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THE LIBERAL LEADERSHIP

In the interest of Hon. W. S. Fielding, the suggestion is put forward that Premier Martin will not permit his name to go before the Liberal Convention as prospective leader. Mr. Martin has not yet stated his own position in this regard, but it is rather strange if at this late hour after his friends have for months been pulling all possible wires in his support, he should desire to withdraw. Naturally such an action is in accordance with the wishes of those who favor Hon. Mr. Fielding, for it is considered that with the western premier out of the way the chances of the veteran Nova Scotian may be somewhat improved. Otherwise, despite Mr. Fielding's recognized ability and his long parliamentary experience, the vote of the convention would undoubtedly go to a younger man. Yet whether Mr. Martin has retired or has not retired, the long list of prospective candidates for Laurier's shoes seems to be dwindling down to a comparative few. During the past several weeks, names have been put forward of many hopeless, impossible, back-bench politicians who had seldom been heard of outside their own constituencies, and because of this clouding of the issue by the active leaders in Upper Canada, the rank and file of the party have been unable to even hazard a guess as to the probable outcome of the election. Yet as the date of the meeting approaches, these suggestions are being dropped, and unless sectionalism results in a deadlock leading to the selection of a compromise candidate, there will be no more regarded as "narrowed down" to comparatively few names.

WHAT FAKERS GATHER IN

In the United States, it is estimated that \$500,000,000 are annually lost by financial takers. This is a staggering sum, less than that lost in the war, but unless this sum is reduced, the government's \$600,000,000 for its equal to nearly two-thirds of the total amount loaned by the United States to Allied governments. There is no means of ascertaining how much is lost in Canada in this way. It is reasonable, however, to assume that the per capita loss, \$9, is the same in this country, which would mean that in an average year about \$25,000,000 are raked in by fakers. What are these huge sums lost in? In all, and "wild cat" real estate ventures, one cannot but conclude that the estimate is not far astray. Will the faker get your money or will you invest it in something safe that will pay well? Put it into War Savings Stamps and you will obtain a small Government bond that is absolutely safe and yields 5 1/2 per cent compounded half-yearly.

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Drayton For Finance Post

Ottawa, July 31 - If, tomorrow, Sir Robert Borden makes the announcement as it is confidently predicted he will make, Sir Henry Drayton will thereafter be addressed by correspondents as minister of finance, instead of chairman of the dominion board of railway commissioners.

Sir Henry is at Tadoussac at present but there seems good authority for the statement that he is willing to leave the comparatively safe birth of chairman of the railway board to essay the difficult tasks inseparable from war time finance of a nation which has almost beggared half the world and left the dominion saddled with a load of debt that would have staggered the imagination of pre-war financiers.

There are more thorns than roses to-day in the portfolio Sir Henry is said to be accepting but for a man of energetic temperament who likes a hard job that is no deterrent. If it can be arranged, a Toronto constituency would probably be opened for Sir Henry Drayton. In most of the constituencies now vacant it is understood that any Unionist candidate would have hard slogging and even in Toronto because of Conservative dissatisfaction there would be a lot of arranging to do.

As Sir Douglas Hazen is in Ottawa today, attention is given to the rumor that he is to succeed Sir Henry Drayton. That would again leave vacant the post of chief justice of New Brunswick if the rumor should prove true.

It is expected that the announcement will be made of the acceptance by James Stewart of the post of chairman of the Canadian wheat board when he returns from New York.

STRANGE VISITORS TO INDIANS

Savages Not Unnaturally Alarmed When Airmen "Dropped In" to Their Village.

Army aviators stationed at France field, near Cristobal, in the Panama canal zone, are required to do much of their flying over water and along the coast. Recently two pilots made a flight to the Gulf of St. Blas, which is situated on the Atlantic coast about one hundred miles west of France field. The numerous and small islands in the gulf are inhabited by Indians, who are very unfriendly.

Due to the overheating of a motor one of the pilots was compelled to descend, and landed on one of the most populous of the islands. His companion in the second airplane followed him. Consternation reigned among the natives when the two airplanes "taxied" up to the dugout village and came to a halt. What followed is described in the bulletin of the air service which contains an official report of the trip.

"It is doubtful who was the most fearful on this occasion, for when the bogged pilots alighted from their machines the entire population of the island was lined up, armed to the teeth. The chief of the village very reluctantly took his place at the head of this aggregation and with a machete in his hand greeted the visitors with a scowl. "One of the pilots was a new arrival in Panama and unfamiliar with stories about the unfriendliness of the Indians. As soon as he stepped on the beach he rushed up and greeted the chief in a very effusive manner, and fortunately his friendly smile was properly interpreted. After this the pilots were permitted to go through the village, and by way of courtesy the chief was asked by means of signs to take a ride in one of the airplanes, which invitation was not accepted."

The pilots tried to take pictures of the Indians, but the appearance of the cameras aroused such hostility that they finally gave up the attempt. Before leaving the village the chief and a few of the young men were induced to smoke cigarettes which the aviators produced.

Has Biblical Sanction.

The American Humane Education society thinks it has made a point by showing that "Spare the rod and spoil the child" cannot be found in the Bible, but was written by Samuel Butler in 1633. Butler probably got the alliterative "spare and spoil" from Ralph Venning, who used it in 1640, but the idea goes back to Proverbs 13:24: "He that spareth his rod hateth his son; but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes." We are with the Humane society (and the chastening) in questioning the dominance of unselfish love in the average "chastening," but cannot approve of its quibbling as to the quotation, so far as substantial sanction goes. But most people would be surprised to learn that the exact words were not scriptural, just as they would be to learn that there is no direct statement about the lion and the lamb lying down together. Many still think "God tempests the wind to the shorn lamb" is from the Bible, although Sterne quoted it, without credit, from Henry Estienne. Wesley's vague quotation of an ancient Hebrew's "Cleanliness is next to godliness" sounds like Bible. Numerous passages from hymns are also erroneously ascribed to scripture.—New York Times.

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