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FLIGHT OF TIME.

Exactly. This is the 489th day the North Renfrew vacancy.

THE VACANT CONSTITUENCIES

This is the way the Toronto News,

Independent Liberal, sizes it up:-It is now a year and four months since the Legislative seat for North Renfrew became vacant. Sault Ste. Marie and Muskoka are also unrepre sented. In all three constituencies the fair observance of the constitution is refused. All considerations of fair play and constitutional obligation are subordinated to the political exigencies of the Government. There is no other explanation of the deliberate disfranchisement of North Renfrew than that Ministers have been unable to find a candidate who has pirations; the third alone holds out fair hope of carrying the constituency. We do not profess to say whather or not the Government's fear of defeat is well founded. But that the Ministers and their organizers shrink from the contest is very manifest. They hesitate also to order an election in Sault Ste. Marie for the same pitiful reason which has denied North Renfrew its legitimate voice in the Provincial Parliament. Somewhat to the amazement of the Government, which counted upon Mr. Clergue's intervention in its behalf, a Conservative carried that seat at the general election. It was not clear that the opinion of its electorate had changed, and hence a new election was not ordered when Mr. Miscampbell was unseated. Now the Sault has been visited with the disastrous collapse of the Clergue enterprises, and the Government is confronted with new political conditions. The community is looking to Ministers for counsel and relief, and, no doubt, the Ministerial candidate will be made the organ of the Government's beneficence. There will be a vigilant concern for party interests, and a careful selection of party instruments for the preparation and execution of such measures as may be taken for the relief of workmen or for the support of Clergue's embarrassed enterprises. But this is of far less consequence than the deliberate betrayal of the constitution for partisan purposes.

THE THREADGOLD COMMIS-SION.

The Dawson City Record has this to say as to the proceedings of the commission appointed by the Government to investigate the Treadgold concession in the Yukon:

"If ever the hand of the Government was well displayed it occurred yesterday when the royal commission sat at Bonanza. Rather than listen to the unanswerable testimony of the miners, the commissioners threw formalities to the winds and launched forth in the bewildering sea of argument to convince the miners that they should and must accept the Treadgold concession as the only hope of the country. If any miner or other opponent of Treadgold undertakes to make correspondingly as biased statements as those hurled forth in favor of Treadgold by Mr. Justice Britton he is at once stopand told not to say another If he persists in telling the worst facts as he knows them the stenographer is commanded to not take down the words of the witness.

"It is fine for the commissioners on the bench, who prima facie know nothing of the harmful workings of the concessions, and seem inclined to went to know less, to presume to tell the miners what will be for their good. The least the commissioners could do would be to allow the miners to go to the lengths they themselves take the liberty of going, in stating the Yukon's side of the case. Yesterday whenever the commissioners got son well concerned by the minersbetter posted than themselves-they gave way to Mr. Treadgold to let him carry on the Government's arguments with the miners. In the forensic efforts that followed the stenographer was commanded to take no notes of what was said, for it cerstainly was clear that there would be some very pertinent if not harsh things said of Treadgold and the Government with that freedom of speech permitted. Of course it would not do for this heart to heart talk to go to Ottawa to be read by members of Parliament for it contained too much truth to sound well. Candidly, it would seem from yesterday's occurrences that the commissioners are sent here to "square" the Tread-Makes the clothes clean and white. gold concession with the miners by

certain fixed questions. In fact, they GETTING ANXIOUS ABOUT YOUR now seem to be here to tell the peo ple what they are to get and to intimidate them into acquiescing. Will the people bear this longer in

SAW 'EM BEFORE.

Ottawa Citizen. The last time a good many Canadians saw the Coldstreamers they did not look quite so pretty, but the big fellows in their dirty khaki uniforms were doing good work. The Ottawa section of D battery "lay beside" a detachment of the Coldstreams at Belfast, Transvaal, for a month.

> THREE WAYS. Montreal Star.

There are three, and only three possible futures for this country-a precarious independence, annexation to the United States, and a more vital union with the British empire. The first is dangerous, considering our geographical situation, and might have humiliating results; the second is totally opposed to our national asthe promise at once of security and national development. An ungenerous prejudice prevents Messrs. Bourassa and Monet from seeing this; but even the Province of Quebec does not pin its faith to them by any means, and in the rest of Canada their influence is absolutely nil.

Mr. Pitt's Canadian Nobility.

A contemporary recalls the fact that the framers of the Canada Bill of 1791 thought seriously of estab-lishing an hereditary aristocracy lishing an hereditary armound here. Thirty years later, Mr. Gour

lay wrote:
"As to establishing hereditary nobility in Canada, it is a thousand pities that Mr. Pitt's notion had not beep carried into effect. Nothing could have so well exposed the abcould have so well exposed the absurdity as actual trial and consequent ridicule. By this day we should have witnessed many a pleasant farce. We should have seen persant farce. We should have seen persants, the Duke of Ontario leading in a cart of hay, my Lord Eric pitching, and Sir Peter Superior making the rick; or perhaps His Grace might now have been figuring as a petty-fogging lawyer, His Lordship as a peddler, and Sir Knight as a poor barson, starving on 5,000 acres of parson, starving on 5,000 acres of

parson, starving on 5,000 acres of clergy reserves."

The report of the debate in the British House of Commons upon the Canada Bill, shows that on March 4th, 1791, Mr. Chancellor Pitt explained that he should propose a Council and House of Assembly for each Province, the Assembly to be constituted in the usual manner, and the members of the Council to be members for life, reserving power to His Majesty to annex to certain honors an hereditary right of sitting in ors an hereditary right of sitting in the Council. Mr. Fox opposed the measure, and as it would appear suc-

Centinental Immigration Supply. A special report by Mr. Smart to the Minister of the Interior, upon centinental immigration contains the conditions of an agreement made with the North Atlantic Trading Company of Amsterdam, Holland, in return for a bonus of £1 for each agricultural immigrant and for domestic servants over 18 years from Belgium, Holland, Denmark Russia, Germany, Holland, Denmark, Russia, Germany Austria, Hungary, northern Italy, Luxembourg, Roumania, Bulgaria, Servia, Switzerland, Norway, Sweden and Finland. The company consent to undertake a systematic and persistent propaganda in the countries named and expend annually not less than \$15,000 in carrying on the above the cost of transportation.

Mr. Smart does not consider the
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The report of the British Royal Commission on war, of which Lord Strathcona was a member, was re-cently published. The Commission pays a high tribute to the Canadian and Australian contingents. It says there has been received much evidence indicative of the high qualities and value of the over-sea colonial troops, specially the first contingents, and adds that they were picked bodies of men, chosen from among a large number of applicants, chiefly of a kind well suited to the conditions of war in South Africa. If, as an important witness said, they were not so useful as British troops for a serious attack which had to be driven serious attack which had to be driven home, they, on the whole, were more akin to the Boer than to the regular individual in resourcefulness and ability to look after themselves. These troops, with their instinct for country life, and their intelligence in scouting, despatch running, and se forth, if properly trained and disciplined, readily become as fine a body of mounted infantry as any general would desire to command. body of mounted inlantry as any general would desire to command. They are, in fact, half soldiers by their upbringing. The Commission regrets the want of method on the part of military authorities in the treatment of irregulars, and the proposity to belittle over-sea colonials. pensity to belittle over-sea colonials, pensity to belittle over-sea colonials, though it confesses most of the 60, 000 colonial troops raised in South Africa itself were hardly worth the money they cost the Imperial treasury, namely \$40,000,000, or thrice the sum paid to the over-sea contingents. It pays a tribute to the Royal Military College at Kingston less than \$15,000 in carrying on the work. In respect of settlers from Galicia, Roumania, Servia and Russia, excepting Germany, each married man and wife is to be possessed of not less than \$100 and \$25 for each child, the maximum amount for a family being fixed at \$200. Each unmarried man or woman is to be possessed of at least \$25 over and possessed of at least \$25 over and chove the cost of transportation. confess no proper preparation has been made for the next emergency. They say: "If war teaches anything, it is that throughout the Em-pire there is a reserve military strength which for many reasons we cannot and do not wish to convert into a vast standing army, but to which we may be glad to turn again in an hour of need, as in 1899. In that year there was no preparation whatever for utilizing these great re to pay, organization, or conditions of service, or even arms. We regret of service, or even arms. We regret to say we are not satisfied that enough has been done to place mat-ters on a better footing in the event of another emergency now. Nothing has been done to collect systematically the valuable experience of the officers who worked on the organization in South Africa. Certainly nothing has been done to formulate

> is surround us when we attempt to imagine the British Empire as a great military power in the sense of our continental neighbors, but our inquiry inspires us with much con fidence in the strength and unanimity of loyalty of the Empire and the value of that loyalty if properly used

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