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UNDESERVED REPROACH.

It is amusing to see an Opposition led by Mr. Laurier reproaching the Government for want of "spine." Everyone can see that backbone is just what the Opposition and their leader want. On the trade question they have twisted and turned and wriggled so much that it is quite impossible to predict what position they will take a month hence.

On the two questions we have mentioned, which are really the only questions of general interest before the people of this Dominion, the attitude of the Government has been firm. They have stood manfully to their guns. They have held fast to the principle of protection, and they have not hesitated on the Manitoba school question to do what the constitution directs.

Just imagine Mr. Laurier in the same position as Sir Mackenzie Bowell. Would he act with greater promptitude or exhibit more firmness? Judging by the way he acts when his responsibilities are a thousand times lighter it is only reasonable to conclude that he would be completely paralyzed.

but it would not be either wise or prudent. Whatever may be Mr. Laurier's faults impetuosity and rashness are not among them. The Grits who reproach the Bowell Government as being wanting in "spine" should look at home.

CRUSHED EXPECTATIONS.

Many citizens of Winnipeg of both parties are indignant because the Government of the Dominion have, on reflection, declined to extend aid to the Hudson's Bay railway. In this they are not altogether so reasonable as they might be.

It is suspected that the road has been projected not so much for the country as for the men who have undertaken to construct it. The advocates of the road in Winnipeg and elsewhere should spare no exertion to do away with this impression.

One of the reasons why the Hudson's Bay railway project was not approved by Parliament is that the members generally believe that the navigation of Hudson's Bay is so dangerous and so uncertain that it cannot be made a route for vessels engaged in regular trade.

It is of no use to laugh at men who make this objection or to censure them. What must be done is to show them that they are wrong—that is, if they are wrong. The honest advocates of the road must be convinced that Hudson's Bay and Strait are navigable for three, four, five or six months of the year, that ships properly constructed can make regular trips on them during an open season of some considerable length.

THE NEW GOVERNMENT.

If it requires men of ability and experience to make a strong Government, the Government just formed by Lord Salisbury must be uncommonly strong. It has in it the best men of two parties. Lord Salisbury and Mr. Balfour are admitted to be the ablest men of the Conservative party, and the old Liberal party, when it was in its prime, had not in its ranks two stronger men than Lord Hartington and Mr. Chamberlain.

A CRISIS.

Our readers will see by our special telegram from Ottawa that the Ministerial statement was made in the House of Commons by the Hon. Mr. Foster yesterday. Nothing could, in our opinion, be more reasonable than the decision arrived at by the Government. They have determined not to act hastily or to invoke the interference of Parliament until every means to bring about an amicable settlement has been tried and has failed.

There are, however, those who believe that a Government possessing all the talents is not necessarily an efficient Government. These politicians think that if there are one or two able men in a Government it is perhaps best if the rest are only mediocrities. In a Government in which there are many able men, it is argued, there are likely to be disagreements and jealousies and a harmful division of authority.

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These localities are rapidly settling up and as farm land is limited great inducement is offered to any person or corporation having capital and knowledge necessary to develop and work these estates. A store, hotel and blacksmith shop could be run in connection with the farm.

P. O. BOX 188.

This Property is within easy distance of many of the most important Gold, Silver and Coal Mines in West Kootenay. The soil is the best bottom land, and the locality is one of the few places in the Province where so large a piece of good farm land can be found in one block. A river runs through the property, and rainbow trout are plentiful and afford capital sport. Deer abound in considerable numbers. Bear, Wolf, Coyote and other large game are to be found in the hills. There are two creeks recorded and belonging to the estate, one flows all the year round. Limestone and brick clay are to be had in the valley. The Gattle are well bred; a much larger herd could be farmed with the place. The bunch grass on the hills in the vicinity covers many thousands of acres, and is available to the few land owners in the valleys. The Climate is not severe, the station was for many years the winter quarters of the H. B. Co.'s pack trains. The Title is Crown Grant. Immediate possession can be given. The South West Kootenay and Osoyoos Divisions of Yale District, British Columbia, judgments from the actual ore products of the mines to date, are destined in the next year or two to be the richest and most important mineral centres in the world.

TELEPHONE NO. 74.

WRECK OF THE COLIMA.

WASHINGTON CITY, July 6.—The acting secretary of state has received a supplemental report from United States Consul Battle, at Acapulco, Mexico, dated June 21, giving further details in regard to the survivors of the wrecked steamer Colima. He went to Manzanillo on the 12th ult., he says, for the purpose of relieving the shipwrecked crew of the American schooner Hayes, and fortunately found the five men who were on life raft No. 2 from the lost vessel. They landed safely about sixty miles south of Manzanillo, after battling with the elements four days and three nights without food or water.

RAVAGES OF FIRE.

CORNWALL, Ont., July 8.—The worst fire in the history of this place occurred yesterday and as a result nearly the whole of the suburban village of Lorneville was reduced to ashes, and upwards of two scores of families, mostly mill employees, were rendered homeless. The fire was started about 2 o'clock in a shed of a man named Joseph Martin, whose children were playing with matches. The shed was in flames and several adjacent buildings had caught before the nearest fire alarm could be reached. For various reasons there was much delay in getting water on the flames. By this time a dozen dwelling houses and tenements, which were mostly frame structures and built closely together, were on fire and the flames spread rapidly. At 7 p.m., when the fire had burned itself out, 25 dwelling houses were reduced to ashes and over forty families were homeless. Most of the buildings in the burned district were owned and occupied by the mill employees and represented their savings for years. Very few of the buildings were insured. The total loss is estimated from \$25,000 to \$30,000.

A CLERGYMAN'S REVENGE.

TAOOMA, July 8.—Mrs. Mattie Chambers, of Centuria, has received an infernal machine. Her father says the box containing the machine was addressed to her by a minister who was killed by Mrs. Chambers about a year ago and was last heard from at Raleigh, N.C. A year ago the minister promised to go away and not press his suit any longer, but later heard a rumor suggesting the name of Mrs. Chambers with that of William Hale of Centuria. He then wrote her several letters objecting

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to Hale's attention. No notice was paid to his misdeeds, and the infernal machine arrived. It consisted of a box made to hold a physician's thermometer with a piece of sandpaper under the lid. A fulminating cap, a parlor match and a bit of rubber band were arranged to ignite the match and cap, and cause a large dynamite bomb just beneath the cover to explode when the lid was withdrawn. The country postmaster's curiosity probably saved the woman's life, as he pried open the box when he saw the end of sandpaper protruding through a break in the package.

WINNIEPEG WIRINGS.

WINNIEPEG, July 8.—(Special)—It is learned that Archbishop Langevin and Rev. Father Guilleme, rector of St. Mary's church, leave for Quebec on Thursday to raise funds for the support and maintenance of Roman Catholic separate schools in Winnipeg and the province, and they propose to accomplish this object by means of an allotment or prize drawing scheme. The details of the plan have not yet been arranged, but it is understood to be the intention to have the drawings take place in the province of Quebec, the tickets being placed on sale in all the chief cities of the Dominion. John Munroe's feed and sale stables were burned last night at Portage la Prairie. Indian Agent McKay left Selkirk yesterday for Lake Winnipeg points with the treaty money for the Indians. The total amount was about \$15,000, principally in one dollar bills. It was followed by a large number of traders.

TO FOUND AN EMPIRE.

NEW YORK, July 6.—A special to the World from Caracas, Venezuela, says: The activity of the political agents of ex-President Guzman Blanco makes it evident that he is in the field to succeed President Crespo. His absorbing ambition is to rule all the northern part of South America. An opponent says his plan will be to induce ambitious people to join their services with him in a wild scheme of consolidating Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru into a grand imperial confederation, with himself at its head. His ultimate design is probably to declare himself emperor, guaranteeing parliamentary government. Home rule will be a part of his programme. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry cures Blurred Vision, Headaches, Catarrhs of the Nose, Catarrhs of the Throat, Catarrhs of the Bladder, Catarrhs of the Uterus, Catarrhs of the Bowels in children or adults.