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TO THE EDITOR

A Few Little Details Yet to be Considered.

TERMS OF THE COMPROMISE

The Provincial Government to Have Control of the Schools.

Enlist Reflections on Sir Oliver Mowat in Regard to Mr. Peters Being Made a Q.C.

A Quebec Man Throws Cold Water on the Big Bridge Project—What the Seal Investigators Have Been Doing—Club National and the Patronage General News From the Capital.

Ottawa, Oct. 18.—(Special.)—It was expected that the Manitoba Ministers would leave for home to-night.

Yesterday's conference, which lasted until 11 o'clock, left a few details of agreement on the school question still undecided, consequently another meeting is to be held to-morrow to wind up the matter.

A slightly different version is given to-night of the main provisions of the compromise. It is said that the compromise is to be made in the form of a bill for the employment of Catholic teachers in schools where thirty Catholic children attend, with half an hour for religious instruction at the close of the day's teaching.

Provincial control of the schools is recognized. The details of the settlement will be handed out tomorrow here and in Winnipeg.

PAID HIS TWENTY DOLLARS.

The reflections made by certain newspapers against Sir Oliver Mowat in connection with the getting on Saturday of Hon. Mr. Peters as a Queen's Counsel, are wholly beside the mark.

Sir Oliver had nothing whatever to do with conferring the silk upon Mr. Peters. The order-in-council creating the Premier of Prince Edward Island a Queen's Counsel was passed at the instance of Sir John Thompson on June 8, 1904.

Until a barrister so honored paid the customary fee, \$20, for his commission, he can hardly claim the rank of precedence of a Queen's Counsel, or when a compromise is announced thereof is made in the Canada Gazette. The reference in the official Gazette to Sir Oliver Mowat means that the country's finances are augmented by \$20 at his expense.

It will be seen from the above that the charge that Sir Oliver Mowat has in Mr. Peters' case, gone back on his cherished principle regarding the right to appoint Queen's Counsel, is unfounded.

RAIDERS FROM THE STATES.

Complaint is made that settlers in the States of Dakota and Montana are perpetrating making raids across the frontier and in some cases taking contiguous to the boundary are playing havoc with the fish by the unscrupulous use of their shotguns.

The annual entrance examination for the Royal Canadian Mounted Police will be held at the headquarters of the several military districts on Tuesday, Oct. 19, at 10 o'clock.

HE THROWS COLD WATER.

A prominent Quebecer who was in town to-day, talking to our correspondent, said much as the Quebec people were in a hurry to get the Lawrence bridge at Quebec, he deplored any such consummation for many years to come.

At the point would cost at the very least \$5,000,000, towards which the Federal Government, if it were to adopt the plan, would have to contribute \$2,500,000.

Where the remaining three millions and a quarter was to come from, he was not sure, but he thought it was a mistake to attempt to build the bridge at this time.

It was suggested that the railway companies would never pay anything for the structure, and that the Government should put up a handsome interlocking station at Levis, which would be a great advantage to the city of Quebec.

BEHIND SEA SEALS.

Prof. J. Arny Thompson of the University College, Toronto, has been selected to collect statistics of seal life in Behring Sea, arriving here to-day.

Prof. Thompson, who is a member of the seal rookeries at the Pribilof Islands on July 8, and with the exception of a short stay at St. Lawrence Island, on the Russian side of Behring Sea, remained at Pribilof until Sept. 8. Dr. Thompson is now at Stanford University, California, in the United States, where he was at the Pribilof Islands with Prof. Thompson, associated with Prof. Thompson as Mr. J. M. Macoun, of the Geological Survey Department, here, who remains at Pribilof for a further stay of some weeks.

Mr. E. Hamilton, a London barrister, has been at the Russian Islands for several weeks on behalf of the Home Government. Andrew Halkett, of Marine and Fisheries Department spent nearly three months on board the Canadian sealing schooner, "Dora," here, and what he now knows about sealing would easily fill a book.

He also returned home to-day. The object of all the investigations was to determine as to the force of the American demand for a revision of the Paris regulations governing sealing in Behring Sea, the contention being that unless special sealing is forbidden for a term of years the seal fishery will be entirely exterminated.

Prof. Thompson was not privileged to inform any correspondent of the result of his enquiries, but he is a confidential one to the Home Government, and has an admission of Dr. Jordan, of Seattle, that he did not expect to find so many seals at the rookeries as were actually there during his visit, and that the seal fishery is of little value in the American contention.

ADVOCATES THE AX.

The Club National of the French-Canadian Liberal Club, held its annual meeting on Friday evening. The minutes were read, and the president, Mr. J. M. Macoun, reported on the work of the club, devoted himself principally to explaining why patronage should not be made in any way by the members of the club.

He stated, however, that a number of Conservatives would be present from the buildings to make room for those

EUROPE AGAINST ENGLAND.

Will the Venezuela Boundary Dispute be Settled?

MANY RUMORS ARE AFLOAT

About the Salisbury-Chamberlain-Pauncote Conference.

Who Will be Archbishop of Canterbury, Who Will Succeed Lord Rosebery and Who Sir John Mills, are the Three Great Questions That Now Engage the British Public.

The Little Feels in Germany Against Great Britain Revisited—The Indian Famine—Gossip of London Correspondents of New York Papers.

New York, Oct. 18.—Mr. Isaac N. Ford cables from London to The Tribune: Sir Edward Clarke has referred to the Venezuelan question as a matter of more immediate and serious importance than the Armenian massacres.

Apparently, he was justified in taking this view, since the Chancellor of the Exchequer, a few days before, had declared that Russia, Austria and Germany were pledged to prevent English interference in Turkey's affairs.

It is true that both the Triple and Dual Alliances are against English intervention, but Europe is united against England, and the Armenian question might as well be dropped and the Venezuela dispute taken up and settled.

Sir Edward Clarke discussed the latter question more seriously than anyone else has done for a long time.

There are many rumors respecting the final conferences between Lord Salisbury, Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Julian Pauncote on the eve of the departure of the ambassador for Washington, but it is idle to consider them in detail.

Lord Salisbury is an old-time diplomat, who does not conduct negotiations in glass houses. His recent lack of success in European diplomacy increases the probability that he will make strenuous efforts to seek a milder course.

It is not to be expected that he will make any such attempt, especially as he knows with certainty that the British method of settlement and scheme of general arbitration will be well received in England as a sign of the progress of civilization.

THREE GREAT QUESTIONS.

London is dull and torpid under the depressing effects of the most inclement weather known for many years, whenever two or three men gathered under the same umbrella within close proximity of sensitive ears, there arise three questions which are asked: Who will be the next Archbishop of Canterbury? Who will be the next Liberal Prime Minister? and who will be the next President of the Royal Society?

Davidson, who is the Court favorite, may be named to succeed Dr. Benson, but the probability is that he will be transferred to Canterbury, thus keeping a place warm for the Bishop of Winchester, or the Bishop of Salisbury may make an independent choice by appointing the Bishop of Exeter, or the Bishop of London, either of whom possesses qualities of mind similar to those of Archbishop Benson.

Dr. Davidson has barely a year to go, and is the youngest bishop on the Liberal list.

He has been dropped almost as quickly as he was raised, and it is not likely that he will be re-elected.

Nothing that occurs in Europe excites so much displeasure in England as the under-tone of bitterness and suspicion with which the German press regards every question in which it is directly interested.

French dislike and Russian resentment have been excited by indifference for many years as a matter of course, but German criticism of English policy has become a source of irritation and distrust.

Mr. Woodall, who has recently been investigating the technical schools of South Germany, has made an address in Leicester and sounds a sad warning against destructive competition based upon superior training.

He shows how large are the expenditures for technical education in Germany, and explains how completely German merchants are qualified for competing with English merchants in the markets of the world by the attention given to modern languages and commercial subjects in the schools of the Fatherland.

THE THREATENED FAMINE.

The danger from famine in India is now nearly as imminent, in consequence of the failure of the ordinary rains in the Punjab, Oude and the Northwest Provinces.

The official report of Mr. Woodburn at Simla shows that relief work on a large scale will be necessary in the district, which has a population of 10,000,000.

The proportion of an immense stock of wheat from America and Europe will be required to avert the famine in the shipments already ordered from California may be considered a prudent precaution, but the ordinary European crop is largely dependent upon wheat, and the price of wheat continues to advance and to refuse to fall.

MUSIC HALL LICENSES.

The London County Council has resumed operations after a prolonged vacation, and the first question is again receiving public attention.

The Licensing Committee has heard with impatience the protest of the Puritanical fanatics who advertise the music halls, and convict themselves of indecency by their own conduct.

These critics, always more vociferous when they have been disapproved by former supporters, have

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