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TARTE KNOWS.

When Tarte talks about inside cabinet conditions he knows whereof he speaks. He was there once and some of the men he worked with are there still. He knows them. Once, while he was still with them, he declared in public that the members of that happy family "fought like blasies."

In spite of the fact that Mr. Tarte's previous declarations have been proved true, there will come strong denials of his statement that the premier's health is failing and that the direction of the party has fallen into the hands of men who are looking after their own ends. But it does not need even Mr. Tarte's statement to inform those who have been watching Dominion politics of late that there is no strong man at the head of affairs. Growing dissensions among the leaders, growing discontent among the rank and file both in and out of parliament, tell, with more emphasis than words of Mr. Tarte, of the weakness at the head of affairs of which the steady disintegration of the party itself is a direct consequence.

Not even with Sir Wilfrid Laurier at his best in the leadership, would the liberal party have been strong enough to bear the loss of two of its most powerful members, each of whom on matters of national policy, are fighting the government which they helped to bring into power. Without an adequate leader and with insubordination everywhere the condition of the liberal party in the present emergency seems desperate.

A VERDICT AGAINST CHAMBERLAIN.

Argylshire, which of all British electoral districts has had the first chance to vote on Mr. Chamberlain's preferential tariff proposition, has, with no uncertain sound, declared against it. Mr. Chamberlain's candidate was defeated by over 1,500 majority, in a riding which last election returned a supporter of his by 600 majority. As the campaign was fought largely on the tariff question, the government's opponents are jubilantly pointing to the result in Argylshire as an indication of what will happen when the general election comes.

But Argylshire cannot be taken as a fair index of English opinion. It is far from the great centres of commerce, of manufacture and of education. The constituency is largely comprised of a number of islands, sparsely settled, with poor facilities for inter-communication—so much so that it took nearly a week to get all the election returns in. In a place like this the people are naturally provincial, and conservative. New ideas take a long while to spread and a snap verdict from such a place on a policy so recently propounded and of so vast importance is not very significant.

Still Argylshire's answer may be very fairly taken as the answer of the average lower class Englishman, with no conception of anything outside his own island, to a proposition which on the face of it threatens to increase the price of his daily bread. If a general election is called in England in the near future, while only the most advanced and open-minded of Englishmen really comprehend Mr. Chamberlain's policy, this cry of dearer food and therefore increased cost of manufacture, will undoubtedly defeat him. There are indications that Mr. Chamberlain himself is prepared for this, that in taking his stand upon such a radical departure from England's policy he expected, at first, an opposition which might even be strong enough to sweep him and his party

from power. But a year or so with the liberals in power would not do Mr. Chamberlain any harm, especially with the liberal party in such a leadership and uncertain state as it is. It might rather work the other way, for in view of Balfour's retirement to the House of Lords, he would, undoubtedly, be the leader of the opposition in the lower house and at the next election would stand a first-class chance of winning to the premiership.

THE BRITISH JOURNALISTS.

A visit from which Canada should gain much will be practically ended today when the British journalists complete in Halifax their ocean-to-ocean tour of the country. They are here at the invitation of the government, to look over the land, study its resources and its possibilities, as a part of the empire, and to report thereon as they see fit. No pressure of any kind has been brought to bear upon them and no suggestions have been offered. They have simply been taken where they could see every department and phase of Canadian life. The rest has been left to their powers of observation and their judgment.

They have seen the wheat fields of the west with their golden harvest ready for gathering, they have visited the St. Lawrence ports, the summer export gateway for that great country and yesterday they were shown the port of St. John, through which, in the winter months at least, all that traffic is destined to flow. The impressions which they take home with them are all that the most ardent Canadian could desire. Of St. John, its harbor, and its surroundings they declared that with the possible exception of Victoria, B. C., they had seen nothing to compare with it in scenic beauty and in capacity for trade development, through the whole trip.

When they have had time to digest all the vast amount of miscellaneous information they have acquired and begun to disseminate it among the people whom their papers reach—many millions all told—the result of this wise move of the government's cannot help but be felt. These are not correspondents sent out here to write so much and be paid so much a column for what they are pleased to write about us. They are all men of wide influence through the editorial columns of prominent English journals, whose writings, through many years will be respected by the greater knowledge of Canada and the empire, which they have obtained during this journey.

THE STAR.

The average circulation of the St. John Star for the month of August, 1901, was 2,237.

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Contrary to Mr. Thomson's pledge and to general expectation the work on the dry dock did not begin yesterday.

THE GREAT ADVENTURER.

There's many a quiet seaport that waits the daring sail; There's many a lonely farer by many a doubtful trail. And what should be their star To lead them safe and far,— What guide to take them o'er the crest, What pilot past the bar,— Save Love, the great adventurer who will not turn nor quail?

As a voyager might remember how the face of earth was changed, All the dreary gray of winter forgotten and estranged.— When he rode the tempest through And a-stared into the blue Of a tranquil tropic morning diaphanous and new, With palms upon the sea-rim where the flying fishes ranged;

LOCAL NEWS.

Inquiries are being made for tugs to tow two barges here from Portland and Gloucester.

No. 4 Co., 3rd Regt. "St. C. A., will have a dinner tonight at Alexandra hotel at 8.30 o'clock.

Mrs. Burger addressed the North End W. C. T. U. in Union Hall last night on W. C. T. U. work. The meeting was well attended and the lecture highly appreciated by all present.

Hon. Samuel Adams of New York, the head of Adams & Co., the big dry goods concern who do business on 6th avenue, is in town, a guest at the Royal.

The Italian bark Battistina Madre, which arrived the other day from Marseilles, docked yesterday at Walker's wharf. The vessel is leaking badly and the pumps are almost in constant operation.

Wm. Thomson & Co. received a telegram yesterday from Robert Thomson which says that the Scionda arrived in Lunenburg Sunday afternoon. All the party are reported well. The Scionda was detained by a strong easterly gale.

Mr. and Mrs. A. McN. Shaw left last evening for their annual vacation trip for Toronto and Muskoka Lakes, visiting Quebec, Murray Bay, Montmorency Falls, Saguenay River, Lake St. John, Adirondacks, Massena Springs, N. Y., Ogdensburg, etc., en route. Mr. Shaw will spend a few days at the head office of the Imperial Life Assurance Co. before returning home.

BRITISH JOURNALISTS.

St. John Entertains Representatives of British Papers Who are Touring Canada.

St. John was honored yesterday by a visit from some leading journalists of Great Britain, who at the invitation of the government are touring Canada. During their short stay in this city they were entertained by a number of local newspaper men and, if the words of the visitors may be believed, this enjoyment given them here exceeded anything they had experienced on their whole trip. There was a chicken pie for instance, of which one and all will take home recollections which cannot be returned to the vast credit of tender chickens and in cooking. That was served on board W. H. Thorne's yacht Dream, on which the visitors were taken for a sail yesterday afternoon.

The party, consisting of John Derry, Sheffield; W. H. Thorne, Toronto; Glasgow News; E. B. Osborne, Morning London Post; Sydney Higham, London Graphic; Harold Rylett, Reynolds's Newspaper; W. J. McAlleece, Birmingham; and Messrs. W. D. Scott, McAlleece, and Henry Yarrow, Newcastle Chronicle, and Henry Alexander, Aberdeen Free Press, arrived in St. John on the C. P. R. from Montreal two hours behind time yesterday. They were accompanied by W. D. Scott, Dominion superintendent of immigration, Geo. H. Ham, advertising manager of the C. P. R. and Mrs. Ham.

They were met at the station by representatives of the city newspapers and taken to Indiantown, where they boarded Mr. Thorne's yacht for a short trip up river. Miss Thorne took charge of Mrs. McAlleece and Mrs. Ham, the ladies of the party, who she entertained at her home, Mecklenburg street.

Though the weather was not the most favorable, both the visitors and the entertainers enjoyed the sail immensely. After a short run up the Kennebecasis the Dream was taken down through the falls and about the harbor. Returning through the falls, the yacht came to the starting place about five o'clock. Meanwhile an informal luncheon had been served.

At the wharf four toasts were drunk and six speeches delivered in less than twenty minutes. Mr. Osborne of the London Post proposed the health of Mr. Thorne, thanking him in the name of the visitors for placing his boat at the service of the party. Mr. Thorne made a suitable response. Mr. Derry of Sheffield, who seems to be the dean of the company, though not the senior member, responded to Mr. Thorne's toast of the visitors. Mr. O'Brien replied feelingly to the toast of the local newspaper men, and Mr. Milligan's toast of the C. P. R. elicited the admission from Mr. Ham that the railway was a worthy institution. Mayor White did justice to the city in a few happy remarks. Afterward a street car trip was taken about town, and the visiting journalists were escorted to the Union Club.

These visitors are not tourists disguised as newspaper men. They are either editors or members of the writing staff of influential papers, and some are newspaper owners. Neil Munro is better known outside of Glasgow as novelist than as a journalist, but he is both. Mr. Derry is a prominent citizen of Sheffield and is connected with many large enterprises in addition to his newspaper. Mr. Rylett is described as a little Englishman, and was secretary of the "stop the war" society, but he is a minority of one in the party.

The journalists were given an informal dinner at the Union Club and afterwards escorted to the station by local newspaper men.

SAFETY BOARD.

At yesterday's meeting of the safety board it was decided to recommend that 500 ft. of Surprise hose be bought from W. H. Thorne & Co. at 80c., and 500 ft. of J. J. Barry at 90c. The agreement with the Gamewell people for the repairs to the fire alarm was referred to the recorder for approval. The contract price is \$5,582, one third of which is to be paid when the material reaches St. John. The city supplies twelve miles of wire.

WEDDED AT CARTER'S POINT.

Florence H. Whelpley, second daughter of Alfred and Mrs. Whelpley of Westfield, was married August 31st at Carter's Point, Kings Co., by Rev. Mr. Bellis, rector of the parish. The groom's present to the bride was a gold brooch set with opals, and the bride's father's present was a substantial bank check. Miss Belle Smith of William's wharf was bridesmaid, and the groom's man was John Whelpley, brother of the bride. The happy couple came down by steamer to St. John, and took the C. P. R. for Toronto, Niagara Falls, etc.

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OTTAWA, AUG. 31.—The D. R. A. meeting opened today with 450 rifle-men present. This is a record attendance, and splendid shooting may be looked for. Nova Scotia is represented by 40 men, and New Brunswick has 14 on the field.

The Attractions of Our Stores are Their Low Prices. D.A. KENNEDY (Successor to Walter Scott). 32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B. Sweeping Reduction Sale For Three Days Only, Commencing Wednesday Morning.

OTTAWA, Aug. 31.—At the Dominion Association rifle meet which opened today the Nova Scotian Rifle Association team won the team prize in the Barlow match with a score of 147, the Royal Scots of Montreal were second with 146.

DRESS GOODS SALE—Every yard of dress goods has received a big cut in the price—20c. goods now 15c., 25c. goods for 20c., 35c. for 27c. for three days only. MADE UP PILLOW SLIPS—Buy now and save money.

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EMPIRE RICHMOND Range has more improvements than other makes. LIFT OFF NICKEL TO CLEAN RANGE. Latest and best Oven Thermometer, Double High Shelf. One Damper controls both fire and oven.

Supl. Leonard reported that Nos. 3 and 5 fire engines would be of no further use without new boilers. Steps will be taken at once in this matter.

DEATHS. ALLWOOD—Entered into rest, in this city, on the 29th August, Sarah Louise, aged 58, beloved wife of William Allwood, leaving a sorrowing husband and two sons and one daughter to mourn their loss.

Pandora Range. Only Range Fitted With Enamelled Reservoir. Reservoir is stamped in one piece from sheet steel, which gives it a perfectly plain surface—has no seams, grooves or bolt heads to collect dirt. Finished with three heavy coats of pure white enamel which gives it a smooth, hard, marble-like surface—can be easily and thoroughly cleaned.