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THE CABINET CHANGES

Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Graham are the new cabinet ministers. This is not what Sir Wilfrid desired. The premier's favorite was the Hon. Clifford Sifton, but the latter declined to re-enter the cabinet. The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto Globe wrote on Tuesday night: "Had Hon. Clifford Sifton accepted the offer to re-enter the government the matter would have been speedily and satisfactorily settled, but the ex-minister of the interior has declined. The prime minister and his colleagues regret that they have been unable to persuade Mr. Sifton to join the administration at the present time."

The Montreal Herald also states that "Hon. Mr. Sifton was invited to take the place made vacant by Mr. Hyman, but declined, after giving the matter serious consideration." The correspondent of the Toronto News said: "For the last twelve months or more the premier has been sager to have the member for Brandon rejoin the government, but he has persistently refused to accept the offer. It is understood that he is still reluctant to enter the government under any circumstances, and particularly to enter the government as now constituted."

Unable to secure the services of Mr. Sifton, the premier has decided to try out Mr. Graham, a clever organizer, and leader of his party in Ontario provincial politics. He had already decided to choose Dr. Pugsley from New Brunswick, and with Mr. Graham's prompt acceptance there remained only the choice of portfolios for the two. At time of writing news of today's proceedings at Ottawa has not been received, but the morning papers state positively that Hon. Dr. Pugsley will be sworn minister of public works and Hon. Mr. Graham minister of railways and canals. Maritime province Liberals had hoped that the portfolio of railways and canals would continue to be held by a maritime member, but they will no doubt be quick to see large opportunities in the public works department, under control of a politician of expansive—not to say expensive—views concerning all such matters. "Speculative proclivities," we believe, was the term once used by the St. John Globe in this connection.

Both the Sun and Telegraph correspondents forebode a further cabinet shuffle when Hon. Mr. Fielding returns. Of course the Ottawa correspondent of the Mail and Empire may be somewhat prejudiced, but what he says about Mr. Sifton may have some bearing on the case. We quote: "Mr. Sifton has declined to re-enter the cabinet unless his conditions were accepted to, and as Sir Wilfrid cannot see his way clear just now to fall in with the ex-minister's stipulation, Mr. Sifton will remain on the outside, at any rate, for the present. It is an open secret that Mr. Sifton, realizing the weakness of the present administration, stipulated for a clean sweep. He wanted to have the old stagers, Sir Richard Cartwright, Mr. Scott, and Mr. Patterson, retired, and new blood infused into the administration. Mr. Sifton holds that if the premier appeals to the country next year simply with the old following, the Liberal party will go down and out. For this reason, a complete reorganization, in his judgment, is essential. The premier, however, cannot screw up his courage to the point of breaking with his old colleagues, and, accordingly, the ultimatum of Mr. Sifton having been refused, that gentleman stands on the outside."

It is true that the Montreal Herald attributes Mr. Sifton's refusal to his reluctance to become again the target of bitter and virulent attack by the opposition, but whatever else may be said of that gentleman his fighting qualities have never been in doubt. Then the correspondent of the Toronto Globe says he will not join the administration "at the present time." Does this suggest that when Mr. Fielding returns there may be a general reconstruction, with Mr. Sifton in the count, provision being made in the meantime to shelve some dead timber?

What appears to be definitely known is that for the purposes of the by-elections two gentlemen will go to their constituencies with the tempting allurements of great spending departments. Later there may be further changes, due to some extent to the great and unexpected enthusiasm and success attending the meetings held by Mr. Borden.

THE FIGHT IN QUEBEC

Mr. Bourassa, speaking this week at L'Assomption, renewed with great vigor his attack upon the provincial government of Quebec. We quote from the report:—

"He said that the programme which he set forth had been pronounced by respectable Liberal organs to be Liberal doctrine, and though it was denounced by certain subsidized sheets, the people could judge what such denunciations were worth. He reminded his hearers that the Liberals of England, of whose school he, like Sir Wilfrid Laurier, claimed to be a follower, had shown honor and courage enough to throw out a government of their own party when it proved unworthy. All he asked was that the Liberals of the Province of Quebec should show the same spirit. They must not absolve in their leaders what they had condemned in the leaders of the other party. Just as the honest Conservatives in 1896 had united with the Liberals to upset a Conservative government, so the honest Liberals should overthrow the government at Quebec today."

There is an interesting question of veracity between Mr. Bourassa and Premier Gouin. The former had declared that he had been offered a place in the Gouin cabinet. Mr. Gouin flatly denied that any such offer had been made. Mr. Bourassa at L'Assomption, replying to Mr. Gauthier, reasserted that "had he wished to secure a seat in the Gouin ministry he could have done so, but he had refused to join hands with Mr. Gouin because he did not want to join hands with a prime minister who had stabbed his own political chief, whom he had hypocritically defended while he was plotting his downfall."

Mr. Bourassa in each address repeats his charges that the provincial government has been pursuing a reckless crown lands policy, squandering the public domain and enriching its favorites at the expense of the future welfare of the province. With Mr. Bourassa hammering the provincial and Mr. Borden the federal government Quebec has not had such political excitement between election campaigns for many a year.

THE QUEBEC DISASTER

The collapse of the great bridge in process of construction at Quebec, involving a loss of life that gives it rank as one of the most terrible calamities in the history of the country, calls for the most searching investigation. Presumably both the federal and Quebec province governments, but especially the former, must accept the responsibility, since this was essentially a government work. While the financial loss is great, the more serious feature is the destruction of life. It is perfectly clear that imperfect construction work caused the collapse, and the question that must be answered to the satisfaction of the country is this: Why were not proper precautions taken to ensure the safety both of life and property?

POLITICAL NOTES

The Ottawa correspondent of the Montreal Gazette states that Mr. N. A. Belcourt, M. P. of Ottawa, will go to the senate, and that Mr. Auguste Lemieux, brother of the postmaster general, will be the Liberal candidate for the seat in the commons. The Montreal Herald's correspondent says this report is premature, but adds: "However, Mr. Belcourt's health has been very poor for some time, and it may be eventually decided that he is not strong enough to run another election. In that event his elevation to the senate is not improbable."

The Ottawa correspondent of the Toronto News says: "The premier is particularly anxious to have Mr. Sifton rejoin the ministry. Mr. Fisher spent Sunday at Mr. Sifton's home on the St. Lawrence, and it is certain joined his appeal to that of the premier in the attempt to induce Mr. Sifton to give a favorable decision. The truth is that the reorganization of the government centres mainly about the member for Brandon, and that however willing or unwilling the premier may have been to see him leave the government when the Western Autonomy Bills were before parliament, he feels now that he cannot get on without Mr. Sifton, and the ex-minister practically is in a position to dictate terms to the leader."

Says the Montreal Witness (Liberal):—"We do not find in Mr. Borden's programme any evidence of personal weakness. In the matter of public ownership and such radical matters he naturally expresses himself guardedly, but his taking at all the position that he does as leader of the traditional party of privilege, or, as it was happily named by Professor Goldwin Smith, the party of pooled interests, reveals a very stalwart character. Whatever be the merits of Mr. Borden's attitude on that question, there is one feature in his campaign which must rally the good to his side unless it is very generously forestalled by the present parliament. Mr. Borden denounces the present patronage system in connection with the civil service. That is cheap. He, however, pledges himself to supersede it by a most radical change, namely, the substitution of the British system of competitive appointment. The present government will have to do this forthwith or find a policy of reform with as much promise in it, if it does not wish to throw public-spirited people and the new electorate into Mr. Borden's hands."

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A drowsy languor tinctures all the air,
And in the garden, nodding o'er the wall,
The hollyhocks weave scented shadows where
From fragile stems red poppy petals fall.

Small, spicy pinks about the door-yard shine
Bright orange lilies sway along the walks,
And through the fence bold ragged-robins twine
The summer clouds go slowly blowing by.

A warm breeze stirs the cedars and floats
Through the feathery willows; while within the sky
As white as wind-flower buds against the blue
The summer clouds go slowly blowing by.

So honey-sweet the earth is, and so pure
The tender heaven bending overhead,
I think no heartache here could long endure,
Nor any pain remain uncomfited.

Evaleent Stein in the "Independent."

IN LIGHTER VEIN

MYRIADS OF MOONS.

"What section of the country would you consider the best place for observing the moon?" asked the scientific chap who had been reading about the clear atmosphere.

"I don't know," replied the drummer, "but I'll tell you the best place for observing the moon."

"Yes, honeymoons at Niagara Falls."

COMPENSATION.

Mr. de Tarsen (to piano movers, who are waiting for a tip):—"You have exerted yourself most strenuously, my good men; Lucy, my child, compensate these gentlemen by playing the overture to 'Tannhauser'!"

ANCIENT, INDEED.

Gunner—"I thought roof gardens were something new. This paper says they had them in ancient Egypt. According to that, they are old."

Guy—"Not half as old as the jokes you hear on them, old man."

A VALID OBJECTION

When it was decided that the wife and daughter of an east-side man should visit awhile in the country, the daughter, a six-year-old, made a protest which was so surprisingly vehement that her father asked why she objected.

"Mamma says everybody goes to bed with the chickens down there," sobbed the little rebel.

"But you don't want to stay up late, do you dear?" asked the astonished parents.

"No," replied the child, "but I'm not going to sleep in any old henhouse."

THE LANDLADY'S MISTAKE.

On her first night at the seaside lodgings the visitor found it incredible, it seemed, for the landlady had appeared a neat, cleanly, cautious body. But as the lady visitor knew little of her landlady, and nothing of her predecessor in the apartment, she decided to mention the matter at breakfast.

"I found something in my bedroom," she began, and the landlady interrupted.

"Then you must have brought it with you!"

"I am quite sure I didn't," said the visitor. "For I counted all mine before I left home. But if you insist that this sovereign is mine, of course—"

WHEN NOT TO SEE.

The shabby spider met the prosperous mole.

"You are looking unusually well," said the spider. "What are you following now?"

"Why, I am a government inspector," replied the mole, with a sly wink.

"Government inspector? Why, I was a regular inspector, and couldn't make salt. I have eight eyes, too."

The mole smiled.

"That's just the trouble. You saw too much. Remember I'm blind. That's why I make a good government inspector."

NEW ADULTERANT

FOR MILK SUPPLY

(Montreal Star.)

There are many ways of adulterating milk and Dr. Laberge is of opinion that a novel method has lately come into existence. At a meeting of the Hygiene Committee yesterday afternoon he submitted a report from City Analyst Hersey, in which it was stated that a compound consisting of ordinary lime and cane sugar syrup was being rather extensively used in the city for the purpose of thickening cream. Though not really harmful in small quantities, dealers selling cream thickened by this preparation were guilty of adulteration.

Dr. Laberge pointed out that if some dealers in cream were allowed to use the compound it was unfair to the others. Those using it had an apparently thick, rich cream, which deceived buyers. It should, therefore, be prohibited. He wished to have instruction from the committee to communicate to the government in the interest of the honest dealers.

The committee gave full instruction in that regard, and the government in the future will have to answer to the charge of adulterating food.

SOCIAL AT SOUTH BAY

The concert and ice cream social held by the South Bay Sunday school, on Tuesday evening, Aug. 27th, was a great success. The attendance was large. The success of the entertainment was largely due to the efforts of the esteemed young minister, W. R. Anglin. The following programme was enjoyed by all—singing, Miss B. Hammond; solo, F. Clawson; phonograph selection, D. McPherson; reading, Mrs. Edgar; trio, Beatrice, Bella and Master Willie Hammond; reading, Mr. Nutall; solo, Miss Edgar; reading, Miss Josephine Presley; solo, Mr. Nutall; reading, Mrs. Patterson; club swinging, Miss Moore; reading, Miss Walker.

Police Magistrate Alfred Penhall, of Carmel, Ill., who has fined over 2,000 drunks within the last year, was fined for drunkenness, after he had spent the night in the lock up.

Rabbi Levy, president of the Pittsburgh Peace Society, returned from a long tour of Europe, where he went to try to get the toy-makers to cut out warlike toys. He failed and returned home much disgusted.

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