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### DEBATE ON THE ADDRESS IS CONTINUED AT OTTAWA; DEBATE WAS LIVELY AT TIMES

Ottawa, Feb. 18—Today's session in the House of Commons was featured by several passages-at-arms in which C. H. Cahan, K. C. (Conservative, St. Lawrence St. George) and Hon. Lucien Cannon, the solicitor-general engaged. Mr. Cahan, who resumed the speech which was not concluded at adjournment yesterday, was frequently interrupted and at times there were interchanges revolving around charges by the solicitor-general that Mr. Cahan was "obstructing" the business of the house. On a number of occasions Mr. Speaker Lemieux had to call the house to order.

Mr. Cahan declared that there was dissatisfaction all over the country and that the Government had demonstrated itself incapable of dealing with public questions. The Government was not functioning and could not function and the country's prosperity was in the balance while the Government retained power.

#### Cannon Speaks.

Hon. Mr. Cannon followed and remarked that Mr. Cahan, who had objected to being "gagged", had spoken five and a half hours. He wondered how long the member would have spoken had he not been "gagged".

The question before the House was whether the majority should be obstructed by a mere minority. He asked if members thought the dignity of the House had been upheld by the previous speaker. He had held up business for nearly two sittings while he read articles that had already been read by readers of the Montreal Star.

#### Atholstan Mentioned.

"If he wants to transfer the House into a clearing house for Lord Atholstan and his electoral debts, he can't do it," said Mr. Cannon. The House of Commons should let Lord Atholstan know that he might rule in the offices of the Montreal Star, but he could not in Parliament. He asked Mr. Cahan to reconcile his statements of country-wide depression with the millions that had been spent on the Conservative campaign in Quebec. This money had come from the Atholstans and the McConnells and "their selfish interests in Montreal."

The will of the people was that the government should go ahead, said the Solicitor-General. Mr. Meighen had got his answer in Bagot where he had made his longest speech the Liberals had increased their majority by 200 while in Prince Albert, "following the meanest, smallest campaign ever waged against a public leader" the Prime Minister had been elected by a large majority.

#### Drayton Replies.

Sir Henry Drayton (Conservative, West York) characterized the Solicitor General's speech as an appeal to passion in which reason could find no place. With regard to the Prince Albert election Sir Henry said that the Prime Minister should have told the electors that the "Hudson's Bay Rail" way had delivered its greatest and most important load of eastern freight and, he might have added, the only load it will ever carry under the present government.

#### Rouyn Road Denounced.

He turned his attention to the Rouyn Railway and denounced the project for having been formed as a "dummy company." The directors mentioned in the charter were employees of the Canadian National Railway—"stenographers in the office." This company had entered into a lease with the Canadian National for thirty years. The Government was liable for every cent of the \$5,000,000 bonds. Sir Henry felt that the government's haste in getting the railway built was not unconnected in Quebec with the last election.

#### Robb Defends Project.

Hon. J. A. Robb, Minister of Finance, replied to Sir Henry's charges and pointed to the development of the Rouyn district and after proper survey the road was built by capitalists. He gave the names of some of the directors: Robert Adair, Montreal;

Chas. H. Hart, Harold Fowler and C. M. Miller. The last two were representatives of a New York bond company.

#### Bourassa Opposes Gagg.

Henri Bourassa (Independent, La Belle) announced that he intended to vote against Mr. Bird's (gag) motion. That motion did not lead anywhere, he said, for the same reason that he had voted against "vote catching motions" of the Opposition and for the same reason that he had voted for the government's motion for an adjournment, he would be ready and willing to vote for closure if the government would move it. A majority of the House had agreed to give the government an adjournment in which to rearrange the cabinet and prepare a program of legislation. As he had prophesied, the prolonged debate which had replaced the expected adjournment and turned the House into an "election committee" and it was useless to stay here. He wanted to see the government given an opportunity to prepare a reasonable program on which it could be fairly judged when the House re-assembled.

#### Real Issue at Stake.

Whatever members on either side of the House might say, Mr. Bourassa believed that in the present debate it was not the fate of the Liberal party or of the Conservative party that was at stake. It was the confidence of the Canadian people in the usefulness of our public institutions which was at stake. He could not believe that the government had had anything to do with inspiring Mr. Bird's motion. The Government could not benefit by it and surely would not have placed itself in the "humiliating position of accepting a tactic imposed upon it by a member on the opposite side."

### AMERICANS SEEK IN VAIN FOR OLD ALLEYS

London, Feb. 19—London's quaint old streets and alleys are surviving with difficulty in an age that demands wider and straighter streets for motor traffic.

Frying Pan Alley, Bloody Bridge and Black Dog Alley have been gone for years. Porridge Pot Row and Green Lettuce Alley now have followed them into history. Labor-in-vain Alley and Naked Boy Court also are gone, but Petticoat Lane and Seven Dials remain.

Also there are Bleeding Heart Yard, Hanging Sword Alley, Adam and Eve Court, Houndsditch, Pope's Head Alley and Pickle Herring Street, as well as other intriguing bypaths to excite the interests of perambulating Americans, who, guidebooks in hands, are to be found nosing about the nooks and crannies of London in increasing numbers as the approach of spring.

### HOTEL RATES ON RIVIERA JOLT TO FRUGAL VISITORS

Paris, Feb. 19—Never before has cost of living risen so high in France as along the Riviera this winter. The shopkeepers, hotel men and restaurant owners have found a very effective remedy against the depreciation of the franc by adopting the dollar and pound as bases of their prices.

A chauffeur will not start his motor for less than 10 francs and a drive of half a mile or so comes to 40 or 50 francs. Once modest hotels now demand nothing less than 100 francs a day (about \$4) for the simplest kind of room. Ham or bacon and eggs may be had for 20 francs—about 25 cents for each egg.

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### ROCKY BEDS AND LIBERTY

#### PREFERRED TO N. Y. FLAT

New York, Feb. 18—Tough New York is the metropolis of the Western World, "wild dogs" are not unknown in the city. True they are "wild" only to the extent of having exchanged homes in apartments for a precarious existence on their own but they are wild in the sense that they acknowledge no master. The rocks of the Hudson, the open spaces of the Bronx and even the tame confines of Central Park offer them shelter and range, and there they live their lives of untrammelled freedom.

The Central Park dogs are mostly individualists, though occasionally they forage in packs as did their ancestors. But, strictly speaking, they are parasites, as kind-hearted residents of the vicinity place food for them lest they feel the pinch of winter. One woman every day provides liver. Hence, if they encountered some of the packs of uptown dogs, these mid-city dogs would be looked on with scorn. More than likely, they would be engaged in combat which would be one-sided indeed, for the dogs of the crags, girt about by civilization though they are, have reverted very nearly to type. They have to be, for in the upper part of the Bronx, where the stern rocks stick their flinty ribs through the earth, no one sets out liver for them. They must find their own food or go hungry.

The leader of this particular pack is an old coolie with many scars on his muzzle and a bare spot on his left hip. He's the absolute boss of his gang and rules with an iron hand. At various times, policemen have shot at him with revolvers, and at other times irate residents, annoyed by his depredations and those of his followers, have used shotguns. But the collie seems to be able to avoid bullets. Undoubtedly they annoy him as he retreats until the firing stops, but when he does come to a halt, he shows a full set of efficient teeth in an ugly sneer. One householder was rash enough to attack armed only with a club. If he had been less quick in getting through his back door, he would have been torn to pieces as none of his blows landed.

According to residents, the collie appeared about four years ago, soundly trounced the then leader of the pack and ever since then has been in command. When first seen, he was wearing a handsome collar, but that disappeared.

Fort Washington Park, well up on the Hudson, has its wild dogs, or

more properly, vagrant dogs, included in this pack is a valuable Boston bull, which two years ago escaped from a well-to-do owner who lives on the Drive. Several times, he has sighted his dog but the animal never lets him get near. Though now lean and emaciated, the dog seems to prefer freedom to regular meals and steam heat. Another of the dogs was the property of the "Fort Washington Park Hermit." When his shack burned, the "hermit" disappeared and has never been seen since, though his dog still haunts the place where he used to live. The animal discourages all advances and seemingly is a vicious and ill-tempered brute, though sleek and rounded as if well fed even in winter.

As indicated by the action of the woman who provides liver for the tramp dogs of Central Park, these homeless animals excite not a little sympathy. But they are entirely unappreciative, as they refuse to eat the liver in the presence of the donor, waiting until she has left before partaking of the repast. Evidently they are taking no chances on losing their independence.

And it is significant, also, that no coddled, over-fed, combed and washed dog is ever led by the haunts of the wild dogs but that it endeavors to get off the leash.

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It all concerns a racing car driver who puts over what would be termed an exploitation stunt in the trade and makes his sweetheart's automobile agency, successful and elects her father sheriff in the bargain. The girl played by Faire Blaney, is rather conspicuous by her absence in the majority of the sequences, but what little she has to do she does well. That the picture can stand on its comedy merits without a string of love scenes to bolster it up is still another testimonial of its worth.

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