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LAURIER WILL GO TO SAVE PARENT AND STRAIGHTEN OUT LA PRESSE

Urgent Necessity for Both Settlements—Berthiaume Likely to Resume Ownership, With Increased Liberal Influence—He Got Only \$300,000 Cash.

Montreal, Dec. 25.—(Special).—A new move in the affairs of La Presse is expected to develop by to-morrow night and it will be the result of what are called "Berthiaume's" or rather "Laurier's" arrangements. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, not only as regards the "conspiracy," but also concerning the extraction of Premier Parent from his difficulties.

Mr. Laurier had intended to pass Christmas Day at Arthursville, but when the Premier got back from Ottawa he found a good deal of work cut out for him and a little at last that demanded immediate attention. When Sir Wilfrid had listened to Premier Parent's tale of woe he decided that the Quebec leader must remain at all hazards, and that steps should be taken at once to discipline the "kickers," both in Montreal and Quebec.

So it is that Sir Wilfrid will arrive in Montreal to-morrow with the real purpose of his coming to Ottawa, or rather to Quebec, to have some conference with Premier Parent. His position of Premier Parent is arranged, and he is to keep the premiership for this season; at least, no change will be made at present.

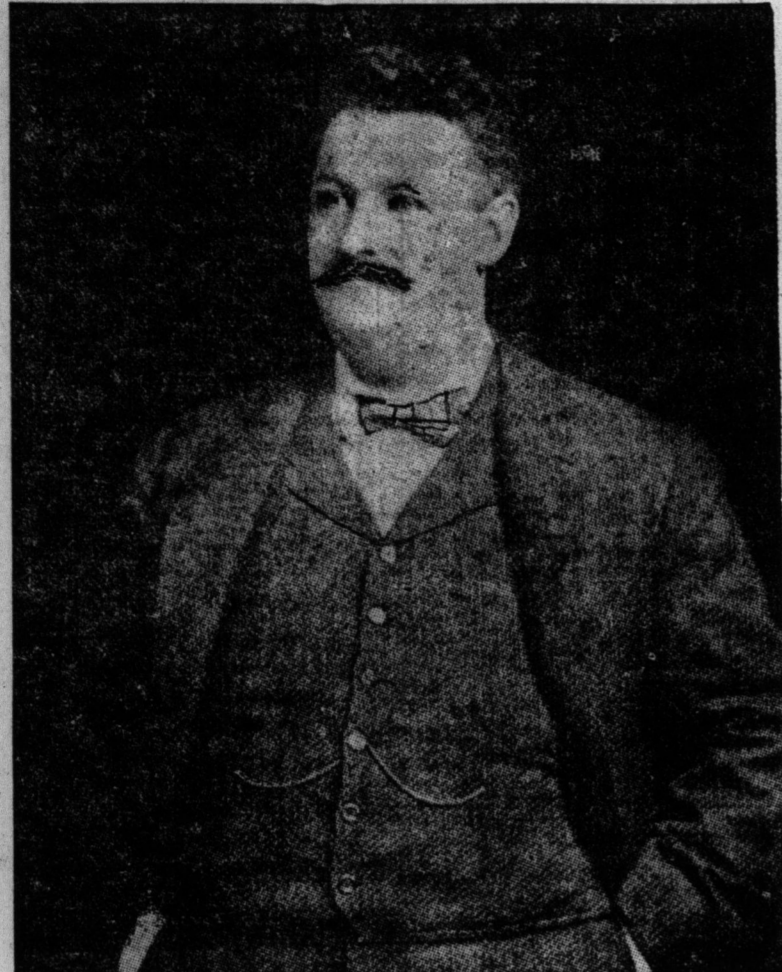
With this end in view Sir Wilfrid has convened a meeting at the Windsor to-morrow of all those who took part against Hon. F. B. Rainville in St. Louis division, and this conference will also embrace G. Langlois, M. L. G. and quite likely Mr. Monet of Saguenay, and the remainder of the local legislators who have been demanding Hon. Mr. Parent's official head for many months past.

Senators Brabant, Cloran and Dandurand will also be summoned before the man with the sunny ways, after which the Premier will proceed to Quebec.

What Berthiaume Got. As concerning the affairs of La Presse, it now seems agreed that the real share, Berthiaume got in good money from the sale has been only \$300,000. Both Berthiaume and Rainville are expected to arrive in Montreal to-morrow morning.

The general opinion is that La Presse will fall back in Berthiaume's hands, and that the Liberals will have to content themselves with the management of the paper.

Nationalists to-day says that J. N. Greenfield is negotiating for the transfer of La Presse to friends of the government, but the enemies of the paper are sceptical of this. "There is no more truth in the story than that Hon. Mr. Parent went to New York to meet Dandurand."



MR. DAVID RUSSELL OF MONTREAL
 Who Has Been, and Still Is, in the Public Eye.

Leading City Financier Dies Christmas Morning

Henry Cavithra of Yeardon Hall Passes Away After Long Combat With Mortal Illness.

A representative of one of the oldest and best known families in Toronto passed away early Christmas morning in the person of Henry Cavithra of Yeardon Hall, Beverley and College streets. The deceased gentleman was the youngest son of John Cavithra, one of the United Empire Loyalists, who came to this country in 1801, and fought in the battles of the war of 1812. He was the eldest member of the Cavithra family to return from the United Kingdom, where he resided from 1812 to 1815. He was married to Elizabeth Cavithra, daughter of James Cavithra, of York County, who was born in 1780, and was educated at Upper Canada College at King's College, Toronto, and at Osgoode Hall. He married the eldest daughter of the late Hon. Samuel Mills of Hamilton, who survives him, together with three daughters, Mrs. Major Brock, Mrs. C. Cavithra, and one son, Victor Cavithra.

Mr. Cavithra was a very retiring disposition, and little known outside of the business and social world. He never sought municipal or wider circles, preferring a quiet unostentatious life. His financial interests were very extensive, being the head of a family of the name which is a familiar name among members of the Cavithra family. He was a director of the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Commerce, and the Bank of Montreal. He was also a director of the Bank of Montreal, the Bank of Commerce, and the Bank of Montreal.

His death was a great loss to the Cavithra family, and the funeral services will be held at St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, on Tuesday next, at 10 o'clock.

MEANS MODERATE PROGRESS IN FREE TRADE DIRECTION

Hon. W. S. Fielding on Result of Election—Denies Corruption Reports as Opposition Canards.

Naples, Dec. 25.—W. S. Fielding, finance minister in the Canadian cabinet, arrived here to-night on the steamship Celtic.

Interviewed by the Associated Press concerning the petitions filed against himself, Sir Frederick W. Porter, minister of militia, and eight other Liberal members of parliament from Nova Scotia, asking that their seats in parliament be declared vacant on the ground of alleged bribery committed by agents on their behalf in the general election of Nov. 3, Mr. Fielding said the reports of bribery were without foundation.

Everything was perfectly regular in connection with the elections, which occurred three days prior to his departure. There were always some persons among the opposition, Mr. Fielding said, who spread reports of corruption and similar reports, but notwithstanding all these efforts, the opposition was hopelessly beaten.

Mr. Fielding outlined the main issues on which the Liberal government will propose to build a new transcontinental line, and second, the fiscal question, he said, was supported by the people and meant moderate progress in the direction of free trade, while the policy of the opposition favored a higher protective tariff.

TORONTO WAS SINGLEMOUTHED FOR A WHITE CHRISTMAS

Only Place in Province Where Snow Fell—Cold Weather and Big Exodus.

CHRISTMAS REUNIONS.
 How many families whose members have been dispersed and scattered far and wide in the restless struggles of life are on this day reunited and meet once again in that happy state of companionship and mutual good will which is a source of such pure and joyous delight and one so incompatible with the cares and sorrows of the world. The religious belief of the most civilized nations and the rude traditions of the roughest savages alike number it among the first joys of a future condition of existence—providence for the best and happy? How many old recollections and how many dormant sympathies does Christmas time awaken!
 —Charles Dickens.

The people who have a prejudice in favor of a white Christmas were highly gratified yesterday, and as a rule indulged their prejudice by remaining indoors, and taking refuge in the heating apparatus in work-in order. Prolonged weather conditions of the "christmas snow" order look better on Christmas cards than on trolley-adorned thoroughfares and when the wind blows gaily from the east, and the mercury dances merrily down and up, and you see the raw, and your rubber heels have a great responsibility laid upon them, it comes home with great force to you that all this joyous winter sentiment is manufactured in the masses and put on the market for circulation about the time apples are ripe. Millions appear to be satisfied with moving picture snow and ice, and shun the reality in Florida and the like refinements. Such cases may spread to the masses, which case the new style would undoubtedly select a North Pole Christmas party as the correct novelty for exclusive sets.

The Beautiful Snow. The heart of many a Christmas eve celebrant was gladdened on Saturday night by the sight of a few scattered flakes of snow, which served to bring about the necessary conditions for a proper observance of the day. The wind had howled cold and chill, and carried the dust on the streets in great clouds that almost choked the throngs of holiday shoppers, until it seemed that another general Christmas war would surely be the result. The wind shifted at the last hour, however, and those who had retired early to dream of an old-fashioned Christmas were awakened to an awaking to and on another earth covered with a fleecy mantle of snow. The general atmosphere of the city was very different, however, Toronto being especially favored for Christmas Day. The snow was thicker than it had been in this winter here, and the thermometer reached only to 3 degrees above zero, and ranged between 14 and 25 degrees above zero. There had been no hope of recovery for the past three weeks, and three days ago he began to sink very rapidly, the end coming at 2.30 a.m. yesterday. He was a member of St. James' Cathedral, and the funeral services will be conducted by Rev. Canon Welch. The interment will take place on Tuesday afternoon at 10 o'clock from Yeardon Hall to St. James' Cathedral.

Cold Elsewhere. It was not extremely cold in southwestern Ontario, but down east and in Quebec and the maritime provinces it was very cold. The North-west and Manitoba also had severe weather. The mercury went below at Edmonton on Tuesday afternoon, at Winnipeg 24, at Port Arthur 28, at Parry Sound 8, at Ottawa 18, at Montreal 18, at Quebec 18, and at Halifax 18.

Wagon Breaks; Two Drown. Peculiar Accident to Party Driving Along Welland Canal.

Dunnville, Dec. 25.—Last evening Daniel Dunham of Stromness was driving down the Welland Canal feeder to his home. With him were his wife and two children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anger.

When about a mile from Dunnville the wagon broke, throwing the occupants into the canal. Charles Anger and Mr. Dunham's 3-year-old boy were drowned.



ADVANCE AGENT SULLIVAN: The smart Aleck settler that's goin' round with a burnt stick changin' our mottoes that way may find himself in jail yet. That's forgerly.

JAPANESE CAPTURE OF KEKWAN MOUNTAIN FORT A REAL FEAT OF ARMS, REPLETE WITH BRILLIANT DARING

Headquarters of the Japanese Third Army before Port Arthur, Dec. 26.—(Via Yinkow, delayed in transmission via Tientsin, Dec. 24). Since the general assault of Nov. 26 against the forts of Rihlung and Kekwan Mountains, resulting in furious fighting and great loss of life, and described at length by the Associated Press correspondent in a despatch dated Nov. 26, the Japanese have been engaged in the capture of the mountain fort of Kekwan Mountain. Two main tunnels ran under the north wall of the fort from the moat for a distance of 40 feet, and there were four short branch tunnels. On the morning of Dec. 18 seven dynamite mines were laid, the object of which was to destroy the north wall and so give the Japanese access to the fort. The fort had so long resisted the assaults of the Japanese that it was considered necessary that the explosion of the mines and the subsequent attack should be made at a time when the garrison was at its lowest ebb. General Samejima, commanding the left division, asked for volunteers who would be prepared to capture the fort or to die in the attempt. Two entire battalions answered the call. The first battalion remained in the position of observation during the explosion of the mines, while the second battalion was in a parallel, close to the wall of the counterescarp.

In order that the dark blue uniforms of the men might not show against the brown of the soil, which would be the object of the explosion, the attackers wore brown woolen under-drawers over their trousers, and brown caps, each man wore a brown woolen hood, which extended to the shoulders. Every man carried a rifle and dynamite grenades, while a lighted slow match was attached to his cartridge belt, with which to ignite the fuses of the grenades. In this peculiar garb, the troops presented a strange appearance. The soldiers of the battalion in the caponeer gallery, who were distinguished by white badges on their arms, were to make the second assault. General Samejima personally conducted these assaults at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Dec. 19, after the explosions had taken place.

Mobilizing Quietly. St. Petersburg, Dec. 24.—The mobilization which began Dec. 22 is proceeding quietly. No disturbances are reported from any quarter.

To Escape Conscript. New York, Dec. 25.—The Hamburg-American line steamer Patricia, which arrived to-day from Hamburg, brought 2435 steerage passengers, the greater number of whom come from Russian Poland to escape conscription.

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 THE CANADA LIFE.
 Canada Life Policies are indisputable after being in force one full year and age having been admitted. This is important.

English Engine. Mr. Hockett was given the task of taking the American-built engine by boat across the lake and to him was entrusted the speed trial against the English locomotive. In this trial, the "Lady Elgin" as it was called, having been named after the wife of Lord Elgin, governor general, lost out, owing to the fact that she wore out her water stop and took water. While at the water stop the English locomotive, the "Josephine" which was following close behind Mr. Hockett, overtook him and as a result the road was equipped with engines of English manufacture.

Mr. Hockett was then made master mechanic of the company's shops, which were located at Toronto, Ohio, when notable visitors were in the city. When a public reception was tendered there was no public building in difficulty was overcome by Mr. Hockett, who at a great expense dismantled his machine shop and placed it at the disposal of the City of Toronto. The Royal Lyceum Theatre was in 1883, the leading playhouse of Toronto, and it was old and run-down and was not a paying investment. Under the direction of Mr. Hockett, the Royal Lyceum was rebuilt and re-located. Mr. Hockett believing that American management would be an improvement secured the services of a Mr. Nickerson of Buffalo, who successfully conducted the house for a number of years.

Mr. Hockett left Toronto in 1883 at the time the Grand Trunk was extended from Port Huron to Detroit, occupying the position of master mechanic with that road. Later he came to the United States and for the past 25 years has been a resident of Kansas City.

James Best Dies Suddenly. Well Known East End Resident Seized With Apoplexy. James Best, for over 25 years foreman at Gooderham's cattle yards, and a very well-known resident in the east end, died suddenly on Saturday evening. He was 62 years of age. About 7 o'clock while walking along Queen-street, near Morse, he felt weak and stepping into a store asked for a chair and a glass of water. He sat in the chair for some time, and immediately thereafter became unconscious. Dr. Rowan was sent for and arrived in a few minutes, but Mr. Best was dead. A stroke of apoplexy was the cause.

Deaths. BARNHOUSE—At 68 West Street, Toronto, Phoebe M. beloved wife of William Barnhouse, formerly of Fiesheron, Ont. Internment at Fiesheron, Tuesday afternoon.

Best—Suddenly, on Dec. 24, of apoplexy, in his 62nd year, James J. Best, dearly beloved husband of Mary Best. Funeral from 170 Bape-avenue on Tuesday, Dec. 27, at 2 p.m. to St. George's church.

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