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Subscribers Attention.

HERALD subscriptions are not coming in as numerously as we would wish. This is a subject which we do not wish to discuss at any length; as a matter of fact we are loath to refer to it at all. But we cannot help reminding our friends that it is not easy to do business and supply goods without receiving the price in return. In no other line of business is this so much neglected, so far as we know. Only two weeks more of this year remain and we trust those who have not yet remitted will not allow the year to close without attention to this little matter. We trust we are not asking too much.

A Good Day's Work.

Two by-elections for the Dominion House of Commons were held on Saturday last and both of them resulted most favorably for the Borden Government. One of these elections was in South Lanark, Ontario, the constituency so long represented by the late Hon. John Haggart. The riding is strongly Conservative and was carried by Mr. Haggart at the general elections in 1911, by a majority of over 1,100. In the election of Saturday, however, there was a kind of family quarrel in the party ranks. Dr. A. E. Hanna, was the regular Conservative nominee, but Col. J. M. Balderson, another Conservative, who claimed he had been cheated out of the nomination at the Convention, ran as an independent Conservative. In addition to these a Mr. Arthur Hawkes butted in. He proclaimed himself a "Canada First" man, whatever that might mean. He opposed the Borden naval proposition, and advocated a Canadian navy, just the same as Laurier's scheme. He had the support of some of the Grit papers and some hope was entertained among the opponents of the Government that he might slip in because of the division of the Conservative vote between the other two.

The Borden naval proposals was the principal question at issue in the campaign, and any hopes of success that Hawkes and his backers may have entertained were rudely shattered. Dr. Hanna was elected by a majority of 135 votes over Col. Balderson. The vote stood, Hanna 1907; Balderson 1772. But where was Hawkes? He was nowhere; he lost his deposit and polled only 70 votes in the whole constituency.

This is South Lanark answer to Laurier and Hawkes. Nearly four thousand voters went to the polls, and of those only 70 voted against Borden's naval proposals. Poor encouragement surely for Laurier and his policies!

The other election on Saturday was held in the Constituency, of McDonald, Manitoba, of which our Grit friends and Grit newspapers have had much to say for the past year. About a year ago a by-election was held there, when the Conservative was returned by some 700 majority. A protest was entered by the Liberals and the case went to the Courts, Morrison, the Conservative member, admitted technical wrong by agents and the seat was declared vacant. Morrison was again nominated

by the Conservatives and the Liberals put forward Dr. Myles as their candidate.

The campaign waxed warm and the result of the contest was the election of Morrison, Conservative, by over 900 majority. An increase of a couple of hundred in the Conservative majority is what the Liberals have to meditate upon as the result of their push to have this constituency reopened. Rather disheartening, to be sure.

The results of these two by-elections on Saturday, constitute certainly an excellent day's work for the Borden Government.

As a result of legislation enacted last session, the Supreme Court of New Brunswick has been reorganized. It is now constituted in two divisions, the Court of Appeal and the Court of King's Bench. Sir Frederick E. Barker, already Chief Justice becomes Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal and Judge P. A. Landry, also of the Supreme Court, is created Chief Justice of the King's Bench division. Mr. O.S. Crockett M.P. for York County is appointed an additional judge of the Court of King's Bench.

Word comes from Ottawa that George O'Holloran, deputy minister of agriculture, and M. T. Gussow, Dominion botanist, have left for Washington in regard to the threatened embargo on Canadian potatoes on account of the alleged outbreak of a disease known as "Powdery Scabs." A conference has been called by the American authorities for December 18th, when the Canadian officials will present reasons to show why the embargo should not go into effect. The export of potatoes to the United States is considerable, and if an embargo were to put on, it would work considerable hardship. For the past ten years, from 1902 to 1912, the average amount of exportation was 433,000 bushels valued at \$197,000. The heaviest year was 1901, when there was a shortage in the United States, when the exports totalled 1,450,000 bushels. It is believed at Ottawa that dealers who have been trying to corner the American potato market are behind the attempt to place an embargo on Canadian potatoes. It is possible that if an embargo goes into effect Canada may retaliate.

Apple shipments from Halifax to Great Britain for the Christmas markets finished with the departure of the Empress of Ireland on Saturday night last. She carried out a shipment of 2,897 barrels, and was the fifth boat taking apples on board Friday and Saturday. The others were the Manchester, with 3,600 barrels; the Letitia, to Glasgow with 6,000 barrels; the Hesperian, to Liverpool, with 10,000 barrels, and the Rappahannock, to London, with 7,450 barrels. On the five boats the most importance is attached to the Letitia. These shipments were largely made by the United Fruit Companies, and the Donaldson line boat was brought here by them, who practically furnished all the fruit. The fruit sent aboard was in high-class condition and intended specially for the New Year holidays which the Scottish people observe rather than Christmas. The Letitia as an apple boat was one of the best to sail out of Halifax, her speed of fifteen knots making her particularly advantageous in the shipment of this fruit.

Carotaker (showing tourist round old castle). See—h—go quietly, sir; this is the 'sacred' chamber of 'Bloody Rafe'—I got an old 'en inside a-settin' on six een eggs, an' don't want 'er disturbed.—Punch.

The information given below coming direct from Mexico City under date of the 15th inst., indicates that the proceedings in the national Legislature bear no evidence of perturbation as a consequence of President Wilson's peculiar diplomatic methods. The Mexican legislators apparently have not taken Wilson's personal representative, Lind, very seriously. As a matter of fact all the evidence before us show that Congress is quite satisfied with provisional President Huerta's conduct, and has shown its confidence in him by giving him a free hand. This is what the Mexico dispatch says: From now until April 2, President Huerta will be obliged to conduct the Government without Congress, as that specially created organization was formally adjourned today. Its most important acts during the session were the ratification of the President's assumption of power over the various departments of the Government, after dissolving the preceding Congress, and re-granting to the President this same power, which gives General Huerta until Congress convenes again, practically the sway of a dictator. Altogether, the New Congress was unobtrusive, interfering not at all with the executive's ideas of Government. Its most notable act, aside from these directly connected with the executive plans, was the ratification of a concession to a Belgian syndicate to construct 5,000 miles of narrow gauge railway.

DIED

McKENZIE—In San Francisco, California, on November 27th, Patrick McKenzie, aged 71 years. Deceased was a native of St. Peter's, where he was well and favorably known before he went to California, many years ago. He leaves to mourn one son and two daughters in California, and one brother (Joseph) and many other relatives at St. Peter's. May his soul rest in peace.

McMILLAN—At Vernon River, on Dec. 2nd, 1913, Teresa McMILLAN, aged 45 years, leaving one brother, John at home, and one brother, Joseph, Pittsburgh, Pa. (Pittsburg papers please copy)

WILLIAMS—At Charlottetown, on Dec. 14th, Leslie Williams, aged 70 years. R. I. P.

HEMPHILL—At Boulogne Island, on Nov. 14th, 1913, Martha J. Hemphill, relict of the late J. C. Allen, aged 78 years.

JUDSON—At Alexandria, Dec. 9th, Jane M. Judson, wife of James G. Judson, aged 82 years.

MURPHY—On Dec. 6th, 1913, at Nine Mile Creek, Mrs. J. J. Murphy, aged 33 years.

COFFIN—At the P. E. Island Hospital, Dec. 6th, George B. Coffin, aged 36 years. Deceased was a son of Joseph Coffin of Fortune Bridge.

McLURE—At her home at Murray Harbour North, on Nov. 25th, Edith Dalrymple, wife of Gavin McLure, in the 39th year of her age, third daughter of Samuel Johnston, Peter's Road.

GAY—At Mount Hope, King's Co., on the 2nd day of December, 1913, widow of the late Abner Gay, in the 71st year of her age, leaving to mourn one son, three daughters, one sister, and a large number of friends and relatives.

MILLMAN—At her home at Long River, Dec. 13th, 1913, after a long and trying illness, Jennie Barthwick, widow of the late Thomas Millman, aged 83 years.

KELLY—At Greenfield, King's County, on Dec. 7th, Mary Kelly, in the 67th year of her age. R. I. P.

The Culture Of Black And Silver Foxes.

A timely publication, THE CULTURE OF BLACK AND SILVER FOXES, has recently been issued by the ROD AND GUN PRESS, Woodstock, Ont. This book is a series of articles written by Dr. L. V. Craft, who in addition to being a successful breeder of foxes in captivity, is a specialist in veterinary science and his attitude in these articles is that of a real sportsman. To those breeders of fur bearing animals who have no knowledge of veterinary science—and comparatively few of those who are engaged in this new industry have—Dr. Craft's book will be of inestimable value. The book comprises chapters on Heredity, Origin, Breeding, Mating and Gestation, Feeds and Food and Feeding, Hygiene and Care, etc. It is well illustrated, neatly bound in paper cover, and can be produced from W. J. Taylor, Limited Publishers, Woodstock, Ont. for the remarkable low price of sixty cents. Oct. 27, 1913.—21.

She—Before we were married you solemnly declared that you never could be happy without me. He—True; but marriage has made us other men of me.

LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

Fifty-three new post offices were opened in Canada on December 1. Eighty-seven were closed on the same date, of which seventy were discontinued owing to the inauguration of the rural free delivery system.

Six men are reported dead and one fatally hurt; a woman and two children are supposed to have perished in the flames which destroyed the Salvation Army Home for men in Cincinnati, with \$100,000 loss.

Whether the liability of the Ocean Steam Navigation Company as owner of the Titanic shall be governed by American or British law was advanced Monday by the Supreme Court at Washington for hearing on January 8.

The C. P. R. liner Empress of India now at Vancouver B. C. has dispensed with white sailors and now carries a crew of Chinese on deck as well as in the engine room. It is said the Empress of Japan will also arrive from the Orient with a Chinese crew.

W. L. Baker, of Dalhousie N. B., was arrested in Montreal charged with issuing an \$800 check on a bank where he had no account. It is said he entered into a deal with W. H. Foley, of Quebec, for the purchase of \$32,000 worth of foxes and the check was given to bind bargain.

An iron vessel floating bottom up off Schirmonnik-Cog, an Island in the North Sea, is believed to be the German steamer, Narvik from Lubeck. The pilot's body has been found, but there is no trace of the crew of thirty. The Narvik was built in 1905. Its owners are L. Posselt and Co. She is of 3,576 tons and her home port is Lubeck.

At least four persons were killed and 34 others injured by the crushing of a passenger train in a tunnel near Chemnitz, Germany on the 15th which collapsed during a slight earthquake at midnight. The train was coming from Rosswern to Chemnitz, and as it was passing through the boring which pierces the Harz Hills, right miles out, the tunnel partly fell in and buried the locomotive and six cars beneath huge rocks. A hurricane accompanied by snow, hidred the work of the rescuers, and it was feared that the loss of life would be greater than at first reported.

Mrs. Michael Cahill died and duly of heart failure at Farmington King's Co., on September 20th, aged 71 years. Deceased whose maiden name was Catherine Haffey was the daughter of the late Captain John Haffey one of the pioneers of Farmington. She leaves to mourn one son John J., with whom she lived, one grand daughter Mary, one sister Miss Margaret Haffey of Morell and two step-brothers, Robert and Patrick in the United States, besides a large circle of friends and other relatives. Her funeral which took place at St. Peter's Bay was largely attended. A Requiem Mass was sung by Rev. Father McAulay, after which she was laid to rest beside her late husband who predeceased her some years ago. Mrs. Cahill was of a retiring and kind disposition a good neighbor and a consistent Christian, and lived and died trusting in the merits of a crucified Redeemer, and in the full hope of a glorious resurrection. "For God hath marked each sorrowing day"

"And numbered every bitter tear" "And Heaven's long years of bliss" shall pay" "For all his children suffer here." —Com.

"Oh dear!" said Mrs. Blanderby "When I read of these dreadful war rumors I get quite frustrated, I can't help feeling that the country is on the brink of an abscise."

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