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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN. ST. JOHN, N. B., JULY 16, 1904.

MR. PRESTON'S INTERFERENCE.

The Halifax Chronicle, which is usually vigorous and original in its treatment of public questions, has of late grown singularly violent, and horribly partisan. One would have supposed that even a party organ of the most mechanical type would hesitate about endorsing the conduct of "Hugie-the-machine" Preston, who though he is an official of the Canadian immigration department, plunged into the public discussion of the Dunderdonald incident. Mr. Preston has an office in London. He knew that the question on which he wrote to the Times was a matter of political controversy in this country. Yet he rushed into the controversy not only to justify the government of Canada and thus to condemn Lord Dundonald, but incidentally to eulogize the Laurier administration generally. Nothing could be in worse taste than his intervention, and his letter is neither better nor worse than the articles on the subject one reads in the government press, or the speech of Mr. Fisher on the Dundonald incident. But the Chronicle accuses it all. Those who object are commended by the Chronicle as "blind and indecent fury" and a journal which criticizes Mr. Preston is described by the Chronicle as "one of the meanest and dirtiest opposition papers in Canada." The Chronicle says that Mr. Preston "did what any good Canadian would have done" in writing the letter to the Times. As to the letter itself, the Chronicle says that it is "credible and patriotic," and wants to know what state of mind or appetite an opposition must be in who would abuse the writer.

RUMORED APPOINTMENTS

The report that F. B. Wade, M. P. for Annapolis, is to be chairman of the commission which will construct the Grand Trunk Pacific railway from Moncton to Winnipeg, was communicated from Ottawa to the Toronto Globe. As the Globe is one of the organs favored with the earliest official information, the conclusion may indicate a determination already reached. Mr. Wade is said to be an able lawyer, and he once had something to do with the Nova Scotia Central railway. As a politician he is of the true machine type, not much given to hesitation when the cause to be defended presents moral difficulties, and not lacking in energy and resource. Whatever might be required of him in the party interest as chief commissioner would probably be forthcoming from Mr. Wade.

THE FIELDING PROSPECTS.

Notwithstanding Mr. Fielding's protest to the contrary, the banquet speech of the minister of finance was a prospectus rather than a record. Mr. Fielding's financial statement is a promoter's announcement. The method, the purpose and effect are the same as

THE NOVA SCOTIA LABOR PARTY.

The action of the Provincial Workmen's Association at Sydney yesterday introduces an interesting element into the federal politics and perhaps the provincial politics of that province. A large proportion of the electorate of the two Cape Breton ridings, and of Inverness, Pictou and Cumberland counties belong to this organization. They are an extremely independent and resolute body of men, and will be sure to make themselves felt if they stand together. There are now two members of parliament who were returned as representatives of the labor party. These are Mr. Puttee of Winnipeg, and Mr. Smith of Vancouver, British Columbia. In the latter constituency, which must not be confused with Vancouver city, the coal miners control the situation.

ONLY NINETY MILLIONS.

It is the boast of Mr. Fielding that the net debt of Canada is not quite so large as when the Laurier government took office. The accounts are not presented to the end of the fiscal year, but it will probably be claimed that the decrease of debt is at least three or four millions. Suppose we make it five millions to be safe.

It was shown yesterday that in eight years the Laurier government had collected in taxes ninety-five millions more than would have been collected if the government had been content with the revenue of 1898. Mr. Fielding has taken that \$95,000,000 of money in addition to the amount that he himself declared to be excessive, and he has paid off perhaps \$5,000,000 of the debt. The other ninety millions is not visible.

And yet this government has built no great railway, bought no territory, assumed no provincial debt, carried through no great original undertakings such as the fathers of confederation undertook and completed.

THE ALBERT SCHOOL PROTEST.

The protest or petition from the school trustees of Albert district, in Alberta county, setting forth reasons why the proposed consolidation of schools at Riverside should not go forward is published in another part of this paper. A communication from one of the ratepayers affected is also printed in this issue. It would appear that there is hardly any unanimity in favor of the plan proposed as one would like to see at a time when school consolidation is yet in the experimental stages in this province. We believe that this system of union, consolidation, and higher organization in rural and village schools is a progressive movement, having in its great purpose of educational advance. But of course it does not follow that every proposed consolidation is good. It may be difficult to adjust certain groups of school districts to the system, and in those where the geography and other circumstances are favorable the prospect may still be spiced by the selection of a wrong headquarters or by bad grouping. In the particular case our correspondent tells one side of the story, presenting a somewhat strong case. His reflections upon the former lieutenant governor, who offers a large personal contribution to the proposed school, seem to be harsh. One may fairly give Mr. McClellan credit for generosity and public spirit, even though his plan is not adapted to the requirements and circumstances of the community. But this is not a question of motive of one promoter. It is a question of the interest and desire of the families who are affected. The consolidated school movement will make the best progress and in the end be most successful if it is not forced on unwilling communities. While it cannot be expected that a few objectors and dissenters should obstruct an advance movement, it seems absolutely necessary to secure the willing support of the large majority, and the enthusiastic co-operation of a considerable portion of the communities concerned.

A FIGHTING WEEK.

We do not need to believe the stories which come via St. Petersburg that 30,000 Japanese have been killed in an unsuccessful assault upon Port Arthur. The whole force investing Port Arthur is probably not so large as that, as General Oku is said to have 50,000 to 60,000 of the army of the south near Kaiping, where, fighting is probably going on at this moment. From south and east, along the railway from Port Arthur and through the passes from the Yalu and the Gulf, the Japanese troops are converging on Kuropatin. The Russian commander has been falling back station by station, but he must make a stand now or give up everything south of Mukden.

Mr. Bryan is not exactly damning Judge Parker with faint praise.

He is damning the candidate with faint praise of the platform and none at all of the man. Mr. Bryan says that he will vote the democratic ticket because the party platform even when modified by Judge Parker's telegram is better than the republican policy. But that is hardly the sort of declaration to inspire the party to do great deeds, or to encourage hope for victory.

Three times since the Civil War the vice-presidency elect has been called by the president almost at the beginning of the term.

Yet the nominations are seldom made with a view to that possibility. Mr. Davis, who is the democratic candidate for the vice-presidency, is a man of fourscore, who would not be thought of as a president of the United States.

PAUL KRUGER.

There is not now in the world a community composed of devout, illiterate, unprogressive, narrow-minded, thrifty and self-complacent Boers, with a sufficient number of bondmen to do all their work. The nearest approach to it was the Transvaal before gold mining began. In such a nation Paul Kruger was a natural ruler. He had determination, strength and cleverness. He was ambitious and plausible, capable of persuading a majority and of crushing a minority, to his fellow countrymen plausibly persuasive, to the outsider and native, "devoutly savage as an Iroquois." Without mercy or pity for the native, without scruple in business affairs or in diplomacy, he was still, doubtless, a sincere, earnest soul, with strong race patriotism, intense religious emotion and a sublime faith. Within his narrow limits he was something of a statesman, though in any large sense he could not be one because from the cast of his mind and his range of experience he could not appreciate the point of view of other states, or understand that other people besides those of Dutch descent and African nativity had rights. Even those Boers whose theology and form of worship and thought differed from his found him intolerant and unjust. He belonged to primitive times and primitive peoples, to the days of slavery and of personal government, of oracles and signs and visions. His own people were the Chosen. His God was in special sense the God of the Boers, and in a very special sense the God of the Doppers in faith and Krugerites in politics. Every Sunday he proved this by carefully selected scripture texts.

It was not in such an isolated and patriarchal state that Paul Kruger was born, though the local district was of that character.

The place was under British rule, but there was little interference with the Dutch manner of life and their institutions. Wilberforce, Clarkson and their comrades are primarily responsible for breaking up that old-fashioned condition of things. When slavery was abolished on British soil the Boers could not hold the Kafirs in bondage. They could no longer lawfully kill a servant who failed in his duty. Out of these harassing restrictions and the opposition to them grew various disturbances, and one historic tragedy which has remained for nearly a century a bitter memory in every Boer heart and home.

Paul Kruger was a boy when his people left the jurisdiction of British law and the home of British freedom, making two great treks to reach a country where they could restore the primitive conditions, keep their slaves and establish their own institutions. He was trained in the faith and works of his kind, and became the man of his people. Physical strength and courage, a masterful disposition, great ambition, absolute faith in himself and God, considerable intellectual resources, marked him out for leadership. He could fight lions and Zulus better than any one else. He could get more work than any one else out of his Kafirs. He was thrifty in business, and was strong in the Volksraad. Even when the better educated and more broad minded public men of the colony held the highest offices Paul Kruger was something like what would be called a boss in the United States.

His great opportunity came when the government had called in the British to rule the country.

There was no objection on the side of Cornet Kruger when British soldiers were saving the small colony of Boers from annihilation by the neighboring tribes. But when the country was rescued and the people were safe, the old prejudice against the Red-necks was easy to restore. The older leaders were set aside. After Majuba and Gladstone's surrender, Paul Kruger became the despot of the South African Republic. He was more than that, and aspired to be still more than he was. The neighboring Boer republic, the home of a more advanced type of citizens and a broader religious faith, was brought into subjection, and during the last years of Boer independence Kruger was virtually the dictator of both republics. It required a short war to accomplish this, but in the end the submission was sufficiently cheerful, and the Free State people were apparently whole hearted in the late conflict.

But Paul Kruger had still larger views.

He proposed to make all South Africa a Dutch republic, Dutch speaking people were always a majority in Cape Colony, and President Kruger found plenty of allies there to support the Afrikaner programme. Sometimes his party controlled the Cape government, sometimes it was in opposition at Cape Town. But it was always active, always insidious, and ever kept in view the purpose of wresting South Africa from British control.

The most effective ally of the promoters were certain complacent imperial administrations.

The most effective opponent was one Cecil Rhodes. This remarkable man was enabled greatly to redress the balance of power and influence by the development of Kimberley and its wealth. He was much assisted by the Rand enterprises, the growth of the great city of Johannesburg, and by the operations of his own chartered company in the north. These brought in great vested interests which were bound to protect themselves, and a large and strenuous population which was not Boer, and had no Boer sympathies. The collision between the two types

MORE BEAR GULCH TROUBLE.

Court Declared Company Bankrupt and Appointed Receiver—But Orders Have Been Set Aside.

(Star)

A despatch from Helena, Mont., dated July 7, in the Anaconda Standard of Butte, Mont., says:—"The rumors that have been current several weeks respecting the affairs of the Kimberly-Montana Gold Mining company of Jardine, Park county, appear to have had some foundation, as involuntary bankruptcy proceedings have been begun in the federal court against the company by several creditors. The court was petitioned to declare the company a bankrupt and to appoint a receiver. The petitioning creditors are the Big Blackfoot Milling company, the Anaconda Copper Mining company, A. J. Campbell, a Butte attorney, and L. H. Moss of Chicago.

Referee in Bankruptcy A. J. Frith of Billings has appointed James T. Finlen of Butte, son of Miles Finlen, who is interested in the Kimberly-Montana company, receiver, and he has been placed in charge by Deputy United States Marshal C. F. Gage.

A. H. Hanington, the legal representative of the local shareholders informed the Star this morning that it was true that, under false representations, a receiver had been appointed for the property, but that the order appointing him had already been set aside by the court and the mine was once more being operated under the control of the St. John shareholders.

The involuntary bankruptcy proceedings, he said, were taken for spite by some Chicago shareholders. Action was at once taken to present the truth of the matter before the court and word was received last night that the order had been set aside and the receiver dismissed.

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The bride was attired in cream French delaine trimmed with lace and ribbon and carried a bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaid wore French delaine and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. They were married under an arch of cedar trimmed with many flowers and a cedar background. After the ceremony was over luncheon was served.

CLARA'S, Me. July 14—Arch, sch Clara Rogers, from Eastport.

Sid, sch G M Porter, for New York; Clara Rogers, for Eastport.

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