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As the statements of our subscription accounts have now been sent out, we shall be expecting remittance daily. It can hardly be necessary to repeat the desirability of having returns made with the least possible delay. Will our friends please keep this matter in mind and not put it off indefinitely?

Ottawa Weekly Letter.

On The Instalment plan.

By Elections to be Held Two By Two, So The Machine Can Get In Its Work.

Inter Provincial Conference Will Meet Next Month At Ottawa.

Liberal Minister in Quebec says Federal Money is Wasted.

Mr. Fielding Otherwise Engaged Than Attending To Tariff Matters.

Mr. Borden On The Stump—Conservative Leader Addressing Great Meetings.

Ottawa, Sept. 15, 1906.

By elections have been ordered for East Elgin and North Renfrew, the dates were fixed for October 4th but subsequently the North Renfrew election was postponed until the 9th. Both seats were held by Conservatives. The government has selected these two constituencies among a large number of vacant seats, apparently with the idea of concentrating the resources and patronage of the government in the contests. It was a habit of the late Ontario government to set the machine at work in one or two by-elections at a time, so that the same crowd of operators could be moved from place to place and collected at particular points. The dexterous and delicate work required could not be duplicated and the experts could only be in one place at once. It remains to be seen whether the operations which made West Elgin a historic constituency are to be repeated in the eastern riding, or whether a famous provincial contest in North Renfrew is to be a pattern for the one about to take place. Had the Laurier government brought on all the by-elections at once there would have been less cause for suspicion.

DEFERRED ELECTIONS. Other vacant constituencies are North Bruce, in Ontario, Nicolet or Gaspe, St John-Iberville and St Mary's District of Montreal, all of the Province of Quebec. Besides these the St Ann's district of Montreal has been vacated by the unseating of Mr. Gallery, who is appealing against the judgment of personal disqualification, but does not claim the seat.

Shelburne and Queen's in Nova Scotia is vacated by the unseating of Honorable Mr. Fielding. There is an appeal in this case also, but it is made by Mr. Fielding's opponents, who contend that the evidence is sufficient to disqualify him for personal corruption. It is understood, moreover, that Colchester County Nova Scotia, will soon become vacant by the appointment of the sitting member to the Supreme Court of the Province. Thus there are pending seven by-elections besides those for which writs have been issued. The machine will doubtless be moved from place to place as it may be made most effective.

INTERPROVINCIAL CONFERENCE.

The conference of the Dominion Ministers with the provincial premiers is to take place on and after the 8th of October. According to the official announcement the main business is the discussion of provincial subsidies with a view to rearrangement and increase. The provincial claims for larger subsidies are based on the resolutions adopted by the Inter-provincial conference called by the late Mr. Marcell when he

was premier of Quebec in 1887. A number of years later a second conference of provincial ministers re-affirmed these declarations, and they now represent the demands of several provincial administrations. The resolutions call for an increase in the amount paid to the provinces by something over one and a half millions a year.

A QUEBEC WARNING.

A recent speech by Mr. Brodeur, Minister of Marine and Fisheries, contained a warning to the people of Quebec against any re-arrangement of the terms of union. Mr. Brodeur intimated that the people of Quebec had more to lose than to gain by any disturbance of the Confederation Compact. The special privileges enjoyed by Quebec province and by the French-speaking population under the terms of the Union would, according to this Minister, be placed in peril by departure from the original terms. Mr. Brodeur subsequently stated that when he issued this warning he had not in mind the proposed conference. But his observations apply to it, and if he had not been thinking of this particular attempt to change the terms of Confederation it is not very clear what he had in view.

LIBERAL PROTEST AGAINST FEDERAL WASTE.

There is however no such fear in the heart of the Premier of Quebec or the other local party leaders in the province. Mr. Gouin is pressing strongly for larger subsidies. One of his leading ministers, himself a strong supporter of the Laurier Government, speaking at Lachute, September 10th, carried the point so far as to complain of the waste of Dominion money by the Federal administration. Following is a report of Mr. Prevost's remarks:—"Referring to the Federal subsidy Mr. Prevost recalled that the Dominion government had a revenue of \$34,000,000. He had seen on the Baie des Chaleurs, on his voyage down there, places where \$20,000 and more had been spent on wharves that were not in use, where breakwaters had been built for three or four fishermen. Would it not have been better to save that money and apply it to the schools or to the improvement of the roads in the Province of Quebec?"

USELESS WORK.

The breakwaters, wharves, and other public works, which Mr. Prevost declares to be useless, have frequently been discussed in the House of Commons. When Mr. Marcell, the member for Bonaventure, was last seeking election, he circulated among the voters along the Baie des Chaleurs a statement showing the amount of money he had caused to be spent for breakwaters and other works along that coast. Nobody on his behalf claimed that these outlays were needed or useless. The basis of Mr. Marcell's demand for re-election was the amount of money that he had circulated among the people. At the same time he pleaded that as he had done so much in his first term he might be expected to bring into the country a great deal more public money in the next four or five years. Probably the wharves which Mr. Prevost complains of include the Grande Vallée structure which has cost \$57,488 and serves no other purpose than the convenience and profit of a single private lumbering firm. It is refreshing to find these expenditures which were condemned by Conservatives in parliament and which were defended by ministers and their supporters by speech and vote, now placed in their true light by a leading Liberal politician.

SENATE REFORM PERHAPS.

While it is stated that the financial arrangements between the Dominion and the provinces are the subject of this proposed conference it will be remembered that Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised to lay another matter before the provincial representatives. Discussing Senate Reform at the last session the Premier set forth several schemes including one for the election of Senators by the provincial legislatures. He announced that when the provincial premiers came to Ottawa to discuss constitutional matters he would lay the Senate question before them and obtain their views on the subject.

MR. FIELDING OTHERWISE OCCUPIED.

We are now within two months of the time of the meeting of Parliament, the first business of which is supposed to be the revision of the tariff. So far Mr. Fielding has been too busy explaining away the election scandals in his own constituency to do much with the work of revision. He is still not

quite sure that he will be in Parliament when the House meets, or whether he will be qualified to sit in any parliament during the next seven years. There is a report that he will take the risk of disqualification and be a candidate in Colchester after the appointment of Mr. Lawrence to the Bench. At the present moment it is thought that the Finance Minister is giving more attention to these personal matters than to the question of maximum and minimum tariff.

SUCCESSFUL CONSERVATIVE MEETINGS.

The Leader of the Opposition has returned from Nova Scotia where he addressed a series of large and enthusiastic gatherings. The closing meeting took place at Truro on Saturday of last week and was a magnificent open air demonstration. Halifax and Truro papers state that from seven thousand to ten thousand people were present and Mr. Borden says that it was the largest meeting he ever addressed. The electors of Nova Scotia are much interested in the disclosures of administrative corruption and extravagance made before the committees of the House, and in the Commons and Senate during the late session. Besides dealing with general questions of policy Mr. Borden discussed a few of these matters such as the North Atlantic Trading Co., the "Arctic" expedition and the western land scandals. Mr. Borden will probably speak during the next few weeks at several places in the constituencies where the by-elections are to be held.

General Treppoff Dead.

General Treppoff feeling relieved of the trying duty of protecting his Imperial Majesty who left St Petersburg last Thursday on a cruise to Bjordo, at 5 o'clock Saturday p. m. retired to his cabinet to rest. At half past seven o'clock dinner was announced. General Treppoff did not answer the call and finally a member of his staff at eight o'clock knocked at the door. Receiving no reply he entered and found the General lying stretched out at the foot of his couch with a newspaper in his hand dead. It was plain he had died shortly after he retired to the cabinet and had been lying three hours where he fell. Although he died of natural death the threat of the Revolutionists last winter that he would not die by being shot or blown up with a bomb, but would be killed in his own bed, is clearly brought to mind General Orloff who was General Treppoff's temporary successor while Treppoff was taking a short rest recently will be succeeded by Gen. Dalzielin, ex-prefect of police of St Petersburg as temporary commandant of the police. The Emperor's appointment however is in no wise permanent.

Crowded Ottawa Hotel Destroyed in an hour.

The Gilmour hotel on Bank street, Ottawa, was gutted in less than an hour Friday night. The fire was of the ferocious description and spread with lightning rapidity. Being fair week the hotel was crowded to excess. A few minutes after eleven the guests, who were in the rotunda, suddenly noticed smoke emerging from the elevator shaft, and then there came a trail of flame up the shaft and also into the office. At once an alarm was given and the employees ran through the house to awaken the guests who had retired. The difficulty was to reach those on the upper floors as the shaft stairway wound round the elevator. The fire department was speedily on the spot, but it was at once apparent that the hotel was doomed. The flames had for a moment to abandon their deadly grasp as the saving of life was the first consideration. At many of the upper windows persons in scanty attire, were screaming for help. A score of heroes rushed to the rescue. Many guests were injured in endeavoring to escape from the burning building. Arch Blue comes commissioner and his family had a narrow escape. They had to use ladders and Mrs Blue fell for some distance, but fortunately her injuries are not serious. Colonel D. A. MacDonald, quartermaster-general, fortunately had not retired and quickly got Mr MacDonald and her father, Judge Richardson, formerly of Regina, out of the building. A Torontoian named George Montgomery jumped from the second story and was picked up with a fractured thigh and a severe scalp wound. Those taken to the Protestant hospital were:— E. T. Walker, of Mullins Hill, Gloucester county, N. J., with both legs broken. Walker jumped from the third story. Mrs Robert Pennington of 407 Harrow street, Toronto, also jumped for her life. Both limbs were broken. Mrs G. B. Batorworth, of Ottawa, who was only married a fortnight ago, and her sister, Mrs DeGerry, of Galt, were severely burnt and are in hospital. At the Water street hospital there is a Miss Amelia Laforet, address not known. She is burnt, but not severely.

T. Smith of Montreal, had hands and limbs severely burned. Others who were less severely injured went to convenient drug stores and doctors' residences to get their wounds dressed. The excitement for the first ten minutes was something awful. mingled with the screaming of the guests and shouts of the firemen would come a cheer when some brave fireman emerged from a window with the form of a second guest. All the 350 guests lost their belongings. The hotel building is valued at \$75,000, and was well covered by insurance. Other losses will make the total fully \$150,000. The extent to which the Royal bank has suffered will not be known until the vault is opened.

Sad Drowning Accident.

A very sad drowning accident occurred at port Felix Nova Scotia by which five young children lost their lives. Minnie aged fifteen, John eleven, and Maggie aged nine, children of Frank Fougere, postmaster and mail driver of East port Felix, accompanied by their three cousins, Clara aged eighteen, Maggie aged fourteen, and Martin, aged twelve, children of Joseph and Mary King, Port Felix, left their homes Thursday morning to pick blueberries, and about six miles back of Port Felix they attempted to cross a lake in an old leaky flat, kept there for the use of berry pickers.

Canadian Canned Goods.

It must be borne in mind that the canned goods trade in Great Britain just now is absolutely dead, that stacks of fish, tongues, vegetables and other products which have stood pronounced perfectly wholesome in every way are standing in the warehouses to the amount of thousands of cases, utterly unsalable. In this strain does Mr. McKinnon, Canadian Commercial Agent at Bristol, descend upon the present condition of the English market for canned goods. To remove suspicion, Mr. McKinnon says, and restore confidence the certificate of Governmental inspector what the trade in England stipulates as the first requisite. The date of packing should also be clearly stamped on the tin. In the case of canned goods, the fact that they are from the Dominion should be prominently displayed Canadian makers of the very finest goods must not look for immediate return, but be patient while quality and salesmen do their work.

Roosevelt Sends Secretary of War Taft to Havana to View Situation.

Washington, September 16.—Secretary Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Robert Bacon, left Washington today at 3:45 o'clock over the Atlantic coast line for Tampa, Florida, to embark on a naval vessel for Havana, in accordance with the instructions of President Roosevelt to ascertain the exact political situation. Other members of the party were Frank G. Rockwood, stenographer to Secretary Taft, Henry Newcomb, private Secretary to Assistant Secretary Bacon; Captain F. R. McCoy, president military aide, a Spanish interpreter from the Insular bureau; F. L. Cairns, surveyor of the Port of Manilla; James S. Maines and two messengers. Mr. Cairns formerly lived in Cuba, his step-father being a Cuban, and accompanies Secretary Taft at his request, because of his familiarity with Cuban matters. The party is due to arrive at Port Tampa about ten o'clock tomorrow night. THEY PREFER PEACE TO AMERICAN INTERVENTION.

HAVANA, September 16.—After a consultation with the leading men who are under arrest here, charged with conspiracy and embezzlement of the revolutionists the government has announced the indefinite stoppage of all hostilities on its part with the object of making peace before Secretary Taft arrives or the United States intervenes.

GOVERNMENT FORCES PURELY ON DEFENSIVE.

HAVANA, September 16.—The government this evening is making final strenuous efforts to restore peace in

Cuba, and to avoid any chance of American intervention. The object of these endeavors, it is stated, is that it may be able to say, by the time Secretary of War Taft and Assistant Secretary of State Bacon arrive, that peace already has been secured, and that, therefore, there is no need of the American government's intervention, either to restore peace or insure permanent tranquility. Members of the government informed the Associated Press that they are making the effort in accordance with the advice contained in President Roosevelt's letter; that they have no objection to the friendly assistance of the United States in the matter if it becomes necessary, but that they can settle it between

the government and the revolutionists without the necessity of any intervention. At least, they say, they are making an attempt to accomplish this end unaided and with fair prospects of success. This is the latest phase of a rapidly changing situation that developed late this afternoon, when an extraordinary gazette was issued containing a decree signed by President Palma on the recommendation of the secretary of public works, Montalvo. The decree follows:—"All campaign operations are suspended, and in consequence the government force will act only on the defensive throughout the republic. The secretary of the Interior will issue all necessary orders for the execution of this decree."

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