

MR. BLAIR STATES REASONS

For Resigning His Position in the Cabinet.

COULD NOT AGREE WITH GOVERNMENT'S RESOLVE

To Build a Railway Paralleling the I. C. R.

Ottawa, July 17.—The galleries of the house of commons were crowded yesterday afternoon to hear the explanations of the prime minister and Hon. A. G. Blair, in regard to the retirement of the minister of railways from the cabinet.

The explanation and speech of the premier as well as the reply and letters of Mr. Blair were all statesmanlike in their tone and character. When Mr. Blair sat down he was cheered by both sides of the house.

SIR WILFRID'S EXPLANATION.

On the order of the day being called, the premier arose to make the ministerial explanation concerning the resignation of Hon. Mr. Blair, and spoke as follows:

"It is my duty to give to the house the explanation to which it is entitled, concerning the resignation of my honorable friend, the member for the city of St. John, N. B., (Hon. Mr. Blair), as a member of the cabinet and minister of railways.

In view of the rapid development of the country, of the flood of immigration into the fertile section west of Lake Superior, and of the industrial movement in the other provinces, the government has come to the conclusion that a new trans-continental railway between the east and the west to the Pacific ocean has become a necessity. To this view the honorable member has always expressed his assent, but a difference of opinion arose between him and his colleagues as to the mode of construction and operation.

No final plan has yet been adopted, though a basis has been reached for the construction of a line to be built and owned by the government through a commission, but to be operated by a company under special provisions to make it a common highway to all railway companies from Moncton to Winnipeg, and for the construction of a line to be built by a company with the assistance of the government from Winnipeg to the Pacific ocean at Port Simpson.

To this plan the honorable minister has two objections:

1. To the construction of the above mentioned line lying between Moncton and Quebec, he being of the opinion that such a line would parallel the I. C. R., an opinion from which we entirely dissent.

2. To the immediate construction of the section between Quebec and the Pacific ocean, and to the suggested mode of construction. In consequence of this difference of opinion between his colleagues and himself, the honorable minister on the 10th inst. rendered his resignation to the prime minister. Conferences then took place between the prime minister, with the assistance of one of his colleagues and the honorable minister, and finally, on the 14th, his resignation was accepted. The prime minister, whilst expressing for himself and the other members of the administration his great regret at the severance from the cabinet of an able colleague, is happy to believe that the honorable member, upon all questions of public policy, except this one, is in accord with the government.

Hon. Mr. Blair Replies.

Hon. Mr. Blair.—Mr. Speaker, the right honorable, the prime minister, having made a statement of explanation referring to my withdrawal from the cabinet, it is a privilege, and I think it becomes my

duty to make a statement, as the retiring minister, in my own behalf.

I am not unaware, Mr. Speaker, that the step which I have taken is one of the gravest possible character. I regret as much as any gentleman on this side of the house can regret, the severing of the ties which have existed between myself and my colleagues since my entry into the administration. I can well realize that the effect of the cabinet changes at this moment will not only tend to delay and protract the business of an already very prolonged session but will occasion very much embarrassment to the party and will be a source of anxiety to the prime minister himself, a thing which above all, I would gladly avoid.

The step which I have taken, sir, can only be justified in respect of my duty to my constituency; of my duty to the party; of my duty to this house, and my duty to the country, upon the clearest, plainest and strongest grounds, and, sir, I think I will be justified in the judgment of every member of this house, when I say that such a course on my part must have been taken by impulsion of the gravest character.

No minister filling a distinguished position in the cabinet would hastily and lightly cast aside his position, the influence and the advantage which it legitimately carries with it and all that the change implies. I, for myself personally, have endeavored while I have filled this office to discharge its duties in a manner which would be, not only an advantage to the party with whom I have been associated, which would not only redound to my own individual credit, but which would be of benefit to the country as a whole, and, sir, I have not spared time or labor to achieve those results. (Hear, hear.)

HIS ACTION NOT LIGHTLY TAKEN.

Believe me, Mr. Speaker, these steps which I have felt called upon to take, I have taken in no light or frivolous way. I have acted in no spirit of caprice, although I find the statement generally made that I have. I have not acted because of any pique, nor for any small sized feeling of such a character. I have left the administration for reasons which I am bound to state to the house, and which have to some extent been stated by the right honorable the prime minister. I trust that those reasons, while they may not appeal to the judgment of everyone, will at least enable my friends in whose good opinion I desire to stand well, my constituents whom I represent in this house, and my province which I have largely represented in this connection; I trust that when I state my reasons, I will be able to satisfy them that whether I have erred or otherwise, I have at all events sought in this my action, to do what I believed to be my duty.

IDLE SPECULATION OF THE PRESS.

No doubt, Mr. Speaker, speculation is very rife as to the causes which have impelled me to this action. I see it very widely stated in the public press that the fact that some of the members on this side of the house pressed and successfully carried amendments to the railway commission bill, was regarded by me as a new offence, and was one of the predisposing causes creating dissatisfaction and discontent, and leading me to seriously consider the question of my resignation.

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The World Needs Nerve.

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PRETTY NELLY SAD.

Mrs. Simpson, Wed only Four Months, Tells Woeful Tale to Police Officials.

Montreal, July 16.—Windsor Station was the closing scene of pretty Nelly O'Brien's first and only romance this forenoon. She wept big bitter tears and Constable Richards wiped them

away softly, tenderly as a brother might do, but still Nelly wept on. From the portly constable she turned to a sister from the country and poured in her ears the sad story of her woe. Then she went to the Secret Service Department of the Canadian Pacific and there confided to the detectives her precious secret.

Less than five months ago she was one of the merriest and brightest girls that the Standard Shirt Company had, but she fell in love with handsome Geo. Simpson, who persuaded her to marry him. They went to live together in lodgings at 226 University Street, and the months flew on as happily for Nelly as if they had been a long honeymoon.

Handsome George was kind and indulgent. He was not very fond of work, but he was fond of Nelly. During the four months of his married life he held several situations, but somehow they did not seem to suit his tastes and requirements. A few days ago he went out, telling his little wife that he had secured a position at the newsstand within Windsor Station, and asked her not to be anxious about him.

She grew anxious, however, as the days passed and he did not return. Today she went to the station and found that he was entirely unknown there and that nobody answering his description had applied for or been given a position in connection with the newsstand. Nelly remembered that on the morning he left he took some baggage with him.

She showed her marriage certificate to several people at the station and everybody sympathized with her, but did not know how to help her, so she left weeping, intending to communicate her trouble to Detective Carpenter. She is a slender and graceful young woman of fair complexion, with dark, auburn hair, but for the unfortunate marriage certificate she would not be likely to experience much difficulty in getting another, possibly a better husband. She comes from the north of Ireland and has been here about four years. She talks with a soft Hibernian accent which is very pleasing. She is very reluctant to think that her husband had deserted her.

Drugging Will Not Cure Catarrh.

This loathsome disease is caused by germs that invade the air passages of the head, throat and lungs, and can be cured only by inhalation of medicated air. Stomach medicines, atomizers, snuffs are ineffectual, because they fail to reach the cause of the trouble. Catarrhoxone is successful because it is inhaled to every part of the breathing organs, and has power to kill the germ, heal the inflamed tissues and prevent droppings in the throat. Catarrhoxone treats more than one thousand square feet of the mucous surface with every breath taken through the inhaler, and affords instant relief. It perfectly cures catarrh, asthma and bronchitis. Sold by druggists. Two months' treatment. Price \$1.00. Small size 25 cents, or by mail from Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

Saved Mother, Child Drowns.

St. Hyacinthe, Que., July 16.—A drowning accident occurred at noon yesterday at La Pointe Au Fourche, a summer resort in the neighborhood of St. Hyacinthe, where some of our prominent families usually go during the summer months.

From the meagre details to hand it appears that Mrs. H. A. Beauregard, wife of the Prothonotary of St. Hyacinthe, with one of her twin daughters, aged 16, was at the time sitting on a frail board landing close to the beach when suddenly one of the supports gave away and both Mrs. Beauregard and her daughter were precipitated into the water. On hearing the loud cries of help Mr. Beauregard and some friends rushed down to the beach, but were too late as the girl had already disappeared under water.

Mrs. Beauregard was rescued with the greatest difficulty, the depth of water in that vicinity is about ten feet and the current is very swift. The body of the child was recovered shortly afterwards.

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NASHWAAK VILLAGE.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

July 17.—The crops in this section are looking well. Grain and turnips especially. Hay is not up to last year, but it will probably be an average crop.

Two new barns are in course of erection; they belong to George Brown and Nathaniel Price.

A number of the young folks of the neighbourhood gathered at Odhr Dunphy's on Tuesday evening in honor of his young lady visitors from Hampton, Misses Wetmore and Bell; a very pleasant evening was passed after which ice cream and cake were served.

Miss Harriet Cecil Magee, of Oshkosh, Wis., is spending her vacation at Luther Goodspeed's where her mother Mrs. E. Nevers is very ill of heart trouble.

Charles Goodspeed has set up a general dry goods and grocery store, he also has haying implements, and Paris green, and expects to sell at lowest retail prices.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Goodspeed have returned home from Beulah camp, where they have been spending the last few weeks in their summer cottage attending the meetings.

Howard Dunphy while trimming a tree by the roadside had the misfortune to cut his knee and has since been confined to the house.

Rev. Mr. Sables has begun his pastorate of the Nashwaak and Maryland Baptist churches, and preached his first sermon on Sunday morning to a full house. At the close of the service the ordinance of baptism was administered to one candidate, Whitfield White in the river opposite the church.

Any one wishing to see a fine and well kept flower and vegetable garden should call on Rev. W. W. Brewer at the Arnold place.

The farmers are all expecting to commence haying on the 20th and are busy getting things in readiness.

Forcible Facts.

One-sixth of the deaths from disease are due to consumption. Ninety-eight per cent. of all those who have used Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery for "weak lungs," have been perfectly and permanently cured. Cornelius McCawley, of Leechburg, Armstrong Co., Pa., had in all eighty one hemorrhages. He says: "My doctor did all he could for me but could not stop the hemorrhages, and all gave me up to die with consumption." What doctors could not do "Golden Medical Discovery" did. It stopped the hemorrhages and cured their cause. This is one case out of thousands. Investigate the facts.

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HARVEY STATION.

(Special correspondence to the Herald.)

July 15.—Fisheries Inspector Jas. D. McKay of Fredericton, was here yesterday on his way to Oromocto Lake on a tour of inspection. He was accompanied by his son, Mr. E. A. McKay.

Among the summer visitors here are the Misses Alice and Maud Williams of Milltown, N. B., who are staying at the residence of A. W. Coburn; Mrs. Robert Linton of St. Stephen, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Robbins of Middleboro, Mass., who are the guests of Conn. Thos. Robison, and Mrs. Benjamin Robison of Millinocket, Maine, who is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. McGee.

Crops of all kinds look well and have been greatly advanced by the recent rains and warm weather. The hay crop, while not as good as last year, is about up to the average.

Chloroformed and Buried.

Indianapolis, July 16.—Acting on statements made in affidavits made by Rufus Cantrell, chief of the recently convicted band of Indiana grave robbers, and who is now serving a sentence at the Jeffersonville Reformatory, officers, accompanied by Cantrell, who was brought here yesterday afternoon, visited the Union Chapel Cemetery, near Nora, and opened two graves. According to the statement of Cantrell, there should have been found the body of Miss Carrie Selva, an Indianapolis school teacher, who disappeared from the Union State Hospital March 11, 1900, and never was found. According to the story of Cantrell two men found the woman wandering on a country road as they were returning from a grave-robbing expedition on the morn-

ing of her disappearance. They invited her into their buggy, found she was demented and took her to a cabin in Hamilton County, where he was kept for weeks. She was moved later to a hut in Indianapolis, and when the search for her became so close they chloroformed her and buried her body in the Union Chapel Cemetery. Cantrell, when he arrived at the cemetery last night, was uncertain as to which grave she was buried in. He said she had been placed in a grave that had been robbed several months before. Miss Selva's brother was in the party. Two graves were opened, and one was found to have been disturbed as Cantrell said, with the rough box broken open and the coffin lid turned upside down. The body in it was not recognized by Mr. Selva. Other graves will be opened tomorrow.

Mr. Barr's Request.

Ottawa, July 16.—Rev. Mr. Barr is here, asking a bonus from the Interior Department as a consideration for bringing in over 2,500 settlers. Speaking of the financial end of the transaction, Mr. Barr said: "My commissions on the steamship tickets were all I got, and they amounted to \$13,000. I charged no direct fee to the colonists, although I might have done so. Of the amount I received over \$8,000 was spent in my London office in clerk hire, postage, printing, rent and other expenses, and incidental and unforeseen expenses have more than used up the \$5,000 left. I was not in this work out of feelings of pure philanthropy, and I think it would only be fair that I should have my services appreciated."

Great Future for Waifs.

London, July 16.—The Duke of Argyll at the Bernado Home festival held out tremendous expectations to British waifs. He said that ten pounds would send a boy to the West. If the boy did well he would probably become a leading member of the community, then the mayor of some little town, then a member for the county in the local legislature, then one of the Federal members of parliament at Ottawa and then he might come to England as Canadian envoy and drive about in the King's carriage and have a great deal to say in the politics of the Empire. The assembled archbishops cheered lustily, including the girls.

Pull Teeth to Give Food.

New York, July 16.—Caroline White, seventeen years old, who insisted on celebrating the Fourth of July by firing a revolver, shot herself that day in the left hand with a blank cartridge. No attention was paid to the wound, beyond dressing it, and tetanus developed last night. She was taken to the Harlem Hospital. Her jaws were locked, but the doctors extracted two teeth, so that they could feed her, and anti-toxin was injected into her spine. This treatment was so successful that the doctors believe the patient will live.

Royal Programme at Dublin.

London, July 16.—King Edward and Queen Alexandra will land at Kingstown from the Victoria and Albert next Tuesday, and will make State entry to Dublin, following the same route as did Queen Victoria. They will remain at the viceregal lodge till the following Saturday, and will hold court in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle. They will visit the Marquis of Londonderry at Mount Stewart, Belfast, at the week's end.

Ross Fund Growing.

Toronto, July 16.—The fund that is being raised for presentation to Premier Ross now amounts in cash and subscriptions to about \$30,000. It has not been decided yet when the presentation will be made, but the committee looking after the subscription probably will wait until the fund has reached \$50,000.

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