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Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of the Company's cheque on Bank B. N. A. for the full amount of my claim for damages by the fire of January 5th, 1907.
I placed the claim in your hands on the 22nd, and have the Company's cheque on the 25th, so have to thank your company for this prompt response and for their courteous treatment. I shall place other insurance with you as soon as it can be arranged.
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Yours very truly,
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MINISTERS IN ENGLAND

Throw Cold Water on Imperial Preference.—No Civil Service Reform Yet.—Great Falling Off in Revenue.—Election protests and Elections frauds.

Ottawa, Dec. 5th, 1908.

The Marine Department inquiry at Halifax reveals the same state of affairs that is shown elsewhere, except that the favoured dealers in that town have been in constant direct communication with the two members of Parliament for the constituency. Messrs. Roche and Carney got Government business for Government supporters, and had goods supplied by the faithful regardless of price. Dealers admit that they charged up to twenty-five per cent. above retail prices for supplies to the Government. In most cases the Government was by far the largest customer and should have had the lowest price. Sales ran up into tens of thousands at these profits. Contractors for repairing government ships do not make 50 per cent. profit. Some of their accounts ran up to over \$50,000.

There was apparently no competition or call for tender.

Presentations were sent to government officials by the contractors, but their principal return was in the shape of campaign services.

CONTRACTORS AND CAMPAIGNS.

All the contractors were strong party men.

Some of them had charge of a district in the campaign, and one testified that he financed the district at his own expense, which means that he applied part of his profits to the work of keeping in power the government which was making him rich.

It was shown that about one hundred additional men were employed in the Halifax dockyard at election time.

There was no special need of these men.

They were engaged, sometimes on the recommendation of the government candidates over their own signatures; sometimes by the election campaign committee; always as a corrupt exchange for political support.

The agent of the Department and the superintendent appear to have been mere subordinates of these politicians. They did not dare to interfere with patronage deals, and allowed the department to do business through the politicians. Otherwise they would probably have lost their jobs.

Happily these devices failed in Halifax. No doubt these 100 extra employees voted for Roche and Carney. Undoubtedly the contractors on the patronage list worked hard and spent freely for their benefactors. But the independent electors in Halifax voted for Mr. Borden and his colleague, and gave the largest Conservative majority the county has ever known. But the evidence shows that the operations fished out to Pictou, Charlottetown and elsewhere, and accomplished more.

THE REAL OFFENDERS.

It has been charged that most of the Marine officers implicated were Conservative appointees. This is a government fiction. Hardly one official so far convicted of graft held his position by Conservative appointment. Not half a dozen of the twenty-eight suspended at Quebec were placed in their position by Conservatives. The Chief Commissioner of Lights had that office created for him by the present government, and his former chief testified that in his opinion the appointment was arranged by the influence of a contractor.

Every dealer whose money went to corrupt Marine officials was an active government supporter and a campaigner.

The chief offenders are the ministers and members of parliament

who dictated the patronage and received in campaign funds the largest benefit.

Their chief accomplices are the contractors and middlemen who contribute to the elections and receive their return through graft contracts.

The tools of both are the subordinate officials who did not dare to quarrel either with the political managers or the favored contractors, and who will suffer for the crimes of both as well as for their own weakness and avarice.

It was found that one dealer performed services that were not ordered, that the manager for a member of parliament had his yacht repaired in the government dockyard, that a favored grocer was selling meat to the government vessels at 12 cents a pound while the contract was running at 9 cents.

CONTRACTOR WILLSON'S FIRE WORK.

An illustration of political patronage methods is given in the evidence of Mr. Parsons, the Halifax agent of the Marine Department. He swore that 15 gas buoys were sent to his district which were not required and not suitable for the service.

That was years ago, and they have been piled up in the dockyard ever since. He protested at the time, but the buoys were not taken away. Instead 13 more were sent.

There was one item of \$25,800 charged against his agency for buoys that could not be used. Mr. Parsons objected to this charge, but it stood.

The first Royal Commission reported that contractor Willson of Ottawa, who made these buoys, practically controlled the department, and wheedled the government into buying buoys that were not needed. It was he who gave \$10,000 of stock in his Canbide Company to a cabinet minister at the time that these contracts were made. Probably the contractor had \$20,000 clear profit out of the buoys that have been resting in the Halifax dock. There is a still larger scrap heap at Vancouver, to say nothing of the stock at present.

Agent Parsons testified that he objected to the practice of supplying the government cruisers with luxurious provisions such as ocean liners gave saloon passengers. He was overruled by his superiors who requested him to "give 'em away."

This accounts for such bills as two dollars per dozen for peaches.

NO REFORM YET.

Civil Service reform makes little headway. The non-partisan Civil Service Commissioners in their first three months have made no appointments, not even of their own staff. Deputy ministers have done nothing in the way of reorganizing their departments in accord with the new law. Between the machine politicians who try to control the patronage, and the Commissioners, who probably desire to carry out the law, there is a struggle, with the result that matters remain as they were, the two Commissioners meanwhile drawing their \$5,000 each in salary.

Meanwhile the Premier is reminded of the promise given in writing when he was a candidate in Ottawa, that he would recommend an increase in the salaries of the rank and file of the Civil Service, and would have it dated back to the first of September. This pledge, made in an election campaign by a candidate seeking the civil service vote, places the Premier in peril of disqualification. But so far it cannot be charged that he has carried out the promise, since only the higher officials have received an increase.

STILL DOUBLE FACED.

In Canada Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his Minister of Finance still say that the government would like to obtain a preference in the British market in return for the one we give to Britain. Yet when a minister goes to England he at once becomes a free trader and explains that Canada desired no advantage in the British market, but gives a preference to Britain as a free gift.

Sir Wilfrid in 1896 begged the people of Canada to give him power that he might obtain preferential terms in England. After his election he went to England and advised that country to stick to free trade and give up preference. This year the same double dealing has taken place. Canadians have been told by ministers that we cannot have a preference because Britain refuses. Yet on Wednesday the Minister of Militia and Postmaster General, speaking in London, declared that the Canadian preference did not call for a return from England.

Mr. Lemieux added that it was a benefit to the Canadian consumer and given in his interest. This is a clear invitation to Great Britain to continue the refusal of tariff advantage to Canada. Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Balfour, Lord Milner, and other advocates of an Imperial tariff preference, have much opposition at home, and Canadian ministers make their work harder by supplying the anti-preference campaigners with arguments.

MORE DEFICITS.

At the end of October the custom's receipts for the month were \$700,000 short of that for October, 1907. As the shortage had been about \$1,250,000 a month for the previous half year, government organs cheerfully announced that the tide had turned and the revenue would soon be as large as before. The end of November tells another story.

Customs receipts for the month were \$3,690,052.

Decrease \$1,167,953.

Customs revenue receipts for the fiscal year so far are as follows:

Eight months, 1908	\$3,969,743
Decrease	10,331,628

ELECTION INQUIRIES.

Evidently there will be an inquiry into election methods. Petitions have been filed or will be filed against several ministers, Mr. Sifton and other leading Liberals whose elections are supposed to have been won by corruption or fraud or both.

A fine example of evasion is furnished by the records which appeared in the Dexter poll on behalf of Mr. Coombs, one of Sir Wilfrid's leading supporters. The Deputy Returning Officer charged the polling place a few hours before the election, so that no Conservative voter or supporter could find it. Then the operators ran a special Sunday train-load of tags under twenty-one from Port Arthur, made the boys drunk and voted them over and over again up to nine times at least for the government candidate. In court, Mr. Keefer, the Conservative candidate, asked for mercy on the lads because they were the victims of the depraved campaigners. They were let off. But the lawyer for the machine defended the chief operator on the plea that as the poll was illegally moved it was not a poll within the meaning of the law and therefore personation was not an offence. When a party holds a fraudulent poll and seeks to escape penalties on the ground that the poll is illegal, its case is like that of the man who murdered his father and mother and then pleaded for mercy on the ground that he was an orphan.

PROFIT OUT OF DISASTER.

The fall of the Quebec bridge was a calamity to the country and to the families of the men who perished. But there was money in it for the company which built the bridge, and made the contract for construction, and was responsible with the government for the lack of supervision. The government has now completed the arrangements to take over the bridge with all the obligations, to return to the company all that it claims to have paid in cash and alleged services, with five per cent. interest, and ten per cent. bonus. In addition, Mr. Premier Parent has registered \$34,250 as salary out of the company, that is to say out of the government. Secretary Barthe has been paid \$16,800, and other directors and officers have gathered in over \$25,000. For these promoters the bridge has been a bonanza, for the Canadian taxpayer a disaster.

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"Just back from your vacation?"

"Yes."

"How was it?"

"Fine, I have but one regret."

"What's that?"

"I wish I had waited until next month to take it."

"Why?"

"So I could have it to take."

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"What game?"

"Baseball. Is there another?"

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"The announcement of his marriage?"

"Oh, dear, no!"

"What then?"

"The recent cyclone."

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"Was anything ever done to punish him for it?"

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The Reconstructed Executive.

The Liberal members elect of the new Legislature, met in caucus in the Provincial building on Thursday of last week, when the following reconstruction of the Provincial Executive was agreed upon: Hon. F. L. Haszard, President Executive Council and Attorney General. Hon. James H. Cumiskey, Commissioner of Public Works. Hon. John Richards, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer and Commissioner of Agriculture. Without portfolio: Hon. Geo. E. Hughes, Benjamin Gallant, John McMillan, J. D. McInnis, Captain Read and Lauchlin McDonald. Hon. Matthew Smith, retires from the Executive to become Speaker of the House, when the Legislature meets. A glance at the personnel of the reconstructed administration, shows that Premier Haszard chose the line of least resistance and provoked as little friction as possible, in the distribution of the salaried offices. As there are three portfolios with salaries attached, it has been the rule, a kind of unwritten law, that these portfolios should be held by representatives of the three Counties, respectively. It seems reasonable and just that one of these three salaried offices should go to each of the three Counties. Such a distribution would be in accordance with governmental tradition and precedent in this Province. But in this instance precedent and tradition are thrown to the winds. The Commissioner of Agriculture is allowed to remain in Prince County and, to ensure its retention there, is given to a man who practically controls his "borough." The Attorney Generalship and the Commissioner of Public Works are retained in Queen's County, and King's County is put off with two fore-castle members of the Executive. In addition to two salaried portfolios, Queen's County also gets the Speakership. All this shows that Queen's has been most generously dealt with, while King's has to be satisfied with empty honors. It is safe to presume that this shabby treatment of King's County, in the awarding of salaried offices, was not because there was no representative from that County ready and willing, and anxious to assume the responsibility and draw the salary of one of the paying portfolios. This slight to King's County must otherwise be accounted for. It would be inconvenient, at this juncture, to dispossess an office holder, and it would be inexpedient to run any risks in opening close constituencies; therefore it was evidently deemed most prudent to patch matters up with as little disturbance as possible for the present, and wait, Micawberlike, for something to turn up. Another rather alomalous phase of the Executive reconstruction, is the inclusion therein of the returning officer's member for the fourth district of Prince County Capt. Joseph Read. Members of Government are supposed to represent electoral constituencies; but here is a man that represents no constituency; the electors of the fourth district of Prince rejected him. He represents only the Sheriff of Prince County who, in turn, represents the Provincial Government; therefore the Captain represents the Government, in the Government. Surely that is an extraordinary mix-up. Are we to assume that this wonderful executive; this extraordinary patch-work, is indicative of the last stage of a decaying administration? Has the Leader of the Government merely been able to effect such a reconstruction as will hold together until he receives his judicial appointment? Certainly he has an eye to windward and as soon as he receives what he is looking for, he will care very little how his colleagues of today may fight among themselves.

Mr. John McSwain.

It is with feelings of the deepest regret we find ourselves called upon to chronicle the death of Mr. John McSwain, which occurred suddenly at his residence about noon on Sunday. Mr. McSwain was born at the old McSwain homestead, Mermaid Farm Lot 48, seventy-two years ago. He was a bright talented boy and, when quite young, became a first class teacher. He taught for some years in the schools of the Province and in due course was promoted to the office of School Inspector for King's County. Subsequently he became headmaster of the Normal School, Charlottetown. Later he relinquished that position to become Principal of Queen Square School. Latterly he was Instructor in Botany and Drawing for the public schools of the city. He occupied this position at the time of his death. Mr. McSwain was an unassuming scholarly gentleman; unostentatious and retiring in his habits. He made great advances in the study of natural history and in the science of Botany and was no mean authority. He was also recognized as an ornithologist of standing. He had written considerable on scientific subjects, and was the author of a work on the flora of this Province, now used as a text book in our public schools. He was President of the Natural History and Antiquarian Society of this Province. He was a past-President of the Caledonian Club, and Financial Secretary of that society at the time of his death. He was also identified with other fraternal and benevolent societies. Deceased was an exemplary Christian and a model citizen; punctual in his habits and loyal in his friendships. He attended to his usual occupations in apparent good health up to Saturday night last. About 10.30, he retired to his room, and a short time afterwards, Mrs. McSwain entering the room, found him lying unconscious on the floor. He had been stricken with paralysis and fallen from his chair. His family doctor and spiritual adviser were quickly summoned; but he never regained consciousness, and lingered till noon on Sunday, when he breathed his last. He leaves to mourn a disconsolate widow and eight children, four sons and four daughters. Two sons and two daughters are teachers. Three sons for the present, and wait, Micawberlike, for something to turn up. Another rather alomalous phase of the Executive reconstruction, is the inclusion therein of the returning officer's member for the fourth district of Prince County Capt. Joseph Read. Members of Government are supposed to represent electoral constituencies; but here is a man that represents no constituency; the electors of the fourth district of Prince rejected him. He represents only the Sheriff of Prince County who, in turn, represents the Provincial Government; therefore the Captain represents the Government, in the Government. Surely that is an extraordinary mix-up. Are we to assume that this wonderful executive; this extraordinary patch-work, is indicative of the last stage of a decaying administration? Has the Leader of the Government merely been able to effect such a reconstruction as will hold together until he receives his judicial appointment? Certainly he has an eye to windward and as soon as he receives what he is looking for, he will care very little how his colleagues of today may fight among themselves.

son is in Chicago and two sons in Winnipeg. Two daughters, teachers, left home only about a month ago for Regina, Saskatchewan, where they entered the Normal school, preparatory to taking up teaching there. To his bereaved family and friends we tender our sincere sympathy. R. I. P.

One Law For All.

The courts are asked to unseat Sir Wilfrid Laurier, on the grounds of personal corruption in the O. S. election. It appears says the Mail and Empire that long before Parliament was dissolved the civil servants applied for increased remuneration. In lieu of answering the application the Government appointed a Royal Commission to make enquiry into the facts. This commission reported that there was crookedness in the administration of affairs, but strongly advised a better organization of the service and better pay. The recommendation of the subject of pay was followed by the Ministry in so far as the higher or political offices were concerned. But the lesser officials, who do the work were passed over. When the election came A. W. Fraser, the timber magnate, who was the first candidate for the city, definitely promised that if the servants would support him an increase in the salaries equal to ten per cent, all round would be made. This promise, it will be remembered was dropped. The Government was afraid to go to the country with Fraser holding too prominent a position. Then another set of candidates, with Sir Wilfrid Laurier among them was put up. The English-speaking candidate promptly adopted the Fraser programme. He announced that he was for big pay for the officials. Immediately that this gentleman had thus spoken, Sir Wilfrid Laurier wrote a letter for election use stating that he also favored the giving of more money to the civil servants, and in intimating that his return as the representative of Ottawa would have an important bearing upon the decision of this question. The letter was carefully worded but its meaning was not at all obscure. That it had an influence upon the result there can be little doubt. If it was not of a character to induce the electors to vote for Sir Wilfrid in the belief that he would raise their pay what sense would there be in writing it? The proposal is being carried out. The proposal to bring Sir Wilfrid to justice for his conduct in this particular. But why should the titled man be exempt from the operations of the law? A man who gives a dollar of his own money for a vote is liable to be fined and imprisoned. Is the corruptionist who offers the people's money by wholesale, for numerous votes to escape the consequences of his act?

Reuff Found Guilty.

Abraham Reuff, a former political boss of San Francisco was found guilty of bribery on Thursday last. The verdict was returned when the deliberations of the jury had been prolonged 24 hours. The vigilance of a police checked all attempts at a demonstration. Hundreds of spectators who hung about the courtroom during the closing days of the trial retained their seats in the chamber or stood patiently opposite the entrance, while strong details of police watched carefully inside and patrolled every approach to the hall. By previous agreement, the Court sat last Saturday the day for pronouncing the judgment. Reuff's conviction renders him liable to the maximum penalty, fourteen years in the penitentiary.

Will Not Dissolve.

The British Government's determination that there be no immediate dissolution of parliament but that the Ministers will meet parliament at the next session with an important programme, of which the budget will be the leading feature, was announced by Premier Asquith on Saturday in a speech justifying the legislative work the Government have already accomplished. Asquith invited the party to treat the veto of the Lords as demonstrating an issue in politics but declined to dissolve parliament at the dictation and caprice of the Upper Chamber. To admit such a claim on the part of the irresponsible chamber the Premier said would be immeasurably abused for it would render the Government subject session after session to a series of general elections. The Government would therefore choose its own time for dissolution.

Canadian Furred Princess.

Canada's influential English magazine published in London in which is printed news of importance to the people of this Dominion contains the following complimentary article: The Princess of Wales in driving to and from the Guild Hall on the occasion of the visit to the city of London of the King and Queen of Sweden, wore the fur coat presented to her Royal Highness by the women

of Nova Scotia. The coat is made of the very finest mink all trapped in Canada and is more than three-quarters in length the collar being formed of three complete skins small and soft as sable. The cuffs are similarly made and there is a double row of gold buttons on which the Prince of Wales' plumes is raised in Canadian gems of different color. The garment is thus comprised entirely of material found in the Dominion, including the gold. That a garment the entire product of Nova Scotia, should be so highly appreciated by its distinguished recipient the future queen as to be used on so notable an occasion, is the highest tribute to Canada's advancement in manufactures that has ever been paid to the Dominion. And it is especially pleasing to Nova Scotians, that throughout the British Empire her name is receiving prominence in this connection that was never dreamed of by the worthy ladies who carried out the plans for presentation. Nothing else could possibly have happened to have brought Nova Scotia so prominently in the limelight because the advancement of a people is to some degree measured by the advancement of its arts and manufactures. The fact comes out that no other Province of the Dominion could have produced the gift presented to the Princess, which includes gold, steel, wood pearls, amethysts, and mink and these were all wrought within the Province and fashioned with a skill that charmed a princess who acknowledged the gift in a charming letter written by her own hand and addressed to the wife of Lieutenant Governor Fraser.

Disastrous Explosion.

A despatch of the 14th from Col- on Panama says: The explosion at Obispo of 25 tons of dynamite blast was the most serious accident in the building of the Panama Canal since the United States took control. Already the officials are endeavoring to ascertain the cause of the premature discharge. The dead now total thirteen. Many bodies have been recovered but it is believed that a score or more are still under the masses of rock and earth thrown up. The death list would have been appalling had the train conveying five hundred laborers passed a few minutes later. The train steamed through the cut and was barely out of view when the explosion occurred. For 80 feet in length and four hundred feet in width the Obispo presents a graphic picture of the horrible effects of the explosion. The whole hillside has been devastated, the mine tunnel is a mass of rubble, tossing huge boulders in all directions. The ninety ton steam shovel is a complete wreck, crushed under the weight of the falling rocks. Everyone of the crew was killed. All the tracks were torn to pieces and are now covered with debris.

Four Children Burned.

In the fire which destroyed the home of Mr. William Scharf, of Hawthorne, five miles from Ottawa on the 14th, four children were burned to death. Early in the morning, Mr. Scharf and his wife, after lighting the fire in the kitchen, went out to feed the stock. While attending to the cattle Mr. Scharf saw the house on fire and ran to save the little ones, but the fire had gained such headway that it was impossible to ascend the stairs, and the frantic parents were powerless to render assistance to their unfortunate children. Once only, when the father burst open the upper window, which he had reached by means of a ladder was any outcry heard from within. It was the voice of the oldest child calling frantically for "papa." When the fire burned down the bodies of the children were found in the cellar burned to a crisp.

Local Deaths.

Suddenly in this city on Sunday 13th inst., John McSwain, aged 72 years, leaving a desconsolate widow, four sons and four daughters to mourn. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from his late residence, to St. Dunstan's Cathedral, thence to the Catholic cemetery on St. Peter's Road, where the interment took place. The funeral cortege was very large. The services in the church and at the grave were performed by Rev. E. Walker, D. D. brother-in-law of the deceased. May his soul rest in peace.

The Market Prices.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. Includes Butter (fresh), Butter (salt), Calf skins, Ducks per pair, Eggs per doz, Potatoes, Flour (per cwt), Hides, Hay, Mutton, Oatmeal, Potatoes, Pork, Sheep pelts, Turnips, Turkeys per lb, Geese, Bile cads, Pressed hay, Straw, and Minard's Liniment cures Dandruff.



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December 16, 1908—tf

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The shell is cut and manufactured by experts. Only the very best trimmings obtainable being used.

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- Extra heavy black Kersey, cloth lining, size 34-36, Columbia Sable Collars \$19.50
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D. B. Blue Beaver, size 38, Hampster lining, Columbia Sable Collar \$63.00
D. B. Green Beaver, size 36, Hampster lining, Oriental Mink Collar \$68.00
D. B. Blue Beaver, size 38, Squirrel Belly lining, Blue Lynx Collar \$85.00

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LOCAL & OTHER ITEMS

Two negroes and a Chinaman, under sentence of death for murder, are to be hanged at New Westminster B. C. on Friday next.

The Cuban steamer Thomas Brooks arrived at Kingston, Jamaica on the 11th, to convey the adherents of General Firmin to Haiti.

Last Friday evening Miss Sara Bremer of Lunenburg, N. S. aged ninety, was lighting a fire in the stove and her clothes ignited.

Allen Bros. Sakeshop at Keewatin on the 10th, was burned and Andrew Allen, aged 18, was burned to death.

The British House of Commons last Thursday night passed the second reading of the Irish Land Bill.

The explosion of a lighted lamp last Wednesday night, caused the death of Mrs. James Hiley, Rockland Road, St. John N. B.

A huge tank in the I. C. R. Island yard at St. John N. B. containing 100,000 gallons of water, burst Sunday night.

The prisoners Shephard and McDonald, awaiting trial for stealing horses, breaking into Tracadie Station, Ross McEwen & Co's shop at St. Peter's, and other crimes.

Advices from Munich, bring intelligence of a unique catastrophe. A lady of fashion was walking along the street, wearing the latest style of hat.

A daring diamond robbery was committed at Notre Dame St., Montreal last Friday night.

Thos. W. Crozier, of Toronto, pleaded guilty on the 9th on the charge of counterfeiting paper money.

By the overturning of an engine, two men working on the Grand Trunk Pacific, a short distance west of Moncton, were badly injured yesterday.

The summer steamers stopped running on the Summerside-Point du Chene route on Thursday last.

Battered by mountainous seas since she left Hamburg three weeks previously for New York, the German steamer Karlsruhe of the Hamburg-American Packet Line, worked her way slowly into St. John's, Nfld., on the 10th for the purpose of replenishing her empty coal bunkers.

The clergyman of Glouce Bay met with the Town Council recently to discuss the best means of relieving the distress which exists among a large number of families.

More than a score of persons were injured, five seriously, when a bomb was thrown into a tenement house in New York the other day.

Harl Crewe has announced in the House of Lords that the Imperial Government would introduce a Bill changing the Corporation oath, so that the clause denouncing Catholicism as idolatrous would not be in the oath.

It is beyond doubt that throughout the developments of the recent Balkan crisis, European financiers played no unimportant part in safeguarding peace.

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Mortgage Sale.

To be sold by public auction at the Law Courts Building in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, in Prince Edward Island, on Tuesday, the nineteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

There will be sold by Public Auction in front of the Court House, Souris in King's County, on Friday, the fifteenth day of January, A. D. 1909, at the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

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Calendar for Dec. 1908.

Moon's Phases. Full Moon on 7d. 5 44 a. m. Last Quarter 15 5h 13m. p. m. New Moon 23 7. 50 a. m. First Quarter 30 11. 40 a. m.

Table with columns: Day, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun. Rows show weather forecasts for each day of the week.

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The Exploration of the Northwest.

Through the McKenzie Basin.—A narrative of the A. A. MacKenzie and Peace River Treaty Expedition of 1859, by Charles Mair. Also, notes on the Mammals and Birds of Northern Canada. By Richard MacFarlane. (Simpkin, Marshall.)

Under-Languaged Americans.

In a noteworthy editorial leader with the above-quoted title the New York Evening Post (Oct. 7) says: "The Tuberculosis Congress at Washington gives us occasion for reflection to wonder at the almost entire lack of ambition on the part of Americans to understand their non-English language. All the papers that could be were put into English; and speakers who used French or German knew that their best points were lost upon their hearers. By contrast, one has only to think of a similar congress in Europe—say the International Congress of Journalists at Berlin or the Congress of Philosophers at Heidelberg. At the latter Professor Royce's paper was easily followed by the audience and the French professor who read a contribution on Fichte was applauded throughout."

Worst of Crimes.

"We find the defendant guilty," said the foreman of the jury with a cold impassive look on his face. "Of what crime?" asked the judge. "There are several mentioned in the indictment. You must say whether on one or all counts." "Guilty of having the poorest lawyer," said the foreman sadly.

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Mr. J. L. Pusey, Millville, N.S., writes: "I have been troubled with a hard, dry cough for a long time, especially at night, but after having used Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, for a few weeks, I find my cough has left me. To any person suffering as I did, I can say that this remedy is well worth a trial, would not be without it in the house."

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