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THE TARTE-McGREGGIEY SCANDAL.

Much noise has been raised in Quebec and Ontario over the great McGreevey scandal case. This has been only natural. The charges made by Mr. Tarte against Mr. McGreevey are very serious, and challenge strict investigation. The position occupied by the two men enhances the interest of the matter. Both are now members of Parliament. Both are professedly Liberal Conservative in sentiment. But the feud between them is deadly. Tarte for a considerable time made his charges in the press. Much bitter writing was indulged in by all concerned. A week or so ago, Tarte brought forward his accusations in Parliament, demanding inquiry, and moving for a special committee to conduct it. The result was the handing over of the matter to the Parliamentary Privileges Committee, composed of able influential members of both political parties. The committee has had one meeting on the subject, at which it was found that Tarte had no evidence at command, nor could he give the names of the witnesses he desired to have summoned. He moved, however, that the accounts of the Public Works department bearing on the matters involved in his charges should be submitted to his inspection.

His position before the committee took people by surprise. His charges were made so pointedly, and in so much detail that it was naturally concluded that he must have under his control evidence deemed by him sufficient to establish them. This conclusion appears to have been ill founded. He is as yet under the influence of strong suspicions rather than of clear evidence. He is therefore fishing for proof.

The committee yields to his desire, and orders the production of all the documents asked for, to be subject under guardianship to examination by all its members. The prospect, therefore, is that the inquiry will be minute and thorough. It should be so. It is a grave matter to make such charges against a public man; it would be graver to leave them uninvestigated. McGreevey is charged with having amassed somewhere near a quarter of a million dollars by the sale to contractors of his influence as a Government supporter, and by the communication of profitable facts derived from the Public Works department. The charges involve an accusation against Mr. Engineer Perley and, of course against some of the officials, high or low, of the Works department. Considering how copious the charges are, and how confidently they have been insisted on, it would seem reasonable to infer that they must have more or less of a foundation. So much smoke suggests the probability of fire.

But one of these charges seems so utterly absurd and puerile that one naturally deems it possible that none of them may be found to rest on anything solid. For example, Mr. Tarte cites the fact that Mr. McGreevey has for years resided at Ottawa under the same roof with Sir Hector Langevin in proof that Mr. McGreevey wished to make it evident that he must have great influence with the Public Works Minister, and thus to make his selling power more valuable to him.

There is no foregone conclusion in the case. The evidence yet to be produced must rule the conclusion. The most that can be said on behalf of the accused, at present, is that Sir Hector has dealt with the affair in a perfectly satisfactory manner, and that Mr. McGreevey has met his accuser with a full point blank denial, and with a defiance such as would become a man falsely accused.

Right minded Canadians will be best pleased if all the charges are found baseless, and next best to have all the parties concerned dealt with according to their merits whatever they may be proved to be.

ANYTHING WRONG WITH THE GULF STREAM?

It is well known that the comparative mildness of the climate of the British Isles and of that of portions of the European continent are due to the impingement on their shores of the warm waters of the Atlantic Gulf Stream. But last winter was unusually severe in the British Isles and elsewhere on the adjoining continent. In the same localities the spring is considered to be very backward. Can there be anything wrong with the Gulf Stream? Can its volume have been diminished or its course been deflected?

Canadian butter and cheese have won quite a reputation in the West Indies, and

the latter stands high in English estimation. It will pay Canadian dairymen well to carry their reputation for excellence of production to the highest attainable pitch. They will have to bestir themselves to sustain their record in England. Earnest efforts are being made in the finer grazing sections of that country to improve butter and cheese production. Dairy schools are being multiplied with excellent effect there. Efforts of the same kind should be multiplied and patronized heartily in Canada.

The egg trade with England is assuming large proportions in Ontario, experiment having shown that it may be conducted in such a way as to be quite profitable. We see not why like results may not be reached in the Maritime Provinces.

Presbytery of Miramichi.

This Presbytery met in St. Luke's Hall, Bathurst, on Tuesday, 12th inst., Rev. A. F. Thompson, Moderator. Ten ministers and three elders were present. Sympathy was expressed with the Clerk, Rev. Neil McKay, in his present family affliction, and in his absence Mr. Hamilton was re-appointed convener of Home Mission Committee and also Presbytery's representative on the General Assembly's Home Mission Board. The action of the Home Mission Committee in appointing Rev. John Turnbull to Metapedia for one year was sustained as was also the following appointments to catechists for the summer, viz., Mr. D. Frazer to Port Daniel, Mr. R. Laird to Boiestown, Mr. R. A. Finlayson to New Brandon, Mr. J. F. Polley to Hardwick, Mr. J. D. McKay to Protectionville, Mr. D. M. Campbell to Kouchibouguac, and Rev. F. L. Frazer to Caraquet. Messrs. Aitken, Fisher and McLean, ministers with Mr. George Haddow, elder, were appointed a deputation to visit New Carlisle, P. Q., in connection with the agitation scheme. A call from Bass and Nicholas Rivers' congregation in favor of their former pastor, Rev. J. H. Cameron, B. A., was sustained. The action of the committee appointed in connection with Bathurst school matters in writing to the Attorney General protesting against the state of affairs there met with the most cordial approval of the Presbytery. The Rev. Isaac Baird tendered his resignation of New Mills congregation and a meeting was appointed to be held there on Monday, 8th June, at 3 o'clock when all parties interested are summoned to attend. Messrs. Aitken and McKay were appointed to visit Black River and confer with Mr. Robertson. Closed with Benediction.

Bathurst.

May 18, 1891.—Speculation is rife, at present, as to the probable identity of "Paul Vasher" and many are the unfeeling victims, male and female, upon whose innocent heads is laid the atrocious crime of being a newspaper correspondent while, as in many another case, the real culprit "jursus the even (evil) tenor of his way."

The lawsuit so long pending between the late W. H. Chisholm and K. F. Burns was last week decided in favor of the former. I believe it is the intention of Mr. Burns to appeal the suit to a higher court, but the general opinion is that he will "go further and fare worse," meanwhile Mrs. Chisholm's friends are congratulating her upon Judge King's decision.

Doctor W. P. Bishop has sold his residence at the Corner of King and St. George Streets to Mr. Percy H. Wilbur, and will begin, immediately, I believe the erection of a new house on Water Street. Mr. Wilbur intends extending, and otherwise improving his purchase suitably for a hotel, and it is safe to predict for him a large share of the patronage of the travelling public.

Our local sportsmen report excellent trout fishing, just now, and the numbers of broken bottles &c. at the Point would seem to indicate that fishing parties have already been organized.

The sidewalks are being repaired on the most approved "crazy patchwork" designs, and the dear girls might take a lesson in economy from the ingenious way in which little ends and scraps are introduced into the patterns.

The weather still continues as uncertain as a woman's temper, and the prospects for picnics on the 24th are entirely speculative, I have heard one or two spoken of though, D. V. and weather permitting.

Yesterday's rainfall aided the lumber drivers considerably. I notice the booms adjacent to the shingle mill of Messrs. O. F. Stacy & Co. are filled with logs to-day. The other drives are being rapidly brought down.

PAUL VASHER.

Cocaine Items.

Our farmers are very busy at present and owing to the fine weather of the past few weeks are getting on nicely.

Lobster fishing shows indications of a good seasons catch.

Miss Connors of Tignish and Miss McLelland of Point du Chene are heard spending a few days with Mrs. Edgar Lucas.

Mr. Hypolite Bourque lost a fine mare a few days ago.

Work has been resumed on the interior of the new Roman Catholic Church with a view of finishing it before autumn.

Mr. James Barnes of Halifax & Mr. Bowen Smith have entered into partnership and are doing considerable lumber business.

Arbor day passed with the usual cleaning and trimming of the school. No trees were planted as the much needed fence is still absent.

DIXIE.

May 18th, 1891.

Chatham.

May 18—The deep sea arrivals in our port have been about a dozen—three of which are steamers.

An interesting service of song was held in the Temperance hall on Sunday evening at the close of the evening service in the churches. It was the anniversary of the local Y. M. C. A. Prof. Smythe presided at the organ with his usual ability, and the singing was led by the united choirs of St. John's, St. Andrew's, and St. Luke's churches. Mrs. McLoon and Mr. Burr sang solos, and there were addresses by D. P. McLachlan, A. C. Woods and John U. Loggie, members of the Association.

We regret to learn that the Hon. Mr. Tweedie is confined to his house by an attack of la grippe.

J. D. B. McKenzie, Esq., of the Medical Hall, and one of the managers of the Miramichi Telephone Co., is on a business trip to Montreal.

W. C. Whittaker, Esq., of St. John, and Prof. Strong, of Fredericton, spent Sunday in Chatham.

Inspector Mersereau is doing the town schools.

Senator Snowball returned from Ottawa last week. Some of our Newcastle friends are much chagrined as well as indignant at his appointment. We congratulate Mr. Snowball on his appointment, and believe no more fitting one could be made if ability is to count as a qualification instead of mere party service.

LE JEUNE.

Purcell's Body Stolen.

CORNWALL, May 10—The stealing of the remains of P. Purcell ex-M. P., from the cemetery has created great excitement here. The body was interred on the 5th inst. and it is the general impression that the body snatchers expect a large reward for its return. A strict watch had been kept on the grave until Thursday night, when all fears of removing the corpse were dispelled. Wednesday night two men entered the graveyard and were approaching the grave when the guard called a halt, saying, "leave immediately or I shoot." They at once withdrew.

Purcell's wealth is estimated at over one million dollars.

A Quebec despatch says: The news of a horrible accident at St. Victor DeTring has just been received. While the family of Honore Bouffard were at high mass on Ascension day, three young children, who were left at home, began to play with an old shot gun. The eldest boy, aged ten, put a cap, such as children use on toy pistols on the gun, placed the butt on the floor and pulled the trigger by a cord which he attached to it. There was a loud report and the boy fell to the ground horribly disfigured. His eyes were blown out and his fingers and face literally torn off. The gun had been loaded with nails and scrap iron but the children thought it empty. The boy lived only two hours.

A large bear recently entered the tunnel of a mine in Tuolumne county, Cal., and attacked several miners who fought him with their picks. The first blow infuriated the brute, and he made a resistless charge on the men, extinguishing nearly all their candles and lacerating every one more or less. One man had his scalp torn off by one blow of the bear's paw; others had the flesh of their arms laid bare. The contest in the darkness and close atmosphere lasted an hour, when the bear was killed, more by good luck than by skill.

A soldier of the I. S. corps named Creelman of Halifax, N. S., was drowned on Saturday evening, at Fredericton, by the capsizing of a boat. Two of his comrades who were in the boat with him narrowly escaped a similar fate. The body was recovered about half an hour after the accident. An inquest was held by Dr. Coulthard, coroner; the verdict of the jury was accidental drowning. The remains were forwarded to Halifax.

Owing to his advancing years and the state of his health, Cardinal Taschereau has asked the Pope to give him a coadjutor to assist him in the government of the arch diocese, and at a meeting of bishops of the ecclesiastical province of Quebec, three names were agreed upon and forwarded to Rome for selection by the holy father.

Martin, the Pullman porter on the I. C. R. who stole W. H. Murray's money on the train a few weeks ago, and who was convicted when tried at Halifax, was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in Dorchester penitentiary.

An incendiary fire occurred in Bayville, La., last Monday morning, and Enoch Price, tenant of one of the burned buildings was arrested on suspicion. Afterwards a negro was arrested and the two made a full confession, Price alleging that he was induced by his landlord, J. H. Apraugh, to do the deed. He sublet the contract to the negro, to whom he paid \$25.

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