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QUEBEC AND ONTARIO JOIN HANDS FOR FULL INSISTENCE ON RIGHTS

Time Has Come to Settle
Finally and Equitably Questions
of Jurisdiction Between
Federal and Provincial Authorities.

SIR LOMER GOUIN GUEST
OF SIR JAMES AND CABINET

SIR LOMER GOUIN:
The time has come when we
should settle finally and equitably
the question of jurisdiction.
We should be able to devise
some court, whose decisions should
be binding for all the courts of
our provinces of Canada.

HON. L. A. TASCHEREAU:
In insistence on our full rights
there should be full accord. It
is essential that we develop our
resources to their utmost, and
this is only possible if we retain
our rights to their fullest extent.

A railway incorporated under
a federal charter is practically
beyond the control of our civil code.

Ottawa has no right to incor-
porate companies for purely provincial
purposes.

Our fisheries are being depleted
by federal control. The control
of the fisheries should be by
the provinces.

Hardly can the importance be over-
estimated of the interprovincial
meeting which took place at the parliament
building yesterday, on the occasion
of the luncheon given by Sir Jas.
Whitney and his colleagues to Sir Lomer
Gouin, prime minister of Quebec,
and two of his supporters in the legis-
lature of the sister province.

Sir James is to be congratulated on
having elicited from his guests the
strong words in defence of the principle
of provincial rights, which fell from
the lips of both Sir Lomer Gouin and
Hon. L. A. Taschereau.

The gathering was a distinguished
one, and included, in addition to practically
all the members of the Ontario
administration, as well as municipal, judicial
and educational men of leading
position.

The function took place in the
reception hall, which was prettily
decorated for the occasion.

Mr. Eddis Much Better.
The many friends of Mr. Henry
William Eddis of Rosedale, who has been
seriously ill, will be pleased to learn
that he is much better and is now on
a fair road to recovery. Mr. Eddis has
a remarkable constitution for a man
of 40 years of age. Yesterday he dressed
and shaved himself without assistance,
and that, too, after a serious illness.

Hocken Busy Organizing.
Controller Hocken held a satisfactory
meeting in Oddfellows' Hall, Yonge
and College-streets, last night, to help
the work of organizing the third ward.

Mutual Good Feeling.
Sir James then quoted from his own
and the speech of Sir Lomer Gouin
at the celebration to show the
progress that had been made in mutual
good feeling between the provinces
since confederation.

"You may find some mental dyspeptics
or demagogues," he continued,
"some man with the serpent's tongue,
who is willing to exploit his own
selfishness at the expense of his patri-
otism. But the truth is that we love
and respect the Province of Quebec,
both for its intrinsic merit and when
we remember that when British con-
quest was in stress and peril, the
men of the Province of Quebec were
not the last to come forward for its
preservation.

Another Coon Comes Down.

Under the letter-head of the firm of Macdonell, McMaster &
Geary, Mr. Geary is sending out a letter asking for support for the
mayorality. The letter is all right. But would you believe it, a post-
script (not on letter-head paper, however) reads thus:

P.S.—Notwithstanding the persistent misrepresentation
of The World, I AM NOT IN OPPOSITION TO THE
TUBE SYSTEM, but, on the contrary, voted for it in the
council, and am going to vote for the principle on election day.
All I have claimed is that we are not bound now to adopt any
particular report. This is in entire agreement with the engi-
neer, who declines to make public details until next year. We
will carry the plebiscite next year, obtain the legislation, and
then go into the details and submit the plan to the people.

BORE ANOTHER'S CRIME FROM HEROIC MOTIVES

Former Superintendent of B. C.
Electric Railway Who Pleaded
Guilty is Exonerated.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Two years ago two foremen of
the British Columbia Electric Railway,
Maynard and Sharman, were charged
with having padded pay rolls with
names of dead men and stealing thou-
sands of dollars. Both left the city,
but Maynard first made a statement
accusing James Milne, superintendent
of the B. C. Electric Co., of having
largely benefited from the crooked
work, and of having passed the pay-
rolls knowing them to have been doctored.
Milne, who has large property
interests, was arrested and pleaded
guilty to one charge, on which he was
sentenced to 18 months. He has
since been released, and returned to
business in the city.

Today Maynard, who was re-arrested
here last night, made a confession
exonerating Milne from all guilt, and
Milne now says he accepted part of the
blame because he was careless under
his very heavy work and because he
wished to protect Maynard's wife and
family.

BEST CHANCE IN A CENTURY

Redmond's Optimistic Address at
Nationalist Convention.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(C.A.P.)—John
Redmond, speaking at the National
demonstration at Dublin to-day, when
the convention decided to support the
Liberal campaign, said that for the
first time in a century they had the
greatest opportunity ever offered them
to tear up and trample under foot the
Aunt Jemima of the British Empire.

Reginald McKenna, addressing a
meeting in the south end, referring to
the contribution of New Zealand and
Australia to two Dreadnoughts, men-
tioned that as only one of the great
efforts at empire consolidation under-
taken by the present government, it
would be a lasting memorial to the
fame of the Liberal government.

Sir J. Swinburne, one of the most
prominent supporters of the Liberals
in the north of England, has severed
his connection with the party on ac-
count of the budget.

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MERCHANTS BANK WANTS \$4,000,000 MORE STOCK

Application Will Be Made to Par-
liament—Tit For Tat in
Quebec Politics.

MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—
The entry of Peter MacKenzie into the
cabinet of Sir Lomer Gouin as the suc-
cessor of the Hon. W. A. Well, who
goes to the superior court bench, will
no doubt revive the agitation begun
in certain quarters several years ago
for the sending of English-speaking
men to Quebec and French-Canadian
to Ottawa by counties in the Province
of Quebec, where the federal and
local representatives are of different
nationalities.

Should this be carried out, it would
bring at least eight or ten more
English members to the Quebec legisla-
ture, and as many more French-Canadians
to the house of commons. The plan
will be better understood when it
is known that the Counties of Stan-
stead, Missisquoi, Compton, Sher-
brooke, Chateauguay, and several
others are to-day represented at Ot-
tawa by English-speaking members,
and at Quebec by French-Canadians,
and for a long while past Conservatives
and Liberals of both races have been
arguing for the change which would
be so beneficial to both nationalities.

In the first place with a good addi-
tion to the English deputation at Que-
bec, all the leading public men are of
the opinion that a great step in ad-
vance would be made both by the
minority in this province and the legisla-
ture as well. Then, at Ottawa, where
the French Canadians are in the minority,
the addition would be a welcome
factor.

Merchants Bank Capital Increase.
That the Merchants Bank will ask au-
thority to increase its capital from six
to ten million dollars, was the an-
nouncement made to-day at the an-
nual meeting. Although it was not stated
at the meeting, it is known that par-
ties in England are ready to take any
amount of Canadian bank stock that
may not be required by old share-
holders.

"We are not proposing to issue this
stock now, but think it desirable to
your interest to take the necessary
power," said General Manager Hobden.
It was stated in financial circles to-
day that the London interests had ex-
pressed the opinion on the 15,000 shares
of Dominion Textile common. If the
stock be taken, it will leave very little
on this market.

Their Golden Wedding.
Congratulations are pouring in upon
Mr. and Mrs. Richard White, who to-
day celebrated the 50th anniversary of
their marriage. The Gazette staff paid
a visit to their chief to-day, and pre-
sented a beautiful loving cup. In 1855
Mr. White published The Peterboro
Review, and later The Hamilton Spec-
tator, coming to Montreal in 1870.

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A SURPRISE IN STORE FOR TOPSY



STREET RAILWAY TOPSY: Golly, I wonders if dar's anything in dis yer fool thing.

FREIGHTER LOST; CREW SAFE BUT STARVING

Steel Str. Wissahickon Wreck-
ed Near Manitoulin Island.
Sunday Night—Sail-
ors Are Still Ma-
rooned.

LITTLE CURRENT, Ont., Dec. 15.—
The new steel steamer Wissahickon, of
the Anchor Line, ran on the Outer
Duck Islands, Lake Huron, Sunday
night, at 11.15, in an eastern gale and
blinding snow storm. The lower decks
and stern are submerged and all sup-
plies cut off from crew, who have had
no food since Sunday night.

Heavy seas prevented them crossing
from the Ducks to Manitoulin Island,
12 miles, until to-day, when two fish-
ermen, who reached the island where the
steamer is in a small gasoline launch,
brought off first mate, J. H. Cassey,
and Engineer Jno. Erskine.

Tugs are being sent out from the Soo
for the rest of the crew, 32 men in all.
They are safe on the island, but have
suffered severely in the extreme
weather without food.

Cassey and Erskine had to walk eight
miles thru snow and water to the Mani-
toulin Island.

The Wissahickon was bound from
Buffalo to Duluth with four thousand
dollars of general merchandise, valued at
\$700,000.

The vessel was only two years old,
and will be a total wreck.

IS A NEW ISSUE COMING?

Possible Marketing of Securities of the
Toronto Railway.

VOTE FOR THE TUBES

The cry for tubes has been the one thing that has brought, or will
bring, the Toronto Railway to a realizing sense of the fact that the people,
not the company, are still masters (the somewhat tied by the existing
franchise) of the local traction situation.

Toronto is free to build tubes.
Toronto is free to expropriate the Toronto Railway.
Toronto is free to buy shares in the Toronto Railway.

And any one of these plans will bring Mr. Fleming to his knees—he
may be already there.

But don't let the people be humbugged by Mr. Fleming's promise in
an evening paper last night, that he is now getting ready to build seventy
miles of track. That is at last a penitent.

Let the people go right on and vote in an overwhelming way for
tubes on New Year's Day. After that they can go to Sir James Whit-
ney and the legislature for power to exercise any one or all of these rights:
to build tubes, to expropriate, to buy shares. But no more deals with
the company.

Vote for tubes and the Bloor-street viaduct.

AYLESWORTH TELLS WHY HE GRANTED THAT FIAT

Wouldn't Be Fair to N. A. Trading
Co. to Refuse Them Appeal to
Courts, He Says.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—F. D.
Monk, in moving for an order of the
house for a copy of the petition of
rights and pleas offered in defence in
the case of the North Atlantic Trading
Company vs. The King, in the exche-
quer court, introduced a discussion in
the commons to-day on the somewhat
time-worn question of the operations of
the North Atlantic Trading Company.

The contract with this company had
expired and final payment of over
\$88,000 had been made to the company,
but a fiat had been issued by the de-
partment of justice allowing the com-
pany to take action for an amount ex-
ceeding \$70,000 for damages incurred
through the cancellation. This was strange
in view of the fact that Hon. Frank
Oliver had said that the department of
justice had advised him that he had a
perfect legal right to cancellation.

Hon. A. B. Aylesworth said it was a
question of law upon the language and
provisions of a contract as to which
different men might have different
opinions. While he had advised the
minister of the interior, lawyers re-
presenting the company had taken a
different view and it would be an in-
tolerable condition of affairs if the de-
partment should refuse to give the
right to litigate simply because it was
of the opinion that no claim existed.

Mr. Borden recalled that Mr. Ol-
iver's reason for cancellation—that the
company had not been sending certain
nationalities of immigrants as agreed—
had not been borne out. Mr. Ayles-
worth's readiness to grant the fiat in-
dicated a tender regard for the com-
pany.

Mr. Oliver said the country had re-
ceived value for the money spent, had
canceled the contract for the reasons
given and could not now receive cer-
tain desirable emigration from north-
eastern Europe.

E. B. Oser inferred that the govern-
ment in its arrangement with the
North Atlantic Trading Company had
been breaking the laws of friendly
countries.

Mr. Oliver denied this. The company
was an association of booking agents,
licensed to sell transportation, and who
recommended Canada to emigrants be-
cause of the bonus they received.

The revenue in the government an-
nuities branch up to date totals \$349,658.
The number of annuities taken up so
far is 453.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH GIVES REV. JOHN NEILL PURSE OF GOLD.

The congregation of Westminster
Presbyterian Church gave a reception
yesterday, in honor of the 25th anni-
versary of Rev. Dr. John Neill as pas-
tor of that church. A presentation of
a purse of gold was made on behalf
of the church members by W. D. Hen-
dry, while the ladies of the church
gave Mrs. Neill a case of silver. Among
those who made speeches were: Rev.
Dr. Fraser, Rev. Dr. Gilray, Rev.
Dr. McTavish, C. Tower Ferguson,
Principal Gander, Archdeacon Cody
and W. Baud.

PORCUPINE LAKE ATTRACTS GOLD SEEKERS

Wonderful Finds Near Mathe-
son Cause Rush of Pro-
spectors—Rich Samples
Have Been Brought
Down.

(By a World Special Commissioner, 97
Miles North of Cobalt, T. N. O.
Railway.)

MATHESON, Ont., Dec. 14.—The gold
fever has spread across the whole of
this Northern Ontario like a mighty
plague, just as it did across the west-
ern states when the wonderful gold
finds of California, Cripple Creek and
Tombac were made some years or
many years ago, and then again across
both Canada and the United States
when the riches of the Klondike were
brought to light.

No other one thing in the world has
the power to attract men away from
the haunts of civilization and into the
most inaccessible places that gold has.
It has separated men and their fami-
lies, caused them to sell business inter-
ests of every kind, and pulled them
away from everything with which they
had lived for years, and which had be-
come part of them. Many lives have
been sacrificed in the world's search
for the yellow metal, but not even the
terrible cold or the deep snows of the
frozen north, or the dry and hungry
deserts of the south, where life is al-
most impossible, have been able to
daunt the greatest optimist in the
world.

Cheerful Optimism.
The gold seeker is always sure to
find "the great mine on his next trip
into the wilderness, or the mountain
fastnesses. The "next" trip for 20 or
even 40 years has been going to be the
lucky one, and so he keeps on looking
from year to year, and others are
in Northern Ontario the fever is pick-
ing up its victims every minute. Old
prospectors who have been seeking the
standard of world values, are in the
new gold fields now, and others are
making their way north as fast as
they can. Men who have been in
every gold field in the world are now
in the so-called Porcupine district,
which includes a much larger section
than that lying immediately adjacent
to Porcupine Lake, seeking gold. But
the experienced prospector will not al-
ways find gold, and many beginners are
competing with him in the search.

New Eldorado.
Porcupine and gold are practically
the sole topic of conversation in every
town along the Timiskaming and
Northern Ontario Railway, and men are
offering for sale their interests in
every direction in order that they may
get the money to become interested
in what is believed to be a new bo-
nanza country.