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BULL MOOSE LEADER SCORES C.N.R. DEAL

Mr. R. B. Bennett, M. P. Comes Out Flat-footed in Opposition to the Borden Government's Proposed Gift of Forty-Five Million Dollars to MacKenzie and Mann--An Impassioned Outburst Which Astonishes Parliament

Ottawa, May 14—"This career of two men--if, indeed, not three--challenges an equal or parallel in this history of the world. If any man in this Canadian parliament will study the history and operations of MacKenzie & Mann from their beginning until now he will find nothing but one long sickening trail of parliamentary corruption, of lobbying, of degradation of parliamentary institutions, of the lowering of the whole moral of public life and the degradation of such standards as those by which it should truly and properly be measured."

Such was the terrific arraignment of MacKenzie & Mann's methods and operations made to parliament by R. B. Bennett, Conservative member for Calgary, today. Mr. Bennett's speech, following that by Mr. Nickle yesterday, has created a profound impression. The parliamentary galleries were thronged during the entire four hours of its delivery and the big audience and crowded members' benches followed every word with intense interest. It was a memorable contribution to parliamentary debating, eloquent, at times impassioned, thoroughly earnest, bristling with data and authority and, withal, crowned by the striking strength of straight statement from one who knew whereof he spoke and was not afraid.

TIME TO CALL A HALT.

There was nothing of hypocritical unsophistication. It opened with a frank confession of failure to "do my duty" when the last MacKenzie & Mann raid was made upon the public treasury in the form of \$15,000,000 subsidy in the dying hours of last session and with the declaration that the "holier than thou" game of politics was about played out. Mr. Bennett proceeded fearlessly to point out that "both sides were to blame" in the past.

"One party proposes and the other acquiesces," said he. "They are bound to ask a few questions in order that the contribution to party funds may be large enough."

"It is time to look this wretched business fairly in the face, and deal with it," was his earnest admonition.

Mr. Bennett gave the result of months of careful study and personal investigation of the high financing of MacKenzie & Mann, "the two greatest exploiters whom any country had known, who conceived the scheme of building a transcontinental line and getting the people to pay for it."

He doubted, in the first place, the necessity for a third transcontinental line at all at the present time and declared that the big problem parliament had now to consider was to determine for posterity how best to serve the public interest and to remedy the financial chaos which has been brought about. That remedy, he declared, did not lie in entrusting the enterprise further to the men who had brought it into practical bankruptcy, who had deceived the public from the first, who had preyed upon the country's resources, who by devious means had amassed immense personal wealth at the expense of the enterprise, who wanted the people now to again pay their debts and who knew nothing themselves about railway operation. The first step which parliament should take under the circumstances was to have a complete and thorough public investigation under oath, either by parliamentary committee or royal commission, of the physical assets of the system and of the past and present financial operations of the promoters. Meanwhile, the government should act in the capacity of a receiver, take over the road, continue construction, as necessary, pending the result of such inquiry.

The mandate for such investigation was written in the absolute contradictions between the statements made in the company's own reports for the consumption of investors and

the information brought down by the government.

"Either the one or the other," declared Mr. Bennett, dramatically holding up the conflicting documents one in either hand, "is false."

A MASTERLY CRITICISM.

The interruptions of Hon. Arthur Meighen, the solicitor general, served but to emphasize Mr. Bennett's point and to demonstrate the vagueness and inaccuracies of the government's information.

Mr. Bennett's mastery of the facts was complete and made a deep impression upon both sides of the house. He dealt in detail with each separate company, pointing out that what the government really proposed to do was to take over merely the liabilities of practically insolvent concerns leaving the men responsible for the condition still in control. He declared that instead of reducing the capital stock the real purpose of the government's proposals was to give life and vitality, as far as possible, for the moment to water.

He emphasized the fact that MacKenzie & Mann, reputed to be now two of the richest men in Canada, were not pledging a dollar of their own wealth to rehabilitate the enterprise, and he charged that this wealth had been gained through the manipulation of securities and an intricate system of "milking" the parent company, which the Canadian people were now called upon to save.

On the Liberal side there came from G. S. Bovin and Hon. Frank Oliver a further, vigorous statement of determined opposition to the agreement, while H. B. Ames, the only government supporter to speak, maintained that the best must be made of an ugly situation and that if MacKenzie & Mann were to have a last chance the government was justified in adopting the adage:

"If one sows with the devil one must have a long spoon."

At the beginning of this morning's sitting of the house, Premier Borden stated that notice of Saturday sittings had been placed on the order paper and that the coming Saturday would be the first on which the house would sit.

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MARYSVILLE NOTES

A Good Entertainment--Mill Running on Short Time--K of P's Meeting

Marysville, May 15--A number of young people from the Gibson Methodist Church gave a nice entertainment in Pryor's Hall last evening to a good sized audience. The play which was an excellent one was entitled, "A Missionary Mock Trial" those who took part are to be congratulated in the splendid manner in which they performed. Over thirty dollars was realized from the affair.

The Cotton Mill started in short time this morning and will be closed down every Friday and Saturday until further notice, which means the mill will only run four days a week.

There was a large number of the members of Marysville Lodge K. of P. present at their regular weekly meeting last night in which occasion a candidate was given his second rank in the ever popular order.

FARM PROPERTY SOLD

Ald. A. B. Kitchen has sold the Robinson farm at Nashwaakasis to Mr. Herbert V. Gunt-r of this City.

H. H. Hayward of Hartland is at the Bark-r House.

Hon. George J. Clarke returned to the City last night.

T. M. Richards of Edmundston is in the City today.

WILL DEMAND COMPENSATION

England and Spain Taking Keen Interest in Mexican Situation

Foreigners in Mexico Have Suffered a Great Loss at Hands of the Constitutionalists

Washington, May 14--Tampico's fall considerably enlarging the Constitutionalists' sphere of control and giving to them a seaport through which munitions of war may be directly imported, injected into the Mexican situation today several new phases to occupy the attention of official Washington.

Secretary Bryan was giving much attention to the status of the foreign oil operatives in the country surrounding Tampico. The British ambassador Sir Cecil Spring Rice and Mr. Van Rappard the Netherlands' minister, after a long conference at the state department left expressing their satisfaction at the outcome of the meeting. It is understood satisfactory assurance had been received as to the safety of the workmen and tanks removing for the present danger of foreign complications on that score.

Another phase of the situation that attracted much attention was the embarrassment which success brings to the Constitutionalists in the form of demands for compensation for losses to foreigners within their sphere of influence which foreign governments are pressing with increased force the further the Constitutionalists establish themselves as responsible masters of northern Mexico. Spain takes a particular interest in this question of compensation.

The Spanish ambassador called at the state department to see what could be done for eight London Spaniards ejected by the Constitutionalists from Torreon. He also has a bill to present for twenty million dollars' worth of Spanish owned cotton, alleged to have been confiscated by the Constitutionalist at Torreon.

The case of William S. Benton the British subject, killed at Juarez also looms threatening on the Constitutionalist horizon. Great Britain has announced that it will exact adequate reparation for this event as soon as responsibility can be fixed upon authorities from whom such reparation can be demanded.

Key West, Fla., May 14--The three peace commissioners appointed by President Huerta of Mexico to represent his government at the mediation conference on the Mexico situation to be held at Niagara Falls, Canada, arrived here today from Havana.

Washington, May 14--United States warships are again at Tampico. Rear Admiral Badger today cabled the navy department late today that Rear Admiral Mayo with Des Moines and Dolphin steamed up the Panuco river from the outer harbor at 11 a.m. and anchored in front of the town. All was quiet there with the Constitutionalists in possession.

EIGHTEEN INCHES OF SNOW ON MIRAMICHI

Drives Out Today on Taxis River and Big Hole Brook--St. John River Falling

F. D. Swim, M.P.P., of Doaktown, who is in the city today, stated that there yet was snow to the depth of eighteen inches in the Miramichi woods and that there was a prospect of the water being kept up in the streams if there comes warm weather.

The Miramichi Lumber Company's drive on the Taxis River has made good progress and will be out today. On Big Hole Brook Alexander Storey and George Price are also to be out today with their drives.

The St. John River here is still falling and reports from points up river are to the effect that the water there is also falling. Drives on the Keswick and branches of the Nashwaak are having trouble on account of falling water, but it is thought will come out all right.

Mayor Mitchell Sustained By a Recount of the Ballots

Recount Made by the City Council Shows That He Had a Majority of the Votes Polled---Meeting Lasted Until After Midnight and Was Very Lively---His Worship Hands Out Some Plain Talk to His Traducers

Mayor Mitchell was declared elected by a resolution, moved by Ald. Reid last night, after the recount of the ballots cast in the Mayoralty election had been completed by the city council. Recognizing as legal ballots only those in which names are stricken out with black pencil, Mayor Mitchell has a majority of one, the count standing Mitchell, 664, Farrell, 663. With all ballots counted, in which names are stricken off in any colored ink or pencil, the majority of Mayor Mitchell is seventeen, the count standing Mitchell, 683, Farrell, 668. The resolution was to the effect that Mayor Mitchell is holding office in accordance with the acts of parliament governing the case.

THE MAYOR'S SPEECH

After the passing of the resolution declaring that His Worship held office in accordance with the law the Mayor made an address.

"Gentlemen and fellow-citizens," said His Worship "I must thank you for this very particular and careful investigation. It has been thoroughly done and I am Mayor of Fredericton unquestionably and with out a doubt by a majority of one ballot marked in lead-pencil."

His Worship then briefly reviewed the circumstances which had led up to the investigation.

SCURRILITY AND ABUSE.

"You all know" said he "the position in which I have been placed through the SCURRILIOUS ABUSE OF A CERTAIN NEWSPAPER and it is not necessary to call your attention to the fact. THIS HAS NOT BEEN MY FIGHT--IT HAS BEEN THE FIGHT OF THE TEMPERANCE PEOPLE OF FREDERICTON AND OF NEW BRUNSWICK. THIS PROTEST CAME FROM THE TAMMANY ELEMENT OF FREDERICTON BACKED BY W. E. FARRELL AND THE DAILY GLEANER."

"I have been fifteen years a resident of Fredericton, and I have tried during that time to live decently and honestly. I was elected mayor by the independent voters of this city, THOUGH THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS WERE POURED IN TO DEFEAT ME. THERE WERE ENOUGH HONEST AND INDEPENDENT VOTERS TO ELECT ME. I am still Mayor of Fredericton in spite of the SCURRILIOUS ATTACKS MADE UPON ME AND THE FALSEHOODS SPREAD BROADCAST BY THE DAILY GLEANER."

"Gentlemen, it is now early in the morning and I do not desire to detain you further. Permit me again to thank you."

Ald. Walker said he was pleased to have acted in the honorable position he had acted. The investigation had been fairly and honorably conducted.

ALD. REID'S OPINION.

Ald. Reid said he thought the investigation was fair. He felt however the investigation should have been held earlier and without the unnecessary delay. The law laid down the procedure to be followed by any candidate who desired to protest an election. Ex-Ald. Farrell had followed that procedure and he did not think that he (Farrell) should be attacked because he had.

The meeting adjourned immediately afterwards.

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AMUSING FEATURE.

One very amusing feature of the proceedings was the audible and frequent coaching which was given certain aldermen by certain spectators who were keenly interested. This was during the proceedings preliminary to the recount. A chairman for the committee was seated with difficulty the aldermen appearing to be very diffident. Ald. Walker who was finally appointed by the Mayor made an excellent chairman and returning officer conducting the committee with skill and despatch.

RESULT OF RECOUNT.

The returns as given by the recount both of ballots marked in black pencil and of those marked with coloured pencil or ink are as follows:--

CITY HALL

	Black Pencil	All Ballots
Mitchell, Farrell	Mitchell Farrell	Mitchell Farrell
A-C	114 63	114 64
D-J	99 96	100 96
K-O	102 93	106 94
P-Z	131 74	127 75

COURT HOUSE.

A-G	77	117	82	118
H-M	74	118	78	119
N-Z	77	102	80	102
Total	664	663	683	668

BULLISH ACTIVITY IN STOCKS

New York, May 15--There was a lively spurt of bullish activity shortly after the opening but stock was supplied in increased quantity on the advance. Steel was leader as it had been on Thursday, but Union was also a notably strong feature and Southern Pacific responded well to more hopeful view taken of Mexican situation.

During the first hour trading was brisk and stocks firm in nearly all cases, showing gains of from 1 to 1/4 of a point from opening figures. Large houses were said to be accumulating Steel in large blocks. C.P.R. was very dull but steady, showing a gain of over half a point from opening figures, on good buying by London. Reading was perhaps the steadiest of the standard issues, varying only 1/4 of a point during the whole hour. The buying of this stock is of exceptionally good character.

THE MONTREAL MARKET.

Montreal, Q., May 15--The market this morning showed some little activity and strength, following, no doubt, the New York market.

Brazilian was a strong feature, up a half point from yesterday's close, and holding the advance well around 77 1/2.

Dominion Iron opened about the same as yesterday's close but quickly strengthened on the next few transactions, touching 24, a gain of 1 1/2 points from yesterday. Laurentide showed strength and activity around 17 1/2. Power was steady around 220 1/2. Shawinigan held well around 133. Toronto Rails was inactive but strong at 133 1/2 with the rights selling freely at 2 1/2 to 2 13-16.

The market looks as if it had at last awakened from its rut of inactivity and we firmly believe that better prices are in the immediate future and would favor the buying side.

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers and Brokers, Fredericton, N.B.)

	Open	Noon
Copper	74	73 1/2
Smelters	64 1/2	64 1/2
C.P.R.	192 1/2	193 1/2
Great Northern	124 1/2	124 1/2
Northern Pacific	111 1/2	111 1/2
Pennsylvania	111 1/2	111 1/2
Lehigh	139 1/2	140
Reading	166	166 1/2
Soo	125	125
Union Pacific	157 1/2	157 1/2
U.S. Steel	61 1/2	61 1/2

Sales to 11 o'clock, 121,000 shares.

PLAN A GREAT BANQUET TO SIR WILFRID

Ottawa, May 14--Fifty years ago young Wilfrid Laurier, who had just graduated from university, made his first public speech. Forty years ago the young man made his initial deliverance in parliament. The Liberals of parliament will commemorate both anniversaries by tendering its distinguished leader a banquet before the close of the present parliamentary session. The event will take place in the parliament buildings. The date has not yet been formally fixed but will probably be within the next two weeks.

Such was the decision of the largely attended and enthusiastic caucus of Liberal members and senators held this morning. It was probably the first Liberal caucus ever held on Parliament Hill to which the Liberal leader was not invited and of which he was in total ignorance.

An amusing feature of the affair was the press despatches sent out to the Conservative press advancing various ridiculous theories for its calling by Chief Whip Fred F. Pardee. The most generally promulgated fiction of the government press was to the effect that it was summoned to further consider the Canadian Northern proposals.

A. B. Connell of Woodstock arrived in the City last night.