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MR. PUGSLEY'S LATEST DEAL.

Mr. Pugsley appears to have signalled his retirement from the position of Minister of Public Works by putting through a sale of water powers at the Chateaux Falls, which extend across the Ottawa river near Quyon, that has all the earmarks of an outrageous deal for the benefit of friends of the Laurier Government. The property in question was never advertised as being for sale, nor was the public given an opportunity to bid on it. The transaction directly affects the city of Ottawa, the water powers being variously estimated as worth from \$150,000 to \$200,000. The sale was made after the Government was defeated for \$1,471—a price which is quite in keeping with Mr. Pugsley's explanation when the matter was called to his attention. He pool-poached the whole thing, intimating that all that had been transferred was a lumber chute and that it was a transaction not worth serious consideration. There seems to be all the material for a very searching investigation.

According to the Ottawa Citizen, which has been probing into the details, along the brink of the Chateaux Falls, there is a row of islands extending across the Ottawa river, so that the falls consist in reality of a succession of cascades between the islands. At one point there is an old lumber chute which traverses an island on the brink of the falls and was used in bygone days for running off of square timber. This chute, or slide, is similar to that at the chaudiere, and was improved by the Government so as to facilitate the rafting operations in former days. Naturally the best head of water was selected, and the drop is nearly forty feet. It is, in a sense, a ready made water power, which is capable of producing, with the necessary machinery, about 25,000 horse power. At any other point a great deal of expensive development work would be necessary to take advantage of the water power.

About a quarter of a century ago the island on which this particular water power is situated was sold by the Government, but in the deed the waterway, with a strip of about several hundred feet on either side, was reserved for public purposes. In those days there was comparatively little value placed on water powers, as compared with the "white coal" era now dawning upon us. The water power with the immediately adjacent land on either side was reserved on account of its use as a chute for running rafts of square timber. With this water power and the immediately adjacent land held in reserve, the remainder of the island was not much more valuable than a cow pasture. But in recent years this particular water power has attained a potential value of from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

For a couple of years past the authorities of the city of Ottawa have been examining this power in conjunction with the Hydro-Electric Commission, with a view to securing and developing it in order to furnish electric power and light to the Capital, and possibly to the towns through out the Ottawa Valley. After the Laurier Government was beaten this power was disposed of to friends of the Government for a ridiculously small sum—\$1,400! Under any circumstances, this would be a most unusual deal, especially as there was likely to arise some question of jurisdiction as between the Ontario and Dominion Governments. But the deal was put through, it came before the Cabinet of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and was sanctioned by an order in council, and Earl Grey's signature was secured to ratify it. It goes without saying that if the late Governor General had been made aware of the circumstances connected with the deal he would never for a moment have sanctioned it. The patent has since been registered.

As soon as Mr. Monk, the new Minister of Public Works, became aware of the transaction put through by Mr. Pugsley, he decided to enquire into the sale. As the Citizen remarks: "There is about as much legality to the sale as though a retiring board of control was to sell Rockcliffe Park for one-hundredth of its value, after said board had been defeated at the polls, but had not handed over to its successor."

What action will now ensue will be watched with some curiosity. Those who have obtained this concession for a mere song may be expected to put up a strong fight to prevent the cancellation of the Government patent. In that event it would afford an excellent opportunity for the Government to carry the matter to the Privy Council and secure a decision which would form a precedent for future moribund governments. Mr. Pugsley seems to have shown some anxiety in the dying hours of his power to beat all previous records. If there is any worse instance of corruption on the part of a Canadian government since Confederation, it has never come to public attention.

THE CENSUS RETURNS.

After the taking of every census a number of protests from different localities regarding the indifference in which the enumeration was made have followed. About the only Province in Canada that in the past has accepted the census as correct has been Quebec. The correctness of the census of 1911 has been challenged from a greater number of cities than on any previous occasion. It has been denounced as incorrect in so many localities and such excellent reasons are furnished to prove its incorrectness that the authorities at Ottawa, under whose direction it was taken, will have some difficulty in explaining why some hundreds of thousands of people have apparently disappeared from the country. According to the returns furnished by the Immigration Department for the ten years up to June 30th last, 1,300,000 immigrants entered Canada, yet the population has been increased by only 1,710,000. It is apparent from these figures alone that either the Immigration figures are wrong or the census is wrong. United States authorities show that only about 250,000 Canadians became settlers in that country. This still leaves a very considerable margin to be accounted for unless race suicide in Canada is more general than is usually supposed.

It is not to be expected that all the immigrants who come to the country remain in it. On their arrival they go to one section and often move to another, still remaining in the country, but sometimes they go South and do not return. There has been in the past a considerable movement of Canadian population into the United States, just as many of our young people seek homes in the West. There is a continuous flow of population from one section to another. When work fails in one locality or another, the means of transportation are so good in these days that a man goes where he can find employment, but

this movement of people from one locality to another would not account for the census figures. But whether the census figures are right or wrong the increase in population in Canada in the last decade has been greater than in any similar period in the history of the Dominion, and more than three times the increase of the two previous decades. Compared with previous decennial periods the results are as follows:—

	Population.	Increase.
1871	3,485,761
1881	4,324,819	\$29,049
1891	4,833,239	\$68,429
1901	5,371,215	\$53,976
1911	7,081,869	1,710,554

Comparing the census returns by provinces it is gratifying to notice that with the single exception of Prince Edward Island, where the conditions are different from that of any other Province in Canada, there is an increase as follows:—

	Population.	Change.
P. E. Island	35,723	Dec. 8,537
Nova Scotia	461,847	Inc. 2,273
New Brunswick	351,815	Inc. 20,695
Quebec	2,900,897	Inc. 351,799
Ontario	2,519,902	Inc. 336,955
Manitoba	454,691	Inc. 199,489
Saskatchewan	453,508	Inc. 362,229
Alberta	372,919	Inc. 299,897
British Columbia	362,768	Inc. 184,111

New Brunswick, according to these figures, has added 20,695 people to its population. The increase in the cities of New Brunswick is less than 5,000, leaving 15,000 to add to our rural population and to the population of towns and villages. This is the reverse of conditions in Quebec, where the increase has been greater in the cities and towns than in the agricultural districts. The same is true of Ontario, notwithstanding the immense amount expended by the Ontario Government to encourage the development of agriculture in that Province.

So far as the figures made public regarding Nova Scotia are concerned, there must have been a large falling off in the rural population of that Province. The total gain in population for Nova Scotia has been 2,273, with two districts in Cumberland county still to hear from. As the gains of Nova Scotia cities are over 23,000, this would apparently show a decrease of 30,000 in the rural population. Both Quebec and Ontario show very respectable gains, but the returns from the West are disappointing, not only to the people themselves, but to the rest of Canada.

An immense sum of money has been expended by the Government and by large landowning corporations of that section to encourage immigration into the West, while the East has been entirely neglected by the Government immigration authorities. It is to be hoped that the new Conservative Government will immediately remove this cause of complaint by placing the attractions of the Maritime Provinces before those intending to emigrate, as well as those of the West. There is room in New Brunswick for double its present population without any crowding, and the opportunities for agriculturists, and all other classes who are willing to work, are just as good in this Province as in any other part of Canada. Until the returns for the counties of New Brunswick are made public, it is not possible to state in which localities the increase of population has taken place.

A NAVY PLEBISCITE.

Toronto Saturday Night sees no difficulty in the way of a plebiscite on the navy question. It says that in the handling of the matter the late Government was much in the position of the old man of the fable, who tried to take the ass across the bridge. Its policy satisfied nobody. Saturday Night is not in agreement with Mr. Monk, but protests that "the member for Jacques Cartier is unquestionably right in demanding a plebiscite on the question."

The ballot to be used, in the event of a plebiscite being decided upon, is the most serious and difficult phase of the matter, since an imperfect ballot might lead to an unrepresentative general conclusion. Saturday Night finds no such difficulty, suggesting the following form for the ballot:

Are you in favor of rendering assistance toward the naval defence of the Empire?

If so, which mode of assistance do you favor?

(a) Direct contribution to the British Admiralty.

(b) A navy constructed and manned by Canada herself.

That a plebiscite would shift responsibility from the Government to the people does not enter into Saturday Night's consideration of the question. It remarks: "That is what plebiscites are for, and every thinking Canadian would like to know the people's view on this matter, which was, by force of circumstance, shelved during the recent election. It is better for the Government to disclaim responsibility temporarily on this most momentous issue than to accept responsibility for a wasteful and useless policy which its party never approved and of which it is very probable that a great majority of Canadians of all shades of thought disapprove."

It is 106 years today since Lord Nelson won the glorious victory of Trafalgar. In honor of the day it is hoped all citizens will fly their flags.

Current Comment

(Winnipeg Telegram.)

The Duke of Connaught has made it plain that there will be no departure from the customs which have governed his predecessors in the post of Governor General. There will be no "court"; there will be no added ceremonies, no adoption of a court dress which complements knee breeches at receptions and the like. His Royal Highness gave orders that Rideau Hall should not be refurbished for his occupancy. He has made it clear that what was good enough for the illustrious line of Governors General not of royal blood "is good enough for him." The Canadian people are not to witness more than the residency of one of the most democratic of Royalties.

(Belleville Intelligencer.)

Norway has now the cheapest electricity in the world. Over 500,000 horsepower has been developed, and there is every prospect for an increase of 50 per cent. in the near future. Consumers can obtain high tension power for \$6.50 per horsepower per year.

(Vancouver Province.)

The Indianapolis woman who delivered the funeral oration over the grave of her husband had the satisfaction of being absolutely certain that she had the last word.

(Pittsburg Gazette-Times.)

The song, Brown October Ale, has been put under the ban by the W. C. T. U. of an Ohio town. Will somebody please write a joyful, inspiring song about root beer?

(Montreal Herald.)

Looking at the shape of Italy, it is no wonder the sons of Caesar dominate the boot cleaning industry.

(Calgary Herald.)

An Ontario man is suing a couple of guys who said that he voted Grit. He ought to get at least a million dollars.

HON. J. D. HAZEN

Press Comment on Appointment of New Brunswick Premier as Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

(Charlottetown Guardian, Ind.)

As Premier of New Brunswick, Mr. Hazen has distinctly made good. At the outset he surrounded himself with honest and capable colleagues, and has since introduced a number of important reforms. One of these was in the administration of the crown timber lands, where great abuses had crept in under previous Governments. These have been corrected and the revenue from this source nearly doubled, which was a matter of great importance as the sister Province, like our own, suffered from insufficient funds for efficient housekeeping. Other reforms effected were in the auditing of public expenditures, and an entire change in the road system, which has produced good results. It has been long since New Brunswick had a more capable and efficient government than Mr. Hazen has given it. If, indeed, it ever had one of that standard, Hon. Mr. Fleming, the Provincial Secretary, a comparatively young man of marked ability, succeeds to the Premiership of New Brunswick.

Hon. Mr. Hazen is in the prime of life, and his public and private life have been irreproachable. He stands high in the legal profession, and has proved himself an excellent leader and administrator. He comes of an old New Brunswick family, and is universally regarded as a gentleman of probity and honor. As a debater he will rank among the foremost of his party in Parliament. He is not yet a member of the House, but it is understood that several seats have been offered him, including that of Mr. Daniel, M. P. for Saint John county. Dr. Daniel may be appointed to the Senate. Mr. Hazen will easily replace a seat and along with Premier Borden will add such weight to the Administration as will go far to compensate for the reduction of eastern representation in the Cabinet.

St. Croix Courier.

The formation of the federal cabinet has deprived New Brunswick of the services in affairs purely provincial of one of the most gifted of her sons. Hon. Mr. Borden saw fit to call Hon. J. D. Hazen from the premiership of the province, and the premier felt his duty to respond to the call. It is gratifying to the people of this province and the maritime provinces generally, and particularly of Charlotte county, that to Hon. Mr. Hazen has been assigned the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries, for they are assured that under his direction the important interests which are under the control of the federal government in this department will be honestly, faithfully and ably administered. The new minister of Marine and Fisheries has made an enviable record while directly associated with provincial affairs. While leader of the opposition in the legislature, he proved himself an able, skilful and at the same time an absolutely honorable opponent of the government, and to him the great victory won in 1908, which placed the liberal conservatives in charge of provincial affairs, was largely due. Since he became premier of the province, he has developed a more liberal policy, those qualities which make for success in public affairs and his administration has commanded the well-nigh universal approval of the people of the province. Many very important matters, involving interests which are of great moment to the fishermen of the maritime provinces, confront the new minister, not the least of which is the final settlement of the control of the inland fisheries. In addition to the questions more intimately connected with his own department, Hon. Mr. Hazen, as one of the ministers from the maritime provinces, will be called upon to deal with those of representation and of the many minor difficulties which so frequently arise in the adjustment of differences between the federal and provincial authorities. His intimate knowledge of all the subjects which are already practically in a position for final action, his capacity for quick appreciation of the issues involved in any new question which may develop, his unquestioned integrity, and his zeal in the interest of the people, carry with them the assurance that all these matters will receive prompt and intelligent attention and that the people of Canada and particularly of the maritime provinces will lose nothing while the department of Marine and Fisheries remains under his control.

PERSONAL.

F. H. Manley, general manager of the Dominion Bond Co., Montreal, and W. R. Brough, of Brockville, Ont., are at the Royal.

Miss Hettie Chisholm left last evening for St. Stephen, while in the city she was the guest of Miss J. E. Hennigar, Orange street.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mrs. Archibald Purdy, Upper James, N. B., on the morning of the 19th inst., when their twin daughter, Jennie Lee, was married to Mr. Fulton S. Barnaby, of Lewisville. The parlor had been taste-

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JUDGMENT IN THE CARLETON CO. RECOUNT

Judge McLeod, Yesterday Morning, Endorsed Judge Carleton's View as to Insufficiency of Affidavits.

In chambers yesterday morning Mr. Judge McLeod rendered judgment in the Carleton county election case, in the matter of recount of ballots, upholding Judge Carleton in his refusal to add the recount on account of insufficient affidavits. His Honor delivered the following oral judgment:

In the matter of the Carleton county election, recount of votes: This is an application made under section 200 of the Electoral Act to compel Judge Carleton to proceed with the recount of votes. The election was held on September 21st last, and the candidates for the electoral district of Carleton county were Frank Broadstreet Carvell and B. Franklin Smith. The returning officer declared Mr. Carvell elected by eleven votes. An application was then made to the learned judge of the County court for recalculation of the election, and an order for recount, and on the return of same it was objected to on behalf of Mr. Carvell that the affidavits were insufficient to give the County court jurisdiction. Jurisdiction in cases of this nature is statutory. It was claimed that the affidavits were not specific, as the deponents based their knowledge on information and belief. However, section 12 of the affidavit is specific. It states that "two ballots marked for me (Smith) were rejected." It was claimed on behalf of Mr. Carvell that this section was not sufficient, in itself, to give jurisdiction and Judge Carleton so held.

An application was then made to me to compel the learned County court judge to proceed with the recount of the votes. Hearing on the application was had on Friday, the thirteenth instant. Mr. Jones appeared for Mr. Carvell to resist the application, and took the objection that I had no power to hear it, as Judge Carleton had written a judgment in the matter after having the parties before him. Section 206 of the Electoral Act provides "in case of any omission, neglect or refusal of the returning officer to comply with the provisions in respect of the recount or final addition therein provided for, or to proceed therewith, then any party aggrieved by such omission, neglect or refusal, may make application (c) in the Province of New Brunswick to a judge of the Supreme Court, for an order compelling the returning officer to comply with such directions and to proceed with and complete such recount or final addition directly ascertained by the learned judge. The second objection is more serious. It is claimed that an affidavit filed by Judge Carleton was not sufficient to give him jurisdiction, and that he was justified in refusing to proceed with the recount. Section 193 of the Electoral Act provides that a recount may be had when the deputy returning officer, in counting the votes, has—(a) improperly counted; or (b) improperly rejected any ballot papers at such election; or (c) made an incorrect statement of the result of the election; or (d) improperly added to the votes. The affidavit used is practically entirely based on information and belief. (His Honor here read the sections wherein the deponent says that he believes certain things existed.) I believe that the affidavits were insufficient. The proper course for the deponent to adopt would be to describe the state of the ballot and give his opinion that it was good or bad. The candidates have scrutinized at the polls, and it is an easy matter to obtain a correct record of the state or condition of the ballot in dispute. It is for the judge on recount to decide whether the ballot is good or bad. Under section 174 of the Electoral Act the deputy returning officer is bound to note any objections taken to the ballot. Simply swearing that he believes that the ballots were bad is insufficient, and Judge Carleton was right in refusing to proceed with the recount. I therefore dismiss the application and tax the costs at fifty dollars.

In the hearing W. P. Jones, K. C., appeared for Mr. Carvell, and J. Chipman Hartley for Mr. Smith. An election petition is the only course now left the defeated candidate to adopt if he wishes to continue the fight.

WEDDING AT JEMSEG

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