

B. C. REPRESENTATION.

The Necessity for a Cabinet Minister From This Province Again Discussed.

Premier Powell Forgets Dignity and Talks Like a Petulant Schoolboy.

Ottawa, July 15.—In the senate to-day Hon. Mr. McInnes (B. C.) rose to call attention to the vacancy in the cabinet, and to inquire of the premier if it is the intention to fill up the vacancy by appointing a representative from British Columbia? He said—It is less than a month ago since we had the subject of representation of British Columbia in the cabinet discussed in this chamber, and it will be remembered that the first minister, in reply to my hon. colleague and myself, gave as his reason for having no such representative in the government, that there was no vacancy in the cabinet and no vacancy could be created unless one of his colleagues was turned out. Doubtless when he made that reply he had no idea that it would be only a very few days until, owing to the policy of drift and shilly-shallying that he has pursued, no less than three vacancies occurred in his cabinet. It is true that two of the seceding members of his cabinet have returned to the fold, but one of these has absolutely refused to be lured back by any childish nursery promises of another session and remedial legislation which even the first minister himself, I believe, must know will result in utter failure, and when he must know that those promises and pledges cannot be fulfilled. The course of the ex-minister of agriculture must commend itself. I submit, to every unbiased mind in the land, however much one may differ from him in his views on the question that led to his resignation. Once having resigned, honor and dignity forbade his return and he deserves credit for having refused to return to that discordant and unsavory combination that he has left. Probably I shall be told that the present vacancy in the cabinet is a Quebec one, and that it is to be filled by a gentleman from that province. Here I would remind hon. gentlemen of what the first minister said a few days ago, when he spoke with reference to the selection of cabinet ministers. He stated that he hoped the day was near at hand when provincial distinctions would be entirely overlooked or ignored in the selection of cabinet ministers, and that other qualifications would be regarded. The qualification that he emphasized was the amount of party service rendered by gentlemen to entitle them to positions in the cabinet. I submit, and the hon. premier and every hon. gentleman in this house must know, that, unfortunately for the best interests of British Columbia, her representatives in parliament have been most faithful and even slavish supporters of the policy of the present government, and if party services are to be taken as the test of qualification for a cabinet position, according to the first minister's doctrine laid down a short time ago, then I claim that no representatives from any portion of this Dominion are better qualified than the members from British Columbia other than my two colleagues here and myself. I shall not, at the present time, enter into details showing that British Columbia is entitled to representation in the cabinet. That has already been done on more than one occasion during the present session of parliament. I content myself by saying that British Columbia has at the present time a larger population than the Island province in the Gulf of St. Lawrence; that she contributes into the Dominion treasury more than eight times the amount that that province does, and contributes more than the Province of New Brunswick, or the province of Nova Scotia—in fact, that she stands third among the provinces of this confederation in her contributions to the revenue. Notwithstanding that, the little island province has had no less than three representatives in the cabinet since she became a member of the confederation about 22 years ago. During the Mackenzie regime the Hon. Mr. Laird was her representative in the cabinet. During the Macdonald regime the late Hon. Mr. Pope occupied a position for many years, and now we have the Hon. Mr. Ferguson in the Powell cabinet. More than half the time since the province became a member of confederation she has had a representative in the cabinet. The province from which I have the honor to come is an older member of confederation than the province of Prince Edward Island, and never yet has she had the common justice done to her to have a representative in the cabinet. The province of Nova Scotia has had continuously since confederation two representatives in the cabinet; Manitoba, I am happy to say, of late has had a

representative; so had the Northwest Territories for a short time. I do not grudge Prince Edward Island her representative; I think it is only right and proper she should have one, but I am forced to make the comparison that I have just stated, and that if she is entitled to a representative in the cabinet, British Columbia has much stronger and greater claims to such representation. The area of the Pacific province is eight times as great as that of the combined area of the three Maritime provinces.

Hon. Mr. Dever—It is all rocks. Hon. Mr. McInnes (B.C.)—Those rocks are not barren rocks; they contain precious metals that probably may be more valuable to this country than broad acres of fertile land.

Hon. Mr. Kaulbach—In the sweet by and by. Hon. Mr. McInnes (B. C.)—She has twice the area of the province of Quebec and double the area of Ontario, and she has four times that of the province of Manitoba. More over, British Columbia is thousands of miles distant from the seat of government, which, of course, makes it necessary that she should at all times have a representative here to look after her vast and varied interests. That ought to weigh, and weigh very considerably, with the premier in giving her a representative in the government. The Dominion has about three and a half million square miles, and of all that enormous area, only one-seventh is represented in the cabinet at the present time. I submit that that is an injustice which should be rectified as early as possible. Let the government for once give a measure of justice to the Pacific province by filling the vacancy with one of our representatives. Rest assured, hon. gentlemen, that the province will not remain pacific unless her interests are respected in the direction that I have indicated. Of the seven provinces comprising this Dominion, she is the only province for whom the government has persistently refused to do anything like justice in giving her a representative in the cabinet. Why this state of affairs should continue I am unable to understand, but I hope that even at this late hour the government will take one of our representatives into Her Majesty's privy council for Canada.

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (B. C.)—I suppose I may be expected to say a few words on this subject, the matter having been brought to the attention of the house and the government on this occasion, but my motto is—If I think it a correct one, that having one dealt with a subject I have nothing more to do with it for the session. I have done my duty to the house and to the country, and I think the house will agree with me in that. I am glad the matter has come before the house; this reason; it gives me the opportunity of saying that I regret exceedingly Mr. Angus' withdrawal from the cabinet. He has always been a gentleman who has been courteous to members of the senate, and we will regret that he is no longer in his former position. I regret still more the step he has taken, because I do not think it has been a wise one for himself or in the interest of the country. He has not been quite patriotic. He has allowed other than public considerations to influence his judgment. I think the step he has taken is not conducive to the harmony and future peace of the country. It may strengthen the hands of fanatics who fan the flames of discord in this country. My hon. colleague asked this question and myself have been in harmony on two subjects this session; on this question of representation in the cabinet, and on the British Columbia penitentiary matter. On this occasion the hon. gentleman did not result me; there is no reason why he should. We have not consulted on any of those questions, but we happened to be in harmony on the two subjects which I have mentioned. I regret that he has brought forward this matter now, because I should not have alluded to it. I think this is not the right time or place to mention a matter which is now occupying the attention of the premier, who promises to give it his consideration and there are other matters which he will regard to the subject itself. I think I can see in the face of the hon. premier a great deal of anxiety to answer this question in the affirmative. I think I can see that beaming on the hon. minister's face. Perhaps he will excuse me on this occasion if I take him into my confidence and advise him not to reply in the affirmative, but to wait patiently for the happy time in the future to which he looks forward when provincial boundaries shall be obliterated so far as appointments to cabinet positions are concerned, and men shall be taken into the government solely because they are fit for the position. I ask him to wait until those times and not do anything hasty now.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—The hon. gentleman who has put this question will, when he has the honor of being sworn of the privy council, learn that he must take a solemn oath not to divulge any of the advice which he may deem it his duty, in the interest of the country, to give to His Excellency. Just as soon as I have made up my mind as to the party whom I shall recommend to His Excellency to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of the late minister of agriculture, and His Excellency has approved of the choice, I shall have very great pleasure in disclosing the name for the information of the hon. gentleman and the public generally. Under the circumstances, it will see to it that his question is highly improper and could not be answered. I do not propose to comment on the flippant manner in which he spoke of the position of the government—its shilly-shallying, its "childish and nursery promises" or that "discordant and unsavory character" which he says pervades the cabinet of the Dominion. What he means by that last expression I will leave to him to explain. I can only account for the use of such language from the fact that he has been in the habit of smelling the rotten fish on the shores of the Fraser river, and his familiarity with that odor has suggested the expression that he has used. Having said that much, I desire to call attention to a mis-

apprehension which appears to have arisen with regard to some remarks that I made the other day, when I jokingly said that I should be delighted, "and so should my hon. friend from Victoria when he gets on this side of the house and has his friends in British Columbia, etc." When I used the words "my hon. friend from Victoria," I had no reference whatever to the hon. gentleman who has just taken his seat. The party to whom I referred was the senator, who as I supposed represented New Westminster. I find, however, in looking over the list of senators that that hon. gentleman claims to be the representative from Victoria. My own impression was that the Hon. William John Macdonald was the senator from Victoria, and the Hon. T. R. McInnes the representative from New Westminster, and they have been so designated in the past. In future I shall be more careful when I refer to either of these gentlemen and to use the word in such way that there can be no possible mistake, because I had no intention of insinuating that the hon. gentleman from Victoria, who, I suppose, meant the Hon. Mr. Macdonald, had any such intention as the remark would indicate, nor did I intend the facetious remarks to apply to him. I make this explanation in justice to that hon. gentleman, because a misapprehension exists in the minds of some on that point. I do not know how the parchment that the hon. gentleman (Mr. McInnes) holds describes his residence or whether any particular section of the country is designated. This is a matter which should be inquired into in order that there may be no mistake when senators address each other in future as to whom they really mean. I wish it to be distinctly understood that when I refer to the hon. gentleman, Mr. McInnes, I shall designate him the hon. gentleman from New Westminster.

Hon. Mr. McInnes (B. C.)—I live in Victoria at present and have lived there for five or six years. Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—The hon. gentleman was not in Victoria when he was appointed. Hon. Mr. McInnes (B. C.)—There are no senatorial divisions in our province. Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell—There are five or six senators who live in Toronto, and they never arrogate to themselves the right to be designated "the senator from Toronto."

Hon. Mr. Macdonald (B. C.)—I am very glad to hear the hon. gentleman's explanation. If he had spoken of me staying at the residence of J. Montgomery, Mill's College, Oakland, Mr. Gray conducted a sash and door factory for Chatham streets, and was later interested in the Haddington Island steam quarry. He went to California in November, following the advice of his physician, but never recovered his health.

The marriage of James Sealey, the well known oarsman and yachtsman, and Miss Cecil Goddyn, will be solemnized at Clayoquot Sound this evening. Miss Goddyn left for that point on the steamer Maude. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Father Brabant. Miss Goddyn has been one of the sopranos in the choir of St. Andrew's Roman Catholic cathedral for three years past and is well known in amateur musical circles. Mr. and Mrs. Sealey will live on the West Coast during Mr. Sealey's term of service there.

The case of John Winter, one of the crowd of boys who assaulted Joseph Brigrman at Foul Bay on Sunday, was being heard in the police court this morning. He admitted all that was charged against him and had nothing to offer in his own defense. Magistrate Macrae lectured him severely, but did not declare him guilty or pass sentence on him. He said it was useless to impose a fine, as the parents of the boy would have to pay it. He directed that the case be adjourned until Thursday and asked that the parents of the boy be present on that day.

P. Henry, a well known colored man, who is more than good natured, contributed a feature to the regatta on Saturday that caused no end of amusement at the time and has since been a huge joke among his friends. He was hurrying from the dockyard to Esquimalt proper after the race of the senior fours and started to make a short cut through a fence. He is rather stout and when half way through got stuck. He was a prisoner until released by his friends, but was not let until several hundred people had seen his predicament and laughed at it.

The officials in remeasuring the steamer Portland at San Francisco, made a discovery which demonstrated how wonderfully the old smuggling vessel was built for her former shady transactions. When Chamney St. John, the official measurer, and his assistants had carefully worked their tapes around her forehold, they came aft and found a mystery. There was a great discrepancy in the interior dimensions that could not at first be accounted for. After a close examination false decks and bulkheads were found which concealed a large secret apartment fitted up with bunk beds for sleepers, and down near the bottom were found secret lockers for opium. When the Portland, then the Haytian Republic, was strangely fitted over Puget Sound, a few years ago, running Chinese and opium across, these hidden places were utilized. The vessel then became famous in one of the greatest smuggling cases of the century, and which is yet dragging through the courts. The discovery of this increase of carrying capacity caused the raising of the steamer's tonnage just 400 tons.

From Wednesday's Daily. The mining recorders throughout the province have been requested by the minister of mines to collect and determine samples of ore to be forwarded to the mining bureau, which is to be temporarily located in the museum building. The remains of the late Samuel Gray will be brought here from California.

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BRIEF LOCALS.

Cleanings of City and Provincial News in a Condensed Form. The funeral of the late Mrs. L. Russell took place from her late residence, Craigflower road, and Victoria West Methodist church to-day at 2.30 p.m. Many and beautiful were the floral offerings contributed by the sympathizing friends. Rev. J. P. Hicks officiated at the church and cemetery. The pallbearers were: J. H. Collins, G. McDonald, F. Rodgers, H. Irvine, R. Allen, V. Ground.

The tea ship Mau Kink was given splendid dispatch at Tacoma. When she arrived the captain expressed a desire to discharge her herself, and said that he would take six weeks to unload the 3,300 tons of tea she held. The work, however, went to the local stevedores, and in 24 hours the entire cargo was in the sheds and 20 hours later was on its way east to New York in special trains. The captain has not yet recovered from his surprise.

Albert Simms was charged in the provincial court this afternoon with stealing a harness belonging to W. Demers, of the Methoshin road. It was explained that Demers requested Simms to take his horse and buggy to the blacksmith shop at Parson's bridge. Simms agreed to do so, and after leaving the buggy at the shop rode the horse to the Gorge, where he fell off and the horse ran away, he having been drinking. Yesterday the horse was returned, and after the case was called to-day the charge was withdrawn.

News was received yesterday of the death in California, on the 21st inst., of Samuel Gray, late of this city. Mr. Gray was at the time of his death staying at the residence of J. Montgomery, Mill's College, Oakland, Mr. Gray conducted a sash and door factory for Chatham streets, and was later interested in the Haddington Island steam quarry. He went to California in November, following the advice of his physician, but never recovered his health.

The Dominion government steamer Quadra, Capt. Walbran, returned this afternoon from the Fraser river, where she has been to enforce the fisheries regulations. Capt. Walbran had to warn a few of the fishermen, but beyond that had no trouble. The run of salmon up to the present has been very uncertain, one day the boats having good catches and the next poor ones. There are more boats out this year than usual.

John Winters, convicted of assaulting Joseph Brigrman, was before Magistrate Macrae this morning accompanied by his father. Winter, senior, was directed by the court to take his son and his home and give him a severe whipping, the same to take the place of any fine or imprisonment by the court. Winter, senior, agreed to carry out the decree of the court to the best of his ability. Beyond that the court directed that the costs, amounting to \$4.25, be paid by Winter, junior, and that he be bound over to keep the peace for a year with bonds in the sum of \$50.

THE MARKETS.

Table with market prices for various goods including flour, sugar, and other commodities. Columns include item names and prices per unit.

AQUATIC. GUINNESS WINS. London, July 25.—In the race for the London cup and senior sculls at the Metropolitan regatta to-day, Hon. Rupert Guinness' Leander Boat Club, beat the two Nickalls and B. A. Thompson, Argonaut Rowing Club, Toronto.

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