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MR. MEREDITH'S SUCCESSOR.

There are, in all, 94 members of the Ontario Legislature. In the new House elected last June, 27 were Conservatives. By Mr. Meredith's resignation the number is reduced to 26, which it will probably be when the Legislature meets. Of this number twenty met yesterday to nominate a leader to succeed Mr. Meredith. No fewer than fifteen of the twenty-six are new men.

It was not a very difficult task to choose a new leader, not because anyone of the 26 members of the Conservative party in the new Legislature towered above his fellows in point of ability, but because the timber available was uniformly of a commonplace character. It was conceded, indeed, that the only way to get a leader who would command more than ordinary attention was to go outside the Legislature, but everyone of the leading politicians approached declined to undertake the forlorn hope. They knew that if there had been any reasonable chance of soon defeating Sir Oliver Mowat's Government, Mr. Meredith would not have withdrawn from public life. And so it came about that the choice of leader was confined to Messrs. Martner, Whitney, Ryerson and Howland. There was some balloting, and finally Mr. Geo. T. Martner, the member for North Toronto, was chosen. The manner of his choice is in marked contrast with that of Mr. Meredith. When he was selected, the position he had taken in the Assembly pointed to him as the leader so soon as Mr. M. C. Cameron retired from the position. Mr. Martner's record has not been such as to point to him as a leader of men any more than it has pointed to his competitors for the office, Messrs. Ryerson, Whitney and Howland. But he has been selected to take the chief seat on the Opposition benches, and we know of no reason why the Government should not co-operate with him in every respect to make his leadership of his 25 followers as efficient as is possible under the circumstances.

THE NORTHWEST AWAKENING.

This evening Hon. Wilfrid Laurier brings his seven weeks' tour throughout Western Canada to a close. Tomorrow night his admirers in Winnipeg signalize their approval of his policy by entertaining him at a farewell banquet.

Mr. Laurier's first visit to the great Canadian Northwest and to the Pacific Province has been a pronounced success. Even his political opponents acknowledge that in point of numbers, at least, Mr. Laurier's meetings have been phenomenal. But that is not all. Never has the gospel of a political leader been received with more united popular approval than has been the message of trade freedom which was the chief theme of Mr. Laurier and the members of Parliament who accompanied him on his tour. From the day that the party left Brandon and proceeded through the great and growing region of Algoma, along the fertile plains of Manitoba, over the Great Northwest, into the mineral rich mountain regions of British Columbia, across the fertile fields of the British Columbia delta, on to Vancouver Island, and back again to the Northwest capital, the Liberal chief has addressed no meeting which was not a signal success. Everywhere the people were ready to listen to the message which Mr. Laurier brought them, and they heartily endorsed his programme for the relief of the Canadian people from the dominion of monopoly-controlled rulers.

The people of Western Canada have discovered, to their cost, that the policy of imposing heavy taxes on what the producers must buy, while abjectly unable to increase the price of what they must sell in competition with all the world, has been a failure. What they now demand is that every tax shall be thrown off that is not necessary to the economical government of the country, and as that is the policy of Mr. Laurier, the secret of his popularity is at once apparent. Some people have wondered why a community so intelligent as are the people of the Northwest—suffering severely as they have done from the present unfair system of taxation—have in recent elections done so little to rid themselves of the incubus. The reason is easily stated. They have been compelled till now to choose their representatives at Ottawa by open vote. This, in a new country, where so many of the settlers are in one sense or another dependent on the Government of the day, gave an enormous advantage to the party in power. Every Government employs, no matter what his political views were, every unfortunate settler behind with his land payments, every one, in fact, in any sense looking for Government favor, were obliged to vote for the Government candidate on pain of being blacklisted. The result has been that in past campaigns the Government

has started with fully one-third of the voters solid on its side, thus requiring but a quarter more to get a majority. This accounts for the Conservative sweep in the past, but it will not be possible now that the people have, through Liberal persistency, got the ballot.

There can be no doubt that the altered state of affairs has greatly alarmed the supporters of a monopolist tariff in the Northwest. They have pleaded in vain with the men in power at Ottawa to go to the North-west and at least attempt to demolish Mr. Laurier's contentions. At first, it was intended to follow Mr. Laurier, but the prospective failure of such a campaign frightened Sir John Thompson off, and no pilgrimages will be now undertaken. Something had to be done, however, and so the Winnipeg coterie set about negotiating for the control of a newspaper in Winnipeg, as for years their cause has been so unpopular that the voluntary support of the press has not been extended to them. Kept newspapers are expensive, and not always of much use, and so a delegation has been sent to Ottawa to plead for funds to keep the echo of the Ottawa Administration going. This fact alone proves the desperate condition of the high tax advocates in Manitoba and the Northwest, and foreshadows the early realization of the prophecy by a former Northwest Conservative leader that in the coming Dominion general election the men now in power at Ottawa will scarcely have a supporter west of Port Arthur. The constituencies, unless there is very stupid bungling, will be divided between the Liberals and the Patrons, both of which parties are united in condemnation of the policy now in force.

MONUMENT FOR TECUMSEH.

Tecumseh, the Indian brave, who proved so strong a friend of Canada in a critical time, will have a monument at an early day if the present outlook portends anything. Today, Mr. Hamilton McCarthy, the artist who designed and finished the fine monument to Sir John Macdonald in Toronto, was in the city. He says it will be possible to produce a monument that will be a credit to this city, the capital of the district in which the great Shawnee chief had his triumph, at a cost which need not be difficult to finance. We hope at an early date to see effective steps taken to provide this patriot of the aboriginal race with a memorial that will be constantly before the eyes of the rising generation as an incentive ever to stand for the right. The leading white politicians of the by-gone era now have their monuments, so has Brant, the Indian patriot, erected at Brantford, in the center of the scene of his labors. Why should not Tecumseh have his memory similarly perpetuated at London, the capital of Western Ontario?

BORROWING AND SQUANDERING.

Mr. Foster, the Dominion Finance Minister, is on a borrowing mission in England just now. He wants a loan of \$11,250,000 of British money, and he has been offered it at a very low rate of interest. This fact proves two things: (1), that money for investment is very plentiful in Great Britain; and (2), that the British people have faith in the future of this country. We learn from English financial papers that never has money been so plentiful in that country as now. This arises from the trade depression, which invariably curtails development of industry, and the demand for loans. That under the circumstances there is a good market for Canadian bonds is not to be wondered at. The British people have excellent foundation for their faith. Canadians may find it hard work to get along, but the mass of them pay their debts, and they will insist that their rulers do so, also.

While Mr. Foster finds it easy to borrow, because of the natural resources of Canada and the character of the people, his appearance as a borrower of money at this time, to pay the interest and principal of which the Canadian people will have to put their hands in their pockets, can scarcely be excused. If men at Ottawa had not allowed the taxpayers to be robbed through the connivance of Ministers with dishonest contractors and with beneficiaries of the tariff, the necessity for borrowing at this time could have been avoided. No more money should be taken out of the pockets of a people than is necessary to economically manage public affairs. What would be said of the trustee of an estate who would excuse needless and corrupt expenditures of trust funds on the ground that he could easily borrow money to tide over present difficulties. Ministers at Ottawa are the trustees of the Canadian public.

MISFIT SHOES.

(Toronto Mail.)

It seems hardly probable that the new leader of the Opposition will ever attain to the dignity of a judgeship. Chief Justice Meredith's shoes will be several sizes too large for him.

A BATTLE

Has Been Fought in the Orient—Details Lacking—Disgraced Officers.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—The Globe this morning prints a dispatch from Yokohama saying that fighting took place near Port Arthur, on Oct. 23. It is believed that the Japanese troops engaged were those composing the second army of about 30,000 men which recently left Hiroshima. Details of the battle are lacking.

New York, Oct. 24.—A Herald special from Shanghai says: Gen. Yeh Chi Chai and Wei Yuh Kwei, formerly commanding in Korea, have been handed over to the proper board for punishment. They will probably lose their heads. The former is charged with cowardice and with responsibility for the murder of the French missionary Josean. Gen. Wei is accused of extorting and cowardice. Other important officials have been cashiered, and a complete reshuffling has taken place throughout the Viceroy's province.

A AWFUL EXPLOSION.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—News has been received here of the destruction in the North Sea of the schooner Helene, supposed to be a Danish vessel, by gunpowder. The entire crew of the schooner perished.

THE JUDGE WAS ASTONISHED

At the Developments in the Hall-Lane Assault Case.

Grossly Immoral, He Said—Couldn't Believe Any of Them on Their Oath—The Charges Dismissed.

The trial of Wm. Lane, the London township laborer, on the charge of non-support and assault preferred by his girl-wife, Margaret Lane, was heard before Judge Edward Elliott this morning. The case was full of revelations about the Hall homestead and the conduct of its occupants, which thoroughly disgusted the judge and resulted in the dismissal of both charges. Mr. Magee appeared for the crown and Mr. Love for the prisoner.

Mrs. Lane told the same story of her hardships to Mr. Magee as she did to Squire Lacey at the preliminary examination, and which have already been published.

Mr. Love learned, in cross-examination, however, that Mrs. Lane had been too intimate, before she was married, with a young man in the country. When the complainant was in the refuge at Stratford she read something in the papers about Lane having another girl at Hall's house. This made her really angry, but she forgot it and would afterwards have lived happily with her husband only for Mrs. Hall, who always stirred up trouble. Mrs. Lane admitted that after the July assault she was out with other young friends of hers, one being a member of the Military School, who had come from the old country and was in a home with her when quite young. She would sooner have this fellow's little finger than Lane's whole carcass. She had said this before and would say it again. She would not live with Lane now if he got on his knees and begged of her to come back. Mrs. Lane knew that her husband was a kind of worthless fellow. She only knew him three days before the marriage, and had even paid for the license and paid the minister for performing the ceremony. He (Lane) went around drinking and smoking, and she thought instead of throwing his money in the gutter that he might buy her some good clothes. Did the witness remember being out till midnight with other men? She never was, and was only away over night when at the hospital, in the refuge or in the Salvation Army home.

Mrs. Annie Hall, wife of Drayman Hall, and sister of Lane, denied having seen her brother assault his wife. She had heard them quarreling about the soldier, Mrs. Lane saying that she would sooner have his little finger than Lane's whole carcass. A few days after that they went away together and secured a deed of separation. They were not happy together.

Mr. Magee took Mrs. Hall by surprise when he questioned her in reference to the affair which occurred Fair week. She admitted that a man came to her house one night and that Lane was arrested on the charge of stealing \$15 from him. She professed not to know what the strange came for unless for a night's lodging.

Lane was examined in his own behalf, and every now and again would turn to Judge Elliott and declare that he was entirely innocent of the charges. He had never raised his hand to her, but decidedly objected to her talking so lovingly of other men. As to the \$15 racket, Lane said that the stranger (for he had never seen him before) handed him two bills before leaving Hall's house. Lane never looked to see the amount of the money, but put them in his pocket. He did not steal the money, and was dismissed at the trial.

Another unimportant witness was examined, and Mr. Love asked the court if there was any necessity of an address for the defense.

"I must confess," said Judge Elliott, "that there is not one of the whole Hall-Lane party of whom I approve. The whole case has developed into one of the gravest immorality that I have heard since coming to London. I am astonished that in the vicinity of a city like this such a condition of affairs exists. It would be unsafe to convict any person upon the evidence given." Lane was warned that should he appear again on such a charge he would not get off easy.

Lane then left the court with the Halls, and his wife went to the Rescue Home with a Salvation Army woman.

BLAKE IN GEORGIA.

Addressed a Large Audience and Makes a Fine Speech.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 23.—Hon. Edward Blake, Irish member of Parliament, addressed a large and representative audience in this city, at De Giv's Opera House, last night. Gov. Northern and Mayor Goodwin occupied seats on the platform in addition to many prominent citizens. His speech lasted two hours. After speaking of the varied and wonderful resources of the South, he declared that the people of this section had rather surrender every bit of their material wealth than to yield the blessed right of self-government. For 80 years oppression and coercion had ground the Irish people to the earth and compelled them to support an alien church. He declared that a direct expression of the people's will regarding Irish affairs will be declared at the next election. In the meantime, the speaker avowed, the Irish party was not idle, but was paving the way for an overwhelming victory. The speech created a profound impression.

A LUCKY MAN.

Laid Up for Months by a Severe Form of Kidney Disease—The Simple Cure He Used—He's Well Now.

THEBROOK, Oct. 22.—Some men don't know when they are in luck and some do. Albert Mathers, of this place, is one of the lucky ones who knows of his good fortune and tells about it. He says he was laid up and could do no work for months because of kidney disease. When kidney disease has such a hold on a man as that, he is in a serious condition. Mr. Mathers recognized this and used every remedy he could think of, but without getting any help, until he began to use Dodd's Kidney Pills. These boxes cured him and he is attending to his affairs once more, and is as hearty and happy as ever.

All Four Killed.

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Alonso P. Eddy and his wife and two children were driving across the Erie tracks at Warte Flax last evening, when they were struck by the Chicago limited and all four were killed with the train.

Mr. Laurier's Tour Ended. WINNIPEG, Oct. 24.—Hon. Mr. Laurier concluded his western tour by addressing meetings at St. Jean Baptiste and Emerson yesterday. The leader's reception was overwhelming in his hearty kindness.

A magnificent reception was given last evening to prominent members of Mr. Laurier's party. The gentlemen in whose honor the reception was held were: Mr. Fraser, grand master of Nova Scotia; Mr. Gibson, deputy grand master of Ontario, and Mr. James Sutherland, past grand junior warden of Ontario.

THE GRAND TRUNK.

The Half-Yearly Statement of the Shareholders.

The Receipts and Expenses of Six Months, as Compared with 1893—Income and Outlay Increased.

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—The half-yearly statement to be submitted to the half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the G. T. R., to be held in London Oct. 30, has been issued. The accounts show the gross receipts to be \$1,685,873, as compared with \$1,890,119, the receipts of corresponding period of 1893. Working expenses were \$1,236,374, as against \$1,370,687. Net traffic receipts have been reduced to \$449,499 from \$519,432. Adding the income from International Bridge Company and deducting pre-preference charges the net revenue balance on the working of the half-year was \$54. There was a decrease of \$30,013 in the number of passengers carried, with a decrease in receipts from passengers of \$68,421.

The receipts of mails compare with a period when exceptional payments had been made by the Government on account of arrears and thus show an apparent decrease of \$3,210, whilst express and small parcels receipts decreased \$918. The freight and live stock traffic shows a decrease of \$124,144.

The total amount charged to capital during the half year was \$37,661 of which \$16,888 was on account of the Union Station, Toronto. The gross receipts of Chicago and Grand Trunk Railway in the half year shows a decrease of \$63,517, and the net receipts a decrease of \$40,235.

THE W. C. T. U.

An Interesting Regular Meeting—Plans of Work Discussed.

The regular meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held yesterday (Tuesday) afternoon, 63 members being present.

After the opening hymn, Rev. Mr. Lucey led in prayer, and gave a most interesting Bible lesson, based on an incident in the child life of Christ.

The treasurer gave an itemized account of the W. C. T. U. fair work, which was most satisfactory.

It was announced that Rev. Anna Shaw will (D.V.) lecture in the city under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. on Nov. 22.

Mrs. Gordon Wright and Mrs. McDermid were appointed delegates to the Provincial W. C. T. U. convention, to be held in Cornwall on Oct. 30 to Nov. 2, inclusive. Mrs. Thornley and Miss Confort, being provincial officers, will also attend.

It was announced that the inaugural meeting of the London West Band of Hope would be held on Friday evening, Oct. 26. Mrs. McDermid will address the meeting and assist in getting the machinery of the band in working order.

The educational part of the programme was entitled "Children's Day," and the superintendents of temperance in Sunday school, Band of Hope and Industrial school were expected to contribute to its success.

Mrs. Heaman read an interesting paper entitled "The Needs of the Work in Sunday Schools." Then followed a racy paper, "All About Our Boys," from Mrs. McDermid.

The programme was interspersed with music. Miss Brown kindly contributed a solo in her own pleasing style, and also a young lady, a graduate of the Industrial School, sang very sweetly, Mrs. J. W. Jones accompanying her at the piano.

Shot a Burglar.

TORONTO, Oct. 24.—When Shopkeeper Barnes, of Carleton village, went down into his store about 7 o'clock this morning he found three burglars there. He got a revolver and fired, hitting one of them named John Carrothers twice in the back. The other two, who are brothers, named John and — Mitchell, were caught. Carrothers is not expected to live.

LARGE SORES ON FACE

Lost Use of Hands from Blood Poisoning. Physicians and Remedies No Benefit. Cured by CUTICURA Remedies.

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BABY SEVERELY AFFLICTED

My baby was severely afflicted with some dreadful skin disease. Its head, face and hands for awhile were nearly covered with sores. I had doctors prescribe for it, and several remedies, but all seemed to do no good. I saw an advertisement of the CUTICURA Remedies, and concluded to try them. I bought a complete set, and began using, and now my little girl seems to be completely cured. GEO. W. TURNER, Teacher, Bryan, Texas.

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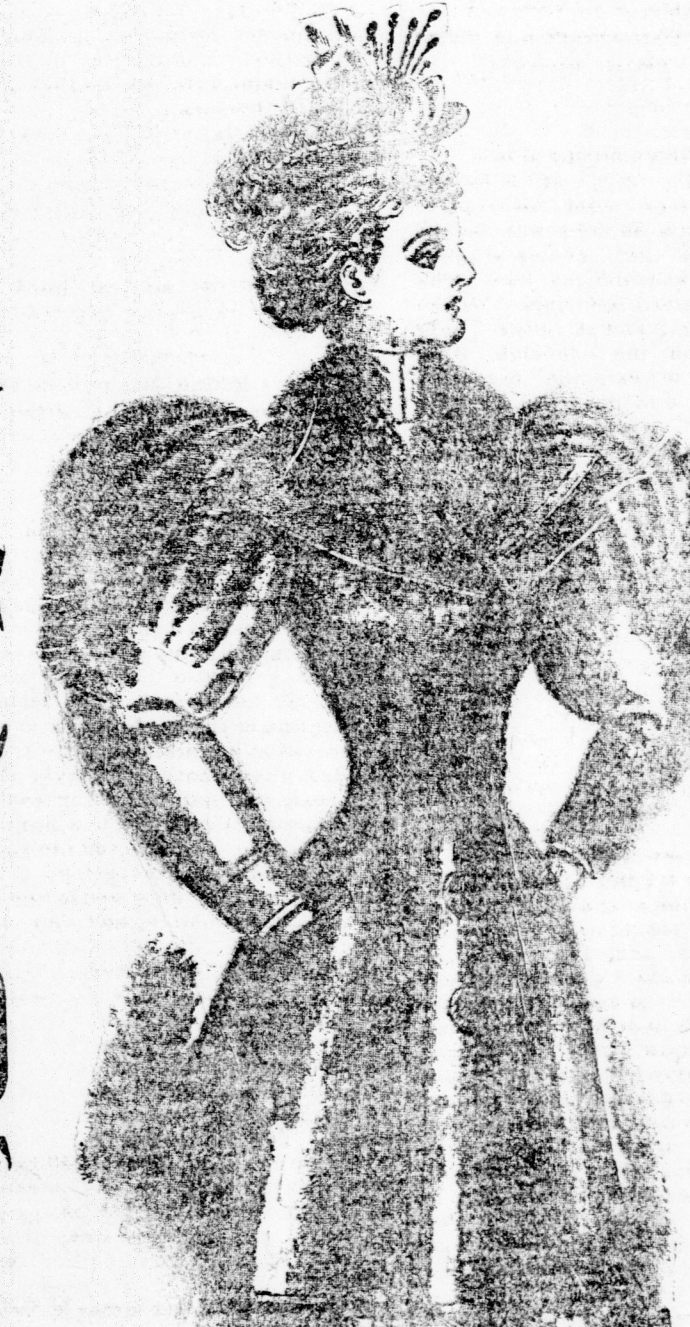
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