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HE CONCEDES ST. JOHN
"Speaking in all sincerity of the political situation in New Brunswick, I desire to say that if a general election took place tomorrow not more than two Liberals would be returned in the whole province."

TO ENLARGE THEIR PLANT
The people of St. John are glad to see Frederick prosper; and if its example stimulates our own business men to greater activity, so much the better for both.

THE LIBERAL MEETING
The Liberal meeting which will be held in this city on January 12 will be a notable event. The speakers will be Hon. Mackenzie King, Mr. F. B. Carvell, M. P., and Hon. William Pugsley. They will place before the people of St. John the public issues of the day in a clear manner; and, in view of the treatment St. John has received from the Borden government in the matter of the mail steamships and some others, the welcome extended to the Liberal speakers will be even more cordial than under ordinary circumstances.

MORE OF THE SAME
The Tory press of Canada is endeavoring in advance of the presentation of the report of Messrs. Guelius and Stanton on the Transcontinental Railway to convey the impression that it will reveal a great scandal, to be laid at the door of the Laurier government. These journals are not content to await the report and the discussion of it, but they gladly receive from inspired sources any assertions and treat them as statements of fact. The people, however, are not easily fooled, and they will insist upon a careful examination of any report that may be submitted by Mr. F. P. Guelius, who was borrowed from the C. P. R. by the Borden government to serve its own purpose.

THE PEOPLE OF CANADA
The people of Canada have not forgotten that shortly after the general election of 1911 it was announced with a great flourish of trumpets that a commission would be appointed to investigate the public works department, and the people were told that startling revelations of graft and corruption would be made. It was even intimated that the Hon. William Pugsley, the late minister of public works, would be driven out of public life. Has he been driven out of public life? Were there any revelations of graft and corruption? Was the government able to place its finger upon a single transaction that reflected discredit upon the minister? On the contrary, revelations were made concerning the head of the commission of inquiry itself, which were such that it fell into disrepute.

OF COURSE THE GOVERNMENT
Of course the government and its pass all over the country will make the most of the Guelius report, and they are now endeavoring in advance of the report itself to prejudice the public mind. That they will fail is as certain as that they failed in their efforts to fasten political wrong-doing upon the Hon. William Pugsley, to whom by the way they have not yet apologized for the shameful assertions made in advance of the Morins inquiry.

BUT UNLESS THEY CAN PROVIDE
But unless they can provide some ammunition of the sort indicated by the statements made about the transcontinental commission and its findings, they will be put entirely upon the defensive, and they may well fear the result of an election campaign in which their own record would be a leading issue.

ACCORDING TO THE STANDARD
According to the Standard, Mr. Daggett, secretary for agriculture, told the potato shippers of Carleton and Victoria counties at Woodstock yesterday that "the embargo which has been placed on potatoes is a blessing in disguise." It is also a blessing which is not appreciated by the farmers. They could get along much better without it. To the extent, however, that it directs attention to the need of care in raising crops, and shipping only that which will bear inspection, the embargo will be of service.

MR. HAZEN SAYS THAT
Mr. Hazen says that the people of Canada receive all the benefits of reciprocity in the markets of the United States without battering down their own tariff walls. The New Brunswick farmers are not getting the benefit of reciprocity in potatoes at the present time; and the consumers of Canada, who have to pay higher prices for produce without getting any compensating advantage from a lowering of the Canadian tariff in any direction, are not getting benefit. They are hard hit by the jug-handled reciprocity which is good enough for Mr. Hazen, but is not good enough for the people who suffer the hardship.

THE FREDERICTON BOARD
The Fredericton board of trade yesterday carried on a vigorous campaign for new members, and the membership was raised from one hundred to more than two hundred, with more to follow. No city in the province has shown greater evidence of an awakening of public spirit in the last year or two than the city of Fredericton. Its position in relation to various lines of railway give many advantages, which the people are determined shall be brought to the attention of the outside world. For many years Fredericton has carried on a vigorous and effective publicity campaign for tourists, and it is now out after his business. The publicity commission says that at least two new mills will be built at Fredericton in the spring, and that several other industries are likely

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BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30. Professor Stephen Leacock, educational and humorous writer of Montreal, was born at Swanton, N. B., on December 30, 1869. For some years he was a master in Upper Canada College, Toronto, and went to McGill University in 1909 as lecturer in political economy. He is now professor of political economy.

Right Rev. M. T. LeBreque, bishop of Chicoutimi, observes his sixty-fourth birthday today. He was born at St. Anselme, P. Q., and has been interested largely in education, being professor of moral theology in Laval University and director of the Grand Seminary, Quebec.

John Moore Robinson, founder of Buchanan and Sumnerland in the Okanagan Valley, British Columbia, was born in Huronville, Ont., on December 30, 1855. He was engaged in newspaper work for some years in Manitoba, and then went to British Columbia to engage in mining operations. While there he was attracted by the beauties of the valley and started settlements there.

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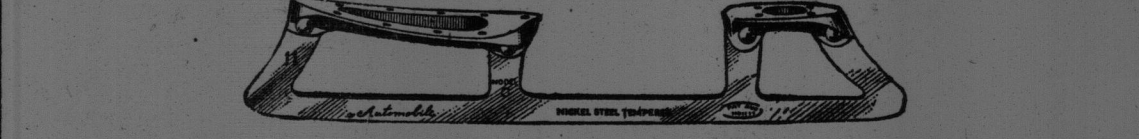
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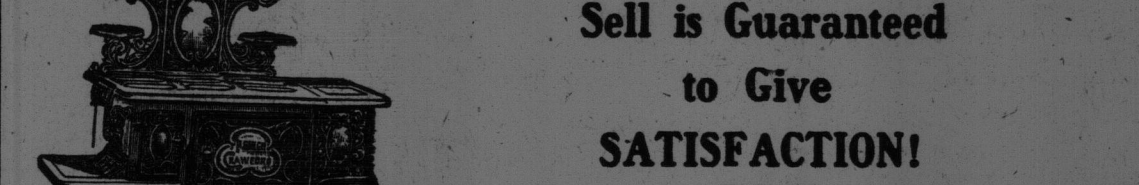
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