

THE DAWN OF A BRIGHTER DAY IN OUR TELEGRAPH SERVICE

The Question Discussed at a Representative Meeting of the Board of Trade AND COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO GO INTO PROBLEM

The Speakers Advocated Either an All Night Service With Reduced Rates Equivalent to Those on the Mainland, or the Purchase of the System by the Federal Government, the C. P. R. or the Great North Western.

There was a good attendance of representative men, including the Federal members at the meeting of the Board of Trade last night to consider the matter of an improved telegraph service. The President, John A. Messervey, occupied the chair, and after stating the object of the meeting called upon Hon. Mr. Peters.

The Premier referred to the fact that two years ago the Government had been advised not to pay the subsidy to the Anglo-American Company. For some months this matter hung, but he was not in a position to state what afterwards occurred. The matter was taken up by Sir Louis and after a time he (Mr. Peters) had given a certificate for the payment of the subsidy through pressure of the Dominion Government. The present company operating the cable are not the ones with whom the contract was made. He had searched day for the correspondence between the Government and the home authorities. He could, if he so desired, refuse at any time the subsidy but the consequence would be that P. E. I. would be cut off from connection with the mainland. He suggested that the Dominion Government be asked to take over the service and hold it as it is held in England.

Hon. D. Farquharson submitted the correspondence referred to by Mr. Peters. In the course of this correspondence it showed the Company had made a profit yearly of \$940. The letter from Sir Louis to T. C. James, the Manager of the Company was also read. Mr. Farquharson stated he had written Mr. M. L., Minister

of Justice as to what construction he would put on the words "Regular telegraphic communication between N. S., N. B. and North America generally." He had also written the C. P. R. asking whether they would take over the plant.

Horace Hazard read a letter sent by him in 1898 as President of the Board of Trade to Sir Louis Davies. He stated that he in company with Mr. Aitkin had waited upon the manager of the C. P. R. Telegraph Company at Montreal and the latter said the delegates might state to the Government that the Company was willing at any time to take over the service.

Hon. D. A. McKinnon had discussed the matter in Parliament and had worked up a memorandum and submitted it to the ministers. A copy of this he read to the meeting. He claimed that the Company which laid the first cable in the world were entitled to some consideration. Our business is not so very great that we could expect the Company to keep open all night. They have certain vested rights which cannot be interfered with. If they are making a great deal of money however their subsidy should be stopped till they give a reasonable service. He had submitted the matter to Mr. Tarte who stated he would see the Anglo-American Directors when he was in England last summer. He did not go to England however, so the representatives would have to bring the matter to the new Minister of Public Works.

W. F. Tidmarsh discussed the contract. He maintained that "regular communication" meant for the whole twenty four hours. A letter from Sir Louis to Mr. Farquharson in 1900 which he (Mr. Tidmarsh) read indicated that the Anglo-American would not give a better service till forced to do so. He suggested that the Board ask the co-operation of the other Boards of Trade in the Island to see if they would back up the Local Government in not granting the subsidy till the conditions of the service were improved.

F. L. Hazard endorsed the suggestion to appoint a committee who would sift the matter to the foundation and bring in a report with recommendations for a practical solution of the question. He moved a resolution that a committee of five be appointed to fully investigate and report at an early date regarding the matter.

Premier Peters suggested that the committee put themselves in communication with the C. P. R. and the Great North Western as regards the purchase of the plant.

J. E. B. McCready being called upon spoke of the unsatisfactory conditions of the present telegraph service as compared with other cities on the mainland where they not only had a night service but rates that enabled the papers to get about ten times as many words for the same money as here. He pointed out that the government had over 5,000 miles of land lines, and cables connecting Cape Breton with the Magdalen, Anticosti, Gaspé and the North Shore of the St. Lawrence. Government also employed and paid the operators on the I. C. R. and Island Railways, and as they were responsible for our telegraphic connection, he favored their acquiring the Island lines and cable and operating them. The next best thing would be to get the C. P. R. or Western Union Company to take the line by purchase or lease and give us through service to all parts of Canada at a uniform reduced rate. He pointed out that throughout in the United Kingdom the rate was but one cent a word although a much longer cable than ours had to be used to connect England and Ireland.

Geo. E. Hughes, M. L. A. urged immediate action. It had been shown that the Government could manage the plant well.

THE DUTCH GIVE COLD SHOULDER

To the Honorable Joseph Chamberlain

A HOSTILE RECEPTION

He Meets Them in Kind, and Warns Them That They are Pursuing the Wrong Course.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 16.—Mr. Chamberlain arrived at the most difficult part of his tour on reaching to-day the town of Graaf Reinet, situated in a wholly Dutch district, which was the centre of operations during the war. A hostile reception had been planned, but at the last moment the intention was abandoned. Nevertheless the welcome extended to the colonial secretary was anything but cordial.

The Dutchmen held sullenly aloof from the receptions and functions. Many of them openly paraded rebel badges. The members of the British colony and the British traders called on Mr. Chamberlain and complained of boycotting at the hands of the Dutch and the general system of oppression and intimidation which was also extended to the natives because of the assistance they rendered the British during the war.

After receiving an Afrikaner deputation, Mr. Chamberlain made a long speech in the course of which he rebuked the Dutchmen in strong terms for their attitude and frankly warned them that it was inconsistent with the enjoyment of the privileges of British administration. If they wished to preserve their liberties, he said, they must not allow liberty to degenerate into license.

Pretoria, Feb. 13.—It is announced that the government offered seats in the legislative council to Generals Botha, De la Rey and Smutz. The Poor generals unanimously refused to accept, giving as their reasons the manner in which the council was formed, which in their opinion was not in the best interests of the country.

Business is rapidly increasing. Our mail service is interrupted and this fact could be used as a good argument for the Government controlling the telegraph service. The whole business could easily be done by putting the wires on the railway telegraph poles and with the line connected with the railway service we could easily have an all night service as the railway lines on the mainland are open all night. The only way out of the difficulty to him was to insist on Government ownership of the plant.

After further remarks, Mr. Hazard's motion, which had been seconded by W. F. Tidmarsh was carried unanimously.

The following committee was appointed: F. L. Hazard, Premier Peters, Horace Hazard, George Hughes and Nelson Rattenbury.

The meeting then adjourned.

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PLANS FOR TWO MILLION DOLLAR DEPARTMENTAL BLOCK AT OTTAWA

An Arch to be Surmounted With Emblematical Bronze Figures—Hon. George E. Foster Laid Up—Ontario Legislature Called and Important Measures Expected—C.P.R. Improvements at Montreal—A Boy's Narrow Escape.

PLANS FOR ANOTHER BIG BLOCK.

OTTAWA, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The Minister of Public Works has plans for a two million block connecting with present Langevin block.

A big arch will be one of the features, the bronze figures surmounting it being symbolical of the different regiments that went to South Africa, and other emblematical groups will be included.

HON. G. E. FOSTER LAID UP.

TORONTO, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Hon. George E. Foster is confined to his home by a severe cold, contracted during his campaign trip in North Ontario.

IMPORTANT LEGISLATION EXPECTED.

The Ontario Legislature has been called to meet March 10th.

Important legislation is expected, giving wider privileges to the municipalities with reference to the development of power.

MONTREAL ELEVATORS.

MONTREAL, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The Canadian Pacific Railway has asked permission to construct grain conveyors on the harbor front to connect the present elevators with the conveyer system to be introduced in the new elevator the Harbor Board is constructing.

BOY'S NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.

DIGBY, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The ten year old son of Baggage Master Bant, while trying to cross the track ahead of the express from Halifax, was caught by the pilot and thrown a considerable distance and will recover.



HON. GEORGE EULAS FOSTER, B.A., D.C.L., P.C.

SIGNS SHOWING THAT THE BLOW AGAINST SICK MAN'S SOON TO FALL

The News of Each Day Tends to Strengthen the Belief that the Time of the Turk's Last Struggle to Maintain His Foothold in the Continent of Europe is Drawing Closer and Closer to Hand.

LONDON, Feb. 18.—It cannot be said that the latest complications in Venezuelan middle have been followed with any general public interest either here or in Germany. Disgust is the only word to use in describing popular opinion in Great Britain in regard to the matter, and the desire is well-nigh unanimous that the Government shall bring the quarrel to the speediest possible conclusion at any sacrifice of material interest which may be necessary.

It is beginning to be borne in upon the English public mind that far greater complications are imminent in the Near East, which threaten more serious humiliations than are possible in Venezuela, and it is hoped that the field will be cleared of other complications before the crisis becomes acute. Each day's news tends to strengthen the belief that the day of the Turk's last struggle to maintain his foothold in Europe is close at hand. Russia's determination sooner or later to acquire Constantinople has, of course, been one of the recognized primary factors in European politics for many years.

British prejudice is so strong against Russia in these days that English observers almost invariably see a malevolent ambition in every act of the Czar's Government. Making all due allowances for this prejudice, however, it is impossible not to share the English suspicion and belief of the present moment, that Russia has determined that the time is now ripe for the realization of her great ambition and that she intends in the present year to extend her domain to the Bosphorus. This belief is undoubtedly shared by the Turk himself, and today's news of the Sultan's decision to mobilize nearly a quarter of a million men is a partial evidence thereof.

It is about a month since it was announced that Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Count Goluchowski, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Foreign Affairs, had arrived at a "complete understanding" in regard to an Austro-Russian scheme of reform for Macedonia, the details of which have not been published, although it is now practically too late to avert the rising which they were ostensibly designed to prevent.

The Turkish view of the situation is lucidly set forth in the Pall Mall Gazette by a staff officer who served in the late Russo-Turkish war. He says: "There have been many false alarms but this spring trouble will come. The tour of the Balkans in commemoration of Russian victories, which were not the circumstances of Count Izmetoff's one convincing sign is to be found in sufficient motive for his speeches. These were of a sort calculated to make mischief. He did not improvise those speeches or make them of his own responsibility. That is not the Russian way. It follows that in fomenting trouble he was carrying out the settled policy of the Russian Foreign Office."

"Take the powers one by one. Since

Lord Salisbury's speech about putting money on the wrong horse, Russia has held that England does not count in Balkan politics. France is Russia's ally and the alliance may be presumably relied on to keep Germany quiet. Some small concession on the Adriatic coast would easily conciliate any objection that Italy might be disposed to raise.

THE RACIAL HOSTILITY CONTINUES

In South Africa, Mr. Chamberlain Says

MAKES POWERFUL APPEAL

For Kindlier Attitude—Rebellion Exalted to Heroism—Premier Sprigg is Hooted.

CHAMBERLAIN IN CAPE TOWN.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and party arrived this morning and met with a hearty reception. A number of addresses were presented to Mr. Chamberlain.

PREMIER SPRIGG HOOTED.

During the reading of one Premier Minister Sprigg arrived on the platform and was hooted with much vigor.

RACIAL ANTAGONISM STRONG.

Mr. Chamberlain in his speech made a powerful appeal for a friendly union of races.

He admitted however that since his arrival he had become less hopeful of immediate satisfactory results, as he found the antagonism of two races had become chronic.

Rebellion was exalted into heroism and loyalty was discountenanced and ostracized, even the pulpit joining in the propaganda.

MORE HOSTILITY TO SPRIGG.

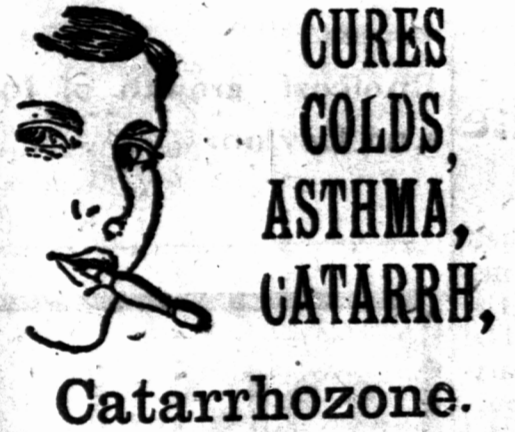
On leaving the platform Premier Sprigg was again made the subject of a hostile demonstration.

"The theory that a Macedonian rising is not only anticipated but has been arranged for, is the only theory that fits all the facts. The course of events will be somewhat as follows.

"The programme of which Russia, France and Austria have pressed upon the Sultan will not be carried out. The snows will melt, and the insurgents will take to the mountains. The rising will be put down and the bloodshed involved

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