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The general Provincial elections in Manitoba take place to-morrow. As already stated, the opposition to the Greenway Government in the last Legislature consisted of only six in a House of 40 members. To turn such a Government following into a minority would seem to be a herculean task indeed; but the extravagance and corruption of the Greenway administration, and the great ability and extraordinary popularity of the Opposition Leader, Hugh John McDonald, have aroused such enthusiasm in the Conservative ranks that the chances seem to be against the Government. The proceedings on an opposition day pointed in this direction. At the last general election eight Government supporters were elected by acclamation, on this occasion every seat is contested.

Wednesday next, the 13th inst., is the day for the elections in the Belfast and Murray Harbor Districts. The public questions issued have been pretty thoroughly discussed and presented to the electors in their different phases. Surely the electors of these districts are by this time fully conversant with the reckless and ruinous deficit making and debt producing conduct of public affairs pursued by the present Local Government. The Kytelying, vote-catching tactics of the Government in the present campaign have been exposed, and the brow-beating and insulting of Sir Louis Davies have been laid bare. In view of all these facts there will be no excuse for the electors of Belfast and Murray Harbor if they refuse to defeat the candidates of the Government and triumphantly elect Messrs McLean and Prowse.

This is the day of nomination for the elections in Belfast and Murray Harbor. The campaign has been a lively one since it commenced, and the reports from both districts are most favorable for the opposition candidates. It would be surprising indeed, if the intelligent yeomanry of Belfast and Murray Harbor should do otherwise than elect the opposition candidates. They know that the Government have saddled the Province with a debt of \$600,000; they know that the Premier has stated that the Government's policy is to still further increase the public debt, by issuing more debentures; they know that the Grits have proved false to every promise they have made regarding the obtaining of our rights from the Dominion; they know that Sir Louis Davies insulted the intelligence of the electors by his threats during his recent campaign in those districts; they know that Sir Louis and the Government and Government candidates are only trying to humbug the people regarding the railway and bridge. Knowing all this, surely the electors of Belfast and Murray Harbor will send Irving and McKinnon to the right about on the 13th, and elect McLean and Prowse with sweeping majorities.

The Stanley has been laid up at Georgetown, and her crew have been paid off. The captain, chief engineer and only one or two men remaining by her. This does not look very much like putting forth an effort to make the winter navigation of the Straits as near continuous as possible, as the public might naturally expect the Government to do with two iron steamers at their disposal. But the people should understand that the present Grit Government seldom or never do what they are expected to do, and nearly always do that which they have promised not to do. By the way, it appears the new winter steamer Minto has had to undergo a number of changes since her arrival here in order to make her fit for her work. Indeed, it seems she was not near completed when brought out, and that eight or nine thousand dollars have been spent upon her to make good the defects of the contractors. We are informed that the steam winch in the forward hold was in the way of the freight and had to be removed forward of the bulk-head, necessitating the cutting away of part of the forward hatch and some of the large iron stanchions. A passenger room had to be prepared aft, involving the cutting up of the deck. An injector for carrying the ashes overboard, covers for steam winches, fenders and various other appliances had to be provided. As a matter of fact, tearing up and reconstructing has been going on for some time. This is hardly what was to be expected in connection with a steamer that received such blowing as was given the Minto by the Grit press.

Mr. Patrick D. McLean, of Head St. Peter's Bay, has been appointed agent for the Herald. He present said operation is King's County. Mr. McLean is empowered to collect subscriptions, to enroll new subscribers and to transact business for the Herald in general. We thank him for a cordial reception by the friends of the Herald. Any courtesies extended to him will be appreciated at this office.

AT OTTAWA.

THE GROWING TIME—INCREASED TRADE. THE GROWING TIME—INCREASED TRADE. THE GROWING TIME—INCREASED TRADE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 2.—It is still a growing time. The finance department and the department of trade and commerce give out monthly statements showing that Canadian trade is yet on the increase, and that the revenue is coming in faster than ever it did before. For instance, it is announced that the customs revenue for the five months from July to November inclusive, was over two millions. How this compares with other years is shown by the following table giving the figures for the same five months:

Table with 2 columns: Year, Revenue. 1895: \$4,044,908; 1896: 4,069,908; 1897: 4,203,377; 1898: 4,203,377; 1899: 4,203,377.

It will be seen that the revenue from customs is nearly half as large again as it was in the same five months four years ago, and some fifteen per cent. larger than it was two years ago. This increase in receipts corresponds with the increase in the value of imports.

But the consumer of imported articles will be interested to know that the price of goods brought in is not greater than it was in 1897, or even in 1898. The price of iron and steel has risen in the last few months. Cotton goods are on the average probably twenty per cent. higher than they were three years ago. Imported woollens have also advanced. Boots and shoes are twenty-five per cent. higher than one year ago. So that when the trade returns show that the imports of Canada increase say thirty millions they do not mean that the Canadians have bought more goods. They only mean that they paid more for the same quantity of goods. As most of the customs duties are based upon values, it is easy to see how the revenue increases. The farmer who buys goods for his children's clothes, or boots for his boys and girls, pays more than he did a year ago, or two years ago, for the same article. The price at which the goods are imported is higher, and the retailer who sells them, has to make his profit out of the money paid into the custom house, as well as on the money sent to the factory abroad. Let us, in considering the growing accounts which we read of the "growing time," as we see by the trade returns, be in mind that so far as last year is concerned, the growth is mainly in the value of imports, and that this is due to the increased purchases, but to higher prices. Let it not be forgotten that he is able to pay a larger amount of tax out of each yard of cloth, or each pound of meat, or each article of clothing.

CHEAP TO LIVE IN. There was, doubtless, a good deal of claptrap in the claim made a few years ago by the liberal party that their policy would make the country a cheap place to live in. Cheapness is not everything and when cheap costs are said on the other side, the worst result of a financial policy in cheapness of goods, and this is what the government has evolved out of its dealing with coal oil and binder twine. These two articles are mentioned because they figure most conspicuously in the speeches of liberal leaders in and out of the house before the last election. It was charged that the farmers of Canada were subjected to oppressive production of these articles. Today it happens that the Canadian farmers are more than ever subjected to the oppression of a Canadian monopoly. We had formerly a Canadian monopoly of the Standard Oil monopoly. Now we have the Canadian business absorbed by the foreign combine, and many Canadian ladies are being sold to the Standard Oil monopoly. At the same time the price of oil has increased five cents. So with binder twine. The control has passed to foreign producers and Canadian dealers who act as their agents. Some of the largest Canadian industries have been sold to the Standard Oil monopoly. The price of iron and steel has increased. The price of iron and steel has increased. The price of iron and steel has increased.

POLITICS. Mr. Sifton and Mr. Pateon, with their gross of parliamentary attendants, have returned from their campaign tour in Manitoba, where they have been giving Greeley a lift. Sir Charles Tupper, Mr. Foster, Clarke Wallace and other conservatives have, by way of reciprocity, gone west to what they call High John McDonald, and now Mr. Greenway is a desirable style. At the conclusion of the mass the Bishop announced that no sermon would be preached, as it was the expressed wish of the deceased that no words of eulogy should be pronounced over him. His Lordship, however, could not refrain from making mention of the humility that prompted Father Peter in trying to avoid the tribute of praise he so richly deserved. After the Mass, the body was borne to the adjoining cemetery where it was reverently laid to rest amid the sighs and tears of his sorrowing friends. Eternal rest give to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Chaps and Pains.

Mr. John Hawke, Coldwater, Ont., writes: Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is a wonderful cure for Cramps and Pains in the stomach. I was a great sufferer until I gave it a trial, but now I have perfect comfort.

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The undersigned Executors of the estate of the late Joseph and John McIsaac, late of Head St. Peter's Bay, in King's County, in Prince Edward Island, farmers, deceased, testate, hereby notify all persons indebted to the said estate to make immediate payment to them at Head St. Peter's Bay; and all persons having any claims against the said estate are hereby requested to present the same duly attested to them within twelve months from this date.

Dated this 6th day of December, A. D. 1899. JAMES H. McISAAC, ANDREW LEWIS, Executors.

RACE FOR OFFICE.

It is believed that Mr. Beausoleil, M. P. for Berthier, was, on Wednesday, appointed postmaster of Montreal. The appointment was agreed upon weeks ago, but has not been formally announced. It should be mentioned that the fact would be some evidence that the government proposes to hold another session before the election. A dissolution was expected within a few weeks, the appointment would be allowed to stand until the election. Mr. Fraser, of Guyboro, who has given up his law practice absolutely and spends his whole time touring about, has made forty speeches in Manitoba and the Northwest with Mr. Sifton. It is expected that he will soon give a series of lectures in the Yukon district. By way of preparation, Mr. Kirk, a Liberal member for Guyboro, who showed a disposition to be a candidate, but was not acceptable, has been appointed the office of warden of the Dorchester penitentiary. The late warden, Mr. Corbett, who was a Liberal, was a member of the cabinet, and was suspended some fifteen months ago. He has been drawing his pay of \$2,000 a year, and has not been doing any work, during which period the faithful have been doing the work of the penitentiary. The warden was ordered a year ago. It was in secret, of course, and lately, when the selection of Mr. Corbett had been made, a report was obtained to suit the requirements of the case.

THE TROOPS ENLIGHTENED.

The Sardinian, with the Canadian troops, has arrived at Cape Town. Owing to delay of the government in deciding to send the corps, they were the last of the colonial troops to arrive. They should have been at the head of the procession in the Jubilee parade, as it was, New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Western Australia, South Australia, New Zealand, and the Cape are ahead of Canada in the date of the arrival of their troops, as well as in the state of their officer of service. The troops, on their arrival in Africa would naturally look for letters and papers from home. They will be an unpleasant surprise to them to learn that the government scheme for insuring their lives has fallen through. The government press, on the last day but one before their departure from Canada, announced that they had been insured against death from any cause. Of course it was pointed out that this policy was far better than the one arranged by Sir Charles Tupper, which provided insurance against death or disabling wounds resulting from military service. The soldiers sailed away with this kind promise on behalf of the government hanging in their ears. When they read the papers from Canada they will find to their surprise, that the government never insured their lives. They will be some consolation to know the reason of the failure. The finance minister, assisted by Mr. Tupper, had decided that it would cost too much money.

Rev. R. P. MacPhee.

We chronicle today the death of Rev. Peter MacPhee, which sad event took place at Georgetown on Wednesday morning November the 29th ult. Father MacPhee was born at St. Georges, and at the time of his death was in his sixty third year. He made his first voyage to France, where he was ordained priest in the year 1867. Immediately after his ordination he returned to Prince Edward Island and took charge of the parishes of St. Andrews and St. Peter's. He was ordained nearly two years, till the late lamented Bishop McIntyre, on the eve of his departure for the Vatican Council, transferred him to the parish of Rustico. Soon after his health began to fail, and in the fall of 1877 he paid a visit to France, in the hope that a journey to that genial clime would restore him to his usual vigor; but in this he was doomed to disappointment. The following year he returned home at little improved, and resumed the pastoral care of Rustico and Hope Rivers. He remained at his post with indefatigable zeal, laboring for the salvation of souls till in 1888 the precarious state of his health obliged him to resign. He then went to Colorado, in eager search of better health; but in a short time returned little benefited by his trip abroad. On a return he took up his residence in Charlottetown, where he remained till last year, when he returned to Georgetown. During the last four months, he had been confined to bed; yet bore his suffering with the most edifying patience; and though his death had been expected still it was a pain and a shock to his many friends when on Wednesday 29th ult. the news flashed over the wires that Father Peter was no more. At noon on that day Nov 30th his remains were conveyed to St. James Church Georgetown and a solemn Mass chanted for the repose of his soul. Thence they were brought by train to Cardigan Bridge, where a large number of people waited to accompany them to St. Georges. Arrived at this latter place, the body lay in state all night in the church; and by it kept a crowd of watchers eager to render this last tribute of respect to one who was a father and a friend. At 5 a. m. Friday morning the late lamented assembled clergy chanted the office for the dead, after which Pontifical Requiem Mass was sung by the Bishop of C. Town. His Lordship was assisted by Rev. Jas. E. Macdonald as High Priest, Rev. Stephen Phelan as deacon, Rev. Dr. Walker as sub deacon, Father Maclellan being in charge of the ceremonies. Revs. D. McDonald, R. B. McDonald, Wm. Phelan and F. J. Macdonald occupied seats in the sanctuary. The choir assisted by Revs. P. C. Gauthier, F. X. Gallant, R. J. Gillis, J. C. McLean and J. C. McMillan rendered the solemn Gregorian chant in admirable style. At the conclusion of the mass the Bishop announced that no sermon would be preached, as it was the expressed wish of the deceased that no words of eulogy should be pronounced over him. His Lordship, however, could not refrain from making mention of the humility that prompted Father Peter in trying to avoid the tribute of praise he so richly deserved. After the Mass, the body was borne to the adjoining cemetery where it was reverently laid to rest amid the sighs and tears of his sorrowing friends. Eternal rest give to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.

DIED.

At St. Louis, on the 30th ult., of inflammation of the bowels, Calina, youngest beloved daughter of James Gander, of Ailsbury, aged 16 years. R. I. P.

THE WAR!

The Battle of Modder River described.—Canadians go to the Front they will act in conjunction with the Black Watch and Seaforth Highlanders.—Col Otter heard from.—No important news since Modder River Fight.

The War Office on the 29th received the following despatch from General Buller, dated Capetown, Tuesday, Nov. 28: "Modder River, Tuesday, Nov. 28.—Reconnoitered at 5 a. m. enemy's position on River Modder, and found them strongly entrenched and concealed. No means of outflanking the river being full. Action was commenced with artillery, mounted infantry and cavalry at 5.30. The Guards on the right, Natal Brigade on the left. Attached to the Natal Brigade were the Boer force, 8,000 strong, with two large guns, four Krupp's, etc. The naval brigade landed at 6.30 a. m., and supported by the infantry, found itself in front of the whole. After desperate hand fighting, which lasted ten hours, our men, without water or food, fell in the burning sun, and the enemy quit his position. General Pol-Carew was successful in getting a small party across the river, gallantly assisted by 600 sappers.

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THE WAR!

The London Chronicle's correspondent tells the following story of the Modder River battle: The enemy occupied a strong entrenched position. Their front extended for a distance of five miles along the bank of the river. They were well protected with artillery and machine guns. The battle started at daybreak, our guns shelling the Boer left, while the enemy replied with artillery, Hotchkiss and Maxim guns. The artillery battle lasted some hours, then came a brisk fall in the Boer ranks. The Boer army was then immediately taken advantage of by the British infantry, who moved forward toward the river in two brigades. The Guards on the right were met by an awful fire of bullets from the enemy's sharpshooters posted close to the river on the opposite bank. Our troops had no cover and were simply mowed down. It seemed impossible to live through the terrible fire, but the brave fellows did not retreat. The Boer fire was so accurate and they must have numbered at least 10,000 men. The Scots Brigade advanced 600 yards before they were fired on. They then had to lie down to escape the deadly fusillade which lasted without intermission throughout the day. The Highlanders made several attempts to force the passage of the river but they were repulsed with a murderous enfilading fire that they had to retire after they had suffered terribly. The Boer position was so strong that they held their own for hours against a vastly superior force. The general opinion of the staff is that there had never been such a sustained fire in the annals of the British army as that which our troops had to face. Our men fell in dozens while trying to repulse the enemy. Among the many heroic deeds one of the most conspicuous was that of Lieutenant Colonel Corringford, of the Coldstream Guards, who, with a dozen men, held the river and swam nearly to the other side in the face of a steady fire. They were forced to retire, however, and joining the rest of the troops, they were kept up in returning. The Boer guns kept up a heavy fire all day and nearly drove the troops to the Boer position. The enemy being forced to fly from their entrenchments. Night put an end to the terrible bloodshed. The Infantry Brigade was terribly cut up. The Boers retreated at night, taking their guns with them, and we are now occupying their positions. The enemy's losses must have been tremendous.

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