

BLAIR RESIGNS.

Suddenly Throws up His Position

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE RAILWAY COMMISSION.

But Declares that He Will Not Re-enter Political Life.

Hon. A. G. Blair, has resigned his position as chairman of the Railway Commission, and announces that he has notified Sir Wilfrid Laurier that beyond the re-affirming his strong objection to the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme, he has no present intention of re-entering public life.

Blair's Statement.

Ottawa, Oct. 19.—As the Railway Commission was about to adjourn yesterday, Mr. Blair made the following statement:

"Before the board adjourns I wish to make an announcement which is of a personal character and which I think may very properly be made by me from my place as chairman of the board. The intimation I wish to have conveyed to the public is that this is the last session of the Commission that I shall occupy a place either as chairman or as a member of the board.

"I have felt myself compelled in my own interest to come to this decision with the utmost regret. I find the work of the board very congenial to me, but notwithstanding, I have not found it sufficiently attractive to induce me to forego personal advantages which otherwise are open to me in other employment.

"It will be, I think, considered proper that I should state frankly the reason which has led to secure this course. I accepted a place on the commission with many misgivings. Since I have been a member of the board I have not found that these misgivings have been removed, but I think I may rather say that they have been intensified.

"I may say that at the present moment I have had presented to me for prompt determination the question as to whether I will turn my mind and my energies in another direction which will be very much more profitable to me personally than the position which I now fill. I hope it will not be thought that in doing so I have pursued any other course than that which is proper and legitimate in a man who, if he does not consider his own interests, certainly cannot expect to have them considered by others. I make no complaints, I cast no reflections, I do not wish to intimate that I have any cause whatever to find fault. I am reaching the conclusion at which I have arrived purely for reasons that are personal to myself.

"If it were possible for me to have had a little longer period of service at the board, I would have been glad to have continued, because I feel that in a large measure the railway commission has been a creation of my own. I think I may claim its parentage to some considerable extent at all events, and I feel that during the few months we have had an opportunity of demonstrating the usefulness of this board, it has, I think, tended to satisfy the public that the tribunal is one capable of rendering substantial service.

"I think at the same time it is not too much to claim that, while demonstrating its usefulness to the public, it has also demonstrated its usefulness to those interested that are supposed to be antagonistic to the interests of the general public, but which in my opinion are falsely supposed to be so.

"I think that then the railways will not refuse to acknowledge that the board has endeavored to deal with them in a spirit of fairness, and has endeavored to adjudge the matters that have come up for decision in an equitable and fair manner.

"The present moment is, I think, as opportune a time as I could have chosen for withdrawing from the chief commissionership of the board. With the exception of what work has been accumulating during our western trip, we have dealt with almost all the other business which has come before us.

"I cannot resist the conclusion in my own mind that if it had been possible to have held further in suspense the question of my retirement the difficulty of separating myself from the board would have been rather accentuated than diminished, and that I would have found more difficulty in severing my connection with comfort than I would today. I trust that my going will not be attended with any inconvenience to anybody. I feel that this infant child at whose birth I closely attended, has been nursed by this time into some degree of strength and vigor. What little abilities and strength and energies I possess have been applied in that direction. I think it has now got fairly well on its feet, that it will be able to move along, and that it will grow in favor. I believe that this commission will grow in strength and usefulness and come to be regarded as one of the most important and useful institutions in the country.

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Blair Interviewed.

To an interviewer Mr. Blair said: "There is nothing that I can tell you as to my intentions. I have decided for the present to make no statement in that respect in addition to the announcement which I made to the board this afternoon."

"The impression from your remarks is that you are going over to one of the big railways," remarked your correspondent. "Well, as to that, I have nothing to say," Mr. Blair smilingly replied. "Is it your intention to re-enter political life?" "Not at present," was the response.

Dr. Mills' Opinion.

Dr. Mills, a member of the railway commission, said he understood Mr. Blair's move was dictated solely out of regard for his own personal interest. In ten years' time Mr. Blair's tenure of office as chief commissioner would expire. Mr. Blair himself had said that he had no hope of re-appointment. On the other hand the position now offered him would be permanent in the sense that he was certain of the considerable emolument attaching to it being continued to him so long as he was physically capable of discharging the duties appertaining to the office, whatever it might be. Dr. Mills expressed the belief that the retirement of his colleague had no political motive behind it.

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Doaktown.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald).

Oct. 16.—The farmers are all through digging their potatoes which proved to be a very good crop.

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The agricultural exhibition was held here last Wednesday. There was a very fair display of live stock and farm produce, but as usual the fancy work eclipsed everything else.

H. and T. D. Swim have a party of men working on the Oddfellows' hall on the Nashua.

J. E. Doak is pushing the Orange hall to completion here.

Samuel Freeza is starting a crew of men to the woods this week.

Mrs. T. Crocker, Mrs. John Lyons, Mrs. Annie Lyons, Mrs. William Oulivie, and Mr. Charles Porter and wife and family of this place were visiting in Hazelton on Sunday.

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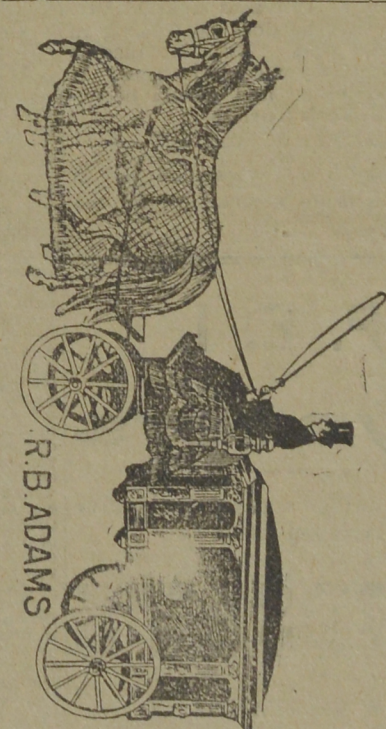
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