THE COUNT IN THE BALANCE.

MERCIER MAY BE TOLD TO GO AT ANY MOMENT.

Mr. Joly on the Crisis—The Most Critical Point in the Gravest Political Crisis Since the Days of Letellier Has Been Reached—The French Press on the Situation.

[Montreal Star (Ind.).]

The most critical point in the gravest political crisis since the days of Letellier has been reached. This is the unanimous opinion prevailing to-day in political circles. Further, it is firmly believed that if Lieut.-Governor Augers does not retreat from the stand he has taken in the Baie des Chaleurs matter, Count Mercier and his Cabinet may be out of power to-morrow. The production of the Lieut.-Governor's letter in the Senate produced a great sensation in the city, and politicians spoke of nothing else. The French Conservatives are jubilant at the stand taken by Mr. Angers, and predict that it is the death knell of the Nationalists administration. Among the Cabinet's partisans all who were spoken to on the street declared that Premier Mercier should not give in, but fight the Governor, who was playing the part of a dictator and partisan of the Federal Government. Hon. H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, ex-Premier of the Province, and who was a central figure in a somewhat similar crisis, was in the city to-day.

"What do you think of the publication of the Governor's letter?" he was asked.

"Why, surely it has not been published, has it?" and he added that he had not yet seen a paper since his arrival. "The publication of that letter, without the production of Mr. Mercier's explanation is a crying injustice. That is the way I look on this proceeding. Why, it is simply inconceivable that Mr. Abbott should have done such a thing. Just think of it. They ask the Senate to form an opinion on this subject and they only give one side of the story. As to the Lieutenant-Governor's action I do not believe that any other Governor who preceded him would have done what he has."

"Can you express any further opinion on his action?"

"I do not care to do so, but I believe that, irrespective of all charges made against Mr. Mercier or his colleagues, he is entitled to be treated justly."

"What stand has Mr. Mercier taken in this matter?"

"I am not one of his colleagues and therefore I am not in a position to know what it is."

Mr. P. E. Leblanc, member for Laval, may be accepted as stating the views of his colleagues of the local Opposition when he said: "The Lieutenant-Governor has merely done his duty. He could do nothing less than demand an explanation, and this is what he has done. As to the desire he has expressed of having a Royal Commission appointed, any person who knows the constitution knows well that a desire expressed by the Crown amounts to an order, and Mr. Mercier must take it as such."

"Will the Conservative Opposition assume the responsibility of the Governor's action if Mr. Mercier retires from office?"

"Yes, with pleasure. There is not a Conservative or an honest Liberal who does not approve of his action and would not be prepared to

Defend it Before the People."

A member of the House of Commons, friendly to Mr. Mercier, stated that the Premier's letter to the Governor was to the effect that he was desirous of having an explanation, but that it should be left to the Legislature to decide whether the enquiry should be carried out by a Royal Commission appointed by the House itself or by a committee of the House.

Another supporter of the Premier admitted that the Lieut.-Governor had undoubtedly caught the Premier napping: "What he should have done," he said, "was to have suggested a commission of his own choosing himself. The Governor could not have refused to accept it without a constitutional reason, which he would hardly have given. As it is the Premier has to accept the personnel of the commission or go. My impression is that he will not go, but give the Lieut.-Governor the alternative of backing out or dismissing his ministry, which is always a serious thing to do.

The French Press.

The entire French press is greatly excited over the crisis. The Conservative press, without an exception, approves of Lieut. Governor Angers' action and demands a Royal Commission to be named by himself, claiming that a committee of the House means a whitewash. There are practically only three daily papers defending the Premier, L'Electeur, La Justice, La Patrie. L'Etendard at noon says that the Premier and his colleagues have lost the confidence of the Queen's representative. The difficulty rests upon the personnel of the commission. It adds that the Governor wants a commission that will satisfy public opinion, while Mr. Mercier's commission would be to suit his own purposes. "Virtually," it remarks, "the Ministry has lost the confidence of the Sovereign, and persists in giving advice which she will not accept. In the days of Lafontaine they would have resigned at once in such circumstances, but Mr. Mercier is anxious to provoke a coup d'etat so as to pose as a victim. The situation as it is cannot last, and must be solved to-day or to-morrow. Some believe that Mr. Mercier will effect a retreat, but his friends claim that he is too proud and too sure of his pretended rights to do that."

"Our Rights, Our Constitution."

This is the heading of La Patrie's article, which says: "The die is cast. The Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Quebec is nothing more now than a common clerk acting under the inspiration and by the orders of the Government at Ottawa. This is the way Conservatives understand provincial autonomy. From this to legislative union there is but a step to go. In the present crisis it is the Senate, the fifth wheel of our Federal organization, which is introducing itself into our Quebec affairs. This can easily be seen by reading the text of Mr. Angers' letter, submitted to the Federal Senate. Where will this lead us to? The fine, patriotic and constitutional role remains with the Liberal party and the Hon. Mr. Mercier remains the champion of provincial autonomy."

MERCIER'S NEXT MOVE.

A Report That He Will Appeal to the People.

MONTREAL, Que., Sept. 18.—There is a rumor current here this morning that the Mercier Government has decided to force an appeal to the province from the decision of the Lieut.-Governor, asking for a Royal Commission. Owing to the interference of the Dominion Government, the tide which at first was dead against Mr. Mercier, is now setting in his favor, and his friends say that the Lieut.-Governor's action was the best thing that could have happened for him. Mr. Mercier is still at Quebec.

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The age of youth extends from the beginning of puberty to the complete development of sexuality, or from the fourteenth to about the twenty-first year of age. At this time the growth of the body is completed; young men and women become aware of their special duties of life and of the difference in the careers upon which they are respectively to enter.

During the age of youth, parents should note with great care and attention the health of their boys and girls. Structures are being completed and furnished for good or evil—for health or disease. While it is the duty of parents to fully develop the moral character of their sons and daughters, it is most essential that their physical condition be closely watched and guarded.

During the age of youth there is a tendency to overstudy and overwork both body and brain, which is sure to beget nervousness, sleeplessness and irritability. There is always a growing desire to cram too many studies and subjects in too short a space of time, causing tired, heavy brain, restlessness, and feverish anxious thoughts. All these dreaded results bring on dyspepsia, indigestion, kidney and liver troubles.

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Editor World: Having this morning seen the letter of Maple Leaf in The World, I say go it, and the Maple Leaf forever. I have for a long time argued the same way that Canada is destined to become independent. Why should we be so loyal to England when the feeling is not mutual? There is hardly an Englishman but would rather praise up the States than Canada. Only a few days ago I came across a sample of one. He had been out eight years. The last three he has lived in Canada but still claims to be a Yankee. Just imagine a Yankee talking broad Yorkshire! His argument was as follows: The Yankees are a smarter people. They have a better country, and, talking about population, he said New York had nearly 2,000,000. Why should we be loyal to such blockheads? The idea that Canada would be gobbled up is all bosh. By the balance of power between nations we would be bound to be protected.

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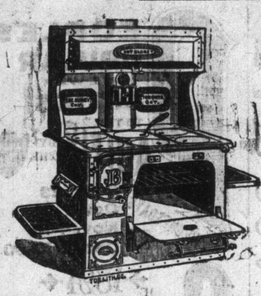

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