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SATISFACTORY PROGRESS.

Friends of the government must feel very well satisfied by the progress which has been made during the session of parliament, now nearing its close, having regard to party interests. According to opposition journals, the Laurier administration has been tottering to its fall, the ministers composing it have been often exposed and held up to public scorn, while the Conservative contactants have, from time to time, inflicted terrible chastisement upon their opponents. That is, however, merely the way of the opposition press. There is no such thing as impartial or even approximately fair criticism to be expected from such a source. It is all one sided, highly colored, and frequently fictitious.

To those who have been careful to ascertain the facts with respect to what has transpired at Ottawa, and who are capable of forming an unprejudiced opinion, it must be seen that the Liberal cause has gained substantial strength. A new parliament always brings together certain fresh and untried elements within each party, and the danger which is involved is for the most part on the side of the government. The opposition may very conveniently embrace men holding all sorts of divergent opinions, and so long as these men are "agin the government" no particular harm is done; but there must be something approaching uniformity of view and cohesion among those who sit to the right of Mr. Speaker, if the administration is to be strong and aggressive. That unity and that cohesion have actually existed.

We are aware that those who wish bad fortune to the Liberal party, and write as though it were ever on the eve of shaming itself, will point to the Bourassa faction as a contradiction of this view. Let it be said at once that Mr. Bourassa and his cohort of three followers have not been able to impress public judgment with the idea that their presence on the government side is a weakness within the Liberal party. They have rather served to accentuate the real strength of the party. There has been nothing like temporizing with the views which these gentlemen hold in relation to imperial policy. From the premier downward there has been the most outspoken hostility to anything approaching pro-Bourassa sentiment, and the party in parliament has felt sufficiently strong to repudiate the opinions of these particular members. With the general course of the government on the Bourassa section is in full accord, and to that extent there has been no impairment of voting strength in the house.

It has been the persistent purpose of the opposition press to represent the ministry as being divided. One minister is often said to be opposed to what another is trying to do. This again is one

of the fallacies of our Conservative friends. They would like such things to be, and they not unfrequently invent the circumstances which give color to the assumption that they do exist; but those who are building on the expectation of disaster to internal jealousies will be disappointed. What they have mistaken for rival interests have only been the manifestations of that freedom which characterizes a really strong and healthy cabinet, and Liberals need give themselves no concern about these stories which opposition writers tell.

The general policy of the government continues to be vindicated by the commercial and industrial prosperity of the country. It would still be a good and effective policy though trade should not increase at the rate it has done; but even this negative encouragement is not available to opponents of the government. Our trade maintains its power of growth, the bank returns exhibit swelling resources, and the hum of activity is heard in every branch of our manufacturing business. The public revenue is buoyant, and the government continues to make a prudent use of its enlarged income. It is a most significant thing that not a single item of the expenditure proposed for the approaching fiscal year has been challenged by a vote.

The moral strength of the government remains unimpaired. The only attack made by the opposition in this regard was in connection with the Cook charges; but after the most searching inquiry even the partisan majority on the committee hesitated about implying a trace of besmirchment upon the government. Had they intimated it there would have been no warrant for so doing. If there was any corruption in the matter—and it is not well to attach credence to Mr. Cook's story, having in view his motive in making the charge—not a particle of it was fastened upon any member of the government. So that, it is a cause for further satisfaction among Liberals that the good name of the Laurier government for cleanliness of administration stands unimpaired. And so it will continue.

A DARK PROBLEM.

We have our racial troubles in Canada, although they exist more as an element in bad politics than as a practical matter; but we are happily spared the danger which darkens the national pathway of our neighbors. The plantation owners of the United States had a lash over the backs of the black men whom they forced into their service, and now their children find the black man a scourge for their backs. Thus strangely does retribution follow upon wrongdoing in the revolution of years. The negro of the South groaned under the oppression of the white man, and now the white man groans under the oppression of the negro.

On the 21st instant a great convention is to meet at Montgomery, Alabama, for the consideration of this problem. The object is to secure white supremacy. The principal work of the convention will be the revision of the franchise law so as to bar the illiterate, or those who own no property, or both, from the ballot, but in such a way as to fulfill the pledge made by the last Democratic state convention in the following words: "We pledge our faith to the people of Alabama not to deprive any white man of the right to vote except for conviction of infamous crime."

The state has about 1,000,000 white and about 800,000 colored inhabitants. We summarize as follows the content of the Mobile (Ala.) Register: "White supremacy is essential to Alabama's prosperity. It is an observed fact that negroes have not the gift of government. The white man has had to assume control even where, according to the principles of our government, it would seem that the negro, being in the majority, should rule."

"How has it been accomplished? Simply by the white man denying to the negro the right to interfere. We need not describe to the intelligent voters of this country what method has been followed. It has not been one that the conscience of good men could approve except on the ground that self-preservation is the highest law. Greatly has it been deplored that the whites have had to resort to measures that could not be commended. With rare exceptions, but justified only as necessary means to a good end. Now, those of our brothers of the black belt in this state appeal to us and to all good citizens to put an end to the necessity of the practices by which they have controlled elections in districts where the majority of the inhabitants are illiterate negroes."

"It is a plea that no reasonable man can resist. If we know the value of our civilization and the necessity of its maintenance in the face of the dark burden of ignorance that overshadows it we must listen to the appeal and give our aid in this cause. It is a peaceful revolution, coming as the capstone of the physical revolution of 27 years ago."

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

Shimada Sekko, the noted Japanese artist, who has arrived in San Francisco, will pass a year in this country before returning to his native land.

The marriage of Miss Isabel Jack, the prima donna at the Savoy, to Mr. Henry Cavendish, the explorer, has now been fixed to take place on Sunday, June 2.

A marriage has been arranged between Edith Lady Playfair, widow of Lyon Lord Playfair, G. C. B., and R. Fleming Crook, of the Grange, Neotoma, Cheshire, Eng. and.

Major Count von Gotzen, who replaces General von Liebert in the governorship of German East Africa, is not yet 35 years old, but he has been entrusted with the rulership of 284,000 square miles of territory.

Dr. Bigg, the new professor of ecclesiastical history at Oxford, serves as principal of Brown College, where he was known as a man of great learning and as a high churchman of moderate views.

Miss Helen Gladstone, daughter of the late W. E. Gladstone, has accepted the post of warden of the Women's University Settlement, Southwark, London. Miss Gladstone will go into residence early in September.

Admiral Sir James Elphinstone Erskine, K. C. B., who has just been appointed first principal naval A. D. C. to the king, is 63 years of age, and at the early age of 44, when he was a post captain, had the honor of being appointed A. D. C. to her late Majesty Queen Victoria, which position he retained until promoted to flag rank in January, 1888.

The king of Italy has purchased most of the best dogs exhibited recently at Milan. Milan being shown, they are to be sent as a gift to King Menelik of Abyssinia. It is not generally known that M. de Witte, the Russian minister of finance, is of peasant origin. His rise to an important government post is remarkable in a country where aristocratic and bureaucratic traditions are supreme.

Miss Baden-Powell, whose engagement to Sir William Berry, is announced, is the clever sister of the popular "B. P.", and the future Lady Berry is likely to settle down in the South Africa of new conditions. The Hon. Sir William Bisset Berry was born at Aberdeen, and educated at its university. In 1884 he settled at Queenstown, Cape of Good Hope, practised medicine there, and was, in time, chosen as its representative in the House of Assembly. He is a member of which he has been for the last three years.

A marriage has been arranged between Miss Josephine Holman, daughter of the late Judge Holman, of Indianapolis, and Signor Marconi, the electrician. The wedding day is set for autumn. Mr. Marconi became acquainted with Miss Holman on board the St. Louis, while en route from Liverpool to New York in November, 1899. She was greatly interested in wireless telegraphy, and was a congenial companion for the scientist. Miss Holman, who is a tall, slender blonde, is a graduate at Bryn Mawr College.

The richest divine in the world, if the pope be excepted, is Dean Eugene A. Hoffman, of New York. He is at the head of the General Theological Seminary in New York. He is reported to be worth \$3,000,000. As the eldest son of a wealthy family, he is the possessor of real estate in the city of New York, the value of which has so increased that the dean himself is unable to accurately estimate it. Conspicuous among buildings owned by the dean is the Hoffman House, which took its name from his father.

Hon. R. E. O'Connor, vice-president of the executive council of the Australian government, has been one of the most ardent supporters of federation for the past 10 years. He was nominated for the legislative council of New South Wales in 1887, and accepted the office of minister of justice, a post he held until 1894. He was a delegate to the federation convention of 1897, and since has been an acknowledged leader of the movement with Mr. Barton and Mr. Deakin. He is an eloquent speaker and possesses much of the wit and charm of the typical Irishman.

Dr. Enno Littmann, of Oldenburg, Germany, has been called to Princeton University to offer courses in Semitic languages and also to take charge of the Garrett collection of Semitic manuscripts. He will be ranked as an instructor in the university and as a member of the library staff. Dr. Littmann is one of the very few scholars in Europe who understand Abyssinian. He has written verses in that language, and in 1888 received the degree of doctor of philosophy from the University of Halle, at which he presented a thesis on the Tigre language, one of the dialects of Abyssinia. He has made several translations of ancient Jewish manuscripts and Abyssinian scrolls in the convents of Palestine. Last year Dr. Littmann was a member of the Syrian archaeological expedition, with three Princeton men.

The Man Behind the Pen.

Morning, evening, early and late, Rain, or sunshine, or snow. Behold our friend of the fourth estate In the lives of Newspaper Row! Who so tiresome day by day? Who so modest of men? Who so young, tho' his head be gray?

Headache, heartache, merry or sad, True to his chosen trust, Recording the deeds of good and the bad, Gently, graciously, fond of good-cheer, Happy-go-lucky, fond of good-cheer, Little to show for it when He balances the books at the year— The man behind the pen.

Popular idols! Children of fame! Which of you passes to think That most of the glory encircling your name Was born of printer's ink? Towns turn out—the people shout With rapture ecstasies, then Remember the wizard who brought it about!

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The man behind the pen. —Magnum's strength in Leslie's Weekly.

UNIVERSITY HONORS.

St. John Student Wins the Douglas Gold Medal.

EXERCISES ON MAY 30.

W. O. Raymond the Student Honored for the Best Essay on the Centennial—Other Winners and Class Distinctions—The Final Examinations.

Fredericton, May 16.—The honor examinations which have been going on at the U. N. B. for some days past were concluded last evening. The result in the senior class will not be made known until after the degree examiners meet, but in regard to the other classes the following information has been given out.

In the junior class C. B. Martin, of St. John, who holds the L. A. Wilnot scholarship, has won honors of the first rank in Greek.

In the sophomore class Chas. Lawson, of St. John, son of Charles Lawson, formerly of this city, and Mr. McLean, of Charlottetown, have taken honors of the first rank in Latin and Greek.

In the freshman class Mr. Colwell and Miss Davis, both of this city, have won honors of the first class in Latin and Greek.

The following have won honors and distinction at mathematics: Junior class—Messrs. Perkins, Devin, Porter and Legere.

Sophomores—Miss Carruthers, and Messrs. Freese and Patterson. Freshmen class—Messrs. Colwell, Sherwood, Jordan and Massee.

In Natural Science the following have won honors and distinctions: Junior class—Frank Raymond, Frank Patterson, and Tracey.

Sophomore class—Peters, Oulton, Miss Kinney, Fred Somerville, and Hugh Alward. Freshmen class—Jordan, Miss Buchanan, Montgomery.

Junior Honor Economies—Class 1, Raymond, Porter, Tracey. Class 2—Allan, Lane, McKenzie and Porter.

In the calculus required for engineering students, Messrs. Alexander Wilson and Baskin of the second year have passed most creditably in the first division. The Douglas gold medal, for the best English essay on the centennial celebration of last year, has been awarded to W. O. Raymond, of the junior class. The successful candidate is a son of the Rev. W. O. Raymond of St. John, a graduate of the U. N. B., who has acquired quite a reputation as a historian. There were six essays handed in, all of which were pronounced by the professor of English to be of unusual merit.

The sheriff is notified that the year will begin on Saturday in the English department, and will be continued until Monday week.

Centennial exercises are to take place in the college library on the evening of the 30th inst., commencing at 8 o'clock. Prof. Dixon is to speak on behalf of the faculty, the alumni and the students, and will be delivered by Rev. Mr. Heime, of Montreal, and C. W. Kelley, the valedictorian of the senior class.

News of the Local Fishing.

Halifax, N. S., May 16.—The reports from the fishing centers tonight are as follows: Lobsters—fair; haddock and halibut scarce.

Yarmouth—Two traps report five bbs. mackerel; few salmon taken, the first for the season.

Port La Tour—Cod and lobsters fair; no herring.

Sand Point—Lobsters fair; other fish scarce.

Liverpool—Lobsters plentiful; cod fair; off shore fishing good.

Musquodouit—Lobsters plentiful. Isaac Harbor—Lobsters fair.

Whitehead—One mackerel taken today for the first.

Conno—Lobsters fair; no herring.

Port Malcolm—Lobsters fair; no herring or cod.

St. Peter's—Lobsters fair.

Louisbourg—Boats average one qt. cod; lobsters scarce.

St. Ann's—Lobsters fair; cod and herring scarce.

Meat Cove—Lobsters very plentiful; cod and herring scarce.

Mahon—Lobsters very plentiful; cod scarce; no herring.

Margaree—Hake fair; lobsters plentiful; cod scarce.

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Spring Clothing.

Men's Spring Suits and Overcoats are having their inning. Business 'way ahead for same time a year ago. We hope to break the record each day throughout the season. Our clothing is enough better than all other clothing at corresponding prices to give absolute faith with that hope.

Reliable quality, correct style, perfect fit. Finer assortment than ever before. Handsomer fabrics than ever before shown in ready-made.

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St. John, N. B.

THE SOUTH SHORE RAILWAY.

Premier Murray Says Negotiations Are Proceeding Satisfactorily.

Negotiations in connection with the construction of the South Shore Railway are progressing very satisfactorily. That was the substance of the announcement made to the Chronicle by Premier Murray, who returned from New York on Saturday night. The Premier had been in the American city for some days in consultation with several gentlemen interested in the construction of the line from Halifax to Yarmouth and the result of his visit was evidently very satisfactory.

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THE PARE MURDER CASE.

Sheriff Has Evidence in Case of Killing of Canadian in Maine.

Skowhegan, Me., May 14.—Sheriff Penell has returned from a visit of nearly two weeks to the northern part of Somerset county and Southern Canada. Sheriff Penell has been investigating the Pare murder case. During the trip he visited Rockwood and secured the grip that W. M. Butler found on the Tote road, 20 days after the murder. This is Pare's extension case, mentioned often in stories of the murder. Sheriff Penell is satisfied that Butler has told the truth about the finding of the case, and has enough evidence to that effect.

The sheriff is satisfied that he has additional evidence that will ensure the conviction of Theriault, the man now being held for the crime. The officer does not believe any other person was engaged in the murder. The preliminary hearing of Theriault will be continued June 18. Hon. S. J. Walton, the senior counsel for the prisoner, is still in the lake region, looking after the interests of the accused.

Acting under the advice of the savant attached to the Pasteur Institute, the French government has decided to ask the Chamber of Deputies for \$20,000 to equip and maintain a scientific mission for the study of yellow fever.

Mrs. N. Rhodes, of Amherst, is a guest at the Dufferin.

ANOTHER POST OFFICE BURGLARY.

Stamps to Value of \$16 Stolen from Upper Sackville Office.

On opening the post office at Upper Sackville Saturday morning, says the Post, Postmaster Wheaton was surprised to find letters, papers and books scattered about the office in great confusion. The desk and drawers had been forced open and \$16 worth of stamps had been taken. The person was evidently in search of registered letters, as the record book had been gone through and a portion of leaf on which several stamps were affixed was taken. In closing the office at night the postmaster takes all registered matter to his house. The entrance was made with the help of a ladder, through a back window.

CONFIDENTIAL CLERK ARRESTED.

Shortage of Over \$20,000 is Suspected—Stock Speculation the Cause.

New York, May 14.—E. L. Chetwood, who has been confidential clerk for the last 18 years in the employ of Brown Bros., bankers, was arrested today, charged with having stolen from the firm with short in his accounts \$22,170 in one item and short in others.

Chetwood's total shortage is said to be \$22,170. He entered the firm's employ 20 years ago as a messenger and for the last six years he had been receiving tele. His salary was \$2,000 a year and he had the confidence of the firm to such an extent that no bond was required from him. According to a member of the firm, Chetwood had lost the money gambling during the last six months. It was discovered that Chetwood had invested in stocks before the recent drop in prices.

Wilson & McPike succeed J. A. Boyd & Son, St. Stephen, in the hardware business.

SUSSEX NEWS.

Great Rush of Water Struck by Well-Borer: Band Gets New Instructor.

Sussex, N. B., May 14.—The 74th regiment Band have engaged the services of Mr. George Warren, as instructor, and have commenced practicing in their new band room back of the Depot House.

The new bell for the Baptist church is expected to be in position to be rung on Sunday next.

Surveyors are here today laying out the change of railway track which is to be made approaching the station. The curve will be removed.

Considerable excitement was occasioned here today by Mr. Bell, the well borer, who is sinking an artesian well for the Bank of Nova Scotia, striking an overflow which threw a stream in the air for a distance of about 14 feet and made quite a little flood for the time being. The water gradually settled down until it was about four or five feet from the top of the pipe, where it bubbled and worked just like a boiling spring. A lighted match held over the top of the pipe ignited gas which was coming up in great force and by the way it burned before it could be extinguished, it looked as if a sufficient supply could be obtained from the well to supply the town with light.

Study of Yellow Fever.

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A Dagger Behind the Door!

Catarrh is no respecter of times or places—the high-born and the low-born are its victims.

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