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## POSTMASTER MAY TAKE ACTIVE PART IN POLITICS SO LONG AS IT IS IN INTERESTS OF GOVERNMENT

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 17.—In parliament tonight Dr. Schaffner, of Souris, brought up Mr. Sifton's dismissal of Mr. Dolmage, Postmaster of Souris, Manitoba, after twenty-seven years service, because his son returned to the village to cast a Conservative vote.  
A Shameful Dismissal.  
Mr. Dolmage was appointed in 1881. Four years ago he sold out his store to give his whole time to the post office, rented a building and fitted it up. By the dismissal he lost over \$3,000 and was practically stranded. A request for an investigation was ignored. Mr. Dolmage had expressed no opinion even on politics and had merely been the charge of postpartiship lobby was based on the fact that his son had come home to vote.  
Sifton Made Charge.  
Mr. Lemieux said that Mr. Sifton on his own responsibility had made a charge against this official of taking an active part in the election, and he deemed it his duty to accept Mr. Sifton's word. He read from Sir Wilfrid Laurier's speech of 1896 in which he said that any postmaster who took part in elections, took his official life in his hands.  
Dr. Schaffner—Is it the policy of the government to dismiss a man without giving him an opportunity of defending himself?

## THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION A FAIR ONE

(From the News of Toronto.)  
The first statement in the report of the Commission is that the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company was not a bona fide corporation, that its directors put up no money, and did not influence its policy, and that Mr. Pugsley was the controlling influence. These facts agree with the evidence of Mr. J. J. F. Winslow and Mr. George McAvity, both friends of Mr. Pugsley. Nor can anyone complain of the opinion of the Commissioners adverse to the general policy of advancing Government money to a sham company. That is not partisanship, but common sense.  
The original motive of the promoters of the company, the report says, was to develop the mines of Queens County. That is a fair statement. The motive was wholly admirable, and it is no wonder that eminent men lent their names as directors. Mr. Pugsley cannot complain of this part of the conclusion. "It was found inexpedient to develop the mines," says the report. In that case it would have been wise to put an end to the company. "But the prospect of spending large sums of money under cover was too alluring to be resisted," and the company was continued.  
There can be no other conclusion from the evidence. Why should Mr. Pugsley engage in all this financial kite-flying, and be at the same time a Minister of the Crown? What else could it be but for profit? Evidence from all sides showed the activity of the Minister. He was handling money constantly. Mr. McAvity told of giving him a cheque for \$5,000. In fact every portion of material evidence in the case came from friends and former associates of the Minister. He will surely not complain that they were biased against him. And the conclusion is based on their evidence. Can Mr. Pugsley object to this sentence? "How much better it would have been for the Province had these moneys been expended directly by the Government, and a yearly account of the expenditures published in the Public Accounts."

## LIBERALS HAVE NOT CARRIED OUT PROMISES IN REGARD TO SENATE REFORM, SAYS SENATOR ELLIS

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 17.—In resuming the Senate reform debate Senator Ellis said he had not abandoned the view that one change was ample because the new provinces were establishing one chamber, Legislatures, and because the Senate seemed to more and more follow the legislation of the Commons. Senator Ellis referred to the Senate plank in the Liberal platform of 1898.  
Senator Ellis agreed that reform of the Senate was desirable. The complaints of Senator Perley against the Senate were just the objection which the Liberals in opposition, had to the Senate.  
Broken Promises.  
Since gaining power THE LIBERALS HAD NOT CARRIED OUT THEIR PRINCIPLES ON THIS POINT AND HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD HAVE DONE SO. Of the various reform plans suggested, Senator Ellis preferred the selection of Senators by the Provinces, as both parties thought there should be a change in the constitution of the Senate. The Liberals had 16 years ago declared for Senate reform, as the Liberal Government now had the power to carry that out he would move that the Senate be prepared to give careful consideration to any proposition from the Government for the improvement in the constitution of the Senate.  
Senator Betque declared himself against the motion of Senator Ellis because it implied that there should be a change in the constitution of the Senate. He was against such a change.  
Senator Wood said he agreed with Senator Betque.  
Reform Needed.  
Senator Choquette took the opposite view and thought the Senate would and should consider any proposition for the reform of the Senate, submitted by the Government. He would prefer abolition of the Senate to a elective Senate. He believed that if elected the Senate would have a tendency to lose the independence of view which they now held. He regarded his position now as involving as much independence and judicial judgment as he regarded his position when a judge on the bench. He thought the Senate should be independent and the election of senators would have the tendency to diminish that independence. Senator Dumville moved that the debate be adjourned.

## MAY START BRANCHES OF P.W.A. IN WEST

Special to The Standard.  
Sydney, May 17.—Prominent P. W. A. officials are in receipt of applications for information from the Provincial Workers' Association from labor centres in western Canada and it is planned to establish branches of the order. It is thought that this is the outcome of strong dissatisfaction with the United States labor unions who now control the west. In the Alberta and Crown Pass coal regions the local leaders of the United Mine Workers have become dissatisfied with regulations regarding assessments in the body and favor joining the Western Federation. Most of the workers favor affiliation with the Scottish union and developing this into a Canadian organization.  
The many Cap. Branters and Nova Scotians employed in western Canadian coal districts have probably inspired the movement towards affiliation with P. W. A., recognizing its superiority to the average American union.

## WOULD HAVE JUDGE TO HEAR FRENCH CASES

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 17.—In the Senate today Senator Belcourt, on the bill to amend the Exchequer Court Act, offered an amendment to authorize the Government to appoint a deputy judge temporarily to hear French cases. Senator Louchard raised the point that this dealt with expenditure and the Senate was debarred from initiating money bills or bills which directly or indirectly provided for expenditure. He asked for the ruling of the Speaker.  
Mr. Speaker quoted authorities to show that salary was provided before the judgeship was created. This was to preserve the independence of the judiciary. He thought the amendment of Senator Belcourt infringed the practice and was out of order.  
Senator Belcourt said he would change his amendment and specify that the registrar of the Exchequer Court could be employed, with full powers of a judge, to hear cases.

## GOVERNMENT TAKES A HAND IN DISPUTE

Special to The Standard.  
Sydney, N. S., May 17.—The Government has taken a hand in the dispute between lobster fishermen and factory owners in the matter of prices. Mr. Morrison, M. L. A., of Inverness, at the request of the department of Marine Fisheries went to inquire into difficulties. He was unable however, to bring about any settlement. Mr. Gregory, who operates the largest lobster packing establishment in eastern Nova Scotia, closed his factory today, claiming that the dispute was hopeless and adjustment. This will mean a large reduction in the pack for 1909.

## BRIG HARRY WILL BE MADE A SEALER

Special to The Standard.  
Sydney, May 17.—The brig Harry which is anchored in the stream awaiting favorable weather to proceed to Campbellton, N. B., with a cargo of coal, will be fitted out for the south sea sealing this season. The cost of fitting her out for the long trip to the Indian ocean, where her owner, Captain James McKinnon, proposes in sending her will be in the neighborhood of \$11,000.

## COAL COMPANY GETS A LARGE TRACT OF LAND

Special to The Standard.  
Sydney, N. S., May 17.—A large tract of land, Little Bras d'Or on the northern side of Sydney harbor has been acquired by the Dominion Coal Company. This land is in close proximity to the company's submarine area. The land is situated about a mile from the new town of Florence and was purchased from Messrs. Duncan and Thomas Jardine. It is believed that the company will shortly begin operations leading up to the mining of coal on its northern areas.

## APRIL SAW EIGHT TRADE DISPUTES

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 17.—There were eight trade disputes in existence during April, 1909, compared with seven in March, 1909, and eight in April, 1908. The loss in working days, however, showed a considerable increase, being 76,899, compared with 10,459 in March, 1909, and 5,400 in April, 1908.

## VESSEL IS SAFE. FIRE BROKE OUT AFRESH SATURDAY

Special to The Standard.  
Pensacola, Fla., May 17.—The owners of the schooner Doris, reported previously sixty days out of Apalachicola for once, Porto Rico, received information today that vessel reached her destination safely, discharged cargo, and is on her way back.

## MR. MOORE'S DREDGING CONTRACT

Special to The Standard.  
Ottawa, May 17.—Mr. Pugsley stated in answer to Dr. Daniel that the Maritime Dredging and Construction Company was given a contract on May 10th last for dredging on the western side of St. John harbor, at or near the beacon bar. Some dredging has been done at that place by the Iroquois. The company owns the Iroquois and Saugus, and says it will put on the work without delay an additional dredging plant of large capacity. The Iroquois can remove 250 cubic yards an hour at a depth of 27 feet. The rate is \$9 1-2 cents a cubic yard.

## FREDERICTON LADY UNLIKELY TO RECOVER

Special to The Standard.  
Fredericton, N. B., May 17.—Brigadier General Drury and Col. Wadmore, of Halifax, and Col. White, D. O. C., of St. John, arrived this evening and tomorrow will conduct the annual inspection at No. 3 Military depot.  
Mrs. Monahan, mother of proprietor T. T. Monahan, of the Barker House, is critically ill at her home here with heart trouble and is not expected to live until morning.  
The remains of the late Miss Harriet Gregg, who died last week at Moncton, arrived here tonight accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Pick of Moncton, Mrs. Gregg and Arthur Gregg of St. John and other relatives. Funeral services will be held at St. Ann's Church tomorrow morning.

## JAPANESE POACHERS AT JUNEAU

Juneau, May 17.—The United States revenue cutter Rush arrived today with the captain and the crew of the Japanese sealing schooner Kelsen, which was seized in Redoubt Bay on May 4, for cruising within the three mile limit. The alleged poachers were taken to the Federal jail. The bond for each of the crew has been fixed at \$300 and for the captain at \$1,000. The skins seized on the schooner will be held pending a jury's verdict.  
All the evidence against the Japanese Indians who told the authorities that they discovered the Japanese schooner inside the fishing limits.

## EARTHQUAKE AFAR RECORDED IN TORONTO

Special to The Standard.  
Toronto, May 17.—The seismograph at the Toronto observatory registered a slight movement at eleven hours twenty seven minutes, Saturday evening which would correspond to nine hours, twenty seven minutes in the Western provinces. A strong earthquake also was recorded this morning at three hours, twelve decimal eight minutes, lasting one hour and thirty-two minutes. The large waves were recorded at three hours twenty-one decimal five minutes, continuing about ten minutes. The semi-amplitude of the disturbance was four millimeters, and the estimated distance of the earthquake from Toronto was seven thousand seven hundred and fifty kilometers.

## WOMAN SAVES LIFE OF HER AGED FATHER

Chicago, Ill., May 17.—Fire in the Tudor apartment building on the South Side today was attended by heroic rescue work on the part of Mrs. Julia C. Strawn, a physician, who carried her aged, paralytic father through clouds of smoke to the fire escape and there assisted the firemen in lowering him from the fifth story to the ground. Then Dr. Strawn returned to the burning interior and assisted her mother in descending the fire escape.

## NO INCREASE IN ACREAGE FOR WHEAT

Special to The Standard.  
Winnipeg, Man., May 17.—Reports from all parts of Manitoba show that seeding is practically finished. The acreage for the province will show little increase owing to the late season.  
A Neepawa despatch says that wheat is already up and the soil is in splendid shape for growth.  
The weather today is very warm. Saskatchewan reports are also encouraging and there will probably be a slight increase in acreage.  
Alberta reports are not quite so favorable. A report from McLeod states that the farmers are away behind in their work and the acreage will scarcely be up to last year's.

## SEIZED FIVE MILLION FEET OF LUMBER

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 17.—A deputy United States marshal today seized five million feet of lumber, six saw mills and other property belonging to the Pine Hill and Walker-Hopkins Lumber Company and other small concerns. The deputy acted in accordance with writs issued by the United States District Court after an investigation by J. M. Mueller, a special agent of the department of the interior relating to conditions in the timber reservation of the Choctaw nation.  
The investigation was caused by charges of unlawful cutting of timber on the reservation.

## SAYS LEPROSY SPREADS FROM PORTO RICO

New York, N. Y., May 17.—What is said to be alarming laxity on the part of the Porto Rican Government in the care and control of persons suffering with leprosy will be brought to the official attention of the United States Government by Dr. Edward Ehlers, one of the party of four European experts who have been studying various diseases prevalent in the West Indies. He arrived in New York today on the steamer Caracas from Prince Dr. Ehlers said that under the present conditions in Porto Rico, it is possible for many leprosy to emigrate and carry the disease to the United States.

## GETTING AT THE BLACK HAND.

Albany, N. Y., May 17.—Governor Hughes signed a bill today increasing the penalty for extortion or blackmail from five to fifteen years. The measure is aimed at the Black Hand and similar organizations.

## FAMOUS NOVELIST IS NO MORE

London, May 18.—George Meredith, the English novelist, died at 3.35 this morning.  
George Meredith was born in Hampshire, February 12, 1812. On his 90th birthday he was showered with congratulations from all parts of the world and was visited by a deputation headed by Anthony Hope and presented with an address signed by Algernon Charles Swinburne, Thomas Hardy, John Morley and more than a hundred leaechers in art, letters and scholarship.  
George Meredith was educated partly in Germany and was brought up to the law, which he quitted for literature. His first "poems" appeared in 1841 and were followed in rapid succession by various novels and additional poems and ballads. Diana of the Crossways, was published in 1885 and One of Our Conquerors in 1890. Lord Ormont and His Aminta appeared in the summer of 1894 and was followed in 1895 by The Amaranth Marriage, which is supposed to have as its hero the late Robert Louis Stevenson.  
In 1892 appeared the Empty Purse, a volume of poems and in the autumn of that year Mr. Meredith was elected president of the Incorporated Society of Authors in succession to Lord Tennyson.

## HOW THEY DO THINGS IN HALIFAX

Special to The Standard.  
Halifax, N. S., May 17.—The Y. M. C. A. of Halifax has started a campaign to raise \$73,000 in ten days for a new building. Of this sum \$22,500 was reported tonight in one thousand dollar subscriptions. The total required is \$108,000 but the difference between this and \$73,000 is represented in their new site on Barrington St., and the old building under agreement of sale.

## PREFERRED CHAUFFEUR TO HUSBAND

Chatham, Mass., May 17.—Mrs. Nettie E. Shaw, wife of Senator James F. Shaw, of Manchester, Mass., who was recently discovered with her chauffeur, H. Keno Marble, conducting a five cent theatre in Santa Barbara, Cal., with her son and father, H. Fisher Eldredge, of Portsmouth, N. H., arrived at Mr. Eldredge's summer home here late today, after a trip across the continent.  
Mr. Eldredge refused to make any statement as to how long he would remain in Chatham. It is expected that Mrs. Shaw will bring action for separate maintenance against her husband and sue for the custody of her child.

## GETS REWARD OF \$100 FOR FINDING BODY

Special to The Standard.  
Kentville, N. S., May 17.—After a continual patrol of the river for three weeks, the body of Mr. G. DeWolfe, who was drowned in the Cornwallis river on April 25, was recovered yesterday afternoon. A reward of one hundred dollars had been offered for the recovery of the body which was found by James Bush on the breakwater on the Stead property about two miles from town.

## DISPERSED WITHOUT ANY CASUALTIES

Marash, Asiatic Turkey, May 17.—Recently, when the local Government of Marash attempted to send seven Mohammedan prisoners, concerned in attacks on Armenians to Aleppo, a mob of Turkish women tried to storm the Government house. They kept up their demonstrations for the day. The soldiers threatened to fire on them, but they were finally dispersed without casualties.

## WAS INSTANTLY KILLED.

Newburgh, N. Y., May 17.—In a collision between his motor cycle and a farm wagon, John E. McLaughlin, an employe in the local post office, was instantly killed today. Mr. McLaughlin was making about forty miles an hour when he ran into the wagon.

## CORBETT NOT IN IT.

Schenectady, May 17.—"Fighting Dick" Nelson, before the American A. C. here tonight, bested "Young" Corbett. He landed at will and chased Corbett all around the ring. At no time during the ten rounds was Corbett dangerous. Corbett, however, missed at least two opportunities for a knockout.