen interest is evident from the many messages of congratulation he has received.

In resuming his remarks, he punctured the oft-repeated statement of government members that the illustration orchard policy of the old government was a failure by reading from the report of Dr. Landry, the commissioner for agriculture.

SHATTERS TORY CLAIMS

Like the "honest collection of stumps" the agricultural argument against the old government has gone to the wall. The continued decrease of the dairy products under this government was also exposed. He denounced many of their agricultural societies as party organizations and severely criticized the enormous expenditure of nearly \$3,000 for "encouragement to agriculture," calling attention to the enormous charges of the St. John Standard for reading notices, etc., amounting to hundreds of dollars in connection with the exhibition display, which other newspapers published for nothing.

He dealt with the Audit Act and showed how farcical were its provisions when three members of the government called a "treasury board" could authorize expenditure over and above those legalized by the legislature.

Premier Flemming tried to explain that all the minutes of the treasury board passed the governor-in-council and Mr. Copp retorted that under the old government all such expenditures had to pass before the governor-in-council, so he could not see where their much vaunted improvement came in.

He dealt explicitly with the government promise that all public works should be put up to public tender, and showed from the auditor's report how few tenders were called for. This and other planks in that famous platform of 1907-8 were all exposed as impotent and unheeded.

The necessity for a colonization policy and of the survey of the public domain were dwelt upon. His criticism of the administration of the public works department, the concealment of expenditures, the waste and extravagance in connection with public works, the rewards to political favorites was complete and crushing.

HON. MR. MORRISSEY.

When Hon. John Morrissey rose to reply, he was evidently smarting under the criticisms of the Tory as well

as the Liberal newspapers, for he at once began to attack the latter, which he said was for political effect and he characterized the Tory references for political and meaner reasons.

He spoke of his position as unique, which no doubt everyone agreed with. He took up much time in reading old-time letters addressed by former Chief Commissioner LaBillois to his department head regarding expenditures in St. John County and by James Lovell to Mr. LaBillois.

As he read he commented most unfairly, particularly with reference to an addition in Mr. MaBillois' letter notifying the secretary of a small draft. He did not explain that it was for expenses in connection with the department, but left the impression that it was a personal accommodation.

Similar comments accompanied his reading of Mr. Lowell's letter, which was courteously addressed: "My Dear Mr. LaBillois."

"How very affectionate they were," commented Morrissey and a laugh arose from the benches behind him. That gives an idea of the character of his speech. He was not quite so ready, however, when in a reply to a remark of Mr. Bentley's in reference to wages six years ago, an indiscreet Tory member introduced reciprocity. "You're treading on thin ice," said an opposition member.

Morrissey stopped and hesitated. "There has been altogether too much said about reciprocity in this house," he thundered. "I did not come here to discuss that subject but to do the business of the country, and all of the Conservatives, who had rallied against the trade treaty and had spoken of its defeat as the salvation of the country, meekly applauded."

Just fresh from assisting to banish the federal Tory minister, Mr. Lead Copp—TWO..... Hazen, last evening Hon. John was in no mood to be tolerant of Liberal criticism and he threatened that if it continued it would be the worse for the Liberal party. Premier Flemming's coalition link was nearly broken what may happen if the Liberals continue to point out the inconsistency of Mr. Morrissey's position.

Hon. Mr. Morrissey is a 'master of insinuation and his speech abounded in this tonight, which led Dr. Sormany in reply, to say that such methods were less than direct charges. The members for Gloucester remarks were much to the point. It is his first speech this session and the members regret that because of his removal to Shediac he is not likely to be with them again next session.

Mr. McLachlan, of Northumberland continued the debate and was speaking at midnight. Several bills will be given a third reading before adjournment.

MR. COPP'S SPEECH.

Mr. Copp, on the order of the day being called, resumed the debate on the budget. He said that when the House had adjourned yesterday he had been making a reference to the condemnation made by his hon. friends over the condition of the illustrated orchards under the old government. He claimed that the old government was responsible and deserved a considerable degree of credit for the interest that they had manifested in the development of agriculture along these lines and if the present administration was entitled to any credit it must be admitted that they had only carried out a policy that the old government had inaugurated. The criticism of his hon. friends opposite was entirely contrary and adverse to the report of the present commissioner for agriculture for 1908, when it was said that the orchards left by the old government were in a good condition and if

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LANDLORDS CAN SEIZE BOARDERS' EFFECTS

Montreal, April 11—A boarder or lodger in a house of which the boarder is tenant, should keep a watchful eye on the landlord also on the owner of the house, for if the landlord fails to pay her rent the proprietor has the right to swoop down and seize all the furniture in the house including the effects of the innocent boarder, who may have been punctual in paying up each week to his boarding mistress.

This was the ruling handed down by Mr. Justice Davidson, in the case of the Prefontaine estate vs. Dame Morin yesterday. The only way the humble boarder can avoid having his effects seized, when the landlord's rent is overdue, is to notify the proprietor in advance.

LATE MRS H. G. C. WETMORE
The funeral of the late Mrs H.G.C. Wetmore took place this afternoon from her late residence St. John Street and was largely attended. Very Rev. Dean Schofield conducted the funeral service and interment was made at the Rural Cemetery. The funeral was largely attended.

YORK COUNTY COURT.

In the case of A. A. Allen, Ltd., vs. H. E. Harrison, before the York County Court yesterday, a verdict for the plaintiff of seventy dollars was brought in. That amount had been tendered before by the defendant. Mr. O. S. Crockett appeared for the defendant and Mr. P. J. Hughes for the plaintiff. In the case of F. S. Bowser & Co., vs. J. Whitfield Grant, a verdict for the defendant was brought on an action to recover the price of an oil-tank sold to him under a written agreement. The defence was that the tank was not according to agreement, a view which the jury took. Mr. Crockett again appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. Hughes for the defendant. Court adjourned sine die.

TEN YEARS FOR MANSLAUGHTER

Montmagny, Que., April 12—A Ga-bout of St. Nere who killed J. Cad-rain in January, was yesterday found guilty of manslaughter and sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary.

THE HACK ORGAN H. NOS OUT BOUQUETS TO MR. HAZEN

The local hack organ which is feeding at the public trough and of course has no grouse against Hon. Mr. Hazen, no longer voices the sentiments of Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P. if we are to judge from the following bouquets which it handed to the minister yesterday:

"Not a single discordant note marred what was essentially a love feast."
"Hon. Mr. Hazen through his winning personality has ever been particularly happy in attracting and holding the friendship of those with whom he comes in contact. (O. S. Crockett excepted)."

"The powerful grasp of public questions which underlies the smiling exterior."
"A strong and able personage who has found his rightful niche in the public life of Canada. (Alas, poor O!)"

"As Premier of New Brunswick he made good and justified by events the hopes that were based on his capacity for leadership."

"An ardent imperialist and an enthusiastic believer in the potentiality of the British Empire, Hon. Mr. Hazen has a brilliant future plainly outlined before him."

The hack organ's fulsome praise of the minister will no doubt secure for it the lion's share of I. C. R. printing.

RECOVERED FROM ILLNESS.

The friends of Mr. Henry B. Rainford, clerk of the House of Assembly, will be pleased to learn that he is able to be about again after his recent severe illness.

A SURPRISE WAS SPRUNG IN ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

Hon. Mr. Robinson Wants Investigator Powell Investigated—Asks that a Subpoena Issue for Chiet Beneficiary of the Central Railway Inquiry—Officials of the Government will also be Invited to Attend—Suspension Bridge Accounts Show Loose Business Methods

In the Public Accounts Committee this morning Hon. C. W. Robinson sprung what was in the nature of a surprise when he asked in connection with some moneys expended upon the so-called Central Railway Investigation that subpoenas should be issued, requiring the attendance for the committee of Mr. H. A. Powell, the counsel for the investigating Commission, Joseph Howe Dickson, clerk of the Executive Council, George Babbitt, Receiver General for the Province and R. W. L. Tibbits, the Deputy Provincial Secretary. These subpoenas also called for the production of all papers, letters or copies of letters, reports etc., that may have been made by Mr. Powell to the Attorney-General of that day. It would appear from Mr. Robinson's remarks to the committee when making the motion for the subpoena that in his opinion, considering the amount of money, something over \$2,000, that Mr. Powell drew on account of his services, he must have made some report to the Attorney-General bearing upon the evidence given before the commissioners and considering the large amounts said to have disappeared, he wanted to probe the matter a little deeper and see whether if Mr. Powell made such a report that it would show a reason why no action had been taken in connection with this matter. It was very important he said, that the country and the people should know whether Mr. Powell made a report or not what the nature of it was and whether it would throw any light upon the matter in addition to that afforded by the Commissioner's Report.

Chairman Pinder was quite willing that the subpoena should be issued and the motion to that effect passed. Mr. Jones thought they should have the opinion of the Attorney-General and at his suggestion he was sent for but was too busy in other committee work to attend. However, the subpoenas will be issued and the gentlemen named are called upon to attend next Wednesday morning at ten o'clock.

THE SUSPENSION BRIDGE

The accounts in connection with the Suspension Bridge repairs at St. John were taken up and an examination of them showed that Atkins Bros. and Wm. Lewis & Son were very fortunate indeed in the abundance of work and orders they received for this \$10,000 job. Of course thousands of dollars of this went in the usual way to "Various Persons," some of whom were unable to wait for their pay until the department check was issued and received advances from the foreman, which were covered later by the warrant from the department. It was pointed out that this gave the foreman an opportunity to get a rake-off from the men's wages and an illustration was given, showing that in another county this was actually counted upon by the bridge foreman, who proposed to get a liberal discount by paying the men himself and receiving the whole amount of the wages in his own check.

An account of W. Lewis & Son was sworn to on the last day of the fiscal year 1910, but was held back until Nov. 14 and so, of course, was not included in the accounts of 1910. This is but an example of hundreds of other accounts that are treated in the same way and they not only include road and bridge accounts but steamship subsidies, exhibition grants, etc.

Chairman Pinder tried to excuse it by saying that the accounts were very often wrong and had to be sent back, but, although he is a champion apologist, his excuses are very weak in many cases.

Atkins Bros., who were so industrious upon the Suspension Bridge, seem not only to have worked themselves but to have had others of the same name upon the job. They also furnished labor and of course, got a profit on that. They furnished rigging and tools for hire at a generous

rental. They received \$20 per thousand for three by six deal and \$20 per thousand for spruce board. The foreman drew \$4 per day and the carpenters \$3.50. Then, of course, there was additional pay for those men engaged in hazardous work but no fault was found with that. No tenders appeared to have been asked for any of the material used in the repair of the bridge.

DR. NESBITT ARRESTED IN CHICAGO

Former Tory Boss of Toronto Wanted for Embezzlement, is Rounded up by the Police in Chicago

Chicago, April 12—Dr. Beattie Nesbitt, former president of the Farmers bank who was arrested here last night has been living here under the alias of B. D. Nesbitt. He came here two months ago and obtained employment in a chemical laboratory. The police believe he is now penniless. Detectives learned several days ago that Nesbitt, was here and have been shadowing him ever since. After obtaining the aid of the Chicago police a Toronto officer William Williams, found Nesbitt walking down a South side street. An automobile containing the officers was run alongside the banker and the detective leaped out and made the arrest.

Chicago, April 12—Plans are being rushed for the extradition of Dr. Nesbitt to Toronto, Ont. Assistant Chief of Police Schuttler said today that extradition papers were on the way from Toronto. The police refused to deny or affirm a report that the fact that Nesbitt was hiding in Chicago was revealed by a Toronto school teacher, who recognized him on the street, and reported the matter to the authorities.

PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS IN SESSION LAST NIGHT

Council Met at Queen Hotel and Elected Officers—Dr. Emery New President

The annual meeting of the Council of Physicians and Surgeons of New Brunswick was held last night at the Queen hotel. Apart from the election of officers, practically nothing but routine business was transacted. Officers for the ensuing year are: President Dr. A. F. Emery, St. John; treasurer, Dr. Thomas Walker, St. John; registrar, Dr. S. S. Skinner, St. John. Those present at the meeting were Dr. A. F. Emery, Dr. Thos. Walker, Dr. S. S. Skinner, Dr. Murray MacLaren, Dr. George T. Corbett, St. John, Dr. J. D. Lawson, St. Stephen, Dr. C. T. Purdy, Moncton, Dr. G. C. Vanwart, Dr. A. B. Ather-ton, Fredericton.

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER

Dr. T. C. Allen, registrar of the Supreme Court, entertained a number of the judges, barristers and other of his friends at dinner at his residence Church Street last evening.

Mr. W. R. McCluskey of Boiestown is in the city. Mr. Roy Kitchen is going to Chatham this evening on a business trip.

CANADIAN PACIFIC STOCK MADE ANOTHER RECORD

quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John, N. B., members of Montreal Stock Exchange

| | Open | Noon |
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| Copper, | 81½ | 81½ |
| Atchison, | 108½ | 108½ |
| Smelters, | 86 | 85½ |
| Brooklyn, | 83½ | 83½ |
| C.P.R., | 252½ | 250½ |
| Great Northern, | 132½ | 132½ |
| Reading, | 166½ | 166½ |
| Pennsylvania, | 125 | 124½ |
| Southern Pacific, | 113½ | 112½ |
| Union Pacific, | 173½ | 173 |
| U.S. Steel, | 71½ | 70½ |
| Virginia, | 53 | 52½ |

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Winnipeg St.—4 @ 165.
Royal Bank—60 @ 230½; 30 @ 231½;
30 @ 231.
Bank of Commerce—60 @ 224; 10 @ 225.
Bank of Montreal—14 @ 247; 10 @ 246.
Bank of N. S.—27 @ 275½.
Cement Com.—635 @ 291; 180 @ 30.
C. P. R.—250 @ 25½; 200 @ 252½;
175 @ 251½; 175 @ 251.
R. & O.—65 @ 222½; 25 @ 122½; 25 @ 122½.
Crown Reserve—100 @ 214; 100 @ 315.

FIRE AT KINGSCLEAR

Word was received here shortly after three o'clock this afternoon to the effect that a dwelling house and barn owned by Coun. Taber S. Everett of Lower French Village were totally destroyed by fire this afternoon. Details are lacking but it is believed that about six hundred barrels of potatoes were destroyed in the fire. The loss will amount to several thousands of dollars. Coun. Everett was in the city when the fire occurred and his sons were also away from home. Coun. Everett's buildings were insured for \$1500. A portion of his potato crop escaped destruction.