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THE NAVAL QUESTION

In view of the great public interest being taken in the naval debate which has consumed so much of the time of parliament during the past few months, it might be well to call attention to the position which Mr. Borden took in reference to that question in March 1909. On that occasion it will be remembered, Mr. Foster introduced a resolution calling for the defence of Canadian maritime interests. Sir Wilfrid Laurier received it with sympathy and presented a more explicit resolution. Mr. Borden asked that this be amended to indicate the intention of Canada to take immediate steps toward the organization of a naval service. Sir Wilfrid agreed and the resolution was adopted by both parties without a dissenting voice. That resolution expresses the opinion of a united Canada as to the path of duty to be followed by the dominion. It reads as follows:

"The House will cordially approve of any necessary expenditure designed to promote the speedy organization of a Canadian naval service."

"The House fully recognizes the duty of the people of Canada as they increase in numbers and wealth, to assume in larger measure the responsibilities of national defence."

"The House is of opinion that under the present constitutional relations between the Mother Country and the self-governing dominions, THE PAYMENT OF REGULAR AND PERIODICAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE IMPERIAL TREASURY FOR NAVAL AND MILITARY PURPOSES WOULD NOT, SO FAR AS CANADA IS CONCERNED, BE THE MOST SATISFACTORY SOLUTION OF THE QUESTION OF DEFENCE."

"The House will cordially approve of any necessary expenditure designed to promote the speedy organization of a Canadian naval service in co-operation with and in close relation to the imperial navy, along the lines suggested by the admiralty at the last imperial conference, and in full sympathy with the view that the naval supremacy of Britain is essential to the security of commerce, the safety of the empire and the peace of the world."

"The House expresses its firm conviction that whenever the need arises the Canadian people will be found ready and willing to make any sacrifice that is required to give to the imperial authorities the most loyal and the most hearty co-operation in every movement for the maintenance of the integrity and honor of the empire."

The Liberal party claims, as The Toronto Globe points out, that no emergency exists which warrants the tearing up of this non-partisan declaration of the national policy in reference to naval defence and that it is the duty of the government of Canada to proceed steadily along the path marked out by the resolution. Any other course will, it is believed, result in serious hurt to the well-established and safe principle that the expenditures made by Canada for national defence shall be under the control of the Canadian parliament. It is further pointed out that if there is a naval emergency Britain is in peril rather because of a shortage of trained crews than of money with which to purchase ships and that Canada's duty to the empire cannot be met by a contribution of money alone, which bears—as Mr. Foster very properly said in 1909—the appearance of "bribing" some other person to do what we should do for ourselves.

Concerning the insurance law recently passed by the Legislature, The Toronto Saturday Night says:—"The Legislature of New Brunswick has enacted a new set of statutory conditions. They are much more favorable to the insurance companies in many respects than were those they replace. In New Brunswick it seems the companies revised the act in their interests; in Ontario the government revised the acts for the general good. We shall probably deal with the act in detail at a later date." Under Flemming rule, when it comes to a case between the interests and the people, the latter usually come out at the little end of the horn.

New Brunswick suffers the loss of one of its most clever journalists in the death of Mr. John A. Bowes, who passed away at St. John on Saturday after a lingering illness. He was a big man both mentally and physically and his circle of acquaintances was a very large one. He was familiar with the political game from A to Z and prominent men of both parties were numbered among his closest friends. For many years he represented one of the St. John newspapers in the press gallery of the Legislature and he usually put in an appearance when a meeting of the government was being held. Although his career was somewhat strenuous he was not the sort of a man to make enemies and among his confreres of the press he was universally esteemed. His death at the comparatively early age of fifty-four years is a distinct loss to provincial journalism.

The purchase of the steamship Hamstead by a local company is a step in the right direction. The Fredericton-Gagetown steamship service is of great importance to Fredericton and it will be of no disadvantage to this city to have it controlled by a local company. It would undoubtedly be a splendid thing for this city if local business men and others interested would form a company and acquire the steamers Victoria and Elaine. It is believed that they could be bought at a reasonable price at the present time. An up to date steamship service on "the Rhine of America" ought to be made a paying proposition, and we believe that this could be done were it managed from the Fredericton end. The matter is one which should engage the serious attention of the City Council and Board of Trade.

Hon. Charles Dalton, who amassed a fortune out of the black fox industry, has offered to subscribe \$20,000 towards the cost of a sanatorium for Prince Edward Island and \$1,000 a year for ten years towards its maintenance.

MR. JOHN A. BOWES CALLED TO REST

(St. John Telegraph)

John A. Bowes, after an illness of several weeks, passed away at his home, Canterbury street, at 6.30 o'clock Saturday evening. For days he had been gradually sinking and it was plain that the end was near. He was the son of the late Archibald G. and Isabella Bowes, and was born in 1859 in this city, being therefore, fifty-four years old. His wife survives. The funeral is to take place at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon.

John A. Bowes was for many years one of the best known newspaper men in this city. He began newspaper work when quite young and was for some years a member of the writing staff of The Daily Telegraph, beginning in Mr. Elder's time, when he was associated with the late James Hannay, the late R. A. Payne and other well known journalists of that period. Mr. Bowes went to New York and was for some years on the staff of the New York World. Like many other young men who have gone from St. John to New York and other cities, he made a good record. Returning to St. John he joined The Telegraph staff as city editor and later associated with F.S. Cooper he started the Evening Standard and afterwards published the Saturday Standard which was a very interesting paper giving a good deal of attention to local affairs. Later he established the Daily Gazette, which was published for a number of years and gained a very large circulation. It was finally purchased by David Russell and replaced by The Evening Times, which took over the plant. On One day the Gazette was issued as usual and the following day the first issue of The Evening Times appeared from the same press Mr. Bowes retained his job printing plant and continued that business.

Mr. Bowes was perhaps the best all round man on the St. John press. Not only was he able to write clever editorials and gather news, but he could set type, make up forms and run the press. He was familiar with mechanical work and took pains to make himself thoroughly acquainted with every machine on the premises. For a time in the eighties, Mr. Bowes was foreman of the Daily Sun.

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Toronto Street, 35 @ 138½, 25 @ 139.
Macdonald Pfd., 40 @ 76½, 2 @ 77.

HANDS ACROSS THE SEAS

The attention of all teachers, school officials, clergymen and others interested of the city and vicinity is directed to a meeting to be held in the Assembly hall of the Normal School on Wednesday evening next, April 9, at 8 o'clock. The meeting to be addressed by Fred J. Ney of the education department of Manitoba on the plans and purposes of the "Hands across the Seas" movement. Mr. Ney is a young missionary in the cause of empire and education, and has organized large parties each year for some years to visit the "old land" in vacation time. These parties have consisted chiefly of teachers; but clergymen, and other friends of education have been admitted. 1912 was the first year in which the parties were joined by New Brunswickers of whom there were about 21; and this year it is hoped there will be more, and the numbers to be increased as the years go on.

SUB-CONTRACTORS

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about the matter and it is understood that arrangements will be made to have the sub-contract taken over by others. The sub-contractors are said to have lost a considerable amount of their own private means on this work.

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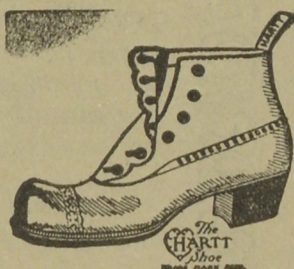
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