# IRATE QUEBEC GRITS

**To Whom Mr. Laurier Must Explain —An Announcement of Policy Promised.**

**Division to Be Forced on the Speakership—Contesting the Ministers' Elections.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 21.—The report was current in the city to-night that Mr. Laurier's hurried visit to Quebec was with the object of meeting prominent Irish Catholic Liberals and endeavoring to reconcile them to the cabinet as it now exists. Seemingly Devlin and McShane's friends are not yet pacified, although neither was in the race for a portfolio from the start.

A census of probable victims of Tarte's guillotine shows that at the present time there are over 100 clerks not on the permanent list, some of whom have been in the service of the government for twenty-five years.

Practically all work on canal extensions is now at a standstill, owing to there being no appropriations available. About the only contract on which anything is being done is Onderdonk's section of the Trent canal.

The operations at the government fish hatcheries this spring are reported to have been the most successful on record.

The government has ordered an appeal to be entered against Judge Burbidge's award to Geo. Goodwin for extras on the Soulanges canal.

The D.R.A. programme is out. Cash prizes total $7,000 and the cups and other prizes in kind are more valuable than ever. The matches open on August 31.

Mr. Laurier will announce the government policy in speeches in St. Johns and Iberville during this week.

MONTREAL, July 21.—(Special)—Sir Adolphe Caron, speaking at St. Barnabe, St. Maurice county, yesterday, announced that twenty elections in the province of Quebec would be contested in the courts, besides a large number in the Lower Provinces, where Sir Charles Tupper is in charge of the campaign. The Laurier government, he said, would be opposed out and out from the start, and when the house meets the Conservatives would move Bergeron for speaker and force a division.

Tarte it is reported is to be opposed in St. Johns and Iberville, and probably other ministers will be opposed.

QUEBEC, July 21.—Messrs. Blair and Fielding were sworn in as members of the privy council yesterday. After the ceremony the Premier and his colleagues lunched with the Governor-General and Countess Aberdeen.

WINNIPEG, July 21.—Mr. Mackay will probably be nominated as the Conservative candidate for Saskatchewan in the event of a bye-election. Should Mr. Laurier be the Liberal candidate he would be returned unopposed, but any other nominee of the Liberals, the Conservatives say, will not be allowed to have the seat without a contest.

TORONTO, July 21.—The World proposes calling a Conservative convention for Ontario and the Dominion. The World's Montreal correspondent says Ed. Farrer is in that city, and the impression is that he is acting as a medium in negotiations now going on between leaders of the Liberal party and certain American politicians.

## JAMESON'S RAID.

LONDON, July 21.—Yesterday Dr. Jameson, Major Sir John Willoughby, Col. R. Gray, Col. H. F. White, Major R. White and Henry F. Coventry were arraigned charged with the violation of the neutrality laws by invading the territory of the South African Republic.

CAPETOWN, July 21.—The select committee of the house of assembly appointed to inquire into the commission of the Jameson raid has reported that Cecil Rhodes was fully acquainted with the preparations for the raid and that Alfred Beit, director in the South Africa Company; Dr. Jameson, the administrator for the company in Rhodesia; and Dr. Rutherford Harris, secretary for the company at Capetown, were active promoters of the raid. It also finds that Dr. Jameson personally obtained from Johannesburg a letter of invitation for his raiders to come fully a month before the ostensible date. There was no evidence adduced to show that Cecil Rhodes intended that the Pitsani force should invade the Transvaal uninvited, but there was an absence of any peremptory command from Mr. Rhodes to prevent the raid. Mr. Rhodes and Dr. Harris drafted a telegram containing such a command, but it was not dispatched, not even the wires (cut by Dr. Jameson's orders) were restored. The committee, therefore, cannot acquit Mr. Cecil Rhodes of responsibility.

The report of the select committee concludes with an expression of regret that Cecil Rhodes did not attend the committee's meeting to give evidence. The committee is therefore forced to the conclusion that this conduct was not consistent with the duty of a Cape premier.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

HALIFAX, July 21.—(Special)—Hon. Geo. H. Murray, who was a member of the Fielding administration without portfolio, has succeeded in reorganizing the provincial government. He is Premier and Provincial Secretary. Mr. J. W. Longley, who resigned to become a candidate for the Commons, but was unsuccessful, resumes the office of Attorney-General. Hon. C. E. Church continues as Commissioner of Works and Mines, and Messrs. Wm. Roche, Thos. Johnson, A. H. Comeau, Angus McGillivray and Thos. R. Black will be members of the government without portfolio. The new Premier was the candidate against Sir Charles Tupper at the bye-election for the Commons in Cape Breton last January. He will be a candidate in Victoria county and Mr. Longley in Annapolis.

TORONTO, July 21.—The new members of the Ontario government were sworn in at noon, Hon. W. F. Balfour, the ex-speaker, becoming Provincial Secretary and E. J. Davis a minister without portfolio. Mr. Balfour will seek re-election in South Essex.

## SHY OF LAURIER.

TORONTO, July 21.—(Special)—The Mail-Empire's Ottawa correspondent says: "I am credibly informed that no Western man of prominence will commit himself to Laurier's unknowable school policy by entering the cabinet. If Martin or Sifton goes in it will be on the distinct understanding that when Laurier attempts to carry out his pledges to Quebec, they will go out. This is causing a hitch as regards the representation of Manitoba. Mr. Martin is still here. He has had an interview with Premier Laurier on the matter, but it is not settled. He has, it is said, to satisfy McCarthy on what is to be done on the school question, before that gentleman will resign Brandon in his favor. Mr. Martin has found Laurier as evasive on the school question as the electorate did."

The Ottawa correspondent of the News says: "Sir Oliver Mowat is to get a Christmas box in the shape of the lieutenant-governorship. Before he went to Toronto it was arranged that on the expiration of Lieut.-Governor Kirkpatrick's term the ex-Premier should become the occupant of Government House at Toronto. For this reason it is proposed to rush through the negotiations about the school question, so that Sir Oliver Mowat can do his share towards a settlement before he is transferred to Toronto. Political quid nuncs say it will be necessary to get the school question out of the way before Manitoba can be represented in the new cabinet."

# M'INNES TO THE FORE.

**The Senator and Mr. Martin Announced as Rivals for the Interior Portfolio.**

**Squabbles of Pacific Coast Liberals Fill Eastern Press—Customs Port for Yukon.**

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

OTTAWA, July 22.—Mr. Laurier arrived here this afternoon from Montreal. He was preceded by an hour by Sir Richard Cartwright, who has been at Caledonia Springs since Friday. Sir Richard leaves for the West to-morrow night, and will not return to Ottawa until after his re-election.

Senator McInnes was busy around the departments to-day. He says that British Columbia is determined to have a cabinet minister; and the impression is that he expects the position himself. Eastern papers are full of comment on the campaign being carried on to secure a cabinet portfolio for British Columbia. An enthusiastic admirer of Senator McInnes writes to the Free Press on his behalf, saying he is the unanimous choice of the British Columbia Liberals. This, however, is contradicted by the fact that Mr. Templeman is represented as still fondly hoping, while Mr. Morrison's friends are yet active.

Mr. Martin left for home to-night, having it is said given up hope of a portfolio.

Fort Cudahy, Yukon district, has been created a customs port of entry and warehousing port.

The possibility of the territorial waters of Canada being made the scene of Cuban filibustering operations has led to the issue of an important order by the Admiralty, enjoining strict compliance with the terms of the foreign enlistment act, and prohibiting the issue of clearances by Canadian officers to vessels destined for Cuba. At the present time there is a strange vessel under surveillance in the gulf of St. Lawrence. She has been hovering off the coast for some time, and suspicion has been aroused that she is desirous of transhipping a cargo of arms and ammunition to some craft destined for Cuba.

TORONTO, July 22.—(Special)—The Ottawa correspondent of the News wires that the two cabinet aspirants who are entrenched there to lay siege to Laurier were again disappointed to-day. It is said the Liberal leader has been keeping away to allow their ardor to cool before he got within range. Both Martin and McInnes are relentless in their determination to have the portfolio. When Mr. Laurier returns a proposal will be made to him to divide the vacant department, making McInnes Superintendent-General of Indian Affairs and Martin Minister of the Interior. This will temporarily increase the number of ministers and cannot be done without statutory authority. The increase thus foreshadowed would be offset by the abolition of Cartwright's office of Minister of Trade and Commerce.

## ONLY A YARN.

TORONTO, July 22—(Special)—The Ottawa correspondent of the Mail and Empire says: "Joseph Pope, biographer for Sir John Macdonald, is unable to confirm the statement made recently by the Globe correspondent to the effect that in 1891 Sir John proposed a coalition with David Mills. Others here, says the correspondent, discredit the story entirely. It probably grew out of the fact that in 1895 there were negotiations between Sir Mackenzie Bowell and Mr. Mills regarding the remedial bill. They were of course confidential, but it is asserted that Mr. Mills on that occasion tendered the government his assistance and hearty good wishes in carrying out their policy of remedial legislation.

CHATHAM, July 22.—Hon. David Mills arrived here to-day, and was warmly greeted by his former constituents and old friends.

### Hog Cholera Near Toronto.

TORONTO, July 22.—Over 200 hogs at the government hoggery, near the Humber, have been found to be infected with cholera, and the entire herd was slaughtered and the diseased carcases burned. The pen has been thoroughly disinfected, and precautions have been taken to prevent the spread of the contagion.

TORONTO, July 21.—W. H. Jones, of Rossland, B. C., editor of the Prospector, was married yesterday to Miss Annie Verth, of York, Haldimand county.

# THE ROYAL WEDDING.

**Marriage of Princess Maud of Wales to Prince Christian of Denmark.**

**Procession to Buckingham Palace—The Bride and Her Maids—Her Majesty.**

LONDON, July 22.—To-day the union of Princess Maud of Wales and Prince Christian Frederick Charles George Waldemar Axel, second son of the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark and nephew of the Princess of Wales, was solemnized at the chapel at Buckingham palace in the presence of Her Majesty the Queen of Great Britain and many other members of the royal families, many court dignitaries and representatives of notabilities.

The ceremony took place at 12:20 p.m. With the exception of St. James street and a few houses in Pall Mall and Piccadilly, the decorations were poor. Inside Marlborough House grounds and at Pall Mall corner, the Prince of Wales had erected a stand for those of his friends who were unable to get to the palace. Carleton club house was handsomely decorated, and the lamp posts were trimmed and garlanded with whith flowers. Devonshire House in Piccadilly was decorated with flags looped with scarlet cloth on the front wall. The house of Baroness Burdett-Coutts had a liberal display of scarlet cloth along its balconies. There were very pretty effects at Piccadilly and Pall Mall. All the lamp posts bore huge baskets of scarlet and white flowers. There were also displayed flags of all nations. Crowds began to assemble in the streets at a very early hour, and all points of vantage along the route, from Marlborough House to Buckingham Palace, were quickly pre-empted. The streets were kept clear for the royal procession by Coldstream and Scots guards. a party of the First Life Guards being stationed at intervals all along the route.

Then the Prince of Wales and her second daughter, Princess Victoria, accompanied by the Duke and Duchess of Sparta, Prince Nicholas of Greece and a large suite, emerged from Marlborough House amidst much applause. The party was escorted by a captain's escort of Life Guards. At 12:10 o'clock the Prince of Wales, with the bride, his daughter, and ladies and gentlemen in attendance, and the captain's escort of Life Guards, started for the palace. As they emerged from Marlborough House grounds they were greeted with most enthusiastic cheers.

On arriving at Buckingham Palace the bride's party were received by the Lord Chamberlain and conducted to the library, where the bridesmaids and the Duke and Duchess of York were waiting to meet them. The bridesmaids were: Princess Victoria of Wales, sister of the bride, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, Princess Ingleberde of Denmark, Princess Thyra of Denmark, Princess Margaret and Princess Patricia of Connaught, Princess Alice of Albany, and Lady Alexandria Duff, a little niece of the bride. Princess Margaret, Patricia and Alice are also children.

The bridesmaids were dressed in pure white satin, made with low bodices, and beautifully embroidered in silver. In the hair of each was a white aigrette and and a cluster of red geraniums, and each carried a bouquet of red geraniums. Red and white were carried out in the bridesmaid toilettes and also characterize the decorations in the streets, which, out of compliment to the bridegroom, were the Danish national colors.

The bride's procession then formed and proceeded to the chapel, the van being led by two heralds, two gentlemen ushers, the lord chamberlain and vice chamberlains. The bride was supported on one side by her father, the Prince of Wales, and on the other by her brother, the Duke of York. The bridesmaids followed, while gentlemen of the household and equerries brought up the rear.

In the meantime the Queen had been conducted privately from her apartments to the vestibule of the chapel. There the Queen's procession formed and proceeded into the chapel. It was composed of heralds, ushers, women of the bedchamber, bearers of the gold sticks and other officials of the Queen's household. With the Queen walked her son, the Duke of Connaught, and Prince Christian of Denmark.

As soon as her majesty was seated, the lord chamberlain and other officials of the Queen's household retired, but immediately reappeared with another imposing procession comprised of all the royal personages, the Princess of Wales and the Crown Prince of Denmark, the brother and the father of the bridegroom bringing up the rear.

## A FRENCH REPUBLIC.

MONTREAL, July 21.—(Special)—W. H. Cross, notary, son of Judge Cross, has the following letter in La Patrie: "Sir: Wednesday evening's Star has an article on French independence in Canada. I, for one, firmly and truly believe there will be an independent French republic on the banks of the St. Lawrence some day. The country is rapidly becoming French, and when owned by the French who is going to prevent them from setting up a government of their own? I would like to ask the Star one question: Where is the crime in French Canadians having national aspirations as to the future of the French race, whether in Europe or America? They are the most intensely national and patriotic people in the world, and the French Canadians have become more French and less Catholic than formerly."

## B. C. GOLD MINES.

MONTREAL, July 21—(Special)—P. A. Petersen, chief engineer of the C.P.R., has just returned from his annual trip to the Northwest. He speaks in glowing colors about the crops. He said a notable thing about British Columbia gold mines is that they are not confined to one section, but are scattered over the country for hundreds of miles. The railway through Crow's Nest Pass will tap the finest coal producing region where the world needed it the most.

# NEWS OF THE PROVINCE

**Salmon Catch Small—Police Officer Attacked by an Armed Japanese.**

**Mining Near Rossland—The City of Spokane Strike—Trip to the Nitinat.**

(Special to the COLONIST.)

### VANCOUVER.

VANCOUVER, July 22.—"Tosh" McKenzie was killed at Steveston last night. McKenzie was a well known character on the mainland of British Columbia, and had frequently figured in the police court charged with petty offences. McKenzie rented a house at Steveston, but the authorities thought it advisable to ask him to leave the town, which they did. McKenzie stayed away a few days, but came back last night to find a man named Edward Sheehan in the house he had occupied. The rest of the story is Sheehan's and cannot be corroborated. He says that McKenzie ordered him out of the house and on his refusing to go he—McKenzie—drew a revolver. Sheehan, thinking he was going to be shot drew his own revolver and fired, as he claims, in self-defence. The bullet struck McKenzie in the face and penetrated the brain, killing him instantly. Sheehan has given himself up. It is reported that his father prominent official at Tacoma.

The carnival committee held a meeting last night and made preliminary arrangements for the big event. The merchants are being canvassed to-day for subscriptions.

No loss here directly was caused by the bush fires. Vancouver is now surrounded by them, the dense smoke having entirely obscured the sun for three days.

### WESTMINSTER.

WESTMINSTER, July 21.—The average catch of salmon in the Fraser is still very small.

Provincial officer Calbeck, when attempting to arrest a Jap at Steveston yesterday for supplying Indians with liquor, was attacked with a sword cane in the hands of the Mongolian. Officer Calbeck knocked his man down and put him in irons. The Jap was fined $75 and costs.

### NANAIMO.

NANAIMO, July 22.—Wm. Scoville has returned from a prospecting trip to Granite Creek. He brought back some good looking rock.

The steamer Willapa called here from the North Monday afternoon and after a brief stay proceeded to the Sound. She had thirty passengers on board, including an excursion party, and also a number of miners from Cook's Inlet, who are returning very much disgusted with the supposed El Dorado.

Adam Thompson, city clerk, and Miss Martha Renwick were married yesterday morning at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. John Renwick.

The funeral of the late W. J. Bell, who died at the Veronica Home last week, took place on Monday afternoon, and was conducted under the auspices of the A. O. F. and of Council No. 3, R. of T., conjointly, to both of which orders the deceased belonged. The ordinary burial service was held in front of the residence of the parents of the deceased on Irwin street, when Rev. J. Hicks officiated. At the graveside Rev. T. W. Hall was associated with Mr. Hicks, while the lodge service was conducted by members of the above mentioned orders.

Messrs. W. Hunter, John McGregor and Lamont returned on Saturday afternoon from a holiday trip to the Nitinat district. They set out on foot from Stamp harbor at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, and reached Nanaimo—a distance of 55 miles—on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The most notable account of their outing was an encounter with a she bear and her cub, in which McGregor exemplified his prowess as a Nimrod by killing both. The party also ascended to the summit of Mount Arrowsmith, calculated to be 6,000 feet above the level of the sea, where they were able to examine the extinct crater, which forms one of the most interesting curiosities of the Island.

### REVELSTOKE.

REVELSTOKE, July 21.—The shipment of ore for the week ending July 20 was: Slocan Star, 260 tons; value, $19,441; to Omaha.

### CHEMAINUS.

CHEMAINUS, July 22.—Hon. Premier Turner and Mr. J. Wilson went up to Cowichan Lake by the stage on Monday last.

Messrs. and the Misses Langley returned from a visit to Cowichan Lake by way of the Cowichan River and went down to Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burton came up from Victoria on Saturday last and had some fair sport with trout in the river at Sahtlam.

The crop of hay is now all gathered in. Early oats are ripening, but the roots are suffering from the long spell of dry weather.

### ROSSLAND.

(From the Rossland Miner.)

The affairs of the Homestake company have now reached a crisis, as the bond on the mine falls due August 1. On Tuesday a meeting of the minority stockholders in the company was held in the office of Cyrus Happy in Spokane, at which D. M. Linnard was present. This meeting was called by a circular which recited the fact that as each shareholder had doubtless received a notice from the secretary of the company at Vancouver assessing them 5½ cents a share it was desirable that the minority stock owners should get together and decide on a line of action. They decided at this meeting to refuse to pay the 5½ cent assessment levied by the management of the company, but instead to pay a voluntary assessment to take legal proceedings to protect their interests in the courts of this province. This decision of the Spokane stockholders, who represent now only about one-fifth of the capital stock, was based on a clause in the transfer of the property from the old Homestake company to the Linnard syndicate by which the latter bound itself, in the event of the mine not being able to lift the bond, to pay the purchase price of the property in full.

The Red Mountain is looking exceptionally well. The tunnel is now in over 70 feet and the whole face is copper and iron pyrites. The shaft on the same vein is down 18 feet and is also in solid sulphide ore.

It is apparent beyond any reasonable doubt that a strike of very great importance has been made in the City of Spokane, under bond to the Lillooet, Fraser River & Cariboo Gold Fields, Limited, of London. Up to Wednesday last 90 feet had been run and the ore body penetrated far enough to leave no reasonable doubt of its large extent and permanence. Just how wide it is is not yet known, but cross cutting is now being done to determine this. The showing in the face of the tunnel is truly magnificent; no finer was ever seen in the camp. But the best feature about the strike is the good quality of the ore. Frequent assays have been made and the average is quite satisfactory. The ore is of shipping quality and will make the city of Spokane one of the great mines of the camp. The ore is very much like that taken from the Le Roi. Much of it has a rich copper color and leaves no doubt on the mind of the experienced observer as to its value.

J. B. McArthur returned from a brief visit to the Slocan country on Monday. He says that during June the Slocan Star produced 1,145 tons of concentrates, worth $65,000, at an expense of $8,000. The capacity of the mill is to be doubled forthwith, and in the meantime the present rate of production will be maintained, which means that the mine will pay $1,000,000 in dividends in the next 12 months.

The Miner announced several weeks ago that a smelting plant was to be built somewhere on the Columbia river, above Trail. This statement can now be repeated with absolute confidence. The plant will have a capacity of 2,500 tons and will be much the largest in the northwest. There is to be immediately a great increase in the capacity of both the Trail and Nelson smelters. Both have ordered water jacket, or blast furnaces, of 250 tons capacity each. The Trail smelter has had in operation from the first a small water jacket furnace, and while it "froze" once or twice at the start, it has on the whole given much satisfaction. It may be said here that the Nelson smelter has given the order for a new furnace of such large capacity in the expectation of handling Trail creek ores, some of which it has had and with which its managers were much pleased.

The View deserves to take place right along beside the City of Spokane and Monte Christo in the way of a fine showing of ore. The tunnel is now in about 30 feet and the last shots put in revealed three feet of clean solid ore, as handsome as a man ever laid eyes upon. It is a chalcopyrite running from 15 to 20 per cent. copper and carrying five or six dollars in gold.

The Crown Point is shipping 12 tons a day to the Trail smelter. The ore is of the best grade ever found in the Crown Point and since stoping has commenced has widened out to eight feet or more. It presents a very fine appearance since the ore has an unusually fine texture.

A strike is reported on the Coxey, a claim lying near the California on the west side of Red Mountain.

The Nevada tunnel is in solid ore, and so is that of the High Ore, just across the gulch. The ore is identical in appearance with that of the Jumbo; in fact it appears to be the same great ore body running through all these claims.

The Nest Egg shaft has three feet of clear ore. The showing is the best ever had by the Nest Egg.

## FOREST FIRES IN WASHINGTON.

SEATTLE, July 22.—The smoke from the forest fires that annually ravage the great woodland belt in Washington is daily growing denser. It is not yet so thick as it was last summer, but the fires have gotten an earlier start than they did last season, and if the present dry, hot weather continues nothing can check their spread.

Travellers report that Spokane is almost hidden by the haze of smoke. Tacoma complains that all views for more than a mile distant are completely shut out. Along the line of the Northern Pacific around Hot Springs large areas are burning, though fortunately, the fires of previous years have swept the ground so as to prevent present damage to the railroad property.

Yesterday brought news of another burning district in which the railroads have not escaped so easily. The Bellingham Bay & British Columbia, extending from New Whatcom to Sumas, had a bridge burned as the result of fires now raging in that section of the state, and consequently the Canadian Pacific cars which usually connect over that road with the Great Northern coast train at New Whatcom, came into Seattle to-day over the Seattle & International. Several logging camps have been driven out by flames, though no loss of life has yet been reported.

## MINERS AT COOK'S INLET.

SEATTLE, July 22.—The great topic of the conversation here is the rank fake which Cook's Inlet has proved to be. It is said by men who left the locality as late as June 25 that out of the 2,000 or more prospectors who went to the inlet not a single man had secured a claim that justified working. Serious threats have been made to lynch one Ducey, a San Francisco man, who took up a great load of people on the steamer Albion under the most plausible pretexts. When the men got to Sitka some of them called upon Gov. Sheakley and laid before him the condition of affairs at the inlet. They represented that 500 to 700 would not get out this season unless helped out, and the governor gave assurance that the territorial officers would look after the matter. The governor was quoted as saying that the men could not live through the winter so illy prepared to stand the weather as they were shown to be, and that they would have to be helped out.

TORONTO, July 20. — Mrs. Yeomans, the well known temperance worker, who has been ill for several years, died yesterday. She will be given a public funeral on Tuesday.

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# DAVID MILLS' OFFENCE.

**He Opposed Dragging the School Question Into Politics and Therefore Is Shelved.**

**That Proposed Conservative Convention—The "Globe" on Hugh John Macdonald.**

TORONTO, July 22.—(Special)—The Mail and Empire says: "The reason Hon. David Mills was turned down by Mr. Laurier was because he did not straddle the Manitoba question as some other politicians do. From the first Mr. Mills wanted an arrangement among the political leaders of both sides whereby the issue might be removed from the federal arena, but he was overruled by Tarte, who practically laid down the line of battle. Now the war is over he is denied the right to share in the spoils."

The World's inquiry yesterday as to the desirability of holding a Conservative convention in the near future is one of the chief topics of conversation among politicians. Many leading Conservatives were wired yesterday and others interviewed in person with the object of ascertaining their views regarding a gathering of representatives from all parts of Canada to settle many questions of vital interest to the party. Some divergent views were expressed, but the consensus of opinion shows conclusively that the idea of a great convention of Conservatives is looked upon with favor, and that the only question in the minds of the gentlemen interviewed is one as regards the most auspicious time for holding such a gathering. The majority desired to wait until the approaching session of the Commons had closed, during which time the policy of the Liberal party, whatever it may be, would have been announced. The World thinks it would perhaps be premature to summon the convention until the Liberals have outlined their policy. It says that some time after the summer session and prior to the winter meeting of parliament would appear to be an opportune period for the great meeting.

The Globe says of Hugh John Macdonald as leader of the Conservatives: "There is no more live political topic just now than the reorganization of the Conservative party. That it requires a fresh start is nowhere more freely admitted than within its own ranks. Who shall be leader? is the paramount question, and the public will perhaps not be wholly surprised to find that the name of Hugh John Macdonald is the one that finds most acceptance. Of Mr. Macdonald's popularity there can be no doubt. He possesses a decidedly amiable disposition and gets the personal regard of all with whom he comes in contact. He is not mixed up in past squabbles and past misdeeds. He is not only the son of his father, but he inherits his features in a remarkable degree. Whether he inherits his father's indomitable will and genius for politics remains to be seen. He certainly does not inherit his father's taste for the noble game, for there can be no doubt he is where he is in public life much against his will. Whether a gift of the leadership would change all that is a question, but it may be taken for granted that the name of Hugh John will be one of the most favored among the great masses of the Conservative party in connection with the leadership."

MONTREAL, July 22.—Sir Adolphe Caron has returned from a visit to various portions of his new constituency, Three Rivers and St. Maurice. Sir Adolphe received a warm welcome from his constituency. He ridicules the idea of a contestation and expresses himself as far from discouraged with the general prospects of the party.

## LI HUNG CHANG.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Li Hung Chang is to be given a reception by the government officials in Washington City as elaborate as that extended to the Princess Eulalia of Spain in the summer of 1893. The visit has been the subject of active correspondence between Secretary Olney and the Chinese legation. Li Hung Chang had expected to arrive in Washington City the last of this month, but has postponed his visit because of the absence of the President. He is now expected to reach Washington City on September 18. While in Washington Li Hung Chang will be under the special care of First Assistant Secretary of State Rockhill, who lived in China for years as one of the secretaries of the legation, the only official under the department who speaks Chinese fluently. Li Hung Chang will be quartered in Washington City at a hotel, and while there is no appropriation to pay for the entertainment of foreigners, no matter how distinguished, it is not improbable that the contingent fund of the department may be drawn upon to help entertain Li Hung Chang and his suite.

The President will give a dinner in honor of the distinguished visitor, to which all the diplomats and prominent officials will be invited. Li Hung Chang will probably give a dinner in return. Secretary Olney will also give a dinner. It is probable that the United States cavalry at Fort Myer will be ordered out on the day of his arrival to escort him to his quarters, and a detail of army or naval officers will be assigned to be with him during his stay in the United States.

Li Hung Chang, it is understood, brings important communications to the president, which consist of a message of thanks from the emperor for the services of this government during the Chinese-Japanese war, together with expressions of goodwill for the prosperity of this country. The question what to do with Li's coffin which he brings along, is exciting the thoughtful consideration of the department. It is possible the state department will undertake to be its custodian while the eminent statesman remains in Washington City.

MONTREAL, July 21.—October 8 will be the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Sir Charles and Lady Tupper. Their intention is to commemorate their golden wedding. The event will be celebrated here.