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Please don't delay your subscriptions for 1907. We need the money, we have earned it and shall esteem it a great favor if you remit now.

Mr. Roche, occupying one of the stolen seats for Halifax, undertook to speak in the House of Commons the other day, and was received with derisive laughter. By means of legal sharp practice this man has managed to prevent the trial of his election case for three years. Appeals have been allowed from one court to another on the most frivolous grounds. The last appeal was from the court at Halifax to the Supreme Court of Canada. The case was put at the foot of the list of appeals, and was only reached the other day, after Parliament had met. It took the judges only very few minutes to throw out the appeal and order the case back to the Halifax court for trial. But such cases cannot be tried during the session of Parliament; consequently Mr. Roche may enjoy his stolen seat for the fourth session. It is not much wonder he was received with jeers when he rose to speak.

Mr. Pugsley, the recently appointed Minister of Public Works in the Laurier Government, has the reputation of being a most versatile politician, and his conduct since entering the Federal Cabinet shows that in this respect he has not been misrepresented. In public speeches in New Brunswick, when Mr. Borden was on the Pacific coast, Mr. Pugsley spoke loudly about corruption by the Conservatives during the last Dominion election; but he took good care to make no specific charge. He always left the matter as vague as possible. Mr. Borden lost no time after his return in answering Mr. Pugsley. He took the first opportunity, after the opening of the session, to inform the House that he was ready to meet any charges Mr. Pugsley had to make about this matter before a committee of investigation appointed by the House. Mr. Pugsley made no answer in the House; but when he got outside at a public meeting in Ottawa he repeated his vague charges, and further said Parliament could not appoint such a commission as Mr. Borden asked for. The meaning of all this is that the Government, through Mr. Pugsley, will continue to make unfounded vague charges; but the moment a committee of investigation is asked they will refuse to grant it. Such conduct is well worthy of Mr. Pugsley and amply justifies the title of "Slippery William."

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

SESSION OPENED.

MR. FOSTER ASSISTS SIR WILFRID.

TROUBLES OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

UNHAPPY ADMISSION OF MR. PUGSLEY.

Ottawa, Dec. 7, 1907.

The actual work of the Session began this week with the debate on the address. Mr. Borden, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Foster were the chief speakers on the first day. Mr. Borden began by a reference to the indignity offered by the Premier to his 130 followers in the House when he passed them all over to bring Mr. Pugsley and Mr. Graham into the Cabinet from outside. This lesson in philosophy gave Liberal members a sense of their own unworthiness but they still retained the privilege of voting for everything the Government did, whether they liked it or not. In his reply Sir Wilfrid said that all his followers had such confidence in him that they never questioned his judgment under such circumstances. Though this remark was applauded, many members privately dissent from their leader's judgment that they are unfit to hold office. Two of these dissenters who aspired to cabinet positions were not present to applaud. They are provided for in the Senate.

A SERIOUS SITUATION.

The speech from the Throne boasts of the expansion of trade, but Mr. Borden on Monday and Mr. Cocksbutt in his able review of the financial and commercial situation on Tuesday, pointed out that the increase had been mainly on imports, and that last year Canadians had brought from abroad \$128,000,000 more than they exported. In five years this balance had been \$287,000,000 and it is growing larger every year. As Mr. Cocksbutt pointed out, Canada's rich country with vast resources, yet last year the country has imported \$20 per head more goods than the value of exports. The situation has caused great anxiety in financial and banking circles. The president of the Bank of Montreal pointed out at the recent annual meeting that this enormous obligation must be repudiated in some way. But while the banks are becoming cautious and business men are watching their expenditure closely it is shown that the Government is recklessly increasing the outlay in all directions. Mr. Bor-

den showed that the taxation per head in the last five years was double that of the last five under conservative rule. Last year Mr. Fielding took out of the people \$1,322,000 a week which is \$800,000 more than was collected eleven years ago.

FIELDING AGAINST FIELDING.

Mr. Fielding boasts of his surplus. But as editor of the Chronicle when the late government declared a surplus Mr. Fielding wrote: "A surplus of millions at the Capital is just so much money withdrawn from the trade of the country. How long can the Dominion stand the drain?"

CHALLENGE TO MR. PUGSLEY.

As was expected Mr. Borden took the first opportunity to tell Mr. Pugsley to bring forward his charges of Conservative corruption in 1904. Mr. Pugsley has been talking a good deal outside of Parliament and is now brought up to the ring. Mr. Borden had not been many minutes on his feet before he took this matter up and made this emphatic declaration: "I want to tell that Hon. gentleman and to tell the Prime Minister that if any investigation into campaign funds is desired we are ready for it as soon as they choose to institute it."

NOT HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier thinks Mr. Borden's platform more important than the government programme and devoted most of his speech to the plea that the Conservative policy was indefinite. He was careful not to read the text but contented himself with this general criticism. Mr. Foster met it by reading from the platform itself to show that it was a plain business-like statement. For example there was nothing vague about the demand for the "appointment of public officials upon consideration of capacity and personal character and not for party service alone." Mr. Foster said the Premier understood this well, and added:

PLAIN SPEAKING.

Nor could the Premier fail to understand the demand for the punishment of bribery and fraud, prevention of corruption, the prompt trial of election cases. Concerning this Mr. Foster said: "The people of this country are sick at heart. They are disgusted, and the outcome and measure of that disgust is falling on these gentlemen in by-elections, wherever the people can speak their minds with reference to it."

THE MR. COCKSBUTT'S AMENDMENT.

In such language as this the meaning of some parts of Mr. Borden's platform was impressed upon the Premier. The discussion continued all the week, the Opposition forcing the fighting from the start. For the first time in

several years an amendment was proposed to the address in reply. This motion set forth the lack of business prudence, wasteful extravagance and heavy taxation of recent years, referred to the adverse balance of trade and the increased expenditure and closed by informing His Excellency "that the business of the country has not been carried on with that reasonable foresight, care and prudence which have characterized the management of successful business institutions."

MR. FISHER BACKS DOWN.

On Wednesday the discussion was continued by Mr. Clements, of Kent, who dealt severely with the Department of Agriculture. Mr. Fisher has billeted several regiments of inspectors of various kinds upon the country, and provides them with business and annoying and hampering the farmers with obnoxious, unnecessary and stupid regulations. Hog raising is an important interest in Western Ontario and Mr. Fisher recently held a meeting in Chatham where indignant farmers met him and gave him a disagreeable time. Mr. Clements gave a graphic account of these proceedings and of the stupidities which led up to them. The Minister of Agriculture followed Mr. Clements with laborious explanations, but apparently failed to make his case good, for Mr. Clark of Essex, was obliged to go over the ground again in defence of his leader. It finally appeared that Mr. Fisher has been driven to cancel his regulations and give the farmers some relief. If the country would be still better off if he would cancel the appointment of two-thirds of his inspectors. No less 68 new inspectors have been created under one Act passed last year.

EFFECTIVE ORTIOISM.

Dr. Chisholm, of Huron, clearly showed that the French Treaty was no advantage to the farmer. He has gone carefully through the whole list of farm products mentioned in the schedule and finds that the French duty remains prohibitive against Canadian producers. France is an agricultural country and protects her own farmers. Horses sent to France will pay \$30, oxen \$30 to \$40 each, other cattle 2 cents per pound, grain is not reduced. Dr. Barr also discussed the treaty, showing that outside of the concessions made by Canada on liquors, silks and other luxuries it gave little hope of increased trade. He also strongly advocated extension of government ownership. Mr. Lewis, of West Huron, suggested many useful activities in which the government might be employed, which were now neglected, and asked for better protection against railway accidents, exclusion of undesirable immigrants and legislation to preserve our forest wealth for Canadians. A well reasoned and serious address from Mr. Elson of Middlesex supporting among other things improved postal facilities in the country and rural mail delivery closed the debate of Thursday. Mr. Armstrong, of Lambton, who had not finished his speech when the house adjourned for the week, has made a special study of postal questions, in investigation on the free rural delivery system, and presented a strong argument for this accommodation.

HOW MR. PUGSLEY GAVE HIMSELF AWAY.

Mr. Pugsley who spoke at a public meeting in the city, on Thursday, added one contribution to his own record. He stated that shortly before the last election announcement had been made that Mr. Blair was to take the stump against the Laurier government and that he himself had then received a despatch asking him to join Mr. Blair in the campaign. The impression conveyed was that this invitation came from the same source as the Conservative election contribution. In Thursday's debate Mr. Lalor of Haldimand referred to this statement observing that Mr. Pugsley had been a Conservative while the Conservatives were in power, and deserted his leaders the moment they were defeated. It was therefore natural that his intimate friend should call upon him to assist in the political assassination of Sir Wilfrid Laurier whom he had been supporting for eight years. The person sending the invitation thought he knew his man and that if Mr. Pugsley could be persuaded that the Laurier Government was about to be defeated his assistance to that end would be furnished.

MR. PUGSLEY WAS NOT PERUADED.

Mr. Lalor did not say so but it would appear that the writer of the telegram was the same kind of a Conservative as Mr. Pugsley, only a little more willing to take risks. The Minister of Public Works preferred to wait till after the election. If the programme of his correspondent was that Mr. Pugsley should succeed Mr. Emmerson as Minister of Railways in a Conservative Government—which scheme Mr. Borden would have pushed—it has been worked out in another way by Mr. Pugsley succeeding Mr. Emmerson in the Laurier Government.

MR. HYMAN'S PAY WENT ON.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier informed the House that Mr. Hyman gave up control of his department, December 4, 1906. He had offered his resignation at the time of the London exposures in November and it had not been accepted. But he did so more work at Ottawa. In May 1907 he wrote to Sir Wilfrid that he could not take up work again, and on June 12th Sir Wilfrid replied from Milan in Italy accepting the resignation. In July Sir Wilfrid returned and soon afterward handed the resignation to the Governor-General. The new Minister was not appointed until August 29th. Mr. Hyman's salary was paid down to that date, or nine months after he gave up his public duties. Mr. Hyman is believed to be a rich man—but the people of Canada, most of whom are not rich, paid him \$5550 in these nine months. \$25,000 FOR SHEPLEY. But the man who fared best during the last year in the matter of public earnings is Mr. G. W. Shepley who received \$25,000 for his services in the Insurance Commission. He carried on his own private practice during the period, and frequently the proceedings of the Commission were delayed while he appeared in court on other matters. But he gathered in \$22,000 in nine months ending last March, and \$3,000 during part of the previous three months. His associate, Mr. Tilley received \$12,300 in pay, and \$1,100 in living allowance and travelling expenses. The Commissioners received from \$4,290 to \$4,650 each in pay plus about \$1000 each in expenses, one of them earning a salary as a Judge and the others attending to their private business during the year that this inquiry went on. It does not appear that the Commission accomplished much, but it was worked for a political purpose so far as the Government and the managers were able, and the people have paid \$96,000 for the job.

O. P. R. and the All Red Line.

The Star's London correspondent cables: Lord Strathcona and Mr. Sifton both say they are acting on the assumption that the Imperial government is committed to a substantial subsidy to the All Red Project. The questions remaining to be settled with the British ministers are questions of detail. These include the amount and character of the subsidy, and the question whether the British subsidy to the Canadian Pacific Japan steamers is to be brought into the scheme. Another most important question still open is how far Australia and New Zealand are prepared to go in support of the scheme. Australia apparently is the least enthusiastic, she being now committed to the expensive renewal of her steamship contract with the Orient via the Suez canal. New Zealand talks cooperatively, but somewhat indefinitely. The British government may reward proportional subsidies from both colonies as essential. Another knotty question still unsettled is the attitude towards the project of the Canadian Pacific. Discussions here and in Montreal make it quite clear the success of the project as an Imperial whole must largely depend upon the financial and administrative support of the Canadian Pacific; at all events, for several years to come before other new transcontinental lines are completed. This element precludes the first idea of the independent steamship undertaking, with Lord Strathcona and Mr. Sifton at the head. In fact, the Canadian Pacific holds the key to the position and must be consulted, otherwise, the Canadian Pacific will go on its way, picking new and faster steamers on the Atlantic without subsidies and transferring the Atlantic Express boats to the Japan route and the Pacific Express boats to the Australian route.

DIED.

At the residence of her daughter, at Halifax on the 8th inst. Phoebe, relict of the late P. D. Cox, C. E. formerly of this city, aged 83 years. R. I. P. At Hazelbrook on the 4th inst. Mand Hogan aged 20 years. R. I. P. In this city on the 4th inst. James P. Croken, aged 62 years. R. I. P. In this city on the 8th inst. Annie, beloved wife of William Lee, aged 67 years. R. I. P. At Southampton, near Head St. Peter's Bay, on November 29th. Clara McIsaac, relict of the late Hector McIsaac, aged 91 years, leaving three sons and one daughter to cherish the loving memory of an affectionate mother. May her soul rest in peace. At East Point on Nov. 24th. Alfred, son of J. J. Beaton, aged 16 years. R. I. P. In this city on the 7th inst. Mrs. Simon Higgins, aged 77 years. R. I. P.

Obituary.

In our obituary column today will be found notice of the demise of Clara McIsaac, relict of the late Hector McIsaac, of Southampton, near Head St. Peter's Bay. She was the youngest daughter of the late Donald and Catherine McIsaac, of St. Peter's, and was the last survivor of a family of nine, six brothers and three sisters. She was a bright intelligent woman, and was gifted with an excellent memory. Notwithstanding that she lived to the advanced age of 91 years, her faculties, almost up to the very last, were wonderfully keen and alert, and she could converse most interestingly and entertainingly concerning events of long ago. In her early youth she was intimately acquainted with the late Bishop McEachern, as her father's house was one of his stopping places when on the rounds of his missionary labors in that section of the Province, and her mind was a storehouse of information regarding the life and labors of that illustrious prelate. Indeed she was the last person to whom he spoke before he was stricken with paralysis, as she was the "daughter of the family" referred to in Rev. Dr. McMillan's life of Bishop McEachern, who had been serving the breakfast table in her father's house, and was in conversation with the saintly prelate when he was stricken down. That was in 1855, 72 years ago, and she was then 19 years of age. Her husband predeceased her six or six years, and her family of three sons and one daughter survive her. Two of the sons, James and Hilary, reside in Gloucester, Mass.; her daughter Catherine is the wife of Clement Steele at Southampton, and her eldest son Patrick lived with her on the old homestead. In her final illness she devoutly received the last Sacraments and passed from this world fortified by the rites of our holy religion. Her funeral to St. Peter's took place on Sunday, Dec. 8th, and was largely attended. The funeral services were performed by Rev. K. J. McPherson, of St. Margaret's, after which her mortal remains were laid to rest beside her late husband in the adjoining cemetery. To her children and numerous acquaintances she leaves the memory of an exemplary Christian woman, an affectionate mother and a true friend. R. I. P.

A Mayor Arrested.

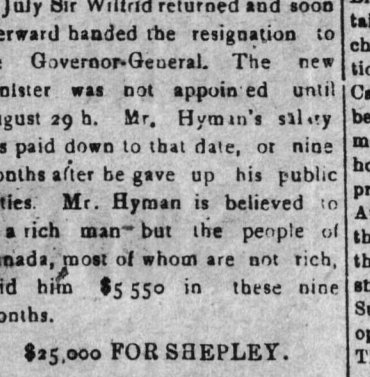
Mayor D. M. Burchell of Glace Bay, C. B., was arrested last Wednesday night on some rather unusual circumstances and taken immediately to Sydney, where he appeared before Magistrate A. C. McLean charged with the embezzlement of \$421.72, being one count of eighteen preferred against him aggregating an amount of \$8,000. The information was laid by J. L. Ross of the Dominion Coal Company. Bonds were furnished to the amount of \$30,000 in equal shares of \$10,000 each by J. A. McLean, Henry MacDonald and the accused. Mr. Burchell was then immediately released on bail. The mayor at the time of his arrest was proceeding to a banquet given by the Coal Company some months ago simultaneously with reports that the stores department of the company were in bad shape. Since that time the deceits have been employed, it is said in foresting the matter out. This work culminated with the arrest of the chief magistrate of the town.

A break in a water main.

A break in a water main, at St. John's B., created a water pump there on Monday last. In the upper portion of the city many people had no water to cook their breakfast; boilers were collapsing everywhere, factories were at a standstill and street cars were stopped. Repairs were made by Monday night, and there was a full supply of water on Tuesday.

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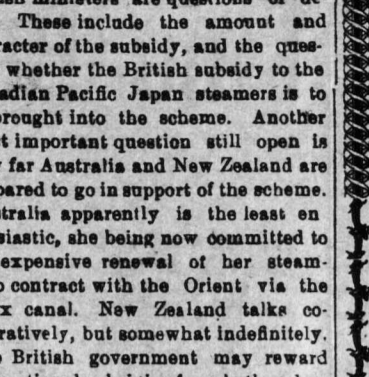
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