

The Planet.

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SID WILL STAY HOME

It seems there is a demand for Mr. Fisher for an Ontario tour. Well, his fighting speech spoiled the Dundonald business as a parliamentary issue, and perhaps he could do the like on the hustings.—Montreal Herald.

After Mr. Fisher's experience at Chatham, we would like to bet that he will be "delayed in transmission," like the Russian Baltic fleet's bluff at going to the East.—Ottawa Citizen.

ALL ABLE MEN LEAVE LAURIER

Two Ministers and three high officials have come into conflict with the ruling politicians at Ottawa, and there have been three resignations, one dismissal disgraceful to the country, and a threatened abandonment of office. It is important to note these cases. The facts are these:—

Hon. J. Israel Tarte, Minister of Public Works, resigned, but, according to Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was dismissed—because he advocated the policy of Canada for the Canadians.

Hon. A. G. Blair, Minister of Railways, resigned, although asked by his colleagues to retain his office, and thus to deceive Parliament as to his opinions, because, as Minister of Railways, understanding the question at issue, he regarded the transcontinental railway scheme in the altered shape presented by Sir Wilfrid Laurier as "folly," and "a sheer waste of \$150,000,000 of public money, without one redeeming feature."

Right Honorable the Earl of Dundonald, General Officer in Command of the militia, refused to resign, and was therefore dismissed, and described as a "foreigner," because he proposed the adequate defence of the country, and opposed the introduction of politics into the militia, to the injury of the country's defenders, and in violation of the King's regulations.

John Lorne Macdougall, Auditor-General of Canada, independent of the Government, tenders his resignation because the supervision of the expenditures imposed upon him by law is contested by the Ministers, and because a bill has been introduced to render his check upon the accounts ineffective, and his attempts to prevent stealing useless.

Capt. Salmon, Dominion Wreck Commissioner, resigns because the Minister of Marine and Fisheries assumes to dictate that he shall not deliver his judgment in an important wreck enquiry until the Minister gives him permission, thus asserting political control over what is in the nature of a judicial tribunal.

The Minister or the official who proposes what is right and opposes what is wrong cannot remain in touch with the Laurier Government, and must step aside.—Mail and Empire.

SOME MORE ROSS-STRATTON INQUIRY.

The revelation made by Mr. Lorne Hale, the Ross candidate in North Renfrew, is calculated, to startle the province, and to intensify the feeling against the Ross-Stratton Government, points out the Mail and Empire. This Government undertook to protest the return of Mr. Dunlop. It represented that Mr. Dunlop had spent \$7,000 in his long-drawn-out candidature, and professed horror at the outlay. Its hypocritical organ alleged that a man who would spend \$7,000 in a contest covering 18 months must, of necessity, have spent it corruptly.

Now we have Mr. Hales' side of the story. Mr. Hale is sued for bills incurred during the campaign. He swears that he ran on the understanding that his expenses would be limited to \$10,000 and that the balance of the cost of the contest—\$30,000—would be paid by the Ross Government. Mr. Stratton and Mr. Vance are mentioned as the persons with whom the agreement that the Government should pay this large sum of money was made. This is a terrible statement. If \$7,000 meant corruptions in the case of Mr. Dunlop what does \$40,000 mean in the case of the Ontario Government? It seems clear that the Ross-Stratton faction set out to buy or steal the constituency. That the conspiracy was frustrated the election of Mr. Dunlop shows. After failure the Government assumed an air of virtue and pursued the victor, with a view to having a second shot at the constituency.

The Stratton bribery conspiracy was a feature of the campaign. Mr. Gage visited North Renfrew and explained his case. Mr. Stratton came also; and arguments on the Stratton side to the tune of \$40,000 were laid before the electors. It looks like an attempt to buy or steal from the con-

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stituency a verdict of "not guilty" for Mr. Stratton. If this sort of thing is done in a provincial campaign, is there anything that the machine will refuse to do in the Federal contest? If the machine is bad, if it is seeking a renewal of life in the Federal election, why not smash it? If we desire to curb its wickedness, why not reject its candidates?

CONTRASTS.

Borden is a man of affairs; Laurier is simply a mere talker.
 Borden has shown wonderful business ability; Laurier admits that he is no business man.

Borden has perfect grasp of the business of this country, gained in half-a-dozen years' public life; Laurier, after 40 years experience, makes the G. T. P. railway proposal.

Borden has a fixed idea of a fiscal policy for Canada; Laurier—after nine years as leader of the government—has not yet been able to hit upon a fiscal policy for Canada.

Borden appeals to all the people; Laurier appeals particularly to Quebec, trusting to the thick and thin Grits elsewhere to help him through.

Borden, in England, would not give the British people a false idea of Canadians; Laurier does.

Borden has no enemies of the empire in his following; Laurier has.

Borden has no free traders in his following to mollify; Laurier has.

Borden would add the other tenth to the cost, and have the country own the G. T. P. railway; Laurier would allow the country to burden itself with nine-tenths of the cost of the road, and then give it away to a private company.

Borden would have all goods made in Canada that can profitably be made here; Laurier allows a hundred millions of dollars worth of manufactured goods—which should be made in Canada—to be imported each year from the United States alone.

Borden would put a prohibitory export duty on pine sawlogs and lumber, pulp wood, pulp, nickel ore and matte, and other things of which Canada has naturally a monopoly, and compel the manufacturer of all these raw materials in Canada; Laurier has for nine years steadfastly refused to do this grand thing for Canada, notwithstanding the fact that it has been urged upon him time and time again.—Hamilton Spectator.

JOYOUS ANTICIPATION.

St. Mary's Argus.
 It is just as well to remember that Christmas comes thirteen weeks from last Saturday.

STILL AT LARGE.

Hamilton Spectator.
 A New York man has been arrested for stealing poetry; but Honorable G. W. Ross is still at large.

AND THIS IS NO CAMPAIGN LIE.

Toronto Telegram.
 Canada's iron industry will have to work double shifts if this country is to have spikes enough to nail even the Globe's output of campaign lies.

OUR BUSY SEASON.

Hamilton Spectator.
 Perhaps our friends the Japs will excuse us for a little while until we knock eternal smithereens out of the Laurier misgovernment?

A GOOD MOTTO.

Toronto News.
 In view of the cheers at the Massey hall meeting we venture to add to the campaign mottoes one more—Dundonald Will Not Down.

THE "MINNIE M."

Halifax Herald.
 The shortness of the election campaign may be due to the Grit need of having the election before the close of navigation on the lakes, so that the "Minnie M." can operate again in Algoma and elsewhere.

TOUGH EATING.

Toronto Telegram.
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Windsor Record.
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AGENT'S SALARIES.

Arnprior Chronicle.
 The governor-general and his better-half cannot fail to return to Great Britain firm friends of this country, one result of which friendship will be the addition of two potent immigration agents to the number now working for Canada in the old land. And the immigration agent without salary is sometimes a hundred per cent. better than the one whose salary is large and whose cheek is colonial.

WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN
CENTRE BRUCE.

Kincardine Review.
 What made this protest particularly audacious was the character of the campaign waged against Mr. Clark in that bye-election. A gang of silent workers was brought in, including "Lank" Kennedy. If Dr. Stewart had been elected and his election protested about as suddenly as the respondent was confirmed in his seat, because the campaign of corruption in his behalf was waged by what the Globe would call its "batter and unrelieved stupidity."

THE INDIAN FAIR
AT WALPOLE

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ning the length of the hall, supported on one side, canned fruits and vegetables, even to corn and white tomatoes; on the other side were white and brown bread, cakes, pies, tarts and gingerbread cookies which carried one back to childhood days; even the wedding cake was there, three-storied, iced and candied. Vegetables and fruit were well represented, and nowhere could better specimens be produced; even water melons were there and piles of luscious looking musk melons. The exhibit in Mission Hall was truly a creditable one and many people were amazed.

Passing through an open door we soon had the pleasure of meeting Ziba Brigham, who was church warden in the time of Rev. Mr. Jacobs, so well and favorably known by many Chathamites. Mr. Brigham, it will be remembered, came to Chatham in 1892 for their Christmas entertainment. He spoke pleasantly of his stay in Chatham, saying that he had met with nothing but kindness. When asked to write in my book he smilingly consented and wrote in Ojibwe and then in English: "U'uh Puh che quah goah ewh o' sah nuh Chatham a' Tuh waig. W'ae je Kuh Bowh," meaning "the city of Chatham is a very good city."—Ziba Brigham.

After visiting the booth of burnt wood work, where were bows and arrows, paddles and canoes, and where the name of the purchaser (together with the date) was burnt on, while one waited, we entered the large tent to see the Indian war-dance. Seated on the ground and beat nearly double Peter Keeshik, over one hundred years old, beat the tom-tom and chanted to the war song. One squaw in white paint and head-dresses, danced and gave vent to the most blood-curdling and unearthly war-whoops.

After the dance was over I approached one well built brave and asked him if he would kindly spell for me the name of the oldest man on the island.

"Here, Mike," said he, turning to another, "be-painted brave," "write Peter's name for the lady."

Taking the pencil and paper he slowly wrote: "Peter Keeshik."

"Will you kindly write your own?" A pleased smile passed over his face as he wrote: "Mike Altman."

"I tell you so much." Turning to the first man I said: "Will you kindly tell me your name?"

"Me? Oh, I'm Ogemauh, Chief of the Chippewas. See my firebag?" said he proudly, as he held out what looked like a regalia, beautifully worked in beads and ending in what appeared to be a huge pocket.

"What is a firebag?"

"What we wear when we go to war—put scalps in."

"Will you give me a feather from your head-dress?" I next asked him.

"Yes, to be sure," and he bent his tall form that I might take a feather.

Walpole Island is seven miles long and five miles wide; it is mostly under cultivation. The remnant of two tribes—the Ojibway and Chippewa—live there, speaking their own tribal language, but they easily understand one another. A large drain is being put through the centre of the island, which will be of great material benefit. The Indians all live in houses, and are justly proud of their churches and schools and of their grocery store. A few years ago there was a population of 1,500 Indians on the island, but now there is scarcely more than one thousand, showing how the Aborigine dies out before the onward march of the Pale face. The only white residents allowed on the island are the minister of the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Edwards, the Indian agent and the customs officer.

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