

President E. W. Beatty Says Labor Interests Are Safe Guarded

C. P. R. Head, Speaking at Regina, Urges Unification of Railway Management—Believes Tariff Should Be That Which Should Add to the Country's Wealth.

Regina, Feb. 6.—Assurance to labor that their interests, would be safe-guarded under his plan for unification of management of Canada's railways, the Canadian National failed to meet coupled with a prophecy that railway employees and the representatives of organized labor would come to urge rather than oppose some such measure as he had suggested, were made by E. W. Beatty, K. C., president of the Canadian Pacific Railway, in an address to the Regina Board of Trade last night. Tariff matters and agriculture also came under review in the railway executive's address, while he himself described as the frankest and most direct that he had made.

"I am told that I propose to throw thousands of men out of work," Mr. Beatty said. "I repeat what I have already said—that protection for labor is a necessary part of my plan, and that savings in that regard should be made gradually, wisely and considerately, and without hardship to those now dependent on railway employment."

Gives Pledge

"Nothing could be more distressing to me that to see more added to the tragic army of the unemployed and, within my power, I pledge myself solemnly to do what I can to prevent such a development," Mr. Beatty declared, adding the following significant statement:

"It is indeed my hope and belief that the methods which I suggest will operate to prevent an even more disastrous period of low wages and unemployment than that through which we are passing."

"I am told that I have given no definite details of my plan," said Mr. Beatty. "I cannot even be expected to recommend it to the owners of the property, in the management of which I share, until the government of Canada has accepted it in principle and is ready to deal with my proposal or offer a better alternative. I assure you that you will have no reason to complain of delay or lack of definiteness on my part."

Meets Criticism

Mr. Beatty met in plain words a criticism that he had suggested that restoration of Canadian Pacific dividends should be the first charge on promised savings.

"I have never made any such suggestions. It would be ridiculous. I have recommended a bargain between two groups of owners. On the terms of that bargain and the general condition of business would depend what the owners of the Canadian Pacific Railway would receive."

"What I have suggested, and suggest today," he said, "is that we should plan to divide the net earnings of the unified properties to give to each group of owners the net earnings which would have resulted if each had operated their own railway, together with a fair share of the savings resulting from unification."

Mr. Beatty said that obviously the shareholders of the Canadian Pacific would have to concede to the government at least one-half of the gain resulting from unified management. "Those who have said that the Canadian Pacific would claim the lion's share have either misunderstood my proposal or purposely misrepresented it," he declared.

Cost of Transportation

Mr. Beatty dealt at length with other phases of his unification plan. On the matter of cost of railway transportation to the people of Canada, he pointed out that it had not been as cheap as it had seemed to be, for, while freight rates in Canada were lower than in countries which competed with us for markets abroad, the full advantage of rates had not been retained.

In 1923, he said, cost of rail transportation to the people was \$358,000,000. Of this, however, only \$262,000,000

profits, but we cannot forget for a moment that it has also created wage and purchasing power.

"We must take Canada as the country now is, in 1935, not as it was a generation ago. We must try to learn how well our experiments in developing the country under the protective system have worked for the advantage of the country as a whole. We must accept some errors which cannot be corrected except at a cost excessive compared with the results. We must correct those which can be dealt with. In a word we must lift this, as well as other vital economic questions, above the plane of a struggle for sectional, class or party advantage."

On the subject of agriculture, Mr. Beatty foresaw improvement in the situation of the Canadian farmer which, to be complete, must primarily depend on improvement in farm practice and the bringing to bear on the pressing problems of the farmer such economic assistance as would ensure just returns of the capital invested in the farms of this country.

It was the primary industry, he said, and the only calling which could not be destroyed so long as human life exists in Canada.

Two Things Needed

There were two necessary measures, as he saw them, to help agriculture recover and to protect it in the future. First, what the farmer himself can do, in making the farm home more self-supporting in expanding their livestock operations and in showing as they have done during a great economic disaster, unceasing and increasing interest in improving the efficiency of their operations, in the use of better seed and improved cultural methods.

Second, there was what others could do to help Western Canada. "One of the great benefits which has come out of the chaos of the past few years has been a profound realization of the economic importance of Western Canada, and above all of western agriculture, to the rest of the nation."

He did not, he said, as yet see clearly the road along which private business could move to aid agriculture, but expressed his unswerving confidence that the road would be found and that it was being eagerly sought today.

FEW IN CONGRESS ODD IN DRESS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—Gone is the glamorous of congressional dress that once made American statesmen a joy to collectors of sartorial curiosities. Not even election of the Seventy-fourth Congress reputedly containing more "wild men" than any other recent Congress, has made a noticeable increase in picturesqueness.

Veteran observers on Capitol Hill contend that Congress resembled in dress a dignified convention of local business men in any medium size American city. Only a dwindling handful remain to uphold past traditions of outlandish waistcoats, vari-colored neckwear and tragedian's hats.

The average member of Congress now goes in more for the foibles of Fifth avenue and Bond street than those of Western pioneer days.

In the Senate virtually all members are well and conservatively dressed. Senator J. Hamilton Lewis, Democrat, of Illinois, usually is characterized as the leader of senatorial style. He wears somewhat daring color ensembles, fancy vest of cream or buff, colored pocket kerchiefs and spats to match.

Diamond Stick Pin

Senator Theodore Bilbo, self-described "wild man" from Mississippi, is just another pea in the pod so far as the Senate goes. His only originality is a diamond horseshoe stick pin. On the opening day of Congress he appeared in conventional morning attire, with a large red carnation in his buttonhole.

Some concessions to the old days is made by Senator Nathan Bachman, Democrat of Tennessee. He appears vestless, wearing a black tie tucked under a turn-down linen collar. But his suits are ordinary, generally of a light gray mixture.

Senator Royal Copeland, Democrat of New York, is a contender for the title of best-dressed Senator. He never appears without a red carnation, supposedly worn in memory of a similar flower given him as a practicing phy-

sician by a mother who could not pay a fee.

The House lost its strongest link with the past when Representative Edgar Howard of Nebraska failed of re-election. One-time secretary to William Jennings Bryan, Mr. Howard copied the Bryan dress so perfectly that he often was mistaken for a reincarnation of the great Commoner. He is still to be seen about the corridors of the Capitol muffled in a long black opera cape, rakish black hat, black Windsor tie, long black tailcoat and flowing white hair.

Follows Cowboy Style

Representative P. (for Percy, and he is proud of it) L. Gassaway, Democrat, of Oklahoma, is about the only congressional freshman who has won any sartorial notice. He is an ex-cowboy and wears high-heeled shoes, black ten-gallon hat and small bow tie tied in a knot instead of a box. When campaigning he sometimes wears chaps, but he has discarded them in Washington.

Representative Otha D. Wearin, Democrat, of Iowa is noted for one feature of his dress. He wears a flaming red tie always.

Among the nattiest House dressers is Representative William I. Sivovich, Democrat, of New York. He wears clothes cut in the latest mode and always has a flower in his buttonhole. Representative Bertrand Snell, House minority leader, dons a morning coat on least provocation.

But for the bulk of the Representatives—they dress just as they did before they came to Congress when they were lawyers, business men and bankers.

The good old days, veteran gallery frequenters sigh, are gone.

CANADIAN HOSPITAL SWEEP IN THE MAKING

MONTREAL, Feb. 6.—Dr. Joseph N. Chaussee, director of the Montreal Graduate Hospital, announced today that the hospital is to conduct a sweepstake based on the running of the Chester Cup race in England, on May 8, for the purpose of raising funds to further its cancer research and clinical activities.

Tickets will cost one dollar and subscribers will be listed as donors. A group of hospital physicians, headed by Dr. Chaussee, will visit New York and Boston late this week to inspect several medical institutions specializing in cancer treatment.

Their findings will be incorporated in the new cancer clinic which will be established in June, at an outlying sector of this city.

The Montreal Post Graduate plans to build a new \$1,000,000 medical center on land granted to the hospital by the city from funds derived from the lottery, Dr. Chaussee announced.

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HOCKEY CONCUSSION

TORONTO, Feb. 7.—Bill Peace, mid-get defenceman with Toronto Lions of the Junior "A" Ontario Hockey Association series, is suffering from a concussion and will be out of action for at least two weeks it was learned today.

Peace was injured last Saturday in a mix-up during a league game at Oshawa.

Since Connie Mack told a group of sport scribes on his return from a barnstorming trip to the Orient that a new winner would cop the flag next season, Athletics' fans are puzzled, season, Philly fans are wondering?

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