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SAINT JOHN, TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 29, 1909.

THE OPPOSITION NOMINATION.

The Opposition convention last evening compromised on a candidate who was not in the list of probable nominees. Whether this choice was because the favorites were not anxious, or because they would not give way to each other, is not stated. Mr. Lowell remarked early in the day that "a black horse" was imminent and the steed arrived at the proper stage in the race.

Mr. Bentley is a new figure in St. John politics. Outside of his own parish he does not appear to be well known in the constituency, so that it is not possible to estimate his personal strength. Probably he will run as well as any other who could be induced to take the field in the present emergency.

Friends of the Hazen Government should not assume that in this case it is the candidate who makes the fight. A campaign committee appointed yesterday demands more attention. Mr. Tarte would probably say of this combination that it does not make elections with prayers.

Last week the Sun announced a state of party revolt because "those who profit" out of Federal party patronage have not responded with substantial assistance in time of need. The St. John by-election was mentioned as that kind of a time.

Whether Mr. McAvity and Mr. Moore, evidently the persons on whom "Federal favors have been unduly concentrated," are complying with this peremptory order will be learned by the Sun's further observations.

"Some radical remedial process" observed the Sun with lucidity, "would seem essential to success in the "coming contest. And the time is short, only two days "intervene before the Liberal convention." If they "show sufficient gratitude" we shall have an election by "rem-"edial process" administered through the campaign committee. If not we shall be permitted to watch the germination of "the seed of discontent" of whose planting and sprouting the Sun has already made us painfully aware.

ANSWER YES OR NO.

Two hundred and fifty miles of St. John Valley Railway at $40,000 per mile will cost $10,000,000. The interest of this sum would be about half the revenue of the province. It would be far more than the total expenditure on roads and bridges and other public works, far more than the total outlay for education. Does anyone expect the Government of New Brunswick to become responsible for this charge or to mortgage the revenues of the province for even $5,000,000 without making provision that the province shall not have to pay? Do the people want more Central Railway finance?

Mr. Hazen proposes a method which will enable the province to give a guarantee and secure the construction and operation of the road without placing the road money or the school funds in danger, and without the risk of direct taxation. This proposition he made to the St. John Valley delegation, and the delegation presented it to the Dominion Government.

Mr. Hazen offers a guarantee of $25,000 per mile of bonds for the road provided the Dominion Government will operate the line as part of the Intercolonial, paying a rental of 40 per cent. of the earnings. That is the rental the C. P. R. and the Grand Trunk pay on branch lines that they have taken over.

This proposition was presented on the 16th of April to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Telegraph report makes Sir Wilfrid reply:

"The delegation now came with a further proposal "that on the province guaranteeing the bonds of the "company, which is to build the road, the Government "should have it operated by the Intercolonial and turn "over to the company forty per cent. of the gross pro-"fits. Sir Wilfrid said this was a proposal of a definite "kind which would have to be carefully considered. It "might be found on consideration that it was the best "arrangement, or it might be found that there could be "a better arrangement . At any rate the matter was "one for the consideration of the Government, and he "promised that it would receive consideration."

That is the last heard from Sir Wilfrid Laurier. But we have Mr. Pugsley pleading that the offer which Sir Wilfrid pronounced definite is not definite; proposing standards that are not found on the Government road or any other east of Montreal; asking for Provincial legislation and making all kinds of obstructive excuses. Why does not Mr. Pugsley induce Sir Wilfrid Laurier to reply to the definite proposition?

We have Mr. Pugsley's organs declaring that the Laurier Government should not operate the Valley Railway, contending that the work should be part of a transcontinental system, and at the same time urging that it is chiefly a Provincial concern. This fine idea that the Dominion should sit back and watch the little province of New Brunswick build transcontinental railways, is worthy of the author of the suspense accounts.

It is time to bring this matter to a head. Why does not Mr. Pugsley get an answer from his leader?

SIR FRANCIS CAMPBELL AND ANOTHER.

The latest list of knights includes one whose recognition has attracted more attention than all the rest. This is Sir Francis Campbell, president of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind. This London institution is described as the best school for the blind in existence. Sir Francis has himself been blind from early childhood. He is an American, and the Boston Transcript's story is that when sent to a small school for the blind in his own state of Tennessee, the music teacher in that institution for some reason forbade him to take music lessons. Nevertheless he found a way to obtain instruction and at the age of twenty had charge of the department of music in that same school. Desiring an academic education he engaged two tutors at Harvard to read to him; one till ten o'clock at night, the other beginning at two o'clock in the morning. Driven to the hills to seek health after this unwholesome application, he learned to climb the Tennessee mountains, and later carried this habit to Europe where he afterwards won great fame by climbing Mount Blanc, a difficult ascent for one who can see. Sir Francis Campbell was for eleven years the principal of the Perkins Institute at Boston, after which he began his revolutionary career in England, where he insisted that the blind should be trained physically out of doors, and made independent and fearless, and also that they should receive professional training equal to the best that is given to those with sight. He proposed that students from these schools should be able to compete with others in the open market. At the Royal Normal College, the gymnasium is a great institution, and the proficiency of the students in athletics is a constant surprise. Sir Francis Campbell has become a public character and stands among the great teachers and reformers.

Such is the story told of the man whom the King has honored and in so doing has honored his own royal office. But in a smaller field, and nearer to us, is a teacher who in a lifetime of similar work has displayed the same initiative, the same determination that graduates of his school shall hold up their heads with their fellows and take their share in the activities and responsibilities of life. He, too, has made physical training an essential feature of his work. He has demanded for his clients the best technical training that human skill, effort and patience can impart, and a noble ambition, nobly encouraged, can acquire. The name of this teacher, himself like Sir Francis Campbell, deprived of sight in his youth by an accident, is Charles F. Fraser, LL. D., sometime journalist, and for the last thirty-six years, superintendent of the School for the Blind at Halifax. Dr. Fraser was, we believe, a student of Sir Francis Campbell at the Perkins Institute, and has himself accomplished with more limited resources, and in the face of greater obstacles, the same work for Eastern Canada that his former teacher has done for Great Britain.

THE CHINESE STUDENT.

It is said by some that only ladies have patience to teach Chinese students. That seems to be contrary to fact and reason. The late J. H. McLeod, clerk of the Agriculture Committee of the House of Commons, was buried on an extremely cold winter day. In the procession which followed the body were a score of Chinamen from his Sunday School class. Mr. McLeod established this class and continued it for years with great and steady success. Such work required devotion and sacrifice, but the strain on a teacher's patience is probably less than with our own boys and girls. The Chinese student furnishes the patience and usually pursues his studies with stolid perseverance and attention. The discursive and mischievous tendencies of the native youth of this country may call up the vast resources of female patience, but the Oriental is gravely and persistently receptive.

TRANSCONTINENTAL TROUBLE.

The over classification charges in connection with the Transcontinental have reached a head at last, though the Government was able to suppress them in the session before the election. Now they have culminated in a serious situation between the company and the commission, and in the resignation of Mr. Lumsden, the chief engineer of the commission. Major Hodgins was brow-beaten, worried out and confronted with the threat that he would have to pay counsel and other expenses of an inquiry, which for weeks was not allowed to make any progress. He was forced to withdraw his charge of official dishonesty. But he can now say with Copernicus that it is true nevertheless.

FORMER SCHOOL BOOK MONOPOLISTS.

A Provincial Opposition organ is displeased over the appointment of an officer to attend to the sale and delivery of school books. The whole cost of this office in salary and expenses will probably be less than $1,000. This is rather better than giving several thousand dollars annual rake-off to school book monopolists, with the people paying seventy per cent. more for books than they pay now. It will be remembered that the school book monopoly was another of the favors "concentrated" on the group, which, according to the Sun, do not in return, show favors to the party in time of need.

The Sun is sadly unreliable. Referring to the appointment of the Superintendent of Schools the Sun says that The Standard "emphatically affirmed that Mr. Carter was a Tory and indignantly repudiated the idea that "Mr. Hazen would appoint a Liberal to anything."

The Standard has done nothing of the kind. This journal mentioned the Telegraph's statement that Mr. Carter was a Liberal and the Gleaner's reply that Mr. Carter had voted for Conservatives. The Standard's own statement was that Mr. Carter, while inspector, "had kept clear of party politics," and that "his appointment to the non-party position of chief superintendent was an absolutely non-partisan appointment."

The Quebec Bridge, which is part of the Transcontinental system, fell down on the 29th of August, 1907. It is now learned that the officers appointed by the Government to decide what to do next are divided in opinion whether the sub-structure is strong enough for the new bridge. Until that question is settled it will not be known whether the bridge will be on the old site or a new one. This is not much to show for a year and ten months of struggle.

The Conservatives of Central New Brunswick have been holding a picnic at Stanley and discussing political issues. The Conservatives did not do very well in New Brunswick at the parliamentary election of 1908. They are taking the right way of doing better when next the electors are appealed to. The early sown seed has the long season in which to mature.—Montreal Gazette.

Mr. Pugsley tries to make it appear that ten ministers in Ottawa, including the Premier, Minister of Railways and himself, were not a sufficient number to tell Mr. Hazen what further information they desired about the Valley Railway. But this number is sufficient to transact other business including the appointment of a new senator.

Two members of the Asquith Government, one of them in the cabinet, have resigned. It is understood that they are not satisfied with the policy and practice of the Administration. The Liberal ministry does not seem to be marked for a long and happy life.

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PERSONAL

Dr. Maher arrived in the city on Monday after a trip to Cape Breton and Halifax.

Miss Helena A. Ward, of Fredericton, is at the White Hall Hotel, Russell Square, London, G. B.

Sydney Record:—Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Fortune, Argyle street, arrived home on Friday evening's express from St. John, N. B., where they had been attending the marriage of their son, James, to Miss Evelyn Quinlan, of that city.—Miss Clara MacNeil, of this city, is at present engaged as leading vocalist at the Grand Opera House, Moncton, N. B.—Mrs. J. H. McGuire, of St. John, N. B., is in the city visiting her son, Walter McGuire, associate manager of the Lyceum theatre.

Yarmouth Times: Mr. Arthur P. Stoneman and wife, Mrs. Archibald E. Cann, Miss Mabel Cann, Miss Catherine Cann, Miss Winifred McGray and Miss Laura H. Lawson will leave here on Tuesday morning for Montreal to take the Allan line steamer Corsican to visit England, Scotland and France.

Captain Frank Stevens, of the C. P. R. tug Cruizer, accompanied by Mrs. Stevens and family, came in on the Montreal express yesterday and will spend a few days with relatives.

Mr. S. H. Davis came in on the Monthe Montreal express Monday.

Mrs. Blake Hoyt went to Sussex on Saturday for a visit of three weeks' duration.

Mr. Leslie Day of North End, is at the General Public Hospital, where he will undergo an operation for the removal of a portion of one of his ribs.

Mr. A. F. Bentley, of St. Martins, was in the city yesterday.

Mr. G. W. Tory, of Halifax, was at the Royal yesterday.

Miss Mary Everett, of Fredericton, is in the city.

Mr. J. S. Prescott, of Sussex, is at the Park.

Mr. C. Johnson, of St. George, was at the Park yesterday.

Mr. L. R. Little, of Truro, is at the Dufferin.

Mr. Thos. Foley, of Miramichi, is at the Victoria.

Mr. T. H. Hardaker, of Chipman, was at the Victoria yesterday.

Mr. John F. Calder, of Campobello, is at the Victoria.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Cann, of Louisburg, C. B., are at the Royal.

Mr. F. S. Pugsley, of Windsor, N. S., is in the city.

Mr. W. H. Simmons, of Bangor, arrived in the city yesterday.

Mrs. E. B. Reid, of Welchpool, is at the Royal.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday for the purpose of attending the county convention of the opposition.

Mr. R. G. Monroe, of Digby, was at the Royal yesterday.

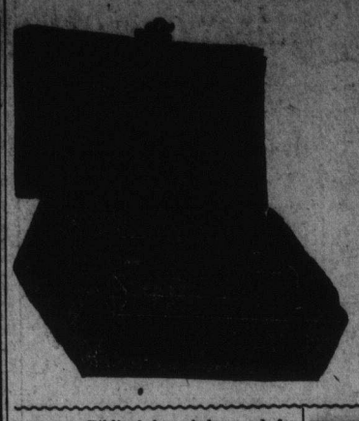
Dr. James T. Smith, of Buffalo, N. Y., was in town a few hours on Saturday morning, and was cordially greeted by old friends. Dr. Smith is on a visit to his former home and birthplace at Smithtown, Hammond Vale, K. C.

Mr. P. W. Wetmore, who retires from the management of the Shore Line on July 1st, will remove to Fredericton to engage in business in that city.

Mr. W. C. Casey, travelling passenger agent of the C. P. R., is on his way from Charlottetown to Toronto, to conduct the members of the International Council of Women to Vancouver, B. C.

Mr. L. Ralph Sherman, B. A., Rhodes scholar, is at Fredericton having arrived from Bishop's College, Lennoxville, where he has just completed a course in divinity, having been given the degree of L. S. T. at the convocation of the university on Thursday, winning three prizes for sermons, Biblical knowledge and for first class aggregate marks in examinations.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Dr. J. M. Smith, and sister of Hon. Wm. Pugsley, was removed to the private hospital on Friday and is critically ill with typhoid fever and pneumonia. Mrs. R. B. Humphrey, another sister, has undergone an operation in the private hospital, Sussex, and is critically ill.



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Despatches received by the local department of agriculture from all over the province report the same ideal conditions, many of them being so optimistic as to almost seem exaggerated. However, allowing a sufficient discount for the enthusiasm naturally awakened in the breasts of the farmers by the ideal growing conditions, there yet remains sufficient to make it safe to say that this year's crop is at present the most promising yet grown in western Canada.

WEDDINGS

Brennan-Wall.

A pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Rose's church, Fairville yesterday morning, at 7.30 o'clock, when Miss Julia Brennan, daughter of the late Mr. John Brennan, was united in marriage to Mr. Jeremiah J. Wall, by Rev. C. Collins. The happy couple will reside at the corner of Forest and Meadow streets.

Goggan—Macdonald.

Mr. Charles E. Goggan, of Belleisle Bay and Julia F. Macdonald, of Macdonald's Point, Queens county, were married at Hampton on Wednesday, June 23rd, by Rev. E. J. Grant.

Capt. and Mrs. Cheyne wish to thank their many friends for the kind and loving sympathy in their sad bereavement.

MARRIED

Goggan-Macdonald—At Hampton, N. B., June 23rd., by Pastor E. J. Grant, Chas. E. Goggan, of Belleisle Bay, N. B., to Julia F. Macdonald, of Macdonald's Point, Queens county, N. B.

DEATHS

Nagle—At Boston, Mass., 25th June, Mary E., wife of Morris J. Nagle and daughter of Mrs. George Magee, this city.
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