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MR. STEWART GETS HIS ANSWER

Convincing Reply from Dr. L. G. Pinault to Mr. Stewart's Unfounded Charges.

To the Editor of The Campbellton Graphic, Campbellton, N. B.

Before replying to Mr. D. A. Stewart's article in the House of Assembly, at Fredericton, on the 15th of March, I have asked myself whether the marks of confidence and esteem spontaneously manifested to me by a large number of well thinking citizens, Liberals and Conservatives, do not sufficiently compensate me for these unreasonable attacks, and whether the ridicule and contempt which the gentleman has brought upon himself does not sufficiently punish him.

However, since it is possible that Mr. Stewart is not the only second hand politician to ignore the Public Health Act, I take the liberty to rectify a few misrepresentations. If the honorable member had read the Act before criticizing its administration and before attacking me personally, he would have seen that the province is divided into districts, each district comprising several counties, and that each district is in charge of a doctor who is called the district medical officer; and that such officer is two facts president of the board of health of the different counties under his jurisdiction. Doctor Desmond, of Newcastle, being the medical officer of the district in which Restigouche is comprised, he is therefore president of the Restigouche Board of Health.

A few years ago I was asked to become a member of this board and I accepted providing there would be no politics mixed with it and there has been none; a good proof of it is that I contributed to appoint Mr. A. McDonald, one of Mr. Stewart's political friends, to the position of Secretary of the Board, the only position carrying a salary. My voice in the deliberations has no more weight than the rest except on subjects touching medical sciences when naturally my opinions would be accepted. I challenge Mr. Stewart to interrogate the past and the present members of the board and try to get from them any information that would even be suspicious of politics in the hands I ever took in Board of Health matters. If he succeeds I will give him \$50.00 that will result to the benefit of the hospital of his choice and if he does not he will give me \$50.00 that I will dispose of in a like manner.

Now about the Punkinnet meeting? Being in charge of the Campbellton free V. D. clinic I was asked to form a committee called the social hygiene committee for the Town of Campbellton with request that the committee procure a hall, see to the advertisement, reserve rooms at the hotel, etc., in a word organize the meeting. The committee was composed of Liberals and Conservatives in about equal numbers. All those who were not sick or out of town did their share, with the result that the visiting doctors proclaimed that the Campbellton meeting was one of the best organized meetings they had witnessed, and expressed their regret that they were not finding such good organization everywhere.

Mr. Stewart is very unjust and unfair to the other members of the committee in saying that I "took charge of the meeting", insinuating that I must have full credit for what was done. I did only my share and part of the success is due to Mrs. Edward Alexander, M. D. A. Harquail, Mr. A. McDonald and His Honor Judge Melatchy who had to be out of town that day. The other two members of the committee was Mrs. James Morton, sick at the time, and Mr. D. A. Champoux out of town that day. One of the speakers paid a tribute of admiration to Honorable Doctor Roberts, Minister of Health, for the drafting of the Health Act, and for the good work he is doing in the province to the benefit of all. That speaker, a doctor, expressed the views of almost the whole medical profession of this province and if the M. P. P. for Restigouche doubts it, he has only to induce one of his doctor political friends of this county to come once to our medical meetings and have a report of what is said of Honorable Doctor Roberts and of the Health Act.

Mr. Stewart is preaching economy. His ideas are changing with the changes of government on this subject. In 1911, after the Laurier government was defeated, Mr. Stewart gathered a few political friends around him and looked for Liberal victims. It happened that I was the doctor appointed to give medical care to the Indians on the Restigouche reserve at the annual meeting of \$200.00. The Department of Indian Affairs was at once asked to dispense with my services, and for once in his life Mr. Stewart was taken seriously. I was dismissed. The question was raised in the House of Commons, even to doctors Martin, of Carleton and Fremont of Campbellton, at a salary double of what I had received. They all refused. The Indian agent represented at Fredericton by Mr. Stewart.

FATHER CORMIER DIED HERE MONDAY

Funeral Services Held This Morning—Attended by Hosts of Friends.

In the parish of Rev. Father Cormier, which occupied at the Hotel Dieu Hospital here on Monday, the 19th inst., the Roman Catholic Church lost a devoted member of the clergy, a host of people here and throughout various parts of the county are deprived of a highly respected and venerated pastor. Death came to Father Cormier after a lingering illness which extended over a number of months and was due to cancer of the stomach. The deceased gentleman became ill in health shortly before Christmas and some eight days ago he was taken to the Hotel Dieu Hospital to undergo observation in the hope of regaining his health. But all that medical skill and efficient nursing could do proved of no avail and he passed away at 10:30 on Monday evening.

Was Well Known Here. The late Father Cormier was well known in Campbellton. Born in Gaspe forty-one years ago he came here when young man and worked for a time for the Shivers Lumber Co., and later with Mr. George St. Onge. Having decided to enter the priesthood, he studied in Montreal and Ottawa and secured his theological education in Rimouski. He was ordained on the 25th of June 1911 and took up his first clerical duties in Newcastle as assistant to Father Dickson there. Some two years later he was appointed parish priest at Douglastown, N. B., and from there he went to Jacques River where he assumed the charge as parish priest in 1921.

The deceased gentleman leaves to mourn the loss of an affectionate brother, two sisters, Mrs. L. Charny of Quebec and Mrs. Perce Gagnier, of Campbellton; one full brother, Peter of Campbellton one half brother Louis and a sister Mrs. Evelyne Cormier, all of this place. To these surviving relatives the heartfelt sympathy of the community is extended in the loss of this highly esteemed brother.

Services Largely Attended. The remains of the late Father Gagnier reposed one day at the residence of his sister Mrs. Evelyne Cormier, from where they were conveyed to the Church of Our Lady of the Snows. A translation of the remains was held there Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and the great building was crowded to the doors. Office of the dead was held at Wednesday evening 7:30 at the Bishop Chasson of- ficiated and the following priests were present: Revs. A. Melanson, A. A. Boucher, R. Robichaud, J. Whiten, W. Gagne, C. Cyr, N. St. Sever, F. M. Lantier, E. Delagrange, J. A. Allard, J. P. Levesque, M. J. Pickett, L. J. Sivret, P. Veillard and J. A. Hardt.

The funeral services were held this morning at nine o'clock. Father Boucher sang the mass, Father Hart of Dalhousie acted as deacon, Father Delagrange of Nias's Creek as sub-deacon, and Bishop Chasson of Chatham spoke in English. Both addresses were most impressive and Father Lantier's fitting remarks were unusually eloquent. Father Melanson conducted the service at the grave and said the closing prayer. He was an intimate friend of the late Father Cormier and paid a fitting tribute to the faithful service of his brother clergyman. The services were very largely attended, a number of the late priest's parishioners from Jacques River being present as well as many people from different parts of the county who came to pay a last tribute of respect to a departed friend who had earned and deserved their highest esteem.

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Received orders from the Department to employ a doctor at his discretion for every case. Since then the medical attendance of the Indians has never lost less than \$1,000.00 yearly. Quite a saving, Mr. Stewart. I say to the Honorable Member that if I were, I would not let the position of Harbor Physician remain in the hands of one of Mr. Stewart's political friends. I would have accepted it or worked to have it given to a man in sympathy with the present government. I feel it would be unjust to remove a man from office only on political grounds although Mr. Stewart thinks different. I hear that nations are punished for their crimes by being visited with wars, and cities by being infested by the pestilence. I am not sure I can find out what grave offence has been done by the County of Restigouche to be represented at Fredericton by Mr. Stewart.

L. G. PINAULT, M. D. Campbellton, N. B., March 19th, 1923.

TWO WOMEN BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. W. Good of Dalhousie Jct., Lost Her Life In Attempt to Save Her Aunt.

A shocking tragedy occurred at Dalhousie Junction on Tuesday morning when Mrs. Wadsworth Good and her aged aunt, Mrs. Douglas, lost their lives in a fire which completely destroyed their home. The fire broke out between nine and ten o'clock while Mrs. Good and her husband were at the barn. Apparently Mrs. Good noticed that the house was on fire and rushed to rescue her aged and infirm aunt without informing her husband of the blaze. How far she got on her hazardous mission is not known as she perished with the older lady. Whatever efforts Mr. Good made to rescue the inmates of the burning building or to hinder the blaze proved futile for the fire, whipped into fury by the terrific gale that was blowing at the time, spread through the whole house with fiendish rapidity and made it utterly impossible to reach the doomed inmates from any angle.

The previous day's fall of light snow was swirled and eddied by the wind to such an extent that even the nearest neighbors living less than a quarter of a mile away were not aware that there was a fire in the neighborhood. Consequently no assistance was offered Mr. Good until it was too late.

As far as is known, there was little insurance on the building or furniture and the material loss is estimated at between \$2000 and \$3000. Mr. Good is the sole survivor of the household as there were no children in the family and the sincere sympathy of the community is extended to him in this calamitous occurrence.

A CLUB BONSPIEL. The Campbellton Curling Club will hold a club bonspiel Friday afternoon and evening, March 23rd. Supper will be served in the Banquet Hall of the rink at six o'clock.

WESLEY CHURCH. The Third Quarterly Official Board Meeting of Wesley Methodist Church was held last Thursday night. The Board extended an invitation to Rev. F. E. Boothroyd to remain as pastor for a fourth year. Mr. Boothroyd asked for time to consider. Reports of various departments of the church work were given and these were found to be in a prosperous condition, especially those referring to young people's work. Plans for the coming year were reported for special services leading up to Easter.

THREW STONES AT LOCAL EXPRESS

Two Passengers in Coaches Struck and Injured—No Clue to Guilty Parties.

Passengers on the local express works runs between Levis and Campbellton had a thrilling experience last night when the train was just east of Val Brillon on the run to this place. Two stones were hurled through the windows, one coming from each side, and two of the passengers, a woman and a boy about five years of age, were struck by the missiles.

The unfortunate woman who was a Mrs. M. Albert of St. Simon, P. Q., was struck on the head and received a very severe cut. She was taken off the train at Amqui where her injuries were given medical attention. It was found that they were not serious and she was able to continue her journey.

The boy in the second class coach also received a severe cut in the head from one of the stones. He was accompanied by his father who gave their name as Gendron of St. Luc, P. Q. The boy and his father left the train at Causapscal where the little fellow's injuries were attended to by a doctor.

The train was backed up to the scene of the outrage and an endeavor made to find the culprits but no trace of them could be found. Up to the present the guilty parties have not been apprehended but the C. N. R. authorities are making every effort to locate them.

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SLEEPING SICKNESS AT CAMPBELLTON

First Case of Dreaded Trouble At Soldiers Memorial Hospital Here.

Jan. 23. A case of sleeping sickness reported at the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital. The patient has been in a condition of complete coma for about one week. Dr. W. Fleck of Dalhousie is the attending physician.

DEATH OF MRS. W. C. HAMILTON. The sad news of the death of Mrs. W. C. Hamilton of Black Lands has just been received here. Death occurred at her home this morning and came after several months of failing health due indirectly to heart failure. Besides her husband deceased leaves to mourn her loss one daughter, Lillian, who was their only child. She is also survived by six sisters and one brother. Mrs. D. J. Bruce of Campbellton is one of the sisters.

T. R. BUSTEED DEAD. Word has just been received of the death of Thos. R. Busteed at the Soldiers' Memorial Hospital this morning. The funeral services will be held from the deceased's late residence at Bourdeaux on Sunday afternoon.

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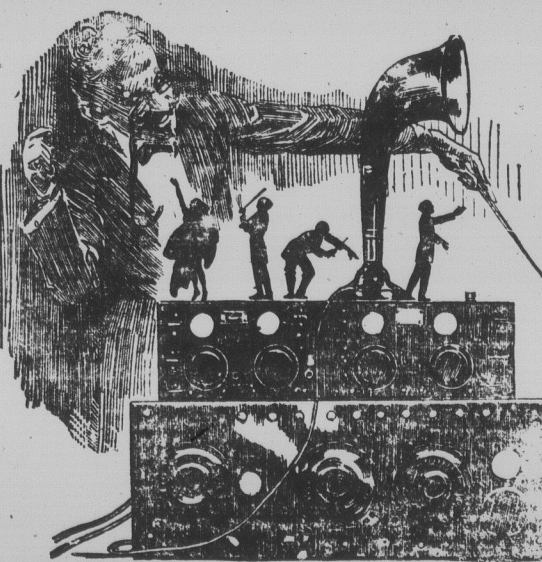
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