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Subscriptions for 1902 and previous years are now overdue, and subscriptions for 1903 are now payable. Our friends will please bear these facts in mind.

Mr R. L. Borden caught the eye of the North Ontario people on nomination day by a clever retort to Mr Paterson, who spoke at the same meeting. The minister of customs and the postmaster general had been claiming support because the government sent troops to South Africa. Mr Borden described the situation before the troops were sent, quoting the language of Sir Wilfrid, who declared that the government could not and would not send soldiers to the war. Then came a popular protest which the government could not resist. "Either the soldiers had to go, or the government had to go," said Mr. Borden. "The ministers did not want to go they sent the soldiers."—St. John Sun.

The Government has invited proposals for an improved steamship service for transporting passengers, mails and freight between Great Britain and Canada for a period of ten years, beginning on May 1st, 1905. Service is to be as follows:—Routes suggested are: Summer, Liverpool, by an Irish Port to Quebec, calling at Sydney, returning by same route; winter Liverpool by an Irish port to Halifax returning by same port. Steamship circles in Montreal express great satisfaction at the Government's decision to call for tenders for the fast line. It is believed the Allans and the Canadian Pacific will be the chief tenderers as the clause shutting out all but Canadian and English firms bars the Dominion and Leyland lines as a part of the Morgan syndicate.

The London Chronicle has the following regarding the painting of the British Warships:—Few, probably, of the "owners" of the fleet are aware that the cost of painting each ship amounts to no less than a thousand pounds. Before the Channel squadron goes to sea again all the ships are to be painted French gray, the new regulation color, which has, after much experiment, been recently adopted for the royal navy. The ships of the Mediterranean squadron are also to be painted the new color by April 1 next. Hitherto our warships have had black hulls white upper decks, and yellow funnels, with occasionally a red band on the waterline. The new color is obtained by a mixture of 6 pounds of white paint with 11 ounces black. A naval writer recently remarked that there is no such thing as a naval khaki, save it is like Joseph's coat of many colors. The military authorities have lately been painting our guns in alternate stripes of red, yellow and blue, and the result is that they are less distinguishable than if they were painted all over with one color. Perhaps we shall have to paint our battleships with the same three colors, though from an artistic point of view such a proceeding would be deplorable.

Mr W. S. Stewart says he did not tender for the work of consolidating the City laws; but admits that Councillor Stewart asked him for an offer for the work to which he "demurred," on the ground that he did not wish to go into competition for it with other legal firms. Thereupon he was informed by Councillor Stewart that nothing of that kind was intended, and that if he would do the work for a fair and reasonable sum he would likely get it. In virtue of this assurance, evidently, he visited the city offices in order to ascertain the value and extent of the work required, and "mentioned to the City Clerk" what he "would charge" for it. Mr Stewart further states that he was subsequently asked by both the City Clerk and Councillor Stewart to send in a formal tender; but he refused to do so. He then learned that Councillor Stewart "was making a canvass of nearly all the legal firms of the city to send in tenders and that many of these firms were doing so." In consequence of this he informed the councillor that he was not a competitor and would make no tender. Under these circumstances, Mr Stewart considers his name should not have

been mentioned as having tendered and expresses surprise "that anyone should have taken the liberty of doing so." It is certainly extraordinary that Councillor Stewart should have read out Mr Stewart's name among those who had tendered for the work, after he had, as he says, withdrawn the "offer" he made to the City Clerk therefor. The more this matter is probed the less credit does it seem to reflect on Councillor Stewart and those associated with him in the perpetration of the transaction.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

GOVERNMENT MUST BE HONEST.

In the three bye-elections in Terrebonne and Two Mountains, Quebec, and North Grey, Ontario, the Government barely held its own in the first two constituencies, and lost the latter by over 200 majority.

The result is significant. Ministers of the Crown worked hard in all three constituencies; money was spent in the most open and flagrant manner; public works were promised; but with all their advantages the Liberals failed to better their cause.

The rebuff in North Gray is particularly humiliating to Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon. Wm. Mulock. The latter had the campaign in hand. Mr Fielding was in the riding, prominent because of his selection as the successor to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, but his eloquence failed to move those to whom he referred a few years ago as "hated Canucks." Mr. Fielding misrepresented his accounts in a manner calculated to deceive his Satanic Majesty himself, but North Grey would have none of it and Mr Thompson's return by a handsome majority is a pretty straight condemnation of the Laurier government.

Perhaps the most remarkable part of the elections was the profound silence of the Ministers in regard to the Liberal policy. In Quebec a straight appeal was made to support Laurier. That was the one and only issue raised. In North Grey the Ministers were dumb as oysters as to their proposed policy during the coming session of Parliament. One would naturally suppose that with the opening of the Commons so close at hand, attention might have been profitably devoted to the many great questions about to be presented for consideration. Evidently masterly inactivity was still considered a winning card.

But a change is coming over the people. The defeat of Mr Kennedy in North Grey is to be attributed to a growing feeling of disgust among Liberals at what they justly consider the betrayal of party principles. Strong Liberal journals are protesting against opportunism. The people of the West are smarting under the deceit practised upon them, and are inclined to submit to protection under men who believe in its merits, rather than under a government which professes to treat it as an evil.

In New Brunswick, Hon. A. G. Blair's double dealing in his own party have driven strong Liberals into open revolt. Some have gone so far as to demand the minister's resignation.

In Manitoba, the legislature by an almost unanimous vote condemned the gross irregularities in the sales of schools lands. Party favorites reap the benefits and the province suffers for the deeds of the Sifton heeler.

Altogether, it looks as if the government must face the people with a straight policy. The prosperity with which Canada has been blessed is no longer all satisfying. The ministers must come from behind cover. North Grey has sounded a warning note.

SAYING AND DOING.

"I appear before you, of Irish descent, born in Canada, representing a French-Canadian constituency of which 90 per cent of the electors cannot speak the same language I do, but they do not care about that so long as I do their business for them, and that is the idea that ought to prevail everywhere, that is the principle that the Liberal party preaches, that is the doctrine we stand by. We want a common nationality, a common brotherhood among all Canadians, and our common desire is the development and up-building of our common country."

Such were the words of Hon. Chas. E. Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice, in a recent speech before the people of Owen Sound. Altruism is stamped on every sentence. The sentiments are lofty and worthy of Canadians. But how does Mr Fitzpatrick appear in the light of practising what he preaches? Was Mr Fitzpatrick's pardon of Arthur Brunet, the

criminal who stole the parliamentary seat of St. James division, intended for "the development and up-building of our common country?" Is the charge made by Sir Louis Davies, that Mr Fitzpatrick used his portfolio for the exploitation of private interests to be taken as a criterion of the Minister's concern for his country's welfare? Hon. Chas. E. Fitzpatrick, preacher, and Hon. Chas. E. Fitzpatrick, doer are very different men. The preacher was not sufficiently frank at Owen Sound and the people resented it.

MARTINEAU NEPHEW OF PREMIER.

The embezzlement of \$75,000 from the funds of the Militia Department by a second class clerk has opened the eyes of many to the loose business methods followed in some of the departments at Ottawa. When it is learned that the culprit, Martineau, is a nephew of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and was appointed on the latter's recommendation, the seriousness of the situation becomes apparent. Martineau, who had a shady record in Montreal, was not required to pass the civil service examination. The Premier by an act of Parliament and "notwithstanding anything in the Civil Service Act," translated Martineau from the scene of a mysterious fire in Montreal to a position of great trust in the Militia Department. The loss of \$75,000 in less than six months is the result of the First Minister's legalized breach of the law. Martineau's only qualification seems to have been his relationship to Sir Wilfrid, and the people will pay a good round sum for the privilege of having a scallywag thrust upon them.

CONSERVATIVE POLICY AGAIN JUSTIFIED.

Once more, Father Time points the finger of scorn at those who by their opposition to the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, endeavored to blast Canada's future. The purchase of fourteen steamers of the Elder-Dempster fleet by the railway which was at one time predicated to fall in paying for its axle greases lays the foundation to a Canadian marine of vast possibilities. It is the beginning of the end of the question of the transportation solution, which has been the bugbear of the Liberal party for six years. What the government of this country has utterly failed to accomplish, a private corporation has undertaken with every prospect of success. The Canadian Pacific, too, invariably extends its operations, and its advent to Atlantic shipping may be regarded as yet in the experimental stages. The Liberal party, had it prevailed in its obstruction, would have made this newest Canadian venture an impossibility. But just wait for results, and they are gratifying, watch the names of our trans-continental lines in their might and announce that "our great Liberal policy did it." The "National Policy" is again justified by practical development.

THE MACHINE ROUTED.

The Ontario "machines" received a severe reverse in Centre Bruce on Thursday, when Major Hugh Clarke, Conservative, was elected by a majority tenfold greater than that accorded him in June last. Mr. Clarke was nominated on a technicality, and as a result of a breach of faith on the part of Hon. R. Harcourt. The "machines" then made a dead end on the constituency. Hon. George Ross, two associate ministers of the crown, senators, twenty-three M's P. and M's P., and a small army of "mechanists" of the Ross type worked against Mr. Clarke's unassisted efforts. Honesty triumphed, and the Conservative will now take his seat in the legislature. The lesson is a useful one, showing as it does, that the people have had too much of a bad thing.

MAKING FRIENDS INDEPENDENT.

Nepotism in the days of Liberal opposition was the most heinous crime in the political calendar. Now it is one of the virtues of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his followers. Sir Richard Cartwright has managed to provide all indigent relatives with salaries "wrong from the people" under that system of "legalized robbery," which protective tariffs encourage. Hon. Clifford Sifton, however, is the star offender so far as nepotism is concerned. The appointment of his brother, Hon. A. R. Sifton, as Chief Justice of the Territories, has been condemned in the strongest terms by all classes. The legal world was shocked, and law journals are denouncing the selection as an outrage. But the Sifton family and its ramifications must be looked after, no matter how much public sentiment may be offended. They have come to Ottawa by the dozen. And that is not all. Mr. Sifton has proved a friend to the acquaintance of the college days. Old chums, who long ago lost faith in Canada's future, and transferred their allegiance to the United States, are looked up and brought back to take up positions which are considered too good for loyal Canadians. One would have supposed that after changing his position from a bankrupt to a millionaire in six years, Mr. Sifton would rest on his oars. The Canadian finances appear to be capable of even greater results.

THE BINDER TWINE FALLACY.

The leader of the Liberal party in the Manitoba legislature has pronounced himself and followers ardent Free Traders. In a speech which reflects credit on the Liberal opportunists at Ottawa, he complains that protection is a curse to the west. To prove the advantage of Free Trade, he called attention to the action of the Laurier government in removing the duty on binder twine. They wiped out a protection of 25 per cent. With what result? Do the people of the west buy their binder twine

at a rate proportionately less than in 1899? Not a bit of it. The combine maintains the price, Canadian factories are closed down, and the 25 per cent duty goes into the pockets of the American monopoly.

It may be mentioned with profit, too, that as far back as 1894 the Conservative Government sold prison binder twine direct to the farmer for 6 1/2 and 7 cents per pound, with freight paid as far west as Owen Sound, while in 1900 the Liberal Government raised the price of the article to 14 cents per pound, and refused to deliver it in less than 1901. Recently, the manufacture of binder twine at Kingston penitentiary was suppressed, so that now the combine has the western farmer completely at its mercy. "Canada for Canadians" with keen competition will do more to keep down prices than Free Trade and its attendants—the trusts of the United States.

CANADIANS LEAVING BY THOUSANDS.

Less than a year ago Sir Richard Cartwright, in cold blood, declared that the Canadian exodus to the United States had ceased. In his report of Trade and Commerce for 1902, he furnishes the best evidence obtainable in confirmation of such claims. The plain facts are supplied in the records of our exports of "settlers' effects" since the Liberal party came to power. From 1898 the value of such shipments to the United States has almost doubled. The year 1902 compared with 1901 shows an increase of over thirty-seven per cent, proving beyond question, that the number of Canadians emigrating to American territory is multiplying to an heretofore unheard of rate. The drain on Canada's population through this channel since 1898 can be estimated from the following statistics of settlers' effects exported to the United States, as taken from page 286 of Sir Richard's report for 1902:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Value. 1898: \$886,622; 1899: \$63,625; 1900: \$1,069,123; 1901: \$1,133,707; 1902: \$1,502,265.

The average Canadian will lose some of his enthusiasm arising out of our immigration returns, after carefully weighing Sir Richard's emigration figures. Balancing up the account the net result is much against us. One good Canadian lost to the United States cannot be replaced by a dozen of Clifford Sifton's semi-civilized foreigners.

Says He Did Not Tender

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your issue of the 4th instant you state in an editorial headed "A Scandalous Transaction," that Councillor Stewart, at a special meeting of the City Council held on the evening of February 23rd last, asked for the publication of tenders received for the consolidation of the city laws, giving the names of seven persons and firms as having tendered for the work, among which you publish my name for \$500, as one of the seven, and you further state: "We beg leave to state that you have no such copy, and I challenge you to publish it. I never tendered for this work, and no copy of my name was ever sent to you. It is true that Councillor Stewart called upon me asking for an offer, and I at once demurred to going into competition for it with other legal firms. Councillor Stewart asserted that nothing of that kind was intended, and that if I would leave to state that you have no such copy, and I challenge you to publish it. 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