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FAVORS FOR THE "INTERESTS"

In his Halifax platform Hon. Mr. Borden declared his fiscal policy was to be formed "having due regard to the interests of the customer as well as the just claims of the wage earning population." Hon. Mr. White had a hard time making this synchronize with the government's course in cutting the duty in two on 50,000 tons of steel rails for the Grand Trunk Pacific. The Opposition was determined to find out why such favors should be given these wealthy corporations, and the debate clearly showed the manner in which "The Interests" rather than the consumers and the laborers are cared for by the present government.

The government's defence was that the Canadian steel companies could not produce sufficient steel rails and that the railway companies would not lay needed tracks in the west if they had to pay full duty on the rails so they were granted this 50 per cent rebate which has cost the taxpayers of Canada \$294,000 for the direct benefit of the G.T.P. and C.P.R. It was a specious defence, made with an eye to the western farmer's desire for greater railway facilities.

But the bubble was pricked by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who asked, "Is there any reason why any railway company under any circumstances—I do not care what company it is—should be exempted from the general law which applies to all Canadian subjects, and should not pay their share of taxation like anybody else? Is there any reason why railway companies which receive subsidies from this government, and which in the case of the company referred to receive a subsidy from the government of Saskatchewan should not pay their share of the legitimate cost of carrying on the government of this country? ... There was no justification why Mr. Hays, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy or Messrs Mackenzie & Mann or any other man should not pay like anybody else his share of the burdens which we all have to carry as Canadian subjects according to our means."

These are words which every citizen can understand. It will take a lot of special pleading for Premier Borden and his ministers to make the consumer and wage earner understand why he should be compelled to pay his share in keeping up the country while the railroad millionaires, made such by enormous grant from the public treasury and domains are let off at 50 per cent on the first pretext.

The last issue of The Royal Gazette contains a notice approving of the application of some ninety persons for settlement lands along the International Railway. When a few years ago, the Legislature was asked to guarantee the bonds of the company which built this important line of railway through the Northern part of the province, the Tory opposition of that day strongly opposed it. They were men of little faith and Hon. Dr. Pugsley's optimism in regard to the enterprise failed to impress them. Dr. Pugsley pointed out that the road would traverse a splendid section of country and would practically be the means of opening up a new province. The fact that flourishing settlements are springing up along the line today is proof of his statesmanship and foresight. About all that the present administration has done towards opening up that section of the province is to name the new settlements which are springing up—and they are being named after Tory politicians.

Toronto Star—"Canada can't build ships," wrote Winston Churchill to Mr. Borden, and Mr. Borden agreed with him. Remember the year, put it down in your book—1913.

When Mr. Churchill declared that this country could not build ships, he did not know this country, and did not know Canadians. If Englishmen at home can build ships, Englishmen here can build them. If Ir-

ishmen and Scotsmen at home can build them, Irish and Scotsmen here can build them. If anybody can do it, Canadians, who are the sons of these men can do it. There is nothing in this climate that reduces the enterprise of a race; there is something, rather, that increases it.

Discussing the Underwood tariff bill The Toronto Globe says:—"The introduction of the Underwood bill is a great landmark in the battle for fiscal freedom not only in the United States, but all over the world. The Germans, and Austrians, and Frenchmen who have been rioting in protest against the high cost of living will follow the debate in Congress with scarcely less interest than the people of the United States themselves. The walls of the protectionist Jericho are shaking. And if Jericho falls, where shall a safe fenced city be found?"

A closure resolution was introduced in Parliament yesterday by Premier Borden and will probably become law in the near future. Sir Wilfrid Laurier rose to move an amendment, but by invoking an old rule of the House the Tory majority was able to shut him out. The closure resolution strikes a deadly blow at the liberties of the people, and in this respect will have no equal in any deliberative assembly in the world outside of Russia. Nothing better could be expected from a government dominated by Hon. Bob Rogers, the archhypocrite from Manitoba.

Has anybody ever advanced one valid reason why the working men of Canada should support the Borden naval policy?

OUTRAGEOUS ATTEMPT

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of Dr. Clark. "Is that the way he implements the promise he has just solemnly given the house?"

"Hazen will speak," shouted the Conservatives.

"Then he'll never be heard," retorted Mr. Wilson amid an indignant chorus of Liberal "Hear, hears" and "That's right."

"What about the premier's assurances?" put in Mr. Guthrie, who was answered by cries of "Shut up" and "sit down."

"I want the country—our country—to know the truth about this," exclaimed Sir Wilfrid.

"Canadians shall know and Canadians will act," declared Mr. Pardee amid Liberal cheering.

The Liberal leader rose to a point of order. He pointed out that the form of Mr. Northrup's resolution was not proper.

"It's not according to the journals of the house," replied Premier Borden amid cries of "Shame" and cowardly conduct to a chivalrous opponent." He protested however that the motion was perfectly proper.

STEAM ROLLER AT WORK

The speaker said that he had ruled that Sir Wilfrid had the floor. He could go no further now that an appeal had been taken under Rule 17 to the house itself. He then put the Northrup-Blain motion that Sir Wilfrid be not heard, but that the floor be given to Mr. Hazen.

"Striking example of patriotic British fair play," commented Dr. Clark.

"Take your medicine!" shouted the Conservatives.

The division bells rang and the vote was taken. When Mr. Verville, the Labor member rose to cast his vote that Sir Wilfrid retain the floor he exclaimed amid cheers "I would like to vote twice upon this!"

When Premier Borden rose to cast his vote in favor of the Northrup-Blain resolution he met a reception possibly never before experienced by the premier of a British country. "Cowardly conduct to a chivalrous opponent!" repeated Mr. Pardee and the premier was greeted with a storm of hissing and repeated cries of "Shame on him and his promises!"

When Mr. Hazen rose to vote he was similarly greeted, "Shame to the good old province of New Brunswick that she should be thus represented!" exclaimed F. B. Carvell the militant Liberal New Brunswicker.

"Shame, shame," cried every Liberal in the house as the premier rose The more stinging call of "Coward!" was hurled across the floor, while the brute majority behind him cheered. The premier's face was flushed and it was evident that he felt the significance of his action.

Hon. W. T. White met with a similar reception.

When Hon. Robert Rogers rose the derisive cries from the Liberal side became louder, "Gag master!" "Steam roller," were interjected amid the continued cries of "Shame!"

Col. Hughes was greeted with shouts of "There's a brave soldier!" "British fair play," and other taunts.

Hon. J. D. Hazen was met with the cries: "There's a brave admiral!"

As the members behind the government rose one after one there was a

continued volley of taunts hurled at them. Every Nationalist in the house, with one notable exception, young Mr. Lavalle, of Belchase, voted subversively with the government thereby signifying their real desire, despite previous protestations, to keep the government in power even at the expense of putting through the navy bill. Mr. Lavalle was the only one to vote against the motion that the greatest Canadian of his race should be gagged in Canada's parliament. He received rousing cheers.

On the Liberal side, Sir Wilfrid Laurier on rising to cast his vote against the motion, was greeted with a remarkable demonstration. His followers cheered him for several minutes. They voted solidly behind him.

MAJORITY OF 38

The figures of the vote were 105 to 67, a government majority of 38.

Then Mr. Hazen arose. "Here comes the hero," came from the Liberal benches amid an uproar of cheers and desk pounding. "Shame for New Brunswick," cried Mr. Carvell of Carleton. The minister of naval affairs strove long to make his voice heard, but the Liberals were determined that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier could not speak neither could Mr. Hazen.

"Sit down, sit down," they cried and "Louder, louder," they mocked, as the minister ineffectually tried to make his remarks intelligible to the house.

Speaker Sproule arose, and the Liberals immediately preserved order again. He called the attention of the house to the rule that when a member is speaking he should not be interrupted.

"He hasn't got started yet," laughingly retorted the Liberals.

Mr. Hazen again rose and attempted to proceed. The same uproar and mocking cries greeted him. Finally after saying something which only those seated immediately next to him could hear, he handed in a motion to the speaker. The latter took it and read it to the house. It was just what the Liberals expected, namely, that the question be now put. He acted under a well prepared plan, and used a rule of the house which has been resorted to only two or three times since confederation and then only under entirely different circumstances and after the debate had been carried on for a long time.

DR. PUGSLEY

Hon. Dr. Pugsley promptly rose to a point of order. He quoted from May's Parliamentary Practice the clear-cut statement that a motion that the previous question be now put was not applicable to any question relating to public business.

The rules of the house said Dr. Pugsley, certainly had to do with the transaction of public business and consequently Mr. Hazen's motion was clearly out of order.

"The object of the motion," continued Dr. Pugsley, "was manifestly to prevent any amendment being moved to Mr. Borden's resolution and to force a vote on it without delay. If carried it would mean that even the premier himself could not move his promised amendment to his resolution deciding that the unanimous consent of the house must be obtained before estimates could be considered for a first time on a Thursday or Friday, when under the proposed new rules there could be no amendment on the motion to go

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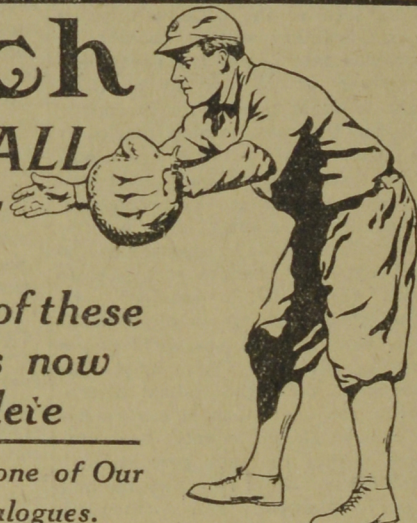
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