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NOT THEIR FAULT.

The effort of the Tory press to saddle responsibility for the constitution of the Alaska boundary tribunal on the Liberal government at Ottawa, has been knocked in the head by the official correspondence which Sir Wilfrid Laurier has submitted to Parliament.

The papers show that the Canadian government protested most strongly against the character of the commission, and that they never gave their consent to the appointments of Yankee politicians to consider the dispute. These appointments were indeed approved by the British government while the Canadian authorities were given time for consideration before the tribunal was finally agreed upon, and Canada was virtually forced into a position from which our government firmly dissented. Tricked is a strong word, but none too strong to apply to the manner in which the Imperial government treated Canada in the negotiations.

After the Canadian government discovered that the constitution of the commission had been agreed upon behind Canada's back, the government cabled the Colonial office declaring that the personnel of the American side of the commission rendered a judicial consideration of the boundary impossible and adding that were it still possible to withdraw they would do so. As this was not possible they would proceed "to do whatever is necessary on their part to make good the engagements of His Majesty's government," but, fearing the outcome they reserved the right to make public a full explanation of the matter, and "especially the manner in which the assent of Canada was obtained."

Canada was thus forced to lay its claims before a tribunal in which the government had no confidence, and which the Canadian ministers believed had practically reached conclusions before the commission ever sat.

It is no wonder then that a feeling of indignation at the award and the conditions that led up to it has spread over this country, and that hard things are being thought and expressed against the Imperial authorities, who were parties to the sacrifice of Canadian interests. There is not the shadow of a reason, however, for placing the blame on the Canadian ministers, who took a firm stand against what they conceived to be a great injustice to this country, but were unable to prevent its consummation.

The resentment which is generally felt against the treatment we have received from the Imperial government is voiced in an indirect way in Sir Frederick Borden's address at the Montreal military banquet, and the minister of militia's ringing words will find a hearty re-echo throughout Canada. We are willing to fight for the Empire, but in future we shall reserve our men and money in the first instance for the defence of our own territory, rather than submit its disposal to any and every tribunal to which Imperial statesmen may assent. We are as anxious as British statesmen to preserve friendly relations with the United States, but not at the cost of territory sacrifice awarded by a tribunal against whose appointment we most urgently protested. It may suit the authorities at Westminster to sacrifice colonial interests for the sake of placating a greedy power, but Canada objects to being the scapegoat in every instance. We have ultra loyalists in this country, who would involve Canada in the expenditure of millions for purposes

of Imperial defence, but the great masses of the people will agree with Sir Frederick Borden, that our first duty is to be prepared for the protection of our own territory against military invasion as well as against any more Yankee arbitration tribunals. Canada first, the Empire afterwards, will henceforth be the watchword of the statesmen, press and people of this country.

It is to be hoped that the report that Hon. H. R. Emmerson is shortly to be sworn in Minister of Railways and Canals is correct. He is the unanimous choice of New Brunswick Liberals for the position, and Sir Wilfrid Laurier could do no more popular act than to call Mr. Emmerson to the portfolio so successfully administered by that other eminent New Brunswicker Hon. A. G. Blair. Mr. Emmerson has been a strong, energetic and popular exponent of Liberalism, has proved his administrative capacity, and the best that is going is none too good for him.

Hon. A. G. Blair strongly supported the government's proposal to guarantee the bonds of the Quebec Bridge Co., and the measure passed the House of Commons at last night's sitting.

Alex. Muir, who wrote "The Maple Leaf Forever," Canada's National song, half masted the flag on his school in Toronto, when he heard the terms of the Alaska surrender.

It is current rumor at Ottawa that Hon. D. C. Fraser, M. P. for Guysboro, will be appointed to the vacancy on the Nova Scotia supreme court bench.

REPORT PREMATURE.

Mr. Emmerson Denies he has Been Made Minister of Railways.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson positively denies that he has been named minister of railways.

Nothing will be done regarding the matter till after prorogation.

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—Hon. Mr. Emmerson had an audience with Sir Wilfrid Laurier last night and the report was current, after it was over, that the member for Westmorland was going to be called to the cabinet in the place of Mr. Blair, within the next two or three weeks. Mr. Emmerson leaves for home today. Nothing official is obtainable.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—It is said on good authority that Hon. H. R. Emmerson has been appointed to the portfolio of minister of railways and canals, to succeed Mr. Blair, and it is expected he will be sworn in before prorogation. He declined to deny or confirm the report, but was receiving congratulations of Liberal members last night.

An Ottawa despatch to the Sun says: Hon. Henry R. Emmerson is to be minister of railways and canals. Yesterday he was called in by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and formerly offered the position. He will not be sworn in until after prorogation.

BOURASSA WILL TALK.

Wants to Have a Say on the Alaska Boundary Award.

(Special to the Herald Daily.)

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—When the House of Commons met this morning, Mr. Bourassa arose to speak of the Alaskan Boundary, but Sir Wilfrid Laurier suggested that it be deferred till routine business was finished, and Mr. Bourassa consented to this. The estimates were then taken up and concurred in.

PLAIN TALK.

The Minister of Militia Makes Important Declaration.

CANADA WILL HANDLE ITS OWN MONEY AND MEN

For Purposes of Defence.

Montreal, Oct. 23.—Sir Frederick Borden, minister of militia, was tendered a complimentary banquet last night by the officers of the local garrison. There was a large attendance of local military men and the minister's health was enthusiastically received.

Sir Frederick Borden, in response to the toast, made a rather important speech, in the course of which he dealt with the question of colonial contributions to Imperial defence. Sir Frederick, in introducing his remarks, said that as for himself he did not wish for war, nor did he believe that those who sat around him wished for war, but it should come there would be no lack of Canadians to go to the front to fight for the empire. (Great applause.)

The difficulty with the time of the enrolling for service in South Africa, the minister said, had been that there were too many men eager to go and take up arms for the empire. "Canada," added the minister, "felt that they owed a duty to the empire. We have discharged that duty in the past by being prepared to take care of our own territory."

"I insist upon this at any rate and have no hesitation in saying it that if the people of this country should see fit to expend money for military purposes or for purposes of defence they shall have control of that money themselves and shall not hand that money over to any body, whether it be the war office or the first lord of the admiralty to spend for them. That is a principle which I lay down as a Canadian and I believe that it's a sound principle. If we are able to defend our own country we contribute better than in any other way to the safety, maintenance and integrity of the empire." (Loud applause.)

Referring to his plans for militia reform in Canada, the minister said that the lack in the existing militia of Canada was trained officers, and the policy of the government was to spend money to develop the brain power of the men.

The minister added that the country was to be congratulated on having in the command of the militia a man of the ability of Lord Dunsford and officers who understood the importance of such training schools.

Mr. L. T. Joudry of Campbellton is a guest at the Barker.

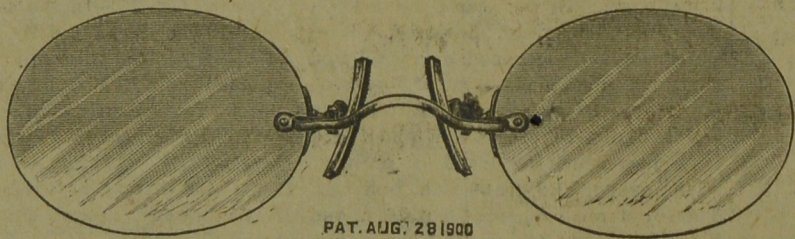
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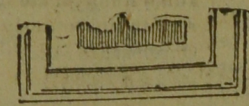
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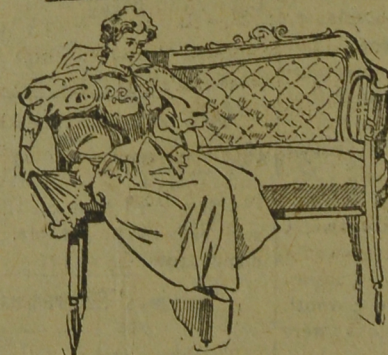
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