

The Weekly Times

Victoria, Friday, November 2.

SWEATER CARON.

The Dominion government can find hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to bestow on favorites who are useful to it at election times, but it cannot see a way to providing enough salary for letter carriers and postoffice clerks in Victoria to exist upon. It is quite easy for one department to waste \$300,000 upon such a job as the Curran bridge, the Galop Rapids channel, the Little River lock or the St. Charles branch railway, but when it comes to a question of affording living wages to hard-working and well-deserving employees of another department the government is as ready to adopt the "sweating" process as the most villainous of the London and New York taskmasters. There is no need to point out to Victorians how inadequate is an income of \$30 or \$33 per month for any person to live upon in this city—not to speak of a family. The figure is so ridiculously low that it needs only to be mentioned to call forth indignation. And although many of the people of this city will be inconvenienced by the strike of the "sweated" clerks and carriers, we feel sure they will sympathize with these victims of the peculiar combination of knavery and incapacity that prevails at the capital. The money for the extra allowance has been voted, but through one pretext or another it has been held back by the department. The men must wait, forsooth, while that plumed jack-in-office Caron goes jaunting to England, to New York and elsewhere for his own pleasure and amusement. When there is a railway subsidy to be "bled" for election funds, or a little expenditure to be planned for the capture of a constituency or a few votes, Sir Adolphe is "all there," but a matter of just treatment for humble attaches of the department is too insignificant for his lordly notice. And the whole government is built on much the same plan. A few years ago it erected a building for postoffice purposes in La Prairie, a little village opposite Montreal, at a cost of over \$16,000. The gross revenue of that postoffice is a little over \$400 a year, not enough to pay the interest on the cost of the building if it all went to the government. Contrast that measure of liberality to La Prairie with the cold-blooded stinginess to which the Victoria carriers and clerks are victims. We beg to remind the people of this city that in no long time they will have an opportunity of expressing their opinions on this Ottawa combination of blundering and boodling. And if Lieut.-Col. Prior again seeks their suffrages they should ask him why he did not repeat his drill hall tactics in order to secure just treatment for the "sweated" civil servants. He found pressure effectual on one occasion; and why not repeat the process? The government would perhaps be ready to concede a small measure of justice rather than have a vacancy occur in Victoria at the present juncture.

A GENERAL PRINCIPLE.

The Tory organ seems to be troubled with an optical illusion when it invites the Times to "come out of the fog." It happens to be the organ itself that is wandering in the economic fog. Whether because of its startling discovery that it had been preaching free trade doctrine for the benefit of the Sound people, or because of its feverish anxiety to do something to stay the Grit progress, or because of some mishap unknown to outsiders, our amusing neighbor seems to have fallen into a rare state of confusion. We confess we do not know just what to make of its ramblings and ravings concerning Mr. Laurier's policy, the Times and free trade. Fortunately, however, the organ in a moment of rationality the other day supplied what may prove a suitable guide for itself in its befogged condition. Here are two of its own sentences which it should steadily keep its gaze upon:

"The Washington coal dealer wants to compel the American consumers to use an inferior article at a high price in order, not that the miners may have good wages, but that the dealers may have big profits."

"They (the Washington mine-owners) want to sell their coal, and providing they can get more for it than it is really worth, they don't care a button who suffers, their country, to which they profess to be so deeply attached, or their fellow citizens, whose interests they pretend to have at heart."

It is only necessary further for the Colonist to apply these sentences to the men who are allowed to bleed their brethren under the shelter of the N. P., and then it will no longer have any reason for puzzlement over Mr. Laurier's policy. Mr. Laurier said it is as bad to let Canadian cotton kings coerce the rest of the Canadian community as it is for Washington mine owners to coerce the consumers of coal in Washington, and if the Colonist would only open its eyes to that obvious truth its fog would disappear.

WRETCHED SERVICE.

To the editor:—The Colonist in its Sunday issue very viciously attacks the tramway company. In connection with the same remark effected the tramway company required to have printed a number of certificates, a nice and somewhat costly piece of work. The Colonist with others in the city who could do the work were invited to tender. The printing was awarded to the Victoria Lithograph Company, whose tender was more advantageous in respect to price and time required to do the work than the Colonist's. Mr. Ellis of the Colonist, met the writer on the street and expressed great indignation at this action of the tramway company and appeared to consider that the Colonist had a prescriptive right to all the company's work. The writer has been expecting this attack on the company and expects such attacks will be continued but will notice no more of them.

The temperance party will fight hard to prevent the granting of a transfer of license to the new premises burnt down in the recent fire. Other citizens are of the opinion that none but good buildings should receive a license in future.

Mrs. D. Morrello, a native of Victoria, died at the Nanaimo hospital yesterday after suffering for the past few months with cancer of the breast. She was well known, and great sympathy is felt for the three orphans left to mourn her loss.

The blacksmiths have accepted the challenge of the Nanaimo tailors, and the match will be played on the Swamp on Saturday afternoon.

W. Martin, a man named Smith, who went out in search of Charlie Martin and Dr. Curry on Monday, have not yet returned, and it is feared that the men have met with some accident. Now a party has gone in search of them.

Nanaimo, Nov. 1.—The search party consisting of Messrs. Page, Howard Jackson and Blank returned early yesterday morning after a fruitless search for the Allen brothers and Thomas Millburn. The party was met at Jarvis Inlet met with a logger who had been camping there for about six months and from him it was learned that no white men had been in that vicinity for the last five months. The party after visiting every place where the missing men might have landed, decided to return. The last time the Allen brothers were seen alive was on July 23rd on which day they left Newcastle Township in a canoe well loaded. They then made the logjam at Jarvis Inlet, but then, so that the general belief is that they capsized between the island and the Mainland.

Alex. Smith, who accompanied W. Martin in their search for C. Martin and Dr. Curry, arrived home yesterday in a previous condition having suffered terribly from exposure. Smith was found by an Indian, who observing the crazed condition of the man said also that he was too weak to walk, put him in his canoe and brought him to town. It was gleaned from Smith that the boat upset on Monday and Martin immediately struck out for shore but Smith retained his hold on the boat until he was washed ashore on Newcastle Island, where he was rescued by the search party. He was thoroughly exhausted. Doubtless he would have died of starvation had the Indian not arrived when he did. It is thought that Martin failed to reach the island and was drowned, but a party will search for him tomorrow when Smith may give them further information.

The shipments of coal to foreign ports for the past month were largely in excess of the shipments for the previous month.

The New Vancouver Coal company contributed 27,515 tons, being an increase of 7000 tons over September. Wellington, with 18,599 tons, is 2500 tons over the previous month, while Union with 23,150 shows 3000 tons of an increase. The indications for the present month are so far good but it is not expected the mines will work as full as they have for the past month.

The customs returns for October were:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Includes Goods imported free, Goods imported dutiable, Total, and Miscellaneous.

Cases Before Mr. Justice Drake in the County Court. The sittings of the November County Court commenced this morning before Mr. Justice Drake. The list includes many trivial cases, with a sprinkling of more important suits.

Mrs. Butler sued her tenant, named Shaw, for \$12 rent of premises. Defendant before leaving had planted the garden with onions, kidney beans and several decades of the fruits of which he had been deprived and in consequence he put in a counter claim. His lordship said he would have to pay \$6, whereupon Shaw picked up the exhibits and record and started happy away; the judge told him to leave the papers, as they were the property of the court, and the defendant put them back remarking that he had to pay for them he thought he could take them away.

The Albion Iron Works Co., sued Bill Beam for \$286 for work done on the A.O. T.W. building on Yates street, and claimed lien against the Building Association. Judgment went by default against Beam, and the lien matter was referred to chambers.

Estervilla Farm, Rapid City, Man., December 23, 1892. Messrs. DICK & CO., Montreal, to Deans Sims; I had a mare which was foul skinned and hide bound, the hair standing on an end, but after I used one of your Packages of Powders I found a wonderful difference in her appearance, and she is now as sleek and glossy as any animal can be. I shall not be without it in the future. Yours truly, GEO. GERRY.

COULD STAND IT NO LONGER.

Postoffice Clerks and Letter Carriers Go Out on Strike This Morning.

The Dominion Government Ignores a Petition Sent From Victoria.

The third class post office clerks and the letter carriers have been forced by the post office department to go out on strike. They have taken this step reluctantly on account of the inconvenience to the public is shown by the length of time they have given the department to remedy their grievances.

It is just four months since the Dominion government stopped the provisional allowance given to the clerks in Victoria on account of the additional cost of living in the west. Up to that time the third class clerks were receiving \$33.33 and \$10 provisional allowance, and the carriers \$30 and \$10 provisional allowance, less 90 cents deducted for superannuation fees. The \$10 was knocked off on the 1st of July and has not been paid since, although frequent complaints have been made to the department at Ottawa, and the city's representatives in the house of commons. These complaints have always been received with a stereotyped answer, "Will be considered" or "Will be referred to the postmaster-general upon his return."

When the matter was first brought to the notice of the department at Ottawa the postmaster-general, Sir Adolphe Caron, was in England. It was promised that the matter would be settled immediately upon his return. The men waited patiently until his return, and then were happy in the hope that justice would be done them. But their confidence in the Tory administration began to wane as week passed after week, and still the money due them did not arrive. Messrs. Earle and Prior, the city's representatives, were called upon at Ottawa, and the Dominion government to carry on their "sweating" system for it is nothing less—without entering any serious objections. Finding that all their efforts resulted in nil, the men at last called on the citizens, and a petition was signed and forwarded to Ottawa. That petition was simply ignored by Sir Adolphe Caron and his staff of well paid assistants, until a telegram was sent to Ottawa asking if it had been received. The answer to that telegram was to the effect:

"Sir Adolphe Caron is in New York; will consider it upon his return." This was the straw that broke the camel's back. A department that would ignore a petition, signed by prominent citizens, would not likely give the men justice. A meeting of those affected was therefore held last evening, and it was decided to go out on strike this morning. This decision was carried out, and at nine o'clock the clerks and carriers walked out, unable to stand the injustice any longer.

Consequently, very little has been done in the office to-day and the carriers did not make their usual rounds. Those holding boxes and the few who got their letters at the general delivery were the only ones who got their mail. The business in the general office was conducted by Postmaster Shakespeare, Assistant Postmaster Cairns and one of the second class clerks from the money order department, who are not affected. There are just thirty-three men out on strike, so the public can form an opinion of the confusion that occurred this morning, when hundreds of people who are in the habit of receiving their mail at their doors called at the wicket for it and were told that it had not yet been distributed. The Nanaimo mail went out as usual, the railway mail clerks not being affected.

The wires being down, no word could be sent to or received from Ottawa to-day, but when communication is opened up the department will be notified of the trouble and an effort made to obtain justice for the men. A committee waited on the board of trade at 4 o'clock this afternoon, and this evening the men will hold a meeting.

The action of the department is clearly a discrimination against the Victoria office. The clerks in Winnipeg, including the second class clerks, are allowed a provisional allowance of \$8.

"Surely," said one of the clerks, if it is necessary to give the Winnipeg clerks \$8 on account of the extra cost of living, it is necessary to give us \$10 extra, but no; the department says the carriers can have \$20.10 a month and the clerks on \$35.35. It seems very much as though the city's representatives did not take a great deal of interest in the matter. They were able by pressure to get a useless concession, and surely they could have got us our allowance. When they first returned from Ottawa they said they did not know whether the allowance had been voted. That showed that they took very little interest in matters relating to the city."

Besides this, the department treats the men in a very small and mean manner. If a man is sick for half a day his wages are "docked," but no one goes on in his place, the other clerks do the work. They would just like to know where the amount that is docked goes to. One of them very aptly remarked that probably some of it was pocketed by the eastern bootlers. Although the men have to contribute to the superannuation fund they are not likely to benefit by it, as the department can dismiss them at any time for some trifling offence, through which they lose their interest in the fund.

There is quite a contrast between the treatment accorded the letter carriers on the one hand and the way in which the Dominion government treat their officials in Seattle and Tacoma the men are taken on probation for a year, receiving

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