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Briand Completes His Cabinet

For the eighth time in his long political career Aristide Briand has assumed the office of French Premier. Following the retirement of Painleve on a want of confidence vote, Briand declined the President's invitation to form a cabinet, and only consented after unsuccessful attempts had been made by Herriot, the leader of the Radical faction, and by Senator Paul Doumer, a statesman who during the past thirty years has been prominently identified with French politics and who in 1906 was a candidate for the presidency.

Premier Briand's position is anything but a sinecure, and the circumstances under which he takes office do not make for security unless he can find an early solution for the problems with which the Government is confronted.

The immediate difficulties, it would appear, are not so much of a political nature as financial. In order to meet certain short term bonds maturing on December 8th, Premier Painleve sought the approval of the Chamber of Deputies to a proposal to raise the limit of the advances by the Bank of France. Considerable discussion took place and eventually on a vote of confidence the proposal was approved, but just as a motion to that effect was about to be adopted, one of the members made the charge that the banks had received advance information of the Government's intention and had used it to their advantage in speculating. Another vote of confidence placed Painleve in the minority and he withdrew.

Owing to the existence in the Chamber of Deputies of several parties, the position of leader is always more or less uncertain, and at this juncture, when it is necessary for France to raise large sums immediately to meet pressing obligations it is particularly difficult for him to steer a safe course. Caillaux attempted to relieve the situation by raising a gold loan, but only about one-third of the amount was subscribed. The Socialists were determined upon a Capital Levy, and Painleve's scheme, which appears to have been devised to avoid that expedient, included the formation of a sinking fund to meet the debt in fourteen years. This would have entailed a considerable increase in direct taxation, to which the French people have a rooted aversion.

The rehabilitation of the finances of the country is a matter which demands immediate attention, and it will be interesting to learn what method will be decided upon by the new Cabinet. Premier Briand takes office flushed with the triumph of Locarno, in consequence of which he is regarded as the man of the moment, and such is the effect of popularity that it may be that the people will accept from him a dictum which from another would receive scant consideration.

St. Andrew's Day To-day is the Festival of St. Andrew, Patron Saint of Scotland.

land. A brother of St. Peter, he had been a disciple of John the Baptist, and was called with Peter from the nets by Christ to become "fishers of men."

The scenes assigned to the ministry of St. Andrew are Scythia, Greece and Thrace, and it is said that he suffered martyrdom at Patrae in Achaia by crucifixion. The form of this cross is commonly known as St. Andrew's, and appears as the white diagonal cross on the Union Jack.

To Our Readers

Owing to the fact that part of our press had to be taken down to make ready for the installing of another 4 page unit, we are only able to print a 12 page issue to-day. By to-morrow we hope to be ready for 16 pages, by Saturday 20 pages, and early next week, 24, pages.

Serious Fire at Grand Falls

TWO STORES DESTROYED. By a message received by Messrs. Soper & Moore this morning, it was learned that a serious fire occurred at Grand Falls yesterday and did considerable damage before it was got under control. Campbell's tailoring store and the dry goods department of Sandy Moore were burnt up, and the grocery store of the latter was practically destroyed, with smoke and water. The cause of the outbreak or the actual amount of the damage was not stated.

At the R. C. Cathedral

It was announced at the Cathedral yesterday that the annual Triduum for the members of the Society of the Blessed Virgin Mary will begin on next Saturday afternoon in the Chapel of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

At Vespers Right Rev. Monsignor Kitchin officiated, assisted by the other priests of the Cathedral. The prayer was read by Rev. W. Sullivan and Benediction was conducted by Rev. Father Savin, assisted by Rev. R. Murphy.

Obituary

EDMUND MALDRETT. We regret to record the death of Mr. Edmund Maldrrett, of the Maldrrett Printing Company. He was a native of Trinity and at one time was in the employ of Dicks & Company, but about six years ago commenced business on his own account. For years he had been associated with the organizations of St. Thomas' Church, and at the time of his death he was Secretary of the Lodge St. Andrew S.C. A.F. and A.M. He was a citizen of sterling character, whose word was his bond, and to whom formerly Miss Ash, his brother, the Rev. G. H. Maldrrett, and to his aged mother, which will be deep sympathy in their hour of bereavement.

You should see the Centre Stall presided over by the Girls' Guild, at the L.C.A. Sale, Gaity Hall, Nov. 30, 31.

Kyle Sails North

S.S. Kyle, Capt. Tavernor, sailed on the Cook's Harbor Service route yesterday morning. The following additional passengers went by her—J. Adams, Esq. Hunt, E.A.; Mrs. T. Hall, Mrs. Barbour, Mrs. S. Hill and child, Mrs. S. Carter, Mrs. C. E. Kearley, Mrs. J. Morgan, E. P. Padell, J. Hearley, A. Winsor and S. J. Simmonds.

Personals

We are glad to learn that Rev. J. B. Elliott, Rector of St. Thomas', continues to make steady improvement.

Rev. F. P. Law, Rector of Trinity East, is at present on a visit to the city.

Rev. G. H. Maldrrett has returned to his home at Bonne Bay from New York, and is quite recovered from his illness.

Mr. C. H. Morris, former Chief Steward on S.S. Digby, now renamed S.S. Domonika, is returning to his home in England by S.S. Schemm, Mr. J. Whitford, the Chief Engineer, who was also on the ship and left her at New York, returned home by direct sailing.

Mr. Harold Brown, of the Commercial Cable Company Staff, who has been on a visit to Canadian and American cities, returned by the Schemm last night.

Rev. E. J. Rawlin, P.P. of Bell Island, who was on a health trip to Boston, returned by the Schemm.

Miss Maud Foxon, who is training as a Nurse at the French Hospital, New York, recently passed a most successful examination, having topped her class with honors. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Foxon, an, this city.

SPRAINED ANKLE.—While Mr. P. J. Grace of Harvey and Company was proceeding on shore from the Sylvania on Saturday afternoon, he slipped on the deck near the gangway and in his fall received a sprained ankle. Mr. Grace has been confined to his room ever since. His many friends will regret to learn of the accident.

Collection for Christian Brothers Shows Increase

A total of \$8,751.44 was collected yesterday for the Christian Brothers. The amount, an increase of \$205.32 over last year's collection, was made up as follows:— Cathedral, \$5,344.68; St. Patrick's, 2,638.59; St. Joseph's, 315.12; Mount Cashel, 100.00.

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Following last Mass at the Cathedral, those who had taken up the collection, headed at Mount St. Francis and formally handed over the collection. Mr. J. C. Pippy presided over the meeting and expressed his pleasure at being in a position to announce that the sum realized was an increase over last year's amount. He was glad for three reasons: First because the result showed appreciation of the work of the Brothers; secondly, that this year completes fifty years of labour in this country, for the order; and thirdly, because this year there is a new Superior, Rev. Bro. O'Hehir, whom he felt, would follow worthily in the footsteps of the eminent men who had gone before him. Since last year four men who had always been prominently identified with the collection had passed away in the persons of Hon. J. D. Ryan, Messrs. James P. Parker, M. O'Flanagan and Nicholas Walsh, and the speaker paid a tribute to their memory. This year is the fiftieth anniversary of the arrival of the Brothers in Newfoundland and it is fitting that the jubilee should be celebrated in some manner. Some plans are being laid for a celebration to be held in January and only awaited the arrival of Hon. W. J. Higgins to be formulated.

Rev. Brother O'Hehir, Superior of the Monastery, in accepting the collection, paid tribute to the people whose generosity showed a splendid spirit of co-operation in the work of the order. He thanked all who had in any way helped towards the day's success, especially the press and all those who had written letters to the press reminding those people out of town and out of the country of the annual event.

Mr. M. Bambrick, on behalf of St. Patrick's, congratulated the Brothers on the magnificent result, but the collection is small, he said, compared with the amount of work the Brothers are doing in the community. He hoped that as the years go on the collection will continue to increase.

Mr. W. E. Brophy was pleased that the collection at St. Joseph's had increased in amount with the other Parishes and he wanted to say how glad the people of that parish were that the collection was so large. He referred to the deaths of Messrs. Ryan, Parker, O'Flanagan and Walsh and thought that it would be a good idea that the body of collectors present should remember them on the day by saying a prayer for the repose of their souls. The prayer was said by the entire gathering in a very feeling manner, and it was an impressive moment.

Rev. Brother Ennis spoke on behalf of Mount Cashel and he too, was glad that the results were so satisfactory. As the years go on and the work increases, more Brothers are required, and to-day in the community there are twenty Brothers whose efforts are meeting with much success.

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AT SAINT PATRICK'S. After last Mass a large number of the friends and supporters of Holy Cross resorted to the schools where Mr. Bambrick, Chairman of the West End Collection Committee announced the result of the collection in that parish as \$2,890.39, an increase of \$33.84 over the previous year. He heartily congratulated the Brothers on the success of the collection and paid a high tribute to their work.

Rev. Brother Egan, Principal of Holy Cross, on behalf of the Brothers, eloquently thanked the people for their

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Other speakers were Dr. V. P. Burke, Deputy Minister of Education, Mr. J. G. Higgins, who spoke on behalf of the Knights of Columbus and St. Bonaventure's Alumni, Rev. Bro. Ryan, Principal of St. Bon's College, and Mr. C. J. Cahill, M.H.A. All paid glowing tributes to the work being done by the Brothers, to the splendid results attained during the past six years during which Rev. Brother Ahern was superior, to Rev. Bro. O'Hehir's worth, and the confidence was expressed that his term of office will be in line with the noble men in whose footsteps he is following. With regard to the jubilee celebration, the hope was expressed that it will take the form of an international affair, whereby every Christian Brother boy, no matter where he is, be he a past pupil of Holy Cross, Mount Cashel, St. Patrick's Hall or St. Bonaventure's College, be permitted to take part and show his appreciation of the self-sacrifice of the noble order who have given up their entire lives for the cause of Christian education.

Magistrate's Court Rhodes Scholar Chosen

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION. The adjourned hearing of the Board of Licensure Control vs. Miss M. Pever, Proprietress of a West End shop, for a breach of Section 25, of the Alcoholic Liquors Act, concluded in the Magistrate's Court on Saturday afternoon, when the defendant was convicted and fined \$10.00, or in default, 30 days imprisonment. Three witnesses were called for the prosecution. The first was Detective Walsh who corroborated what Detective Lee had stated on the previous day in connection with a seizure being made on the premises on the afternoon of November 14th, when eight bottles of rum were confiscated. The next witness was David Cooper, a frequent visitor to defendant's shop. He said candy, soft drink, tobacco's, etc. were offered for sale. He never bought any liquor there and did not know of any sold on the premises. Witness denied having received any correspondence from the accused in connection with the case. The witness for the defence, Hugh Ford, who had visited accused's store from time to time, stated to the Court that he had seen some correspondence in connection with liquor on one of his visits to the shop, but as he did not know whether it was defendant's handwriting or not, this evidence was not taken. At this juncture the Crown case concluded and Mr. Browne asked for a dismissal of the charge. He stated that he had produced to show that his client had sold liquor on the premises. The judge however, was of a different mind, and stated that there was sufficient prima facie evidence to put the accused on her defence. The defendant was then put in the box, and questioned by her own counsel. Several questions were asked witness in connection with the bottle purported to be given by her. She stated on this point her statements did not appear to be satisfactory to the Court. An independent witness was then called, which is a small number in view of the sum of the case. Judge Morris, stated, that the defendant had not given to the court a satisfactory answer to the question, whether she could not remember the owners of the three bottles was not satisfactory. Sentence was then handed down as already mentioned. The fine was paid.

THIS MORNING'S SESSION. A drunk was released. Two men taken in for safekeeping were immediately released. A labourer convicted of the larceny of a quantity of chocolate bars valued at \$1.00, was fined \$5.00 or in default 10 days imprisonment.

A man for using threatening language towards his wife, was bound over to keep the peace in the sum of \$200.00.

A defendant in a case for assault was fined \$5.00.

Sachem in Port

S.S. Sachem arrived in port from Boston on Halifax, on Friday, yesterday with a large cargo and the following passengers:— Miss M. E. Connors, Miss H. Curtis, Mr. W. Godden, Mrs. G. W. Godden, Master W. Dec. 15th, for St. John's; Miss M. Connors, Miss H. Curtis, Mr. W. Godden, Mrs. G. W. Godden, Master W. Dec. 15th, for St. John's; Miss M. Connors, Miss H. Curtis, Mr. W. Godden, Mrs. G. W. Godden, Master W. Dec. 15th, for St. John's.