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CONSERVATIVE LEADER IS STRONG FOR RECIPROCITY

Haultain, Conservative Chief in Saskatchewan, Comes Out Flat-Footed For the Agreement--His Followers With Him in a Body--A Rebuke to the Annexation Shouters--Ontario M. P. P. Also Breaks with Whitney and Strongly Favors Reciprocity.

(Canadian Press.)
Regina, March 10.—The feature of Wednesday's proceedings in the Legislature of Saskatchewan, when by unanimous vote, which included all the Conservative members present, the reciprocity agreement was endorsed and a declaration made for absolute free trade within the British Empire eventually, and an increasing preference to go into force at once, was the speech of over an hour by Mr. F. W. G. Haultain, the leader of the Conservative opposition. He came out strongly and unequivocally in favor of the reciprocity. He said he had no fears about annexation, and said in concluding:
"We out here are just as able as

the magnates in the east to decide what is patriotic and unpatriotic. I am not prepared to sit at the feet of any of those eastern Garguils and study loyalty."
Toronto, March 10.—Sir James Whitney moved his anti-reciprocity resolution in the legislature yesterday afternoon. The debate was continued until ten p.m. The matter may not be put to a vote until next week.
Liberal whip C. M. Bowman, of North Bruce, ridiculed the annexation fears, and at the evening session R. R. Gamey, Conservative M.P.P., of Manitowlin, defended the agreement as did other speakers.

NO INFORMATION GIVEN ABOUT VALLEY RAILWAY

Government Doesn't Want to Answer Inquiries about This Project--May Guarantee Southampton Railway Bonds if the C. P. R. Plays Up--A Quiet Time in House Yesterday--Auditor General's Report Laid on the Table--Budget to be Brought Down on Tuesday.

In the House yesterday afternoon the government gave another evidence of its unwillingness to allow the people to know what action it has been taking in reference to the Valley Railway project when in reply to an inquiry by Mr. Upham, of Carleton, as to whether or not offers to build the proposed road have been received from any persons or corporations the ministers stated that while the cabinet has had some negotiations with certain persons and firms it was considered that no good purpose would be served, but rather the contrary, by making public the names of such persons or firms at the present time. To the average person it would probably seem as if the people of the province, whose servants ministers are supposed to be, had some right to know whether or not the government is really accomplishing anything to bring about the construction of this much needed road. "Negotiations" is a very vague word and it is certain that some if not all of the so-called negotiations which Premier Hazen has been carrying on would never result in anything. Indeed, it is doubtful if they are intended to result in anything more than a scheme on which to run an election.

It is true that the government promised to bring down a return of the documents relating to the Valley Railway as Mr. Tweeddale, of Victoria, was moving to have done. But it is not wholly unlikely that the compilation of the return will be found to require some little time; perhaps that hoped for election scheme may be evolved by the time the compilation is completed.
As a perusal of the following report of yesterday's sitting will show, the government, replying to Mr. Upham, announced that it is prepared under certain conditions, in which the Canadian Pacific Railway figures, to promise to guarantee the bonds of the Southampton Railway. In regard to the Hartland and Miramichi Railway; respecting which Mr. Upham also made an inquiry, the government said that no pledge has been given to guarantee the bonds of the road. Part of the answer was quite diplomatic when it was stated that the government has not been requested to guarantee the bonds of such a road; it was not stated in answer that no member of the government has been requested to endeavor to have the guarantee made.

The House met at three o'clock. Mr. Hartt reported for the committee that the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne had been presented to the Lieutenant Governor and submitted to His Honor's reply which was read by the Speaker.
Hon. Mr. Fleming submitted the statement of the bonded indebtedness of Carleton County and the annual report of the Auditor General, which on motion was referred to the committee on Public Accounts. Hon. Mr. Morrissey submitted the annual report of the Chief Commissioner of Public Works.
Hon. Mr. Hazen introduced a bill to amend the Schools Act and explained that under the present arrangement the school inspectors receive \$1,550 annually as salary and all expenses, and when they paid their expenses, amounting to as much as \$600 a year, their remuneration may amount to less than that paid to the principals of High and Superior Schools in the province. The object of this bill is to increase the amounts paid to the inspectors to \$1,700 annually. The bill has the approval of the Lieutenant Governor.
Mr. Wilson presented the petition of the Salvation Army in favor of their bill. Mr. Burgess presented the petition of Grand Falls in favor of a bill relating to that town. Mr. Cyr introduced a bill to incorporate the Town of Edmundston for light and power purposes and a bill to incorporate the St. Leonard's Electric Company. Hon. Mr. Maxwell introduced a bill to amend an act relating to the assessing of rates and

taxes and explained that its purpose is to repeal the section of a bill passed last year exempting from taxation property for water supply purposes, which has been found to work a hardship in St. John County. Mr. Wilson presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Hydro-Electric Company. Mr. Copp introduced a bill to enable the Town of Sackville to borrow money and to issue debentures. Mr. Munro introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the Carleton County Hospital and a bill relating to the will of the late Lewis P. Fisher. Hon. Mr. Maxwell presented a petition in favor of a bill to incorporate the New Brunswick Forest, Fish and Game Protective Association and the petition of the St. John City and County in favor of a bill to authorize the creation of sinking funds. Mr. Wilson introduced a bill to provide for a plebiscite on the commission form of government in the City of St. John, and one to fix the assessment of James Pender & Company, Limited. Mr. Bentley presented petitions in favor of bills to authorize the issue of debentures by the City and County of St. John; to provide fire protection for the General Public Hospital, and one relating to sewers in the Parish of Lancaster. Mr. Lowell presented the petitions in favor of a bill of the City and County of St. John relating to the lighting of streets and of one to authorize a loan to redeem debentures of the General Public Hospital. Mr. Wilson presented the petition of the City and County of St. John in favor of a bill to confirm the adoption of the Sewerage Act for the Parish of Lancaster and to increase the limit of the bond issue.
Mr. Tweeddale withdrew his motion for an address asking for the bringing down of papers relating to the St. John Valley Railway when Hon. Mr. Hazen stated that the information would be furnished without the formality of an address.
The following answers to inquiries were given:
The House went into committee of the whole with Mr. Sproul in the chair.
The bill to incorporate the Relief Committee of the Town of Campbellton was passed with slight amendments. Hon. Mr. Hazen explained the provisions of the bill and read to the House the financial statement of the committee up to January 31st last when it was estimated the amount available was about \$10,000 the contributions received up to that date being \$102,334.72.
The bill to amend the act to establish the Board of Public Utilities Commissioners was agreed to with an amendment suggested by Hon. Mr. Hazen which limits the length of service of commissioners to ten years.
The bill to provide for the early closing of shops was agreed to with an amendment making 6 o'clock instead of 7 o'clock the earliest hour at which a city or town council can order shops closed.
The committee also agreed to bills to enable cities, towns and municipalities to assess for aid granted to the town of Campbellton and to establish the Jordan Memorial Sanitarium.
The budget will be brought down on Tuesday.

ANSWERS TO ENQUIRIES.

The following is the answer to an enquiry made to Mr. Upham in the House on Thursday.
"No member of the government has pledged the government to guarantee the bonds of the Southampton Railway Company. The government has, however expressed its willingness to introduce legislation authorizing the government to do so provided a contract be first entered into between The Southampton Railway Company and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company by which the latter company would agree upon the completion of the said line of railway, not exceeding thirteen miles in length to

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STORMY TIME IN PARLIAMENT

All Night Session of British House Marked by Wild Scenes

Sharp Passages Between Winston Churchill and Opposition Leaders--Churchill Rebuked by Speaker.

(Canadian Press.)
London, Mar. 10.—A nineteen hour session of the House of Commons marked by the stormiest scenes since 1901, when the police had to be called in to quell unruly members, was adjourned at five minutes to 10 o'clock this morning, after all night, riotous debates upon the land clause of the budget.
The long weary session was featured by stormy passages between Home Secretary Winston Churchill and leaders of the opposition, who were angry at being kept in session all night. Bitter personalities were exchanged between the home secretary and Lord Hugh Cecil, a Unionist and for a time it looked as though the police would again be necessary to quiet the enraged debaters.
The greatest uproar was provoked when the speaker rebuked Mr. Churchill for the irrelevancy in his speech upon the budget.
Unionist leaders leaped to their feet denouncing the home secretary for his tactics. The tumult and shouting was so uproarious that pounding of the gavel could not be heard above the din.
Finally Mr. Churchill moved to report passages in the deliberation on the measure under discussion and the disorder was quieted. The house then adjourned to meet again at noon.

DISASTROUS EXPLOSION

Powder Magazine Blows Up Killing One Man and Injuring 200

Property Damage is Estimated at a Million and a Half--Many Homes Demolished.

(Canadian Press.)
Pleasant Prairie, Wis., March 10.—Fire was still burning this morning in the powder magazines of the Dupont Demours Powder Co., which blew up last night, killing at least one person, injuring nearly 200 others and causing damage of perhaps \$1,500,000 within a radius of one hundred miles.
The force of the explosion completely demolished the houses on the Genoa Road, which were nearest the mill and every house in the village was wrecked. Almost equal damage was done in Bristol, four miles west. The force of the explosion was felt more than a hundred miles in every direction and that only one man was killed and one dangerously injured, is said by officials of the powder company to be little short of miraculous.

STORE OF C. M. LEGER, M.P.P. WAS BURGLARIZED

(Special to The Mail)
Moncton, Mar. 10.—The store of C. M. Leger, M. P. P. of Memramcook, was entered by thieves last night who made away with a watch and five boxes of cigars.

OPERATED ON FOR APPENDICITIS.

Miss Marr, a student of the Normal School, was operated on for appendicitis at the Victoria Hospital yesterday. The operation was successful.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED

Despite the Course of the Hazen--Flemming Ministry the People of the St. John Valley Will Have High-Class Road With Through Connections--Reliable Information is Available--Why Does the Local Government Keep the People in Dark?

The people of the St. John Valley may rest assured that, in spite of the strange course of Premier Hazen and his colleagues, the construction of the wished for railway will take place. And the road will not be an electric line, it will not be a local line, it will not be dominated by the Canadian Pacific. It will be a high class road with through connections.
Mr. Hazen and his friends may continue to play the game of politics with this railway proposition; they may seek to continue to prepare the way for running an election on schemes which never could give the people decent railway facilities in the Valley. But they are nearly at the end of their political game. The road is coming, and it will not be long delayed. Mr. Hazen knows this, and

he knows that he has played his game, and the game of the C.P.R., and played it unsuccessfully. It will not be long now before Mr. Hazen will have to come out of the woods, and the Mail will be greatly mistaken if the people of the Valley and the province as a whole are not well satisfied with the condition of affairs which will prevail. There is information in regard to the project available. The government, for some reason which may be at least conjectured, does not choose to give the people the benefit of it. But others beside members of the government have that information. If the ministers, the supposed servants of the people, are unwilling to give the public the information belonging to the public the information will nevertheless be forthcoming.

U. S. TROOPS BEING MASSED ON THE BORDER

(Canadian Press.)
Washington, March 10.—Confirmation that a United States army 20,000 strong is being massed along the Mexican border with prospects of an immediate invasion of the southern republic was secured here today. At any time within the next forty eight hours orders may be issued for the forward movement. This all depends upon the attitude taken by the insurrecto leaders in Mexico.
Those of lower California have already defied the United States.
Gustav Madero, brother of the insurrecto president in New York declared yesterday the movement of the United States troops was only a bluff. Whether San Francisco Madero has the same opinion and will act accordingly will have a great deal to do with the future action of the United States authorities.
The United States troops are not being mobilized for manoeuvres alone. They will go through manoeuvres while in the department of Texas but their main purpose there is for the invasion of Mexico if the insurrectos continue their campaign.
From San Antonio troop columns will penetrate Gay County at El Paso, Eagle Pass and Laredo, while marines will be landed at Tampico and Metamoros. The first object will be the crushing of the rebels in Chihuahua. Torreon will be used as a base of supplies with Monterey a sub base for the march to Mexico City, if that becomes necessary.
Washington, March 10.—This campaign will be at the instigation of foreign governments which have demanded protection from the United States for the billions invested in Mexico. It has the sanction of the Diaz government. The resolution is growing in strength in Mexico, with the possibility that a radical government will be established in lower California.
Lower California commands Magdalena Bay which the United States would like for a naval station being a strategic point in the fortification of the Panama Canal. Japan's wish to secure Magdalena Bay also furnishes a motive.
The demonstration has been ordered not only to awe the revolutionists and protect foreign interests in Mexico, but to refute the charges of Jingles, who declare that the country is unprepared for war.

FOUR BODIES RECOVERED FROM RUINS

(Canadian Press.)
New York, March 10.—Four bodies were today recovered from the debris at numbers 12, 14 and 16 East Eighty Seventh Street where the partly finished structure of a new apartment house collapsed late yesterday.
The dead are workmen who were buried under tons of concrete. Supt. John O'Brien and foreman Theodore Steinis of the construction company steering the building were arrested and held in \$10,000 bail.

SOO RAILWAY MARKET LEADER

Montreal, Mar. 10.—C. P. R. and Soo were the features of the market today. C. P. R. had an advanced of one point and Soo went up two points from last night's closing.
(Quotations from direct private wires of J. M. Robinson & Son, Bankers, St. John, N. B., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange)

MONTREAL MORNING SALES	
Toronto Ry.—2 @ 126½; 8 @ 126½; 25 @ 126½.	
Rio—150 @ 106.	
Montreal Street—25 @ 234; 33 @ 233.	
Detroit—75 @ 69; 100 @ 69½.	
Dominion Iron—5 @ 57½.	
Cement Com.—65 @ 23.	
Textile—50 @ 72½.	
Montreal Street—45 @ 125.	
Asbestos—25 @ 12.	
Illinois—60 @ 94; 45 @ 94½.	
Eastern Can. Pulp—37 @ 45.	
Ogilvie—50 @ 127.	
Montreal Power—25 @ 147; 300 @ 148; 100 @ 148½.	
C. P. R.—200 @ 213½; 135 @ 213; 100 @ 214; 100 @ 214½.	
Soo—375 @ 145½; 5 @ 145½; 50 @ 145½; 0 @ 146½; 125 @ 146½; 25 @ 146½; 25 @ 147.	
Shawinigan—25 @ 110.	
Halifax Tram—15 @ 143½.	
Porto Rico—50 @ 38½.	
Bank of Montreal—2 @ 252.	

Mr. S. P. Gerow of St. John, arrived in the city last night.
Mr. J. N. W. Winslow of Woodstock is at the Barker House.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan of Sackville, arrived in the city last night.

NEW SPEED RECORD IN MONOPLANE

Mourmelon, France, March 10.—In a flight in a monoplane yesterday with two passengers, Niuporte established a new record for speed, he covered 110½ kilometers (68.5) at a speed of 13 kilometers (64 miles) an hour.

ST. JOHN BURGLARS GIVEN A CHANCE

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, March 10.—Harry Stone and George Stanton, charged with burglarizing Emerson & Fisher's store were allowed to go by Judge Forbes this morning on suspended sentence. Stone must leave the city and remain away at least three years. Stanton is to be at his home by ten o'clock every night and not touch liquor for three years. If these conditions are violated, the prisoners will be sent to Dorchester for ten years. Stone gave bail for \$1,500 and Stanton for \$500.

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION AT DOVER OIL WELLS

Moncton, Mar. 10.—Residents of Dover were startled last night by a loud noise near the oil wells. It proved to be caused by the explosion of a magazine containing fifty or sixty quarts of Nitro-Glycerine. The explosion was of a terrific nature and broke windows in many houses in the vicinity. The magazine of No. 7 oil well was blown up and a tree ten inches in diameter was shattered.

GENERAL BOOTH TO UNDERGO OPERATION

London, March 10.—General Wm. Booth, Commander-in-chief of the Salvation Army, will be operated on for cataract of the left eye on his return from Rome. He lost the sight of the right eye some months ago in an automobile collision and it is feared that he will become totally blind.

RODE TO HIS DEATH ON BLIND BAGGAGE

Montreal, March 10.—After riding all the way from Halifax in a blind baggage of an immigrant train, an unknown negro collapsed at Farnham this morning and died. He had been badly frozen as a result of his terrible experience.

HECTOR ARRAIGNED PLEADS NOT GUILTY

(Special to The Mail.)
St. John, March 10.—George Hector, the colored man wanted for a brutal assault on Mrs. James Davidson, was arrested at Willow Grove by Detective Killen and Deputy Chief Jenkins. He was brought to the city and lodged in the Central Police Station. This morning, on being arraigned in the police court, he pleaded "Not Guilty" to the charge. The condition of Mrs. Davidson is still serious, but Dr. Lewin, who examined her this morning, says that with proper care, her life can be saved. She will be taken to the City Hospital this afternoon. Detective Killen and Deputy Chief Jenkins have gone to Willow Grove to secure additional evidence. The prisoner has a bad record, having served six months in jail for theft and two years in the penitentiary for assault.

ALASKAN TOWN WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Seattle, Wn., Mar. 10.—The town of Douglass, Alaska, is being destroyed by flames. Two thousand miners from the Treadwell gold mines are fighting the fire.

PERSONALS

Mr. W. R. Gillin, of Hartland, is at the Barker House.
Mr. W. P. Grant of St. John, is in the city.
Messrs. A. W. Ebbett and C. H. Ebbett of Gagetown, are at the Barker House.
Mr. C. J. Croham of New York, is in the city.
Mr. J. C. Earle of St. John is in the city.
Mr. A. R. Rigby of Hartland is at the Barker House.
Mr. W. L. Stanton of Philadelphia is at the Queen Hotel.
Mr. J. W. McNamara of Montreal is in the city.
Mrs. A. R. Miles of Marguerville has returned from an extended visit to Dorchester.
MR. PINDER SMILED
Mr. Pinder M. P. P., who has been rather sad and grouchy since his turn down by Premier Hazen three years ago was in good humor in the House on Thursday evening. He occupied the chair in the absence of Speaker Clarke, and was handed a large sized bouquet by Mr. Upham, which almost "tickled him to death." Mr. Upham gave the senior member for York credit for destroying a plot hatched by Hazen government schemers to unseat a worn-out farm at Nackawick upon an English immigrant. Mr. Pinder has one good act to his credit.