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SIR LOMER GOUIN

The resignation of Sir Lomer Gouin is a political event of great importance, even while it does not indicate the slightest disagreement between himself and his colleagues. Ill-health has forced his retirement, but the mere fact that he does retire, at a time when Hon. W. S. Fielding is so seriously indisposed, and when adverse by-elections have left the Government without a clear majority in the House, renders the task of Premier King and his colleagues much more difficult. Sir Lomer retains his seat in the House, it is true, but the dispatches intimate that he is not expected to be able to take an active part in the debates. There have been intimations for a long time that his health was failing, and that he is now compelled to withdraw from politics is cause for universal regret. Sir Lomer Gouin, while in provincial politics, was one of the ablest administrators Quebec has produced, and as long as he remained at the head of affairs he was invincible. In the wider field of Dominion affairs he at once took high rank, and was regarded as one of the ablest counsellors of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King. There were hints from opponents that he was the spokesman of the big interests in the City of Montreal, but he heartily supported the Liberal policy and added strength to the Government. He undoubtedly represents that wing of the Liberal party which does not believe in lowering the tariff.

It now appears that the Government may have to face Parliament without either Sir Lomer Gouin or Hon. Mr. Fielding in harness, and that a serious matter in the present state of party affairs. It will add greatly to the general interest throughout the country in the trend of politics at Ottawa. For Sir Lomer, as for Mr. Fielding, both distinguished in the realm of statesmanship and honest in their high ideals of public service, there will be deep sympathy and the hope that the health of each, relieved from strain, may be restored.

THE REAL ISSUE

The Toronto Globe doubts if the Conservative Party can make much headway "by capitalizing Maritime discontent," and adds:—
"Any party undertaking to administer the National Railways will be obliged to consider the interests of Canada as a whole, as to the revenue required to make it pay. The National Railways are doing well. It is right that consideration shall be given to every part of Canada, but no party calling itself national can afford to support unreasonable demands."
What are the unreasonable demands of the Maritime Provinces? They have been made by both political parties. Liberal Provincial Governments and Boards of Trade complaining both Liberals and Conservatives have pressed "em at Ottawa. Are these all "reasonable"? On the contrary they are merely demanding their rights. To make the Canadian National Railways pay is no doubt desirable, but is it more so than good faith? If the people of the Maritime Provinces cannot look to their fellow Canadians for a square deal, what hope is there for a united Canada? Any attempt one political party or another may make to "capitalize discontent" does not remove the cause of the discontent, and this is the phase of the subject to which the Toronto Globe and the people of the Central and Western Provinces should address themselves. The Maritime Provinces are not mendicants. They are a people demanding the fulfilment of the spirit of Confederation.

MAY AFFECT CANADA

The United States Congress may make it more difficult for Canadians to migrate to that country as prospective settlers. The quota plan has been recommended as applicable to this country and the rest of the Western Hemisphere. A Washington dispatch says:—
"A draft of a new immigration bill providing for selection of immigrants abroad, for extension of the quota restriction to all countries in the Western Hemisphere, and for various modifications of the present entry requirements, was sent to the Senate and House Immigration committees today by Secretary Davis, under whose department the immigration bureau is administered. The Secretary made no recommendation as to the figure that should be fixed as a quota limitation, but in a letter to Chairman Colt of the Senate committee he earnestly advocated application of the quota arrangement to Canada, Mexico and South and Central America, which are not included under the present quota law. He did not explain his reasons for making the request, merely saying it was his judgment that the restriction should apply to all countries, thus

marking a radical departure from existing laws on pending legislation." It is explained that under the selective plan embodied in the Secretary's bill, every prospective immigrant would be required to secure from an American consular office abroad an immigration certificate, based upon the results of an examination and showing clearly that the immigrant is admissible under the American law. Of course the matter has yet to run the gauntlet of the Senate and House committees, and after that it must be adopted by Congress. So far as Canada is concerned, this country would be very glad if the number of its citizens removing to the States were greatly reduced.

There is, however, another aspect of the case to which the Saskatchewan Star directs attention as follows:—"The restrictive immigration policy of the United States is going to result, before long, in a tremendous flood of immigration to Canada. Unless Canada devises some really adequate standard of selection, this country will have in still greater degree those troubles which have beset the United States as a result of indiscriminate immigration rules. Surely it is possible to prevent the entry of settlers who are afflicted with hereditary mental or physical deficiencies; to establish standards which will not add to our already serious burden of morons, misfits and criminals."

Of the Toronto majority election the Toronto Star says:—"Mr. T. L. Church is a remarkable man. He has a faculty for making friends and for remembering names and faces which is altogether unique. There is no other just like him, and certainly no other who could be polled over 50,000 votes for an eighth term in the mayor's chair with the handicap of an M.P. ship to carry. He should never have tried it. Many are wondering who persuaded him that there was a chance of success. It was not in the interests of Toronto that there should be a perpetual mayor, nor that a member of the Ottawa House should divide his time between the city hall and parliament. Mr. Hiltz is mayor—and with a mandate to mark out for himself a strong and independent course."

France has been lending large sums of money to Poland, Jugoslavia and Roumania, while even the interest of her own debt to Britain remains unpaid. Naturally there is some feeling in great Britain over the action of her ally, and it will not make for closer harmony between the two nations. Ever since the occupation of the Ruhr, France has been disposed to carry things with a high hand. And yet harmony between Britain and France is a first essential to a real restoration of peace in Europe.

From the remarks made by Premier King to the representatives of the provinces yesterday in Ottawa it may be inferred that the prospect of a continuation of the federal agricultural grant to provinces is not assured. The Premier referred to the public debt and the large interest payments necessary, and expressed the view that the provinces should carry their own burdens in regard to agriculture. Federal economy in this direction may be wise, but are there not others?

Premier Ferguson of Ontario says he will designate the Liberals as the official opposition party. This will give great dissatisfaction to the Farmers' Party, which has declared itself to be the official opposition. Premier Ferguson bases his action on the result of the elections, which he says demonstrated that the people desire a return to the two-party system. There will be wigs on the green when the Legislature meets.

Former Premier Venizelos has arrived in Athens. Events in Greece will now march swiftly. The question of the restoration of the monarchy or the establishment of a republican form of government must first be determined.

NO SUNDAY LABOR IN MONTREAL NOW

Montreal, Jan. 3.—Sunday labor will not be tolerated in Montreal, it was stated today by Recorder Semple in the Recorder's Court when he called the case of Henry Morgan & Co., charged with violation of the Lord's Day Act, and a fine of \$100 and costs for a third offence.

Press Comment

GOLD, COP AND WHEAT

(Boston Post)
Another gold and silver rush is making men risk death in the white Klondike. It recalls the wild days when \$100,000,000 gold was being dug out of the Klondike in 10 hectic years, when men all over the world were dreaming of the Chilkoot Pass, of the sharing dance halls of Dawson, of the fabulously wealthy creeks that yielded the glittering ore.
The Klondike had its day. It may have another. But it is well to reflect that Canada has richer if less spectacular sources of wealth. In two years the Dominion realises as much from fisheries as from all the 10 years of the Klondike boom. In one year the wheat crop alone sometimes sells for more than \$400,000,000. We are not getting excited about wheat and cod because the rewards are more evenly distributed. Millionaires are not made in a day. But neither are paupers, who are more common about the gold diggings than millionaires.

SOUTH AFRICAN POLITICS

(Victoria Colonist)
General Smuts' position as head of the South African Government is becoming a precarious one owing to the alliance that has been formed between the Nationalist and Labor Parties. The alliance has, of course, carried the Laborites into the stream of agitation for a republican South Africa, against which Premier Smuts has fought so strenuously. General Smuts is a stern fighter and a personality. He is ready to accept to his principles and policies no matter from what quarter it comes and possibly his attitude will make the Nationalist-Labor alliance impossible. There is already a rift in the alliance ranks, for Mr. Barlow, who represents the Nationalist constituency, has told the Nationalists that they must drop their republican agitation and "let the carry the torch through South Africa against them."

LOCOMOTIVES ON MULEBACK

(Wall Street Journal)
From Bogota, capital of Colombia, radiate three railways. To Nemocón is 20 miles, to Sibola 10 miles and to Facativá 25 miles. The last-named town is now connected with the Magdalena river. The marvel is that three railways on the back of mules, rolling stock, locomotives, rails and other equipment was carried up the mountain trails on the backs of mules, or hauled up with ropes. It is calculated that freight on each locomotive from the river to the edge of the plateau, a distance of 70 miles, rising 1,800 feet, cost \$10,000, although the Indians employed were paid only a few cents a day.

SHAKING HANDS WITH THE WORLD

Twenty-seven great ships, plying to nearly every corner of the globe, lay in the Port of Vancouver yesterday. Vancouver shakes hands daily with practically every civilized country in the world. There is a limit to the development of interior cities, but there is no limit to the development of Vancouver. The service radius of inland cities is restricted to the production of raw materials. The service radius of Vancouver can be extended as far as a ship can sail. Vancouver sits on the edge of the world, and with a future as bright as all the laws of economics can make it. This city should be the world's best salararium for pessimists.

EAST AND WEST

(Calgary Alberta)
Canada will some day be a vast, wealthy, populous nation. At present the natural division separating east from west is an obstacle to full and complete understanding, and is preventing closer union. We must bridge the gap and not cut loose. Both sections will gain by closer association and both sections would lose much by any interruption or separation. The east needs the west, and the west needs the east.

APOSTLE FOR ACADIA

(Toronto Globe)
One of Acadia's most acceptable and persistent spokesmen has passed with the sudden death of John Frederic Herbin of Wolfville, N. S. Mr. Herbin was known as a collector and a poet, and as a poet and a collector of subjects which breathed something of the sadness of the exiled race. He was said to be the only direct descendant of the French Acadians of Grand Pré remaining in the land of "Evangeline." His history of Grand Pré is an exhaustive account of the small community which has been known to millions through Longfellow's poem. He also wrote several novels, including "The Marshlands," "Heir to Grand Pré" and "Jen of the Marshlands." These carried the subtle spirit of the Acadian romance to the Minas Basin region, but did not attain notable heights from a literary point of view.
Mr. Herbin conducted a jewelry and optical business in Wolfville, of which he had been Mayor, and to visitors he extended a kindly welcome. Those in search of knowledge of local happenings would quickly unlose his enthusiasm and find in him a fount of knowledge which they would remember long years after.

This beautiful though pathetic picture of the meadow lands of Grand Pré from which the Acadians were exiled is one of Mr. Herbin's best contributions to Canadian verse:
Across the Dykes
The dykes half bare are lying in the bath
Of overbearing sunlight on this Sunday morn.
And bobolinks atcock make sweet the wren
Old places, where two centuries of swath
Have fallen to earth before the mower's path.
Across the dykes the bell's low sound is borne
From green Grand Pré, abundant with the corn.
With milk and honey which it always hath.
And now I hear the Angelus ring far:
See faith bow many a head that suffered wrong.
Near all these plains they wrestled from the tide!
See the vision of their final griefs that mar
The greenness of these meadows: in the song
Of birds I feel a tear that has not dried.

THE LITTLE VOICES OF THE HOUSE

(Old M. Thomas in New York Times)
The little voices of the house
That often I am at a loss
To know where to begin;
For, it is quite expected, I
Will all their many wants supply:
The dishes loud for water call
At least three times a day,
I faithfully attend their needs
Unless I am away.
And then when I come back, the place is
Just filled with their reproachful faces.

The table and the chairs cry out
And, in the sternest tones, demand
The dustcloth, while the window shades
Most sorely need a straightening hand.
And—did you hear?—that upstairs room
Is, just now, screaming for the broom.
Throughout the morning, thus I go:
No chance for me to rest.
So many are the calls on me,
I'm hurried and oppressed;
But when the voices all are stilled,
Somehow my heart with pride is filled.

LIGHTER VEIN.

But Who Are Guilty?
American Visitor (in London).—"Say, waiter, doesn't anybody ever laugh in this hotel?"
Waiter—"Well, yes, sir, we have had complaints."—Fasting Show.

Very Particular.

There are still conscientious folk about who carry conviction into the slightest detail.
A London bookseller had a letter from one of them recently, ordering a copy of Tennyson's poems, with the postscript: "Please do not send me one bound in calf, as I am a vegetarian."

Didn't Know His Luck.

A political candidate was incensed at certain remarks which had been made about him in the leading paper of the town. He burst into the editorial room and exclaimed, "You are telling lies about me in your paper and you know it!"
"You have no cause for complaint," said the editor, coolly. "What would you do if we told the truth?"

But He Passed.

The doctor was examining Bowdoin's hospital companion, for advancement in rating.
"What would you do if the captain fainted on the bridge?"
"Bring him two more," returned the go-by-Naval Weekly.

Was and Is.

"Will you appraise my engagement ring for me?"
"A ring of a stone is this supposed to be?" asked the jeweler.
"Turk was, may be, but not now. This is glass."

Not Identified.

The orderly officer, with inspecting rations. "Any complaints?" he asked.
"No, sir," said the officer.
"It's very good soup," said the officer.
"But the corporal says it's tea and the cook says it's coffee. Is there a screw brain at the bottom of the kettle?"

TIME CHANGES ON C. N. R. LINES JANUARY 6TH.

Time changes on Canadian National Railways, January 6th, affect the timing of several of the trains in and out of St. John, particularly those on the Valley Railway.
On the main line between here and Truro there is a change in the service of the morning local train. No. 44 will leave at 7:10 a.m. instead of No. 18 and will run to Sackville and Cape Tormentine, making the Prince Edward Island connection. At Moncton connection is made the same as at present, with the Maritime Express. On the passenger train, the connection at Sackville with local train No. 18 leaving at 2:00 p.m. for Truro.
No. 17 train leaving Truro at 9:15 a.m. connects at Sackville with No. 44 train from Moncton to St. John, reaching here at 9:00 p.m.
There will be no service to Quebec via the Valley and Transcontinental after Jan. 6th. This service will be via Moncton, train No. 81 leaving at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, carrying buffet sleeper as far as Edmundston. Connection for this train is by No. 14 leaving St. John at 1:40 p.m.
There will also be the regular daily (except Sunday) service to Quebec by Maritime Express No. 20, the connecting train leaving St. John at 6:15 p.m. and arriving at Quebec at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and connection for St. John will be by No. 18 train, arriving here at 5:30 p.m.
On the Valley Railway No. 47 regular passenger train will leave St. John at 4:40 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 4:40 p.m. to Centreville. On other week days there will be a mixed train service. No. 241 leaving here at 4:50 a.m. (Atlantic Time).
No. 46 will leave Centreville Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 6:00 a.m., and arrive in St. John at 1:08 p.m. (Atlantic Time). There will be mixed train service on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. No. 242 leaving Centreville at 6:00 a.m. and arriving in St. John at 6:05 p.m.
Other trains are not affected by the change.

SECOND OCEAN LTD. TRAIN IN TROUBLE

Moncton, Jan. 3.—The eastbound Ocean Limited from Montreal, was nearly four hours late in reaching the city last night. The cause of the delay was due to the sidings of a first class coach at the entrance to the Bonaventure Station in Montreal, the coach which was attached to an inbound passenger train was struck by an engine going in the opposite direction and thrown across the main line tracks. There were no passengers injured.
The westbound Ocean Limited had similar trouble at Sackville yesterday.

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THE ROYAL TRUST EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES

was prevented by illness from attending and he was greatly missed. Rev. R. Taylor McKim, the rector, presided. The primary department Christmas tree and treat were held on Wednesday afternoon when the children enjoyed games, were served at a delicious supper and then were given prizes from a gayly decorated tree. The small folk went home quite delighted with their afternoon.

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