

THE MINISTERIAL TROUBLE.

Mr. Foster and Sir John Thompson Going to England for Borrowing Purposes.

Embarrassing Hole in the Treasury That Must be Filled Up by a Loan.

Ottawa, Oct. 6.—Hon. George E. Foster, minister of finance, left here yesterday for England, and if I am correctly informed, Sir John Thompson will follow him on Saturday next...

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bers will fight against it. Sir John Thompson will have to show more backbone than he generally does if he is able to get his forces into line...

The appointment of Mr. Meredith as chief justice of the court of common pleas is one of the surprises of the week. No one is yet able to give an explanation as to the cause of the appointment...

The only one thing that is plain about it and is easily understood is that Mr. Meredith was sick of Ontario politics and took the first opportunity of getting out of them...

Sir John Thompson was also probably glad to get rid of Mr. Meredith. Indeed, there can be no doubt upon this point, between the support of "Bill" Meredith, as he was popularly called, and Archbishop Cleary, the premier prefers the latter...

Sir John also hopes that the ultra-Protestants will forgive him for taking away their leader when they should do something else, the result being that they do nothing at all...

Of course the errand of Mr. Foster is to negotiate a loan. The presence of the premier is not necessary to do this. Indeed, if Sir Charles Tupper were to carry out the duties for which he was appointed the finance minister would not require to go to London for such a purpose...

Everybody who has studied Canadian politics will remember that the excuse for appointing a high commissioner in London was to save the necessity of the government sending over the finance minister when the raising of a loan was needed...

But everybody now knows that instead of saving these trips to the Canadian taxpayer they have become more numerous than ever. That is a sample of how Tory promises are carried out...

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WATER WORKS SYSTEM.

Council Discusses the Best Means of Spending the Money.

The board of aldermen met this afternoon to consider among other things the best means of spending the money voted for the improvement of the water works system.

Ald. Wilson presented an essay read to the Tacoma city council by an engineer respecting the water works of that city, which was very much the same as the Victoria system.

The paper dealt chiefly with the water shed and the filter that filtered into the lake from settlements on the water shed.

Ald. Baker said he did not think there was a single alderman who was not in favor of purchasing the water shed, for which money was borrowed.

The mayor said his idea was to obtain an estimate of the cost of the land that it was necessary to purchase, and by that time the plans and specifications for the filter works would be ready.

Ald. Munn said if the council wanted an expert opinion Mr. George Munroe, of the department of railways and canals, and president of the civil engineers of Canada, proposed visiting Victoria, and his opinion on the system could be obtained.

Ald. Wilson read the opinion expressed at a recent convention in the east, which he concluded, suited Victoria.

Ald. Dwyer moved that the engineer be instructed to prepare plans for filter beds of the capacity of three million gallons per day, to make surveys for the same and report to the council with an estimate of the cost.

Ald. Wilson said the city only used half the amount mentioned in the resolution.

Ald. Dwyer said that it was better to build filters that would last for some time to come.

Ald. Baker suggested that competitive plans be called for.

Ald. Dwyer thought it required no great skill to draw the plans.

Ald. Baker said the city had discharged the city engineer as water commissioner, and now the council were giving him charge of the water works again.

He moved in amendment that competitive plans be called for and the engineer be entrusted to make surveys for the same.

Ald. Munn contended that the best opinion should be obtained when a large amount was to be expended.

Ald. Harris said the city could not filter more than two million gallons for the amount at the disposal of the council for that purpose.

It was necessary to call for competitive plans; they would be very much alike.

Ald. Dwyer's motion was adopted, as was also by the same alderman that the telephone to the lake be put in order.

The government intend during the coming week to once more deal with the lieutenant-governorship of Manitoba and the collectorship of Montreal.

It is likely that A. W. Ross and R. S. White will be told after both matters have been discussed that they will have to wait until after the next general elections.

To open either constituency means to lose it.

SLABTOWN.

THE EX-CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

Glances and Glimpses About Town.

The excellent out and interesting description of the Prince Rupert which appeared in the Times on Saturday is a piece of journalistic enterprise deserving of encouragement.

It has given much satisfaction to your readers and has started a train of speculation regarding the route upon which the new steamer is to be placed.

If the Prince Rupert is not intended as an opposition to the C. P. N. company, between what points will she ply? Can it be possible that Mr. Van Horne's trip over the Victoria & Sidney road, a few months ago, may point to a solution of the mystery?

When Mr. Van Horne undertakes a trip over a line he generally purchases the property. By purchasing the Victoria & Sidney railway the Prince Rupert could run between Vancouver and Sidney, while an extension of the road to the outer wharf would transfer the terminus of the C. P. R. from Vancouver to Victoria.

This idea is somewhat far-fetched, but there may be something in it.

The air is alive with railway rumors, and curiosity is keenly on edge respecting the British Pacific. It is of course somewhat premature to predict anything in this connection, but it is to be hoped that some reasonable, soundly financial and prudently economical and conservative scheme for opening up the interior of British Columbia and enable labor and capital to reap the hidden treasures which are known to exist may soon be presented to the public.

One thing the city must be careful to preserve—that is its freedom from any railway monopoly of its franchise. No exclusive right of way should be conceded to any railway corporation. Extended reasonable facilities to all monopolistic privileges to none.

There appears to be a slight movement of an inquiring tendency in the real estate line. Very slight, I must admit, but still noticeable. There are also gratifying indications of a general improvement in the business tone which is somewhat encouraging and induces the hope that we are about to emerge from the depressing gloom which for some time past has darkened the commercial sky.

In glancing in at the different shops in the city during the rush on Saturday night I was struck with the activity which was observable in and about the establishments that advertise their wares and the comparative absence of bustle around the establishments that don't.

The contrast was marked, and would seem to answer in the affirmative the oft repeated question, Does advertising pay? ARGUS.

NORTHERN HAY'S CARGO.

Second of the Salmon Fleet Ready to Sail for England.

The British bark Northern Hay sails today for the United Kingdom with a cargo consisting of \$245,098.40. The manifest follows:

SHIPPED BY R. P. RITHEIT & CO., LTD. Marks. Cases, Salmon. Value.

Fraser River Oil refinery Co., 24 drums salmon oil \$ 638 40

P. S.-W. (2 lots) 2,000 5,000 00

P. S.-M. (2 lots) 2,000 5,000 00

P. S.-H. (2 lots) 2,000 5,000 00

Dom. Brand 1-2 flats 13,000 00

It was decided that Mr. Northcott, the city assessor, should do the work, all the aldermen assenting.

All the members of the board thought something should be done to relieve the government generally, but they objected to all objections to the proposed street widening.

The tax sale by-law was finally passed and the council adjourned until Thursday evening at 7:30, when the council regulation by-law will be considered.

A FIGHT THAT FAILED.

Frederick Bollman Tried to Resist Tradition but Gave up.

When I was a Boy.

Writes Postmaster J. C. Woodson, Forest Hill, W. Va., "I had a bronchial trouble of such a persistent and stubborn character, that the doctor pronounced it incurable with ordinary medicines, and advised me to try Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

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