

LAURIER GIVEN A BIG RECEPTION AT OTTAWA.

Arrangements Being Made for the Seating of Members in the House of Commons --Warning to Fruit Packers.

OTTAWA, Nov. 6.—Lt. Col. Smith, sergeant at arms, is in the city and will spend a week or ten days in the capital. He has already commenced the by no means easy task of arranging the seating plan of members of the next house. The sergeant prepares the first draft according to a well established precedent, and then it goes before the leaders of his own supporters, and the leader of the opposition in like manner deciding the order of the seating of his followers. Naturally party considerations have precedence, and then it is a case of seniority of service. The men who have been longest in parliament are clustered around the ministry or the leader of the opposition, and then it goes to the members who have been in parliament for three or more terms, take precedence over all their juniors, while a member entering on his second parliament has the call over new men. Sometimes an exchange is allowed by mutual arrangement, but as a rule the new members have to be satisfied with places allotted to them. Many have already telegraphed for good seats. Curiously enough, Col. Smith hit the mark pretty closely regarding the number of new members who will sit in next parliament. His calculation was that there would be 100, but he had not sat in the last parliament, and up to the present time the returns show that the number is 88.

Owing to the great preponderance of liberals in the commons a large colony of ministerial supporters will have to be accommodated with seats to the left of Mr. Speaker.

The fruit division of the department of agriculture has issued a warning that the standard for No. 1 apples is absolute and does not vary with the crop. The view of some packers that the best apples in an orchard may be marked XXX, when they are really only XX, is erroneous.

Final returns from Pontiac give Brabson, conservative, a majority of 160. This makes the eleventh oppo-

sition seat from Quebec in the new house.

Local liberals gave the prime minister a very nice reception on his arrival in the city last evening. Six bands had been engaged, and these with 70 carriages and 8 automobiles made quite a stir on the principal streets. Hon. R. W. Scott, the central figure in a group assembled on the platform to welcome Sir Wilfrid. Others present included two members elect, Messrs. Belouart and Stewart, and Hon. Frank Letchford and the members of the liberal executive. It was a proud moment for Stewart, because the last thing Sir Wilfrid did before leaving on his Ontario tour was to send for the new member elect and suggest that he should vacate the field for Hon. H. B. Bromson. Stewart had the temerity to disagree with his leader and to declare that of the two he was the stronger man. Hence he did not propose to retire for Mr. Bromson or anyone else. Subsequent events have shown that Stewart was correct.

When Sir Wilfrid alighted from his private car here there was cheering from the assembled multitude. The liberal executive presented Lady Laurier with a beautiful bouquet of roses and W. Y. Sypher a bunch of chrysanthemums. These the procession was formed. Chief of Police Powell, Lt. Col. Brown and Lt. Col. Herdman, all mounted, acted as marshals. Sir Wilfrid was frequently cheered as his carriage passed along the streets. These he acknowledged by waving his hand. The prime minister is suffering from a cold and therefore did not remove his hat. A great crowd had assembled near Sir Wilfrid's residence, and when the first minister alighted he was again received with great cheering. Standing on the steps of his dwelling Sir Wilfrid said "I thank you, my friends," bowed his thanks and retired, while in fairly good health it was evident that the first minister is greatly fatigued as a result of the arduous campaign.

CENTENARY ANNIVERSARY Sixty Fifth Birthday Celebrated Yesterday—Collections Amounting to \$1,600.

The anniversary services in connection with the celebration of the 65th year of the founding of Centenary Methodist church were begun Sunday morning. Dr. Potts of Toronto was the speaker at both morning and evening services, and his eloquent discourses on both occasions were attentively followed by large congregations.

The contributions to meet the extra expenditure in connection with new heating apparatus have been exceptionally good, and are very gratifying to the stewards of the church. Two furnaces have been installed to take the place of the old one and the heating area doubled. The system with the necessary piping, carpenter and mason work, cost \$2,000, and it is to meet this expense that efforts are being put forth during the anniversary week. Already this large sum is within practical realization. The silver collection at yesterday's service amounted to \$174. The Sunday school on the occasion of its annual exercises in the afternoon contributed \$135 towards the same fund. In addition to these sums over \$1,300 has been pledged by members of the congregation, so that in all probability the full amount will be realized before the close of the anniversary week.

Progress is being made in the reduction of Centenary's large debt. In October, 1913, it stood at \$24,550; today it is \$24,000. Extensive repairs have also been met and in addition a balance of \$700 has been carried over to this year. An abstract of the church work for the past church year is as follows:

Membership	380
Number published last year	372
Increase	8
Baptisms	12
Marriages solemnized	11
Burials attended	18
Constitutional Funds (total)	\$2,980.65
Circuit purpose (total)	8,827.00
Ministerial support (total)	1,313.00
Grad total raised for all purposes	\$12,312.65

The Sunday school exercises were particularly interesting this year. Addresses were given by the officers, a vocal solo by Ernest W. Appley and a violin selection by Morton L. Harrison. The class contributions were taken up and amounted to the unprecedentedly large sum of \$135.

On Tuesday evening an interesting event will take place at the congregational reunion. A large picture, showing in the centre pictures of old and new Centenary, and grouped around the different pastors during its sixty-five years of organization, will be unveiled. The picture is almost four feet by five and shows excellent views of the two structures. The picture is a gift of a member of the church.

The late Dr. Watson Wood preached at an open air service held on the floor of the centre picture of old and new Centenary, and a little more than a year later the building was dedicated. It was several times enlarged and renovated, but finally succumbed to the great fire of 1877. The present church was dedicated Au-

gust 26th, 1882, so that it is now over twenty-two years old.

The number of men who have been associated with the pastorate of Centenary is 25; the first minister was Rev. Frederick Smallwood. The present occupant is Rev. Geo. M. Campbell, who is now entering upon the fourth year of his work in this large parish.

Tonight Dr. Potts will deliver a lecture on his trip to Jerusalem; and on Wednesday he will be heard once again in the pulpit.

ATTEMPTED HOLD UP. Train Crew in the States Tell a Rather Peculiar Story.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 6.—According to the crew of the Philadelphia & New York express train on the Pennsylvania railroad which left Washington at 6:30 tonight, two unsuccessful attempts were made to hold up the train at Havre de Grace and Perryville, in Maryland, by two men, one of whom was a negro. The messenger, it is believed the men boarded the train at Baltimore. Just as the train approached the long bridge at Havre de Grace, the express messenger, Herbert Carey, saw a white man trying at the front door of the express car with an iron bar and a moment later the man thrust a revolver through the crevice which the bar had made. He ordered the messenger to get him in, but the messenger replied by firing his revolver and pulled the signal cord for the engineer to stop.

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A DROP IN WHISKEY.

PEORIA, Ill., Nov. 5.—The announcement today that the ruling price of whiskey had dropped from \$1.24 to \$1.23, making a fall by successive stages of five cents in about two months, created a sensation in the ranks of the independent dealers. The independents say they are convinced that the trust has begun a war of extermination. Well-informed whiskey men are of the opinion that the price may go still lower. All the local houses are running at full capacity.

FOSTER WILL BE GUEST OF CANADIAN CLUB.

BOSTON, Nov. 5.—The Boston Canadian Club officials announce that Hon. George E. Foster will be the club's guest at the annual dinner this year. The event is to be held at Hotel Vendome, Nov. 28.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Nov. 3.—Sch Georgia, 231, Longmead, from Gloucester, J. W. Smith, bal.

Nov. 4.—Sch Wm Marshall (Am), 250, Williams, from Rockport, Peter McIntyre, oakum.

Sch I and R Tarbox, 29, Johnston, from Eastport, J. W. Smith, bal.

Sch Chieftain, 71, Duffin, from Alma to Eastport, for Hagartha.

Coastwise—Sch Thelma, 48, Apt, from Shelburne; Silver Clouf, 45, Post, from Digby; Roif, 54, Rouf, from Windsor; Rita, 16, McAfee, from fishing, and Sidi, from Minas Blanche, 30, Crocker, from Eftsport; Clara J. Bremner, 37, Phinney, from Campbell; Annie Laura, 11, Rafter, from Beaver Harbor.

Nov. 5.—Sch Sallie E Ludlam (Am), 129, Petersen, D. J. Purdy, bal.

Sch Harry Knowlton (Am), 27, Harey, J. A. Gregory, bal.

Coastwise—Sch Nelson A, 72, Titus, from fishing; Beale C, 72, Cameron, from St. Stephen; H. B. Starratt, from River Hebert; Curlew, 63, Denton, from fishing; Emma S Storey, 40, Gough, from Grand Harbor; Jennie L, 21, Lord, from Lord's Cove; barge No. 5, 443, Warnock, from St. Andrews, and Montreal for Liverpool.

Sailed.

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FOREIGN PORTS.

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DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived.

HALIFAX, NS, Nov 3—Ard, strs Iritas, from Jamaica; Rosalind, from New York; sch Natalie B Nickerson, from North Sydney (and cleared for fishing).

At Montreal, Nov 2, str Mount Royal, from Liverpool.

HALIFAX, NS, Nov 6—Ard 5th, str Ivanhoe, from St. John, NB, cleared for Bahamas Islands; 6th, str Stanley, from St John via ports; Halifax, from Boston.

At Hillsboro, Nov 4, schs Islanda, Fitzpatrick, from New York.

At Quebec, Nov 5, str Lake Erie, Carey, from Liverpool.

Cleared.

At Hillsboro, Nov 4, sch Luther T Garretson, Haskell, for Newburg.

At Montreal, Nov 4, strs Devona, Murray, for London; Mexican, Slater, for Liverpool.

At Quebec, Nov 2, str Manchester Commerce, for Montreal.

Sailed.

Sid, str Unique, Haroldsen, for Bermuda and Havana.

From Lousibury, Nov 3, str Cunaxa, from St John for Cardiff and Barry.

From Port Hawkebury, C. B. Oct 23, sch Rothsay, Phipps (from Newcastle, NB), for New York.

Sid, str Rosalind, Clark, for St John, NB.

Sid 6th, str Gulf of Anecd, Foxworthy, for London.

From Shelburne, Nov 4, ship Montgomerie, Harquail, for Melbourne, Australia.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

GREENOCK, Nov 3—Ard, str Alcides, from St John, NB, via Liverpool.

DUBLIN, Nov 2—Ard, str Concordia, from Chatham, NB.

BRISTOL, Nov 3—Ard, str Montcalm, from Montreal and Quebec via Liverpool.

SCILLY, Nov 3—Passed, str London City, from St John, NB, and Halifax for Havre and London.

At Bermuda, Nov 3, str Orinoco, Bale, from St John and Halifax, bound south.

At Barbados, Oct 22, sch Corina, from Shelburne; 23rd, barks Plymouth, Fielden, from Buenos

Ayres; Wilkie, from Port de Herbert, N. B.

GLASGOW, Nov 3—Ard, str Cathaglinian, from Philadelphia via St John, NB.

QUEENSTOWN, Nov 4—Ard, str Celtic, from New York for Liverpool.

SCILLY, Nov 4—Passed, str Iona, from Montreal for London.

LIVERPOOL, Nov 4—Ard, str Milwauke, from Montreal and Quebec.

QUEENSBOROUGH, Nov 5—Ard, str Norfolk, from Chlooutim.

GEBALTAR, Oct 29—Ard, sch KATE, from St John, NB, etc; 31st, C B Spooner, from Harbor Grace, etc.

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Sailed.

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NEW HAVEN, Conn, Nov 3—Sid, sch Donzella, for Nova Scotia.

At Kobe, Oct 29, bark Howard D Troop, Corning, for New York.

From Santa Cruz, Panamiffa, Oct 21, sch Annie M Parker (of St John), for Jacksonville and Bermuda.

From Singapore, Nov 4, str Eretria, Mulcahy, for Port Said.

NEW YORK, Nov 5—Sid, str Thrift, for Tilt Cove.

Sid, strs Halifax, for Halifax, NS; Mystic, for Lousibury, CB.

CALAIS, Me, Nov 6—Sid, sch Alma, for New York.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Nov 6—Sid, sch Abbie Keast, from New York for St John.

From Montevideo, Oct 25, bark Lake-side, Fancy, for New York.

BERMUDA, Nov 2.—Bark Sunny South, McDonald, from Pensacola, Fla, Sept 27 for Sekondi, was abandoned waterlogged Nov 1, in lat 30, lon 64. The captain, his wife and two children and the crew were taken off by steamer Beta, from Jamaica, for Halifax. The Sunny South was a bark of 469 tons, built at Bear River, N. S., in 1892, and was owned by H D Troop and J. H. D. Troop.

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