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We must ask those of our friends who have not sent in their subscriptions for 1904 to remit with as little delay as possible. These are the amounts we must rely upon to pay our bills for the past year, and we trust our friends will not fail us in this matter. Remember that almost a month of 1905 has already passed. Please don't delay!

Mr. Borden and the Leadership.

In answer to the unanimous request of the Conservative Senators and Members of the Commons, in caucus assembled to retain the Leadership of the party, Mr. R. L. Borden reached Ottawa on Thursday evening last. On Friday forenoon he entered the re-assembled Conservative caucus and was received with the most unbounded enthusiasm. Senator DeBouchesville, who presided, called upon Mr. Borden for an answer to the request to retain the Leadership which had been sent by telegraph. Mr. Borden after expressing his appreciation of the honor tendered, spoke of his personal reasons for preferring to decline. Even had he been returned to Parliament at the recent election, he would, in view of the general results, have placed his resignation as Leader in the hands of his party. But in view of the unanimity and strength of the call, he felt he had no course but to accept. He made his acceptance, however, conditional upon a thorough and systematic reorganization of the party from polling districts up to the floor of the House, and stated explicitly that he reserved the right to resign at any time he had reason to judge from lack of interest and spirit in party work, that his usefulness as a Leader had gone. He also strongly urged the calling of a convention of the party from all over Canada in the near future. Should such a convention desire to appoint any other leader, the man chosen would have no more loyal follower than himself. Mr. Borden's declarations were followed by an ovation. The cheering from the caucus room was heard all over that section of the Parliament building. His response to the call of his party and the conditions upon which he agreed to accept the leadership, as well as his wise suggestions for the welfare and success of the party, were received by the assembled Senators and Commons, not only without a discordant note, but with the warmest enthusiasm. Mr. Foster was the first speaker. He expressed deep gratification at the decision of Mr. Borden, whom he eulogized in the highest terms. He most heartily endorsed Borden's suggestions and spoke at length regarding the details of the proposed organization. Several others of the leading Senators and Commons also spoke, including Senator Ferguson, all strongly approving and endorsing the course outlined by Mr. Borden. Mr. Kidd of Carleton stated that he would retire in Mr. Borden's favor, as soon as the formal consent of the electors of Carleton could be obtained at a mass meeting. The caucus passed a resolution thanking Mr. Kidd for his generosity.

The conditions upon which Mr. Borden accepts the Leadership of his party are wise and salutary, and such as must tend to make the leadership satisfactory to himself and profitable to his party and to the country. Mr. Borden's position is such as enabled him without reserve to lay before his fellow Conservatives what he believed to be absolutely necessary for the future success of the party. He is out of public life for the moment and from a personal and pecuniary point of view has much to lose by giving up the practice of his profession for the leadership of his party, as matters stand at present. But he is a patriot and feels that it would be unjust to his country for him to refuse a call so unanimously and so enthusiastically tendered. His four years of experience in the leadership afforded him much opportunity for learning wherein the work could be strengthened and he has done well to lay these conditions and these suggestions before his fellow Conservatives, and the latter have shown their

appreciation of the wisdom and prudence of their chosen Leader, by heartily endorsing all that he has laid down. Never since the day of his choice as Leader four years ago, did Mr. R. L. Borden stand near as high in the opinion of his followers as to-day, and we feel sure that as time progresses and events develop, he will rise still higher and higher in his party's estimation.

Dominion Parliament.

On Wednesday last, Parliament met and elected R. J. Sutherland, Speaker of the House of Commons, and Senator Dandurand Speaker of the Senate. On Thursday the formal opening of the Session took place when His Excellency, Earl Grey, having taken his seat on the throne in the Senate Chamber for the first time, delivered the following speech: Hon. Gentlemen of the House of Commons and Senate: I am sensible of the great honor conferred upon me by the king by appointing me to the distinguished position of Governor General. My pleasure in being called upon to represent his majesty in the Dominion has been heightened by the cordial welcome I have received on all sides and from all classes.

This favored land, with its vast resources and improving facilities for transportation is attracting people on an ever-increasing scale, not only from the United Kingdom, but also from the United States, and from many other countries. As the opportunities for settlement under the advantageous conditions which exist are better known this Dominion will become the home of an increasing number of happy and contented people whose character and prosperity will add strength to the great empire of which you are so important a part.

It is gratifying to note that the trade of the Dominion, which in recent years has so steadily increased, is not diminishing, the aggregate trade for the last fiscal year being the largest on record. The revenue for the past six months is also greater than for the corresponding period of the preceding year.

On the invitation of the president of the United States, my government has joined in the formation of an international commission composed of three representatives from each country, to investigate and report upon the conditions and uses of the waters adjacent to the boundary line between the United States and Canada, and to make such recommendations for improvements and regulations as shall best subserve the interest of navigation in said waters.

The rapid growth of the population of the Northwest Territories during the past two years justifies the wisdom of conferring on these territories provincial autonomy. A bill for that purpose will be submitted to your consideration.

The surveys necessary for the location of a line of national transcontinental Canadian railway are being vigorously prosecuted, and it is confidently believed that tenders for the construction of several sections may be invited during the coming season.

The display of Canadian products at last year's St. Louis exhibition proved such a marked success in attracting emigrants to the western prairies that it is proposed to accept the invitation of the government of Belgium to send samples of our products and manufactures to the exhibition to be shortly held at Liege.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons: The accounts for the last year will be laid before you. It will be satisfactory to you to learn that the expenditure has been less than the revenue, leaving a surplus over all charges. The estimates for the coming year will be submitted at an early date. They have been prepared with a due regard for economy consistent with the development of the resources of the Dominion.

Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons: I have your best attention to the subjects I have mentioned and invoke the divine blessing on your deliberations. After the members of the Commons returned to their Chamber, the usual motions as to the appointment of committees and other routine matters were disposed of. The House then adjourned till Monday of this week when the speech from the throne was considered.

C. M. B. A. Branch 379 Celebrates.

Branch 379 of C. M. B. A. at Kinkora celebrated their first Anniversary at the Parochial House on Tuesday evening, 10th inst., by a grand banquet in honor of the occasion. At 6 o'clock p. m. the members assembled and amused themselves by pleasant conversation and games, interspersed with songs and selections on the organ and violin, the former ably presided at by Mr. John A. McIver, and the latter by Bro. P. Monaghan, until eight o'clock, when the guests were invited to the spacious dining room to partake of an elegant repast, consisting of a menu under which the tables fairly groaned. Our esteemed Pastor, who acted as vice-Chairman, was seated at the head of one table, and the Rev. President Bro. Dr. St. C. J. Gallant occupied the centre of a cross table and facing the vice-Chairman, and the several brother officers and members took their allotted places around the festive board. When ample justice had been done the inner man the following toasts were called for by the vice-Chairman and ably responded to: "The Pope. The King—God save the King. Our Association—Bro. Michael McKenna. The Clergy—Rev. J. J. McDonald. The Medical Profession—Bro. Dr. St. C. J. Gallant. Our Agricultural Industries—Bro. P. J. Smith and J. J. Hughes. Our mercantile pursuits—Bro. T. A. McIver. Our mechanics—Bro. Ambrose and P. Monaghan. The Ladies—Bro. H. Mulligan and A. Shreeman. The teaching profession—Mr. John A. McIver. The officers of Branch 379—Bro. Michael Mulligan, P. K. Trainor and Frank Gallant. After the above were disposed of, Dr. Gallant in a complimentary speech

moved a vote of thanks to the committee, Rev. J. J. McDonald, Bro. P. J. Smith and J. J. Hughes, who had charge of the affair and had made such a success of it. The ladies, who had prepared the delicious spread were next complimented by an unanimous vote of thanks proposed by Bro. Dr. Gallant, and fittingly acknowledged on behalf of the ladies by Rev. J. J. McDonald. The guests then repaired to the sitting room and spent an enjoyable time for a few hours, when they dispersed amply satisfied that this was one of the most pleasant evenings on record, and that the members of Branch 379, which has nearly doubled during the past year are a lot of jolly good fellows.

The Objections Sustained.

Following is the decision of Mr. Justice Hodgson, Master of the Rolls, in quashing the petition against the election of Messrs. McLean and Martin:

The objections were numerous. One was that the petitioner was disqualified to vote. The Controverted Election Law reads:

"The following persons shall be disqualified and incompetent to vote at an election for the electoral district for which they hold their offices or positions, whether disqualified or incompetent or not to vote at a Provincial election."

(b) Any person who at any time either before or during the election has been or is employed at the same election or in reference thereto by any person as counsel, attorney, solicitor, agent or clerk, at any polling place, at any such election, or in any other capacity, and who has received or expects to receive, either before, during, or after the said election, from any person for acting in any such capacity as aforesaid, any sum of money, fee, office, place or employment, or any sum of money, fee, office, place or emolument, or any promise, pledge or security, for any sum of money, fee, office, place or employment."

Burke, the petitioner against the return of Mr. McLean, was employed by the latter for the last fiscal year and received \$48 for his services. Having no right to vote at the election it was objected that he had no right to petition.

But Mr. Justice Hodgson based his decision upon objections Nos. 16 and 17. These objections are as follows: "16. Because no election such as is described in the title of the said petition and in the body thereof was held as therein alleged."

"17. That no writ for the election of a member of the House of Commons of Canada for the electoral district of Queen's County in the Province of Prince Edward Island was issued at the time and in the body thereof was held as therein alleged."

The learned Judge said: "I am of the opinion that this objection is well taken and must prevail. From the evidence given before me by Ewen McDougall, the returning officer, it appeared that a writ was issued for the return of two members for Queen's, and that he returned two members as elected. There was no writ issued for the election of a member; there was no election for a member, Angus A. McLean, as being duly elected, and no such return exists as that set forth by the petitioner in his petition and in the entitling of it."

"This is not a case for which I can amend. The inexactness of the petition goes to the very foundation of the matter. Not only the petition but the affidavit is entitled, 'In the matter of the election of a member for the House of Commons, in the district of Queen's.' I have had no power to amend this affidavit and return by the returning officer. 'The view taken of objections 16 and 17 make it unnecessary for me to consider objections 3 and 4.'

"The preliminary objections are sustained with costs."

In the case of the petition against the return of Mr. Martin the objections were sustained on the same grounds.

Perils of the Sea.

Halifax advice of Monday says: Like a Polar ship, the Government steamer Lady Laurier, Capt. Johnson, arrived safely into port yesterday afternoon, almost completely encased in ice. It being over a foot thick on some parts. The steamer had a hard experience since she left this port, and a look at her is sufficient to tell of the terrible weather at sea. There was so much ice forward that it was almost impossible for the crew to move about the steamer with safety. The weather was not only cold but stormy, and it was so bad that only after several attempts, she succeeded in landing mails and passengers at Sable Island. There are no wrecks there. Saturday's papers contained paragraphs asking for information about the schooner Omega, which was last reported on December 15th at Lonsburg, where she loaded coal for Halifax. A few hours later the missing schooner which had been out for nearly a month, bore up for Halifax, and yesterday morning at four o'clock she ran on the ledges at Thurgate Cape.

Fire in a Montreal Hospital.

Considerable alarm was excited last Saturday morning by a violent outbreak of fire in the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal. As there were over seven hundred patients in the various wards, with the temperature below zero, and the streets were very heavy with snow there were all the materials for a bad fire which was luckily checked by the energetic efforts of the fire brigade. The fire started by the ignition of a pan of grease in the kitchen which is in the top flat of dormitory and living rooms. It spread through the top flat causing about five thousand dollars damages. All the nurses were removed without accident and the fire confined to the centre wing, so that the actual work of the hospital is not disturbed.

Big Fire in Boston.

A loss estimated at \$200,000 was caused by a fire that broke out at 12.15 o'clock last Thursday morning on the stage of the Academy of Music. The hall was gutted of that building and the Savoy Hotel adjoining was badly damaged, also the Park Hotel and three small wooden buildings were burned.

Three men, two of them firemen, were caught by falling walls, and Harry Giggly, hoseman, was probably fatally injured. He was picked up unconscious and removed to the hospital with both legs fractured. It is thought he also sustained internal injuries. The fire was discovered by attendants at the Knights of Columbus meeting, who saw the flames from the hall across the street. These men after giving the alarm helped the tenant families to safety. The guests of the two hotels were forced into the street, many of them in scanty attire, but none injured.

DIED

At Morell, on Wednesday the 11th, after a few days illness, Martin Sinnott, aged 73 years. Deceased was an upright, honest and honorable citizen, who took an active part in promoting whatever was for the good of the community in which he lived. His many virtues and sterling integrity won for him the confidence and esteem of all his acquaintances. His mortal remains were followed by a large concourse of people to St. Joseph's Church on Friday the 13th, where a high Mass of Requiem was chanted by the pastor Rev. Father McIntyre, after which the interment took place in St. Joseph's cemetery. He leaves to mourn the disconsolate widow and a family of sons and daughters, who have the sympathy of the community in their sore bereavement. May his soul rest in peace.

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