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DYNAMITE INJURES THREE

Explosion at Tiner's Point Where Submarine Work is Going On

ALL WILL RECOVER

James R. Johnson of Halifax Has Piece of Tin Embedded in Leg—Michael Driscoll and Wm. Steeves Slightly Hurt.

Three men were painfully injured by an explosion of dynamite at Tiner's Point, near Lorneville, on Saturday morning and it seems wonderful that they escaped being killed. Those injured are:

James R. Johnson, of Halifax, foreman in the submarine bell department.

Michael Driscoll, Lorneville.

William Steeves, Lorneville.

None was seriously injured though all received bad cuts on the face and Mr. Johnson a bad gash on his leg.

For some days a crew of men have been engaged at Tiner's Point in doing preparatory work for the new submarine bell, as told in The Telegraph some time ago. Mr. Johnson was in charge of the work and was assisted by Messrs. Driscoll and Steeves and two other men—George Splane and a man named McGuire. About 9 o'clock Saturday morning they were digging the trench for the laying of the cable which carries the power, and had occasion to use dynamite for the removing of some rocks. The proper way to thaw frozen dynamite is to place the can in a large vessel filled with water and the explosive was laid by the fire while Mr. Johnson was preparing to fill the outer can with water. The heat reached the dangerous substance, however, and there was a terrific explosion. The men were but three feet away and it is marvellous they escaped as well as they did.

A large hole was blown in the beach and flying gravel struck the men in the face. Steeves was given a bad cut under the eye and Driscoll also had his cheek torn open. Johnson, who was nearest, was struck by a piece of the can which cut a gash four inches long in his leg and lodged in the flesh. Not a foot away from the stick which exploded were nine packages of dynamite, and if this had been reached, which danger was imminent, little would have been left of the six men.

Splane and McGuire escaped with a few scratches.

Dr. L. M. Curren, of Fairville, was summoned, and did all he could for the sufferers. Two stitches were taken in the cut on Driscoll's face, while Steeves required a great deal of attention. Dr. Curren thought it advisable to remove Johnson to Fairville where the operation necessary to extract the piece of tin from his leg could be performed. He was taken to the Barnhill Hotel, where the doctor subsequently took a piece of tin an inch and a half in length from the injured leg. He was reported to be resting comfortably yesterday. The other men are still under the doctor's care.

The work of installing the bell it seems will be suspended for some days at least. Louis Cote, the government engineer, and F. J. Harding, the marine agent, who are in Halifax, have been notified and will probably come here to see to the matter.

NAVIGATION ENDED

River Steamers All Laid Up for the Winter.

Friday's cold snap has closed river navigation and the steamers are now all tied up for the winter. The Elaine went up the river on Thursday but, the weather turning cold, Capt. Peatman made the trip down during Thursday night and no more risks will be taken. There was practically no ice in the river on Thursday but it is now rapidly forming.

The flurry of snow which came Thursday night in some places froze to the ground and in the North End a large number of children were out for the first coasting of the season. The police were kept busy at times keeping the youngsters off the street car tracks, and there were a number of narrow escapes from accident.

The First Snowstorm.

Four inches of snow fell Monday in the first storm of the season. The storm did not tie up the street car service in the city. Railway trains were delayed. Snow fell last year on Nov. 27 and on Dec. 3 three inches fell, but it disappeared in a few days.

The storm put a stop to work at the lumber mills Monday. Cushing's Union Point mill did not start at all, and Murray & Gregory's ceased operations at 10 o'clock as the weather was too bad for the men to work. Stetson & Cutler's big mill at Indiantown was closed down at an early hour.

The Fairville street car line was tied up by the storm until 11 o'clock Monday morning. The company are now negotiating with Fairville teamsters for the carrying of passengers between Barnhill's corner and Douglas avenue during the winter.

Kings County Girl Dead in Somerville.

The news of the death of Miss May Johnson, formerly of Kings county, at Somerville (Mass.) on the 27th inst., will be heard in St. John with much regret. Miss Johnson had been ill for some time and a fatal termination of her illness was not unexpected. She leaves two brothers—Oscar and A. Duncan—and one sister—Miss Ella. Her body will be brought to St. John today and the funeral will be held at Apohaqui tomorrow. Dr. McDonald, of Petitcodiac, and S. F. McDonald, of Havelock, are uncles of deceased.

Maine Skater Drowned.

Rockland, Me., Dec. 1—While skating near West Rockport today, Dennis Jones, aged 18 years, went through the thin ice and was drowned before help could reach him. Late today the body had not been recovered. He was the son of Albert Jones.

The custom of arranging matrimonial contracts through agents of match-makers has been practiced in China for ages. This business receives support from all classes, for although the high caste men in some instances select their first wives themselves, the additional wivs are all secured through the agents.

TROUBLE IN THE COUNTY

Would-be Government Candidates Fearful That Mr. McKeown Will Not Come to the City for Election as Arranged.

Advices from the county are to the effect that trouble is brewing because one or two men who desire the local government nomination for the eastern section of the constituency believe that Mr. McKeown is going to hold the county seat, whereas, it is said, there was a distinct understanding that at the next general election he would leave the county and head the government ticket in the city.

One report is to the effect that F. M. Cochrane, of St. Martins, gave way to Mr. McKeown in the bye election and that at a caucus of county supporters of the administration it was arranged that, if Mr. McKeown was elected, he would vacate the county when the general election came and let the nomination go to the man who would command the most support in St. Martins and Simonds. Mr. Cochrane's friends believed that this would mean that he would be selected in course of time to make the running.

A report which is now a disturbing feature in the government forces is one to the effect that the delegates now being elected at the parish meetings are being chosen with the view of keeping Mr. McKeown in the county, which is regarded as the safer constituency.

It is said that there will be some outcry in both city and county if it turns out that this is the case inasmuch as there is a feeling that residents of the county should have a chance for nomination and that the man with a portfolio should lead the forlorn hope in the city.

BUILDING WORK

Getting Structures Roofed in for Winter—Many New Dwellings This Year.

With the approach of winter, outside work on new buildings will have to be given up and as many as possible of the new structures are being roofed in before the snow comes. The handsome four story front of the cold storage building, Main street, is now practically completed and the trimmings are being put on. The building is very substantial and adds much to the appearance of the street.

Good progress is being made on the new Y. M. C. A. building and the roof is now being put on. The water pipes are being laid and it is probable that the building will be ready for occupancy about May 1.

A large brick building being added to the James Ready plant in Peel street is nearly ready for the roof. The new I. C. R. shed in Pond street has been roofed over and will be used this season.

Shanklin Thompson, superintendent of buildings, when asked as to the number of buildings being put up this year, said that the number of permits issued was about as usual, though larger and more expensive buildings were being erected. There were a large number of dwelling houses.

NOVEMBER WARMER

Average Temperature Higher Than in Same Month in 34 Years.

The month of November just closed was a remarkable one in that the average temperature was slightly higher than for the same month in any one of the last thirty-four years. Compared with November, 1906, the average temperature was more than three degrees higher and, while there was more rain, there was less snow.

The average temperature for November, 1907, was 39.9, as against 36 degrees in November, 1906. The highest point reached by the mercury last month was 57 degrees, on the 7th, and the lowest 19 degrees, on the 30th. The highest temperature recorded during November, 1906, was 55 degrees, on the 19th, and the lowest 15 degrees, on the 30th.

The total rainfall during November of the present year was 5.33 inches, and the snowfall one-tenth of an inch. Most of the rain fell on four days—the 3rd, 7th, 10th and 25th. There was a gale from the southeast on the 3rd and a heavy gale from the east on the 7th.

In November, 1906, four inches of rain fell, the greater part being on six days. There was one and six-tenths inches of snow, on four days.

TORONTO CLUB SECRETARY, SHORT IN ACCOUNTS, FLEES

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 2—(Special)—It developes that Captain C. C. Harbottle's removal from the position of secretary of the Toronto Club, the announcement of which on Saturday created a tremendous sensation in city social and club circles, was due to the discovery of a large shortage in the club's books. Captain Harbottle, has not been seen for several days and is supposed to have left the city, and to be now in Washington. His friends, who are numerous, consider that he made a mistake in leaving town.

NO LIMIT TO HEIGHT OF NEW YORK SKY-SCRAPERS

New York, Dec. 2—No limitation is to be placed on the height of New York's tall buildings of the future. Instead of being held to certain legal restrictions, the builder hereafter may send a skyscraper to as many stories as he chooses, provided his structure is of such form as to guarantee a reasonable amount of light and ventilation to his neighbors on all sides.

This is the effect of an amendment to the New York Building code, which will be ratified by the code revision commission at a meeting today and the entire report of the committee will probably be adopted by the board of aldermen within the coming week.

Several months ago, when the revision commission first took up the question of restricting the altitude of skyscrapers, there seemed to be a preponderance of argument in favor of limiting all future structures to about twenty stories, and the problem provoked a great deal of comment both here and abroad.

Cut in Refined Sugar.

New York, Dec. 2—All grades of refined sugar were reduced five cents a hundred pounds today.

Bishop Richardson has announced the appointment of Rev. C. D. Schofield as Dean of Fredericton.

MORE MEN ARRIVE FROM MONTREAL

C. P. R. Brings in Fifty-four and They Start to Work

MAY BE OTHERS TODAY

Report That Fifty Are Expected—Steamship Men Say Work is Going on Well—'Longshoremen Deny Offer of 35 Cents, and Say They Are as Strong as Ever in Determination to Hold Out—Some For, Leaders Against Parade.

December 3.

Fifty-four men were brought to the city Monday afternoon, by the C. P. R., to work on their steamers, because of the local labor difficulties. This was the feature of the situation yesterday. Fifty more men are expected today. The Montreal men started work on the Monmouth last evening.

The men arrived on the regular C. P. R. train, which was two hours late, and came to the I. C. R. depot. They were gathered in one car and a special train took them to Sand Point, which they reached at 4.30 o'clock. They were at once taken on board the Monmouth and given quarters.

Chief of Police Clark, Sergt. Kilpatrick and C. P. R. Detective Crawford watched the men from the train to the steamer. There were no local men present. The newcomers are mostly Englishmen, with a few foreigners. They are said to be accustomed to the 'longshore work. There were but few pieces of baggage and some of the men did not carry even a parcel of clothing.

It was claimed by the local 'longshoremen last night that a number of the new arrivals had refused to go to work on learning of the situation here. In the early evening a reporter talked to three men who said they were of the Montreal party, but had declined to go to work. At 10.30 o'clock, however, Capt. Walsh, who had been asked earlier if there had been desertions from the ranks, said that he had just had a count taken and of the 54 men who came down yesterday 53 were at work on the vessel. He added that he had received a telegram from D. McNicoll, general manager of the C. P. R., in which he expressed his annoyance over the whole situation and authorized Capt. Walsh to make it known that it could not help but have a detrimental effect upon St. John that 1,000 men would be sent from Montreal, if necessary, and that there would be no trouble getting them.

Capt. Walsh said many of the men who came down yesterday were known to the company, and had done work for them in Montreal.

Speaking for the Donaldson line, H. C. Schofield, said last night that all was going on satisfactorily, that none of the men they had brought down had left. The Athenia sailed last night and the Tritonia will probably go today.

Members of the 'longshoremen's executive said Monday, in connection with the reported interview with Capt. Walsh on Sunday, that it was not of their seeking, but that he sent for them and that they did not make an offer to work for 35 cents. They said the men were as determined as ever to hold out for 40 cents. As to the talked of parade, it is learned that a number of the men are anxious to have one, but that the leading spirits of the association advise against it.

NEWCASTLE NEWS

Smelts Very Plentiful--Death of Thomas Matheson--Other Matters.

Newcastle, Dec. 2—The catch of smelts so far this season has not been exceeded in any previous year; they are very plentiful.

The Bulgarian drama came to an end Saturday, when the whole fifteen who left Hood's employ hired with John Brooks, of the Moncton Employment Agency, to work on the eastern end of the Grand Trunk Pacific. They left here Saturday.

Albert Forbes, of the I. C. R. service, has removed to a house near the station, and set up housekeeping.

Track Master Macpherson has removed his family from Kent Junction to the station house here.

The funeral of Thomas Matheson, son of the late William Matheson, took place here today, Rev. S. J. McArthur, Presbyterian, officiating. Deceased was seventy-five years old, and leaves his widow, one brother, William, in Calgary; also three sisters, Mrs. William Witherell, here; Mrs. Beatty, New York, and Mrs. George Oulton, St. John; and the following children: James, New York; Charles, Bellingham (Wash.); Thomas, in the Canadian west; John S., at present in Duluth (Miss.); Mrs. F. H. Gough, Blackstock, and Freeman, Newcastle. Mr. Matheson was a member of the Presbyterian church, and much respected.

APPLE POSSIBILITIES

Apples with Orange Sauce.—Core six red apples and cook with the skins on in boiling water until tender. Turn the apples over occasionally, so that they cook evenly. Remove to a plate, carefully take off the skins and scrape off the red pulp adhering to the inside, replacing the pulp on the apples to give them a blushing aspect. Reduce the water to a cupful, and add a cupful of sugar and the juice of an orange; also the grated rind, if desired. Let it simmer until a thick syrup is formed, and pour this over the apples. Serve with whipped cream.

Apples and Cake.—Pare and core eight medium-sized apples. Prepare round pieces of spongecake—one for each apple—an inch in thickness and the same size around as the apple. Sprinkle with sugar and set them in the oven till the sugar melts. Make a syrup of a cupful each of sugar and water, and cook the apples very slowly in this. Drain when tender, and put an apple on each piece of cake. Add half a glass of jelly to the syrup, cook until it is thick, then pour it over the whole. Garnish with candied cherries and whipped cream.

CHRISTMAS BOXES AND BRIBERY.

The very slightest knowledge of commercial circles teaches that in the past three has been concealed beneath the innocent surface of seasonable generosity a vicious system of bribery on the one hand and blackmail on the other, under which the employes of many firms were practically serving two masters.

THROUGH THE ICE IN ROCKWOOD PARK

Roy McLean the First to Get Ducking Which Attends Opening of Skating Season.

The first skating accident of the season occurred Saturday afternoon, when Roy McLean, aged about seventeen, of Celebration street, broke through the ice on one of the lakes back of Lily Lake. He was rescued by Len Daley the skater. Scarcely a skating season passes that some one does not have a narrow escape or is drowned. On Saturday, the two mentioned went to the lake to test the ice. McLean went through and says the water was over his head but he was not far from shore. Fortunately there was a large rock near, and Daley by resting on it was able to pull McLean to safety. He was taken to his home, and now feels little the worse for his ducking.

Though Lily lake is frozen only around the edges a number of small boys were skating Sunday and great risks are taken. The ice in the spot known as the lead mine was fairly thick, but in the middle of the lake there is open water.

McARTHUR PAYS $400 AND COSTS

In the Circuit Court Friday it was announced that the case of Edgecombe vs. McArthur had been settled, the plaintiff compromising for $400 and taxed costs. A. W. Baird announced that the settlement and Judge Hanington expressed his pleasure, stating that the incident which gave rise to the action should never have occurred.

There was quite a discussion when the time came to affix the signatures to the settlement, but the matter was at length amicably arranged. The original suit was for $10,000 damages for assault and battery, but the plaintiff accepted $400 and taxed costs

The settlement was arrived at by friends interposing. Mr. McArthur was willing to pay the $400 and taxed costs, but, it is said, desired that if the plaintiff had a surplus after paying the counsel fees, etc., he should divide it between the Catholic and Protestant orphanages or give it to the Home for Incurables. Mr. McArthur urged this strongly, contending that Mr. Edgecombe should not desire personal pecuniary advantage for the difference between them. Mr. Edgecombe, however refused. The hitch in the settlement was because Mr. Edgecombe wished $700 instead of $400, but the defendant's counsel would not consent. L. A. Currey and A. W. Baird represented the plaintiff, and D. Mullin, K. C., was for the defendant.

WEDDINGS

Carson-Sleete.

At Presque Isle on Thursday, Nov. 21, was solemnized the marriage of Miss Mae Bella Sleete, of North Sydney (C. B.), and Arthur B. Carson, formerly of Columbus, Ohio. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Parker C. Manzer. The bride is an attractive and highly respected young lady. The groom came to Presque Isle from St. John, and is employed with Morse & Fowler, blacksmiths. He is a young man of worth and is an exceptionally fine workman. The newly married couple will reside here and no doubt will form many warm acquaintances. They have the best wishes of all for a happy and prosperous life—Presque Isle paper.

Sullivan-Parady.

Richard J. Sullivan, formerly of this city, was married on the 21st inst. to Miss Addie Parady. The ceremony was performed in St. Francis De Sales church, Waterville (Me.), by Rev. Father Kealy. Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan will reside in Bangor.

McAllister-Haley.

A quiet wedding took place Thursday morning in Holy Trinity church when Miss Jennie Haley was married to Vernon McAllister by Rev. J. J. Walsh. Miss Nellie Lowney acted as bridesmaid. Among the presents received by the bride was a set of gold pins from Mrs. Busby. Mr. and Mrs. McAllister will reside at 226 Chesley street.

OBITUARY

George P. Barton.

At the Range, Queens county (N. B.), Nov. 24, George P. Barton died, in his seventieth year. Mr. Barton was one of our best citizens. He was a member of the Baptist church for fifty years and for forty-five years led the singing, he being classed as one of the best singers in Queens county. He is survived by wife, two daughters and three brothers—Judson and Councillor A. F. Barton, of Range, Queens county, and James, of Richmond Corner, Carleton county (N. B.) Funeral service was conducted by Pastor J. Harry Puddington on the 26th inst.

Miss Miriam McNally.

Miss Miriam McNally, daughter of Michael McNally, of Fredericton, a nurse in the general public hospital, died in that institution Friday morning. She had been ill with appendicitis and was operated upon last Tuesday. She was graduated in the St. John hospital in 1905, and became head nurse in the operating room this year. She left the institution several months ago. She was a member of the Graduate Nurses' Society and was a general favorite. Her sudden death will be mourned by many friends in this city as well as by her associates and those who came in contact with her.

Mrs. John Blackie.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 2—(Special)—Mrs. John Blackie, wife of the proprietor of the Queen hotel, died at 7 o'clock last evening after several weeks' illness.

The deceased is well and favorably known throughout the county. She was sixty-seven years of age and is survived by a husband and four children—three boys and one girl. The funeral will be held on Wednesday and the interment made in Oak Mountain cemetery.

Harry Savage.

The death of Harry Savage, a bright young man of twenty-eight years, took place Monday about 9.30 o'clock at his mother's residence, Pleasant point. Mr. Savage was ill for only a few days. News of his death will come as a great shock to his many friends. Deceased is survived by his mother and a number of brothers and sisters. W. J. Savage, of Main street, is a brother.

DELEGATES CHOSEN

Lancaster Selects Representatives for Local Government County Convention.

The local government convention for the parish of Lancaster was held in Orange hall, Fairville, Monday evening, and many attended. In the absence of W. F. Barnhill, the chair was taken by Dr. M. L. Macfarland, and Joseph O'Brien acted as secretary. The following delegates were chosen for the county convention, for which a date has not yet been set: Dr. M. L. Macfarland, James Ready, W. F. Barnhill, Coun. Timothy Hooley, Coun. John W. Long, Michael F. Kane, William C. MacKinnon, Frank Allingham, William Evans, Alex. Donaldson, Cornelius Collins, Amadore Anderson, George H. Galbraith and Wm. Ewart, Jr.; substitutes, David Keefe, Patrick Gleeson, Charles Masson, John P. O'Brien, John Robichaud and Edward Long.

A characteristic firey address on general issues was given by E. H. McAlpine and George R. Craigie sang two songs.

On Wednesday evening the electors of St. Martins will make their choice and on Friday, Simonds and Musquash will elect delegates.

CALL SUSTAINED

Rev. J. McLean, of Harvey, Goes to Presbyterian Church, Mahone Bay.

At a special meeting of the St. John Presbytery Friday afternoon a call to Rev. J. McLean, of Harvey, to Mahone Bay (N. S.) was sustained. Mr. McLean accepted and he will leave his present charge at the end of December.

Rev. F. W. Thompson, of Bridgewater, appeared in support of the call and John W. Taylor, of Harvey, for the congregation. Rev. David Lang was appointed moderator of Harvey pro tem.

LOCAL NEWS.

Charles E. Williams has sold his cottage on Carleton Heights to W. H. Trueman.

The customs receipts here during November were $108,307.60, a decrease of $1,994 as compared with November, 1906.

The family of the late Joseph Matthews express their thanks for the sympathy extended to them by their many friends in their recent bereavement.

The river steamer Aberdeen has been tied up for the winter and will undergo extensive repairing and overhauling for the next season's work.

Among the dying bequests of the late Hon. Stanley McInnes, of Brandon, was that of his watch and chain to Master Weldon Carter of this city.

Mrs. A. A. Stockton has sold the law library of the late Dr. A. A. Stockton to the Canada Law Book Company of Toronto.

The present indications are that the I. C. R. will haul a larger amount of freight than ever before for the winter port. So far this season traffic has been steadily increasing.

Thirteen deaths took place in the city last week from the following causes: Paralysis, three; consumption, pneumonia, asthenia, suicide, typhoid fever, heart failure, ovarian cyst, acute indigestion and puerperal convulsions, one each.

James Smith, E. P. Shaw, Patrick Driscoll and Daniel McDonald, old employes of the I. C. R. here, retired on Saturday on a pension. James Vincent, Matthew Morrison and Andrew Leach will probably be superannuated soon.

At Chubb's corner Saturday Auctioneer Lantalum offered for sale the J. & L. D. Knight timber limits at New River, Charlotte county, but withdrew them at $29,000. The McCluskey farm at Boar's Head was withdrawn at $2,400.

W. J. Shannon and Miss Alice Shannon, of Annapolis (N. S.), wish to thank St. David's P. C. choir for their kind assistance at the funeral services of Mrs. W. J. Shannon, also the many kind friends for their expressions of sympathy.

In the Douglas avenue Christian church Sunday George Titus, son of Charles Titus of this city, was ordained a minister of the Christian church by Rev. J. C. B. Appel and Elder W. A. Barnes, and at the evening service Rev. Mr. Titus preached an able sermon.

The street railway line on Rodney wharf, Carleton, was completed on Saturday afternoon. The three diamonds for the crossings at the head of the wharf arrived here on flat cars last Friday and the last double diamond was placed in position on Saturday afternoon. The cars started over the new route on Saturday night. The loop along Union street will be completed by the end of the week.

R. H. Irwin, who has for several years past been bookkeeper with J. E. Wilson & Co., has severed his connection with that firm. Before his departure Saturday night the members of the staff, through Jacob Brown, foreman of the tin shop, presented to him a valuable gold scarf pin. Mr. Irwin, though taken by surprise, made a suitable reply. Mr. Irwin has accepted a position with Charles E. Everett, the furniture dealer.

Walking with the aid of crutches and one leg utterly useless, as a result of a cut sustained in the Maine lumber woods, John Sinnott came to the city Friday night on the Boston train. Sinnott, who belongs along the line of the I. C. R., in Kings county, was working for the Sprague Lumber Co. and on Oct. 21, while chopping, struck his axe into his right foot. Blood poisoning developed and it is feared that the foot will have to be amputated. He will seek admittance to the public hospital.

At the annual meeting of Johnson Lodge, L. O. L., No. 54, held Monday, the election of officers resulted as follows: James Pitt, W. M.; J. L. Coggswell, D. M.; John Barnes, chaplain; Henry McLeod, R. S.; W. Simpson, F. S.; James Holman, treasurer; David Dunham, D. of C.; M. Sullivan, lecturer; John Pudister, foreman of committee; T. McAfee, O. Emery, W. Munford, W. Rogers, members of committee; Mr. Rogers, I. T.; James McKinney, D. lect. The meeting was addressed by J. King Kelley, C. M.; Frank Kerr, W. D. M.; N. J. Morrison, G. S.; and W. H. Sulis, P. D. W. M.

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BORDEN IN FIGHTING MOOD SHARPLY ARRAIGNS PREMIER

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form a cabinet, perhaps, he will do well to follow the rule which I may say in all modesty I have followed myself. When I was called upon to form a cabinet I went out of the representation to select the very best material that I could get. I went out to Nova Scotia and I asked my hon. friend, near me, the Hon. Mr. Fielding, to join the administration. He was not in the representation at that time, but he accepted and not a word of complaint was uttered and I have had nothing but satisfaction ever since from having invited him to join the government.

I went to the province of Ontario and I selected that veteran, Sir Oliver Mowatt, and never had any cause to regret it.

I went into the province of New Brunswick and I asked my friend, the late Mr. Blair, to join the cabinet. Now I have had my differences with Mr. Blair, but though I have had my differences with Mr. Blair I am glad to say, though he cannot hear me, that I never regretted having called him to the cabinet. He was a noble man, a strong man, I knew later how strong a man he was, but I must say that in all my differences with Mr. Blair I never had with him a word, which I can regret. I am glad to say that to the day of his death I remained his friend and he remained mine.

I went to the west and I took Mr. Sifton and a more able man could not have been selected. There are able men in this house whom I could have called to the position but every man in the house has had this much confidence in me that he never questioned my judgment under such circumstances.

Sir Wilfrid said that the time was not opportune for discussing the Quebec bridge.

Proceeding, Sir Wilfrid said: My honorable friend, the leader of the opposition, in the course of his address, brought within the scope of his observations many topics which are not to be found inside the four corners of his excellency's speech. Of this, of course, I make no complaint. The honorable gentleman was quite within his rights. He traveled very far afield, indeed, but there is one subject of which he never spoke, and yet of which we have heard a good deal of late both from himself and his supporters. This year 1907 has seen many important events. It has been, for instance, the construction of the new platform for the new Conservative party. I have read that platform with some care, and I must say, in all candor, to my honorable friend that in my humble judgment it is a remarkable structure. It is not remarkable, however, for the quality which one would look for in such a document or in such a structure, but rather for the very reverse. It is remarkable not for its solidity but for its elasticity. It was built not of oak but of India rubber. (Liberal cheers). Its planks are not the ordinary boards, but nameless, shapeless things intended to contract or expand, according to time, place and circumstances.

Having read that platform with some care, I do not think I am at all unduly severe if I say that in my humble judgment almost every proposition advanced in it is coupled with a qualification, coupled with an if or a but which makes it susceptible of a double interpretation. Every idea is combated by the succeeding one. Every step forward is followed by a step backward. And in the task of expounding it, of explaining what it means, my honorable friends reminded me very much of a caged squirrel, always in motion but always revolving in a circle and accomplishing nothing.

Some surprise has been expressed because the party were not called together in convention to discuss the political situation, to exchange views, to give advice as to what should be the policy of the party from a Conservative standpoint. For weeks, nay for months, the press of the party was full of the suggestion and that these suggestions were taken into consideration in the inner circle seems to be a matter for doubt.

We have heard the rumbling echoes of discord and thunder within the party circle. Of course, I do not pretend to be in the secrets of the party, but there are some secrets which are as public as stage whispers and one can easily understand that it would have been quite natural for the party to have wished to be allowed a voice in the framing of their policy. Of course, it cannot be expected that the party would be so lukewarm as to be indifferent to the attitude of its leader on public questions. But my honorable friend, the leader of the opposition, who is in correspondence with his followers in every part of the dominion, who receives expressions of the opinions prevailing in the east, west and centre, knew very well that if he were to draw the party together in council, if he were to bring my honorable friend from East York (W. F. MacLean), and my honorable friend from West Toronto (Mr. Osler) together on a question of the ownership of public utilities, if he were to bring my honorable friend from Brantford (Mr. Cockshutt) and some of my honorable friends whom I see opposite, coming from the western provinces, on a question of protection, he would have anything but a harmonious, deliberative assembly. He would have an assembly to which all the demons of discord would be let loose, and which would become a veritable pandemonium. So my honorable friend thought it better to frame a policy himself. And he framed it in such sybilline terms that everybody could find in it, as in the oracles of old, whatever suited his own convictions, passions and prejudices.

And having thus delivered himself, my honorable friend started on a missionary tour. With that, of course, I find no fault, quite the contrary. He started to evangelize the country, setting his sails closely trimmed so as to catch every passing breeze. Now one would expect that in a platform of the Conservative party the word protection would be written out very large indeed. But in this platform the word "Protection" is very small, so small, indeed, that it is not visible to the naked eye. I do not pretend, however, that the idea is not there. It is there, but so hidden that it is impossible to find it without great effort.

But how far we are from the flamboyant rhetoric of the old national policy. What is the key of the mystery? The key is that my hon. friend was in sore trouble. In these later days there are in the ranks of the Conservative party protectionists and protectionists, just as the French say there are fagots and fagots. We know that in the island of Lilliput there were two rival factions, the big Indians and the little Indians. Between them there arose a fierce controversy as to how eggs should be broken, whether broken at the big or at the small end. In the modern island of Lilliput, I mean the opposition, there are big Indians and little Indians protectionists and protectionists. If he brought them together there would be a terrible smashing of eggs. He gave good hope without committing himself to either. At one time it was adequate protection, now it is reasonable protection, but no one can tell what is the difference between reasonable and unreasonable protection. The leader of the opposition gave hopes to all. Hopes to him who wants the tariff as high as Haman's gallows and hopes to him who wants to see it at the lowest level and both may live on the same delusion until they become the victims of deception.

In regard to ownership of public utilities he said Mr. Borden was not a leader but a follower of W. F. MacLean.

Sir Wilfrid cited the Canadian Pacific Railway to show what a company was able to do and which could not be done by a government. He cited this company being in the hotel business, mining, with steamers on the Atlantic and the Pacific, and yet the C. P. R. was commenced by Alexander MacKenzie as a government work. There was not a word against the change from public ownership.

In respect to telegraph and telephones Sir Wilfrid said that the remedy was not nationalization but government and parliamentary control.

Referring to Japanese immigration Sir Wilfrid said that it was very different from the Chinese. He reproached Mr. Borden for not having made the distinction that Japan had entered the circle of civilized nations and was, and had been for some fifteen years an ally of his majesty, the king.

"If today," said Mr. Laurier, "there should be war in the Orient, which God forbid, in which it was the misfortune of Britain to be engaged, the heroic Japanese fleet would be at the side of the British fleet and that was not all, Canada had a commercial treaty with Japan. It was a dominion question. Nay, it was an imperial question and these things had been ignored by Mr. Borden, who had put the Chinese and Japanese questions on the same footing. While Japan would have to be treated with respect as an ally and friendly nation there were still race prejudices in the west against the Japanese. Some action must therefore take place or there would be danger of disorder, such as was unfortunately the case a few months ago.

While the government refused to pass an exclusion law they recognized the necessity of restriction. Until recently restriction was observed. A commission was sent to Tokio to have an understanding on the subject.

He concluded by referring to Mr. Borden's action in the provincial subsidy matter, after having allowed it to pass without objections last session.

Hon. Mr. Foster.

Hon. George E. Foster made a slashing political speech, in which he accused the premier of bedeviling the public service. He said the premier ignored the speech from the throne and took up the Halifax platform instead. Since Sir Wilfrid took office he began trafficking in offices, from the highest to the lowest. He commenced with Lieutenant-Governor Langelier, and it has been going ever since.

Mr. Foster next went into the western lands scandal. The premier asked why the Conservative party were not called together. That was one way of looking at it. There were two ways of doing a thing. A convention might be called, resolutions might be passed, the convention dismissed and the leaders refuse to put into force any of the things they promised. That was what the premier had done. The opposition leader took the other course. He had his platform published in the press and advocated the views and principles therein contained all over Canada, from ocean to ocean.

Mr. Foster said that Sir Wilfrid had gathered to him in his cabinet the flotsam and jetsam of the Liberal-Conservative party. Dr. Pugsley had secured the nomination in Kings county before the 1896 general election as a Conservative, and he withdrew and afterwards ran in St. John as an independent, ready to drop on either side that suited him.

Mr. Foster referred to the All-Red route, and said that Sir Charles Tupper and not Sir Wilfrid was the originator. For his own part, he would like to see it a success.

Mr. Fielding moved the adjournment.

Mr. Blair (Peel), whose bill to prohibit the sale and manufacture of cigarettes, was still on the order paper when parliament adjourned last year, has taken steps to get a speedy hearing for it this session. He has placed on the order paper a resolution reciting the evils of cigarette smoking on the moral, intellectual and physical welfare of the young and declaring that it is expedient to bring in a bill at this session to prohibit the importation, manufacture and sale of cigarettes.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth, in a letter received here today, states that he expects to be back in the capital next week ready for the work of the session. His general health is first class and he has been greatly encouraged by the improvement in his hearing, which has already taken place under the present treatment.

AN ATTRACTIVE JUMPER

There is a new jumper model in the fall waist lines which is exceedingly attractive. In reality it is not a jumper, but the jumper effect is so apparent that it seems quite right to call it such. It is made of a plain dark colored silk, taffetas or orkeda, tucked across the shoulders in clusters of quarter inch tucks graduated in length to form a pointed yoke in the front. The guimpe or rather the chemisette is of tucked batiste, and it is made so that it can be detached with ease for laundering. Inch wide bands of the black silk piped with white finish the edge of the simulated jumper and form a design at the bustline in the front trimmed with small crochet buttons. To further carry out the jumper idea the full puff sleeves finished with a narrow silk cuff piped with the white silk, have a lingerie cuff of the tucked batiste which is also detachable. This is a decidedly pretty finish to the sleeve and one which will be made much use of this year.

Nearly nine-tenths of the world's asbestos supply is mined in Canada, the mines about Quebec producing 60,000 tons per annum.