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## ORATORICAL DUEL OVER GRAND TRUNK RESOLUTION

**Hon. Mr. Fielding Makes Reply to ex-Finance Minister White**  
—The Latter Declares That Both Political Parties are to Blame for Duplication of Railway Lines—Hon. Mr. Fielding Thinks G. T. Resolution Should Stand Over.

Ottawa, Oct. 16—An oratorical duel between two ex-ministers of finance Sir Thomas White and Hon. W. S. Fielding featured the continued debate on the Grand Trunk resolution in the commons today. Sir Thomas led off and was replied to by Mr. Fielding after which Hon. Arthur Meighen was heard from again in reply to criticisms made of the government's proposals by the member for Queens-Shelbourne.

### COL. MELVILLE NOMINATED BY THE UNIONISTS

**B. F. Smith Would Not Face the Music—F. C. Squires Turned Down—Mrs. Adney Heard From.**

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 16—The so-called Unionist convention was held to night in the "Hayden-Gibson Theatre. The Tory stalwarts were present but the usual vim and confidence were sadly lacking. Only about 160 persons were present, including women and children. G. L. White of Grand Falls called the meeting to order and W. E. McMonagle was elected chairman and spoke briefly.

B. F. Smith declined to again try his hand at federal politics giving as a reason that his efforts were required in local affairs. He consoled the farmers and said he would be the last man to see their interests trampled upon. He was flattered by so many requests to act as standardbearer.

The chairman called for nominations and the following were proposed: F. C. Squires, Woodstock and Col. W. W. Melville, Florenceville. A ballot was taken, the latter getting seventy-three votes and Mr. Squires forty-six. The nomination was made unanimous on motion of Mr. Squires.

The nominee had nothing to say except to thank them for their confidence. He said he had always been a Conservative and if elected would make every effort to look after the interests of everybody. He said that he expected to be elected.

M. L. Hayward, Dr. Rankin, and J. R. Sims spoke briefly.

Mayor Noddin got the convention when he said that he strove to democracy and said he could not support a farmer as candidate, even though he was born a farmer. "A little clique of the meanest men on God's earth are out claiming themselves as United Farmers," "the whole country has gone drunk with prosperity and we have the best country in the world. If you don't believe it go down to Connell Park and see for yourselves."

The chairman was anxious to close the meeting when Mrs. Adney stepped to the platform and reminded the chairman that it would be courteous to ask the lady candidate to say a few words. The chairman did not know Mrs. Adney was present. The candidate said that when she came into the field there was only a Farmer's candidate. The women have the franchise through the efforts of the soldiers. "Let me say to the men who have charge of the county that they have made a mess of it," she said. "Too many are idle; everybody should work. Why did not Col. Melville come out earlier? He had better wait till the next general election for I am going to be elected. They need a housecleaning in Ottawa and none can do it like a woman, and I am going to Ottawa to help clean it. I spent a week there and if I had had a bag of cold storage eggs I would have thrown them at some of them. I am not afraid of anything. The men on the platform showed their fear of me by not calling on me."

Mrs. Adney proceeded to the piano and played God Save the King, which closed the meeting.

#### No Liberal Candidate

Hon. J. F. Tweeddale, minister of agriculture and A. B. Copp, M. P. for Westmorland were here in consultation with the Liberal executive last night, and announcement was made this morning that the Liberal convention to be held at Andover tomorrow has been called off, and that the Liberals will not put a man in the field in the federal by-election.

Remember the Navy League Drive Tuesday 21st October.

Sir Thomas traced the history of railway construction in Canada since 1911, declaring that both parliamentary parties were to blame for duplication of railway lines. He approved of the government's plan because it was in line with the findings of the Drayton-Acworth commission which had recommended the taking over of the Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk and Grand Trunk Pacific systems and their conversion into a national transcontinental system in competition with the C. P. R. The increase in the public debt which would result from the acquisition of the Grand Trunk he described as a "marginal" liability because the assets of the company must be taken into consideration. Sir Thomas was not favorably disposed to the proposal to take over the C. P. R.

Mr. Fielding objected to the house being stampeded into passing this legislation in the dying days of a session called to deal with the peace treaty. Had Sir Alfred Smithers' letter of acceptance of the government's proposal been written ten days later this legislation would not have been introduced. Therefore no harm could result from leaving it over. He predicted that the Grand Trunk four per cent preference stock which is being treated as an obligation and which was quoted at 45 a few days ago will go to 90 and that present holders of the stock will make over \$27,000,000 which the people of Canada will have to pay. He thought the government should have stipulated a reasonable figure for their stock. Mr. Fielding declared that there was danger for Canada in the proposed arbitration proceedings. Canadian Northern stock which has been declared worthless by the present minister of finance, Sir Arthur Drayton has been valued by arbitrators at over \$10,000,000. What was to be expected then, he asked when stock which has some value is to be arbitrated.

#### Admits It

Hon. Arthur Meighen combatted the idea that Grand Trunk preference stock would go as high as Mr. Fielding predicted. He was willing to admit that the action taken would enhance the value of the stock somewhat.

Mr. Meighen reiterated his former statement that the negotiations had not been completed until October 10. Therefore it was not possible for the government to make an earlier announcement.

At the evening sitting the discussion again became more general in character, opposition members asking numerous questions as to the details of the resolution more particularly in regard to the obligations to be assumed.

One opposition speaker, Mr. Fourrier declared that the country was being driven on "the rocks of bankruptcy."

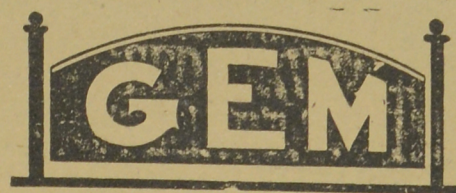
The formal debate on the second reading for the bill will commence on Friday. It is not definitely known whether the opposition will move amendments on the second reading or reserve them for the committee stage.

### WOMEN WANT THE FRANCHISE

Montreal, Oct. 17—The plan of the coming year's work, which was outlined at yesterday afternoon's meeting of the Quebec provincial W. C. U. convention, includes two appeals to the Quebec Legislature. The government will be asked first to grant to all women over twenty-one years of age, the municipal and provincial franchise, and secondly, to grant to women the right to vote for members of school boards.

#### Remodelling Moncton Branch

Moncton Transcript: The Loursbury building, Main Street, which is being remodelled by Grant & Horne, Contractors is fast assuming shape. The brick side walls are near completion, but some delay has occurred owing to the scarcity of brick. Today two carloads arrived and the work will be resumed with vigor. Mr. Clark of Fredericton, who is interested in the company, reached the city today. The company, as the contractors, are to be congratulated on the new building, which marks the progress of Moncton at the present time. A glass frontage in brick will face the street when the building is completed, which (This is the Moncton Branch of J. Clark & Son, Limited, of Fredericton.) will give it an imposing appearance.



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