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We wish all our friends a Happy NEW YEAR.
We trust our subscribers, who have not yet remitted will remember us before the year closes. This is the last call.

Mr. Murdoch Kennedy, Conservative, was elected in opposition to the Provincial Government in the by-election in the first district of Queen's County on Wednesday last. This district has been a Liberal stronghold for many years, and the election of Mr. Kennedy against the combined force and influence of both the Provincial and Dominion Governments, may fairly be regarded as notice to the Peter's Government that the people have no confidence in them.

The Premier, Mr. Warburton, the Grit candidate for the House of Commons, Captain Joseph Reid, Mr. John M. Clark, and all other available material were enlisted in the campaign in an attempt to win the election for Cousins, the Liberal Government candidate. But the Government record was too bad and its political sins too grievous to be condoned, even by such a strong Liberal constituency as that of the first district, and the electors there pronounced against them.

The Leader of the opposition, Mr. Mathison, and Mr. A. A. McLean M. P. took part in the campaign in behalf of Mr. Kennedy and showed up the maladministration of the Government so effectively that the people were thoroughly convinced and evidenced their determination to punish the Government by turning down Mr. Cousins and triumphantly electing Mr. Kennedy. The principal financial question discussed before the electors was the readjustment of subsidies recently agreed upon by the Provincial Premiers. On this matter, Mr. Mathison Mr. McLean and Mr. Kennedy pointed out the vast and most convincing manner that Premier Peters made a disastrous bargain for this Province by agreeing to accept \$70,000 in full settlement of our claims. Beyond the possibility of contradiction the Leader of the Opposition and his friends showed that this Province did not receive one half of what it should in this readjustment, and that Premier Peters in agreeing to the argument had sacrificed our rights.

The people of the first district, heard both sides of the agreement and decided against the Government by electing Mr. Kennedy. Mr. Kennedy's majority is forty-five. At the general election, Mr. Simpson had a majority of thirty-eight. It will thus be seen that there has been quite a change in the opinions of the electors. We congratulate Mr. Kennedy on his victory and the Leader of the opposition on his success in winning one of the enemy's strongholds.

Branch 294 C. M. B. A. Palmer Road, elected the following officers for the coming year: President, James W. Shea; 1st vice President, John Chalmers; 2nd vice President, Peter Boote; Recording Secretary, George Colvin; Asst. Sec'y, John M. Doucette; Fin. Sec'y, Peter J. Kinch; Treasurer, William Gaudet; Marshall, Isaac Molinas; Guard, Peter Perry; Trustees, Rev. Dr. Gauthier, James W. Shea, John M. Doucette, and Donald Gaudet. Representatives to Grand Council: Rev. Dr. Gauthier, Alternate John M. Doucette. Branch 333 Vernon River elected the following officers: President, Andrew E. McDonald; 1st Vice President, B. J. McDonald; 2nd Vice President, J. G. McDonald; Rec. Secretary, M. W. Chisholm; Asst. Rec. Secretary, F. A. O'Donnell; Fin. Secretary, John G. Clark; Treas. L. A. McDonald; Marshall, Wm. McDonald; Guard, Michael Reid; Trustees, P. A. O'Donnell, J. B. McDonald, D. J. McDonald, J. J. McGillivray, J. G. McDonald. Representative to Grand Council, J. A. O'Keefe; Alternate, P. M. Bother.

Several cases of suffering, three of which are likely to prove fatal, were reported to the New York police as the result of last Sunday's cold snap. Two men and women were taken to Bellevue Hospital late that night, suffering from exposure. Mrs. Helen Steacy, aged sixty years, was found unconscious on West River Dock. Two men were found senseless in a doorway on the east side. One of them had a card in his pocket bearing the name of William Higgins. There is no means of identifying his companion. Should the men survive they will probably lose lower limbs.

Dr. John McDonald, a native of Mount Stewart, and nephew of Rev. Donald McDonald, Tignish, died at Chatham, N. B. on the 15th inst. He had been practicing his profession at Chatham for about twenty-five years. He was highly esteemed professionally and personally. He leaves to mourn a widow, besides an aged mother at Mount Stewart, two brothers and two sisters.

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

First Party Vote.

No Help for the West—From Suffering Through Coal Famine

MR. BORDEN PROPOSES INQUIRY

Into Compulsory Arbitration and Labor Question—Also on the Question of Two Cents a Mile Railway Fare.

INTERESTING DISCOVERIES.

Bogus Expense Bills—Proposed Leave of Absence—\$25,000 Worth of Officials Stray From the Yukon and Are Not Missed—55 Transcontinental Employees.

Fielding's Engraving Contract Climbs from \$90,000 to \$270,000 a Year.

Nine Ontario Politicians Distributing Farm Help at \$100 Per Month and Expenses.

A New Army of Inspectors at \$60,000 a Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 15, 1906.

The first division of the Session took place on Monday of this week, on a motion of Mr. Herron, Conservative of Alberta. Some of Mr. Herron's constituents, with the great body of settlers in the North West have suffered much and are in danger of suffering more from the coal famine caused by strikes at the mines in Lethbridge and elsewhere. Eastern people not wholly dependent on coal for fuel can hardly understand what it means to be without a fuel supply in the prairie region during the winter. The mines in Alberta can easily supply the west and most convincing manner that Premier Peters made a disastrous bargain for this Province by agreeing to accept \$70,000 in full settlement of our claims. Beyond the possibility of contradiction the Leader of the Opposition and his friends showed that this Province did not receive one half of what it should in this readjustment, and that Premier Peters in agreeing to the argument had sacrificed our rights.

CALLING FOR ACTION.

Mr. Herron and other speakers pointed out that coal lands had been sold by the government for \$7.10 an acre, that coal was shipped daily to United States from Alberta by American mine owners, that one foreigner had bought a productive mine and closed it up, that hundreds of thousands of people living on the open plains, hundreds of miles from fire wood, were suffering from the cold, and that where coal could be had the price was four times what it should be. His view was supported by the other Conservative Members from Manitoba and the West and the conditions of affairs above described is not disputed by the Government.

SHELVED BY PARTY VOTE.

But Mr. Oliver raised many excuses. He said the trouble was lack of transportation and labor difficulties and the Government had no power to do much about it. Finally he put up a private member to offer an amendment setting forth that the suffering in the West did not arise from defects in our legislation but from transportation and labor troubles. This amendment did not go very far to protect the Western people from freezing, but served to shelve the question for the time. It was carried by a straight party majority of thirty-seven.

MR. BORDEN TAKES THE LEAD.

Even though labor troubles brought on the coal famine, it does not follow that nothing should be done by the government which owns coal lands and is constantly selling them to individuals and companies that fail to furnish coal when it is wanted. Mr. Herron's motion showed the way to meet the difficulty even though existing mining companies could not get along with their men.

Moreover, when the Government pleads that labor troubles cause the fuel famine and the suffering some remedy for labor troubles should follow. In the discussion compulsory arbitration was suggested only to meet the sneers and scorn of ministers. Yet, as Mr. Borden pointed out, compulsory arbitration is the law of New Zealand and some other countries, and it might be better to try it in Canada than to have the people perish for want of fuel. Mr. Borden considers the matter so far practical that he has a motion on the order paper for an inquiry into this method. He asks for a committee of nine members to take evidence and consider whether some such system of arbitration may be enacted and operated in this country. They are to report on this question and specify other amendments to the conciliation law that they may find necessary.

SMALL GRAFT.

During this week much interesting information has been obtained by answers to questions. Referring to dismissals or suspensions in the immigration department, Mr. Oliver stated that one officer was reported by the Audit Department as having claimed and received since July, 1905, the sum of \$285 for pullman expenses that were never incurred. Another received \$239 on false claims of the same kind. A third obtained \$339, a fourth \$349, another \$85, still another \$136, and the sixth got off with \$270. The same officers had charged and received from \$200 to \$600 each as expenses for meals which the Auditor on examining the vouchers had struck out. This discovery implicating half a dozen immigration officials, who worked and agreed together, simply shows that the system of graft established in high places in the interior department is spreading throughout the ranks.

ANOTHER EASY DEPARTMENT.

The Department of Railways seems to be an easy one for a tired official to work. Mr. Emmerson brought down a statement on Monday, explaining that one of his clerks, whose pay has been increased by 50 per cent since 1899, had been absent 190 days since July 1905. Part of the time he was on leave without any reason given, and for the rest he furnished a medical certificate. The superior officer at Moncton refused to certify his pay roll but the delinquent went to the general Manager, who consulted the Minister and payment for the whole time was ordered. The clerk in question has on other occasions shown that he has a peculiar pull with Mr. Emmerson. It is an influence which does not depend on his efficiency in the public service.

WHERE ARE THE NINE?

It may not be generally known that nine immigration agents are employed in Ontario at \$100 a month each and travelling expenses, "to assist in distributing farm help." All of them were active politicians before their appointment, and their connection with the political machine is in some cases retained. In this list is the politician who was returned in 1899 as the Member for North Huron, after the by-election in which Mr. Pritchett's school for ballot switching instruction had been successfully engaged.

GROWING TIME FOR NEW YORK ENGRAVERS.

One of the first acts of Mr. Fielding as Minister of Finance was to terminate the arrangement by which the British American Bank Note Company did the engraving for the finance, post office, and inland revenue departments. A new contract was made with a New York concern called the American Bank Note Company, which has done part of its work in New York. It is believed that certain Canadians, not wholly unknown to Ministers, had some interest in the new contract. Mr. Fielding defended the arrangement with the foreign contractor by claiming that the work would be done cheaper under the new deal. As a matter of fact there were variations in the terms for printing bank notes, postage and revenue stamps, so that it was a matter of dispute at the time whether anything was gained by the change.

HOW THE COST ROSE.

A statement made by Mr. Fielding in reply to Mr. Foster on Tuesday may help the reader to understand how much the Government has saved by going to New York. In the year following the change Mr. Fielding's own Department paid \$44,853 for engraving. Last year his payment had climbed to \$159,973. In the same period the contractor increased his receipts from the Post Office Department from \$27,849 to \$70,789. The inland revenue engraving increased in the same eight years from \$17,545 to \$39,032.

Altogether the American Company received \$270,000 last year, whereas

in 1898, when the contract was new the payments to that concern were \$95,600. It is obvious that the New York parties could well afford to persuade Mr. Fielding that he would make money out of the change, when they had in view the possibility of trebling their income from the Government in eight years.

A POPULOUS OFFICE.

The number of employees in the Ottawa office of the Transcontinental Commission has climbed up to 56, with salaries amounting from \$50 a month to \$5,000 a year. This does not include the four commissioners themselves, whose salaries are \$8,000 and \$7,000 a year or the chief engineer, who has \$6,000. The list begins with the assistant chief engineer at \$5,000, a bridge engineer at \$3,000 an accountant at \$2,400, purchasing agent at \$2,400, a law clerk at \$2,500, and no end of stenographers, secretaries, clerks, and local purchasing agents. Each of the four Commissioners has a secretary of his own. The commodious offices of the Transcontinental Commission are the happy hunting grounds for all ranks and degrees of persons otherwise out of a job.

NOT NEEDED AT THEIR POST.

Attention has frequently been called to the enormous expense of governing the Yukon with its population of 8,000 people. No one has been able to explain what these high priced officials, whose salary and maintenance costs the people of Canada more than double the total revenue of the district and amount to about \$160 a head of the population, can find to do. Some light is thrown upon the subject by an answer which Mr. Oliver gave on Wednesday to an inquiry. The Minister stated that Chief Commissioner Molnes is at present absent from the District. So are Judge Dugas and Judge Craig, F. T. Congdon, legal adviser of the Yukon Government, Mr. Burns, the territory Secretary, Mr. Brown the clerk, and Mr. Laliberte the librarian. The Government is not quite sure whether Mr. Girard the Register and Mr. Dugas were at home or not.

WHAT THESE MEN COST.

It is explained by the Postmaster General that Mr. Hartman, Postmaster at Dawson is also absent, but his departure was caused by domestic affliction. The work of these officials, or of those who have any work, is performed easily by some of the officials who can be so easily spared:

Table with 2 columns: Name, Salary Allowance. Includes Comm'r. Molnes \$600 \$600, Justice Dugas, 5000 5000, Justice Craig, 5000 5000, Mr. Congdon, legal adviser, 5000 2000, Mr. Burns, secretary, 1800 1800, Mr. Girouard, registrar, 4000 1800, Mr. Dugas, 1200 1800, Mr. Hartman, P.M. 5000 900.

IT MIGHT BE SAVED.

Mr. Oliver stated that the salaries of the officers of his department who were away visiting for the winter is \$25,000 a year. His calculation is evidently too modest. According to all accounts the public interest of the Yukon would not suffer if two or three dozen other high priced officers would go away and allow their living allowance to drop even if their salaries went on. In the past, however, those who left the District drew their living allowance just the same. It cost over \$10,000 to maintain Government House at Dawson in 1905, though during the greater part of the year no one lived in it.

MORE INSPECTORS.

The Minister of Agriculture has introduced a bill providing for government inspection of food canning and meat packing establishments in Canada. So far as can be gathered from the intricate explanations of Mr. Fisher the inspection is mainly for the purpose of satisfying the British importer that Canadian meats are packed under proper conditions. It is not proposed to give a rigid inspection to fish canning operations. These are classed with fruit canning factories as too numerous for official superintendence. Nor does the department intend to be too exacting with regard to food for Canadian consumption. As two opposition members remarked, Mr. Fisher is not troubling himself about the purity or wholesomeness of the food which Canadians eat, but is concerning himself wholly with the customers abroad. Yet while the rigid inspection covers only one class of named goods, and not much with those unless they are to be exported, the army of inspectors is to cost \$80,000 the first year, and probably more after the organization is complete. So great is the army of officials to be appointed, most of whom will probably be local political managers, who know nothing about the operations they are to inspect.

A SLOW TARIFF.

Evidently Mr. Fielding has long ago given up the idea of passing his tariff bill before Christmas. The Senate is already on vacation and the house will begin the holidays on Friday next. The ways and means committee, which deals with the tariff clause by clause, has not yet reached the first item in the schedule of duties. There were two Government days this week. Mr. Fielding did not take up the tariff until the evening of the first, and on the second he adjourned the house at the close of the afternoon sitting. It is now pretty clear that the ministers, who have the tariff in charge, are keeping the measure back

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Remarkably handsome Waists are being shown this season. For instance, in cashmere waists we are showing elegant styles in white, cream, garnet, sky, polka spots and black. In lusters, black, white and cream. In poplins, in satens, in silks, in fact, waists of every fashionable material are here. We are offering special values, available only while this advertisement appears.

AT 88c. Waists in newest and most fashion styles, of fine quality Black Roman Sateen. Waists that are well cut and will fit, pleated front and back latest sleeve, etc. All sizes. Worth \$1.25. Special a 88c.

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Here's an opportunity to secure a handsome Dressing Gown at a substantial reduction. If you are without one you are missing a great deal of comfort. Quality is limited, don't delay.

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\$4.15.

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This offer takes in two styles. The first is made of Moleton cloth. The colorings are warm and bright—has deep shirred collar trimmed with torchon lace—full fashioned sleeve with lace trimmed cuff.

The second lot is also of Moleton cloth, colorings are red and navy mixtures—deep sailor collar trimmed with satin ribbon, lace trimmed Jap. sleeves. Both are same value. Worth \$2.10. Special while this advertisement appears

AT 2 FOR 25c. Corset Covers of good quality, English White Cotton neatly made, trimmed with lace at neck and down front. Worth 20 cents each. Special, 2 for 25c.

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