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A MOMENTOUS ISSUE

Between Provinces Rather Than Between Parties.

THE COMING REMEDIAL BILL

Can Only be Defeated by Pledging Members Irrespective of Parties.

Some Facts to be Digested by Candidates for Parliamentary Honors, by Delegates to Conventions and by the Great Mass of Voters in All Provinces—Ontario Must Stand by the Great West.

The people of Canada are about to decide a momentous question. The people of Ontario are called upon to share in deciding that question. The question is, Shall a system of separate schools be imposed by the Federal Parliament upon Manitoba and all the country west of it, including the half dozen of new provinces that must soon be erected between Manitoba and British Columbia?

And not only shall this system of separate schools be imposed upon these prospectively great and mighty provinces, but are they to be imposed upon them against the will of the people of Manitoba and the people of the existing territories?

And where is Ontario to be in this issue? Is she to join the Province of Quebec in the task of coercing the western country? And never get away from the fact that it is the Province of Quebec and the Province of Quebec alone that is making this demand on the Dominion Parliament to coerce the western country. Because, if Quebec can coerce Manitoba into a separate school system under the guise that it is constitutional, she can do the same thing for the territories beyond, even if it be not in the constitution.

What, then, are the people of Ontario to say to these questions? Let us set out some of the facts as they now exist.

The Province of Quebec has 65 votes in the Dominion Parliament out of a total of 123 seats. Ontario has 92 seats at the balance.

One hundred and seven votes will constitute a majority of the House. If Ontario made her delegation solid in this issue she would require only 15 votes from the other provinces to make the carrying of a Remedial Bill impossible. Of these 15 votes Manitoba, which will have 7 seats, the Territories 4 seats and British Columbia 6 seats—these provinces ought to supply them easily. Why should any of the constituencies of these provinces return a member committed to Remedial legislation outside of the County of Provencher in Manitoba? We do not think they will.

And there are many of the 39 seats in the Maritime Provinces that will return members pledged against Remedial legislation.

But we cannot count on 92 votes against Remedial legislation from Ontario. There are three Ontario Ministers in the Cabinet who are already pledged to Remedial legislation—if they are re-elected—and there are several other constituencies in the Province that will not pledge their members against the bill. The two Ottawa seats, Gleggery, Prescott and perhaps a dozen others will give their members a free hand to vote for a Remedial Bill.

We are not quite sure that Quebec will send a solid delegation for such a bill. But it is more than likely that such will be the case. It, therefore, depends on how many members are pledged against the bill from the other Provinces whether it becomes law or not.

This issue is not an issue of parties, but an issue of Provinces. The Conservative party has never pledged to the question. The Liberal party is pledged. But the Province of Quebec as a Province will insist on its members, whether Liberal or Conservative, that they be pledged in favor of this question at the forthcoming election.

Why should not the other Provinces that object to the coercion of the western country also pledge their members, whether Liberal or Conservative, against the bill? It is the only way of defeating it.

For the Conservative Government now in power. If we accept the statement of the Hon. Mr. Outin, made in the House the other night, is irrevocably committed to the bill and will force it as the main plank of the Conservative party and try to pass it next July, unless the people, irrespec-

ive of party, pledge their members against it. It is therefore the duty of Ontario to pledge her members, Liberal or Conservative, against the bill, notwithstanding the declaration of the Government.

In the recent vote Ontario members to the number of 55 voted against the bill, without any or very little previous pledging. It will be the duty of the electors to get 25 more out of the remaining 37. The western country will give at least 14 and the Maritime Provinces 14. It is only by such pledges that the Remedial Bill can be killed, if the Conservative or any other Government resurround it.

In a subsequent article we propose to deal with the issue from a Conservative point of view and show how the Conservative party as a party in the country ought not to accept as a plank that to which only the Conservative Government stands committed. But we prefer to await the coming change in the Administration and the declaration that will be made in its behalf by the new leaders.

In the meantime, we beg to set out on the issue as above, to show that the struggle is to be one of Provinces, not of parties, and to impress upon the people, irrespective of parties, to pledge all candidates in the conventions, now about to be held, and in the speeches so to be made, to an unqualified opposition to all and any Remedial legislation which will establish a system of separate schools in our own Great West and Promising West.

If, however, the people of Canada send a majority of the new Parliament pledged to a Remedial Bill, separate schools will be enforced on Manitoba within thirty days of the forthcoming Dominion Day, and the pace set for subsequent legislation in the same direction for all the new Provinces of the Northwest.

And either or both of these evils make the present issue a momentous one to the people of Canada.

THE CRISIS IN FLANDRE

It Looks as if President Faure Would be Forced to Resign.

Paris, April 26.—(Special)—This morning M. Sarrien, who was requested by President Faure to form a Cabinet, held a consultation with Goblet, Brisson, Dujardin, Henri, Ricard and Gerbillon. Nobody else has been named as a possible candidate. It is understood that M. Sarrien had informed the President that he was unable to form a Cabinet and that M. Goblet at his head-quarters had requested President Faure to allow him to defer his reply until 5 o'clock this evening.

It is again rumored that President Faure mediates resigning.

MR. CHAPELEAU'S MOVEMENTS

The Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec Will Reach Ottawa To-Day.

Montreal, April 26.—(Special)—Your correspondent learns that Hon. J. A. Chapeleau was in New York to-day, and will be in Ottawa to-morrow, although, as stated on Friday evening, it is yet very uncertain as to his future course.

HAMILTON TRIO IN TROUBLE

They Were Found Living in a Single Room in Buffalo, N.Y.

Buffalo, April 26.—Harry Francis, aged 13, Maggie Carney, aged 17, and William Carney, aged 23, a brother of the girl, all of Hamilton, Ont., are being held in a single room on East Eagle street, and while the girl worked in the factory, neither her brother nor the other two were employed. The arrest was due to complaints made by the neighbors. The boy and girl came here about two months ago and three weeks ago William Carney, the girl's brother, arrived and joined the pair.

LABOR BEATS A PRIME MINISTER

Hon. C. C. Kingston, of South Australia, Defeated by a Labor Candidate.

Adelaide, April 26.—In the elections in South Australia for members of the House of Representatives, a Labor candidate, defeated Hon. C. C. Kingston, the Prime Minister. The vote stood: Batchelor 173, Kingston 174.

To be Repeated.

Saturday's prices to-day in Sweaters and Bicycle Hose. A chance to buy at a slight advance on cost of importation. Fifty sample Boys' and Men's Sweaters at a bargain. Sword, 55 King east.

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Guinnes Bros.' "Slater Shoes" store (King west) open every night till 10 o'clock.

If about to buy new shirts, do not fail to try a sample of the "Royal" brand, 53 King-st. west. They are the best.

Cook's Turkish Baths, 204 King W. av. 2c.

THERE IS NO CHANGE YET.

SIR MACKENZIE IS WINDING UP HIS WORK.

Will Sail on May 9 for England—Several Appointments Made by the Cabinet on Saturday—Mr. Alexander Mackenzie to be Inspector of Customs—All in Speculation as to the New Cabinet.

Ottawa, April 26.—(Special)—Unless one is possessed of the power of divination it is not easy to say what course of action a certain individual will follow, particularly when that individual keeps his own counsel. This remark is preliminary to the statement that so far Sir Mackenzie Bowell has not indicated when he purposes to retire from the field of active politics, and that no man can say of a certainty when the event will take place.

From facts that have come into the possession of your correspondent there seems to be no doubt that the Premier's resignation will not be delayed beyond Tuesday; indeed, the prospects are that it will be tendered to His Excellency to-morrow. Sir Mackenzie is methodical; naturally before he steps out of office there are certain things he would desire to complete, and the past few days since his resignation was proffered have been spent in this work. But there is further fact. That Sir Mackenzie has not yet indicated his intention to retire from Canada now if he intended to continue in the Premiership.

The Cabinet Makes Changes

At yesterday's meeting of the Cabinet some important business was transacted. The Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, and L. A. Catellier, Under Secretary of State, were superannuated, and these appointments made: Major F. Gourdeau, accountant of the Marine and Fisheries Department, to be Deputy Minister of the same department; Joseph Pope, assistant clerk of the Privy Council, and formerly private secretary to Sir John Macdonald, to be Under Secretary of State; J. L. Payne, private secretary to Sir Mackenzie Bowell, to be assistant clerk of the Privy Council.

Other Appointments

Among other appointments which it is known have been made on Saturday, but which yet require official confirmation, are the following: John McDougall, ex-member for Pictou, N.S., as commissioner of customs. D. W. Davis, ex-member for Alberta, and now for the Yukon district, with headquarters at Fort Caduhay on the Yukon River.

Alexander McKay, retiring member for Western Ontario, Mr. Alfred Boutilier, the present inspector of customs, being assigned to the Yukon district.

All in Speculation Yet

Not until Sir Charles has been actually commissioned to form a Ministry will any serious speculation as to what he will do be warranted. For the present the Secretary of State says nothing with regard to his own course. He is waiting to see how the Government stands.

Ministerial Campaigns Open at Montreal

The first shot in the campaign for the Dominion Government was fired at Montreal on Monday of next week when Sir Charles Tupper and others of the Conservative party will attend a banquet to be given in their honor.

They Want Mr. Daly

Sir Charles Tupper was waited upon yesterday by a delegation consisting of Messrs. Davin, Macdonald (Assiniboia), Karle and Davis, who presented a memorial setting forth that they wished to have Mr. Daly remain in their Cabinet as Minister of the Interior.

The Pacific Cable

Mr. Mackenzie is expected to be the first to sign up an office in the House the other night, is irrevocably committed to the bill and will force it as the main plank of the Conservative party and try to pass it next July, unless the people, irrespec-

SIR HENRY PARKES DEAD

Former Prime Minister of Cape Colony Passed Away Yesterday Morning at the Age of 81—His Career.

Sydney, N.S.W., April 26.—Sir Henry Parkes, former Prime Minister of this colony, died here this morning, aged 81 years.

Sir Henry Parkes was born in Warwickshire, England, in 1815. He spent his early years in New South Wales, and was afterwards apprenticed to a mechanical trade in England. He came to Sydney in 1850, and was engaged in the ordinary pursuit of his profession as a member of the Sydney bar.

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OVERHUNG EVIDENCE BEING PRODUCED

Against This Wholesale Murderer of a Soldier's Standpoint.

London, April 26.—Mrs. Dyer and Palmer were again charged at Reading on Saturday with infanticide. There was little evidence against them, but they will doubtless be discharged. Crushing testimony, however, was offered against the woman named Smith, who was charged with the murder of her child.

WHAT LORD WOLSELEY SAYS

He Does Not Believe in Universal Peace—Fear a Soldier's Standpoint.

London, April 26.—Field Marshal Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British army, was a guest to-night at a dinner given by the Press Club. Lord Wolseley said he did not believe in the happiness of a nation that had no history.

He hoped that no such man would ever be in the foremost place in public life in Great Britain.

"Salada" Ceylon Tea is sootiness.

It does not interfere with it. Merchants complain that the "bicycle craze" is seriously affecting business in other lines; but it is learned from Mr. George, wholesale agent for East Kent, that the popularity of wheels, instead of detracting from the sales of that famous brew, has an opposite tendency.

Nothing more refreshing after a ride than a glass of East Kent ale.

Rotheringham & Co., Patent Solicitors and Exporters, London Commercial Building, Toronto.

A Nova Scotia Brewer Burned

Halifax, N.S., April 26.—The Grand burning of the "Grand" was the result of a fire that broke out last evening at the Halifax Breweries Ltd., an English corporation, was wiped out and a large quantity of stock. The loss is \$30,000 or \$40,000.

THE FIVE MASKED BURGLARS

Round Henry Kitchen and Two of His Family. Masked His Wife in the Township of Annapolis and Got Away with \$500 in Money and Jewellery—One of the Most daring Robberies in Ontario's Criminal Annals.

Hamilton, April 26.—(Special)—The coldest and most daring robbery that has taken place in some time occurred last night in the Township of Annapolis, where three masked burglars from Copeland, when five masked burglars were the burglar remained with revolvers cocked while two more went through the house from cellar to garret, ransacking the drawers and closets.

The burglars were then placed in the chairs and then placed the backs of the chairs together, tied chairs and men together. Then they bound Miss Kitchen to a chair, tying her hands, feet and waist. They brought the ropes with them, and during the tying operation pointed the business ends of the guns at the three and threatened to shoot if either of the burglars opened their mouths or called for help.

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"FIGHTING JOB" GOT AN OVATION ON HIS RETURN.

Carried From the Train to His Carriage and Then Escorted to the Hall, Where a Great Crowd Had Assembled—An Anti-Coercion Resolution—Mr. MacDonald Leaves for Ottawa.

Winnipeg, April 26.—(Special)—Mr. Joseph Martin, Winnipeg's member of Parliament, arrived home on Saturday evening on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock and the Liberals turned out in mass and gave him a most enthusiastic reception.

When Mr. Martin stepped off the train there was a rush of personal friends to shake hands, and soon he was surrounded by a cheering multitude, a brass band adding to the din. Somebody shouted "Hello, good-by" and "Hello, good-by" and with this shout the enthusiastic crowd picked up Mr. Martin and carried him on their shoulders to a carriage.

The crowd then proceeded to a large hall, which was packed to the doors, hundreds being unable to gain admission. The chair was taken by R. W. Jameson, Mayor of the city, who, in expressing declared respect and the most important election since Confederation to Manitoba, as it decided whether Manitoba was to remain part of its educational affairs. There were signs of victory for Manitoba, he remarked, declaring that the Government being that many Conservative members had broken with their party and opposed the policy of coercion.

James Ashdown moved the following resolution: Resolved, that we, the citizens of Winnipeg, have received with pleasure and with appreciation of the great efforts of Mr. Martin, during his absence, in the most important election since Confederation to Manitoba, as it decided whether Manitoba was to remain part of its educational affairs. There were signs of victory for Manitoba, he remarked, declaring that the Government being that many Conservative members had broken with their party and opposed the policy of coercion.

That we have been most gratified to notice the active and prominent part taken by our representative in criticizing the Government for the disturbed attention, and incompetency, and for the able assistance he has afforded during his Parliamentary career. The distinguished attention, the leader of Her Majesty's loyal Opposition, the Hon. W. J. Cameron, took part in.

Must be No Interference. Isaac Campbell, who was the opponent of Hugh John Macdonald at the last general election, seconded this resolution, declaring that he was glad to see what Government came into power at Ottawa, the great question for Manitoba was that there be no interference with provincial legislation.

After H. M. Howell, a prominent lawyer, and W. J. Cameron, the leader of the Conservative party generally, Hon. J. D. Cameron came to the platform.

Commissioner Cameron's Complaint. Mr. Cameron was one of Manitoba's commissioners at the school conference at Winnipeg, and he made some remarks to this effect. He declared the Conservative Government had been insincere in this connection, and that it was his duty to speak out. He said that no matter what propositions for settlement were made these proposals would not be accepted by the minority. By the minority, said Mr. Cameron, was meant Archbishop Langevin. So that the commissioners did not come to Winnipeg to make a reasonable settlement, but in reality to attempt to secure something that would be a benefit to the province.

It was the first general election. This meeting inaugurates the election of Mr. Macdonald's opponent, Hugh John Macdonald, one of the very strongest men that could have been put forward by their party, and a battle royal will ensue. Both sides are supremely confident.

Will He Succeed Mr. Daly? Mr. Macdonald's opponent to have for Ottawa and the belief is here that he will be sworn in as a Cabinet Minister, probably succeeding Mr. Daly as Minister of the Interior.

Two Suicides in Winnipeg. An Unknown Man Throws Himself In Front of a C.P.R. Train. Winnipeg, Man., April 26.—(Special)—There were two suicides here yesterday. One was a man named Thomas, who had been drinking hard lately, threw himself into the Red River. His body being recovered an hour later with a drag net.

An unknown man threw himself in front of a C.P.R. train, his head being cleanly severed. All attempts to identify him have failed.

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FIVE MASKED BURGLARS DROWNED IN HUMBER BAY. Ernie Savage Loses His Life Through the Captain of a Gun-Boat's Narrow Escape. The first drowning accident of the season occurred yesterday in the lake, opposite the Humber Bay. The victim in Ernie Savage, aged 20, son of George W. Savage, painter, 116 Lisgar-street.

Shortly after 2 o'clock in the afternoon Savage and a chum of his, John Bow, 5 Atton-avenue, hired a canoe at Dean's boat-house. They had paid about 20 cents for the hire, and were on their way down the river when a crowd of pedestrians on the shore were startled by hearing cries and screaming for help. The spectators were horrified to see the two lads struggling in the water, and the canoe upset.

George May, son of Captain May, was among those who went to the rescue. He got there first, and pulled Bow into his boat in an exhausted condition. He had to be helped out of the water, but was able to save Savage, who had sunk a few minutes before. Bow was taken to his home in the ambulance.

George May's story of the accident is that Savage, who was in a canoe for the first time, dipped his paddle too deep into the water, which caused the canoe to upset. They both grabbed the overturned boat, but it kept on turning until Savage, who could not swim, finally lost his hold and sank. They were clinging to the boat for 15 minutes.

Among those who went to the rescue were George McCracken, 174 Queen-st. west, and four other men. The latter rowed over two miles, and if they had not been so far away, they might have arrived in time to save Savage, as they covered the distance very speedily.

Search will be made for the body this morning.

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