

AFFAIRS AT OTTAWA.

Canada Will Do Her Part For The Defence of the Empire.

Government Alive to the Transportation Needs of the West.

(Special Correspondence.)

OTTAWA, April 8.—The Liberal government found the solution of two perplexing problems last week. The one was on the subject of assisting in the defence of the empire, and the other, how to secure rapid completion of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

As to the first Sir Wilfrid Laurier presented a resolution indicating the intention of inaugurating a system of naval defence; and to the second the government agrees to provide a loan which will be well secured, and bring about quick completion of the road.

Canada is loyal, not sentimental, patriotic, not hysterical. Great strength is not indicated by a condition of frenzy. In case of urgency Canada would be found willing to strain her resources to the breaking point in defence of the Empire should the integrity of the Empire be imperilled.

Two important questions were discussed by the House last week, separate and distinct, but by a strange coincidence having a close relation to each other. The one was on the subject of Canada's share in the defence of the Empire, and the other had relation to a loan of \$10,000,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific company.

DEFENCE OF EMPIRE.

The first question arose out of a resolution moved by Mr. Foster to the effect that Canada should no longer delay in assuming her proper share of the responsibility and financial burden incident to the suitable protection of her exposed coast line and great seaports.

This resolution was presented at a time when an agitation, fostered and encouraged by the war party in England was at white heat. Sir Wilfrid Laurier met the situation with his usual calm, statesmanlike grasp of conditions, and submitted to the House an amended resolution which was passed unanimously.

"This house fully recognizes the duty of the people of Canada, as they increase in numbers and wealth, to assume in larger measure the responsibilities of national defence."

"This house is of opinion that under the present constitutional relations between the mother country and the self-governing dominions, the payment of regular contributions to the imperial treasury for naval and military purposes would not, so far as Canada is concerned, be the most satisfactory solution of the question of defence."

"The house will cordially approve of any necessary expenditure designed to promote the speedy organization of a Canadian naval service in co-operation with, and in close relation to, the imperial navy, along the lines suggested by the admiralty at the last imperial conference, and in full sympathy with the view that the naval supremacy of Britain is essential to the security of commerce, the safety of the empire, and the peace of the world."

"The house expresses its firm conviction that whenever the need arises the Canadian people will be found ready and willing to make any sacrifice that is required to give to the

imperial authorities the most loyal and hearty co-operation in every movement for the maintenance of the integrity and the honor of the empire."

PREMIER'S PATRIOTIC STATEMENT.

Sir Wilfrid wisely declined to be carried away from what has been his settled policy and deliberate course laid down by the government. He was not attracted by the spectacular possibilities of the occasion. Said Sir Wilfrid:

"It has been, it is, it shall be our unalterable determination to meet and to carry out every duty which is implied by the title of 'British subject.' Nay, more, not only will Canada fulfil every obligation which is implied by that title, but I think I can say we will rise to every sacrifice that may be needed in order to maintain unimpaired the rank and status which is occupied by Canada in the British empire, and the rank and status which is maintained by the British empire throughout the world."

The Premier made it clear to the House that the policy adopted at the Imperial Conference in 1902, which contemplated an expenditure for naval defence, as there had already been an expenditure for military defence, should not be departed from, but this must be done consistent with the principle of self-government, and must not conflict with the autonomy which Canada now enjoys.

WHAT CANADA HAS DONE.

Sir Wilfrid combatted the idea that Canada had been delinquent in her duty with regard to preparations for defence. He showed that the militia expenditures had risen from two and a half millions in 1902 to six and a half millions in 1908. That the garrisons of Halifax and Esquimaux had been taken over from the Imperial authorities and the British taxpayer relieved to that extent. A permanent force had been provided and 50,000 men had been drilled. Sir Wilfrid referred to the praise which Lord Roberts bestowed upon the Canadian forces which took part in the review at the Tercentenary.

Sir Wilfrid admitted that Canada was behind in the development of naval defences, but he said the government would undertake this work also, and do it immediately.

NO DREADNOUGHT WANTED.

The Prime Minister deprecated taking any such spasmodic action as the giving of a "Dreadnought." His idea of assisting in Imperial defence was to consult with the British naval authorities, as had been done in military affairs, through the council of defence in London, and having organized a plan, carry it out in Canada with our own resources and out of our own money. This was the policy which commended itself to the Government.

MUST UPHOLD THE EMPIRE.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier concluded a patriotic, eloquent speech by saying that the supremacy of the British Empire is absolutely essential, not only to the Empire, but to the civilization of the world. He had no hesitation in saying that the supremacy of the British Empire on the seas must be maintained in the highest degree of efficiency it has occupied the last

hundred years. "I have no hesitation," said Sir Wilfrid, "in saying that if the day should come when the supremacy of Britain on the high seas will be challenged it will be the duty of all the daughters of the nation to close around the old mother land and make a rampart about her to ward off any attack." Should it come Sir Wilfrid said he would deem it his duty to devote what would be left of his life and energy to stump the country and endeavor to impress upon his fellow-countrymen, especially his compatriots in the province of Quebec, the conviction that the salvation of England is the salvation of our own country, and therein lies the guarantee of our civil and religious freedom and everything we value in this life. These are the sentiments which animate the government.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier gave to the debate a lofty, statesmanlike tone, and the spirit of true patriotism, calm and deliberate, made a deep impression upon the House the result was that the resolution as amended by the Premier met with the unanimous approval of parliament.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC LOAN.

The other item of supreme importance to Canada was the resolution offered by Hon. Mr. Fielding, providing for a loan of \$10,000,000 to the Grand Trunk Pacific to assist the company in meeting the unexpectedly large increase in the cost of the prairie section of the road.

It will be called that such an operation is not new in Canadian political history. In 1884 the Canadian Pacific railway was constrained to apply to parliament for assistance to the extent of \$30,000,000. This loan was granted and faithfully repaid by the company.

Mr. Fielding reviewed the reasons which had made it necessary for the company to appeal to the government. When providing for the money to construct the prairie section it was thought that the cost would not exceed \$23,482 per mile, but in consequence of increasing the distance of the prairie section one hundred and thirty miles further west than was contemplated the high standard of construction made necessary by the terms of the agreement, increased cost of labor, rails and all other material, it is found that an additional \$10,000,000 will be necessary.

The present unfavorable condition of the money market would result in the bonds being sold at a discount; the government will therefore take them at par and hold them in the meantime, receiving 4 per cent interest on the money.

OPERATION IS A SAFE ONE.

Mr. Fielding said that he had the greatest confidence in lending the credit of the government to this undertaking. The risk is small and in the interests of the National Transcontinental Railway, the interests of the credit of Canada, that the government should show their faith in the enterprise and lend the money, thus preventing the bonds being thrown on the market at a sacrifice. The government not only takes a mortgage on the road to secure the bonds, but has the additional guarantee of the Grand Trunk Railway of Canada.

Mr. F. F. Pardee spoke in favor of the loan, giving as justification the fact that the country in 1904 had explicitly authorized the building of the road, and that such authorization was unaccompanied by any reservation as to cost. That in 1908 the people had endorsed the action of the government, and again confirmed the views held in 1904, that the road should be completed as rapidly as possible.

GROWTH OF THE WEST.

Mr. Pardee declared that as the road was projected in 1904, in consequence of the congested condition of traffic, there was a still greater necessity today, because of the as-

toning increase in the development of the west. In support of his contention he submitted the following reasons:

Since 1902-3 the Department of the Interior alone had expended \$6,223,744 in immigration. This had resulted in a great influx of people. Nearly 200,000 homesteads had been granted since 1902-3.

The population of Canada had increased over 1,000,000 since 1903.

The total trade of Canada was greater by \$178,000,000 than in 1903. The revenue of Canada is \$30,000,000 greater than in 1903.

The receipts from Dominion lands are nearly \$500,000 more than in 1903.

The receipts from the sale of school lands are \$500,000 larger than in 1903.

The Hudson Bay Company have sold nearly 1,000,000 acres of land for the sum of \$6,500,000 since 1903.

Canadian Railways have sold nearly 10,000,000 acres of land for the sum of \$45,000,000 since 1903.

These are some of the evidences of growth since the time the Grand Trunk Pacific was decided upon.

MORE GRAIN TO CARRY.

The provinces of Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan produced in 1903 crops of wheat, oats and barley, 114,215,902; and in 1908 the crops from these provinces for wheat, oats and barley amounted to 211,197,000 bushels, an increase of 97,221,098 bushels.

In 1903 there were under cultivation in the three provinces 4,576,200 acres, and in 1908 nearly 10,000,000 acres.

These evidences of expansion since 1903 were quoted to prove how much greater the necessity for the railway exists in 1909 than in 1903, although in 1908 it was held that the transportation facilities were totally inadequate to deal with western business.

Mr. Pardee argued that a large percentage of the crops of last year remained in the country and in support of this quoted the following:

Wheat, 17,391,000 bush., or 18.93 of crop.

Oats, 44,425,016 bush., or 45.93 of crop.

Barley, 7,722,000 bush., or 33.68 of crop.

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Aymer Turns Farmer.
Ottawa, April 8.—Lord Aymer, formerly inspector-general of the militia forces, and his family, are moving to Queen's Bay, Lake Kootenay, B.C., next week, where he will engage in fruit farming. He has purchased a farm on the lake shore.

Assassinated With a Bomb.
St. Petersburg, April 8.—Persian despatches received here state that a revolutionary soldier has assassinated the Shah's commander-in-chief, Ain Ed Dowleh, near Tabriz, with a bomb. Ain Ed Dowleh was former grand vizier.

Money All Going to the Navy.
London, April 8.—A Vancouver miner, in sending \$100 to the lord mayor to help the starving people who tramp the Thames Embankment, asks: "Are there any Christians in England now?"

Threw Himself to Death.
Naples, April 8.—A young man, supposed to be an American, after dining at Torregavet, near Pozzuoli, climbed to the top of a high hill and threw himself from a cliff.

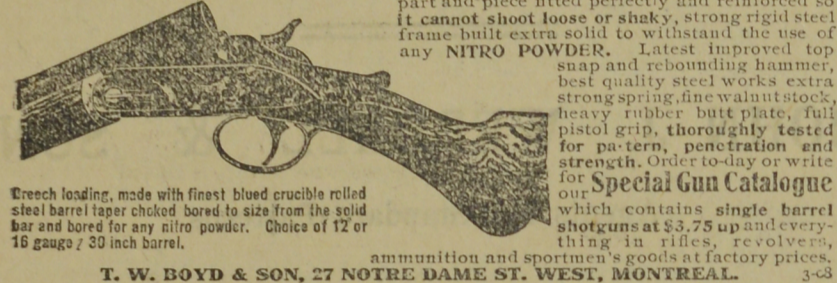
Three Bartenders Summoned.
St. Catharines, April 8.—Jacob Ruch, a German, who is on the "Indian" list, and who was arrested for drunkenness, comes up for trial today. He has named bartenders at the Grand Central, International and Grand Trunk Hotels as having sold him liquor, and informations have been laid against them. The three men in question deny positively the allegations.

Will Drill For Gas.
Douro, April 8.—Drilling for gas will shortly be in active operation on a block of land in north Monaghan and Smith townships. Drilling machinery is being shipped from the Niagara peninsula. Several tests will be made if gas is not struck when the first well is sunk.

Fatal Riot Over Taxes.
Monteleone, Calabria, April 8.—Four men were killed and many others wounded in a conflict in this town yesterday with the local Carabinieri. The authorities are endeavoring to collect new taxes, which are exceedingly unpopular.

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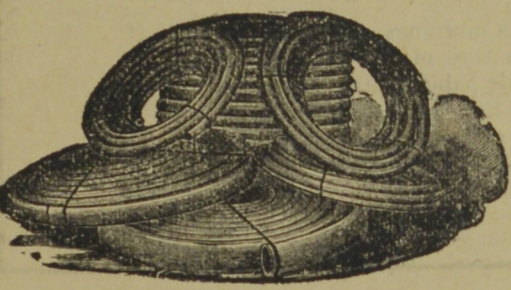


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