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LITTLE CANADIANISM.

The Moncton Transcript upbraid the Star for calling the Liberals a Little Canadian party. It's only the Transcript's conscience bothering it again. The Star never did any such thing, though it did assert that the Liberal party dare take no stand in favor of the imperial preference for fear of offending its Little Canadian adherents. With reference to imperial preferential trade, the Liberal party is divided into three sections. One of these, composed of many of its best men, is as enthusiastic with regard to Mr. Chamberlain's plan as any Conservative. But the other two, which hold the balance of power, are violently opposed to the scheme for reasons so widely different that the dilemma of the party to which they both belong is ludicrous.

One section, led by Bourassa, opposes the preference for the frankly expressed reason that it will tend to unite Canada more closely to the empire and frustrate the dream of independence. In so far as "Little-Canadianism" means those who consider Canada, its affairs and prospects, without reference to the rest of the empire, this section glories in the name.

Not so the third section, of which the Transcript is a member. Though they oppose the empire-untiling plans as hotly as Bourassa, and his following, there are none so quick to resent the Little-Canadian charge as they. These are the remnants of the old free trade, tariff-for-revenue-only crowd, to whom anything suggesting protection to Canada or any other country is condemned already. They are impervious to argument and totally blind to the incongruity of their position. Though their policy on this matter is the same as that of the extreme anti-imperialists, their justification for it is exactly the opposite.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier's opinion on this great issue, is that the party must be kept together and the poor man is very fortunate in having the hearty support of his colleagues. The Transcript says, and probably believes that the policy of the party is the policy expressed by itself. Bourassa is happy in a like conviction, and Premier Ross of Ontario and other staunch Liberal Imperialists are assured that their cause is approved. So it is evident that the Star would have done a very rash thing to assert that the Liberal party was Little-Canadian, anti-imperialistic, or anything else under the sun that was not capable of at least three different interpretations.

A COLD RECEPTION.

Says the Charlottetown Guardian (Independent Liberal) regarding Mr. Fielding's visit to P. E. I.:

"The interview with Hon. Mr. Fielding in the council chamber yesterday morning by the board of trade and prominent citizens was cordial enough as far as the preliminary greetings were concerned, but as to the reception accorded our urgent and reasonable requests, it was as chilling as the zero weather and the stiff December north-wester howling outside. . . . And very rash thing to assert that the Liberal party was Little-Canadian, anti-imperialistic, or anything else under the sun that was not capable of at least three different interpretations."

The Guardian further declares that the attitude of Mr. Fisher has handicapped the liberal candidates in that constituency. Though St. John cannot complain of the same frigidity with regard to the reception its delegates received from Mr. Fielding, it can sympathize with the Island heartily in the matter of its neglect by the government. It can also echo the Guardian's declaration regarding the effect of such neglect upon the constituency.

Rev. A. Gordon Dickie has declined a call to St. Andrew's church in this city to accept one in a little country church in Cape Breton at a loss of hundreds of dollars a year. It was only a few weeks ago that Rev. Mr. McKinnon, of Sydney refused to leave his scantily paid pulpit for a wealthy and influential church in the States. These fine examples come with the force of many sermons in these mercenary days when the power of a bank note to blind the eyes of men to the path of duty was never greater.

If the information received by the Telegraph from Boston to the effect that Mr. Blair while in that city has been inquiring into the working of railway commissions, be correct, the Globe may cease its worrying regarding the possibility of the ex-minister re-appearing as a candidate in this constituency.

Mr. Fugate, who has been in close conference in Ottawa with the powers that be, adds the weight of his opinion to the supposition that Mr. Emmerson will soon be taken into the cabinet as minister of railways. Though Mr. Emmerson has the direct promise of the powers to that effect, these little encouragements are probably very grateful to him. He has had promises before.

It is said that the Grand Trunk Company will offer the government five million dollars' worth of some securities of its own in place of the five millions called for by the contract as the G. T. R. deposit. If these securities are good enough for the purpose of the contract they should be good enough to raise the money from bankers in London.—Sun.

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The Moncton Transcript says that Mr. Blair will make an ideal chairman of the railway commission. This view might be supported by quotations from Mr. Blair's clear and correct description of the G. T. P. deal. The former minister knows a bad thing when he sees it.—Sun.

HOW DID YOU DIE?

Did you tackle that trouble that came your way
With a resolute heart and cheerful?
Or hide your face from the light of day
With a craven soul and fearful?
Oh, a trouble's ton, or a trouble's an ounce,
Or a trouble is what you make it,
And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,
But only how did you take it?

You are beaten to earth? Well, well, what's that?
Come up with a smiling face.
It's nothing against you to fall down flat,
But to lie there—that's disgrace.
The harder you're thrown, why the higher you bounce;
Be proud of your blackened eye!
It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;
It's how did you fight—and why?

And though you be done to the death, what then?
If you battled the best you could,
If you played your part in the world of men,

Why, the Critic will call it good.
Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,
And whether he's slow or spry,
It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,
But only how did you die?

—From Independent Poems, by Edmund Vance Cooke.

POSTMASTERS' CHRISTMAS GIFT.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The postmaster general has directed that the minimum salary of postmasters be raised from \$10 to \$25 per year, and that the salaries of all those that are paid on a percentage of revenue be increased by 10 per cent. on the amount which they would receive under the scale hitherto in operation.

The allowance for the rent of offices has been put on a more equitable basis. Hitherto no compensation whatever for the room occupied in post office work has been given until the business of the office showed a revenue of \$800 a year, rent allowance now begins when the revenue of an office reaches \$100 a year.

The amount allowed for a \$100 office is \$5 per year, and increases of \$5 a year are allowed for every additional \$100 until a revenue of \$800 is reached.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Geo. E. Foster will receive a magnificent greeting from members of the Canadian Club of Ottawa on Monday. Every ticket for the banquet was sold in a few hours, and hundreds are disappointed.

Sir Fred. Borden, Jettie and C. M. Hays sailed for Canada yesterday.

The Furness liner Oriana is slowly filling up with goods for South Africa. One gang was engaged yesterday putting cargo in her hold and another in loading goods in her cold storage space.

R. D. Wilmet, M. P. for Sunbury and Queens was in town yesterday. Mr. Wilmet says there will be a convention of the liberal conservative party at Gagetown in a short time to organize for the next federal election. The popular member for the united counties speaks very hopefully of the opposition's prospects.

It is stated that St. James church, New York, His Lordship Bishop Courtney's new charge, has an endowment of between two and three hundred thousand dollars and has a mission chapel on which it expends annually \$6,000. Here a salary is in charge. It is stated that the incoming rector will receive an annual stipend of ten thousand dollars.

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Christmas Furniture!

Holiday tokens that will be of lasting good are the popular lines nowadays not only with the man of moderate means, but well-to-do folks also. Watch this space tomorrow night for a full list of easy-buying furniture, all suitable for presents. You will profit by it.

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CAMPBELL-CHURCH.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—A very pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride, the Waverly Hotel, Canning, today at 2 p. m., when Miss Julia Maud, the youngest daughter of C. C. Church, was united in marriage to Charles Campbell, the popular manager of the Dufferin Hotel, St. John.

After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Campbell took the train for Halifax, Truro, Sydney and St. John, where they will spend Christmas with the groom's mother.

Mrs. Campbell will be at home to friends after January 1, at the Hotel Dufferin.



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Xmas Plum Puddings, Home Made Candy, Cakes, Dolls, Toys. See the Mysterious Doors.

OTTAWA NEWS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—Negotiations between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific promoters which have been conducted at long range for many days, are practically at an end, and Hays is now on his way back to Canada. Promoters have found it absolutely impossible to meet the requirements of the act of parliament in putting up five millions in cash or "approved government securities," partly on account of depressed condition of the money market, but chiefly for the reason that enterprises have been over-weighted by the Quebec-Moncton section. The Grand Trunk Railway Co. it is said, has had to come to the assistance of the G. T. P. and securities aggregating in value five million dollars have been deposited, which, while not coming within the statute, are, it is claimed, equal to the government securities. It will be necessary for the ministry to secure an amendment to the act next session recognizing these securities as a legal deposit. The hitch has created much annoyance in government circles, and the ministers do not like the idea of having to reopen the question in parliament, but there is no other alternative.

TO PROSPECT LABRADOR.

F. W. Strong, of Vancouver, B. C., passed through the city yesterday on his way to Newfoundland. Mr. Strong intends to pass over to Labrador, where he has large gold mining interests. He will take with him a party of explorers. Mr. Strong believes that Labrador is rich in gold.

In 1888, Mr. Strong passed through St. John on his way to Newfoundland, but his mission then was of a quite different nature from what it is now. It was to purchase Newfoundland dogs which he intended to sell in Dawson City. His business was spoiled by delay in transportation on the C.P.R. and he is now suing that company for \$75,000 damages.

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CARDINAL WANTED REVENGE.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—The will of Cardinal Herrero y Espinosa, Archbishop of Valencia, who died December 9, contains, according to a special despatch from Madrid, the extraordinary bequest of \$10,000 to the "first Spanish general landing in United States territory with an army sufficiently large to avenge the defeats of Cuba and the Philippines."

Pending the happening of this event the legacy is to remain deposited in the Bank of Spain.

WERE AFRAID OF ACETYLENE.

WINNIPEG, December 17.—Rev. Dr. Sparling, who has just returned from Deloraine, says that owing to alarm that the acetylene gas explosion which wrecked the Revere House and killed Robert McKibben created in the town, the Methodist congregation refused to attend service with acetylene burning in the church, so lamps were lighted. One of these, dangling over an aisle, was so low that it did not clear a man's head. One of the worshippers, hurrying to his seat, upset it and it exploded when it fell to the floor. The panic occurred among the worshippers and there was a rush for the doors, several people becoming almost hysterical.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S LINIMENT to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The executive committee of the Canadian Society has arranged for a series of informal Canadian provincial dinners to be held during the present winter.

Among the Canadian visitors to the city this week has been Attorney General Pugsley of New Brunswick. In shipping circles it is said that the new canal to the great lakes will divert practically all the grain exports from Montreal, St. John and other Canadian ports, as well as Boston and Portland, to this port. Shipping men are anxious that the work should be pushed without delay, but it is probable that the undertaking will be delayed until it can be made useful in the presidential campaign of next year.

DECLINED CALL.

SYDNEY, C. B., Dec. 17.—A message was received here from Rev. Gordon Dickie, who has just been tendered a call by St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, St. John, that he had declined it and desired to adhere to his acceptance of the pastorate at Little Bras D'Or in Cape Breton. St. Andrew's offered seven hundred more salary. Apparently Mr. Dickie prefers a country charge to a city with a large stipend.

SECRET SERVICE.

Mr. Galbraith and Miss Deane, of the Harkins company, would make a success of almost any play, and they are responsible for the appreciative manner in which Secret Service was received last evening. The piece is very hard to follow and appears rather hazy at times. Most of the performers did good work, but Mr. Yale can stand some improvement. Secret Service will be repeated this evening.

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WINTER PORT

The Furness liner Florence, now due at Halifax from London, comes here. The Allan mail str. Pretorian left Liverpool yesterday for Halifax and St. John.

The Donaldson str. Kastalia, now at No. 4, will take this trip 730 cattle and 150 sheep.

The C. P. R. str. Montego, from this port, reached Liverpool yesterday. Str. Manchester Trader, the first of the Manchester line to visit St. John this season, arrived at Manchester Wednesday.

Str. Manchester Commerce, Captain Baxter, from Manchester for St. John, reached Halifax at 8.30 yesterday morning. Pilot John Thomas is there to come over on her.

UNLUCKY THIRTEEN.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Complete returns from the city election show that out of 18 former provincialists who were candidates for office all were unlucky but four. The successful ones were Edwin T. McKnight, Gilbert M. Stalker, Fred P. Warner and William A. H. Crowley, all candidates for the common council. McKnight is a former resident of Fredericton, a graduate of the Normal School and University of New Brunswick. He has previously served in the council. Crowley is also a New Brunswicker. Warner is a native of Digby, N. S., and Stalker is also a Nova Scotian. McKnight and Warner are both from ward 21, Roxbury.

The defeat of Dr. W. H. Ruddick, a native of St. John, for the school board and the other provincialists, most of whom are republicans, was largely due to the democratic landslide and republican apathy.

Many of the native Bostonians elected have had political records, two of them having been convicted in court and one expelled from the legislature.

The full list of former provincialists who were candidates is as follows: John A. Campbell, East Boston, common council, native of Pictou; Joseph I. Stewart, Dorchester, board of aldermen, native of New Brunswick; Fred P. Warner, Roxbury, common council, formerly of Digby; Francis A. King, Dorchester, common council, native of New Brunswick; John E. Crook, West Roxbury, common council, native of Nova Scotia; Edwin T. McKnight, Roxbury, common council, formerly of Fredericton; William M. Grant, Boston, common council, native of Canada; William A. H. Crowley, Boston, common council, native of New Brunswick; Jonathan B. Felt, Charlestown, common council, native of Digby, N. S.; Gilbert M. Stalker, East Boston, common council, native of Nova Scotia; Dr. William H. Ruddick, South Boston, school board, formerly of St. John; William H. Carroll, socialist candidate for mayor, formerly of New York; Henry E. Clark, Dorchester, board of aldermen, formerly of St. John.

BASKET BALL MATCH OFF.

The basket ball team of Acadia college is evidently desirous of coming to St. John and playing some team here. Owing to the inability of the U. N. B. team to play in the Y. M. C. A. on the 21st inst., on account of the examinations, the Wolfville students tried to make arrangements for a game with the Y. M. C. A. team, to take place in the gymnasium on the 23rd inst., providing a sufficient guarantee would be made. The Y. M. C. A. has felt unable to accept the offer for various reasons, so the proposed match is off.

THE NEW Y. M. C. A.

At a meeting yesterday morning of the board of trustees of the Y. M. C. A., G. Ernest Fairweather was appointed the architect to prepare the plans and specifications of the proposed new building. Mr. Fairweather intends leaving in a few days for Philadelphia and while away will inspect a number of modern Y. M. C. A. buildings and will see just what the needs of St. John are in this respect. The committee are meeting with fair success in their collections, and it is hoped that everything will be so advanced that by spring work on the new building can be commenced.

SECTARIAN RIVALRY.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—There was a hot time in the Evangelical Alliance of this city today. The action of the former meeting, when the offer by St. Paul's Anglican church of their new parish hall for the morning meetings of the week of prayer was reversed and that hall was accepted. Rev. J. L. Batty, Methodist, and Rev. H. W. Millington, Baptist, were the moving spirits in the agitation against accepting the Anglican offer, and when the final vote was taken today they were the only two who refused to side with the others to make the acceptance of St. Paul's hall unanimous.

BELL NOMINATED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 17.—A. C. Bell, M. P., was nominated this afternoon by the Liberal-Conservative convention in Pictou as a candidate in the election for the commons. R. L. Borden, C. E. Tanner and Mr. Bell made speeches at the public meeting. They also addressed a large gathering in Westville tonight.

COURT YUKON, C. O. F.

The election of officers of Court Yukon, C. O. F., last night resulted as follows: C. R. F. M. C. Smiler; V. C. R. J. L. Elliott; Fin. Sec. F. N. Perkins; Rec. Sec. Dr. G. G. Melvin; Treas. R. P. Hamm; Chap. J. B. Stackhouse; W. W. Geo. Elliott; W. O. S. Dykeman; S. B. J. Irons; J. B. R. O. Causton.

THE BATTLE LINE.

Str. Hellas, Capt. Purdy, sailed from Freemantle at 7 a. m. yesterday for Adelaide.

Str. Himer, Capt. Lockhart, arrived at Shanghai yesterday from Kobe via Maji.

OUT ON LIGHT BAIL.

MONCTON, Dec. 17.—John Green was today committed for trial on the charge of shooting Mrs. Cushing at Meadow Brook. He was subsequently admitted to bail, himself in \$400 and two friends of \$250 each.

DUFFERIN HOTEL, Dec. 17.—A. Brans, Montreal; A. P. King, Toronto; J. Page, Montreal; W. M. Thurott, Margerville.

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