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carrying him through a trying situation. In smooth water he is a good waterman but there are thousands of such to be found in any part of the civilized world. Canada's Premier is weak and the past year has damaged his reputation, which was largely built upon party flattery.

CIVIL SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS MULTIPLYING.

The wholesale appointment of civil servants by the Liberal government has placed office room at a premium. When Sir Wilfrid came to power the Parliament buildings furnished ample accommodation for all government employees—and there was room to spare. From July 12, 1896, to June 30, 1902, no less than 137 new appointments have been made by the Liberal party. The majority of this small army, which does not include temporary employees, census clerks, etc., are housed at Ottawa. They have already overrun the parliament buildings and are now scattered all over the city. Office rents in 1902 cost the government \$35,724. To this exorbitant amount some thousands of dollars will be added by the removal of the entire Militia department to a new seven story building owned by the Western Company of Ottawa. This large addition to the government offices was imperative. The clerks in the eastern block were falling over one another, and something had to be done to make room for those yet to be employed for political purposes.

When the Liberals were in opposition, one of the things they delighted to talk about was the abnormal number of civil service employees at the Capital. These innocent objects of their wrath were gratuitously impaled on every possible occasion. The grates promised to reduce the number. Instead of doing so, they have multiplied the staff many times over, and it is almost impossible to find room for all. Already there is a queue over the quarters vacated by the militia, which means, if it means anything, that the seven story addition is not sufficient to meet the rapidly increasing need for new offices.

St. John and the Grand Trunk Pacific.

(St. John Sun.)

For the last seven years the party now presenting Mr. McKee for election has commended Mr. Blair for his great knowledge of railway questions. Even last week the party convention unanimously adopted a resolution setting forth his great qualities. Let us take for granted that these attributes were justified and that Mr. Blair is an authority on railways. He certainly ought to be for the government has created a railway commission of three members and a secretary, and not one of these men except Mr. Blair has the slightest knowledge or experience of railway operation. He is assumed to know enough for three commissioners and a secretary.

Mr. Blair, whose authority ought therefore to be as good as gold, says that the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme involves a government liability of \$189,000,000. This is the responsibility incurred by the people of Canada. The population of Canada at the last census was 5,371,315. The Cox scheme will mean a liability of \$35.87 upon each man, woman and child in the Dominion.

The people of St. John are in no way exempt from this charge. They take part and lot with the residents of other constituencies. Their bill is \$26.87 per head.

In 1901 there were 40,711 residents of St. John city. Their share of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill is \$1,053,193.

What do they get for it? Nothing at all. Worse than nothing according to Mr. Blair. Nor will the people of other parts of Canada gain what the people of St. John lose. As Mr. Blair says, "Put this question how you will, turn it over, turn it back, examine it from right and left, inside and outside, it fails to present a single redeeming feature in any phase of it from beginning to end."

A better use might be made of this money than to spend it to buy a road for a present to the Grand Trunk Company and the senator who could not wait. We turn again to the great railway authority of the Liberal party for a suggestion on that point. Mr. Blair, speaking only of the \$15,000,000 expenditure for the railway from Quebec to Moncton, says:

"If the government wanted to spend \$15,000,000—and this portion of the road will cost that much—as a set-off to the maritime provinces against the enormous expenditures which are to be made in other provinces, I could suggest ways in which the money could be expended to some advantage to the maritime provinces," directly and indirectly to the whole of Canada. I could have pointed out to my hon. friend that he could have taken a portion of that money and improved one or two of the grades on the Intercolonial Railway, which would have made some difference in the matter of time, and which would have made it somewhat easier than it is now for that railway to carry heavy loads. He could have taken a portion of that money to the harbors of Halifax and St. John and could have equipped those harbors so that they could have handled the traffic coming there for ocean shipment. He would have done some good with the money in that way. He will do no good with it now, except the temporary good that may be done while the money is in the course of expenditure. I say it was the bounden duty of the government, if they were impressed with the idea that \$15,000,000 or any lesser sum should be expended in the maritime provinces, to take account as to how the people would most desire that money to be laid out, and as to the best means to be achieved by the expenditure. We know that in the port of St. John, and perhaps to a less extent in the port of Halifax, though that port the same remark can be applied, the people have expended of their own means, have imposed obligations upon themselves, have contracted debts through their city for the purpose of making those ports suitable for the handling of ocean freights and the transaction of ocean business. They ought not to have been compelled to do it, but they had to do it or go

without the business and the progress they were anticipating or desiring. But the government do not make that proposition; therefore, they fail, it seems to me, in grasping the needs of the situation, and are giving the people something they have not asked for, and something they do not need and do not want, and are denying to them what they could with advantage receive and the improvements which they could make with that money if it were at their disposal."

This suggestion of Mr. Blair's is in line with Mr. Borden's policy, the policy of the liberal conservative party, the policy which Dr. Daniel represents in this campaign. More money five times over will be squandered on the Grand Trunk scheme, which will end in the diversion of more Canadian trade to Portland, than would make the two summer ports and two winter ports free and equip them for all the business that can be brought within the lifetime of this generation. The policy which Mr. McKee represents takes a million out of the St. John people. That for which Dr. Daniel stands will return to them the three quarters of a million that they have paid, and will carry to a splendid conclusion the work that they have begun.

Cathedral Building Fund.

Following is the statement of the Cathedral building fund, for the year 1903 as announced by Rev. Dr. Morrison in the Cathedral on Sunday last:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand from year 1902	\$ 70.54
Private Subscriptions	\$140.50
Sunday Collections	3027.93
Basar and draw	443.17
Bequest	810.49
Collection at Midnight Mass	62.70
Country Parishes	928.79
	1250.38
EXPENDITURE.	\$11,061.71
Expense (Ledger & Receipt book)	\$ 11.75
Printing Plan	46.20
Insurance	490.00
Grading	.57
Interest on Church Debt	847.06
Construction	51.35
Paid on Cathedral Debt	9,700.00
Balance, Cash on hand	4.68
	\$11,061.71

STATEMENT OF DEBT ON CATHEDRAL.

Balance due on Cathedral	\$19,000.00
Jan'y 30, 1903	\$19,000.00
Amount paid during year 1903 as per above statement	9,700.00
Balance still due	\$ 9,900.00

JAMES MORRISON, Treasurer.

Charlottetown, Feb'y 5, 1904.

DIED.

At East Baltic, on Sunday, January 24th, in the 33rd year of her age, Margaret, dearly beloved and only daughter of John and Raife Nicholson. Her last hours were attended by the solemn rites of the Catholic Church, of which she was a devoted member. May her soul rest in peace.

Passed to her eternal reward at the Mother House, Montreal, on Jan 26th, Sister St. Georgina of the congregation of Notre Dame. Deceased was formerly Miss Brothers of Brothers' Road, this Province. R. I. P.

In this city, Feb. 1st, Mrs. Catherine Walsh, relict of the late John Walsh, Lot 49, aged 89. R. I. P.

At Sorris, on the 8th inst., Mary O'Leary, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Stiers, in the 23rd year of her age.

At Falconwood Asylum on the 3rd inst., Paul Ready, aged 30 years. The body was taken to Kensington by train on Saturday, and the interment took place at Indian River on Saturday afternoon. May his soul rest in peace.

Obituary.

At Cab's Head on Feb 2nd, Ronald McDonald aged 83 years. Deceased enjoyed good health until a few months ago and all that medical skill and loving care could do proved of no avail. He devoutly received the last sacraments from the hands of his pastor Rev. R. J. Gillis. The esteem in which he was held was shown by the large number that attended the funeral to St. Peter's on Feb. 4th. He leaves to mourn two sons and four daughters, Rudolph in Gloucester, John at Cab's Head, Mrs. Wilson in New York, Mrs. Mary Beatty, N.B., Mrs. Patrick McCarthy in Sandon, B. C., and Mrs. John D. McDonald on the homestead, besides a large circle of friends. May his soul rest in peace.

GEO. E. HUTCHISON, formerly architect with Chappell Bros. & Co., & J. J. J. who was found guilty of obtaining money by false pretences, has been let off with a thirty days sentence to Sydney jail, a former employer and other prominent persons having asked for the utmost leniency.

OWING to the storm on Monday, there was no crossing at the C.P.R., consequently no foreign mails. Neither was there any crossing by the Steamers between George town and Pictou. Trains on the western branch of the Railway were considerably interfered with and delayed by the storm.

Last Friday night was thought by many citizens to be the coldest yet. But the Meteorologist's reports says that at one o'clock Friday the thermometer registered 5 degrees above zero, at nine Friday night it was four degrees below and during the morning it dropped to 15 below. Saturday morning at one o'clock it had moderated to 13 below. In some Sections of the Province it is reported to have been 21 below.

We had a pleasant visit on Thursday last from our friend, Mr. J. B. McDonald of Hyde Park, N.S., who had crossed to Georgetown by the Mistral on the previous day. Mr. McDonald was accompanied by his son, whom he placed at St. Dunstan's College to complete his classical education. He returned to the mainland on his return homeward, on Friday. Mr. McDonald is a native of this Province and has prospered in the head of his adoption.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The stage between Charlottetown and Los Angeles was held up by fifteen savages on the 5th, and six passengers were massacred.

Twenty-four hundred names have been added to the voters list in the city of Halifax. There are now eleven thousand voters in the city alone.

AMSTERDAM advices of the 5th, say that the entire town in the Island of Java, Dutch East Indies, has been swelled up by a volcanic eruption. One hundred are killed.

His Lordship, Bishop McDonald, assisted by the pastor, Rev. R. B. McDonald, erected the stations of the Cross, in the new Church of St. Mary, Sorris on Sunday last.

The division taken on Wednesday on the Address in reply to the Speech from the Throne in the Ontario Legislature, resulted in the Government being sustained by a straight party majority of three.

After battling with terrific head gales and mountainous seas for fourteen days the steamer Petrean reached Halifax last Wednesday night. When 1,100 miles from the coast during the height of the hurricane her machinery suddenly became deranged, the axle stem valve being fractured. It took the engineers several hours to make temporary repairs and during all the time the ship was wallowing about in the heavy seas.

The concert and basket social held in Morell Hall, on Thursday evening last, was eminently successful. The College Club, Mrs. Fraser and Mr. and Mrs. Hooper furnished the musical and literary parts of the entertainment. A large number of baskets and pies were sold at good prices, and the entertainment throughout was very much enjoyed by all who attended. The "Borden" and "Laurel" baskets were sold twice, bringing good prices. The "Borden" baskets much higher each time than the "Laurel" one. About one hundred dollars were realized.

In Baltimore on Monday last fire burned an area of two miles square. Two lives were lost and the property lost is estimated at \$30,000,000. Firemen from all the neighboring towns assisted in the work of fighting the flames, which originated in the cellar of John E. Hurst & Co. The most important wholesale houses in the city are burned, all the newspapers, railway stations, telegraph offices and stores of molars palatial, fire-proof buildings are destroyed. Every wholesale house of note is burned. The fire spread along the harbor front destroying wharves, lumber yards etc. Fully twenty thousand persons are out of employment. The fire was under control at 2:30 o'clock.

ONE passenger killed instantly, the conductor crushed almost to death nearly two score of passengers and train men injured and five cars smashed to pieces such is the story of the disaster which overtook No. 23, the train of the I. C. R., near Milford station forty miles from Halifax Wednesday morning. It was all over in an incredibly short space of time. In scarcely five seconds the cars jumped the rails, plunged over a fifty foot embankment and lay a hopeless wreck on the brink of the river along side the tracks. Amid the debris of the wreck which is destruction of rolling stock is probably the worst in the history of the Intercolonial, fifty passengers and train men lay imprisoned almost powerless to help themselves. That more fatalities did not result is a marvel to all who viewed the scene of the disaster and the whole sad destruction which was wrought. Conductor Bob Duncan died early Thursday morning and Mrs. Glassey was instantly killed.

OWING to the stormy weather and bad roads on the 3rd inst, there were not as many present as would otherwise have been at the 10th Anniversary of the death of 215. C. M. E. A., Summerside. However, about fifty couples availed themselves of the opportunity of spending an evening of pleasure. Dancing commenced at 8:30 and continued till 12. Luncheon was then served after which dancing was resumed and kept up till 4 a. m. The violin music was furnished by Bro. Alphonse Gaudet. Misses Gaudet, who fully sustained his reputation as one of the best, if not the best, violinists of Prince County. The accompanists were Mrs. Alphonse Gaudet, and Mr. Joseph Gaudet of Summerside, and Mr. J. M. Noonan played for the extra luring intermission. Great credit is due Bro. J. R. Kenna for the efficient manner in which he presided at the various dances of director of dances. The proceedings were brought to a close by singing "God save the King" when all departed to their homes fully convinced that Branch No. 215 was A. 1. for giving their members and friends a good time. COK.

MONDAY'S advices from St. Petersburg had the following:—Although the fear was general on Sunday that the preparation of the Russian note to Japan might be followed by action on the part of the Japanese Government which would plunge the two countries into war, the startling action of Japan in severing diplomatic relations is little short of a declaration of war. It is almost like a blow in the face, under present circumstances, and is resented accordingly by the authorities, who say that this action placed Japan distinctly in the wrong before the world, and moreover after such a piece of impudence as it is denominated here to be easy to make an appeal to the patriotism of the Russian people. The news that at any moment Japan has drawn her sword and the first clash would not be surprising. The events leading to Japan's abrupt action have moved with great rapidity. The Russian note was a ready in the hands of the Russian Minister at Tokio for delivery on Saturday at four o'clock the Japanese Minister presented himself at the residence of the Russian Minister and informed the Russian Minister that his government in view of the delays in connection with the Russian answer and the facility hitherto of negotiations considered it useless to continue diplomatic relations and would take such steps as is deemed proper for the protection of Japanese interests. In obedience thereto instructions were issued for his passport. Exactly what passed is not known, except that Count Lamoroff expressed surprise at the result of the Mikado's government. M. Kurino received his passport, and after consulting with Sir C. C. Sots of the British Embassy returned to his legation, where preparations for his departure had already commenced.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

No steamers crossed yesterday.

VANCOUVER advices say that Japan has secured the C. P. R. Steamers Tarter and Athenian.

Mr. Hyman, member of the House of Commons for London Ontario, has been taken into the Laurier Cabinet without portfolio.

C. P. R. Soo trains met in a head on collision near Renfrew Ont., yesterday and it is reported that fifteen persons were killed.

Mrs. Arthur Pequet, wife of Countable Pequet Quebec was accidentally killed on Sunday while entering a church, the tongue of the church bell falling and hitting her.

The storm of yesterday demoralized the train service somewhat. The train from the far west had a lot of snow fighting, and did not reach here till late in the evening.

The mails from Toronto reached this side yesterday forenoon but, owing to snow blockade, the train was unable to get to Cape Traverse, consequently the mails did not reach here last night.

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Political Meetings.

The undersigned have agreed to meet the electors of West Queen's as follows:—

- Irishtown, Monday, Feb. 1st, 7 p. m.
- Clifton, Tuesday, Feb. 2nd, 7 p. m.
- Granville, Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 7 p. m.
- Hope River, Thursday, Feb. 4th, 7 p. m.
- New Glasgow, Friday, Feb. 5th, 7 p. m.
- Hunter River, Saturday, Feb. 6th, 1:30 p. m.
- Brookfield, Monday, Feb. 8th, 7 p. m.
- Kingston, Wednesday, Feb. 10th, 7 p. m.
- North River, Thursday, Feb. 11th, 7 p. m.
- Afton Hall, Friday, Feb. 12, 7 p. m.
- Milton, Saturday, Feb. 13th, 7 p. m.

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Welcome to 1904

New Year's resolutions are NOW in order. Start right in everything. Start right toward the right Clothing, Hat and Furnishing store. Get yourself into the habit, early in the year, of buying the kind of Clothing, the kind of Hats and the kind of Furnishings that will give absolute, unqualified satisfaction. It pays in every way.

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