

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney of Moncton, for the past two years a member of the local government without portfolio, has been appointed Solicitor General. Hon. Mr. Sweeney is a bright young lawyer, and is generally liked by those with whom he comes in contact. It has been some time since the Irish Catholics have had a portfolio in the local executive, and we may assume that his co-religionists have learned of Hon. Mr. Sweeney's elevation with considerable pleasure. The work of filling the cabinet vacancies has not however, been finished. The surveyor-generalship is yet vacant, as well as the forecaster berth. We presume the giving of a portfolio to Westmorland practically puts the claims of Kent County out of joint. Mr. James Barnes and his friends have been in hot pursuit of the surveyor-generalship, but the premier would scarcely dare give the remaining portfolio to another eastern county representative. This narrows the choice considerably. There is little or no prospect of any York County member entering the administration for the very good reason that none of the four from the metropolitan constituency seriously desires the job. The contest may safely be said to lie between Carleton and St. John, with the honors easily in favor of the former. For a long time it has been supposed that Mr. George Robertson would accept a portfolio, but we are in a position to say that his chances are not very bright. Had St. John gone liberal last month things might now be shaping differently. There is one vacant seat there already. To open another would only add to the difficulty. A most determined effort would be made by the opposition to carry both. Premier Tiesie certainly stands to win a seat in his own county, when the vacancy caused by Mr. Loggie's resignation, is filled. That being the case the government may look upon the St. John by-election in a contented frame of mind, and hope for the best.

We do not think there is any doubt in the mind of any member of the executive regarding the fitness of

Mr. Wendell P. Jones for the portfolio. In the recent federal election contest he more fully than ever demonstrated his marked ability as a successful campaigner. His strong points are well known. The people in the Upper St. John Valley feel that the long delayed recognition will now be given. Their confidence in the administration has been repeatedly shown. We would like to see Mr. Jones receive his Christmas present in the shape of a portfolio. The honor could not be bestowed upon a more worthy representative.

Four to Retire.

We have been informed on good authority that only two of the present six councillors will be candidates for re-election. The two are Couns. Stevens and Fisher. New men are somewhat shy in coming forward. Many would like to see Mr. H. Paxton Baird run for a seat at the board. He is a type of the solid business men of the town, and is just the kind of a man to be at the board. Mr. J. T. Garden is another person who would worthily fill a seat in next year's council.

Maritime Provinces Safely Liberal.

New Brunswick has been under liberal rule in the local administration for nearly twenty two years, Prince Edward Island for thirteen, and Nova Scotia for more than a score. In each province the party is strong enough to win in the next contest. Evidently the people are pleased with their rulers.

Victory in P. E. I.

The liberals carried Prince Edward Island in the local election held on the 7th inst. Premier Peters will have twenty supporters in the new house which contains thirty members altogether. The conservatives felt sure of winning as they took a majority in the federal contest last month. The Island will be under liberal rule for four years more, in addition to the thirteen already gone by.

Trouble in the Camp.

Mr. Robert L. Borden's troubles have seemingly only begun. Of course a great many of the conservatives desire that he should retain the leadership, but an influential group in Toronto, headed by W. F. McLean and John Ross Robertson, openly assert that some other person must be chosen. Mr. Borden seems undecided. He has taken a few weeks in which to reply to the invitation extended to him by the delegates at Montreal.

Charles Marcil, M. P.

The most northerly county in New Brunswick is Restigouche. Just across the river, in the province of Quebec, lies the county of Bonaventure, represented in the house of commons by Charles Marcil, a clever young journalist of Montreal. Mr. Marcil first carried the county in 1900, and by reason of his genial manner and ability, rapidly won his way to the front. He is said to be the government's choice for deputy speaker, a position he seems eminently capable of filling.

POLITICAL NOTES.

The Manitoba conservatives have protested the election of every liberal seat in that province but one.

Premier Parent of Quebec will resign before long. Hon. R. Lemieux, solicitor general of Canada, may be his successor.

George H. Gooderham, the big distiller, is a candidate for mayor in the Queen City.

Editor Carman of the Belleville Ontario, has been committed for trial on the charge of libelling E. Gus Porter, M. P., for West Hastings. This is the case arising out of the bogus ballot frauds.

H. W. Gray and wife, who have been in the West for several years, are home on a visit to their parents and friends. At present they are at the home of John McDonald, Grafton, father of Mrs. Gray.

Shipping Produce from Debec.

Hay, oats and potatoes in large quantities are being shipped from Debec. Three firms are buying. Potatoes are being sent to Montreal. The price paid the farmer has been a dollar a barrel. This is almost as much as can be secured in Houlton. Hay is worth about six dollars. Oats bring a good price, something like 37 or 38 cents per bushel. Across the line the rate is considerably higher. As a shipping point Debec is fast gaining prominence, each year witnessing a larger output. One day recently thirty five loaded teams were in the village at the same time.

Woollen Mill to Close.

The Carleton Woollen Mill Company announces the closing down of their plant at the end of next week. The business is in good shape, and pays a fair dividend, but for good and sufficient reasons will be discontinued by the present owners. Unless the mill is sold to other parties it will probably never again be operated. The closing of this industry means a considerable loss to the working classes who found remunerative employment there at all seasons. Some lucky individual who wishes to secure a two set mill on reasonable terms would do well to look over the property and interview the management.

Royal Arcanum.

This society has paid claims in Woodstock amounting to \$6000 during the past year. The order is in the very front rank of fraternal organizations. The cost of insurance is very low. For instance, a young man at the age of 23 may secure \$1000 death benefit for 61 cents a month. The principal officers of the local society for next year are as follows:—N. F. Thorne, Regent; John McLaughlin, Treas.; T. C. L. Ketchum, Sec.; Capt. Duncan, Collector; Dr. W. D. Rankin, Examiner. Any information concerning the society will be furnished by the secretary.

JOTTINGS.

Isaac Hatfield of McKenzie Corner was a recent visitor at this office.

J. A. Lindsay, Esq., of Lindsay was a caller at our office one day this week.

Osburn Toms of Richmond Corner was a visitor at this office on Tuesday.

D. Arch Munro has gone to Charlotte County to work for the New York Life.

A fine chance for smart energetic young people to earn some money. See ad "Agents Wanted."

Albert Simonson has returned from Centerville, and is stopping with his son-in-law, Dr. Prescott.

There will be a Basket Social at Lindsay for the benefit of the Methodist Church, Tuesday evening, Dec 20th.

It is rumored that Mr. R. L. Borden will enter a suit for alimony against the conservative party, alleging non-support.

Maurice Pierce, Postmaster at the new office known as Piercemont, was a welcome visitor at the SENTINEL sanctum on Tuesday.

The friends of Miss Rhoda Corbett, who is in a sanitarium at Saranac Lake, will be pleased to learn that she is rapidly improving in health.

His Worship Mayor Lindsay gave a supper at the Royal Cafe to the members of the council, town officials and a few others, last Friday evening.

Robt S. Gourley of Toronto, maker of the famous Gourley Piano, was in town the day of the Hospital supper and made a liberal cash donation to help along the receipts.

Lost, on December first, either in Woodstock, or on the road to Richmond Corner, a sum of money. Finder will please communicate with Albert Wilson, Belleville, Car. Co., N. B., or at SENTINEL Office.—lin-51.

Remember the time is short from now until the end of the year. After January first it will cost \$1.50 per year on back subscription accounts. Better settle while the dollar rate lasts. This is no fake scare or humbug. We mean what we say, and give timely notice.

Ping Pong died Nov 6, 1904. His record was 2.20. He started in a field of five horses in Patten, Maine, drew fifth position and won in three straight heats; best time 2.20.

Of the Russian warships which were at Port Arthur when the war broke out the battleships Petropavlovsk, Retvizan and Poltava have been sunk, and the Peresviet and Pobieda badly damaged. The cruiser Boyarin has gone to the bottom, and all the others have either been disarmed at neutral ports, or are being slowly pounded to pieces by the Japanese shells.

It is now nearing the time when several hundreds of our subscribers should renew. To those who have already done so we extend our thanks. We regret to think there are many who let their subscription run unpaid from year to year. Some months ago we plainly said to all that the price of the SENTINEL, if paid in advance or within the year, is One Dollar. To those who are slow and will not pay in advance or within the year the charge is One Dollar and Fifty Cents. We will allow every person who owes us anything to settle at the dollar a year rate during the present month. After January first we will on no account whatever allow any rate less than \$1.50 per year on delinquent subscriptions. Furthermore, many names on our list will be given to a collector who cannot be expected to do his work for nothing. This is fair warning to all. Let there be no misunderstandings or errors. Look at the last receipt you obtained.—tf-19.

Fell Down Stairs.

M. A. Finn, the well known St. John wholesale liquor dealer, fell down stairs early on Monday morning. His skull was fractured and death resulted almost instantly. He had risen early intending to take the morning train out of the city and missed his footing when about to leave the house. Deceased was nearly sixty years old. For many years he had been maritime agent for the famous "Buchanan Blend" whiskey.

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