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SIR DONALD SMITH has at length decided that he shall hereafter be known as Baron Strathcona and Mount Royal. His old friends will hardly think that, after ten weeks' deliberation, the name of his choice is much improvement on the old one, concerning which he was not consulted. Strathcona, from its brevity and its connection with his Scottish seat, would do very well alone, and probably it will do duty on all except very formal occasions.—Halifax Herald.

In our news columns to-day will be found an account of the assassination of Idiarte Borda, President of the Republic of Uruguay. The assassin is likely an anarchist, or a socialist, or at least an opponent of the law and order, a hater of religion and morality. These incarnate devils know when their intended victims are most off their guard. Premier Canovas was shot just as he returned from Mass, and President Borda was shot just as he was leaving the Cathedral, where he had been assisting at a solemn Te Deum.

SIR WILFRED LAURIER said in London, Ont., that he would get a trade preference for our produce in the British market. This was during the election. Then Sir Wilfred went to London, England, and violently opposed such a preference when it was offered him. This was after the election. But Sir Wilfred is bringing over with him a large shilling Cobden Club medal, so that he has lost no opportunity of showing his immense benefits for Canada and the Empire, we have at least the consolation of knowing that he has earned a medal with which to decorate himself.—Mail and Empire.

The following announcement appeared in a recent issue of the Winnipeg Free Press: "Mr. F. C. Wade, barrister, of this city, has been appointed registrar, crown prosecutor and clerk of the court, for the district of York, with headquarters at Fort Garry. His salary will be \$2,500 a year, with rations during the winter." This is the same F. C. Wade who wrote a lying pamphlet about the Manitoba schools prior to the last general Dominion election, the printing of which was paid for out of the Provincial treasury of Manitoba. Thus one after another of those who, by lying and deception on the question of the Manitoba schools, rendered Laurier any assistance in gaining power is receiving his reward in the shape of a good fat office from the Federal Government.

YESTERDAY afternoon election protests, in connection with the recent elections in King's County, were presented in the Supreme Court. In the first district a petition has been filed against the return of Hon. Jas. R. McLean, Commissioner of Public Works, charging corrupt practices. In the second district a petition has been filed against the election and return of Mr. Arthur Peters on the ground of corrupt practices. In the fourth district a petition has been presented against the return of Mr. D. A. McKinnon, of Georgetown, on the ground of corrupt practices. In the same district a petition has been presented against Sheriff McDonald, charging him with illegal and improper conduct on a declaration day, and also against Mr. Aitken, charging that he obtained his votes by corrupt practices.

THE question of sewerage for the City of Charlottetown has of late been receiving some attention in the daily papers. There is no doubt that this is a live question, whether considered from a sanitary or progressive point of view. Sewerage is the complement of a water supply, and no city in Canada has a better water system than Charlottetown; consequently no time should be lost in introducing a good sewerage system. There are many towns in Canada with very much less population than this city—with less than half its population indeed—that have a complete system of sewerage. Summerside is just now taking active steps towards introducing water and sewerage. Charlottetown better look out and not let the western capital get ahead of it on the sewerage question. We sincerely trust that practical steps will be taken at once towards having our City supplied with what is so necessary to the health of the people, and what will at the same time furnish evidence that our citizens are not behind the age in their ideas of civic progress.

HON. DAVID MILLS, who should be something of an authority, declares that Dyea, the port for

which the gold-seekers are making, is in Canada. A map issued by the Victoria Province has been drawn on the theory that it may be in Canada. The boundary between Alaska and the Canadian territory is definite from the Arctic to the latitude of Mount St. Elias, following the easily ascertained 141st meridian. From Mount St. Elias southward, till it strikes the Pacific, it is, however, in question. The line claimed by the United States runs from sixty to a hundred miles further inland than that set up by Great Britain. By the former Dyea is thirty miles within United States territory; by the latter the boundary line is some forty miles nearer the sea, and the Lynn Canal, a long arm of the sea, reached through Chatham Strait, and on which Dyea, Skagway, Katsiahin and Pyramid House are situated, is nearly all in the province of British Columbia. By the British contention, also, the boundary line crosses the Stikine river so near the mouth that the stream, which offers another route to the interior, may be said to be in Canada. The ownership of the gold fields cannot be affected by the ultimate decision of the question, as they lie (gold-seekers may note) three hundred and more miles to the north of the northernmost line claimed by the United States, and between latitude 64 and 65. It would be well, however, to have the arrangements for a final delimitation of the frontier in dispute should be pushed through as early as possible, in order that the possibility of awkward questions arising may be avoided. It may be remarked also that while Canadianians have much respect for Senator Mills' opinion, the United States officials are in authority at Dyea, and experience shows that it is hard to make them move.—Montreal Gazette.

THAT Mr. Tarte is a persona non grata to the various wings of the Grit party is shown by the revolt against his rule shown by the French and English journals in Montreal and elsewhere. Le Reveil, an extreme liberal, radical sheet, draws an analogy between Laurier and Mercier, and in the course of its remarks, among other things, says: "The Basile des Chateaux scandal was springing in the public mind only a few days after Mercier's return, and he had not the face to expel the thieves who had speculated on his popularity. Hon. Mr. Laurier set sail for Europe, leaving a compact party behind him. In a few days the Drummond Counties railway scandal is unadmitted. Accusations were levelled against the ministry, which is badly defended by Tarte. The Rouge party protests against the minister's actions, and discord reigns in our ranks. With the history of Mercier's fall, under exactly similar circumstances, before him, the prime minister is already lapped over, and he should not hesitate an instant if he wishes to save the party. In expelling Tarte from the Government he will immediately rally the dissatisfied ones around him, and the splendid prestige he has obtained in England and France will be enhanced by the gratitude of the true friends of the Liberal party. Believe us, Sir Wilfred, and put Tarte out. Put him out gently, but put him out at all costs." Another very strong liberal paper, but a very different one from the first mentioned, is the Montreal Witness, which clamors for the suppression of Mr. Tarte's policy regarding the harbor, condemned by the whole business community; but the Minister of Public Works stands by it, no doubt, for reasons of his own. The Witness points out that Tarte has no knowledge to entitle him to decide questions of harbor and river, and compares him to a ruler and less scrupulous sort of political organizer. After pointing out that the harbor commission is composed of representative men from the great mercantile and transportation interests of the port it proceeds thus: "It is in this body, chosen as especially fit to be entrusted with the management and control of the harbor by the government that Mr. Tarte, a mere child in regard to harbor affairs, attempts to set aside from its trusts in order that in interesting a good number of the public he may dictate the permanent impairment of the essential part of the harbor. Mr. Tarte has not only the bumpstuousness to set his own opinion up against that of this body of men, but he has the insolence to tell them after the fashion of a party organizer dictating to party hacks. 'If you do not accept my design, but insist upon following your own, not one cent of the eight or nine hundred thousand dollars voted by parliament for the expenditure upon the harbor presumably under your direction, shall be expended upon it.' This is the fashion of the letter which a minister of the crown dictates to a public trust composed in part at least of some of the most honorable, prominent and successful business men of Montreal. Mr. Tarte has not the slightest idea that he is insulting

in his treatment of honorable men. It is probable that some day, with more experience, he will be heartily ashamed of his rudeness, and will probably, too, have learned that such displays are a source of weakness and defeat. The harbor commission cannot accept Mr. Tarte's destructive plan without treason to a public trust. At their meeting yesterday, with the minister's letter before them, it never even occurred to them apparently to consider Mr. Tarte's plan at all. The only question was whether Mr. Tarte's political friends on the board could induce him to accept a modified edition of plan number six. Those members who were hopeless of overcoming the minister's obstinacy expressed the belief that nothing whatever would be done to the harbor at present. Mr. Tarte's plan being simply an impossible one." The Witness's statement that the Minister of Public Works has not the slightest idea that he is insulting the delicate way it hints at Mr. Tarte's personal motives. The evidence here furnished taken in conjunction with what we have already pointed out from other sources, and much more that could be advanced, shows that the present ministry are apparently in as bad repute among thoughtful Liberals as among Conservatives.

Routes to Klondyke. (Halifax Herald.)

There are two routes to the Klondyke, both leaving the salt water at Dyea Inlet. A description of travel on either of these routes will not do so much as a guide book to go that way, but rather as a warning not to go. There are two routes according to the mountain pass which is taken after leaving Dyea Inlet, the one being by Chilcoot Pass, the other by White Pass. Some distance beyond the mountain passes, at Bennett Lake, these two routes unite, the distance from Dyea Inlet to Bennett Lake being 170 miles. The head waters of Dyea Inlet are wholly within Canadian territory some considerable distance east of Mount St. Elias. The route via the Chilcoot Pass leaves Dyea at the head of the Inlet, and may be pursued by canoe for six miles; but the next nine miles has to reach an elevation of 3,600 feet above sea level, and as the ascent is mainly confined to the last six miles, the grade is about 550 feet per mile. 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