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SAINT JOHN, SATURDAY MORNING, JUNE 12, 1909.

WICKED DR. PRINGLE.

Now appears Rev. Dr. Pringle on the black list. If this resolute and courageous divine had stolen a horse, instead of denouncing iniquity, he could not have earned more vehement denunciation from the Government organs. Dr. Pringle takes rank with Judge Landry, Thomas Fyshe, Henri Bourassa, Major Hodgins and other exposers of public vice and corruption, all of whom are denounced by the Government press and by ministers as if they were the worst kind of malefactors.

The methods pursued to weaken the influence of those who reveal official iniquity are various. When Major Hodgins told his story of Grand Trunk Pacific false classification, it was represented that he was angry because he had been asked to resign the command of an engineering district, whereas he was asked to resign after he had refused to pass the false classification. Mr. Courtney, of the Civil Service Commission, was represented as a retired official with a grudge. Judge Landry was pronounced a disappointed seeker after political honors. Mr. Mayes was described as a contractor who was unsuccessful in the attempt to sell a dredge to the Government, one whose offer of a campaign rake-off was rejected by Mr. Pugsley—an impossible situation. Mr. Bourassa was accused of all sorts of improper ambitions. Mr. Pringle's Yukon charges were met by the ingenious device of making a fallen woman drunk, and causing her when she did not know what she was doing, to make a declaration accusing Dr. Pringle of the grossest indecency and criminal immorality. This affidavit was placed on the records of the Dawson City council, though the woman who made it swore when she was sober that there was not a word of truth in it.

This is not a satisfactory way of dealing with these charges and accusations. We have no better men in the country than are behind some of these charges and findings. There is no escape by charging the accusers with partisanship. Dr. Pringle has been an ardent Liberal all his life, and wrote as a Liberal to Sir Wilfrid when he first begged for the suppression of vice and graft in the Yukon. The three members of the Civil Service Commission were Liberals, and were appointed as Government supporters. Major Hodgins was a Liberal. Mr. Bourassa was a Liberal. If partisanship entered into these matters, it was partisanship in favor of the Government.

What have the ministers themselves done about these things? Mr. Pugsley has given numerous notices of libel actions, but has not proceeded with one. He has caused the motion for a parliamentary inquiry to be voted down. The Government has refused to allow the Cassels investigation to go into any department but that of Marine, or to deal with the head of that Department, or with political middlemen. Motions for investigation of Yukon scandals have been killed by the Government majority. Sir Fred. Borden arrested his accuser in October when the election was on, and refused to go on with the prosecution in the June following. Every way ministers have acted as men would act who were guilty of the offences charged.

THAT DEFINITE PROPOSAL.

The Sun has told us that Mr. Hazen's proposition for the Federal Government to operate the Valley Railway, could not be contemplated by the Laurier Government, though Sir Wilfrid Laurier has distinctly promised to consider it.

The Telegraph follows by declaring that Mr. Hazen never made a proposition. Here are the Telegraph's words:—

"There is not now and never has been any proposition on the part of the Hazen Government submitted to "the Federal Government. This being the case, it is not "surprising that 'this offer has neither been accepted or "'rejected' nor that 'it has not even been answered.'"

Now we find great pleasure in referring the Telegraph to its own editorial statement of April first when discussing Mr. Hazen's proposition it says: "He will "guarantee the bonds to the extent of $25,000 a mile "provided the Dominion Government will connect the new "line with the I. R. C. and pay a rental equal to forty "per cent. of the gross earnings."

This is a correct statement of the case.

On the 16th of April, the Telegraph reported Sir Wilfrid's reply to the delegation which went to Ottawa with Mr. Hazen's proposition. We quote from the Telegraph's report. After stating that the Government favored the construction of this road, the Premier proceeded: "The delegation now came with a further proposal that on the province guaranteeing the bonds of "the company, which was to build the road, the Government should have it operated by the Intercolonial and "turn over to the company forty per cent. of the gross "profits. Sir Wilfrid said that THIS WAS A PROPOSAL "OF A DEFINITE KIND WHICH WOULD HAVE TO "BE CAREFULLY CONSIDERED. It might be found "on consideration that it was the best arrangement, or "it might be found that there could be a better arrangement. At any rate THE MATTER WAS ONE FOR "THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GOVERNMENT AND "HE PROMISED THAT IT WOULD RECEIVE CONSIDERATION. In the meantime the delegation could "rest assured that he favored the construction of a line of "railway down the valley of the St. John, and would "do all that he could to have the road built, and the "best possible arrangements made for its successful operation."

Editorially, the Telegraph on the 17th said:—

"Sir Wilfrid and Hon. Mr. Pugsley gave the strongest encouragement to the St. John Valley Railway delegates. It may now be taken for granted that the road "will be built, though whether THE ARRANGEMENTS "PROPOSED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT WILL "BE AGREED TO is yet an open question."

The Sun's report of Sir Wilfrid's reply makes the Premier say that the proposal "would have to be carefully considered."

And now the Sun tells us that Mr. Hazen's proposition was one which the Federal Government could not possibly contemplate, while the Telegraph declares that there never was any proposition on behalf of the Hazen Government submitted to the Federal Government, and therefore there was nothing to accept, reject or answer.

There are reasons why these journals may shun a reference to their own files, but they would find the inquiry both interesting and instructive.

But when will Sir Wilfrid have finished the careful consideration of Mr. Hazen's "definite" proposal? Having expressed such a deep interest in the enterprise, he cannot have altogether forgotten it.

THE CANADIAN NAVY.

The New York Nation deprecates the establishment of a Canadian navy. In the opinion of the Nation such a departure, even though it should not go farther than the creation of a coastguard fleet, "is sure to be "taken up by some of our navy-maniacs as reason for "heavier American armaments." Then would be friction and suspicion and a costly building programme.

There is little doubt that the Nation is right in its estimate of what would happen. It is true that the United States "navy maniacs," as the Nation calls them, have not waited for the Canadian fleet, but are creating a costly navy at a rate which will soon make the United States the second naval power in the world. But if Canada should produce or purchase half a dozen cruisers for service on our own coast, the United States would probably prepare four times as many battleships as an offset.

Apart from this there must be a good deal of doubt about the creation of a Canadian navy, to be operated as a Dominion force. As a matter of politics it may be necessary to keep up the form of administering everything that we pay for. But in the end there can be only one navy for one Empire, and in time of war it must be operated as one establishment.

If Canada is to assist in the naval defence of the Empire, the assistance should be given in such a way as will do the Empire the most good.

THE PRESS CONFERENCE AND DEFENCE.

The Imperial Press Conference has developed into an Imperial Defence convention. The editors have been addressed by a succession of British statesmen, hardly one of whom has been able to keep away from the question of armies and navies and the possible peril of Britain and the Empire. On Thursday this feature of the entertainment was supposed to be closed and a brilliant group of men of letters addressed the journalists on topics of a literary tendency. But the author orators were public men too, such as Lord Morley, Lord Milner, Mr. Birrell and Mr. Winston Churchill. The spirit of the gathering fastened upon them, and they found themselves drifting into war talk. It was clever discourse, that day and every day, illuminated by wit, seasoned by literary flavor, and relieved by periods of freedom from anxiety. But even when the heart of the colonial editor was lightest, that heavy sound came in again, "nearer, clearer, deadlier than before," as the cannon of Quatrebras disturbed the voluptuous music of the Duchess of Richmond's ball. The journalists from over the sea will by this time be eager to hear of something else.

AS GOOD AS ONTARIO.

The Government of Ontario has floated one loan in England, and is now issuing another at home. The rate of interest and the price received for the bonds is precisely the same as in the recent New Brunswick loan. Provincial Secretary Flemming congratulates himself that he is able to make as good terms as the richest province in Canada. Ontario is borrowing money for the construction of a railway which, even when completed, pays a good dividend, and for hydraulic undertakings which are also profitable. She has sold a forty-acre lake in Cobalt for $1,005,000 cash, has taken nearly $100,000 in royalties on another area, and is said to have been offered $20,000,000 for the Gillies limit. Yet Ontario issued her four per cent. loan at 102, the same as New Brunswick.

NOT A PARTY APPOINTMENT.

An excusable partisan desire to make trouble was shown in the statement of the Telegraph and Sun that the designated Chief Superintendent of Schools is a Liberal. By way of contradiction it is stated that Mr. Carter has been voting for Mr. Fowler and for St. John Conservatives. The fact is that Mr. Carter, while he was inspector of schools, kept clear of party politics. No one could tell by any official act of his, or by any public declaration which party he favored. Doubtless he exercised his rights of citizenship by voting for men whom he respected and measures which he approved. If Mr. Carter refused to vote to prolong the life of the late Provincial ministry, the Telegraph at least could not blame him, since he was following its own most excellent advice. But Mr. Carter's appointment to the non-party position of Chief Superintendent was an absolutely non-partisan appointment.

FEDERAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

Mr. Fielding may be congratulated on one thing. His revenue is improving. In the first two months of this fiscal year he has collected $13,613,974 or $1,714,593 more than in the same two months of last year. He has over $1,000,000 gain in customs, a slight increase in excise, a still smaller increase in postal receipts, $100,000 in public works, and nearly $400,000 in miscellaneous, which is probably not proper current income. This looks well.

But there is current expenditure $1,568,000 larger than in April and May 1908. Add to this an increase in capital account of $655,567 and we find the excess of expenditure half a million dollars greater than the excess of revenue.

The net national debt is $47,611,335 greater than it was at the end of May 1908. Four millions a month is a pretty hot pace for the national borrowers.

HOME RULE IN THE COUNTY

When the by-election is held in St. John County, the people who reside in the parishes will for the first time in their lives have full control of the county representation. The Hazen Government last session introduced and carried through the Legislature a measure applying the one-man-one-vote system to the St. John constituencies. The late Government had, after long resistance, introduced this system throughout the rest of the province, but refused to allow complete home rule to the St. John ridings. This year there will be no city vote to interfere with the free choice of the county electorate. The residents will have their own way as they should have had long ago, the same as the people of other counties. They owe their freedom to the change of Government.

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MAPLETON HOUSE IS DESTROYED

Windsor, N. S., July 11.—A disastrous fire broke out at Mapleton about three miles from here at 6 o'clock last evening, completely wiping out the handsome dwelling and barn of Mr. Simpson, lumberman. The owner was away in Rawdon engaged in the lumbering business and did not arrive home until the premises were reduced to ashes. The fire is supposed to have originated from sparks from a pile of brush burning in a neighboring field back of the house. The fire caught first in the barn and soon spread to the house. Mr. Mortimer Parsons' house, nearly opposite, had a narrow escape. Mr. Parsons turned out his quarrymen and they and the neighbors did everything they could to save the buildings, but without avail. The Windsor fire brigade was sent for and started to give assistance, but before the firemen reached the scene of the fire they were notified that it was too late to save the premises and they returned to town. There is not one dollar of insurance, and the loss is estimated at over two thousand.

DEATHS

Mrs. Murphy.

Jubilee, June 10.—Mrs. Murphy, relict of the late John Murphy, formerly of Perry's Point, died at her daughter's, Mrs. Burgoyne, Sisson Ridge, Victoria Co., and was buried here, at the Presbyterian church, this afternoon. Rev. Mr. McKeagan officiated at the service.

Timothy Phinney.

Annapolis Royal, N. S., June 11—Timothy Phinney, a highly respected resident of this county, died at his home in Melvern Square, on Friday, at the age of sixty-five years. The deceased was a son of of the late Elijah and Mary Foster Phinney and was born in Lawrencetown, where for several years he lived before moving to Melvern Square. He was a stipendiary magistrate, and his conduct of justice was of a fair and impartial character.

In politics Mr. Phinney was a life long Liberal but had hosts of friends of both political persuasions. He leaves a widow, who was a daughter of the late Capt. Thomlinson, of Granville Ferry, three sons and two daughters. The funeral took place on Sunday and was conducted by the Rev. H. B. Smith assisted by the Rev. Mr. Farquhar, and the numerous floral offerings and the large concourse of citizens present testified to the great esteem in which he was held.

Miss Hattie M. Walsh.

Bridgetown, N. S., June 11.—The death occurred at the home of her mother, Mrs. John E. Sancton, on Thursday morning last, of Miss Hattie M. Walsh. Though her death was hourly expected for some weeks her struggle with disease has been a long and brave one.

Illness contracted while training for the profession of nurse undermined a naturally delicate constitution and she fell a victim to tuberculosis about two years ago. Miss Walsh, who possessed a happy and cheerful nature and a warm generous heart, was beloved by all who knew her and her death will be regretted by a host of friends. Miss Walsh was the only daughter of the late Edmund Walsh, of Bear River, to which place the remains were taken for interment.

Mrs. Pentlaw.

Annapolis Royal, N. S., June 11.—The death occurred on Tuesday, of Mrs. Pentlaw, wife of the Rev. Mr. Pentlaw, pastor of the Methodist church, Wallace. Her death was very sudden. Mrs. Pentlaw had been in her usual good health until a few days previous to her death when she was taken sick, but no serious results were anticipated.

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I. G. Davison.

I. Glennie Davison died at his home at River Philip, on Wednesday, at the advanced age of seventy-one years. Mr. Davison, who was a member of the Methodist church, is survived by his widow, who was Miss Sarah Carter, of St. John, and three daughters, Mrs. C. Lawrence and Mrs. H. U. Lebeau, of Massachusetts and Stella, at home, and two sons, Walter, of North Vancouver, and L. Stanley, at home.

Rufus Crouse.

A very sad accident occurred at Eatonville, on Friday morning when Rufus Crouse was fatally injured by being struck on the head by a stick of lumber. Mr. Crouse was overseeing the rafting of timber when the accident happened. Medical aid was summoned, but before the doctors arrived he had breathed his last. Mr. Crouse was a native of Lunenburg, and was only married about three weeks ago.

Mrs. Patrick Walsh.

Mrs. Patrick Walsh, mother of Mr. Michael Walsh, the well known speed skater, died early yesterday morning at her home, Watson street, Carleton. Mrs. Walsh had been ill for some time, heart failure being the cause of her death. She was 49 years of age, and was a daughter of the late Mr. Joseph O'Brien, harbor inspector. She leaves a husband, four sons—Michael, Thomas, Walter and Francis—and four daughters—Misses Nellie, Elizabeth, Ann and Minnie—all of this city. The funeral will be held on Sunday afternoon, at 2.30.

OTHERS SUFFERING TOO.

Detroit, June 11.—A special from Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., says: Forest fires are raging wildly between here and St. Ignace. Many telegraph poles have been burned to the ground, cutting off communication. Trains for the Duluth, South Shore and Atlantic roads are many hours behind their schedules. Railway officials are sending out as many crews as can be spared to fight the flames. A number of minor fires have been blazing in this vicinity for several days past, but half a dozen new ones sprang up yesterday. No rain has fallen here for several weeks, and a pall of yellow grey smoke overhangs the entire country. Fires are rapidly spreading, and extensive damage is reported from a number of points.

COMPULSORY VOTING IN SPAIN.

The introduction of compulsory voting in Spain has brought an unprecedented number of electors to the polls. Parliamentary elections in Spain are notoriously manipulated by the party in power, which can fit itself out with any majority it thinks becoming. Such control from above was made easier by the existence of the large body of electors who stayed away from the polls. These have now been brought out into the open, and as a result, in the recent municipal elections, between 80 and 90 per cent. of the entire electorate cast their votes.

WILL INTERVIEW PRESIDENT.

Winnipeg, June 11.—Eight C. P. R. conductors, representing the unions of this body from the Atlantic to the Pacific, which have been in session in Winnipeg for the last two weeks, have left for Montreal, where they will put their troubles before Sir Thomas Shaughnessy. The committee came to Winnipeg in the first instance because of the fact that the trouble was principally on the Western lines. The visit to the president would indicate that the differences are of a serious nature.

SHE WAS COMMITTED.

Winnipeg, June 11—Magistrate Daly yesterday committed Miss Mary A. Glynn, local agent for D. Tolman, usurer, for trial on one general and six specified charges of usury, and subsequently allowed bail, herself and two others giving bonds of five hundred dollars each. David Carper, accountant, gave expert evidence showing the rates on certain notes had been in one case 390 per cent., while others work out at 192, 201, 247 and 234 per cent.

GOES BACK TO C. A. A. U.

Ottawa, June 11.—After an absence of two years, the Ottawa Amateur Athletic Union has again joined the Canadian Amateur Athletic Union, the local club affiliating with the Canadian governing body in order that its track team might compete at the C. A. A. U. championships.

INSTANTLY KILLED.

St. Thomas, Ont., June 11.—Peter Welch, a sectionman of the Michigan Central Railroad, was instantly killed at West Lorne yesterday. He stepped in front of an express train.

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Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-second day of March, A. D., 1894, made between the said W. C. Rudman Allan and Annie L., his wife, of the one part, and Fanny B., wife of David McLellan, of the same place, Registrar of Probates, of the other part and duly recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds in and for the City and County of Saint John, in Book 100, pages 35, 36, 37 and 38 by the number 80,778, there will, for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said mortgage, default having been made in payment thereof, contrary to the provisions of the said mortgage, be sold by public auction at Chubb's Corner (so called) in the City of Saint John, aforesaid, on Tuesday the Fifteenth day of June next at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, the lease of and leasehold interest in the lands and premises mentioned and described in the said mortgage as "All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate on the southern side of King Street, in Carleton, having a front of thirty feet more or less on King Street, aforesaid, and extending back preserving the same breadth of one hundred feet being the lot heretofore leased by the said Governors and Trustees of the Madras School in New Brunswick, to George Morgan by indenture bearing date the thirty-first day of December, A. D., 1861, and recorded in the office of the said Registrar in Book A, No. 8, of records, folio 136, 137 and 138" as by reference being had to the said Mortgage or to the registry thereof will more fully appear; together with the right of renewal of the said lease and all the buildings, erections and improvements on the land and premises thereby demised and the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining.

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