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SIFTON SUPPORTS THE BILL.

Ex-Minister of the Interior in Full Agreement with Government on Amended Educational Clauses.

ONE OF THE BEST SPEECHES EVER HEARD IN PARLIAMENT.

A Knockout Blow for the Opposition.

Ottawa, March 25.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, in resuming the debate on the autonomy bill in the House yesterday, made one of the best speeches he has ever delivered in parliament. He spoke for two hours, and concluded by saying he would support the bill.

In opening he referred to the ill-natured criticism which some parties and newspapers had devoted towards the Premier on the ground that he (Sifton) was not consulted.

The question of giving autonomy to the Northwest, was a subject which had been discussed for the past two or three years. Before he had gone to the south he had left a memorandum behind him dealing with all the subjects, except the school clause. The bill, as presented to the House, was substantially the same as he recommended, except the educational clause. There were some differences, but they were largely detail.

Taking up the educational question he said that when the man in the street hears Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the leader of the opposition placing opposite interpretations upon the B. N. A. act, yet both claiming to stand upon the rock of the constitution, he would be apt to say: "I can't hope to understand the constitutional aspect of the case, but what kind of schools are we to have hereafter in the Northwest?"

Under the authority of the Northwest Territories act of 1875, passed by the federal parliament, a complete dual system of schools had been established in the territories. For years the Northwest continued in the enjoyment of a public school system on the one hand and a system of church schools on the other, and practically the same arrangement existed in Manitoba till 1890.

In 1892, however, this dual system in the territories was swept away. The clerical and denominational characteristics of the separate schools were abolished. Roman Catholic schools literally disappeared. In their request to Ottawa for disallowance of these territorial ordinances, Archbishop Tache and Judge Rouleau, agreed that their separate schools had been completely swept out of existence. Separate schools were left to them only in name.

The schools, separate and public alike, since 1892 have worked under a uniform curriculum, with uniform text books, have had teachers of uniform qualifications, have confined themselves to purely secular education till 3.30 o'clock each afternoon. Where the trustees decide, the

Lord's Prayer might be recited at the opening of the classes in the morning, and religious instruction either Catholic or Protestant, given for one-half hour in the afternoon upon the completion of the other classes. The grants from the public funds have been regulated by the educational efficiency of the schools.

The minority have had the right to organize a school of their own wherever they desired, but even this is a public school under the system now in vogue in the Northwest.

The separate school privileges are only two in number, the right of the parents, whether Catholic or Protestant, to send their children to a school by themselves, and the right to have religion taught to the scholars after 3.30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Sifton then turned his attention to the difference between the educational clause as it stood in the bill presented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier last month, and the educational clause as redrafted.

The premier had said that the government's intention all along had been to merely confirm the privileges enjoyed by the minority in the Northwest today. The actual drafting of the clause, however, was not done by the premier nor by his minister of justice in person, and whoever was entrusted with the duty either misunderstood his instruction or had a remarkable faculty for doing that which was not covered by those instructions.

"I have always been a strong party man and I don't think my party friends ever had cause to complain of my not being willing to take my share in the fighting. But I declare that I would have joined with anybody in Canada to resist the passage of the bill in the terms in which it was placed before the House by the premier."

PRESENT BILL SUITS HIM.

Coming then to the clause as redrafted Mr. Sifton expressed at once his admiration for the clearness of the terms in which its meaning is conveyed. It left no room for law suits. It merely gave the right to have a separate building for their own, if they wished it, for their children to attend, this, and the right to receive religious instruction after half-past three p. m.

Continuing the ex-minister of the interior declared that he could not wax very enthusiastic over the educational clause in its amended form because he would rather have no se-

parate schools at all. However, admitting the right of the minority to retain their separate schools in their present form it would be a crime in parliament not to protect them in their right to receive the public aid, without which they could not become efficient.

Mr. Sifton went on to say that he had a record on the separate schools and thereupon reviewed the history of the abolition of the dual school system in Manitoba, in which he had played an important part. Noticing Mr. Foster in the front row of the opposition he remarked that the ex-finance minister was one of those who tried to restore the old school system of Manitoba upon which the province's money had been wasted.

Mr. Foster had only failed in his design because Sir Wilfrid Laurier stood in the way. Under the compromise arrangement in Manitoba in 1896, the principle of separation received more open recognition in the schools than exists now in the system in vogue in the territories.

Mr. Sifton said that for his part he thought parliament would be shirking its responsibilities if, in framing a constitution for the new provinces, it neglected to deal with the educational question as Mr. Borden proposed. That would be only paying the way for a series of explosive law suits, and in the end some compromise would have to be devised.

Every man that knows the political history of this country knows that we might fight about this question year in and year out, the political and financial progress of the country might be paralyzed, business might be blocked, and after all we would be simply be where we started and the people would have to come together on this question and compromise their difference.

He was prepared to accept the educational clause in its amended form because by it the principles of thorough national schools were not impaired, and because the taint of ecclesiasticism, which, in his judgment, always resulted in inefficiency, would not be found in the Northwest school system under this legislation. Mr. Northrup (East Hastings) spoke strongly in favor of the Borden amendment.

Mr. Oliver (Edmonton) supported the bill. He said he was opposed to separate schools, but the Northwest had national schools. The educational clause as amended perpetuated a system of national schools. Mr. Boudreau will be the next speaker in the debate.

AGED LADY'S DEATH.

Mrs. Robert Wiley Passed Away This Morning.

Mrs. Mary Jane Wiley, widow of the late Mr. Robert Wiley, passed away at her home on York street, this morning after an illness of two weeks, brought on by the infirmities of age. She was one of the city's best known residents, and many friends will regret to learn of her demise. She was in her 85th year, and is survived by a family of one son, three daughters. They are Mr. John M. Wiley, druggist, and Mrs. A. B. Atherton of this city, Mrs. G. E. Good of Red Deer, N. W. T., and Mrs. Charles Lawson of Boston.

The deceased lady was a sister of the late Mr. George Todd of this city, and an aunt of Mr. Fred J. Todd. Her only surviving brother, Mr. Murray Todd, resides near Brantford, Ont. She was born in Fredericton and was a resident of this city all her life. For the long period of sixty years she has been a member of the Methodist church, and was known as an earnest and devoted Christian. She was a lady of the most lovable and kindly disposition, and will be sincerely mourned by her relatives and friends. For the past eight years she has made her home with her son-in-law, Dr. Atherton, and the funeral will take place from his residence on Sunday at 3 p. m.

When We Did Not Care For Japan.

When the first embassy from Japan arrived in Washington a member of the senate rose and said: "Mr. President, the first ambassadors from the venerable country of Japan are about to arrive. I move the senate do now adjourn to meet and welcome the Japanese." Immediately another senator was on his feet, not to second the motion, but to say sharply, "Mr. President, I humbly trust the senate of the United States of America will not adjourn for every show that comes along." That settled it.—From Mrs. Roger A. Pryor's "Reminiscences."

Agreed With Both.

Horace Greeley was the author of a style in editorial writing which had been often imitated, but probably never equaled. During his editorship two newspapers, neither of which was friendly to Greeley, became engaged in a violent altercation. The argument grew warmer until each paper openly called the other a liar. It was the opportunity Greeley had been waiting for. He announced in his paper that "he had the honor to agree with both of his distinguished contemporaries."

First Hotel Elevator.

In the Fifth Avenue hotel, New York, in 1860 the writer first saw and rode in a passenger elevator, or "lift," and in the place where it is situated there is today a notice that in the year 1859 was installed in the space "the first passenger elevator ever used in any hotel or any other building in this country or the world."—Printers' Ink.

Not His Affair.

Workman—I've been and got married, sir, and I'd like you to raise my wages. Employer—Very sorry for you, but I'm only responsible for accidents that occur in the works.—London Fun.

The moment a man is satisfied with himself everybody else is dissatisfied with him.

BLOOMFIELD RIDGE.

March 21.

To the Editor of The Herald—Dear Sir: In your last edition of The Herald I saw an item about sore hands.

In reference to the above I may say that if some of the parents looked after their children as they should be looked after they would not have sore hands, and, besides, it would be better for the children and the community. Now, if some of them had sore hands, sore hands would make a lasting impression.

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