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PUGSLEY TAKEN TO TASK FOR ELECTION PROMISES

Opposition in Parliament Give Minister an Uneasy Time

Affidavits Read Showing Activity of I. C. R. Employees in New Brunswick Contest—Laurier Declares Again That Government Employees Must Not Do More Than Vote as They Like—Premier Says Government is Not a Party to Senator Gillmor's Acts in Charlotte County.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The provincial election in New Brunswick was again before the commons today. The subject was brought up by Hon. George E. Foster in pursuance of some telegrams which he recently read in the house showing that Henri LeBlanc, of Moncton, an employee of the Intercolonial Railway, was engaged in political work in the county of Westmorland and that A. LeBlanc, another employee, was said to be out in the campaign.

The minister of railways in replying to these telegrams a few days ago said that he would look into the matter. Later on Mr. Graham said that one of the LeBlancs who was in New Brunswick, was on leave of absence. He (Graham) gave then notice that while all employees would be allowed the greatest latitude in making up their minds, no employee of the road was permitted to take an active part in politics. This is how the matter stood until today.

I. C. R. Employees Campaigning.

Mr. Foster, on a motion for the house to adjourn, brought the subject up again reciting the above facts. He read two affidavits supplementing the information he had previously given and added that if more were necessary they would be forthcoming to establish beyond doubt that employees of the I. C. R. had been, in fact, engaged in partisan work openly and publicly speaking and assisting at meetings not only standing up for their friends, which was a laudable thing in a man, but maligning their political opponents in a way which was not right in an employee of the government, who was an employee of the whole country and paid by the money of both political parties.

The affidavit of J. Antonio Bourque, of Cocagne, in the parish of Dundas, in the county of Kent, and province of New Brunswick, farmer, solemnly declared that on the evening of the 20th day of February, A. D. 1908, he attended a political meeting held in the interest of the local government party and Henri LeBlanc, of Moncton, was one of the principal speakers and speakers at the meeting. He held out no promise to induce anyone to vote in favor of the provincial government.

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of railways, had acted promptly as soon as the matter was brought to his attention. He was not going to tell men, who were as good citizens as himself or Mr. Foster, to stop doing something that he did not know they were doing. He was told that Alphonse LeBlanc was at work and that the other LeBlancs were absent from duty. He wired to inform both men that while they had the fullest right to vote they ought not to take any part in the contest. He was opposed to government employees taking part in elections and the affidavits produced did not show that they had done so, since their attention was called to it. The first telegram said that Mr. LeBlanc was going to open a committee room, but there was no word that he had done so. His own opinion was that they would better wait a little while because there might be affidavits on the other side.

Dr. Pugsley said that Mr. Foster had greatly modified his views in regard to political campaigns. He (Pugsley) did not wonder that sometimes gentlemen in the employ of the government, who may have a warm feeling for either the provincial or the provincial government, may be tempted to take some little part in politics when they see so many Conservatives in the employ of the government in various provinces, and I think now particularly of my own province—who have been allowed by this government, with impunity for ten years, to take an active part in politics on the Conservative side. He agreed that it was not desirable they should do so. Sometimes it was exceedingly annoying and irritating to Liberals to find this going on but at all events they have allowed it to go on without taking very active steps to prevent it.

It was a pleasure to him to have Mr. Foster make these statements in his presence when he could reply and not have done as Crockett and Foster, who made an attack in his absence, declaring that he was interfering in provincial politics and the hurried effort to do the same thing themselves on the other side. He was not ashamed of anything he said in the province. He held out no promise to induce anyone to vote in favor of the provincial government.

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Dr. Pugsley interrupted to say that the Miramichi dredging was promised two years ago by his predecessor. Mr. Ganong went on to show that there was an agreement between the local association at St. Croix not to resort to any illegal methods or to the spending of money or buying liquor during the campaign, but the Liberal backed out. In conclusion he asked that the first minister should be heard from.

R. L. Borden R. L. Borden feared that Mr. Graham hardly realized the importance of the question. His answers were indirect and he spoke even with a tone of flippancy, while his manner showed a spirit of levity which he regarded the occasion, indicating that he was not aware that the house had passed a resolution prohibiting the participation of employees of the government in election matters. Mr. Graham should have been prepared to say whether or not these men had been doing election work. Although apprised that these men had been taking part in the election, apparently no action had been taken. Did he propose to continue to treat the matter with contempt?

SAYS OPPOSITION WILL SWEEP YORK

O. S. Crockett, M. P., After Touring County, Sanguine of Great Victory

TWO MEETINGS FRIDAY Government Candidates Will Hold Forth at City Hall and Opponents at Court House—J. K. Flemming and Dr. McInerney to Speak at Fredericton Thursday.

NO CURTAILMENT

First Lord of Admiralty Sees No Hope of Reduction as Long as Foreign Powers Continue to Increase Their Naval Forces—Must Maintain the Double Standard.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 24.—The opposition has arranged for a mass meeting to be held at the Opera House on Thursday evening next, Feb. 27. J. K. Flemming, of Carleton county, and Dr. McInerney, of St. John, will be the principal speakers, and it is expected that the gathering will be one of the greatest ever held in this city. Both of the speakers scheduled are well known in Fredericton, and the citizens will take pleasure in hearing political questions of the day from such able exponents.

The opposition party held a grand rally at their rooms this evening. The place was crowded to the doors, and enthusiasm marked the evening's proceedings. O. S. Crockett, M. P., was the principal speaker, and his address was an able effort. In a calm and logical manner he exposed the government's misdoings and as point after point was made against the administration, he was loudly applauded.

Mr. Crockett predicted an overwhelming victory for the opposition party in York in the coming contest, and gave details upon which he based his prophecy. When Mr. Crockett concluded his speech the building shook with applause. The opposition candidates will address the election of the county tomorrow afternoon at the court house, and the government party will speak at the city hall. Judge Gregory will preside at the February term of the divorce court which opens here tomorrow morning. There are three cases entered on the docket, the most important being that of Eunice Simonds vs. Edward I. Simonds, a St. John case. Other cases are W. B. Horseman vs. Maisey Horseman, and J. H. Furgess vs. Rosanna Furgess. The parties to the Horseman suit reside in Moncton, and the other case comes from Victoria county. Divorce is asked for in each case on the usual grounds.

St. Andrew's curfew is coming here tomorrow to play for the McCaffrey trophy. The privy voters list this year contains 1023 names. ONTARIO'S GRANT TO TORONTO UNIVERSITY ABOUT \$225,000 Half of Its Yearly Income From the Province—Over 3,000 Students in Attendance.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Woodstock, N. B., Feb. 24.—All the opposition candidates addressed largely identical addresses at the town tonight to enable them to attend the nomination proceedings tomorrow at Upper Woodstock. Sheriff Hayward will open his court at 10 o'clock, and close at noon. Speeches will be made at 2 o'clock. Every effort has been made by the ministerial association for the lessening of bribery and corruption in this contest, but up to the present time the government supporters have refused to sign, although the six candidates have done so. The opposition candidates have signed the document and also several of their supporters, but the clerks are rather discomfited by the government supporters who will not agree.

The expenditure for maintenance was \$411,686, exclusive of \$44,701, which was applied towards repaying the amount withdrawn from the endowment fund for the completion of the physics building. There are 3,638 students. CONVICT MADE SPURIOUS MONEY FOR OFFICIALS TO PASS Rendsburg, Prussia, Feb. 24.—For some time past counterfeit five mark pieces have been circulating in Northern Prussia. The authorities started to investigate, with the result that in a number of instances the false money was traced to this town and it was finally learned by the police that they were being passed out by persons connected with the prison here. To clear up the mystery Detective Inspector Schneider had himself committed as a convict to the cell of the midnight worker. After a day or two of observation, he located a sound of faint hammering from a detached cell, where a counterfeiter was serving a long term of imprisonment. With this evidence, Schneider called in some of his colleagues and last night they raided the cell of the midnight worker. They found it to be a veritable counterfeiter's workshop, in which the convicted five-mark pieces were being made. It appears that the convict, after being brought to jail, took the prison inspector who was his coming apparatus was hidden. The inspector found the dies and brought them to prison and arranged that the convict could work at night to make the coins, the inspector and his family putting them into circulation. The inspector, his wife and his mother-in-law have been taken into custody.

PREMIER'S EXPERT'S REPORT TO BE "SPRUNG" TODAY

Bank Auditors Work for Weeks, But Toronto Man Did Job in Four Days

SOME FACTS THROWING LIGHT UPON THE VALUE OF THE EXPEDIENT RESORTED TO BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT TO SECURE A "CERTIFICATE OF CHARACTER" ON THE EVE OF ELECTION.

HAZEN WILL GET THREE IN PRISONS

Many Former Government Supporters Against Them This Time

CROWDED MEETINGS

Opposition Candidates Receive Enthusiastic Greetings in All Sections—Secret Ballot Will Be a Tower of Strength to Jones, Sprout and Murray.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Sussex, N. B., Feb. 24.—In Kings county the outlook for the opposition was never so good. The workers for good government, good roads, cheap school books and a progressive agricultural policy embrace members of both political parties in dominion politics. Hazen-headed Liberals, who have become sick of the reign of graft at Fredericton, realize that it is from that political centre and not from Ottawa that provincial reform will come and this spirit speaks success for the opposition on March 3.

The opposition have gone into the fight with a splendid organization which is working quietly and allowing the government forces to do the shouting. It is felt that good and honest effort will count on election day and not the open and loud boasting that has been heard so much in the past. The opposition, however, have no hesitation in claiming a victory for their ticket. Messrs. Jones, Murray and Sprout will be elected and it is only a question of majority. The government claim in the upper end of the county that McInerney will win and are prophesying, in the lower end, that Wetmore is the man who has the chance of winning out. In no instance do the supporters of Premier Robinson hope to carry the three seats and their predictions are made as to the locality. It is a foregone conclusion that McInerney will be swamped below Hampton and as the campaign draws to a close he is losing ground daily, and much of the early province vote promised him is getting into line for the whole opposition ticket. Wetmore will drop away in the upper end of the county, and it is said by many that the leader of the ticket, G. G. Scott, who is less heard of in this campaign than ever before, will be the low man at the polls.

Enthusiastic Opposition Meetings. If meetings could be held for anything the opposition has big lead. The gatherings addressed by Messrs. Murray, Jones and Sprout have been most enthusiastic. The speaking ability of the opposition ticket is so far ahead of that of the government representatives that it is a shame to compare the respective merits of the two teams along those lines. Every man on the opposition ticket will maintain his position at Fredericton. Each is able to present the claims of the constituency in telling and effective manner. The voters feel this, and will send three supporters of Mr. Hazen to Fredericton. Tomorrow, at nomination, the people of Kings will be more than ready to support the men when both sides meet on the hustings to discuss the issues of the day. His lordship refused to obey the demands of the clergy, who demanded a secret ballot will tell in the county of Kings. Every effort will be made by the government to win and already there is evidence of corruption, but the people of Kings are alive to the fact that the money being spent is the result of some of the graft schemes, which have resulted in piling up the debt of the province and are bound to exercise their right to vote as they think. Money or no money. His lordship refused to obey the demands of the clergy, who demanded a secret ballot will tell in the county of Kings. Every effort will be made by the government to win and already there is evidence of corruption, but the people of Kings are alive to the fact that the money being spent is the result of some of the graft schemes, which have resulted in piling up the debt of the province and are bound to exercise their right to vote as they think. Money or no money.

QUEBEC BISHOP ABOVE CIVIL LAW Refuses to Hand Over Document as Ordered by Judge—Question of Contempt to Be Considered. (Special to The Telegraph.) Chatham, Que., Feb. 24.—That Roman Catholic bishops are above the civil law of the country was the astonishing contention made today here by Bishop Labreque, of this diocese. His lordship refused to obey the judge of the superior court, claiming that as a bishop he was head of an ecclesiastical court, and beyond the jurisdiction of civil law. The case arose over a libel suit brought by a lawyer against three citizens, who were alleged to have sent a signed statement to the bishop to the effect that he had demanded the clergy. It was necessary to have the document in court, and Bishop Labreque was subpoenaed in the ordinary way, but the bishop did not turn up, and Judge Pelletier agreed that it was necessary for him to obey the law like any ordinary citizen. He accordingly wrote to the bishop, who today appeared in court, but who the plaintiff demanded the production of the offending document the bishop flatly refused to produce it. Asked his authority for this contempt of court, the bishop replied: "Because it was handed me as a judge of an ecclesiastical court and also because I do not occupy myself with your civil law." His lordship was not committed for contempt, but the case was postponed until the judge decides whether the civil law can compel the bishop to produce the document in question.

OFFICE HOLDERS AS PARTIZANS Complaints come from Kings county about the partizan activity of office holders in the present campaign, in defiance of the rule that such men shall not become active workers at election time. Among the names mentioned are those of R. H. Smith, postmaster at Ouellet, who is known as the secretary of the government committee, and Harry Fowler, registrar of deeds. These and other cases are now being investigated.

Two Quebec Men Hurt in Explosion. Campbellton, Feb. 24.—(Special)—News reached here today of an explosion at Point Macquereau (Que.), in which two men were badly injured, perhaps fatally, by dynamite, but as connection with that point is very poor, the facts cannot be given.

In view of the announcement that the report of the expert employed by Premier Robinson to examine the government accounts is to be made public today, The Telegraph instituted some inquiries last evening among men familiar with the work of auditing accounts as to the methods employed to ensure thoroughness and the time which might fairly be consumed in operations of this nature. It was learned that two city banks this year adopted the plan of having their accounts audited by independent experts from Toronto or elsewhere. In the case of one of these banks five of these outside experts were engaged and an entire week was consumed before they had completed their work. In the case of the other bank the work was done by a single auditor and his time was fully occupied for nearly six months. The greatly extended time which it must necessarily take one man to investigate and thoroughly audit a set of books can be readily understood when it is remembered that he has no assistance in checking and that consequently one man, working for five weeks or even ten weeks, bears no comparison to the speed of five men working together for one week. Yes, as it will be remembered, Premier Robinson's expert from Toronto, who had no previous acquaintance with the transactions entered on the books, or the methods employed, completed his stupendous task of Fredericton in four days, or, as the government speakers put it, in four days and nights, assuming that this account carried on the great work without pausing even to sleep. There is a wide difference, moreover, between the conditions which exist. In a bank visible securities of known value, cash, vouchers and receipts are available for examination, and a question put to a staff of trained assistants receives an immediate answer. On the other hand, however, the expert at Fredericton would be confronted with the financial vagaries of the road superintendents and the mystifying overruns in the public works expenditure. It is also provided that any person who proposes to introduce this four-day performance as a complete answer to every criticism, and in full vindication of the government's conduct, in recklessly expending the revenues of the province, and exploiting the credit of 350,000 people.

MCGILL HONORS AMBASSADOR BRYCE

Confers Degree of LL.D.—Distinguished Statesman Congratulates Canada on Its Seats of Learning.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Feb. 24.—Right Honorable James Bryce, British ambassador at Washington, was this afternoon invested with the honorary degree of LL.D. by McGill University at a special convocation held for that purpose. The hall was crowded to its capacity with students and visitors and the welcome extended to the distinguished scholar and diplomatist was of an especially hearty nature. The degree was conferred by Principal Peterson and the right honorable gentleman was then invested with his doctor's robe amid loud applause. Mr. Bryce, who received an ovation upon returning to acknowledge the honor, expressed his great pleasure in the growth of universities in the younger countries and to find in Canada universities attaining that influence which they must hold, if the country is to be kept a worthy child of the old stock. There was nothing better Great Britain could transmit to the younger countries than her devotion to higher learning. After emphasizing the value of a post graduate course on special lines, Mr. Bryce spoke of the Rhodes scholarships and of the principles which had produced the best. Some of the rules in this connection, might, he thought with advantage, be amended, and he ventured to suggest to Earl Grey and his colleagues in the trust that some amendments might be made. However, the scheme had worked admirably, and he referred with gratification to the success of Canada's students, assuring them that the Rhodes scholars had been heartily welcomed at Oxford.

FUNERAL OF THREE MacDONALDS DROWNED IN ONTARIO RAPIDS

Bodies Disinterred and Brought to Old Homes in Cape Breton for Burial.

(Special to The Telegraph.) Antigonish, N. S., Feb. 24.—The bodies of the three MacDonaldis who were drowned in White Fish river, Ontario, last May, arrived here this evening and were taken to Marvyle. It was a pathetic sight to see the three coffins borne through the main street of the town, followed by a large concourse of people. They were engaged with a survey party and in shooting a rapids the boat upset. Their bodies were not recovered for some time, and the weather being hot it was found necessary to bury them on the bank of the river in which they met their death. Some weeks ago the bodies were exhumed and after a long trail were brought to the nearest railway station. The deceased young men were: J. W. MacDonald, a brother of Rev. John H. MacDonald of the college staff, and Rod MacDonald, both of Marvyle, and Joseph MacDonald of Arisaig. The two first named were cousins. "It has been thought best to make the bill general in its application, although I say frankly that I am not aware of any case in which the difficulty has arisen except on the St. John river." Sir Wilfrid Laurier has placed Monk's co-operation bill on government orders.

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GOVERNMENT PARTY NOT EAGER FOR PURE ELECTION IN CARLETON

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CANADIAN BONDS IN GREAT FAVOR WITH BRITISH INVESTORS

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Feb. 24.—The Star's London correspondent cables: The readiness with which the recent offerings of Canadian securities have been absorbed since the first of the year, demonstrates what a strong hold Canada has upon the British public. This has been exemplified in a most striking manner by the sale during the past week of £2,000,000 sterling of Canadian Pacific Railway 4 per cent debenture stock at more than par, yielding the company a fraction under what the Canadian government loan was issued at. It is also understood that the C. P. R. has already received a payment of more than \$11,000,000 on the first instalment of 20 per cent on its new capital stock, which only called for a mandatory payment of \$4,800,000.

NAMES MENTIONED FOR EXCHEQUER JUDGE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Ottawa, Feb. 24.—The names of F. H. Chrysler, K. C., and Hon. Frank Fitchford are mentioned as being most likely to be considered for the government job of judge of the exchequer court of Canada, rendered vacant by the death of Justice Burdige.

Moncton Blacksmith Injured. Moncton, Feb. 24.—(Special)—William J. McKnight, I. C. R. blacksmith, was patently injured this afternoon while at work by having a piece of spring steel strike him in the right arm, severing a vein. Blood flowed quite freely until medical aid arrived, when Mr. McKnight was taken to his home.