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LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

Dominion election, Monday, October 20th.

Mollie Frank, of Chicago, twelve years old, is alive and well after receiving into her body 2,300 volts of electricity, 500 volts more than is applied to condemned prisoners in penal institutions in New York and Ohio.

Capt. Deuremont, of the schooner F. S., owned by the Yarmouth trading company, fell overboard from the schooner and was drowned on Sunday evening when off the Wolves.

The official time of the Empress of Britain from Rimouski to the Mersey on her last trip was five days, sixteen hours. The land to land part of the voyage occupied three days and nineteen hours.

Lena Connors, aged six years, while playing with matches in a yard on Grafton Street, Halifax, Monday, was so badly burned that she died in the hospital five hours later. The child was terribly injured from head to foot.

Lightning struck the school house at Plum Coulee, Sask., while the teacher and a number of the children were standing in the porch. Anna Radon, of Indian Head was killed, but none of the others were injured beyond a slight shock.

Halifax was in the grip of a tropical storm on Thursday, a heavy south-east gale accompanied by driving rain, continuing throughout the day. The storm was felt with particular severity along the coast and reports of marine disasters are fully expected.

General Charles Edward Luard, whose wife was mysteriously murdered near London, August 24th, committed suicide by throwing himself in front of a railroad train at Watlington, England the other day. His body was found later close to the railroad crossing.

Charles Evans Hughes, of New York, was nominated by the Republican State convention at Saratoga, on the 16th, by an overwhelming majority, and on the first ballot, to succeed himself as Governor of New York. He received 927 votes out of a possible 1009 as against 151 for James W. Wadsworth.

The towns of Gagen and Woodboro, Wisconsin, were destroyed by forest fires Sunday, and as a result four thousand are homeless. Men, women and children fought hard, many falling prostrate in the heat. The fire is fresh and is not a continuation of the fires which did so much damage last week.

The barn of Cornelius McAlay of Southampton about two miles and a half from Head St. Peter's Bay was burned to the ground Friday evening together with seven hundred stooks of grain, all his hay and two fine pigs. Only the desperate efforts of the neighbors saved the dwelling house. The fire was caused by the children playing in the barn with matches.

Elections are the order of the day. The Newfoundland Legislature was dissolved, and Monday, November 2nd, was named as the date of the general election. Sir Robert Bond, Premier, will be the Government leader during the campaign, and the Opposition will be led by Sir Edward Morris, who, until last year, was Attorney-General in the Bond Cabinet.

The first serious accident of the shipping season between Montreal and Quebec, occurred on the 17th, when the steamship Mascara, of the Donaldson Line, outward for Glasgow, with a full general cargo and a large number of cattle, went ashore off Yarmouth. At the time the accident occurred the Mascara lost her bearings owing to the dense smog hanging over the river. The vessel ran aground on a mud bank and is now being lightened in hope that she can be pulled off.

Hon. W. S. Fielding Minister of Finance and Hon. Charles Marshall, Deputy speaker of the House of Commons, arrived on the Island via Summerside on Friday evening last, to address public meetings on behalf of their Liberal friends. On that same Friday evening, they addressed a moderately large meeting at Summerside; on Monday evening of the same date, they addressed a meeting at Montserrat, and on Tuesday evening they addressed a meeting in the Arena rink, Charlottetown. They are both pretty fair speakers, and spend their time telling their audiences how great Canada is; but they are very careful to conceal from public view the corruption and mismanagement of the Laurier Government, which have cast a lurid hue over the fair face of our great country.

News of a very bad accident at Highfield, about ten miles from Charlottetown, reached the city last Wednesday night. The victim was little Mildred Carson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carson. She was accidentally killed by the discharge of a breech-loading gun in the hands of her brother Albert, a lad of fifteen years, who was explaining to another boy, William Stewart, how the gun worked. They were playing in the yard at the time of the accident. The little girl suggested to her brother that he get a real cartridge and place it in the weapon to show more clearly to the other boy how it could be loaded and discharged. He did so and, forgetting to remove the cartridge, pulled the trigger without thinking. The gun discharged, the charge entered the breast of the little girl, making a fearful wound. She only lived a few minutes.

At the very close of the Borden meeting at St. John, N. B., on Monday evening, 14th inst., a bomb was thrown into it by Hon. J. D. Hazen, premier of New Brunswick, who rose and made serious charges against Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, and New Brunswick's representative in the cabinet. Mr. Hazen said that Mr. Pugsley, besides drawing \$40,000 for alleged legal services to the province, had in one year overdrawn his salary by \$7,000, it being in his power, as head of a department, to draw any money he wanted and charge it to salary and expense account. "I challenge Mr. Pugsley," said Premier Hazen, "to meet me here or anywhere else in New Brunswick, and if I do not prove my charge to the satisfaction of every honest man in New Brunswick I will resign my seat in the legislature."

Broken Promises.

In the course of his great speech at Halifax, Mr. Borden, among other things, said: "During the session of 1907 I moved for a thorough and searching investigation into the affairs and management of the Marine Department by a Parliamentary Committee. Sir Wilfrid Laurier characterized my statements as 'froth and wild talk,' and he appealed to his followers to vote down my motion which was consequently defeated. The Government never dreamed that the Civil Service Commission would undertake any such investigation. Their purpose throughout has been concealment. The condition of the Marine Department was known to the Prime Minister long before the report of the Civil Service Commission."

Mr. Borden continued: "The like principal has prevailed in appointments to public office. I do not deny that many good appointments have been made by the present Government but whenever party interests demanded the reward of public office for unscrupulous party service, that reward has been forthcoming. Criminals have been appointed to positions in the public service—men engaged in the most outrageous electoral crimes have been appointed to positions of public trust. No heeler in his zeal for party interests need fear that the most courageous disregard of law and decency would prevent his appointment to public office."

Here were quoted the condemnations of Mr. S. H. Blake and Mr. Joseph Martin the latter of whom said: "So deep rooted, however, is the corruption in public life in Canada that we find the Government employing every means at their hand to suppress and nullify the investigations of these committees."

The speaker turned his attention to the economy plank of the fifteen year old Liberal platform. Under Mr. Fielding's supervision, and during ten years of Liberal rule the expenditure has been 232 millions greater than in the ten years of Conservative rule. Where has the money gone? A portion of it has been properly expended for legitimate purposes but how many millions have been wasted upon useless expenditures, in absurd prices and "Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised purity of administration. He has abandoned the public exchequer to the plundering and pilfering of unscrupulous party friends and has permitted the public domain to become the prey of his strongest partisans. The patronage system has been employed in its most extreme form to subvert party interests. The Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries has admitted on Oath that the Government could have saved \$2,000,000 within a few years in his department alone were it not for the patronage system. It is the same story throughout the entire public service—in the appointment of public officials, in the purchasing of supplies and materials, in the administration of the Railway and Canals, in the rewarding of party service, the advancement of party interests has been the supreme consideration overriding all regards for economy and efficiency.

Address and Presentation.

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