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OTTAWA, June 9, 1906.

Two votes in one week in favor of concealment and secrecy is a fair record for a ministry and a party which is acquiring a reputation for suppressing information. On Monday of this week Parliament, at the call of the Premier, voted down the motion that Mr. Preston should be brought to the bar of the House and ordered to give the names of the North Atlantic Trading Company contractors who had received \$300,000 of Canadian public money. Sir Wilfrid proposed an amendment setting forth that government officers had given a pledge of secrecy which ought to be kept. Three members of his party, Mr. Bourassa, Mr. Laverge and Mr. O'Neil refused to go with him. Otherwise it was a straight party vote.

KEEPING PRESTON'S SECRETS.

If this pledge was given seven years ago by an officer the government might well have repudiated it at once, and if necessary the contract as well. For the pledge itself was a suspicious circumstance. There was another time when the pledge was no longer binding. That was when the Company was shown to be a bogus affair using a seal to which it had no right, and declaring that it had a charter when it had none. And to-day when the contract itself has been abrogated on the ground stated by the Minister himself that "the company is not carrying out the agreement in good faith", there is no longer a one-sided obligation, if such a thing could ever exist. The Company has broken faith at every turn, and there is reason to believe that the affair is a gigantic swindle and steal. Mr. Preston, who made the agreement is believed by some of those who have been associated with him as government officers to be financially interested in the deal. Circumstances already brought to light show that he has been closely connected with the contractors in many ways. Concealment under these conditions does not create a good impression, it seems to be fairly established that the facts are withheld for other reasons than those given. Meanwhile the investigation, so far as the government allows it, goes on in the Committee.

NO EXPOSURE FOR LAND GRABBERS.

The other secrecy vote was taken on Wednesday, when the majority refused Mr. Borden's request for enquiry into the management of Western lands. Sir Wilfrid Laurier did not then plead a pledge of secrecy. The motives for concealment may be guessed. But anyone who has followed and read the charges must see that there are some things to investigate. Briefly these are among them.

THE \$250,000 DEAL.

The Saskatchewan Land Deal. This was a sale of 250,000 acres for one dollar an acre, which land the purchasers at once put in the market at six to ten dollars. There was no competition and no one except the buyers knew the land was for sale. On the contrary the declared policy of the government was against such sales. The

organizer of the purchasing company is now in the House and voted against the investigation. His brother-in-law was Land Commissioner of the Government at the time. He also is in the House now and voted against the enquiry. Mr. Sifton made the statement that the land sold had been refused as a subsidy by a railway company. It is now shown that the Saskatchewan concern, which also bought the railway company's claim of subsidy land, was given the right to choose areas out of 2,000,000 acres set aside for this purpose after Mr. Sifton's friends made their purchase. Further it was shown by Dr. Roche that an agreement of the purchasers to bring in a certain number of settlers was of little value as they had to do it in order to sell their railway lands. Moreover, after the contract was signed, the Government made several concessions to the buyers. Lastly the Company has claimed to bring in settlers who came as homesteaders and never heard of the Company until they were on the land. Yet the majority of the House has decided that there is nothing to investigate.

MR. ADAMSON'S SECRET.

Grazing leases. Mr. Sifton one day changed the regulations and made grazing leases good for twenty-one years. Also he shut out homesteaders from a chance to settle on these leased lands and took power to give the lease holder an absolute title to one tenth of this grant at one dollar an acre. Another change was made cancelling these conditions and making the leases terminable after notice, and raising the price of the absolute grant from 1 dollar to 3. During the period when the special privileges continued over 300,000 acres were leased by a few concerns some of which united. The largest operator mentioned in the record is the Member of Parliament above mentioned. This member and his brother-in-law voted against enquiry.

CLOSER THAN A BROTHER.

Timber leases.—When Mr. Sifton was Minister he made important changes in these Western leases, greatly to the benefit of the operators. These Sifton regulations were soon revoked. In the meantime Mr. Burrows, now a member of the House, who is Mr. Sifton's brother-in-law, obtained leases and has become the holder of over three hundred thousand acres of timber in the West. He says that he got it all on competition, but attention is called to the fact that the tenders are examined privately and by one officer. Moreover, and Dr. Roche has shown that Mr. Burrows was granted permits on terms which were refused to other applicants, that he was excused from performing conditions that the law required and that he was allowed to cut on areas which had been withdrawn from operation. Mr. Burrows voted with his brother-in-law, Mr. Sifton, as Mr. Adamson did with his brother-in-law extension commissioner Turritt, all against investigation.

FAKE HOMESTOCKS.

It was shown by Mr. Ames that millions of acres are shut out from settlement by bogus homestead entries, that entries have been made on thousands of homesteads that were never occupied and cannot be acquired by genuine settlers because they are held by speculators. It has been shown that favored companies are offering these homesteads for sale or agreeing to throw them in as a bonus in a large transaction. All this is contrary to law and to good policy. But the Government, and Members whose names have been mentioned in connection with these matters, vote that there is nothing to investigate.

EXIT FITZPATRICK.

The government suffers a heavy loss by the retirement of Mr. Fitzpatrick, Minister of Justice who was, perhaps the most resourceful and effective member of the Laurier administration. Mr. Fitzpatrick has had large influence in the government and in the Commons. He was now passed to a sphere for which he has high professional qualifications. Sir William Mulock ten years ago would have condemned the appointment on the ground that members should not be allowed to obtain office during the term for which they were elected. He introduced a bill to that effect, and was supported by other Ontario members. They are not here now to object to the appointment of Mr. Fitzpatrick. They have taken office themselves, Sir William with the rest and Chief Justice Fitzpatrick is safe from criticism. Mr. Aylesworth, who takes his place, is a conspicuous jurist who has not as yet shown any par-

ticular gifts as a minister or parliamentarian.

AT THE BAR.

Thursday the house witnessed a spectacle which is rare in our political history. The Ottawa correspondent of La Presse newspaper appeared at the bar of the house to answer for certain statements made by him concerning Mr. Foster. The member for North Toronto says he does not care for personal abuse or criticism, but on behalf of himself and half dozen other leading members who have been similarly misrepresented he has taken this action. This correspondent stated the other day that Mr. Foster "incessantly throws gratuitous slanders into the face of the inhabitants of the Province of Quebec of French Canadians and of Catholics." He asserted that Mr. Foster "sings their refrain in the House of Commons" whereby "our compatriots (that is the French Canadians) are represented as fools steeped in ignorance, our clergy—a collection of fanatics and hypocrites." Mr. Foster points out that the effect of these falsehoods is to make him and others similarly treated appear to the French people as their enemy and as an insulter of all that they hold dear. In the interest of the French speaking people themselves and of the Catholics, in the interest of good feeling and decency he proposes that a limit be put to this particular form of slander. The fact is that Mr. Foster has not spoken a disrespectful word of the French people of the Quebec Province or of the French race or of the Catholic Clergy during the whole session, so that the slander against him is particularly gratuitous. No action has yet been taken, and the case stands over until next week.

THE ARCTIC AND THE ICE-BREAKER.

The enquiry into supplies for the Arctic makes slow progress. The Captain of the ship, the officers of the Department who furnished the cigars and the wines and the other luxuries, and the happy group who used them testify that they believe everything to be all right. Thus the picnic has the unqualified endorsement of the picnicers. It is true that the Arctic did not do anything and did not get anywhere, and has cost three or four hundred thousand dollars. But the Marine and Fishery Department does not mind that. The committee has discovered that some bills were paid twice over, but accidents of this kind will happen in connection with all revelries.

Affairs in Russia.

St. Petersburg, June 8.—According to reliable reports from Peterhof Emperor Nicholas has about decided to retire Premier Goremykin. Evidently M. Goremykin did not possess the force or skill necessary to steer the ship of state in the present crisis and his majesty, who is extremely dissatisfied with the premier's sorry failure to make any headway toward a rapprochement with the lower house of parliament, is now ready to sacrifice him. For the emperor seems to be torn by conflicting counsels. A few of his advisers are urging him to make a frank surrender and accede to parliament's demand for a ministry from the opposition majority. These influences are hardly likely to prevail against the party headed by Gen. Treppoff, which believes that no further concessions should be made. The cabinet itself is in open rebellion and with the support they are receiving from the court the rebels are confident of being able to unhorse M. Goremykin. The Reich regards the government's decision to shield itself in the matter of the death penalty bill behind the provision of the fundamental law requiring thirty days' notice before consideration of a bill as being a sign that bad influences are gaining the upper hand at Peterhof, but the paper commends the wisdom of the constitutional Democrats in refraining from making an issue of the question, in the meantime insisting on the suspension of executions.

Despatches from the interior continue gloomy and show that the gradual extension of the Agrarian disorders and partial strikes now affect twelve provinces. The latest disturbances reported are at Kieff and Tyr. Numerous collisions between peasants and rural guards have taken place but nothing in the nature of mass movement has yet occurred. A sensation has been caused by the disclosures of M. Vladimiroff, correspondent of the Twentieth Century, formerly the Russ, who investigated the case of Mile. Spidomera, and who is now in the Baltic provinces investigating the repressions there. He declares that six out of the eight men executed at Riga were innocent and adds that they were forced to confess by tortures which put the Spanish Inquisition to shame.

Although the Social revolutionists have proclaimed a temporary cessation of the terrorist campaign there is little abatement in the murders of police officials in the interior. Mounted Gendarmes yesterday evening charged a crowd of workmen at the government cartridge factory at Vasil-Ostrov, who emerged from a meeting singing the "Marseillaise." The Gendarmes used their whips and sabres, injuring many and wounding two men seriously.

Tsaritsin, Province of Saratov, Russia, June 8.—In a fight yesterday between Perians, whom local contractors had imported to take the place of striking longshoremen, and a mob of strikers, a score of the latter were killed.

Helsingfors, Finland, June 8.—The Finnish senate has received an imperial order to frame a temporary regulation prohibiting for a year the importation of rifles or revolvers in Finland.

Moscow, June 8.—There is a noticeable increase in revolutionary activity here and it is evident that the leaders are preparing to take advantage of the first opportunity to start an armed uprising. The workmen of the factories and mills are being systematically armed with Mauser rifles and drilled under the supervision of Army reserve soldiers. In spite of the repressive measures adopted by the authorities revolutionary meetings are held nightly in the industrial section. The leaders appear to be confident that the morale of the troops of the garrison is undermined, as they have received from some regiments promises of support in the event of a conflict. Revolutionary emissaries have been sent out in all directions into the country to incite the land hungry peasants to appropriate land and strike on the big estates. The plan evidently is to secure unity of action in the country and inaugurate a conflict with a general strike. The leaders evidently hope for a complete rupture between the Government and Parliament, which would furnish the necessary opportunity for an uprising. The situation was greatly alarmed the business men of Moscow and the big landlords of the country.

St. John Exhibition.

It was thought by many that the fact that the Dominion Exhibition was being held at Halifax would be a drawback to the success of the St. John Exhibition. The fact is that the St. John Exhibition, but the experience so far has been otherwise, as the manufacturers have intimated their intention of taking advantage of both Exhibitions as the dates will not conflict in any way. The leading stock breeders, dairymen and agriculturists of New Brunswick and the other Maritime Provinces, are taking up the Exhibition at St. John in a way which will make those lines more of a credit than they have been in past exhibitions, and St. John has not only won, but for the last two exhibitions in particular, as having the best stock and horse show east of Toronto.

In the matter of amusements and novelties, the presence of such an experienced man as Mr. A. O. Skinner at the head of the Exhibition is in itself a guarantee that those who attend the big Fair next September will see a number of features which are entirely new and unique, and which will not be surpassed by any Exhibition in Canada.

The proposition to hold an automobile show has aroused a great deal of interest, not only among owners of automobiles throughout the Provinces, but by the public generally, as public interest in this mode of locomotion has gained very greatly in the last two years. C. J. Milligan, Manager of the Exhibition in response to his request that the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company exhibit at St. John has received the following reply, Manager Milligan will accept the offer. C. J. Milligan, Esq., Manager Exhibition, St. John, N. B. Dear Sir,—We are in receipt of your letter of May 21st and are prepared to carry out the suggestions made therein. We will erect a wireless telegraph station on the grounds of the exhibition and will exchange messages with our station at Partridge Island and from there—if the public desires—to Sable Island or to passing ships. We will make no charge to the exhibition but will ask you to erect free of charge to us a suitable pole of about forty or fifty feet and supply free of charge the necessary electric power which will be inconsiderable. If we send messages from Partridge Island to Sable Island or to passing ships, we will of course charge our usual tolls, but will make no charge for messages exchanged with Partridge Island.

We will install an ordinary tape ticker as you suggest. We must of course stipulate that no other wireless telegraph company will be allowed to exhibit apparatus at the exhibition. We shall be glad if you will be good enough to let us know whether this meets with your approval. Yours very truly, General Manager Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co., of Canada, Montreal, May 23. C. J. Milligan, manager of the exhibition, returned from Moncton recently where he had been in conference with Mr. Tiffin of the I. C. R. concerning the rates for the exhibition this fall. He reports that the result of his visit was especially satisfactory, as he arranged for the best rates that ever have been received for any exhibition held in St. John.

The I. C. R. arranged to give a one fare return rate to all exhibition, and it was further arranged that after the exhibits had come to St. John these exhibits could then get a half fare rate to the Sussex and Chatham exhibitions and return home for nothing. The passenger rate is also exceptionally good, as there will be one fare return for the whole exhibition week.

Then there will be three days of excursion rates from all points east of Campbellton and west of Amherst, and then there will be two excursion days which will include points outside of the above named points. On these days special trains will be run from Moncton to St. John and all trains from other points will connect with these special trains. The rates are exceedingly low for these days. As an instance of how low they are from Moncton to St. John and return the fare will only be one dollar. The days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of the exhibition week. The I. C. R. has also decided to send its famous exhibit to the St. John fair this year, but as yet the details have not been arranged, as the railway will exhibit not only at St. John but at Toronto and Halifax, and as the show and the St. John show are on the same dates, there is some difficulty in arranging matters satisfactorily. This exhibit

will also include the famous colored pictures of the different points along the road of the I. C. R. The railway will also have a fish exhibit in connection with the fish exhibit under the exhibition management.

There is a good reason says an Ottawa despatch to believe that the Postmaster-General, Hon. Roubilpe Lemieux, is supporting the position of the Allan and Canadian Pacific Steamship companies in shipping from the north coast of Ireland as a port of call. Only a few bags of mail and a few passengers are landed or taken on at the port in question, and steamship companies do not consider that there are any compensating advantages for the delay involved. Moreover the stop is not without its dangers in rough weather. It also reported that the postmaster at Montreal is endeavoring to arrange to have a fixed day of sailing from both sides for the trans-Atlantic mail steamers, either Friday or Saturday. The imperial authorities have heretofore been opposed to this on the ground that it would lead to a great congestion of mail matter. But it is believed that Hon. Sydney Buxton who is at present at the head of the Postal Department in Great Britain would be disposed to give favorable consideration to the suggestion if proper representations were made from this side of the Atlantic.

DIED. At Boston on the 6th inst, after a lingering illness of two years, Sylvain, beloved son of Eusebe Doiron. May his soul rest in peace. At the cottage Farm, Georgetown, on May 18th, Mrs. Mary Ann Macdonald, aged 74, leaving the following sons and daughters, James, Thomas, Eliza at home, and Frances, in Johnson Bay, Pa., where he is manager of the Macdonald Electric system. The funeral which took place on the 20th, May, at the Catholic cemetery, Georgetown was largely attended. May her soul rest in peace.

At Souris, on the 8th, inst, Captain Angus R. McDonald in the 65th year of his age, leaving to mourn a widow, six sons and three daughters. His funeral took place on Sunday the 10th, and was largely attended. The services in the church and at the grave were performed by Rev. R. B. McDonald, P. P. May his soul rest in peace. At the residence of her brother, Rev. A. McAnlay, Hope River, on the 8th, inst., after a long illness, Annie, widow of the late Robert Coffin, Merrill, and daughter of the late Ronald McAnlay, St. Peter's, aged 25 years. On Sunday her remains were taken to St. Peter's by train, whence they were borne to the home of her brother, Mr. Daniel McAnlay. The funeral took place on Sunday afternoon and was largely attended. The interment was in St. Peter's cemetery. The funeral services in the church were performed by Rev. R. J. Gillis, P. P. Rev. A. McAnlay, brother of the deceased, officiated at the grave. At Belkirk on May 28th, John McAdam aged 54 years, leaving to mourn, a widow and one daughter. The funeral to St. Margaret's on the 30th, was largely attended. The Requiem Mass was sung and funeral services performed by Rev. K. J. McPherson, P. P. May his soul rest in peace.

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C. M. B. A.

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Branch 333 C. M. B. A., Vernon River, intend holding a grand Tea Party on the beautiful grounds adjoining the position of the Allan and Canadian Pacific Steamship companies in shipping from the north coast of Ireland as a port of call.

Dominion Day, Monday, July 2nd, 1906.

Vernon River enjoys an enviable reputation for tea parties of rare excellence, and there is reason to believe this one will equal, if it will not surpass any of its predecessors. The grounds chosen are admirably adapted for a gathering such as this, having on one side a cool shady grove, and at the roadside entrance to the field is the spacious C. M. B. A. Hall, where the tea tables will be set. It will thus be seen that ample shade from hot sun and protection from bad weather are assured. Well stocked refreshment saloons and ample dancing booths will be provided.

SPECIAL FEATURES. Of the day's entertainment will be a match game of base ball between two local teams, the Rangers and the Creelcets, 100 yards dash for boys under 15, 100 yards dash for adults; potato race, open to all comers; dancing contests. These games will commence at 10 o'clock. They will be presided over by competent judges, and suitable prizes will be given.

A Special Train will leave Charlottetown for Murray Harbor on the morning of Dominion Day, and this train will take passengers for the tea from all stations at Dominion Day fares. The regular train from Murray Harbor on that morning will take passengers to Vernon River at like reduced rates.

A BAND WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. Any person bringing intoxicants on the grounds will be summarily dealt with and unceremoniously ejected. Come one and all and enjoy a day's sport. E. J. O'DONNELL, June 13 1906—31 Sec'y.

This is the highest price ever paid for wool in this country 32 cents per lb, Jas Paton & Co. Victoria Rowe.

Charles Louis Tucker of Auburn, Mass., convicted of the murder of Mabel Page at Weston, Mass., in 1904, was electrocuted in the State Prison at Charlestown early Tuesday morning.

Grand Pilgrimage to St. Ann De Beaupre, July 3rd.

A Grand Pilgrimage to St. Ann de Beaupre presided by the Right Rev. T. Casey, Bishop of St. John, shall take place on July 3rd. Tickets from Point du Chene and back \$5.50. Passengers from the Island holding a ticket may obtain from any agent, a ticket to reach Point du Chene on the Standard certificate plan, namely: paying one fare to come, securing from the agent a certificate which shall be signed afterwards by one of the directors of the Pilgrimage, and the said certificate shall carry them back without further cost.

The Sisters of Charity. Memramouc. June 6—31

Sir Hector Langevin died at Quebec on Monday night.

Advertisement of the C. M. B. A., Tea Party at Vernon River, on Dominion Day appears in this issue.

Mortgage Sale.

There will be sold by public Auction at the Court House in Georgetown, in King's County, on Wednesday, the 20th day of June, A. D. 1906, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon. All that tract, piece or parcel of land situate lying and being on Township Number Sixty-one, in King's County, aforesaid, bounded as follows: Commencing in the north side of St. Mary's Road in the western boundary of land in possession of John McCarthy, and running thence north along the western boundary of lands in possession of the said John McCarthy and James McCarney to land in possession of William Compton; thence westerly along the same four chains and fifty links; thence south parallel to said western boundary to St. Mary's Road, aforesaid; and thence easterly along the same four chains and fifty links to the place of commencement. A little more or less, and being the eastern moiety or half part of a farm of fifty acres for many years owned and occupied by James McQuigan.

The above sale is made pursuant to and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a certain indenture of mortgage bearing date the 14th day of August, A. D. 1903, and made between James McQuigan, of St. Mary's Road, Township Number Sixty-one in King's County, Prince Edward Island farmer, of the first part, and James McCarney, farmer, William Boyle, Farmer, and Jane Hyde, widow, all of Cornwall, in Queen's County, in said Island, Executors of the last Will and Testament of Samuel Hyde, deceased, of the second part, default having been made in payment of the interest due thereon.

For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Matheson & McDonald, Barristers, Georgetown. Dated this 9th day of May, A. D. 1906. JAMES McMILLAN, WILLIAM BOYLE, JANE HYDE, Mortgages above named. May 16th, 1906—31

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