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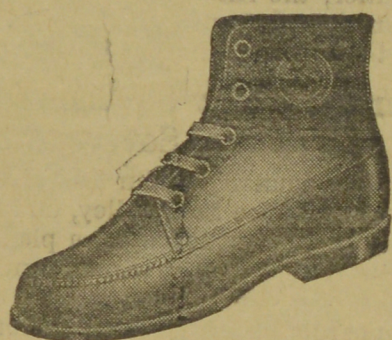
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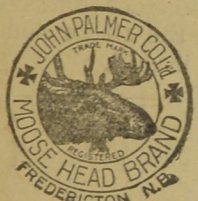
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SOME VIGOROUS SPEECHES ON THE POTATO ENQUIRY

Hon. Robert Murray, Hon. E. A. Smith, Mr. Burchill and Others
Give Expression to Their Views—Reasons Why They Supported the Resolution of Censure—Messrs. Pinder and Tilley Support the Whitewash Amendment.

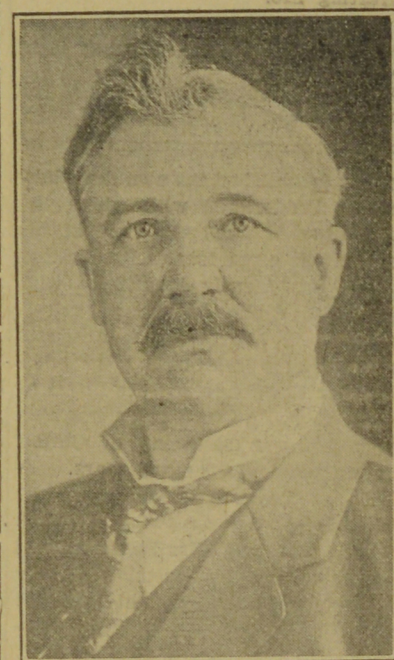
Following is the synoptic report of several of the speeches delivered in the House Thursday night on the McQueen report.

HON. DR. SMITH.

Vigorous Speech From the Minister of Lands and Mines.

HON. MR. SMITH thought it was the duty of every hon. member to say how he was going to vote on the resolution. It was a serious occasion and one that should be carefully studied by every hon. member before reaching a decision. He wanted it known that he was not voting for the resolution merely for the sake of making political capital. He recalled the timber land scandal of 1915 and stated that the government of that day had gone from bad to worse. The timber land scandal had driven Mr. Flemming from public life and his colleagues in the House, instead of condemning him had applied the whitewash brush. When the patriotic gift came along they saw an opportunity to make some money. The same men were in charge of affairs and there had been no housecleaning. He was sorry to have to take stand that he was taking, but there was no help for it. One of the men who had been condemned he had known all his life. He was a fine man, and he felt sure had entered political life with the most honorable

motives. He would go further, and say that he did not believe that J. A. Murray had ever made a dollar out of politics. He freely accepted his statement that at the time the patriotic potatoes were being shipped he had been overworked and had left the details in the hands of Rev. J. B. Daggett. If by casting his vote as a private citizen he could free the hon. members, he would gladly do so, but he was there representing a constituency and had a duty to perform. The great war had brought forth conditions never before heard of. It had demonstrated the need of honest administration. That being so, it would be a grave mistake to condone the offence of which the hon. members had been guilty. When he (Smith) entered public life he had promised to do his level best to procure honest government and he would support no government which was dishonest. When he took the oath as Minister of Lands and Mines, he assumed a great responsibility and so long as he remained in public life he would do what he believed to be right. He did not see how hon. members opposite could refrain from voting for the resolution.



HON. E. A. SMITH.

At the present time there are being shown in various parts of the United States some pictures of actual scenes of various phases of farm life in Alberta, one of the prairie provinces of Canada. They show this country in a very different light from what many had been led to believe it to be. The films, which have been produced under the direction of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Department of Colonization and Development, deal with irrigation farming, the dairy industry, and the lighter side

MR. TILLEY'S APOLOGY.

Would-be Leader of His Party in a Peculiar Position.

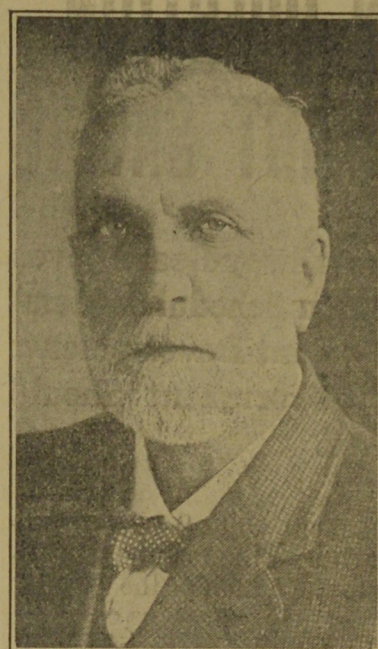
MR. TILLEY said that he did not intend to take up the time of the House for any great length. The man on the street wanted to know what the potato question was all about. There had been columns in the newspapers, magazines had been printed, and the opinion of a St. John editor had been circulated in pamphlet form. Still there were people who did not know what it all meant. It was his intention to speak out frankly and call a spade a spade. When the former government had decided on a gift of potatoes it had sent notices to buyers asking them to supply stock at \$1 per barrel with an additional 10c. for handling. In his opinion, where the department made the mistake was in not calling for public tenders. The department should have asked the dealers and others to deliver potatoes at a certain point at a certain time for \$1 per barrel. Individuals had been asked to tender and were told to send in the potatoes. Mr. B. F. Smith and a number of others had done so. The details of the transaction had been left in charge of the Deputy Minister of Agriculture,

government had had it printed and a copy was then in his possession. It was unfair to the gentlemen who had stood up in the House and made explanations of their conduct to have the verdict prepared in advance. He appealed in the interest of fair play to hon. members on the other side to withdraw the resolution, adopt the amendment and pass it unanimously.

MR. BURCHILL'S SPEECH.

Nestor of the House Tells Why He Supported the Resolution.

MR. BURCHILL said he wished to correct some impressions which hon.



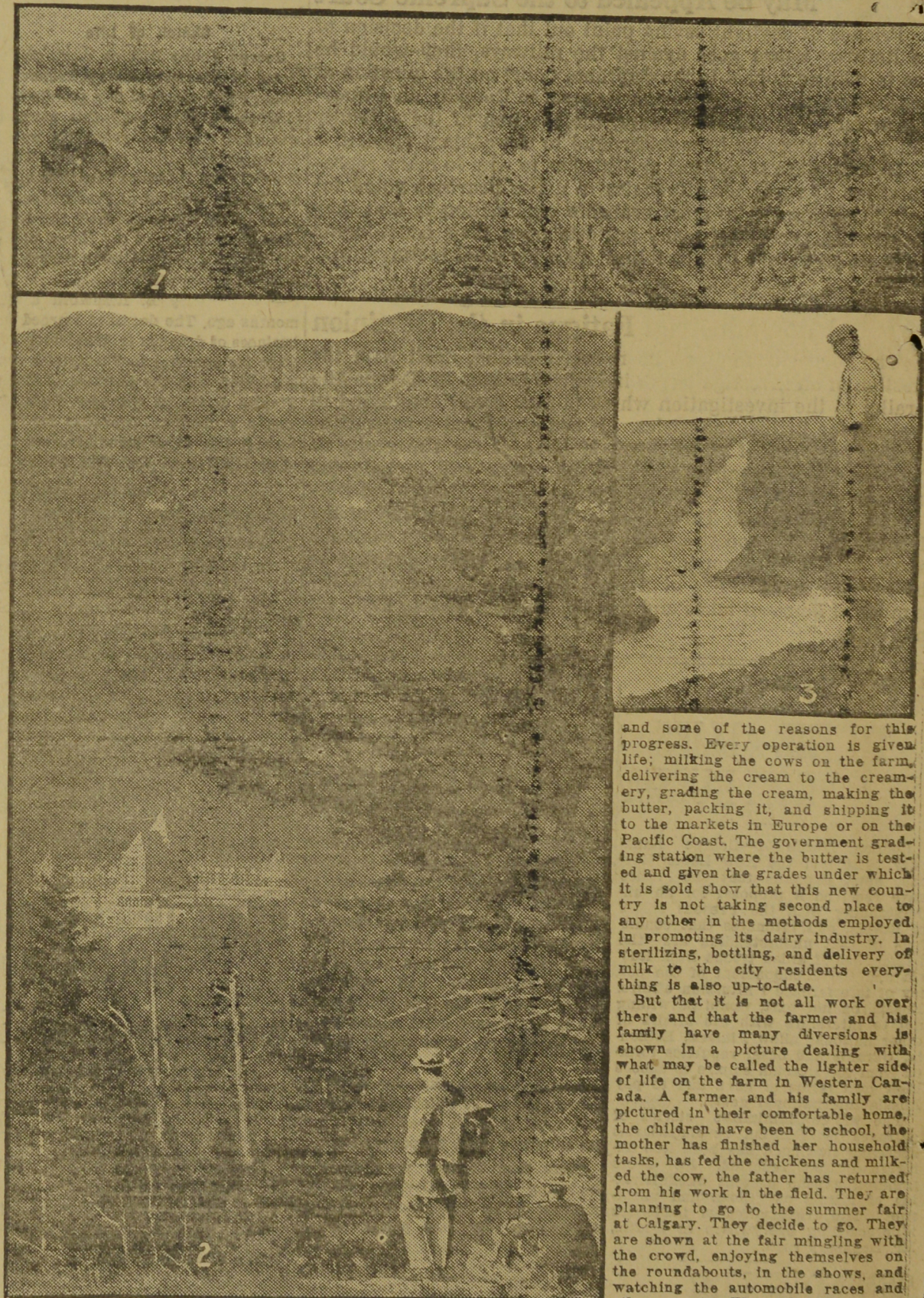
HON. J. P. BURCHILL.

gentlemen opposite had attempted to make. He had been a member of the House for many years and could not recall a case of such importance as the one now under consideration. He could assure hon. members opposite that the position of the four men who were not in their seats was felt as keenly on his side of the House as on their own. It was no small matter for public men in the dis-

charge of their duties to pass a vote of censure that would reflect on their fellow citizens. He had been on friendly terms with the hon. members and would say nothing against them that would appear ungentlemanly, but there came a time when all must take a stand for the good of the country. He intended to support the resolution and he wished to say that those on his side of the House were not actuated by political motives. It was a matter for regret that the report of the commissioner could not be considered outside of party politics and in the interests of the country. It was a matter which did not, he said, affect either the government or the opposition, but it did affect the good name of the province. An hon. member for Saint John had brought up for the purpose of making political capital. Speaking for himself and those associated with him, he wished to say that such a thing was furthest from their minds. It was with the deepest regret that they took the stand that they did. The hon. member who spoke last (Tilley) had omitted to refer to some matters which had a strong bearing on the case. He had said that when a loss had to be faced party funds were resorted to. It was the same hon. member who from his place in the House had advocated the elimination of party funds. Where did those party funds come from? Anybody who had read the evidence could not dissociate them with the Valley Railway. Beyond question the funds came from the Valley Railway. It had been asserted that the province lost nothing but that was not so. They had a right to assume that the Valley Railway contract was given to the Nova Scotia Construction Co. at an increased rate to enable them to make the contribution. He wanted it understood that with him it was not a party question, and he felt that it was an unpleasant duty which hon. members were called upon to perform. There was not a member on his side of the House who would not, if given a choice, pack his grip and go home rather than vote for the resolution, but a strong public sentiment demanded that they place themselves on record. He wished to tell the hon. member (Tilley) that the last part of the resolution did not have its final consideration until after the House had adjourned at six.

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The Canadian West In "Movies"



- (1) An Alberta Wheat Field.
- (2) Movie Men Near Banff Springs Hotel.
- (3) An Irrigation Stream.

The film dealing with irrigation farming shows the land being prepared for irrigation, the application of water, growing crops of grain and alfalfa, harvesting, and livestock on the irrigated farm. It also shows the irrigation works, including the great Bassano Dam, the largest of its kind in the world. The idea one gathers of these structures from the picture is that they were built to last, and that those who provided the money had great confidence in the country and the undertaking.

The dairy film shows the rapid progress this industry has made in Alberta during the last few years,

and some of the reasons for this progress. Every operation is given life; milking the cows on the farm, delivering the cream to the creamery, grading the cream, making the butter, packing it, and shipping it to the markets in Europe or on the Pacific Coast. The government grading station where the butter is tested and given the grades under which it is sold show that this new country is not taking second place to any other in the methods employed in promoting its dairy industry. In sterilizing, bottling, and delivery of milk to the city residents everything is also up-to-date.

But that it is not all work over there and that the farmer and his family have many diversions is shown in a picture dealing with what may be called the lighter side of life on the farm in Western Canada. A farmer and his family are pictured in their comfortable home, the children have been to school, the mother has finished her household tasks, has fed the chickens and milked the cow, the father has returned from his work in the field. They are planning to go to the summer fair at Calgary. They decide to go. They are shown at the fair mingling with the crowd, enjoying themselves on the roundabouts, in the shows, and watching the automobile races and other events. The splendid horses, cattle, sheep and hogs on view at the exhibition are also pictured. Altogether the party spends a very enjoyable day.

Later in the season, they go for a holiday. They have not far to go. They find in the same province holiday resorts that afford an excellent change. They go to one of these places on the shores of a large inland lake. Here they enjoy themselves bathing, boating, fishing and basking in the sunshine on the sands. Afterwards they visit Banff, in the heart of the Rocky Mountains, and in connection with their visit, some magnificent mountain scenery is thrown on the screen. Evidently the life of the farmer in Western Canada is not all work and no play.