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TORY ANNOYANCE.

The Sun shares the annoyance of Mr. Hazen and his legislative colleagues in connexion with the trap they fell into in the legislature on the preferential tariff resolution. While everybody else is laughing heartily at the handy way Dr. Pagsley upset the calculations of the opposition and induced all the Conservatives in the opposition to endorse Laurier's move for preferential trade, the Sun exhibits an ugly spirit and accuses Dr. Pagsley of mangling Mr. Smith's resolution. There was no mangling at all. The Attorney General accepted the resolution as it was, but very much improved it by adding an amendment which placed the credit for originating the preferential trade movement where it belonged. The effect of Dr. Pagsley's amendment was not only to endorse Chamberlain but Laurier too, and the latter was more than the Sun could stand. Nevertheless the Sun's leaders in the local house are on record as endorsing the Liberal government's patriotic move in preferential trade, and while the Sun may scold Dr. Pagsley and discount the clever way in which, as the boys say, he put his Tory opponents "on the hog," it is really angry at the unsuspecting way in which its political friends dropped into the trap.

The Sun is so annoyed at the Attorney General that it resurrects the most covered Leary telegram, which was made to do duty in several elections that resulted disastrously for the Sun's party, but it would be as much to the point were the government's friends to call back to public recollection the urgent appeal of the late Sir John Macdonald to his friend, Sir Hugh Allen, during a federal election, "Send me another ten thousand," or to galvanize into life the famous resolutions of the Moncton convention which proved such a bcd to the local opposition.

The Sun makes a mess of it in seeking to neutralize the grotesque position in which Mr. Hazen and his colleagues found themselves as a result of their unnecessary meddling with a great public question entirely outside the purview of the local legislature.

The laugh is on the Tory opposition in the legislature, and they and their organs might as well accept the situation as philosophically and good naturedly as possible.

Without desiring to appear unnecessarily offensive to the much annoyed Sun, we again submit the proposition that Dr. Pagsley executed an exceedingly fine bit of strategy, securing at the same time Conservative endorsement of one of the great public acts of the Liberal ministry at Ottawa.

LAURIER'S DECLARATION.

In his speech opening the debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway contract in Parliament, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, discussing the Quebec-Moncton section of the road, said:

"In my estimation, and in the judgment of the government, that section of the road is just as necessary at this moment as the other section."

In spite of this positive declaration however, Mr. Haggart, Mr. Oeler and other Tory speakers who followed, declared that the eastern section would never be built. They were of course talking to prejudice the government in the maritime provinces, and had no justification whatever for the views they pretended to hold in the matter.

The premier and the government are as much pledged to build the eastern section as they are pledged to assist the company in constructing the other section.

ions of the road, and they will keep faith with the people of the east.

WESIMORLAND MEMBERS SCORED

When the Moncton city bill was before the Municipalities committee early in the session, the section exempting I. C. R. employees working in the city but residing outside, from special license was struck out and the bill, as emasculated passed the House. The members were roundly abused by the Moncton Times, and so one of the aldermen of that city for permitting the section to be struck out, and they were even accused of treachery in connection with the matter. These gentlemen did the best they could to meet the views of the city council which sent the bill to the House, but the sense of the legislature was against them and the bill as amended passed, refusing exemption to the I. C. R. employees. Hon. Mr. Sweeney, who was promoting the bill, however, made another effort to secure the exemption asked for by the council, he had the bill recommitted after it had gone to a third reading, and last night with the assistance of his colleagues, Messrs. Robinson, Copp and Legeie, succeeded in reinstating in the bill the I. C. R. exemption section. It was a pretty hot fight to secure the concession but the Westmorland members stuck to it, and were able to convince a majority of the House that their contention was correct.

There was no excuse in the first place for accusing these gentlemen of neglect or treachery as was done by the Times and the Moncton aldermen, and these people who were so hasty and unfair as to cast reflections on the Westmorland members, will not be treating them with courtesy or common decency if they do not now withdraw the offensive language and apologize.

The Chatham World insults the members of the legislature by referring to them as "the cheapest looking lot of county representatives New Brunswick ever had in the legislature, and those who know them well say they are even cheaper than they look."

Perhaps the opposition members from Northumberland, whose organ the World is, will have something to say in reply to this glaring insult. There is no reason or sense in the World's sweeping declaration. The members of the present legislature will compare in appearance and ability with any of its predecessors, and the World simply libels the representatives of New Brunswick, government and opposition alike, when it employs such language as we have quoted.

The Herald has urged no objection to the Champlain celebration receiving a grant from the province. We believe the idea of the celebration is an excellent one, and should be carried forward, but what we did object to was the agitation of some St. John people for both an exhibition and a celebration grant from the government for the present year, or failing that, a celebration grant this year and aid for the exhibition next year, thereby shutting Fredericton out from an exhibition grant in 1905.

Perhaps the Telegraph will now understand the Herald's position in the matter.

Some days ago it was announced in Tory newspapers that Rev. J. A. Macdonald was to be relieved of his position as editor of the Toronto Globe, because of his independent views on some political matters, but the report is given an absolute denial by the gentleman most immediately concerned. Mr. Macdonald is a very able writer, and the Globe has let nothing by his succession to the chair vacated by Mr. Willison.

Dr. Russell, Liberal, and Dr. Sproule, Conservative, were the speakers in the Grand Trunk Pacific debate in the House of Commons yesterday, and Mr. Campbell of West York, moved the adjournment.

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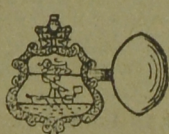
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