

**MR. RUSSELL GIVES
FACTS ABOUT BLAIR.**

**Defends Ex-Minister and Tells Just Why
He Resigned---Exposes the Fairy Tales
Exploited by Mud-slinging Editors
Whose Imaginations Run Riot.**

Montreal, Dec. 8.
To the Editor of The St. John Tele-
graph:

Sir,—My recent declaration that I
persuaded Hon. A. G. Blair to re-
sign the chairmanship of the Rail-
way Commission seems to have af-
forded certain papers another oppor-
tunity of wilfully misrepresenting the
motives and actions of Mr. Blair.
That this should be the case is not
so surprising considering the cam-
paign of vilification that is being
carried on by certain editors who,
having no other means of attack, are
forced to descend to the level of the
common mud slinger. It appears
that it is preferable to these people
to believe lies manufactured out of
whole cloth by irresponsible hang-
ers-on of the liberal party, than to be-
lieve the actual truth, simply because
it does not suit their purposes that
the truth should be known.

While all the facts concerning the
matters that have been causing such
a commotion will soon become pub-
lic property, as they will probably
be proven under oath in the courts,
and while it is not my intention at
this time to make any attempt to
justify my own personal actions, I
feel that I am more or less bound to
resent the aspersions that have been
cast on the motives of the Hon. A.
G. Blair.

My own defence will be brought to
light at the proper time in the pro-
per place. It is my purpose here to
state the exact circumstances under
which Mr. Blair resigned his position
and I feel certain that every man
who knows me and is not influenced
by direct malice will be sure to know
that I am stating the truth.

It was not a very long time after
Mr. Blair assumed the chairmanship
of the Railway Commission before it
became a matter of common talk in
Ottawa and Montreal that he was
not being properly supported by the
government. Later he mentioned this
to me, and as I have the highest re-
gard for Mr. Blair's ability as a
lawyer, and more especially in the
line of corporations, I began to make
plans by which his valuable services
could be made available.

Within a short time I decided that
I could find Mr. Blair sufficient of a
more congenial employment as con-
sulting attorney in corporation mat-
ters to justify me in guaranteeing
him a much larger income than he
was then enjoying, and this arrange-
ment will be carried out as made.
I felt that I was fully justified in
suggesting his immediate withdrawal
from a difficult position, and I can

further state positively that Mr.
Blair knew nothing of my so-called
conspiracy against the liberal party,
knew nothing of the purchase of La
Presse, and knew nothing of any of
the other crimes with which I am
being daily charged.

These stories are on a par with the
other wonderful sights seen by some
of my former friends in their mom-
ents of temporary hallucination, and
apparently induced by a curious form
of excitement which only counts dol-
lars by the millions. They are on a
par with the Standard Oil story,
with the yarn that I tried to pur-
chase the Canada Atlantic, and was
only outgeneraled by Mr. Hays
through his taking a sudden leap by
which he got in ahead of me by ten
minutes. They are, in fact, on a par
with all the curious fairy tales imag-
ined and concocted in the editorial
rooms of the Montreal Herald, the
Toronto World, and a few minor pa-
pers in the Maritime Provinces.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID RUSSELL.

**BRILLIANCE
IN OLD ROME.**

Rome, Dec. 8.—Rome was literally
ablaze tonight with illuminations in
honor of the Jubilee of the Immacu-
late Conception. St. Peter's was the
chief center of the illuminations, but
the display at the American College
was very effective. Venetian lanterns
electric lights and torches being uti-
lized with striking results. In the
Piazza Di Spazna (the center of the
English Colony in Rome) the column
with the statue of the Virgin which
was raised when Pope Pius IX prom-
ulgated the dogma of the Immacu-
late Conception fifty years ago,
sparkled with hundreds of electric
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**EXHIBITION OF
FINE PAINTINGS.**

**J. N. Sutherland Shows Splendid
Collection of Products of His
Brush.**

There is now an exhibition at No.
88 Germain St., a number of oil
paintings by J. N. Sutherland. Mr.
Sutherland though not a profes-
sional artist, comes of a family of ar-
tists in England, whose works have
been hung in the Royal Academy. He
has inherited the talent for painting,
and now passes his leisure hours at
his easel.

The collection on exhibition num-
bers 53 paintings, and covers a large
area. There are a large variety of
subjects, all of which are from orig-
inal sketches made by Mr. Suther-
land. The sea scenes are remarkably
fine showing that the artist is per-
fectly familiar with his subjects. One
which will certainly appeal to yachts-
men is called "Will she do it." It
depicts a yacht race in which one of
the boats is "in irons", close at
hand is a dangerous looking reef, and
the sailors are endeavoring to bring
their craft about. It is a critical
time for those on board as a few
moments will decide their fate. An-
other picture in which the coloring
is superb is called "September". It
shows a woodland scene in which the
trees have changed their summer garb
to autumn. The warm red and brown
tints give a very rich effect.

"Valley of the Gaspeaux" near
Wolfville, N. S.), is a beautiful piece
of work, showing a view of the val-
ley with the hills on either side. This
is one of the gems of the collection.
There are a number of storm scenes,
all of which are faithful portrayals of
sea life, and its dangers. One entit-
led, "The Life Boat"—"Off to the
Wreck", is a vivid picture of the
perils encountered by a life-boat
crew, with winds blowing and waves
towering above them, while off in the
distance is the big ship with the sig-
nals of distress flying.

There are also paintings of old
English vessels showing the changes
in their architecture from century to
century.

In fact this art collection includes
scenes in England, Wales, Scotland,
Ireland, Maine and all parts of Can-
ada from the Atlantic to the Pacific.
A gentleman, who represents in Can-
ada, many English Artists, and who
is recognized as an authority, says of
Mr. Sutherland's work: "I con-
sider Mr. Sutherland's work equal
to the best I sell; his coloring, draw-
ing and perspective are perfect. His
work is a revelation, and the more I
examine it the more I am impressed
with its merit."

These pictures are on view today
and Saturday from 10 o'clock a. m.,
and anyone interested in oil paint-
ings should not miss this opportu-
nity to examine Mr. Sutherland's
work.

On Monday, December 12th, these
paintings will be sold by auction. T.
T. Lantalan will conduct the sale.

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IN BUSINESS TO ADVERTISE IN
THE TIMES.

Morning News in Brief.

Local.

At a meeting of the special com-
mittee to deal with the mayor's
statement on the Mispic pulp mill,
it was decided yesterday to instruct
the city engineer to report on the
horse power available on the Mispic
and Little River.

Hon. C. H. Labllois, commis-
sioner of public works, visited the pro-
vincial hospital yesterday, and look-
ed over the land required by the St.
John Railway Company to run their
tracks on so as not to interfere with
the general traffic. Dr. Anglin ac-
companied him through some of the
new wards in the hospital, and they
were found in excellent condition.

Charles Borgers of the British and
Continental Shipping Co., with of-
fices at Antwerp, Ghent, Rotterdam,
Amsterdam and London, is at the
Royal. Mr. Borgers said the firm
would send a steamer direct from
Antwerp to St. John early in March,
and his business here is to make con-
tracts with the local importers.

Gideon L. O. L., No. 7, has elected
the following officers: W. C. Day, W.
master; W. J. Haslett, D. Master; W.
Crabbe, chap.; Geo. Jenkins, R. sec.;
P. E. Biddescombe, F. sec.; J. H.
Burley, D. of C.; J. Hatterfield, lec-
turer; G. H. Marshall, F. of C.; C.
Perkins, C. White, J. Davidson, T.
Nash, committee.

The first of the assembly dances
took place in the assembly rooms of
the York Theatre last night. There
were sixteen dances on the pro-
gramme. The chaperones were: Mrs.
W. W. White, Mrs. George West
Jones, Mrs. Simeon R. Jones, Mrs.
L. P. D. Tilley, Mrs. J. M. Robin-
son, jr., and Mrs. L. M. Barker.

The Fairville Boy's Brigade held a
concert in the Orange Hall, last even-
ing. Those who took part were: Mes-
srs. Carr and Rea, Herbert Carr,
Lieut. Brown, Sergt. Legget, Mr.
Lord, Sergt. Reed, Pte. Dibblee, Mrs.
G. Young, Mrs. L. M. Curran, E. R.
W. Ingraham, J. H. Ross and H.
Campbell.

At the New Brunswick Military
Veterans' Association's monthly
meeting, last evening in Forester's
Hall, there was discussion on land
grants for the members. It was
thought the government would take
the matter up at the next session of
parliament. The election of officers
will take place the second Thursday
in January.

An excellent concert was given last
night in the school room of Calvin
church, under the auspices of the
Young People's Guild. A fine pro-
gramme was carried out which was
enjoyed by all.

Provincial.

The contract for the Louison River
bridge, Great Lead, has been award-
ed to John Gault, of Charlottetown.
This is to be an entirely new
structure, 600 feet long.

The employees of the I. C. R. shops
at Moncton received their wages for

November yesterday, H. Girard trav-
elling auditor on the Drummond end
of the line, who is acting paymaster
arrived from Levis yesterday morn-
ing. No permanent appointment to
the office of paymaster has yet been
made.

The people of Hillsboro A. Co., are
to have a large skating rink this
winter. The owners expect to open
the building for skating on Dec. 26.

James W. Day, of Parrsboro, Con-
servative, and E. E. Paul, of Spring-
hill, liberal, were yesterday officially
nominated to contest Cumberland,
on the 15th inst., for the local
house.

Watson McKinnon has been placed
under arrest at Amherst charged
with stealing two watches from a
man named McLeod. McKinnon has
confessed his guilt.

Colonel Vidal's report showing the
general efficiency of the artillery field
batteries of Canada, which he in-
spected during the year, is out. There
are sixteen batteries; and the one
standing highest is the 14th Midland
commander by Lt. Col. N. F. Mc-
Nachtan, with 332, 9 points.

The two New Brunswick batteries
—the 12th Newcastle, commanded by
Lieut.-Col. Maitly, and the 10th
Woodstock, commanded by Major W.
C. Good, are 12th and 13th on the
226.1, and the Woodstock 210.1
marks.

General.

The German surtax was adopted
by the Canadian parliament in Ap-
ril, 1903, but did not come into full
operation until September of that
year. An examination into the im-
ports into Canada from Germany
during the period shows that the
surtax has hit the trade of that
country with the dominion most ef-
fectually. In the year after the sur-
tax became fully operative German
sales to Canada declined from \$12-
000,000 to \$7,000,000. In dutiable
goods alone there was a decrease
from \$9,972,859 to \$5,394,946,
which is equivalent to forty-six per
cent.

The Toronto Globe publishes a de-
spatch which says the time has ar-
rived for Canada to garrison Hal-
fax and Esquimaux herself.

Mrs. Mary Rogers, of Montpelier
Vt., must hang. This is the verdict
of the Vermont house. The first
Friday in February is the date of
the execution.

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- 158 Silk Waists, all colors, latest Shades.
- Flannelette Nightgowns,
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