

GREAT STIR IN POLITICS EVERYWHERE

Movements of the Premier and Ministers—Candidates in Various Provincial Contests—Hale Sure of Carleton Conservative Nomination.

Toronto, Oct. 1, (Special). A Globe despatch says: "Sir Wilfred Laurier has not yet mapped out the plans of his campaign but several of his colleagues are starting out to take part in the fight. Hon. W. S. Fielding, will leave tonight for Halifax where he will meet the provincial leaders. Hon. H. R. Emmerson will leave Saturday night for New Brunswick. He will spend Tuesday night in St. John and on Saturday, October 8 will attend a convention of Westmorland Liberals in Moncton. Hon. Mr. Brodeur will leave tomorrow for Rexton Falls, Sheffield county where he will speak in the evening. On Sunday he will address meetings at St. Valerain and Ste. Cecile De Milon. Monday night Mr. Brodeur and Messrs. Fitzpatrick and Fisher will address a mass meeting at Richmond. On Thursday Mr. Brodeur is booked for the convention of Nicolet Liberals as Beaucourt.

At the Capital.

Ottawa, Oct. 1.—(Special).—There are still a few matters to be disposed of by the cabinet, for instance Dr. Russell's appointment has not yet been put through. He has been offered a position on the supreme court of Nova Scotia but his friends are insisting upon his appointment as chief justice. This will be settled soon.

The minister of railways has increased the wages of carpenters on the Welland and Rideau canals from \$2. to \$2.25 a day.

Hon. L. B. Brodeur left this morning for Quebec to set the ball rolling in that province. The minister of inland revenue will accompany the premier on his Ontario tour.

The appointment of Hon. J. H. Ross, and T. O. Davis to the senate for the Northwest was gazetted today. Fred T. Congdon, Commissioner of the Yukon Territory, a Halifax man, will be the government candidate in place of Ross.

IN CHARLOTTE.

Gillmor and Armstrong and a Dark Horse All Talked of for the Liberal Nomination.

St. Stephen, Oct. 1.—(Special).—The political pot is already sizzling both parties being actually at work. The Conservatives having nominated Ganong last fall are naturally better organized. Thus having a good start in the fight before election day the Liberals will have to put on full steam to put them on equal terms with their opponents.

Public meetings will be held on Tuesday evening to select delegates for the Liberal Convention which will be held here on Thursday next. The candidates for nomination will probably be R. E. Armstrong, and Daniel Gillmore with probably a Dark horse.

IN CARLETON.

Hale sure of the Nomination. Liberals at Work too. Meeting Tonight.

Woodstock, N. B., Oct. 1.—(Special).—The announcement that the general elections will be held on Nov. 3rd has set the politicians in motion. The president of the Conservative association in the county J. N. Winslow, and the liberal candidate, F. B. Carvell, are both attending a Liberal convention but both are expected home today. The next few weeks will be lively ones for both parties.

F. H. Hale, M. P., was called to Enderby B. C. a few weeks ago on business, but he will leave for home today and arrive about Friday next. The conservatives are well organized throughout the county and will hold a convention for the nomination of a candidate in Graham's opera house in about a week. There is no question as to who will be the Conservative standard bearer in the coming contest. The convention will nominate Mr. Hale.

The Conservatives are making big preparations for the Clarke-Casgrain meeting in the Opera House here Tuesday night. The speakers will arrive at noon and will be met at the station by a reception committee of fourteen who will escort them to the

GREAT LIBERAL LEADER IS DEAD

Sir Wm. Vernon Harcourt, Who Succeeded Gladstone, Passed Away This Morning. A Noted Figure—His Career.

London, Oct. 1.—Sir William Vernon Harcourt, who became the Liberal leader in the House of Commons on Mr. Gladstone's retirement in 1894, and held that position until February 1st, when he announced his intention of retiring from parliament died this morning.

The Right Hon. Sir William George Granville Venables Vernon Harcourt, M. P., P. C., was the second son of the Rev. William Vernon Harcourt, and grandson of a former Archbishop of York. He was born Oct. 14, 1827 and was educated at Trinity College, Cambridge. He was graduated with high honors in 1851. In 1854 he was called to the bar at the inner temple. His entry into politics was marked by his unsuccessful contest of the Kincadee boroughs in 1858. He was appointed a queen's counsel in 1886, and was returned to the house of Commons for Oxford in the Liberal interest in 1898. He was chosen as professor of International Law in the University of Cambridge in 1869 and was a member of the Royal Commission for amending the neutrality laws and of the Royal Commission for amending the Naturalization laws.

He was regarded as one of the cleverest Parliamentary debaters. He was also something of a litterateur and one of the original contributors to the Saturday Review. He was twice married, his second wife being Mrs. Ines daughter of the late John Lathrop Motley, one time United States minister in London. Although Sir William had been in poor health for some days, his death came quite unexpectedly at his home Nuneham Park, Oxfordshire. His son Louis Vernon Harcourt, member of parliament for the Rossendale division of Lancashire, who was in London, was informed during the night that his father had been seized with a sudden illness and left for Nuneham early this morning.

He was appointed Solicitor-General in Nov. 1873, on which occasion he was knighted. When Mr. Gladstone's administration went out in February 1874 Mr. Harcourt resigned his office. When he returned to Oxford for re-election he was defeated, but was afterwards chosen as one of the representatives for Derby. When the Liberals returned to power in 1886, he became Chancellor of the exchequer and upon Mr. Gladstone's retirement in 1894, became Liberal leader.

Canada Eastern Running Today Under New Deal.

A Government Road Now—Eloping Wife in Custody at Fredericton—E. B. Winslow Home and Better—G. T. P. Surveys.

Fredericton, N. B., October 1.—(Special).—The Canada Eastern Railway is now the property of the Dominion government and was operated today for the first time as part of the Intercolonial. The old timetable is being observed today, but on Monday a special Intercolonial time table will go into force. There will be two trains daily between this city and Loggieville, a mixed one to leave at 6.30, and an express at 10.30. The first train under the new management was the Marysville suburban which left here this morning at 6.15 in charge of Conductor Sterling.

All employees of the Canada Eastern are retained by the Government. Fred S. Whittaker, of this city, becomes track clerk and John Cochran of Gibson, has been appointed clerk of the mechanical foreman P. A. Logan; Supt. Hobbs becomes assistant superintendent of the Moncton and St. Flavie district.

The Grand Trunk Pacific surveying party which is to work from Fredericton towards Woodstock commenced operations this morning near the railway bridge. Archibald Foster is in charge of the work pending the arrival of Engineer Foss. The survey will follow the Intercolonial and C. P. R. tracks as far as York street.

A young woman, aged seventeen, who gave the name of Agnes Connor, was arrested here this morning on a charge of vagrancy. At the police court she stated that she was the wife of James Andrews of Woodstock, and ran away from home on Monday because he ill-treated her. Andrews, who is a middle aged man, was here yesterday searching for his lost spouse and warned the police to be on the lookout for her. The prisoner is without money and it is likely that the poor authorities will send her back to Woodstock on Monday.

Jailor Hawthorne left here last evening to drive to Harvey to continue his search for Grant, the eloped pickpocket who recently broke jail. All trains of the C. P. R. towards Vancovero are being carefully watched, so it will be hard for Grant to reach the American border by that route. Hawthorne is hopeful of recapturing the culprit.

The amount deposited in the government Savings Bank during Sept. last was \$12,578, against withdrawals \$17,038.28. The balance due depositors September 30 was \$1,060,850.98.

E. Byron Winslow who went to Boston recently to consult a specialist returned at noon today. The diagnosis of his case was quite satisfactory and while an absolute cure was not promised a course of treatment was advised which it is hoped will prove beneficial.

IN VICTORIA.

Government Said to Be Insisting That Costigan Run—That Senatorship.

Grand Falls, N. B., October 1.—(Special).—It is learned on excellent authority that the government insists on Hon. John Costigan again contesting Victoria county in the liberal interests, and if elected, he will be allowed to resign and be appointed to the senate. The government fears that his appointment now would estrange Gloucester and Kent where the Acadians insist on O. J. LeBlanc, M. P., succeeding the late Senator Dever.

Charles Curless, T. J. Carter and A. J. Martin are spoken of as likely conservative candidates. The case of the Royal Bank of Canada versus J. J. Hale, is still before the Circuit Court. The chief justice has finished his charge to the jury, who have retired with instructions to answer a number of questions and upon the answers returned a verdict will be entered.

Rev. John Bradley and bride arrived last night from their honeymoon, and were tendered a reception at the residence of Mrs. Orrip Davis by the ladies of the Presbyterian congregation.

Knocked Him Out. Pendleton, Ore., Oct. 1.—Andy Ring of Wallawalla, Wash., knocked out Kid McCoy, of Brooklyn, in the fourth round of a bout which was scheduled to be a ten round fight. McCoy did not regain consciousness until eight minutes after receiving the knockout.

RUSSIAN PRINCE WAS A NUISANCE TO KUROPATKIN

Royal Soldier Had More Baggage Than a Brigade Could Carry. COMPLAINT OVER THE PRISONERS. European Newspapers On the Campaign—Why the Russian Commander Called Off the Czar's Relative.

New York, Oct. 1.—The Echo de Paris goes out of its way to accuse the Japanese of having caused the death of M. de Cuverville and Lieut. Von Gilleman, respectively the French and German attaches who left Port Arthur last month, says a Paris despatch to the Times.

The paper makes the accusation on altogether inadmissible evidence, derived, it says from report by the Russian consul at Che Foo saying that toward August 20, a junk flying the French flag was sunk by the enemy.

This random accusation appears to have been brought forward in reply to a veiled insinuation in an item stating that the two military attaches were on had terms with the Russian authorities at Port Arthur who felt some concern over their departure as they naturally possessed full information of the positions.

There is not a particle of evidence to show that the two military attaches were the victims of foul play on the part of either the Japanese or the Russians.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—1.36 p. m.—The army organ, replying to a critic who complains that there is discrimination in favor of Japanese prisoners over Russian soldiers inasmuch as the former always travel second class and receive an allowance of twenty cents per day, whereas the Russians are often placed on freight cars and are allowed only eight cents calls attention to the agreement made at the opening of the war, whereby Russia pledged herself to good treatment of Japanese prisoners, by virtue of which it explains the Japanese must receive food similar to that which they have been accustomed to. The Japanese officers captured are allowed the pay corresponding rank in the Russian army.

St. Petersburg, Oct. 1.—Prince Sviatopolkirskiy, the new minister of the Interior, has selected Prince A. Obolenskiy, one of the assistants of the minister of finance, to be one of his chief lieutenants.

The torpedo boat destroyers Rezy, Prosvitnyy, Prosvitlyy, Gromnyy, and Gromkiy have been ordered to be prepared to join the Baltic fleet at Revel, October 9.

First I. C. Tickets Sold on Canada Eastern Railway.

Talk of Operating Maritime Sulphite Mill Again—Presentations at Chatham.

Chatham, N. B.—(Special).—It is said that the present owners have decided to operate the Maritime Sulphite Fibre mill here, also that A. & R. Loggie have purchased the Bentley saw mill and property at Loggieville.

John Vanderbeck of Millerton has presented to the Miramichi Natural History Association the splendid collection of native woods he had at the exhibition.

Over eighty teachers attended the Northumberland county institute held here Thursday and Friday, Governor Snowball and Hon. Mr. Sweeney of Westmorland visited and addressed the institute on Thursday.

James McIntosh formerly of Chatham was now principal of Blackville school was presented on Thursday with handsome gold cuff buttons by his last year's class.

I. C. R. tickets were issued today for the first time over the Canada Eastern Railway.

The marriage of Susan Whittaker, daughter of James Nicoll to James Patrick King will take place in St. Luke's church, Thursday, Oct. 4th at 2.30 p. m.

Fraser Hasn't Resigned. Sydney, N. S., Oct. 1.—(Special).—J. H. Plummer, president of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company denied to the Times today the report that Graham Fraser had resigned from the general management of the Company. He further said that he had never heard of Mr. Fraser's intention to do so.

Payne is Better. Washington, Oct. 1.—Dr. Osler at 9.40 a. m. came from the sick room and said that Postmaster General Payne had passed a better night and was distinctly better this morning than yesterday, although his condition was still grave.

Probably a Sixth Victim. Woodstock, Ont., Oct. 1. (Special).—Part of the remains of a human body was taken from a mass of wreckage around the big mogul engine at Eastwood last night.

It was believed that all of engineer Heron's remains were found and the bones found last night may be those of a sixth victim in the person of the supposed missing Buffalo driver or a tramp. Six watches were found to the wreckage and only five bodies have been accounted for.

HENRY WHITE APPOINTED. Ottawa, Oct. 1.—(Special).—Henry White of Bathurst (N. B.), has been appointed commander of the pilotage commission for Bathurst district.

SENSATION IN COURT AT GRAND FALLS.

Chief Justice Charges Strongly in Favor of Defendant in Peculiar Criminal Case, But True Bill is Found and Trial Goes on.

Grand Falls, N. B., Sept. 30.—The session of the Victoria circuit court this week, presided over by Chief Justice Tuck was marked by a case peculiar in itself and this feature of it was made more pronounced by the fact that judge and grand jury appeared impressed in different ways as to the prisoner's innocence or guilt.

Lewis H. Watson was charged with administering a drug to a girl under 16 years old. T. J. Carter was counsel for Watson and F. B. Carvell assisted by W. P. Jones prosecuted in the several criminal matters before the court.

The chief justice had charged the grand jury that the alleged facts in this case were incredible; that it was nonsensical to imagine Watson would leave the wife, pass through the rooms where his grown sons were sleeping, and administer ether to a

girl with his own daughter. The case was tried and the judge suggested that Mr. Carvell withdraw it from the jury. He declined and the chief justice said that in view of the jury finding the defendant guilty he would suspend sentence as he believed the prisoner innocent.

Wednesday evening, however, the jury found Watson not guilty. The girl and her child were in court and much sympathy was expressed for her.

The court opened Tuesday. The grand jurors were: Geo. E. Baxter, (foreman), E. S. Campbell, Chas. Roberts, W. H. Wright, Nathaniel Schaffer, W. A. Brown, Amos Smith, W. W. Johnston, Jerry Hafford, R. K. McCrea, R. J. McKee, Columbus C. Rogers, W. D. Appleby, J. L. Hallott, C. N. Inman, W. J. Miller, Frank A. Brown, Chas. Baird, Geo. T. Wilson, Elijah Sisson, and Peter Anderson.

Shaughnessy Talks On C. P. R. Matters. Confederate Bills In a St. Andrew's Store.

Montreal, Oct. 1.—(Special).—Sir Thomas Shaughnessy President of the C. P. R., accompanied by Sir George Drummond and R. B. Angus reached the city this morning, coming direct from St. Paul after a tour of the road as far as the Pacific Coast.

Sir Thomas said it was difficult to say anything that had not already been said. He mentioned that in course of interview that extensive works which have been going on for past two years with the object of adding to the facilities of the system in various ways had been completed at a cost of \$32,000,000.

Regarding the reported intention of the company to double track the main line to the Pacific coast, Sir Thomas said that they all looked forward to the time when such a proceeding would become necessary, but just at present it was not one of the matters under consideration.

"And what of the movement of the wheat?" asked the reporter.

During the past ten days in which wheat has been moving we have moved about the same amount as in the same period last year, but in the aggregate we anticipate that we will have much more to take care of. There will be a larger crop to move than a year ago. During the next few days we will be hard at it. The weather has been so good that the farmers thus far have latterly been devoting themselves mainly to ploughing and threshing.

This Prince a Nuisance. New York, Oct. 1.—The reason why General Kuropatkin did not want Prince Leopold Frederick of Prussia, at the front now seems evident, says the Berlin correspondent of the Times.

The prince wanted to carry too large an outfit. Goods ordered by the prince in preparing for his expected journey are still arriving in great quantities. The prince arranged to carry with him to Manchuria 250 pairs of gloves, 800 pairs of shoes, and other articles of apparel in proportion.

The embarrassment a royal prince of a foreign country with a train of attendants and an enormous quantity of baggage would cause at the front can be imagined.

CAR OF HALIFAX EXPRESS WAS AFIRE. Had to cut and hod Train at Sussex to Extinguish Blaze.

Sussex, N. B., Oct. 1.—(Special).—On arrival of the Halifax Express at 5 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the floor of the postal car. A hole had to be cut through the floor to get the fire out. The train was detained only a few minutes.

Wm. T. McArthur travelled for S. Hayward, St. John is very ill at his home of typhoid fever.

IN QUEENS.

Liberal Convention on Tuesday—Interest Keen in Politics—The Steamers.

Gagetown, N. B., Oct. 1.—(Special).—The convention of the liberal electors of the county of Queens and Sunbury to select a candidate to contest that constituency in the liberal interest will be held at Gagetown Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock. Considerable interest is being manifested in the time approaching for the election.

The steamers Beatrice Waring and Champlain are still in competition for the Grand Lake trade. Nothing has been heard since Thursday of the steamer May Queen which is being manifested. Considerable interest is being manifested in the time approaching for the election.

Gabriel deVacher has taken his yacht Thistle to St. John where she will be laid up for the winter.

Mrs. Davidson of Moncton and Mrs. Cowan of St. John are the guests of Mrs. Burgess.

Heathen Chinese To Learn Teings.

New York, Oct. 1.—Tsang Hse-Nun, who is charged by the Empress Dowager of China to make an important inquiry into the system of governments of the world in order that any points suitable to the people of China may be introduced into the empire, arrived here today on the steamer Philadelphia from Southampton Cherbourg.

He was accompanied by a numerous Chinese suite. Nun has visited most of the countries of Europe and has made investigations there with the assistance of the authorities.

Clever Convict Takes French Leave.

Montreal, Oct. 1.—(Special).—Napoleon Drouin, a convict in St. Vincent de Paul penitentiary, serving a two years' term with seven months to run, escaped from prison last night under what are considered mysterious circumstances.

Drouin is a clever mechanic, as indicated by the fact that he constructed out of tin can a watch that would keep time.

The last known of Drouin he asked permission to go to the lavatory. He received it, and nothing has been seen of him since.

Minto Accepts Tendered Banquet.

Montreal, Oct. 1.—(Special).—The Governor General has accepted the invitation to the banquet to be offered his excellency before his departure from Canada. A message to that effect was received from Rideau Hall, last night.

The committee in charge of the banquet which includes the Mayor, the President of the Board of Trade and the President of the Chamber de Commerce, meets today to complete the arrangements. The date of the banquet has not yet been chosen.

C. N. R. Strike Off.

Port Arthur, Ont. Oct. 1.—(Special).—After having lasted two days the strike among the C. N. R. freight handlers ended yesterday. The company granting an increase to 22¢ per hour for day and 25¢ per hour for night work for the remainder of the season.

Lady Curzon's Condition.

Walmer Castle, Kent, Oct. 1.—T. bulletin on Lady Curzon's condition issued at 10.30 o'clock this morning says: "Her ladyship had some sleep during the night and has taken nourishment well."