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WHAT COURSE WILL MR. LAURIER TAKE.

These are times of rapid changes in the political situation. The fact affords evidence of our political vitality. The opposition were taken entirely by surprise when two weeks ago the summoning of parliament was announced, and it may be held to be good generalship to surprise the enemy. Perhaps it should be added that the granting of the remedial order was a surprise to a large body of the electorate of both political parties. This is owing to the fact that this proceeding is an entirely new one in Canadian parliamentary history. We have had school questions and school difficulties in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island which in various ways have come before the government and parliament at Ottawa, but in no case has the federal power intervened with a remedial order or decision. The government have gone further than ever before in such matters, but on the other hand we have as yet no formal challenge from the opposition to join issue on the action taken. It is true that sundry newspapers have spoken out against the action of the government, among which are the Toronto Globe, a leading Liberal paper, and other journals. A majority of those newspapers which have condemned or severely criticised the government's action down to the time of this writing are probably conservative. Mr. Laurier, the Liberal chieftain, and his lieutenants, Cartwright, Mills, Davis, Fielding, and others have maintained a discreet silence. The Telegraph and Globe of St. John, organs of Messrs. Weldon and Ellis the Liberal candidates for that constituency, are mum on the question, as are also the Chronicle of Halifax, the Patriot of Charlotteown, and the Transcript of Moncton—all Liberal journals of a pronounced type.

From this attitude of the Liberal leaders and so large a number of their press exponents it seems fair to draw the conclusion that the proposed remedial legislation in the Manitoba matter does not, in their opinion, come in conflict with the principles of the party touching provincial rights. This is the more noteworthy inasmuch as the Liberal leaders and their press have always taken advanced ground in matters affecting the privileges and prerogatives of the provincial governments and legislatures. We are led to conclude, although with some doubt that Mr. Laurier and his followers in parliament will not as a body oppose the remedial order. It seems probable that individual members of the party may be left free to follow the dictates of their own judgment. In Quebec province the feeling of the electorate, whether Liberal or Conservative strongly approves the intervention of the federal authority, and as Mr. Laurier has so large a following among the representatives of the great French speaking province, it might prove extremely embarrassing to him to take any other course than to leave his followers free to speak and vote as they choose. But as we have said these are times of surprises in matters political, and it may yet turn out that, after consultation, the Liberal party leaders may feel constrained to remain true to their records and traditions and oppose remedial legislation. In the Jesuits' snapper the Liberals as a body opposed interference, declaring that it was a matter exclusively for Quebec, and though the cases are not in all respects parallel there are doubtless many prominent members of the Liberal faith who feel that the precedent then laid down should be binding upon the party in the Manitoba case.

Last week we speculated a little upon the chances of the coming session being a long one. It has since been disclosed that the intention of the government is to procure an expression of opinion on the Manitoba question, pass the estimates and then prorogue parliament with a view to dissolution. This would mean that the session would be of less than ordinary length, but as to that much must depend on the disposition and temper of the opposition. From six weeks to two months may be consumed in passing the estimates alone, and it is quite within the bounds of

possibility that the debate upon the address and upon the Manitoba question might extend the session by another month.

LIFE INSURANCE IN CANADA.

The published abstract of the business done by them in the year 1894 by the Canadian Life Insurance Companies shows that in the aggregate they have had larger receipts than ever before. In fact the new policies taken in them exceed by \$2,000,000 those of the previous year, which had been the most prosperous year down to that date.

Last year the premiums paid to Canadian old line life insurance companies amounted to \$5,842,320. The old line British and American companies doing business in Canada together received nearly as much money from their Canadian policy holders. But if we desire to find how much the Canadian people are annually paying for insurance on their lives we must add still other millions paid to the companies, American and Canadian going business on the assessment plan, and to the various benevolent orders such as the Foresters, United Workmen, Royal Arcanum and many others. We have not the returns for these to hand, but it is safe to say that in all, the Canadian people are paying not less than fifteen millions of dollars yearly for life insurance, and that this large outlay is increasing from year to year.

Apparently the life insurance business grows irrespective of good or bad times, though some have argued that the growing volume of insurance is in itself an indication of prosperity. This is only partly true. So far as investment insurance is concerned the indication is certainly a favorable one. The man who invests his money in an endowment policy, repayable to himself fifteen, twenty or twenty-five years hence, it is fair to assume in most cases is saving money for his more advanced years, and has some surplus for investment in that way. But only a portion of the insurance carried is of this class. There are others who insure their lives for a different reason. Some do so because their business ventures have proved unproductive or unprofitable. They find that as they advance in years their possessions not only do not increase but actually diminish, and in a laudable desire to make fair provision for wife or children they insure their lives. Within moderate bounds this is commendable, but some make the mistake of undertaking too much and cripple their business by withdrawing from it the money required to keep large life policies in force. In all such cases the growing volume of life insurance is not an evidence of prosperity but the reverse.

Of late we have had a number of cases in the criminal records of the country in which the lives of insured persons have been taken by others to whom the insurance was made payable in case of death. The fact affords no argument against life insurance more than against the possession of property of another kind. The heir at law or the legatee under a will may be tempted in the same way to take a criminal short-cut toward the possession of property which would come to him on the death of its present owner. It is doubtless because the general argument in favor of life insurance is logically irresistible that men insure their lives and the business grows. Why do men insure their dwellings, shops, factories, merchandise? Because in an hour the flames may destroy all such possessions. But a man's life is often of greater value to those dependent upon him than all his possessions, and that life is held by a tenure quite as uncertain as is the dwelling or factory. In fact while a well-built dwelling may last for a hundred years, the chances are that its owner will not live half so long and death is inevitable.

The common sense of life insurance therefore is that where a man's life is worth something to those dependent upon him, and where a sum of money payable at his death would assist in providing for those otherwise insufficiently provided for, he should carry some insurance on his life. How much he should carry would depend upon his individual circumstances, and upon his ability to pay for it. A main point is to place insurance in a company possessing financial stability. There are many such, and we have in the Dominion an excellent insurance law under which the interests of policy holders are carefully protected.

Escuminae Notes.

Mrs. John McLean, who has been suffering for some time past from heart disease, died Wednesday, aged 60.

Wm. Mazerolle, shoemaker, died on the 21st.

Mr. John Lewis, who has been very ill with inflammation of the lungs, is recovering.

We are sorry to hear Mr. Wm. Preston is still very poorly.

Mrs. Grace McLean, widow of the late Hugh McLean, had an attack of paralysis and is not expected to recover.

Mr. Wm. Wilson is visiting Mr. Alex. Wilson of this place.

Thos. L., I hear, is studying for a school teacher.

The factory folks are beginning to prepare for the spring work.

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Clifton.

I expect my friends will think I have forgotten them, but such is not the case. We have had some very soft weather since I wrote you last but this week is not so fine. This is the 1st of April and we cannot have very much more cold weather now. I am quite sure everyone in Clifton will be glad when the spring opens up again. It will be so pleasant to see the green fields and lovely flowers once more after the long cold winter. Still we cannot complain about this winter as being so very dull as we have had innumerable dances and surprise parties, which helped to shorten what might have been a long lonesome winter.

There has also been quite a number of religious meetings in Canobie and Clifton this winter, and I am told there has been quite a lot of converts made. A young man from the states has held several such meetings lately, the last one which was held at the residence of Mr. Jas. Scott of this place was quite a success. Mr. Hepworth is considered a good speaker by his friends, and I am sure you will all join me in wishing him every success in his good work.

Mr. Wm. Knowles had a number of young men hauling sand from Pockshaw on Thursday the 28th of March. Or I might put it a little plainer and say Billy had a frolic on Thursday, followed by a dance in the evening to which a number of the "four hundred" of Clifton were invited. But as your correspondent was unable to be present, (which he very much regretted owing to pressing business elsewhere,) he can only give you the names of a few of the most distinguished guests as he got them from a friend, so if I leave any one out I hope they will pardon me this time and the next dance I am invited to I will be the first to arrive and the last to leave. But this is not giving you the names, is it? So here goes as near as I can tell. Mr. Nicholas Good, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Knowles and the Misses Knowles, Messrs. Harry, Edward and Jonathan Good, and Miss Good, Mr. John Chamberlain, Mr. Lyndon Knowles, Mr. Newman Knowles, and the Misses Knowles, Mr. Walter Glendenning and Miss Glendenning, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jago, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Jago, Mr. Chas. Breckenrigg, and Miss Breckenrigg, Miss F. Freeze, Miss C. Scott, Miss Ellis. I was also informed that there were several young gentlemen from Bathurst present, and every one that your correspondent was speaking to since seems to have enjoyed themselves immensely. Dancing was kept up till the wee sma hours. I hope Billy will give us another before long.

Miss Gertie Knowles, daughter of R. T. Knowles of this place, has charge of the school at Canobie this term.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jago are to be congratulated on the birth of a daughter.

Miss Melinda Jago is still very ill, but we hope to see her in her usual good health before long.

GRACE DARLING.

MARCH 30.—Times are looking up here at present and everything points to a busy time in the stone quarries this summer.

R. W. Knowles has quite a number of teams hauling sand for use in sawing grindstones in his mill.

There are large quantities of potatoes around here for sale, but buyers seem scarce. They are offered at 80cts. per bbl. The farmers also hold large quantities of oats and hay, which they would like to dispose of. Oats at 35c. per bus., hay about \$8.00 per ton.

There was a pleasant time at the sand Bee Thursday night. Messrs. A. Melvin, W. Hinton and Doherty run a special on the Caraqueet road to the dance. Some of the young men found liquor scarce, they were not used to drinking out of an ink bottle. He will find trouble in giving Laura an excuse for coming to Clifton.

Richard Miller is visiting friends in Clifton.

Surely Grace Darling must be in the medical profession or how does she keep such a record of the births.

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O'BRIEN.—At Peters' Mills, March 25th Milena, daughter of Theophile and Christine O'Brien, aged 11 years. R. I. P.

HANNAY-GRAHAM.—At the residence of the bride's parents, Main River, by Rev. Wm. Hamilton, Edward Hannay to Janet Graham.

DEATHS

MARRIAGES

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The weather for the last few days has been very mild and it is beginning to look like spring.

We are glad to see Mr. Thomas McCafferty able to be about again after a long illness.

We are pleased to see Mr. Roger Quinn in our midst again, after a long sojourn in the far West. He was welcomed by all and especially by some of our fair ones.

Mat is busy hauling off his yards. He intends taking a life partner when the spring opens.

Owing to the bad roads and heavy storms the scout did not appear very often this winter.

Miss May Dickens is home again from Chatham, where she has been visiting friends for the last two weeks.

Miss Katie Conroy has been visiting friends in this vicinity.

Mr. John Dwyer and his sister Maggie visited Chatham last week.

DAISY BELL.

Birch Creek.

MARCH 30.—We are sorry to hear of Mrs. H. H. Warman's illness.

The mud diggers are still at work hauling mud.

Miss Mary Powell is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Hutchinson.

Miss M. Buckley, our teacher, went to Harcourt Friday.

Mat-hooking and quilt-making is all the rage.

Where were the Main River boys that they let the Micmacs get ahead of them at the charivari? Where were you Jim with your bells and guns?

Boys don't forget the supper at Bass River at Easter. Be sure and go and take your best girl.

Florence Warman went to Mill Branch, Thursday for a visit.

JACK.

East Branch Notes.

The venerable Mr. Manzer, our oldest resident, is enjoying the best of health.

Mrs. Anderson entertained a few of her friends on Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell spent Sunday here.

Dame Rumor says there will be a wedding here in the near future. I hope it is true.

Mr. James Governor paid us a flying visit on Thursday.

Mr. Collins has succeeded in capturing the lucifer that has been disturbing the settlement for the past two weeks.

We are pleased to hear that the trustees have obtained a teacher for our school.

RESIDENT.

St. Nicholas River.

Messrs. John Noonan and Cavan Murray, who have been working in Nova Scotia all winter, have returned home.

Mrs. William Hannay and sons have departed for Boston, Mass., where they intend to make their future home.

Mr. John Hanrahan has returned from the woods. We hope his coming will bring a bright ray of hope to the hearts of some of the fair sex.

WILD BILL.

Ten persons have been arraigned at Clonmel, Ire., for the murder of a woman named Cleary, who was supposed to be a witch. The evidence showed that Mrs. Cleary was suffering from nervousness and bronchitis, and her husband in order to exorcise the evil spirit, obtained a concoction from a herbalist of the neighborhood. Then, while the other prisoners held the woman in bed, her husband forced the obnoxious concoction of herbs down her throat. After this the suffering woman was held over a fire and dreadfully scared, until she declared in the name of God that she was not Cleary's wife. This torture was repeated on the following day, but the woman refused to conform to her husband's requests, whereupon he knocked her down, stripped off her clothing, poured paraffine over her body, then lighted it, and the woman burned to death in the presence of six male and two female relatives.

Now then for Clothing!

Our Mr. Gorham when in Toronto lately, purchased largely of the stock of  
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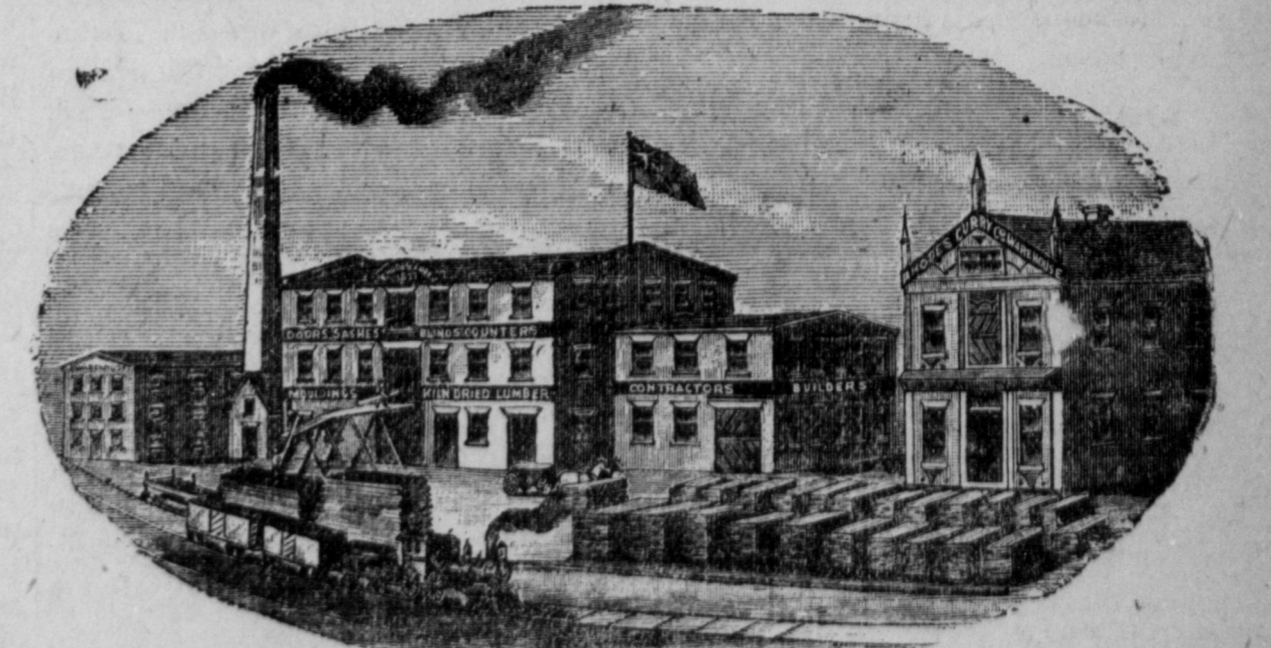
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