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The Liberal-Conservative conference to be held in this city on the 30th inst., notice of which appears in this issue should be largely attended. This is a most opportune time for consolidating the ranks of our party and perfecting the work of organization. We know not when our friends, the enemy, may sound the tocsin of battle and it behooves us to be prepared. Even should no elections be brought on before the general call to arms by efflux of time, the period is none too long for the purpose of organization. We should not allow the enemy to catch us napping, but should have our armor on and be up and doing. To make a proper start in the work of organization the coming conference should be largely attended, and all questions tending towards improvement in organization should be thoroughly threshed out. Let every electoral district then see to it that it sends a good representation to the conference on the 30th. Let the work of this conference be characterized by thoroughness and enthusiasm.

In the trial at St John, N. B. of Goodspeed as an accessory in the Doherty murder, of which Higgins was found guilty, the jury disagreed. Goodspeed was not tried the second time on this indictment, but was put on trial for several burglaries committed after the murder, the commission of which he confessed. For this crime he was sentenced to three years and three months in the Reformatory. It is said this institution is so loosely managed that there is no difficulty for those detained there to make their escape whenever they feel inclined. This is the last act in the Doherty murder which shocked the community a few months ago. Higgins, found guilty of murder and sentenced to be hanged, had his sentence commuted and laughingly proceeded to the Penitentiary, and now his companion in crime is simply asked to spend as much of his brief sentence as he may feel disposed to at a so called reformatory. No doubt Higgins expects to gain his liberty in a few years and then these two hardened youthful criminals will be free to enter anew on a career of crime and depravity.

In the House of Representatives, Washington, on the 14th, the bill reported from the ways and means committee providing for a rebate on the duties on foreign coal for one year, passed by a practically unanimous vote. Only five members voted against it. They were all Republicans and represented coal States. The Senate passed the bill by unanimous vote, without debate a few minutes after it was brought in from the House of Representatives. This shows how quickly our United States friends can legislate when a matter of vital self interest comes before them. Those who opposed the bill expressed their doubts as to whether or not it would relieve the situation, and right on the heels of its passage comes the intelligence from Boston that some local politicians denounce the move as meaning practically a free gift by the United States Government of 67 cents a ton to Canadian producers, in addition to whatever profits they now receive on coal shipments to the New England States. It is claimed that the retail price of Cape Breton coal will remain unchanged in Boston despite the tariff rebate, and it is figured out that the Dominion Coal Company will save about \$10,000 on its contracts with the New England Gas and Coke Co., alone, as a result of the rebate of fifteen cents a ton duty. In any case the Washington legislation has directed renewed interest towards the Dominion Coal Company as a possible source of supply for the New England States.

The matter of despatching and receiving the foreign mails, so far as the train service is concerned, continues in the same uncertain and unsatisfactory condition. The mail that reached Georgetown on Thursday, the first foreign mail for almost a week, came near remaining there till the following day. A number of commercial travellers, who had arrived on the Minto, hired a special train to bring them to Charlottetown. It was desired here that a car for the mails should be attached to this train;

but the Superintendent of the road would not consent to this unless the money necessary to cover the cost of such car should be provided. Mr Farquharson, M. P., then came down with the necessary cash, some \$16, and the mails were allowed to come. On Friday evening a special also brought in the mails. This time Mr McKinnon, M. P., is said to have furnished the necessary cash. Another special brought the mails on Saturday, arriving here about 9 o'clock. It is not generally known who put up the cash for this train. The Minto crossed to Picton on Monday but did not return till yesterday afternoon; consequently the price of a special train for Monday evening was saved to some friend of the Government. Fortunately for the Government and the public a special train had gone from Charlottetown to Georgetown yesterday conveying a number of people to attend the funeral of the late James Easton. This train was utilized on its return to convey the two days' mail to the city. This was quite a scoop for the Government. This is the manner of subterfuges taken advantage of by the great Grit Government and its friends to smuggle the mails into Charlottetown. Yet we are told this is the growing time and that the Dominion treasury is filled to overflowing. The latest report from Ottawa, in reply to a message from the two influential members, Farquharson and McKinnon, is that Mr Armstrong an official of the Postal Department is coming down to look into the matter. Mr Stumbles a marine official was down for a couple of weeks looking into the matter; but little good seems to have resulted from his visit. By the time Armstrong makes a thorough study of the situation winter navigation may perhaps be at an end, and no special arrangements will be needed. Is that the intention? So far the fact has been admirably conducted.

A large meeting of the citizens of Georgetown and vicinity, for the purpose of organizing a Board of Trade for Southern King's Co., was held at Georgetown on Tuesday evening of last week. A. J. McDonald, Esq., M. L. A., president and J. A. Mathieson, Esq., M. L. A., acted as Secretary. Among those present was Mr Horace Hazzard of Charlottetown, who outlined the mode of procedure in organizing. After speeches by several others of those present, it was decided to meet at Montague on Saturday the 17th, when the officers, except the Secretary, and Board of Directors would be elected. Mr Mathieson was then duly elected Secretary, and the following gentlemen were nominated as directors, the final election to take place at the Montague meeting: Messrs A P Prowse, Geo A Poole, J G Scrimgeour, J F Norton, W W Jenkins, Jas E McDonald, Arch J McDonald, H W McDonald, F G Boyver. The adjourned meeting at Montague Bridge on Saturday evening was largely attended. Senator Robertson occupied the chair. The minutes of the Georgetown meeting were read by the Secretary, Mr Mathieson, who also fully explained the requirements for membership. The membership roll was then opened and increased to sixty-two. Mr W Leith Poole, of the firm of Poole & Thompson, Montague, was unanimously elected President, and Mr W W Jenkins, Georgetown, was without opposition elected Vice President. The following Board of Directors were then balloted for: Messrs Archibald J Macdonald and Harold W Macdonald, Georgetown; Jas E Macdonald and Jas F Norton, Cardigan; Nathaniel McLaren and Jas H McQuaid, Montague; George Poole, Lower Montague; and A P Prowse, Murray Harbor South. After the President and Vice-President had been duly installed in office the following Board of Arbitrators were moved and elected: Messrs A C Macdonald, Montague; D C Morson, Cardigan; Jas Aitken, Montague; George S Inman, Montague; John G Scrimgeour, Cardigan; Temple Macdonald, Georgetown; Hon Daniel Gordon, Georgetown; Daniel McGreggor, Montague; D J McLean, Montague; A P Prowse, M H South; F G Boyver, Georgetown, Horatio Nelson, Montague. Other committees were then appointed and the 'South King's Board of Trade' was in complete working order. At the Georgetown meeting Hon D Gordon, made a stirring speech. He congratulated the people of King's on the departure they had taken. He considered it a step in the right direction, and thought it should have been taken twenty years ago. We congratulate the young and vigorous Board of Trade of 'South King's,' and anticipate good results from its operations.

The Charlottetown Hospital. The great work done by the Charlottetown Hospital, within this disease, entitles it to the good will and generosity of all well disposed citizens. The attendance at the hospital of late has been so large as to overtax the capacity of the institution. The accommodations have now become wholly inadequate to the demands made upon them, and no alternative is left but to erect an addition to the building. We may therefore expect to see a new wing to the hospital in course of erection during the coming summer. This as well as the ordinary running of the institution requires no small amount of money. Many of the patients treated there are unable to pay, but none are refused on that account. As the hospital has no endowment or State aid, the good Sisters in charge are obliged to depend largely upon the contributions of the general body of the community to make ends meet. Certainly no more deserving object could be recommended to the liberality of those who have to spare of this world's goods. To help along the noble work of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart have decided to form a Ladies' Aid Society. With that end in view a meeting was held in the parlors of the hospital on Monday evening. Notwithstanding the

very cold weather there was a good attendance, and the Society was instituted, the following becoming members: Mrs. (Judge) Reddin, President, Mrs. McIntyre, Mrs. Conroy, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Kelly, Mrs. D. Ryan, Mrs. A. McDonald, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. P. Brown, Mrs. McCormack, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hewitt, Mrs. Easton, Miss Caven, Mrs. Maddigan, and Miss Tina Sullivan, Secretary. Another meeting will be held in the same place at 3.30 Sunday afternoon, when a large attendance is anticipated.

The Winter Steamers.

The Stanley is still hard and fast in the ice off Sea Cow Head, about eight miles from Summerside. She is well into the board ice and thus in a position to communicate with the shore. On Wednesday forenoon the Captain signalled for teams and the mails and passengers were sent ashore. Since that date she has scarcely changed her position and is not very likely to until there is a shift of wind. Meantime the Minto is making trips between Georgetown and Picton. The mails were sent to the Minto by the regular afternoon train on Tuesday, and each afternoon since then. Wednesday was the first day on which the mails were taken from Georgetown to Picton, and the first mail to leave the Island from the previous Friday, and no foreign mail had reached the Island since Saturday the 10th. It was therefore quite natural that a mail should be expected Wednesday evening. This, however, was not the case. A cause of further delay presented itself at this juncture. The Captain of the Minto received orders on Tuesday to proceed to the light house on Amel Island off the coast of Picton County, from which signals of distress had been flying for a couple of days. He started Tuesday afternoon from Picton; but was unable to get beyond Cape John, seven miles from the Light house. He then found it would be impossible to reach the place before dark; consequently he started for Georgetown intending to proceed to the scene of the trouble Wednesday morning. In view of this undertaking the Minto left Georgetown at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning and proceeded directly to Amel Island. In consequence of the heavy ice the steamer was unable to get nearer than three or four miles of the Island. A boat and crew, in charge of Captain McPherson, first officer, were despatched with provisions to the Light house. They found there the keeper, his wife and two month old child. The woman and child were very sick. They left what provisions they had and returned to the steamer, which left at once for Picton. The case was reported and medical aid was sent to the sufferers. It was too late to return to Georgetown that evening, and as the steamer was unable to get nearer than three or four miles of the Island, it was necessary to be anchored on that day. The Minto arrived at Georgetown about 10 o'clock on Thursday forenoon bringing a large mail, the first from the mainland since the previous Saturday. It was brought to Charlottetown by a special train reaching here about 2 o'clock. A mail was also received on Friday and on Saturday. On Monday the Minto left Georgetown at the usual time, but did not reach Picton until late in the afternoon; consequently she did not return to Georgetown till yesterday. She encountered heavy ice in the vicinity of Picton Island and did not reach Georgetown till about six o'clock, Sunday morning. The mail reached here by special train about 10 o'clock last night.

Souris Board of Trade.

At the close of the meeting of the Souris Board of Trade, held on Monday night of last week, the following resolution was unanimously passed: Whereas, a meeting of this Board was held on the 13th of February last for the purpose of procuring better train service for Souris and vicinity, Superintendent Sharp being present by invitation: "And whereas, the said Superintendent stated that as the winter time had then been in force for some time, it would be very difficult and expensive to make any change at that time, but that if the matter was left with him he would try to make the time table for this year and make it more satisfactory to the people of King's County (but this Board regrets to learn that no improvement whatever has been made in this matter);

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Ottawa Weekly Letter.

CENSURE WHERE CENSURE IS DUE. From the great grain centres of the West comes the oft repeated cry for better transportation facilities, and the concrete suggestion of shipment to the coast. The Canadian Pacific Railway has been blamed for its failure to supply services equal to the demands, although the officials of that great carrier have proved beyond question that they have not the means to provide such a service. The object of the criticism can only be explained as a most deliberate attempt to direct censure from the real culprit, to those who are most prominent in the public eye.

Transportation is, next to the tariff, the most serious problem before the Canadian public to day. It is moreover the most neglected of all national issues. Session after session since 1896, the Liberal cabinet have been asked to devote their energies to its solution, but apart from the attention it may have received at the hands of Hon. J. Laurier, it has played the part of a forlorn orphan. In no single act of the Liberal party has intelligence been displayed in its treatment. And if any blame is to be attached to the persons responsible for delay in finding a solution, it is not the Liberal cabinet, but the Liberal party. It must be laid at the threshold of the government.

Parliament has proved its willingness to consider the problem of relief. Year after year millions of dollars have been voted for public works, and the Liberal fighting of our harbors and rivers. Yet there has been no definite policy of expenditure evolved, under which the best and most lasting results might be achieved. Commencing with the abandonment of the contract for a fast line service in 1896, the Liberal party has shown a decided lack of appreciation of our needs. Only last summer, another got an opportunity to make amends for that sin without success. It is not until now that the Imperial government takes the initiative in this matter. It is not until now that the goal for some time to come is nearer. In the St. Lawrence, where millions have been spent in widening and deepening channels, steamers strike the same rocks and shoals every summer, without more from the government than the promise of a pilot, and a protest against the high rates of insurance directed against our shipping by Lloyd's.

THIS EXPLAINS PART OF IT. Apropos of the alleged sniping on the Intercolonial Railway, we might recall an incident that occurred last session in the public accounts committee of the House of Commons. The opposition wished to make some inquiries as to certain expenditures subsequent to January, 1901, but they were refused permission to proceed. Then a motion was proposed that the committee be allowed to investigate the proposed expenditure along the lines suggested was made in the house. Sir Wilfrid Laurier strongly opposed it. He said that the "national ground" that no notice of a motion had been given, insisted upon having the question shelved. It was during this inquiry that Hon. W. S. Fielding distinguished himself by advising witnesses not to answer questions put to them. The circumstances are of such an extraordinary character, as to render the genuineness of Mr Blair's outcry of great doubt. If it is not arbitrary in 1903, the information may yet be secured. If parliamentary freedom has been granted the public accounts committee, Mr Blair's surplus might never have been afforded an opportunity of being announced.

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Subscriptions for 1902 and previous years are now overdue; and subscriptions for 1903, are now payable. Our friends will please bear these facts in mind.

DIED.

At New Anson, on the 25th ult., after an illness of five weeks, Miss Mary McKinnon, aged 81 years. At Nantua, Mass., on the 27th, after a brief illness, Mrs. Gillis in the 81st year of her age, the late John Gillis. The deceased was highly and deservedly esteemed by all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance. Her remains were taken to Tignish for interment and laid to rest beside those of her late husband. At Ashmont, Boston, on Friday the 16th, Mrs. Traitor, wife of Patrick Traitor of Charlottetown. The remains will be brought to the Island for interment. At Goose River on the 16th, ult., Katie daughter of Gaspard and Mary Ann McKinnon aged 16 years. May her soul rest in peace.

FAMINE IN SWEDEN.

Telegrams from Stockholm, Sweden the 16th, to London, confirm the distressing accounts of famine in northern Sweden. Seventy thousand persons are affected in that portion of country which extends from the sixtieth to the sixtieth degree of North Latitude, and from the Gulf and Russian border to the Gulf and Norwegian border. The starving people are eating pine bark, which is dried and ground to powder, mixed with a kind of fatless moss, and made into a kind of fatless bread. Coincident with failure of the crops, is an extreme scarcity of fish. Fishermen have returned from their expeditions with empty hands. Even the grouse in the northern regions which used to be found in the stricken districts have about disappeared.

KILLED BY EXPLOSION. Three distinct explosions occurred in the gun cotton room of the building of the Hamilton Powder Company, at North Field, about three and a half miles from New Brunswick, N. S., on the 15th, which killed twelve and injured every other employe in the establishment. Many windows in Nanaimo were broken by the force of the explosion, three only of the dead were white men. The others also injured were Chinese.

ANOTHER SENATOR DEAD.

Senator McAllum Liberal Conservative died at Dunnville, Ont., on the 14th. Hon. Lochlan MacCallum was born in the Island of Three, Argyleshire Scotland, in 1823 and came to Canada in 1842. He was a prominent contractor, shipbuilder and ship owner. He was captain of the Dunville Naval Co., which force he commanded at Fort Erie in the Fenian Raid in June 1866. He sat in the House of Commons from the general election in 1872 when he was defeated. From 1871-72 he was a member of the Ontario Legislative Assembly. He was re-elected to the House of Commons at the general election of 1874, unseated May 12th, and re-elected June 2nd, 1875, and sat until 1887 when he was called to the Senate on February 4th of that year.

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This is to certify that the Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, carrying on business under the style and firm of "Hughes & McFarlane" has on this fourteenth day of January A. D. 1903 been dissolved by mutual consent. Dated this 14th day of January A. D. 1903. J. J. HUGHES, GEORGE E. MCFARLANE, Signed in the presence of A. L. FRASER.

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