

BETTER QUIT THE CREED

Than Hold it Out of Right Proportion.

"RALPH CONNOR" SPEAKS BEFORE CANADIAN CLUB--SCHOOL SYSTEM OF TERRITORIES BEST TYPE EXISTENT.

Toronto, April 11.—Discussing certain aspects of the future of Canada before the Canadian Club yesterday afternoon, Rev. C. W. Gordon, "Ralph Connor," as a western man, said the system of schools existing in the Territories of Alberta, Saskatchewan and Assiniboia could not be called a separate school system, but were, properly speaking, public schools, having the one set of textbooks, examinations and inspection throughout. While he believed that any system that segregated the children was undesirable, the school system of the Territories was the best type in the country.

"I want to enter protest against those who seek to make capital out of the present crisis for creed or party," said the speaker, a remark that was greeted with applause. "I think the man who takes advantage of the situation for creed or party

is dangerous to his country." All true Canadians should bend such a solution as would make for the peace, harmony and development of Canada. It was possible to hold a creed out of proportion. A Canadian should love his country more than his creed, and be prepared to quit a creed that hindered his doing so.

Mr. Gordon repeated what he said in Sunday's sermon as to the advisability of deferring judgment on the revelations of the last ten days at Ottawa. Leaders of the people should have the fullest scope to obtain information from experts of all kinds, but their decisions on questions of legislation should be reached, not because any individual or section demanded a certain course but because the leaders believed the course was wise, and just, and right.

THE LEGISLATURE.

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I take the same ground as does the attorney general, that no newspaper threats or outside talk should influence the members of this house. I have before this expressed my views regarding lobbying. I believe that our legislature occupies a most favorable reputation in this respect. It is true that gentlemen who are interested in certain legislation come here and inform members regarding the effects of the proposed legislation. It cannot be truthfully said that undue influence is used to secure the support or votes of any member. There has been nothing to justify the criticisms of the hon. member from Carleton, but every desire has been evidenced by the members of this house to give every measure coming before it the fullest possible consideration.

The House took recess until 8 o'clock, and upon resuming Mr. Fleming said:—It is not true that I have been absent a large part of the present session. I was present in the municipalities committee when the St. John bills were discussed, and I know that the committee took a vote upon the bill to authorize the City of St. John to acquire the lighting plant in Carleton and approved of the bill. But when the bill comes before the committee of the House an amendment is brought in by the Attorney-General which takes away the right of an exclusive franchise which was the object sought in the bill and approved by the committee on municipalities. That was one of my reasons for stating that St. John was not treated as generously—to put it mildly—as the interests of the city demanded. I consider that the amendment now before the committee is not even half a loaf, it is merely a crumb, but even so as it is something in the interests of the city I will have pleasure in supporting it.

Mr. Hazen—The Premier and the Attorney-General have made remarks to this House that are not fair to my hon. friend from the county of Carleton. They have sought to create the impression and to have it go abroad that the hon. member is not attentive to his legislative duties and is absent a large part of the time. Such are not the facts.

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in the case, I have sat beside the hon. member for Carleton in this House since 1900 and I can truthfully say that there is not another member who gives more faithful and assiduous attention to his legislative duties than does the member from Carleton. On Thursday last he told me that it was imperative that he go home, and when he told me the nature of his business which called him away, I at once consented, as leader of the opposition, to his going, even though it was drawing near to the close of the session and when it was very desirable that every member be in his place in the House. It was the intention of the hon. member to have been in his place in the House on Monday and he would have done so but for delay in the trains. He has not been away from the House this session as much as some members who sit on the opposite side of the House and behind the premier and attorney-general, and now they are trying to create a false impression, thinking it may do my hon. friend some possible harm in the country. I would say further that it seems that whenever the hon. member for Carleton or the hon. junior member for the city of St. John, takes any part in the proceedings of the House, the Attorney-General or the premier seem to consider it their duty to take them to task and to either scold them or to read them a lecture. Only the other night the Premier undertook to scold my hon. friend (Mr. Maxwell) for not possessing certain information which he (Hon. Mr. Tweedie) thought the promoter of the bill could have and afterwards learned that it was another hon. member from St. John and one of his own supporters who had charge of the bill.

I do not need to come to the defence of my hon. friend from the county of Carleton, but I do not think he is being fairly treated by the premier and attorney-general. They are striking below the belt and are taking an unfair advantage of his unavoidable absence from the House for a day or two.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie.—I have never scolded the hon. member from Carleton. I have had no opportunity of doing so even had I so desired for it seems to me the hon. member has hardly been in his seat since he delivered his speech on the budget. I have never before been accused of taking an opponent at an unfair advantage or of striking below the belt. I have always fought fairly in political matters and in this House, and it does not lie in the mouth of the opposition leader to accuse me of unfair tactics. He is the one who has been unfair to me, who struck below the belt and at a time when I was not in a position to defend myself. During the last session of the legislature I was laid up for several days with an attack of pleurisy and the leader of the opposition took advantage of my absence from the house to attack my leadership of the government and said that the attorney-general had practically been leader of the party for two years, and said my leadership was miserable, and he also attacked me because supply was so late in being brought down. The reason supply was late was because I was confined to my room by doctor's orders and I felt it keenly and thought it most unfair that the leader of the opposition should make personal criticisms of me during my enforced absence, and I take this opportunity to tell him of it.

Mr. Hazen.—I have never been accused truthfully of fighting unfairly, and I will not allow the hon. member to make such a statement now. I have never said anything behind his back that I would not repeat to his face. Nothing in my career will justify such an accusation as the premier has sought to make against me. Any statement regarding the hon. gentleman that I have made in this house during his absence or in the country, I am prepared to make now in his presence. If he wishes to accuse me of unfairness in the debate he will have to go elsewhere for his facts than to my speeches or record.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie.—The hon. member may have a poor opinion of my qualities of leadership, and I may

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hold the same opinion regarding him, but after all that is only a matter of individual opinion. However, I have the support of the government party, and as unanimous and large support as any leader in this house ever enjoyed. I am quite willing to let the people judge who is the better leader, the hon. member of the opposition or myself. They have more than once pronounced upon that question, and so far they have decided in my favor.

Mr. Robertson.—I do not agree with all the sections of the bill under consideration, as originally drafted, and on some of the measures I have not voted as did my colleagues. I believe, however, that the amendment now under consideration is more fair to the City of St. John than was the original section.

Hon. Mr. Pugsley.—I believe that if this amendment is adopted it will be the first step in the direction of making a street railway company responsible for the condition and repairs, upon the streets, ever incorporated in any legislation passed in this Dominion. By this amendment we compel the street railway company to keep in good repair most all the streets in the city for some seven miles over which its tracks run, being responsible for the maintenance and the repair of the streets from curb to curb, and this is the first time any such far reaching legislation has ever been enacted in this country. It is the most effective legislation that could be devised to protect the interests of the city.

If the hon. member from Carleton, who asserts that due consideration has not been given these matters, is opposed to this amendment let him vote against it, and place himself on record.

I did not criticize my hon. friend because he was absent from the House, but because on his return from such absence he presumes to criticize us, and even his own leader, when we have done our best to faithfully discharge the duties devolving upon us. The hon. leader of the opposition has opposed the St. John Telephone bill so strenuously that there is little likelihood of its passing this session, and does the hon. member for Carleton criticize him for that and say that he is not acting as his best judgment dictates. The hon. member for Charlotte (Mr. Grimmer) has also expressed himself pretty strongly as opposed to some of the legislation that has come here from the city of St. John and will my hon. friend from Carleton say that he has not as good judgment as himself?

The vote being taken upon the amendment it was adopted without a dissenting voice.

The section of the bill regarding the bye laws was then taken up. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that in his opinion the common council, which under this bill is given the right to make bye laws for the efficient operation of the street railway, should be required to give the company twenty days' notice of such bye laws before sending them to the governor-in-council for approval.

Mr. Hazen did not think it proper to take out of the hands of the company the power to make its own bye laws and give that power to the common council. He believed the better way would be to have the company make its own bye laws and submit them to the governor-in-council. In this way the council would have a way of making its views known and felt and an injustice would not be done either party. The section was adopted as amended and the bill reported to the House and passed.

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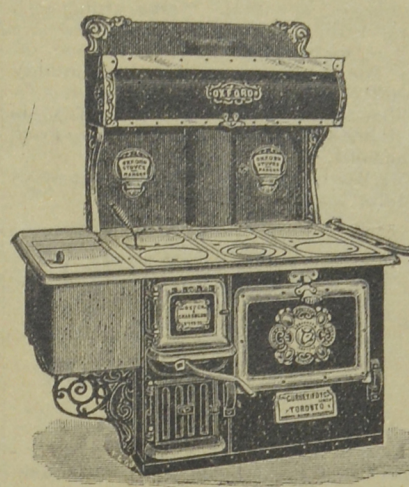
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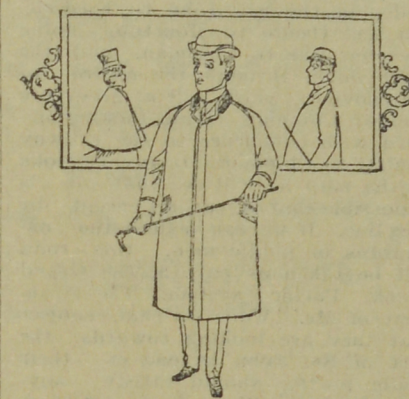
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