

## EVENTS.

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## THE NEXT PREMIER.

A Northumberland politician had this to say with respect to provincial politics: "Has Onlooker" entered into an alliance with Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley? His writings lately seem to be with a view of turning public attention away from both the premier and the Attorney General and thereby saving them much criticism. There is little or nothing in the talk that Speaker Robinson is likely to be the next Premier of the province and that the change in his favor is likely to come soon. Unless Premier Tweedie becomes a member of the Supreme Court bench of New Brunswick, he will unquestionably lead the provincial government party in the next campaign. He has been a long time in politics, however, and if he can get a supreme court position without interfering with Hon. A. S. White's aspirations he will consider the present an opportune time for 'disappearing.' If Chief Justice Tuck retired from the bench and everybody feels that he might do so with credit to himself and in the public interest—and if Mr. Justice Landry should be called to the supreme court of Canada, there would be room for both Premier Tweedie and Mr. White on the Supreme Court bench of this province. After the conference at Ottawa with respect to better terms, or increased subsidies for the provinces, Premier Tweedie is likely to make an official declaration with respect to his own future and the date of the provincial general elections. Should Mr. Tweedie accept a judgeship, the next premier will not be Mr. Speaker Robinson, but Mr. Pugsley, Attorney General. Mr. Pugsley has faithfully served under a number of premiers and while he will be true to Tweedie as long as the latter wants to remain at the head of the government, once the present premier relinquishes office, Mr. Pugsley will take his natural place at the head of government party in this province. Once that happens federal politics will be introduced so sharply into provincial affairs that many prominent Liberals who are opposed to the provincial government as at present constituted will be forced into the support of the new provincial government led by Mr. Pugsley—just the same as prominent Conservatives were forced to withdraw their support from the provincial government, after the convention of Conservatives at Moncton had declared in favor of running provincial politics on Dominion lines. Even though Mr. Tweedie should remain at the head of the government you can count on some such programme, although for its successful carrying out Mr. Pugsley would be the stronger premier, because in his county he has been nominated at least on two occasions by the Liberal party. If the local government should go to the country on its own record, it would be beaten to a standstill. Its leaders know that an attempt will be made to make every Liberal in the provincial believe that the future of the Liberal party in New Brunswick is bound up in the success of the provincial government on its next appeal to the people."

## A GREAT "FEAT"

Considerable trumpeting has followed the German announcement that a fleet of German torpedo-destroyers recently "made a successful dash to the English coast, which they reached without detection." Many journals appear to regard the news as significant and important. One gravely asserts that the tidings will "cause great excitement in the war offices of Europe, for the feat menaces that control of the English channel which has been England's great strength for generations."

A more absurd exaggeration would not be easily conceived. In the first place British waters were not guarded, in the sense that no attempt was made to prevent or even to note the approach of any vessel of any nation which might care to practice a "feat" of the kind described. Britain being at peace to the world the powerful

agencies ready to guard the sea approaches were inactive. Destroyers and torpedo boats are small vessels of great engine power. Painted black, low-lying, running without light and steaming at railway speed they are well-nigh invisible at night except when exposed by the search lights of war craft or shore batteries.

Kipling's line about "striped hulls sinking through the gloom" conveys a hint of the information, common to naval men, that torpedo boats do not advertise their presence. In a word, there was no reason why, in the time of peace, the German torpedo boats might not have reconnoitred the British coast very thoroughly.

The "feat" is in no sense important or significant. Had there been reason to expect German naval activity in the direction of England the German boats would have been detected, in all probability. Unsupported they would be of little avail against warships expecting attack. But—what is still more important—Germany could not send with them a fleet heady enough to break through the British channel guard. German warships protecting a fleet of German transports carrying German troops to land on the English coast would be positive proof that the Kaiser had gone mad and that his subjects were ignorant enough not to notice it. As a trial of the torpedo boats, to test their seaworthiness and capacity for sustained steaming in company at high speed, the much-heralded German adventure may be of interest when the results are analyzed. As bearing upon German sea power and its menace to Britain the "feat" is merely food for Punch.—Telegraph.

That sixty thousand people should trample on each other in a mad rush to see the daughter of President Roosevelt is a fact which will cause a ripple of amusement in democratic countries, where queens and princesses are able to go about without causing undue excitement.

The band gave a very pleasing open air concert last evening, and though jostled by the surrounding crowd, they managed to play quite a lengthy program. A band stand

would obviate this crowding nuisance—the people standing at a distance would be able to hear better, the band boys would be able to play more comfortably and would be encouraged to come oftener.

Surely our town council could have the necessary structure built. It would not cost very much. At the rate the band is progressing now it will not be very long before they will compare favorably with any similar organization in the province, and they should be encouraged. Let us have a band stand.

## TELEPHONE TOLLS

Complaints have come to us from those who are frequent users of the telephone between Campbellton and St. John that they have to pay too much money for the service. For instance from Campbellton to Chatham the toll is forty cents; from Chatham to St. John it is fifty-five cents. The toll from here to winter port is one dollar. This extra five cents is the cause of the kick and those who have complained say that it is not the amount they object to but it is the principle. We learned on Tuesday in conversation with Mr. D. W. McAndrew of the New Brunswick Telephone Co. who is in town at the present time, that the company is at work now re-adjusting the toll rates over all lines owned or controlled by the amalgamated companies now known as the New Brunswick Telephone Co., and that in the near future we will have a uniform rate per mile.

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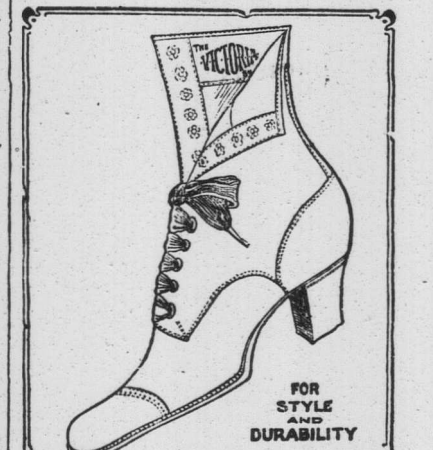
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The announcement is made from Quebec that the surveying parties working on the transcontinental line between Quebec and Moncton have now about completed their work. Surveyors are now within a few miles of Quebec bridge. Furthermore, tenders for the construction of the road from Lewis to Moncton may be called for in a few weeks. Statements of similar import, but not quite so definite, have been made before, but it is possible that the latest announcement is correct. No mention is made of the route to be adopted, but it seems probable that the central route will be chosen. Considerable progress is being made on the section of the transcontinental which the Grand Trunk Pacific company are constructing.—Globe

The need of a letter box in the lower and rear portions of the town is felt by the citizens residing in these sections. Our town is growing and if the matter is brought before the P. O. Department we feel confident that a letter box will be forthcoming.

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