

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Sir Wilfrid Discusses Phases of the Proposition and Shows how the Opposition is Divided on it

Speaking in the debate on the address in the House of Commons, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said:

"Next to the fiscal policy, the most important plank in Mr. Borden's platform, if I may say so, is that dealing with the government ownership of public utilities. I said introduced, but I must withdraw the word, because it does not correctly apply to the situation. It is not my hon. friend who introduced that plank into the platform. In this matter he is not the leader, but the follower, and the reluctant follower. The gentleman who has introduced that plank in the platform is not the leader of the party, but sits a little below the leader, and we see him (Mr. W. F. McLean) smiling as I speak. (Laughter.) I must give him his due. He is the leader of the party in this matter, as in some others also. We were told last session that he was no longer admitted to the caucus of the party. This is a matter of no consequence, for, whether within or without the precincts of the caucus, he is the leader so far as this question and others are concerned, and the party dances to his music."

LEADER OF THE BANK.

"My hon. friend (Mr. W. F. McLean) is a stalwart. He has taken a bold plunge into the cold waters of Socialism. But my hon. friend, the leader of the party is not so advanced, if we may judge him by his utterances. He does not approve, yet he does not condemn and repudiate; and whilst my hon. friend from South York (Mr. W. F. McLean) is splashing about in mid-stream, my hon. friend the leader of the opposition is on the bank, now and then trusting a timid foot into the cold water, but promptly withdrawing it, and unable to go in or stay out. (Liberal cheers) So far as the question of government ownership of railways is concerned, my hon. friend's utterances have been singularly inconclusive and delusive. He has said enough to give hope to the ardent, the enthusiastic, the unthinking, but he has tried to avoid committing himself absolutely. But after he had given a plethora of arguments in favor of the government ownership, after he had stated that 'the denial of our capacity to operate successfully a great public railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific seems no less than the denial of our capacity for self-government'; after he had stated that, 'speaking for myself, I believe that State ownership is no more to be condemned for errors of administration than is the general principle of self-government'; when he had reached that climax, when he had soared almost to the sun, suddenly his pinions gave way, beneath him, suddenly his heart sank within him. And what was his conclusion with regard to government ownership? Simply that the Intercolonial should be put under a commission. After having given these preliminary arguments this is the conclusion of the Halifax platform: 'We stand for the operation and management of our railways by an independent commission, free from partisan control or interference.'

"In this instance, as in others, my hon. friend has taken the argument of the member for South York and drawn a conclusion for the member for West Toronto (Mr. Osler). Willingly or unwillingly, kicking or resisting, my hon. friend is carried forward on the strong arm of the member for South York."

WHAT IS PLATFORM?

"It was better to know on this question where they were and what the platform of the Conservative party was with respect to that question. There was a tendency in Canada

at present, derived from the other side of the line to denounce all corporations and represent them as inimical to the public weal. The truth was that the corporations, like all human institutions, were a mixture of good and evil. It was undeniable that corporations had sometimes acted mischievously, but it was also true that corporations had been one of the most potent agents of the creation and distribution of wealth amongst all classes of the community. It was undeniable that corporate capital, corporate labor and corporate effort would do more than individual capital, labor or effort. The hon. member for South York said 'down with all corporations; down with the railway corporations and let the State perform the duties they are called upon to serve.' The leader of the opposition argued one way, and the hon. member for South York, who looked upon the question calmly and dispassionately must come to the conclusion that the interests which were served today by private enterprise were better discharged than they could be by the State. The question was as to a remedy, and he apprehended that the remedy was not to entrust the railways to the State. The true policy was to have the corporations subjected to the control of parliament, which would see they discharged their duties properly."

Mr. W. F. McLean—What about Germany?

Sir Wilfrid—Than God, we are not here to take example from Germany or Russia. (Cheers.)

Mr. MacLean—What about New Zealand and Australia?

C. P. R. AN ILLUSTRATION.

Sir Wilfrid answered that they were young commercial communities that had gone much further than he would agree to go. If the incentive of ambition and emulation were removed the result would be suppression of progress and the introduction of stagnation and immobility. He cited the Canadian Pacific Railway, first commenced as a government enterprise, but finished and now operated by a private company, in support of his contention. So far as his collection went, not a single word had been uttered against the change from public ownership. He alluded to many enterprises of the C. P. R., such as hotels, smelters, lake and ocean fleets, the operation of coal mines, and asked if his hon. friend pretended that this would exist today if the railway was a government enterprise. It was true there were complaints in various parts of the country against the railway service, but the remedy was controlled by the government and parliament.

Passing to the opposition's platform relative to the nationalization of telegraphs and telephones, he took issue with the statements made in Mr. Borden's speeches as to the success of government telegraph and telephone in Britain. The report of Mr. Buxton, British postmaster general, showed that in the last fiscal year there was a net deficit on the telegraph branch of £752,000, and if interest on capital were added to the total, a loss of £923,000, while the telephone department did business at twenty per cent less than cost.

"Now, sir, upon this point, as upon the other," Sir Wilfrid went on, "we think on this side of the House that the remedy is not government ownership, as has been advocated by my hon. friend, but private ownership and government control. (Cheers.) He has asked me what we mean in regard to this. We mean that we shall introduce legislation to increase the power of the Railway Commission, increase its membership as well, and give it control of telegraphs and telephones, as it has of railroads."



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"That's all right, William," replied the prisoner, "we wuz growed up together an' I reckon you feel as dignified as the alligator on a log in a mill pond up thar, but ef you decide this case agin me, heaven ef you when I ketch you in the middle o' the road. Go on with your proceedings."—Atlanta Constitution.

LORD HAWKE LADEN WITH HIS SPOILS.

English Sporting Peer Who Leaves by Virginian Has High Opinion of Canada.

Montreal Herald: There arrived today from the Maritime Provinces, by the C. P. R. Halifax express, Lord Hawke, the one-time famous English cricketer, and later governor of the presidency of Madras in India, who has spent the last three months in the principal hunting regions of Canada, both east and west.

He sails by the Virginian on her last voyage by way of the St. Lawrence route this season, laden with trophies of the hunting field. He had with him the head of a moose which he shot some little time ago in the Temagami region, and another that he brought down in the forests of New Brunswick. Both heads were mounted by Emack Bros., of Fredericton, N. B.

Lord Hawke is greatly pleased with the experience he has had in the Canadian woods and mountains. He has been shooting and fishing among the Rockies and on the prairies as well as in the woods, and is a marksman of the Indian jungle who has used his rifle with deadly effect in South Africa. He has no hesitation in declaring Canada to be unrivalled as a sportsman's paradise.

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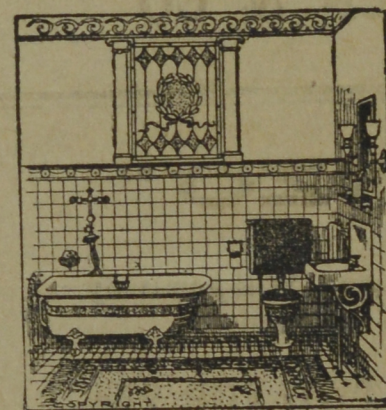
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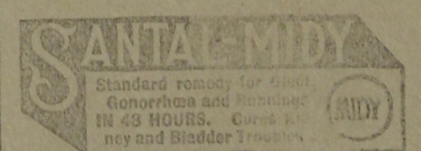
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MARYSVILLE NEWS.

Dec. 4.—The home of Ms. and Mrs. John Blair, sr., presented a very brilliant appearance on Monday evening, the occasion being the 50th anniversary of their marriage. There were upwards of fifty guests present, who thoroughly enjoyed the pleasant hours spent together in games, music and social intercourse. A feature of the function was the excellent solos rendered by the groom of fifty years ago, and for a man who is considerably over ninety years of age, his singing was certainly remarkable, and many were the congratulations offered. During the evening refreshments were served, bringing to a close an evening's enjoyment not soon to be forgotten.

As the winter advances so does the interest in hockey. The prospects for a first class team to uphold the honor and glory of Marysville, are of the brightest. Some of last year players will again appear this season wearing the Marysville uniform, while some new men will appear on the old "Crescent team," and be in line to struggle with the best of them.

The many friends of Mr. Allan Hovey will be sorry to hear that his condition is daily growing worse.

Mr. Lee Higgins, who was accidentally shot a few weeks ago, does not seem to be getting any better.

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SMUGGLERS WON BATTLE.

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Advices from Shanghai tell of a battle between a flotilla of Imperial war junks and the salt smuggling fleet at Quinsan. After severe fighting, costing many lives, the smugglers captured the entire flotilla of nineteen war junks.

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