

THE VACANT JUDGESHIP

An Appointment That Should be Filled From the West.

THE COSTIGAN AND TUPPER FEUD

General Herbert's Treatment of the Militia-Loan Companies' Reports Shows Heavy Indebtedness of the Farmers.

From our Own Correspondent. Ottawa, Aug. 22.—It is gratifying to notice that the public and the bar west of Lake Superior are taking some interest in the fact that territory will be represented when a new judge is appointed to take the place of the late Justice Patterson on the supreme court bench. There have been several meetings of the bar at Winnipeg, and while no active movement, so far as I am aware, has taken place on the Pacific coast, the subject has been referred to by the press and casually by the public as a matter which the government should take into their consideration when the question of appointing a new judge comes before the cabinet. There cannot be much delay, and it is safe to say that it will be one of the first questions which will be taken up by the premier after his return from Paris. If public business is not to be greatly delayed, the appointment must take place before next October, when the fall session of the court takes place.

It is upon such occasions as this that the British Columbia representatives in parliament might endeavor to make themselves heard. They cannot take themselves on the ground that the question is a political one and that they will have to wait as they have always in the habit of doing, to learn what are the views of their political masters. Their knowledge of the fact that they might inconvenience Sir John Thompson by asking him to give one out of the numerous positions that are falling vacant to some western province, instead of giving, as he has always done so far, everything to the maritime provinces, does not restrain them from having any views on this matter. If it does not let us hear from them.

Lieut.-Col. Prior, who took young Mr. Tupper to task last session for his impertinence against the province of British Columbia, but more particularly for the fling he had against the members for Victoria, will be interested to know that the minister of marine and the secretary of state, Hon. John Costigan, have been at it hammer and tongs for the past couple of months, and the public have decided that the representative of the Irish people in the cabinet has had the best of the fight. In fact, Tupper the younger has not the impertinence of his parent, without any of the discretion or common sense of the latter. He presumes altogether too much, and the premier cannot afford to fall out with the Tupper, although the country generally would not be averse to the loss of the young man. It is beginning to be thought that there is an end somewhere to providing for the Tupper dynasty. Mr. Costigan is probably one of the best natural men in the whole cabinet. He has a large fund of common sense, and is a man of business in a common sense way. Mr. Tupper just lacks all these qualifications. He is what the boys call "smart." In this instance he wanted to run his own department from Paris, and Mr. Costigan, appointed in charge of it for the time being, would not tolerate the interference. From bad it came to worse, and the premier, who was appealed to by the young man—some say that the premier was even inclined to side with Tupper. Mr. Costigan told Acting Premier Bowell to get some one else to look after the department, and to settle the difficulty Mr. Bowell did so himself. This ended the matter for the present, but it is renewed when the premier and the young man return. The little incident created some excitement in these rather dull political days at the capital.

The announcement which is likely to be made by the government in a few days, that an officer from the Imperial army is to be appointed to the position of quartermaster-general here will be received with much dissatisfaction by the militia as well as the public. Major-General Herbert was a very good officer of the regular army, but he will never be a success as far as the Canadian militia is concerned. Instead of taking the militia as it stands and reforming it on the soundest basis, he is setting about to have it entirely wiped out and a little army of regulars placed in its stead. Anyone knows how far he will be able to get, when we will hear of his being recalled and another officer sent to command the militia, who will have ideas just the reverse probably of Major-General Herbert. That has been our experience in the past. In this instance the major-general appears to be getting full speed. Mr. Patterson, who is minister of militia, has too much to do with the "political pull" to have any time to waste in the department. It is no excuse to say that the officer who Major-General Herbert intends bringing here was born in Canada. That would be no more an excuse for his promotion than it would be to say that Lieut.-Col. Prior was not to be promoted because he was born in England. The latter is just as good a Canadian as if he were born here. He is a Canadian officer, while the other is an Imperial officer, and in fact educated in England. The true reason why Major-General Herbert is so opposed to the Canadian militia is that he is a friend of Major-General Herbert and was with him on active service in the Sudan. As for myself, I am not much on the militia business and never consent to this if the government would reduce the Canadian militia, stop McKinleyism and adopt, as far as all practicable British free trade. If the Canadian officers of the militia are satisfied with a snub of this nature, their fighting qualities will be left, while others like myself may devote our energies to such questions as tariff reform, which will, when it comes around, not only benefit the militia but every Canadian outside of a few combines and favored monopolies. There are to be either big changes in the militia staff, but the one mentioned, may cause the government to pause before passing the report of Hon. Mr. Patterson, as prepared by Major-General Herbert.

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Mr. Bangs walked in from Fire Valley this week, a distance of 85 miles, making it in two days and a half. He reports the trail in very good shape. There are 20 settlers now in Fire Valley and are all satisfied with their prospects.

John S. Clute, customs inspector of Kamloops, went through to the lower country by Friday's boat. He would visit the offices at Osoyoos and Kettle River, kept by Messrs Kruger and Gilpin, respectively. When full arrangements are made for the transportation of goods in bond through the Okanagan a regular customs officer will be located at Vernon.

J. M. Parsons, of the Ronald Engine Works, was in Vernon on Tuesday. When he found that the by-law had been defeated for a fire engine, he gave some figures on water works that helped to convince some of those who were most skeptical that a thoroughly efficient system of water works quite ample for years to come could be put in for \$25,000 or less.

Duncan Woods of Trout Lake, who has been interested in various mining camps in the lower country, has been in town for a few days past. He reports times quiet through the camps, but has every confidence in Camp Fairview, Camp McKinney and others ultimately proving the best and most profitable camps in the province.

The Canadian Pacific railway company, in connection with their steamer Aberdeen on Okanagan lake, have issued a special rate on wheat from Kelowna to Victoria at a rate of 55 cents per 100 pounds, carloads, minimum weight 36,000 pounds. With these low rates on wheat not only to Enderby, but to specific points from the Mission district, the farmers in that vicinity should be able to market their grain at profitable prices, and in rendering the farmers this assistance the Canadian Pacific railway should be favored with any shipments that may be forwarded. The rate from Vernon to Enderby will be 8 cents, and from Larokin 6 cents.

ALASKA ITEMS.

Mining and Other Notes From the Juneau Journal of 13th Inst.

S. O. Wheelock and D. Spurgeon will soon return to Lituya Bay, where they will pass the winter. The ruby sand diggings which they have there are paying well.

The telephone line between Juneau and Douglas has been completed with the exception of laying the cable. The line between Juneau postoffice and wharf is now in working order.

Four of the miners who were in the employ of Wm. Bennett at his mine in the Basin have brought suit to recover the balance of their wages.

Work on the Mexican mill and mine is advancing rapidly. A good deal of the machinery is already here and more is expected on the next boat.

The Chicout sail for the Sound last Tuesday with a cargo of canned salmon. It also took down six tons of Sheep Creek ore.

The Pyramid Harbor cannery has put up about 6000 cases and the Murray cannery about 7000, 4000 being from the fish caught on the Takou.

Most favorable reports are received from Sundum and it is said