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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

ST. JOHN, N. B., OCTOBER 24, 1903.

THE CHAMBERLAIN CAMPAIGN.

Mr. Chamberlain is making his appeal to a country which is not on his side. This is admitted by his own statement to Mr. Balfour that public opinion is not ripe for the adoption of the imperial preference programme by the government. It was the purpose of Mr. Chamberlain's resignation that he might make a campaign of education. He is doing this and doing it well, and doing it most successfully.

It is not worth while minding matters. The time spent in having come to these leading bodies to have themselves right, unless they wish to remain on record as supporting the change in the Allan line contract. The matter is not a business matter to the business of this season. But it is a precedent, and one which will be regarded as a precedent for the future.

It is not a matter of the first consequence that the commissioners should have been jurists without bias. On the Behring Sea commission Canada was represented by Sir John Thompson, who had strong opinions on the question before he heard the argument.

One of the United States representatives was a senator who had been concerned in the controversy. But it was a properly constituted tribunal for all that, and it reached a fair decision. Some of the conclusions were not signed by the United States members, one was not signed by Sir John Thompson, but they were all accepted as a fair decision of the majority.

Le Solle, the Quebec city organ of the Laurier government, depicts in a cartoon the attitude of the premier on the subject of preferential trade. Sir Wilfrid, with Canada hiding behind him for protection, receives on his right hand an offer of "union preference" from Chamberlain, and on his left an offer of free trade from Roosevelt. He "replies promptly" to both, "I am loyal to Canada."

It is a true cartoon. The Canadian premier when confronted with an issue, usually resorts to some such egotistic and general declaration that has nothing to do with the case.

Mr. Tarte has been trying to find out why Sir Wilfrid Laurier abandoned the position of three years ago, when he refused to submit the Alaska boundary question to a commission of six, of whom three would be from the United States. In the opinion of the foreign minister the surrender was due to the influence of Mr. Charlton, who has not yet given up his idea of closer commercial union with the United States.

Mr. Charlton, according to La Patrie, has been a good deal in Washington and New York discussing these matters with public men of the United States.

The Globe thinks there is a certain amount of childishness in the feeling exhibited over the withdrawal of the Allan steamers. Apparently it suited the Globe, as it did the Allans, to have the matter worked through secretly with everybody concerned pledged to silence.

If Mr. Gourley of Colchester desires newspaper fame he is getting it. The Ottawa Journal in one issue devotes to the member for Colchester an editorial article, four editorial paragraphs, and one poem.

The pathetic Allan line story that the ships would have to go away from St. John empty takes on a new and artistic bearing when it is found that the managers were asking the Intercolonial to carry freight for them to Halifax.

THE CITIZENS AND THE ALLANS.

In his letter to the city council, printed in this issue, Mr. Blair gives the results of his enquiry into the withdrawal of the Allan line ships from this port. It appears that though the department of trade and commerce has agreed to such a reference, Sir John Wilfrid Laurier never agreed to it. They would never have agreed to such a reference, if they had they would have lost business and would have deserved to lose it, and would have deserved punishment from the people of Canada for their conduct.

THE TESTIMONY OF THE MAP.

An attempt was made on behalf of the government during the Grand Trunk Pacific debate to make it appear from the testimony of members of the geological survey that the region through which the railway was to run was fertile land suitable for colonization. It remained for Senator Ferguson to discover in the senate reports the results of the geological survey. He then, the member of the geological survey who had explored most extensively the region between Hudson Bay and the settled portions of Ontario and Quebec, presented a map of the route. This map is colored to show first the barren grounds; second, wooded, mostly rocky and swampy, land; third, arable and pasture lands; fourth, arable prairie and plain. If we take this map and trace on it the route of the trans-Canada railway which has been ruled out of discussion and dismissed from government favor, we find that this proposed route for practically its whole distance from the St. Lawrence to the Pacific is a narrow strip of land. This route begins in the Lake St. John region, and the Trans-Canada would not have left the fertile belt, as shown on the map, until it reached the Red River. The arable region is sometimes wide, particularly south of James Bay. Sometimes it narrows down to what appears on the map as a narrow strip of a river valley twenty-five to two hundred miles wide. But wherever it is the Trans-Canada route follows it without departing from the general course.

Now it also appears that the proposed route of the Grand Trunk Pacific, as marked out in the maps now circulated by the government, escapes the worst of the difficulties of the whole. The route of the Grand Trunk Pacific crosses a small southern projection or point of the largest block of good land, and a red line of the coast, the coast of north of Port Arthur. Except for these two fragments, both amounting to perhaps one hundred miles out of the thousands, the route of the Grand Trunk Pacific is a narrow strip of a river valley twenty-five to two hundred miles wide. But wherever it is the Trans-Canada route follows it without departing from the general course.

THE BRITISH JURISTS NEED NOT WORRY.

The British jurists need not worry over the danger that Canada will quarrel with Great Britain over the boundary award. Canada is not ashamed to take the blame of her own blunder.

IT IS WELL THAT WE HAD THANKSGIVING DAY BEFORE THE BOUNDARY AWARD.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Oct. 21.—On Sunday morning the pastor of St. John's church was badly gutted by fire. The grist and shingle mills of Paul Thompson, of Richmond, were destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$20,000. Mr. Thompson suffered heavily by fire in recent years. There was no insurance. Many regrets to learn of the illness of one of the oldest conservative members in the local legislature, Mr. J. McDonald, of Georgetown. Mr. McDonald is one of the oldest conservative members in the local legislature.

THE CATHOLIC BAZAAR HELD BY THE CATHOLICS OF CHARLOTTETOWN DURING EXHIBITION WEEK.

The Catholic bazaar held by the Catholics of Charlottetown during exhibition week, net receipts from all sources were \$3,827.74, a handsome showing, certainly.

WOODSTOCK NEWS.

Ananias Macfarlane, of Woodstock, died yesterday at the age of about 70 years. He was one of the oldest, if not the oldest locomotive driver in New Brunswick. A widow and one daughter, Mrs. Donald Munro, survive.

BIRTHS.

McKENNA—At Cymbria, P. E. I., Oct. 19th, to Dr. and Mrs. McKenna, twins.

DEATHS.

ARMOUR—At Moncton, Oct. 20th, John Armour, aged 71 years. ARMOUR—At his residence, 77 Moore street, on Oct. 22nd, Eliza A., beloved wife of William Armour, aged 42 years and five months, leaving a husband, two sons, and a daughter and large circle of friends to mourn their sad loss. McGAW—Suddenly, in this city, Oct. 22nd, Mrs. Mary Ann McGaw, eldest son of James A. and Rachel H. McGaw, aged 77 years and 7 months. ROGERS—In this city, October 23rd, at 55 Murray street, after a lingering illness, Sarah, beloved wife of William Rogers, leaving a husband, five sons and two daughters to mourn. SANDS—In this city, Oct. 23rd, after a short illness, William J. Sands, aged 59 years.

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WANTED—A case of Headache KUMFORD Powders will not fail in ten to twenty minutes.

A few more permanent boats accommodated for the winter at the Park Hotel, Basson street.

Word has been received of the death of Dr. Charles J. James Percival, who was the brother of the famous Renforth crew.

The latest militia general order contains the following announcement: "Capt. G. S. Maunsell, Ottawa, has been appointed to the post of Major in the militia, commencing on the 1st of November."

Two years ago a somewhat well-known tourist established in this city, accidentally was a needle, fortunately without fatality. Yesterday the needle was applied to the eye of a man who had long been suffering from the disease.

Sterling Barker is to build hotel at Loch Lomond and work has been begun. For some time Mr. Barker has been the proprietor of the Loch Lomond hotel. The property he rented, but bought a piece of land and will now hostelry. The site is at the end of the bridge near the house.

Capt. Ralph Markham, in a new-com. officer of the 8th s. "Teach your men to slide well and never bother about, heavy swindlers. Shooting the man had shot with a rifle, would have captured us, sure."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY—Take Laxative Bismuth Quinine Tablets. Prepared by Dr. J. C. Groves. E. W. Groves' signature is on each bottle.

On Saturday evening, 31st inst will be a pie social held in the dance hall, Downeyville, Kan. The proceeds of which will be sent to Pastor W. M. Field, cordially invited to attend, should bring pie.

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