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WE have received a copy of a well printed and excellently illustrated pamphlet of some eighty pages, published by the Provincial Government, and compiled by Mr. W. H. Crosskill, official Court Scribe and Legislative Librarian. The pamphlet is entitled, "Prince Edward Island; Garden Province of Canada; its history, interests, and resources with information for tourists etc."

The executive committee of the West Elgin liberal association has passed a resolution. It reads: "We unanimously agree in the coming bye-election to publicly declare that we will not recognize any outsiders assuming to take part in the management or conduct of said election, and further, that any outsider who may come into the riding, assuming to represent the reform party, does so against the wishes of the executive, and we call upon all reformers to carry out the spirit of this resolution."

As will be seen by reference to our Ottawa letter, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been officially invited to attend the laying of the corner stone of the Chicago Post Office and has accepted the invitation. Our Ottawa letter also gives a brief account of the awkward position in which the Premier found himself in consequence of his table talk with the architect of the United States Treasury, whom he entertained at his home in Ottawa. It will be remembered that the account of the incident given to the newspapers by this gentleman from Washington, created quite a sensation at the time.

A CORRESPONDENT in the Patriot of Saturday last, who signs himself "Reader," and dates his communication from "Red Point," manifests his chagrin over our announcement of a couple of weeks ago, that if the Government would not hurry up and appoint an Attorney-General the Opposition press would find it necessary to advertise for such an official. We tender our sympathy to our "Red Point" friend in his mortification, consequent upon a Government demoralization so great as to suggest the necessity of advertising for an Attorney-General.

AT OTTAWA.

WILL THERE BE AN ELECTION?—SIR WILFRID'S BROKEN PROMISES DRIVE ONE OF HIS FOLLOWERS TO AN ARCHY.—THE CASH VALUE OF A LIQUOR PERMIT—WHY THE PREMIER GOES TO CHICAGO—MONEY FOR MACKENZIE AND MANN.

OTTAWA, Sept. 16.—Not much is doing in administration circles this week. Heads of departments as a rule are "not at home" to delegations. Negotiations with the United States have collapsed altogether, which leaves the ministers free to devote their time and diplomatic gifts to the adjustment of affairs with their impatient and insurgent followers.

The Toronto World most scathingly takes Premier Hardy to task, for what it styles his "infamous conduct" in connection with the Preston machine. After stating in most vigorous language that, given the opportunity, Hardy is capable of going to any lengths in the material pursuit of power, the World narrates the following incident: "On August 12 last some 80 residents of a polling sub-division of West Elgin forwarded a petition to the Attorney-General, in which the facts concerning some of the West Elgin election frauds were specifically set out."

SIR WILFRID FORGOT. Having captured the labor vote, Sir Wilfrid had no further use for the anti-Chinese, and became quite cosmopolitan. But the men of Vancouver do not forget, and they do not allow their representative to ignore the issue on which he was elected. Mr. McInnis has labored with the government in vain. He has said his say in parliament to no purpose. So on Labor day in Vancouver he took a great public meeting into his confidence and told them that he said they had been deceived and betrayed by the leader of the government in whom they had put their trust.

THOUSANDS IN PERMITS. Mining in the Yukon is such an uncertain business that the prudent man is cautious about making investments in these "propositions." Permits to take liquor into the Yukon offer a surer road to wealth. This is shown by an example given to the public through the Vancouver News Advertiser, a paper edited by the finance minister of British Columbia. The statement is that a Toronto liquor firm obtained a permit to ship 5,000 gallons of spirits into the Yukon. This permit was sold to a Vancouver syndicate, which gave the Toronto house \$5 a gallon for the privilege of supplying the liquor, after paying the Toronto concern the full wholesale price for the goods.

M. AND M. AGAIN. It is understood that an officer of the government is making an investigation with the view of ascertaining how much our old friends Messrs. McKenzie and Mann lost by the refusal of the senate to pass the Yukon railway bill of 1898. This was the measure under which the government proposed to give these contractors four million acres of land to be selected by them from the gold areas in the Yukon, in return for which gift of a kingdom Mackenzie & Mann were to build a narrow gauge railway for 250 to 300 miles on the Stikine River towards the Yukon. The road as well as the land was to belong to the contractors when all was done.

HE WILL GO TO CHICAGO

Lord Minto and Sir Wilfrid Laurier will be among the honored guests at the corner stone laying of the new Chicago post office. Sir Wilfrid had not intended to go, and was disposed to advise the government general against the visit. Some civil excuse would have been sent and that might have been the end of it. But in an evil moment the architect of the United States treasury department came to Ottawa, and called upon the premier, who discovered that the visitor was a near relation of his own former law partner. Architect Fitzpatrick was taken to the premier's house, and Sir Wilfrid, over his own table, talked to him with great freedom, explaining that in the present strained relations between the two countries he feared that Lord Minto might be exposed to insult or injury at the Chicago demonstration.

THE GREAT QUESTION. Will there be an election this year? Every political visitor to the capital asks this question, but there is no de-

finite answer forthcoming. There is no public reason why the house should be dissolved. No new question has arisen and two years remain of the parliamentary term. But in favor of an appeal is the fact that the government is in funds, that trade is brisk and industries are running at full blast. Crops are good, and the people are therefore better satisfied than they may be at a later day.

32 CRUSHED TO DEATH. Advice from Kallab, in Russian Poland, says that thirty-two persons have been crushed there during a panic in a synagogue, caused by the upsetting of a lamp. The victims were all women and children. Many others were injured.

A DOUBLE TRAGEDY. A despatch of the 13th from Sedalia, Mo., says that Mrs. J. M. Williams of that place, saturated the clothing of herself and two months old babe with oil and then set fire to the garments. She and the child were burned to death. The woman was of unsound mind.

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FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

News from all parts of the World.

PROMOTION! Admiral Schley has been assigned to command the South Atlantic station.

THE CHEERFUL LIAR. H. Rider Haggard, the novelist, who has been at Vancouver inognito for a week left for Shagway Friday with Lord Hamilton.

'STRIKING' OUT FOR A LIVING. A New York despatch of Saturday, says that 8,500 carpenters and joiners have gone on a strike at Nebraska City, Neb., Friday afternoon, three men were barred to death.

RAILWAY ACCIDENT. Twenty-one cars and an engine went through a bridge on the Missouri Pacific a few miles south of Nebraska City, Neb., Friday afternoon, three men were barred to death.

AT ST. PIERRE, MAN., near Winnipeg, on Thursday, a boy named Lemire, aged 12 years, pulled a gun at Edward Prefontaine, aged 8, saying: "I will kill you." He pulled the trigger and young Prefontaine fell dead with a bullet through his heart.

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