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HON. MR. BLAIR'S RINGING WORDS.
LIBERALS CHEER
CALL TO ARMS.

No One Can Shirk the Issue
--It is a Battle Between
Liberals and Tories,
Says the Minister of
Railways--A Magnificent Meeting.

With cheers which rang out with great...
Hon. A. G. Blair was given a reception...
The minister of railways spoke like a...
The view had been criticized by opposing...
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throughout the dominion. This was particularly true in the great Northwest...
Canada's Splendid Future.
Whenever he faced a Canadian audience...
So far as he had assisted in this development...
He referred to this, because he believed it was a matter in which the laboring people...
This was his reason for feeling a deep interest...
Everybody knew that this was a fight between Conservatives on one side and Liberals on the other.

the government of New Brunswick should continue in that capacity, or some others, whose names were still unknown, should succeed them. What was of immediate more concern to those before him was the development of the port of St. John; what could best be done to add to the material prosperity of the constituency.

know that success in that direction would pave the way for the displacement of the party at Ottawa.
As Mr. W. H. Thorne had said in his interview with a Conservative newspaper at Montreal, they would be striking down the right arm of the minister of railways in this province. (Hear, hear.) That was the object, and if those who have historic been Liberal party allowed their outposts to be taken and their organization to be weakened, he hoped they would be doing so with their eyes wide open and prepared to take the consequences. He confidently appealed to the electors before him that on polling day they would not allow themselves to be tripped into any such act of folly. (Cheers.) The minister continued:--
The Globe Deal With.
There are one or two things which I think I ought to mention tonight, and which I regret to refer to, but there is no alternative. Some of those who have historic been Liberal party are becoming rather bitter in this contest. The St. John Globe is becoming particularly so. The Globe says it is ridiculous to call this a party fight and something which appeared in the columns of that paper this evening was marked by a spirit of acrimony--a spirit which has emanated from that journal since this campaign commenced, and even previously.

Party Duty Made Plain.
The Globe and Senator Ellis Discussed -- Dr. Pugsley and Fort Kent Dam-- Lunatic Charges Answered--The North End is Aroused.

He was a very prominent member of the Liberal party, and filling a high position in its ranks.
In his mission he had succeeded in interesting Liberal friends in Quebec and they had contributed this \$5,000 towards the party in New Brunswick. The draft representing the money was made payable to the joint order of the speaker and Mr. Weldon, and to them was left its distribution. Mr. Weldon had sent Mr. John MacMillan up into York county to secure the minister's endorsement, and having secured it that was the end of the matter so far as he (Mr. Blair) was concerned.
Having said this much, they would be curious to know who had been the recipient of this confidential letter, and by whom it was given to Mr. Foster. The gentleman was none other than Mr. George McInerney, a candidate in the present contest.
A voice--He is a sneak.
Mr. Blair did not know what might be the opinion of his hearers as to the matter, but he wished to ask whether or not they would feel that such a man could be safely trusted with their confidence. He did not think there were many people who would like to do just what Mr. McInerney had done in that regard. It might be said by a Conservative newspaper that Mr. Blair's friends had given him the letter, but he believed there were just two people in connection with that transaction who were inviting pity. One was the man who had received the letter, and the other was the gentleman who had accepted the letter and had used it in a public way. (Cheers.)
True to the Liberal Leader.
The minister in concluding made it quite clear as to the nature of the pending struggle. He referred again to the interview given by Mr. W. H. Thorne, and emphasized the importance of that exposure of the purpose and aim of the Conservatives in New Brunswick.
To meet this attack it was only necessary that Liberals should stand together. None (Continued on page 2, sixth column.)

WINDING SCHEMES AGAINST ENGLISH EMIGRANTS TO CANADA.

Strathcona Issues a Warning Against the Fakirs Through the English Newspapers--Every Emigrant Guaranteed Work 24 Hours After Arrival in Canada.
Montreal, Feb. 19. (Special)--A special London cable to the Star says: "The remarkable success of the scheme for an all-British colony near Saskatchewan has encouraged a number of Canadian emigration scoundrels, whereby unscrupulous agents are reaping a harvest in different parts of the empire they advertise positions alleged to be vacant on Canadian farms for premiums of from two and a half to five pounds, or especially good berths on a bonus arrangement, which may mean emigrants making a payment of from \$25 to \$45 annually over several years."
"Another dodge is to promise emigrants instruction in agriculture on their arrival in Canada for a remuneration, often amounting to \$30.
"The Canadian commission issues today a public warning, pointing out that the official steamship fare from Liverpool to Quebec is \$5 10s, and from Liverpool to Winnipeg is \$8. He warns intending emigrants against bonuses of all kinds as an agent's aid is suspicious, and a letter of introduction which can be obtained at the government office 24 hours after his arrival in Canada.
"The statement issued to the press concludes that 5,000 Englishmen are required in Canada this year and if the present rate of application is maintained that number will soon be reached."

THREE KILLED IN MAGAZINE EXPLOSION.

Terrible Disaster at Fort Lafayette --Various Stories as to Cause.
New York, Feb. 19.--Three men were killed outright, one man injured so that he died later, two other men fatally and at least seven seriously hurt in an explosion in the work room of the naval storage magazine at Fort Lafayette about 2 o'clock this afternoon. The dead: George Rothman, Brooklyn; Gustav Dozier, Bay Ridge; John Mason, Brooklyn. Unknown man thought to be Martin Thiagarasa, Brooklyn. The injured so far as known: W. H. Vangump, Brooklyn; Charles John Muller, Brooklyn; E. B. Muller, Manhattan; Frank Marden, address unknown. All the dead and injured were workmen at the fort.
The explosion could be heard for miles around. Accounts as to how the fatal blast was set off differ. One report has it that the men were filling a 13-inch shell while another is that the men were removing a powder charge from a shell and undertook to unplug a fuse, connecting the powder chamber with the percussion cap. This caused sufficient friction to set off the cap and explode the shell.
Major Powell, chief surgeon at Fort Hamilton, was among the first to reach the scene of the catastrophe and with fort troops removed the dead and injured from the wrecked magazine. Ambulances and surgeons also were summoned from Brooklyn.
The work of identifying the dead and injured was difficult because of the distorted features, blackened by powder burns,

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AT SYDNEY, C. B.

Dominion Iron & Steel Company's Plant Damaged More Than \$100,000 Yesterday.
Sydney, C. B., Feb. 19. (Special)--The washing plant of the Dominion Iron & Steel Company at the coke ovens was completely destroyed by fire this morning, along with three adjoining buildings. When the fire department reached the scene, the blaze had made great headway, and the building was enveloped in flames. It is thought the fire started in the passage way adjoining the main building. It quickly spread to the main structure. The firemen worked under great disadvantage, owing to the water being frozen in the hydrants, and a strong breeze fanned the flames and they spread with great rapidity to the small adjoining buildings. The main building was filled with valuable machinery, and motive power for running it, consisting of 13 motors and two engines, all of which were destroyed. The loss is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$200,000, but is pretty well covered by insurance.
The building was a wooden structure.
Bail Reused for Tillman.
Columbia, S. C., Feb. 19.--Ex-Lieut. Governor Tillman was refused bail today at the conclusion of the hearing of his application for release on bond.
He is held on the charge of having murdered Editor Gonzales.

EIGHT SCHOOL CHILDREN KILLED.

Railway Train Crashes Into Trolley Car Laden With Little Ones.
Newark, N. J., Feb. 19.--A fast express on the Lackawanna railroad cut through a trolley car crowded with high school children, at the Clifton avenue crossing today. Eight were killed and a score or more injured. The motorman of the car, who stuck to his post, will die, and the engineer of the express will be badly hurt, that there is little hope of his recovery. Both the express and the trolley were on steep grades, going at right angles. The express was signalled and the crossing gates were lowered, while the trolley car was yet half way down the hill. The motorman shut off the power and applied the brakes, but almost immediately the car began to slip along the icy rail. It gained tremendous momentum, and at the bottom of the hill crashed through the gate, directly in the track of the oncoming train. The locomotive ploughed its way through the trolley, throwing the children in every direction. The accident happened within three blocks of the high school building, and in the car at the time were nearly 100 school-children. As many as 30 others were thrown themselves from the car before the crash came.
One of the bodies, that of a girl, was found a block beyond. It had been carried there on the pilot of the engine. Load after load of the injured were sent away in patrol wagons and ambulances. Within a short time there was not one injured person near the scene of the wreck and the dead were on their way to the morgue.

MILITIA DEPARTMENT CLERK AT OTTAWA ARRESTED.

A. Martineau, Placed in Custody on Charge of Taking Department Money--Prisoner Had \$15,000 on His Person When Arrested--New Inspector for Mounted Police.
Ottawa, Feb. 19. (Special)--A Martineau, a check clerk in the office of the accountant of the militia department, was taken in charge this afternoon by the commissioner of Dominion police, Lieut. Colonel Sherwood, on a charge of having taken money belonging to the department. Accountant Borden suspected there was something wrong this afternoon and advised Sir Frederick Borden, who also gave the case into the hands of Colonel Sherwood. The colonel brought Martineau into his office and commenced examining him. Martineau gave out that he was dealing in the Sovereign bank. Colonel Sherwood asked Martineau to accompany him there, and he did so, but as they were about to enter the bank, Martineau skipped and Sherwood pursued him in a sleigh.
Martineau was captured tonight and was brought to the police station. Sir Frederick Borden was seen about the matter and replied that it was placed in the hands of the police.
The accountant of the department had nothing to say. Colonel Sherwood is also reticent. It is, however, learned that when Martineau was taken in charge by Sherwood he had some \$15,000 on him. It is thought by some of the officers of the department that the department money will be got back and it's likely this is the reason for all this reticence about it tonight. The money could only be obtained through the bank by forgery as no cash is left lying around any of the departments. Everything is paid for by cheques.
It is said that Martineau was dealing in stocks. He is a married man and has got two children. He lives on Nelson street and was making for his home when he attempted to get away from Sherwood. Martineau has been in the department about 18 months. He came from Montreal. It is not yet known how much money is missing, as an investigation has only commenced.
Arthur William Duffes, of Halifax, has been appointed inspector of the mounted police.
J. J. Teaffe, secretary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, stated today that arrangements are well under way for the big parade on the 17th of March. It is anticipated that not less than 10,000 people will be in line on that day. Excursions will be run from many points, and contingents from all Catholic orders in the district contiguous to Ottawa, will be sent.

Carnegie's Latest Scheme.

The Hague, Feb. 19.--It is said here that negotiations have been opened between a financial syndicate of The Hague and Andrew Carnegie for the sale of an estate here, which formerly belonged to the Grand Ducal family of Saxe-Weimar, upon which Mr. Carnegie proposes to erect a "house of peace."

6,000,000 Cement Company.

Syracuse, N. Y., Feb. 19.--Lynnan S. Smith of this city, is the head of a company capitalized at \$6,000,000 to be known as the Hudson Portland Cement Co. of Hudson, incorporated at Albany today. The company will put in operation one of the largest cement mills in the world and an additional mill will be built at once.