

THE HERALD

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1899.

OTTAWA advises inform us of the so-called Senate reform resolutions, introduced in the House of Commons by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, are to be abandoned for the present session. It is quite possible that Sir Wilfrid has discovered that the conduct of the Senate in rejecting the obnoxious Government measures sent thither has proved itself to be in much closer touch with the public opinion of the country than the majority in the House of Commons. Even a numerically strong Grit Government can learn useful lessons by experience.

WHAT is the reason a judge has not been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Queen's County Court bench? It is because the local Government are afraid to allow the Attorney-General to be appointed for fear of losing his seat in the Legislature in the event of an election? It looks like that. We observe that when Mr. Martin called attention to the matter in the House of Commons on Monday, Sir Wilfrid said he had no knowledge of the matter, but would consult Sir Louis Davies. How extremely inoutraged did none of the numerous letters of the different applicants reach the Premier? Whatever the cause of the delay, it is too bad that litigants have to suffer on account of the political exigencies of our Provincial Government.

Sir James Edgar, Speaker of the Dominion House of Commons, died at his home in Toronto on Monday last. He had been ill for a few weeks and went home a fortnight ago and underwent an operation, from the effects of which his physicians thought he was in a fair way of recovery; but his strength failed him and he sank rapidly. He was 58 years of age, was a lawyer by profession and also a literary man and a poet. He was first elected to Parliament in 1875, but subsequently defeated at the following general election. Since 1884, he had continuously held a seat in the House of Commons. This is the first time in the history of the Dominion that a Speaker died during the session, or during his term of office. He is the sixteenth member of Parliament that has died since the general election in 1896.

DURING the present session of the Dominion Parliament the Conservative representatives in the House of Commons from this Province Mr. Martin of East Queens, and Mr. McDonald of Kings, have done excellent service and have lost no opportunity to advocate the rights of their constituents and of the Province in general. On the question of voting several thousand dollars to straighten the curves of the P. E. Island Railway, both these gentlemen pointed out the injustice done the travelling public on our Island Road, in being obliged to pay such high fares. They brought to the notice of the minister of Railways the fact that in consequence of the curves in our railroad, fully a third was added to the mileage more than there would be if the line were straight. Taking this into account, and bearing in mind at the same time that our Island road cost so much less per mile for construction than the Intercolonial, the rates paid passengers were exorbitantly high. They urged upon the minister the importance of reducing the rates. The minister confessed that their arguments had much weight and should receive his careful consideration. On the gerrymander bill, also, our Conservative Representatives fought valiantly for the rights of the electors and pointed out the infamous character of the measure. Owing to the crowded condition of our columns of late, we have not yet been able to publish the debates on these matters.

On July 26th, while the House of Commons, in committee of supply, was considering the expenditure for immigration, the following colloquy took place between Mr. McDougall, member for Cape Breton County, and the Minister of the Interior:

MR. MCDUGALL. Is Mr. Benjamin Davies, the agent at St. Paul, a brother of the Minister of Marine and Fisheries?

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. He is.

MR. MCDUGALL. I suppose the fact that he is a brother of Sir Louis Davies accounts for his increased expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR. It, no doubt, accounts for the smallness of his expenses, as compared with the others.

MR. MCDUGALL. His expenses, including salary, amounts to \$5,817.63, and he is the highest of the twenty agents in the United States. Mr. McInnis comes next with \$5,500, and all the rest run from \$1,000 to \$3,000. I see the hon. member for Russell (Mr. Edwards) in his seat, and I understand that it is hoped that he will be promoted to a knightly position. Before he receives the honor of knighthood, he would do well to inform the House whether or not he has any brothers or sisters that he will have to appoint to positions at the expense of the country after he is knighted. From this it will readily be seen that it is a fine thing to be a near relative of a cabinet minister, particularly a Sir Knight. It matters nothing whether or not Mr. Davies performs any services as immigration agent in the city of St. Paul; he is a brother of Sir Louis, and that is sufficient to entitle him to a high salary and large fees.

The Government Tottering.

As already announced the contest in the first district of Prince County, on the 25th. ult., resulted in the election of Mr. Pineau, the opposition candidate, by a majority of 31 votes. The returns from the different polling places at last week's election, as well as at the election of 1898 are as follows:

	1899	1898
Nail Pond	Callant	Ronde
Palmer Road	174	204
Tignish	65	133
Greenmount	76	134
Dock Road	114	86
Bloomfield	178	90
Alberton	110	58
Mininigash	42	67
Fortune Cove	78	51
Total	904	935

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WHAT IT ALL COSTS. Adding to railway subsidies the other amounts asked by government this session and including the two sets of supplementary estimates, we have a total of over sixty millions, or more than \$1,000,000 a week. Look at this long list of 40 railway and bridge subsidies and half as many more restored to life and then ponder on the platform of the Liberal party. Here is the declaration: "By cash and land grants from the Dominion government has become a fruitful source of jobbery, speculation and corruption. Under its operation the facilities of a government have been enriched. . . . have been voted without regard to public interest. . . . The policy of granting these subsidies has repeatedly been condemned in parliament by the Liberal party."

THE EURON ELECTION FRAUDS. The West Huron enquiry is not progressing rapidly. Ministers and supporters of the government appear to be ingeniously struggling by the use of all the methods known to lawyers to delay and intercept the enquiry.

It has been shown by the testimony of the deputy returning officer that in one poll sixteen ballots all marked for the government candidate were not only different from the other ballots in size, color and quality of paper, but were not of the same paper as the stubs from which they were supposed to have been torn. It is clear that they were not genuine ballots. To make the matter still more certain forty one men have been called in by the Conservative candidate in a poll where only thirty votes were counted for him. It has been shown that in another poll the fragments of a ballot initialed by the returning officer and properly marked for McLellan, were found on the floor. The returning officer at this poll has been sent for, but the messenger who found the stubs found that this government officer had fled to the States. It was shown that in still another poll forged ballots were used.

THE MACHINE AND ITS METHODS. The operations of the gang of Election Manipulators in Huron is thus in part disclosed. Evidently the same gang method which was employed in Elgin has been. In this connection it is particularly convenient to refer to a discussion which took place on Wednesday evening on the Elgin machine and its engineer. It has not been forgotten that the United Nish whose election in Elgin was declared void, on his own objection, testified that Mr. W. T. R. Preston was engaged in this contest. The following extracts are taken from the admission of the Liberal Candidate in his own words as signed before a witness.

"A large number of persons were specially sent into the constituency, by me working on behalf of the Liberal party. And we believe that fraudulent and corrupt means were used by such persons to procure his (MacNish's) election. . . . That several of such persons illegally and without authority acted as deputy returning officers, and in at least three cases, acted in the names of reputable local men, having under assumed names been introduced to the returning officer by local agents of Mr. MacNish. . . . That large numbers of persons were brought into the riding for the express purpose of personating legitimate voters, and did personate qualified voters."

A VANCOUVER B. C. despatch of the 25th ult. says: Fifteen Canadian fishermen captured by the American revenue cutter Blair last week with all their logboats had all their gear confiscated. Another serious feature of the situation is a fatal shooting at Point Roberts, Washington. Some American fishermen were drifting their nets inside the line of salmon trap pits when they were warned off by the slaughter pen guards. All went outside but one man named Crockett, who disputed the exclusive fishing right of the trap men and attempted to drift his net. He was fired on by the guards and killed.

The End Approaching.

FIVE MONTHS' SESSION DRAWING TO A CLOSE. ANOTHER BIG HAUL OF SUBSIDIES—WEST-HURON SCANDALS—HOW THE GOVERNMENT HUGS THE MACHINE.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald.)

OTTAWA, July 25th.—It is expected that in one more week the session of 1899 will come to a close. The House is now sitting on the afternoon and evening, and for the greater part of the time in Committee of Supply. The main estimates for the fiscal year which began this month have been voted. They amount to the enormous sum of \$46,286,550. The supplementary estimates yet to be voted before the session closes come to \$5,497,346. Added to this we have an unexpended budget of railway and bridge subsidies. These were brought down by Mr. Blair on Thursday evening, hardly ten days before the time fixed for the close of a five months' session.

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MR. PRESTON REMAINS.

When the House was asked to vote the salaries of the immigration staff a protest was made against the employment of Mr. Benoit during the election. It was stated by Hon. Clarke Wallace that Mr. Benoit was appointed before the Government wanted to get him out of the country during the election enquiries. The motion was voted down by a straight government majority, and Mr. Preston continues to draw his pay and his expenses as a reward for the services he has rendered to the party of purity. Mr. Sifton and Mr. Fielding could not see that he had done anything wrong and declared that he would not be disturbed until he had been proved guilty by somebody. While they are themselves paying out of the public purse for commissioners to enquire whether the holder of some ten dollars office may have committed the crime of attending a public meeting, they intend to leave it to some private person to prove to the satisfaction of Ministers that Mr. Preston is not a proper person to place over all the Canadian immigration agencies in Europe.

Meanwhile Hon. Sam. Blake, brother of Hon. Edward Blake, and one of the leading Liberals of Ontario, has said: "If I were in office, Preston's name would not be on the list. . . . It is disgraceful and reprehensible that such a name as Preston's should be so quickly as I could write down their names on paper."

PROVINCIAL PROHIBITION.

Friday was the day set apart for the discussion of Mr. Flint's resolution in favor of provincial prohibition. Mr. Flint has been a temperance leader, and in other days moved resolutions in favor of national prohibition. Now times are changed. The Government pretended to refer the prohibition question to the vote of the people, and then after a majority had declared for prohibition refused to give effect to the decision obtained. Mr. Flint is apparently a government supporter more than he is a prohibitionist, and so has abandoned his old programs for the new one of yesterday. There is a space to report the discussion, which was continued until three o'clock this morning. Sir Charles Tupper in a brief speech declared that the proposed bill would be less effective than the Scott Act, and was in no sense a substitute for a general law. He then exposed the treachery of the Government, and especially of the premier, who had grossly deceived the temperance people by professing to give them a chance to secure prohibition.

The temperance people had thus been led to spend their time and money in a struggle while the time a secret conclusion, unknown to them, had been reached that there would be no prohibition even though the people should vote for it. Mr. Sifton (Liberal) refused to support Flint's resolution and moved an amendment in favor of national prohibition. To this a sub-amendment was moved by Parlmales (Liberal) affirming the temperance people's right to the enactment of a prohibitory law. Mr. Sifton, who proclaims himself a temperance man, was the only minister who took part in the discussion, and he did so to say that parliament had no right to enact a general law in the face of the opposition of Quebec. The people of Quebec would in his opinion be justified in resenting the action of the other provinces if those of another race and language should force prohibition on the French Canadians.

If the Ministers had made some such statement as this before the plebiscite vote was taken they would have saved the people much trouble. Every one knew Quebec was opposed to prohibition and if it had been understood that the opposition of Quebec would prevail over the majority of the other provinces, no one would have troubled his head about the affair. In the long debate the chief attack on the Government was based not so much on the refusal of prohibition as the deception and hypocrisy of the whole affair. When the debate was adjourned in the small hours of the morning it was not known whether the subject would come up again and be pressed to a vote. The Government has control of all the time at this stage of the session.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The dwelling house of Mr. Wm. D. McLaren, Cable Head was destroyed by fire on Monday forenoon last with all its contents. Insurance \$700.

The yacht Shamrock left the Clyde for New York yesterday, Captain Archibald Garth in command. Her crew consists of fifty men.

ALL GOING.—See our ad. and read what bargains we are giving in special lines.—Must be cleared—see them before buying.—WEEKS & CO., The People's Store.

It is reported that Baron de Rothschild will distribute 500,000 francs among the poor of Paris as an offering in memory of his wife, who died weak before last.

HARVEST GLOVES.—We have just received a case of Harvest Gloves. Just the thing for haying and harvesting. Prices right at WEEKS & CO., The People's Store.

ALFRED Kloczkowski, Esq., Consul-General of France in Canada, with residence at Montreal, who had been spending a few days in this city, left for home via Sydney C.E.B. on Monday morning last. He was a guest at the Hotel El-plant.

OFFICIAL reports show that the condition of winter wheat is very good in nine departments of France, good in 67, fair in 8, and bad in one department. Spring wheat is very good in four departments, good in 30, and fair in 13.

The work of clearing the site for the Whitney smelting works has commenced about the International pier North Sydney. The contractors are quarrying stones for the manufacture of concrete for the foundation. So extensive will the work be that it will take nearly two years before the manufacture of steel begins.

EXPERIMENTS in the ether wave system of transmitting electricity were conducted at Newbury, England, on the 29th ult. A small powder magazine, located 400 yards from the sending point, was electrically exploded without the use of wires. The experiments demonstrated the feasibility of using the system for destroying mines, etc. in war.

A TERRIBLE ball storm, lasting ten minutes occurred in and around Tignish, Thursday. The ball stones were as large as robin eggs. Half of the windows in houses and stores in the village were broken. Trees and barns were blown down and the crops where the stems struck were almost totally destroyed. Happily the extent of territory affected was small.

QUITE a serious collision occurred at Amherst, N.S., last Thursday afternoon. Conductor Gordon's special of 29 cars coming from Springhill, was on the main line at the station taking water when it ran into the passenger train. The passenger train was badly damaged, also four or five cars on Gordon's train. It is said the semaphore was not up.

ARTHUR DOUGETT, a young man employed in a wholesale grocery store, at Portland, Maine, received word the other day that he is about to come into possession of a fortune. This information came through a relative in Montreal. Douglass is a great grandson of Count de Gas, of France, who died leaving no will, and his estate has been a long time in litigation. Douglass has a brother in Halifax, who with the Montreal relative will share his good fortune.

In this issue of the HERALD will be found the revised programme of the games for the Scottish Gathering, which takes place on Thursday the 10th inst. All lovers of athletics will admit that the programme is an excellent one and that a grand day's sport may be expected. British Scots will be present from all sections of the country standing shoulder to shoulder to witness the feats of agility and skill executed by the talented athletes drawn thither from far and near. On a day many a friendly hand will be spoken, many a kindly word will be exchanged, and memories of "aid lang syne" will be renewed. With hammer throwing and bar-bell exercises, with the high jump and "pibroch" and dancing, it will be a blithe and bonnie day indeed. Read the programme and the low railway fares and you surely will attend.

The sensation caused in Paris by the removal of General de Negrier from the step of war increases as the importance of the council is more fully recognized. His distinguished career and great courage, combined with military skill, which was evidenced in the German, Algerian and Tonquin wars, signalled him for the highest positions in the army. He was the most likely successor of General Jamont as generalissimo of the forces. His dramatic decision now deprives him of the prospective command in war and reduces him to the position of an ordinary retired general. It is a tremendous blow to the army, but it was struck for the purpose of warning the military to shun politics, and was based on the view that his conduct amounted to organizing a military conspiracy against the Republic. Some of the English correspondents in Paris represent the situation created by the General's degradation as graver than any any moment since the Dreyfus agitation began. Level-headed people, who do not attempt to deny that the step was wise, doubt its wisdom. They think it will be a supreme test.

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TEN YKKE won the championship single scull at the National Regatta at Boston on Saturday.

A LANDSLIDE, resulting from a cloud-burst caused an accident on the Erie Railroad a few miles east of Hacksawon. N. Y. Twenty-six persons were more or less injured and two killed. They were Stephen Outwater, of Port Jervis, engineer, and Fred Sells, Port Jervis, fireman.

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