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Emmerson's Sweeping Denial

Minister Says No Charge Was Proved Last Session—Claims That the Exposures Were All Slanders—Yet Stands Convicted of a False Statement in the House—Concerning a Railway Land Purchase.

N. B. LIBERAL CONVENTION

Followed by Conservative Gains in By Election—Provincial Minister Offers Dominion Grants—In Exchange for Votes for His Candidate.

BRITISH COLUMBIA INVADED

By Retired Yukon Officials and Others—While Mr. McBride Stands Between the Province and the Spoilsmen—A Mourner for the North Atlantic.

Ottawa, Jan. 5th, 1907.

The Minister of Railways has a grievance. Addressing the Liberal Provincial Convention at St John on the last Friday of the Year Mr. Emmerson told his friends that a campaign of slander was carried on against the Government, that weekly letters were or would be sent out to Conservative papers from Ottawa full of falsehoods, and that not one of the charges of wrong doing or graft made against the Government last session had been verified. By this last sweeping statement the Minister of Railways removes himself far from the list of ministers and public men whose statements can be taken seriously. Anyone will understand this who has read the evidence given before the Committees of the House on the following:

A GHASTLY LIST. The North Atlantic Trading Company. The Merwin Contracts. The Arundel Printing Deal. The Preston-Leopold Transactions. The Montcalm's Outfit. The Purchase of Files for the Marine Department. The Moncton Land Scandal. The Cunningham Scandal. Other transactions which prove themselves to be corrupt from their nature include the following:— The Saskatchewan Land Deal. The Timber Limits Transactions. Grazing Lease Scandals. Bronson and Tay Concession. ANOTHER ASSORTMENT.

We have also among the scandals not strictly financial, the Wagner affair, in which an election heeler who had been twice in jail for swindling his Galician fellow-countrymen and stealing their hard savings, was subsequently reappointed to office at double his former salary, co-opting as a public official to round up the foreign votes and purchase their support with cash and beer. There was the case of Joseph Nixon shown to have kept false records in his office making short returns of public money. He was appointed to a better office at a higher salary. There was the "thin red line scandal." By forgeries and frauds nine thousand qualified electors were disfranchised in Manitoba, which act was followed almost immediately by the appointment of the chief operator to a high and responsible public position. There was the Prince Albert Election Fraud, perpetrated by men whom the Government had appointed to office, and have since protected. These criminals, ordered to hold a poll in the far North, went off to a camp more than a hundred miles from the polling place, forged a whole voters' list, voted every man in it and returned with sworn statements that they had held a poll, and recorded some 150 votes all

for the government candidate, though not a single elector had cast a ballot. There was the Jackson scandal. In this case a barrister was shown to have attempted to procure perjury and false evidence by cash payments. After the trial judge had pronounced him a man of "the lowest possible character" he was immediately appointed by the Government as the representative of Canada in a great English city at a salary of \$3,000. There are several land scrip swindles and many other transactions which Mr Emmerson would hardly attempt to defend before people who have seen the evidence.

A PARTIAL CONFESSION.

A confession that some of these charges were true is found in the course of the Government after exposure made some action necessary. The North Atlantic contract was cancelled Mr Preston has been removed from the London office. The officer whom he dismissed for informing against him has been reappointed. No printing contracts are now given to the bogus Arundel Company. Refunds have been obtained from the contractor who sold an astonishing quantity of silverware, at startling prices, for the use of the ice-breaker Montcalm. Even Government supporters on the Arctic Committee admitted that excessive prices were paid for some supplies. An official shown by Opposition members to have been paid excessive expenses has made restoration. The Government became pledged to cease giving large land grants in the West without competition, though it must be admitted the promise was immediately broken. A Minister was forced by his own indignant supporters to promise investigation into the Preston charges, though this pledge also seems to have been violated. Another solemnly declared that the man who took the lead in the Prince Albert election crime would draw no more pay from his Department, though it is feared that the individual has since been in Government employ.

A QUESTION OF MR. EMMERSON'S VERACITY.

Speaking particularly of Mr. Emmerson's own department and of his own veracity, attention may again be called here to a statement made by him last session in defence of his Moncton Land Deal a transaction in which a comrade of his own purchased for \$5,075 certain lots of land in Moncton, which he straight way turned over to Mr Emmerson for the Intercolonial at a profit of \$8,505, after paying all expenses. Defending the price of \$1000 an acre Mr Emmerson (Hansard, 1906, page 5834) said "But in 1884 the Intercolonial Railway purchased right off this block of land, right adjacent to the property we purchased here in 1904, half an acre from Mr Milner. And how much did the Intercolonial Railway pay for that? one thousand dollars for one half acre." Again Mr Emmerson said that the late administration "bought 55 one hundredths of an acre and paid \$1000."

Further on he said "judging by what transpired in 1884 when half an acre was purchased by the Intercolonial for \$1000, we in 1904 made a good bargain when we bought the whole acreage at the rate of \$1000 per acre, not at the rate of \$1000 per half acre."

THE AUTHENTIC FACT.

When Mr. Emmerson made that statement there was lying in his own office a deed of the land purchased in 1884 for \$1000 giving the boundaries, and closing with the words "containing in all six F5 per cent acres (6.55) more or less." The document is also on record in the Shiretown of Mr Emmerson's county, which town happens to be his own home. Thus when Mr. Emmerson solemnly assured the House that the late Government paid \$2000 an acre for land adjoining his own purchase he had in his control the documents showing that the prices paid by his predecessor was only \$168 an acre.

NO WITHDRAWAL.

Now though Mr. Emmerson made that statement in the House six months ago, and though his attention was called to the facts within a few days afterwards, though he has information in his possession proving his public statement to be false, he has never to this day made retraction or correction. This persistence suggests intention to deceive. Any references that the Minister of Railways may therefore make to the particular failing of Ananias ought to be of the most sympathetic and fraternal character, since this vice appears to be more fully developed, increased and intensified in Mr. Emmerson himself.

It is at least possible that if Ananias had been allowed six months for reflection and repentance after this falsehood concerning land prices had been told, and after he had been convicted of the lie, he might have withdrawn his statement. The minister of Railways may well begin the New Year by promising to tell the truth in making statements from his place in Parliament concerning the business of his own Department.

AN ECHO OF THE CONVENTION.

The Party Convention at St. John appears to have had only moderate success as an organization for victory. One week after it was held a Provincial by-election took place in Restigouche County to fill a vacancy caused by the appointment of Mr. McLatchy to the Bench. Mr. McLatchy's majority at the general election, a three cornered contest, was over 600, and 1904 the Liberal majority in the Dominion election was 438. In the recent by-election Mr. Copp, appointed by Mr. Emmerson organizer for the Province, was actively engaged as was Mr. Reid, M. P., for the County and several Provincial Ministers. They succeeded in electing their man by a majority of 123 which under the circumstances is a repulse. After the appearance of Premier Tweedie, Attorney-General Pugsley, the Commissioner of Agriculture, the Solicitor-General and Surveyor-General at the Emmerson banquet, and the announcement made there that the Laurier and Tweedie Governments were close allies, this incident is significant.

HOW TO GET DOMINION GRANTS.

If the Dominion bill for Public Works grows faster than is expected such speeches as one delivered in this Restigouche campaign by the Chief Commissioner of Works for the Province may explain it.

The Minister said to the electors of Campbellton.

"Mr. Reid (the Federal Member) is trying to get dredging done. He is trying to get a large freight shed here. He is trying to get a modern station. If you want these things should you not strengthen Mr. Reid's hands by electing Mr. Currie (the Provincial Government candidate). The Federal Government will be watching you, and if you defeat Mr. Currie you will weaken Mr. Reid's hands to get these demands for Restigouche."

This is not the language of an irresponsible man, but of a Provincial Minister, the head of the chief spending Department in the New Brunswick administration.

THE ERRAND OF COMMISSIONER McINNIS.

Mr. McInnis, who as Chief Commissioner had been administering in the Yukon the most costly Governments in the world, considering the number of people governed, has finished his visit to this Capital. The Dominion is paying \$40,000 a year in salaries and living allowances to Yukon officials, who are spending the winter or a large part of it, on leave outside of their district. Their absence is perhaps no loss as the most of them have very little to do when they are at home, and the less some of them do the better it is for those Yukon people who have no office. But Mr. McInnis has not spent his time here on Yukon matters. He has been making arrangements with a view of capturing for the machine, the Government of British Columbia, now wisely administered by Mr. McBride. Having made the necessary arrangements, the Yukon Commissioner resigned his office and set out for the Pacific coast to take part in the campaign, with the purpose of becoming a Minister if Mr. McBride can be defeated. He took with him a company of campaigners and is, no doubt, provided with such resources as were made available in the last London by-election and in the closing contests of the Ross Government of Ontario. Premier McBride, by his independence at the Interprovincial Conference, by his refusal to use the resources of his Province to subsidize the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company already loaded down with Dominion subsidies, and especially by the financial position in which he has maintained his Province, excites the enmity of Federal Ministers and the cupidity of their friends. With the McBride Government out of the way there would be in British Columbia, with its immense natural wealth, such opportunities for the political bargain hunters as have been discovered in the Prairie Country. Therefore Mr. McBride must go if the machine can drive him out.

LAZARUS AT THE GATE.

Louis Leopold, formerly Louis Lazarus, late of the North Atlantic Trading Company, late associate of Mr Preston at Charing Cross, late endorser of cheques of the so-called Arundel Company for alleged Government printing in London, late of the Farmer's Bureau and other associations accused of sending mechanics and artisans with false hopes to Canada, is now in this country. He tells the reporters that the Government has made a great mistake in cancelling the contract with the Trading Company, Mr Leopold does not blame the Government. He knows that Opposition exposure forced the unwilling Minister to terminate a corrupt bargain, under which a group of unknown persons were taking \$100,000 a year for immigration services which were purely fictitious. The termination of this bargain seems to be a good thing for the country, for the department declares that the immigration has increased since the pay has been stopped. But it was bad for Louis Leopold and his associates, whether these latter are Canadian public men or not.

Brother Leopold says he knows who compose this North Atlantic Company but he will not tell.

The good people of Canada, who have paid \$300,000 to the contractors have apparently no right to know who have carried off their gift and made no return for it. The secret is for the Prestons Smarts, Siftons, Leopolds and others who handled the money and were concerned in the deal. The duty of the Canadian taxpayer is not to know but to pay.

Fast Atlantic Line.

Montreal advices of the 12th, say: Montreal steamship men of undoubted ability and experience in ocean transportation matters are sceptical about the feasibility of the proposed Ireland to Halifax fast service from the point of view of profitableness. They admit that if the British and the Canadian governments put enough money into the scheme it can be carried out, but they doubt if it will be a success in the bare business sense. Lord Strathcona however, speaks in an optimistic tone. He said on Saturday:

"Yes, there are some people on the other side who are thinking, seriously thinking, of a fast mail service between Ireland and the Far East. I cannot tell you anything definite," he continued, "but this question concerns the mind of many in the old country. It is a great scheme, and I suppose it is one that will eventually be carried out whether tomorrow or some time in the future. Money will be required, however, as the establishing of such a line would be very expensive. The promoters would require the assistance of one, at least, and probably of both governments, to successfully put through their plans."

The Standard announces, with some degree of confidence that Canada seems now assured of a really fast Atlantic line—a line which will make this country the front door of the North American continent, instead of the back ally to the United States as has been the case for so many years. All arrangements have practically been concluded, and it now only rests with the Dominion parliament to sanction the proposal and agree on the amount of subsidy. In brief the new line will run from Blackpool, Ireland to Halifax, Nova Scotia, and the scheme means that one will be able to take week-end trips to Canada, and journeys from the metropolis of the empire to Yokohama will be made in sixteen days. Canada will become the great stepping stone between the central point of the empire and the great and expanding British possessions in the east.

Lord Strathcona is actively identified with this project, which is one of the principal objects of his visit to Canada at this time of the year. Three ships of 25 knots speed and upwards will be employed. The journey will be made to Halifax in three and a half days. In selecting the respective ports, Lord Strathcona is said to have emphasized the fact that a thoroughly safe and easily approached harbor must be chosen at either end. The vicinity of all river and coasting craft must be avoided as much as possible as huge steamers travelling at tremendous speed might easily mislead a single vessel. Blackport Bay was selected for the European terminus and Halifax as the Canadian. It is interesting to know that Canada's present governor-general Earl Grey, is interested in the carrying out of the project to the extent that his son-in-law, Mr. Grenfell, a member of the well-known firm of London bankers Messrs. Chaplin Mills and Grenfell company, limited, is identified with the project, and is expected in Canada very shortly. In fact the completion of arrangements is awaiting his arrival.

Robert Bickardie, M. P., for the St. Lawrence division Montreal, was on Saturday appointed Montreal representative of the syndicate. The Canadian railways are keenly interested in the success of the project and it is stated that when it is carried into operation the Grand Trunk Pacific will actively support it. It is announced by high authority that in the event of this fast Canadian line being inaugurated that the big Canadian railway corporation will not identify itself with the steamship business on its own account. The subject of feeders for the new line had been discussed, and it is pointed out that within a short time four lines, Canadian Northern, Grand Trunk Pacific Intercolonial railway and the Canadian Pacific Railway will be competing at Halifax for the business of the line. The government has already offered a subsidy of \$50,000 for 30 knot boats, and it is not anticipated that there will be much difficulty in getting \$1,000,000 subsidy for 25 knot steamships.

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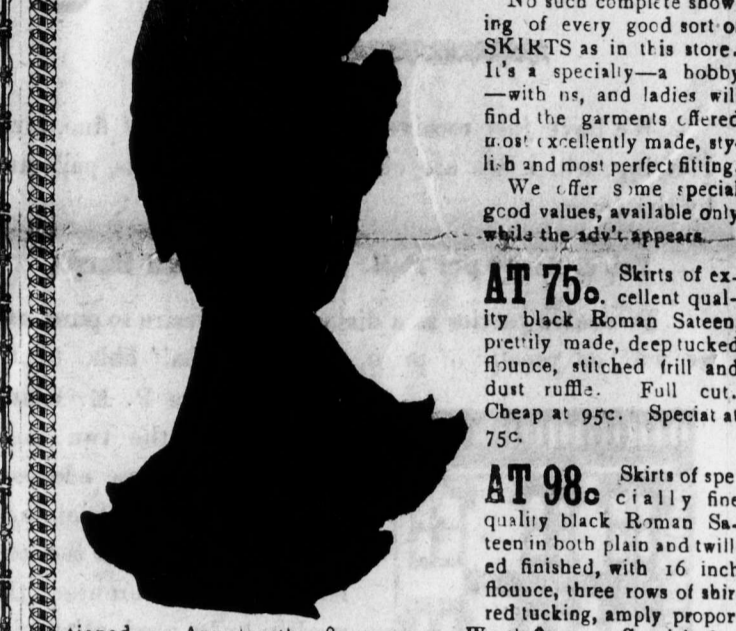
October 2, 1906.

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\$3.75.

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\$4.15.

\$2.10 Dressing Jackets at \$1.65

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LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

The French census shows that France has a population of 39,222,327, an increase of only 296,322 over that of 1901.

With reference to the proposed fast Atlantic service, it is stated from Montreal that the promoters have decided to ask the Canadian Government for a subsidy of a million dollars a year, and the imperial government for half a million dollars.

A tidal wave has devastated some of the Dutch East India Islands. The loss is great. According to a brief official despatch three hundred persons perished on the Island of Tanar, while forty others are known to have been drowned on the Island of Samili.

Charles McGill was on Friday morning last in the police court at Toronto committed for trial on two charges, of stealing \$150,000 and \$1150,000 from the Ontario bank. Very little additional evidence was taken, as the facts already have been pretty well elicited.

A young woman who was injured last May by the explosion of the bomb which was thrown at King Alfonso and Queen Victoria as they were returning from church after their wedding, died in a hospital in Madrid on Wednesday last. Her death is the twenty-fourth resulting from the explosion.

Sir John A. Boyd, chancery officer and president of the high court of Justice, leaves on the 15th inst., for Jamaica, on an extended leave of absence. Though there has been no official announcement, a rumor is prevalent and is credited in legal circles that the chancery will return to the bench no more.

At the last general meeting of Division No. A. O. H. Palmer Road. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, George Quinn; Vice President, William P. Calaghan; Record Secretary, John Clark; Financial Secretary, Daniel J. Smith; Treasurer, James O'Brien.

A sad drowning accident occurred at the mill pond at Orwell last Friday. John McDonald, the twelve year old son of Mr. John A. McDonald of Uglu, was returning home from the mill and started to take a short cut across the ice of the pond. The result was that he went through and before assistance could reach him he was drowned. The body was recovered shortly afterwards.

Mr. John H. Shirley, successor to the late Hon. D. J. Vall as United States Consul for this Province, arrived in the city on Saturday, accompanied by Mrs. Shirley and their son. Mr. Shirley belongs to Chicago and formerly was engaged in the handling of mining property. For the past five and a half years, he has been consul at Guelph, Ont. The Herald welcomes Mr. Shirley and family to this Province.

Terrible charges are being laid against several captains of the American merchant ship Whaling F. set which winters at Herculio Island. Some time ago the Dominion authorities spent \$75,000 in punishing a Yukon murderer, and if the crimes are proved to have been committed in Canadian territory, it is said they are willing to spend this again, and as much more as may be necessary to show that when they are in Canada they must obey Canadian law.

A dispatch of the 10th, from St. Johns, N.B., says:—The colonial legislature will meet on Jan. 31. The government will deal vigorously with the matter of the rights of Americans to fish in colonial waters, with the alleged interference of the imperial authorities in the premises, and the alleged surrender, by the British Ministry, of colonial rights to the United States. It is expected that both houses will protest strongly against the imperial attitude and demand abrogation of the recently enacted modus vivendi.

St. John advices of the 9th say:—Word was received here that the new British act increasing the deck load limit to the height of a steamer's rail, providing that it be not more than seven feet above the deck, has been put in force and the Canadian act of the same provisions passed last year will become law now. It has not been proclaimed yet, but the St. John collector of customs has instructions to clear steamers having the large deck load, or in indemnifying him from any consequences that may ensue pending the proclamation. The steamer Manchester Importer so called today for Manchester, being the first from here under the new law Heretofore the water deck load limit has been three feet.

John Burns, an employe at the barking mill in connection with the Miramichi pulp and paper plant at Chatham, N.B. met a terrible death Friday morning. He was employed in clearing up refuse accompanying the blow pipe when a rope attached to one of the grappling hooks he was using became entangled in a shaft, and the hook was jerked into his right leg whirling him around the shaft, and as the rope was drawn into the machinery his leg was pulled out of the socket and clean away from the body. He was alone at the time and no one saw how the accident actually occurred, but he was discovered some time after when the leg was almost wrenched off and the machinery was stopped. Dr. Byrne was summoned but the man died in a few minutes. He was thirty years of age and leaves eight children, two of whom, John and Mark, are living in St. John.

The telegraph cable between this Province and the mainland remains unrepaid. As near as has been ascertained, the break is near the middle of the Straits, and the probability seems to be that it may not be repaired until the opening of navigation. In the House of Commons on the 11th, Mr. Martin M. P. for Queen's, brought the matter to the attention of the Government on a motion to adjourn the House. Mr. Martin thought that this break in the telegraph communication afforded a good opportunity to revise the arrangements with the Anglo-American company, which claimed a monopoly of telegraph with P. E. Island. He proposed that Marconi stations be established on the Island and mainland. It was a great gratification for people of the Province to be wholly cut off from communication. Hon. Mr. Fisher, sailing minister of public works, said the matter would have consideration. R. L. Borden asked what remedy the Government had in the Anglo-American company, which failed to re-establish communication for a considerable time. Mr. Fisher said he had not had time to ascertain. The subject dropped.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS

The Supreme Court is still in Session here. Original cases have occupied the attention of the court this week.

The Laurier Government appointed four Senators on Saturday. Hon. John Conroy, an M. P., and David Gilmore, defeated Liberal candidate, were appointed for New Brunswick. For Ontario, G. W. Ross ex-Premier, and Mr. Beth ex. M. P. for Durham are the lucky ones. Two Nova Scotia vacancies remain to be filled.

At the annual meeting of the City Council, on Monday night his Worship Mayor Paton submitted his annual report. The report enumerated the different works of civic improvement that had been accomplished during the year; the taxes collected and the expenditures made. The total receipts were \$108,466.42 and the total expenditures \$108,281.12 leaving a surplus on the year's transactions of \$185.30. The report was enthusiastically received by the council and his Worship was highly complimented on the result of the year's work.

After a legal contest, extending over two years involving a re-count, three trials and four appeals, Mr. W. A. Preston, Conservative, who according to the official count at the last election for the Legislature was defeated by H. W. Kennedy, Liberal, has at last won the seat. The case, which has been in progress at Port Arthur Ontario, commenced on the 12th inst. and closed last Wednesday night, when Judge Tordoff and Anglin declared that Mr. Preston had been elected by a majority of 15. The cost of the case will exceed \$15,000. The judges will make their report to the Speaker of the Ontario Legislature, and Mr. Preston will take the seat as representative of the coming session.

The case of the Magdalen Islands steamship Company, the Gloucester Schooner, or Diana, which began in the Admiralty Court on January 2nd, was concluded Saturday afternoon last. A large number of witnesses for both sides were examined. The counsel for the Steamship Company were: R. E. Harris, K. C. of Halifax and W. S. Stewart, K. C. of Charlottetown, and the counsel for the schooner, Edward S. Dodge of Boston and Fred R. Taylor of St. John. The examination of witnesses was concluded Friday afternoon and Saturday was occupied with the argument of counsel. Mr. Dodge occupied the time from the opening of the court till recess at 1 o'clock and Mr. Harris spoke from 2 o'clock till nine. Judgment was reserved.

North Atlantic Trading Co. Sues the Government. In answer to a question by Mr. Duncan Ross in the House of Commons on the 11th inst., the Minister stated that 25,504 homestead entries had been made during the past seven years by persons from continental countries under contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company, while during the seven years preceding 1899 when immigration work was done through local booking agents, the homestead entries had reached only the small total of 3,808. During the seven years prior to 1899 there had arrived in Canada from continental countries only 34,305 immigrants, whereas for the seven years during which the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company was in force, the arrivals from the same countries numbered 157,399. There had been no work for the promotion of immigration to Canada from these countries except that carried on by the North Atlantic Trading Company.

He also stated that the company will take action against the government for cancellation of their contract without good reason and due notice. The company's billings for the obligations had been lived up to and the contract could only be cancelled on four years' notice. They said in view of the probable length of the contract they had spent double the money with agents and in advertising their contract called for. The cancellation of the contract by the minister would be a defence on any moral, reasonable or legal grounds. They had advised James Smart, the Canadian agent, to take proceedings and claimed damages for three years and five months. Since 1902 they had spent over \$120,000. During the investigation by parliament last summer Lord Strathcona sent a Mr. Allan to look into the North Atlantic Trading Company. He saw Mr. Cohen, secretary of the company, and said Mr. Preston wished to be released from his pledge to keep the names of the members of the company secret. Mr. Cohen gave Mr. Allan the following notice: "The very most we are able to do is to allow Mr. Preston to show the names to the premier, to Hon. Mr. Fielding and it is absolutely necessary to one Liberal-Conservative member of a confidential committee on condition that each give a sworn declaration in writing never to mention the names either verbally or in any other way, and that the obligation of secrecy shall be kept, as disclosing names would result in some prominent members committing suicide."

The last letter from the company is on Nov. 14. It says the company appreciates Mr. Oliver's position, a new minister, with a new deputy and Mr. Preston too far away to be consulted. Of the attacks by the Conservative opposition on the company the letter among other things says: "We most conclude that your government felt itself totally unable to resist these attacks, not having a sufficient knowledge of the service we were rendering and therefore drove to take the responsibility of cancelling the agreement, even though in absolute repudiation of its very definite terms." The company ask what compensation the government proposes to grant for the heavy financial loss they have incurred.

Western Storm Still Raging. Despatches from the west continue the story of the most severe winter on record. Southern Alberta is in the grip of the storm king and cattle are further from range grass than ever. The storm blazes the hope of cattlemen, who now admit that mortality on the snow-bound ranges will probably be heavy and costly. The winter has already proved itself the severest for years and the snow fall breaks the record for recent years. Should the win-

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ter maintain its present character, the ranges will be denuded of cattle. Medicine Hat reports on the 11th, the worst storm of the season now raging over a large tract of country, extending into Saskatchewan. Trains are all late or tied up. The West line is in bad shape. Supr. R. E. Jamieson says the company did not have coal enough on hand to keep the road in operation 24 hours. He said there were thousands of employes at Winnipeg, but it was impossible to get them west to the mines, owing to bad weather, the road everywhere being blocked by snow. On arriving in Frank Mr. Jamieson found he had more coal in his hands. The yard engine had been sent to Hillcrest to do some work and got stuck in the snow. A freight engine was sent down to pull it out and that got stuck also, and both were dead. The situation of the railroad was in, as regards coal, is shown by the fact that a number of cars filled by the Canadian American Co. from Frank to points where people were short of coal were confiscated by the railway company because it simply had to have the coal and could not haul coal anywhere else until it got some for its engines. On the 10th the six railroads officials found themselves in worse than ever. A freight train got stuck in the snow between Cowley and Plover and went dead, and the road was tied up tight for the night. An east bound passenger train was also held up for the night and a west bound was held on the other side of the dead freight. A big crew of shovellers and a snow plow left there that morning to release the freight. Since the pass has been settled there has never been a blizzard before that has caused as much trouble for the railroads.

Many Deaths From Explosion. A partial investigation to ascertain the number of fatalities at the Eliza furnace at Pittsburg last Wednesday night when an accumulation of gas exploded, burning the base of the large furnace and throwing tons of molten furnace and the things were completed tonight. The result shows that the bodies of twelve men, horribly mutilated, have been recovered; from fifteen to twenty others are missing, it is generally believed that their bodies were consumed, and ten men are in the hospitals, terribly burned, four of them expected to die. From the present indications, over 15 men were caught by the metal, which flowed over their bodies to the depth of six feet. No trace of them, it is said, will ever be found. Of the bodies now in the morgue several are minus arms, legs and heads, while the others are burned and twisted beyond recognition. A member of the injured party has their eyes burned out and others are so badly injured that amputation of limbs was necessary. The company say that they are unable to determine the cause of the accident. A rigid investigation has been instituted but it will be two or three days before the cause is known, if indeed it can be ascertained. The damage to the furnace will amount to over \$50,000.

Speed Race of Battleships. On its return from Gibraltar to England, the second cruise squadron took a speed race at four-fifths power for thirty hours. Interest in races of this sort is all the greater because these cruisers are fitted with many rapid types of water-tube boilers. The Drake, flagship of Rear-Admiral Prince Louis of Battenberg, fitted with Belleville boilers, ran an easy victory. For thirty hours, with only four-fifths of her power, she averaged a speed of twenty-two and a half knots. At the end of the thirty hours the ship was directed to cease down to eighteen knots, and proceed to their home ports. The Drake arrived at Portsmouth some hours ahead of her consort. The speed registered constitutes a world's record for such long steaming. The Drake also holds the full speed record, having touched twenty-five knots at full power last summer.

An Immense Granite Block. There arrived at Cote des Neiges cemetery last Thursday afternoon from Barre, Vermont, the largest and heaviest single piece of granite that ever came into Canada. It is thirty-two feet long by three and a quarter feet square, and weighed thirty-two tons. It was consigned to Mr. J. Brunet, the well-known sculptor, and was so heavy that it took four hours to get it off the cars, owing to the heavy chains and tackle snapping like whip cord. In order to convey this mammoth piece of granite to the works of Mr. Brunet, 28 draught horses were brought into requisition, and with chattering words from forty-five workmen the animals went the whole distance, a mile and a half, without stopping. There was a large crowd at the works to greet Mr. Brunet and his employes. This unique piece of granite will be used as a monument to the memory of the late Hon. Raymond Prefontaine.

Hold Up By Negroes. While James P. Lewis, proprietor of a restaurant at Perkiomen Junction, three miles east of Phoenixville, Pa. was enjoying dinner with his family, three negroes made their appearance in the dining room, compelled the family to vacate the room and taking their places about the well-filled board, proceeded to help themselves to the turkey, cranberry sauce and other good things in sight. Lewis protested, and a glance at three ugly-looking knives made him decide quickly, and with his family he left. After obtaining the assistance of several neighbors Lewis returned to his home, and a general fight with the negroes followed. Two of the negroes were wounded, but not seriously enough to prevent them from escaping, and three boarded a passing coal train. In Lewis' absence the cash register in his restaurant was broken open and a small sum of money taken, in addition to the several other articles of value. The highwaymen are supposed to be part of the gang which held up and robbed a party travelling near the Black Rock tunnel one night last week.

The Dreadnaught Coming.

The British Battleship Dreadnaught is about to make a notable cruise across the Atlantic which will take her to West Indian waters at about the time Rear Admiral Evans' squadron would be in the same vicinity, thus affording the American officers an opportunity to view the latest marvel in naval architecture. The purpose of the cruise is to test the seaworthiness of the battleship during the worst of the Atlantic season and also to test her batteries under adverse sea conditions. The Dreadnaught left England for Gibraltar whence she will sail January 26 for Trinidad. The admiral will allow eight days for the ocean trip. The warship will stay about two months at Trinidad, devoting most of the time to gun practice in adjacent waters.

DIED. At Cardigan on the 13 inst. after a month's illness, William Shepard aged 58 years, leaving to mourn a widow, two sons and two daughters. May his soul rest in peace.

At Peak's Station, Jan. 5th, Charles E. Mooney, aged 24 years, son of Patrick Mooney, after a lingering illness of two years and three months. He leaves a father, five brothers, and one sister, and a wide circle of friends to mourn their loss. R. I. P.

In this city on Sunday the 13th inst. Joseph McMurrough, aged 80 years. Deceased was for many years a truckman and later a laborer. He had lived by himself in a half tenement on Chestnut Street. He had no near relatives here, but a brother John lives at Moosomin, Saskatchewan. May his soul rest in peace.

At Charlottetown on the 12th, inst. James Dorsey, aged 62 years, leaving to mourn a widow and five sons, and five daughters, besides one sister, Mrs. Patrick Kelly, Cambridge, Mass. His funeral took place on Monday morning and was largely attended. The deceased was a member of the St. Dunstan's Cathedral, where a High Mass of Requiem was sung, thence to the cemetery on St. Peter's Road where interment took place. May his soul rest in peace.

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Hay, per 100 lbs..... 1.00 to 1.25  
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Wool..... 1.00 to 1.25  
Bk. oats..... 0.42 to 0.44  
Peanut hay..... 3.50 to 10.00  
Straw..... 0.25 to 0.30

Sheriff's Sale. By virtue of a Writ of Statute Execution to me directed, issued out of His Majesty's Supreme Court of Judicature, of Prince Edward Island, at the suit of Alexander Martin against Peter D. McPherson and Mary McPherson, I have taken and seized all the estate, right title and interest of the said Peter D. McPherson and Mary McPherson, in and to all that tract, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being on Lot or Township Sixty-one, in the King's County, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: commencing at the South side of St. Mary's Road, at the North-east corner of a tract of fifty acres of land conveyed by the Commissioner of Public Lands to Malcolm Gillis, thence south fifty-five chains and fifty-five links, or to the division line between Townships Numbers Sixty-one and Sixty-two; thence East nine chains to the West boundary of one hundred acres of land conveyed to John McPherson; thence North to the St. Mary's Road; and thence West along said road to the place of commencement, containing fifty acres of land a little more or less, being Plot Number Fifty-five on the South side of St. Mary's Road, on the Plan of Township Number Sixty-one, in the office of the Commissioner of Public Lands. And I hereby give Public Notice that I will on Wednesday, the Twenty-eighth day of August, A. D. 1907, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon, at the Court House in Georgetown, in King's County aforesaid, set up for Public Auction, the said property, or as much thereof as will satisfy the levy marked on the said Writ, being the sum of one hundred and fifty-eight dollars and seventy-six cents, with interest on sixty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents from the nineteenth day of October, A. D. 1906, at six per cent per annum, besides Sheriff's fees and all legal incidental expenses. D. F. McDONALD, Sheriff. Sheriff's Office, King's County, January, 12th, A. D. 1907. W. E. BENTLEY, Plaintiff's Attorney.

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Calendar for Jan., 1907.

Moon's Phases. Last Quarter 7d. 9b. 48m. a. m. New Moon 14d. 0b. 57m. a. m. First Quarter 21d. 3b. 42m. a. m. Full moon 29d. 8b. 45m. a. m.

Table with columns: Day of Week, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun. Rows for each day of the month.

The Irish Pipes.

(By Katherine Tyson Hinkson.)

I heard the piper playing, The piper old and blind, And knew its secret saying— The voice of the summer wind. I heard clear waters falling, Lapping from stone to stone, The wood-dove crying and calling, Ever alone, alone. I heard the bells of the heather Ring in the summer breeze, Soft stir of fur and feather, And quiet hum of bees. The piper drew me yearning Into the dim gray lands Where there is no returning, Although I wring my hands, Then to the piper's crooning I saw my dead again, All in a happy nooning Of golden sun and rain. You piper, kind and hoary, Your pipes upon your knee, If I should tell my story, The things you piped to me. The folk would leave their selling, And bid their buying go, If I could but let me know, The things you let me know.

A Frenchman on France.

Very Rev. Gilbert Francois, superior general of the Congregation of Holy Cross, one of the great religious communities whose French property has been confiscated by the Government of France, was seen a few days ago at his residence at Notre Dame University. Asked what he thought of Cardinal Gibbons' statement concerning conditions in France, Father Francois said: "I think very highly of it, so much so that I have personally written to His Eminence thanking him for his lively interest and sympathy. His statement is a luminous, solid and impartial document; more than that, it is a great act of justice inspired by a noble heart."

To his interviewer's query as to about how many Catholics there are in France, the superior general replied: "Apart from about two millions who belong to other religions, or no religion, all Frenchmen style themselves Catholics. I should divide them into three categories—good practical Catholics, indifferent ones and those who, while still wearing the Catholic name, are the declared enemies of the Church. The members of the first class are fervent, active, generous. I should place their number at twelve millions. Those in the second category form the most compact mass. Their number, I should think, about twenty millions. They are not hostile to religion, but have either put aside religious practices altogether or occupy themselves therewith only on the more solemn occasions of life. The third class is made up of the remaining two millions of France's population. I have styled them the enemies of the Church, but there are degrees in their enmity. Of real, out and out thoroughness, active enemies of religion, France probably holds not more than a million."

NOT AN OVERWHELMING VOTE. "But, reverend father, as if you say, the great majority of French Catholics, although indifferent, are not hostile to religion, how comes it that they elect a hostile Chamber of Deputies? Did not the French people by an overwhelming vote at the last elections endorse the anti-religious government?"

"Endorse the government, yes; though not specially as an anti-religious government. By an overwhelming majority, no; on the contrary, a change of some twenty-three thousand votes in a total of

All Stuffed Up

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Ten or eleven millions would have reversed the representation in the Chamber. As to your main question, the minority of whom I spoke a moment ago, dominated more and more at each change of ministry by its most violent members, has been in power in France for the past thirty years. Its dogma or creed is a pseudo-neutrality in religion, but in reality a pronounced hostility not merely to Catholicism, but to all religion, and even to that very idea of God.

It bolsters itself up by a whole array of functionaries whom it multiplies at its pleasure, who exert a wide influence, and who are devoted to the government, their employer. The prefects and sub-prefects in the departments, the judges of the courts, the Mayors in most of the communes, the teachers in the schools are all active propagators of the governmental policy. With so many and so effective auxiliaries, in a country where centralization has been carried to the extreme that marks it in France, it is comparatively easy to manipulate the elections in favor of the party in power, and to win at the polls a majority more or less sincere.

"Cardinal Gibbons speaks, Father Francois, of the government's absolute disregard of the property rights of the Church. As head of a religious congregation whose mother house was in France, have you any personal knowledge of such disregard?"

"Indeed I have, and very saddening knowledge. All the property owned by our congregation in France, ours by every legitimate title, has either been sold or is on the point of being sold by order of the government. And not one cent of compensation are we to receive for this iniquitous spoliation. We have still one establishment at Angers in which are grouped the aged members of our congregation, veterans in the cause of education; but they are exposed to the risk of being thrown into the streets, from one day to another, without the slightest consideration for their advanced age or their long services in the schools."

"But, father, were not the people, the municipal councils, etc., of the different cities and towns that were the seats of the religious communities—were they not willing and even anxious that the communities should be suppressed or expelled?"

NOT THE WISH OF THE PEOPLE. "No; they were not. The French people have much to answer for, but indifference and apathy are their worst crimes. It is quite true to say that the people have not desired what has taken place. They protested against the laicization of the hospitals. They deplored the removal of the crucifix. 'Tis not the people who have wished, or wish now, the separation of Church and State. A petition against that separation, signed by from two to three millions, was presented to the Chamber and the Senate, and was utterly disregarded. The municipal councils, officially consulted a few years ago, voted by a large majority for the retention of the schools and the religious. As far as my own Congregation of Holy Cross is concerned, we had twenty-two establishments in France, and in the case of the twenty-one of the twenty-two, the municipal council advised our being retained. And so it was as regards the other congregations."

Can you inform me just why French Catholics are being persecuted? Is it true that they are opposed to the republican form of government?"

It is not, emphatically not, French Catholics as a body have not been inimical to the republic as a form of government. There is not one serious basis for any such calumny.

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Clemenceau.

After a long obscurity M. Clemenceau is again at the head of affairs in France. He controls the French Ministry. It was thought at one time that he would never again be permitted to hold office. His connection with financial scandals and lootings some years ago drove him out of office, and had kept him out ever since. His strength in the army, the navy, the schools and the press; because their churches were being multiplied everywhere. The Assumptionist Fathers had established at Paris and in the departments a great system of Catholic journals. A few words of appeal to their readers brought within a few days the sum of \$300,000 francs for the completion of the dome of the Montmartre Basilica. Such a movement was too beautiful—it was thought necessary to stop it."

A GREAT UPHEAVAL SEEMS INEVITABLE. "And now, Father Francois, what do you think will be the outcome of this conflict regarding France generally, and the French Church in particular?"

"There has been within the past three decades such a change in the traditional French spirit, such a compression and depression of character, such an accumulation of abuses of all kinds, such impiety and profanation, such an oppressive burden of taxation, such a union among the different classes of society, that an immense upheaval appears to me inevitable. As for the Church in France, the present conflict will assuredly bring into the open treasures of faith and virtue. France's Bishops are pioneers and soldiers, closely united among themselves and indissolubly attached to the Holy See. They are at the head of a clergy possessing the most sterling qualities. These are good troops, well commanded, and they will eventually be victorious. The religious future of my native land is to my mind assured; for France in the very depths of her soul is too thoroughly Catholic ever to be lost to God or to God's Vicar, the White King of the Vatican."

The Holy Father Would Welcome Martyrdom. Paris, December 30.—In an interview published by "Le Croix," Pope Pius X. is quoted as being eager for martyrdom, if opportunity should offer. M. Franco, the correspondent of the newspaper, talked with His Holiness on the situation in France. The Pope is reported as saying that he knew some of the priests were complaining that they alone suffered for their resistance to the State. The Pontiff, it is asserted, then commented as follows: "Most surely I desire to suffer for the cause they support. I would be glad to endure privations of all sorts to be dragged before judges, to be thrown into prison, and even to give my head. I should be happy to die a martyr to the faith, for I know I should go straight to heaven."

Mgr. Adams, Archbishop of Casaresa Pont, and assistant at the Pontifical throne, who died at his residence, the Altieri Palace, Rome, on December 13, used his great wealth with large-handed generosity for the Church's needs and in almsgiving to the poor. These, with other facts, seemed to have created a strong likelihood of his becoming Cardinal, and his name was often quoted in apparently trustworthy lists of the eligible. Mgr. Adams was born at Torino del Sangro, Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, on December 21, 1830. He took the doctorate in theology at Rome. On his return to his diocese he gradually reached the higher dignities, became missionary apostolic, domestic prelate and protonotary. In January, 1893, he went to reside at Rome, and received the archiepiscopal title from Leo XIII.

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Clemenceau.

After a long obscurity M. Clemenceau is again at the head of affairs in France. He controls the French Ministry. It was thought at one time that he would never again be permitted to hold office. His connection with financial scandals and lootings some years ago drove him out of office, and had kept him out ever since. His strength in the army, the navy, the schools and the press; because their churches were being multiplied everywhere. The Assumptionist Fathers had established at Paris and in the departments a great system of Catholic journals. A few words of appeal to their readers brought within a few days the sum of \$300,000 francs for the completion of the dome of the Montmartre Basilica. Such a movement was too beautiful—it was thought necessary to stop it."

A GREAT UPHEAVAL SEEMS INEVITABLE. "And now, Father Francois, what do you think will be the outcome of this conflict regarding France generally, and the French Church in particular?"

"There has been within the past three decades such a change in the traditional French spirit, such a compression and depression of character, such an accumulation of abuses of all kinds, such impiety and profanation, such an oppressive burden of taxation, such a union among the different classes of society, that an immense upheaval appears to me inevitable. As for the Church in France, the present conflict will assuredly bring into the open treasures of faith and virtue. France's Bishops are pioneers and soldiers, closely united among themselves and indissolubly attached to the Holy See. They are at the head of a clergy possessing the most sterling qualities. These are good troops, well commanded, and they will eventually be victorious. The religious future of my native land is to my mind assured; for France in the very depths of her soul is too thoroughly Catholic ever to be lost to God or to God's Vicar, the White King of the Vatican."

The Holy Father Would Welcome Martyrdom. Paris, December 30.—In an interview published by "Le Croix," Pope Pius X. is quoted as being eager for martyrdom, if opportunity should offer. M. Franco, the correspondent of the newspaper, talked with His Holiness on the situation in France. The Pope is reported as saying that he knew some of the priests were complaining that they alone suffered for their resistance to the State. The Pontiff, it is asserted, then commented as follows: "Most surely I desire to suffer for the cause they support. I would be glad to endure privations of all sorts to be dragged before judges, to be thrown into prison, and even to give my head. I should be happy to die a martyr to the faith, for I know I should go straight to heaven."

Mgr. Adams, Archbishop of Casaresa Pont, and assistant at the Pontifical throne, who died at his residence, the Altieri Palace, Rome, on December 13, used his great wealth with large-handed generosity for the Church's needs and in almsgiving to the poor. These, with other facts, seemed to have created a strong likelihood of his becoming Cardinal, and his name was often quoted in apparently trustworthy lists of the eligible. Mgr. Adams was born at Torino del Sangro, Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, on December 21, 1830. He took the doctorate in theology at Rome. On his return to his diocese he gradually reached the higher dignities, became missionary apostolic, domestic prelate and protonotary. In January, 1893, he went to reside at Rome, and received the archiepiscopal title from Leo XIII.

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