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THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

As might reasonably be expected, the Liberal press in this and the other provinces is expressing great satisfaction over the change by which a Liberal Premier takes the place, vacated by the resignation of Mr. Mitchell, as Leader of the New Brunswick government. The shuffle is no doubt more satisfactory from a Liberal party standpoint, and tends to strengthen that party in the wider arena of dominion politics. We are not surprised that the change meets with favour from that quarter. The comments of the Conservative newspapers are more varied in their character. So far as we have observed, none, with the exception of the Chatham World, express regret over the choice of Mr. Emmerson in preference to Mr. Tweedie. Our Miramichi contemporary however, regards it as a "partisan victory," "simply absurd," and "as if a big shock-headed school boy should take the teacher's place while the latter consented to serve as his assistant," and blames Governor Mc Lellan for the "trick."

The Moncton Times, on the contrary, expresses its satisfaction that Mr. Tweedie has been turned down; while the Conservative papers generally appear to doubt the party fealty of the Liberal-Conservative members of the Cabinet—Messrs. Mitchell, Tweedie and Labillois.

Mr. Emmerson therefore starts his administration with Liberal party influences strongly in his favour. What position will now be taken by the Conservative party? Will it organize to the support of the local opposition, or will its followers continue to support or oppose the Government independent of Dominion party lines? We will await developments in this regard with some interest. The result must have an important bearing on local politics in this province. In the meantime we observe that the Opposition leader, Mr. Stockton, does not appear to be anxious at present to raise these party issues, but is continuing the series of meetings, which he commenced before Mr. Mitchell's resignation, along the same lines he has hitherto followed.

ANOTHER EFFORT FOR RECIPROCITY.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Sir Louis Davies are at present in Washington on a diplomatic mission to the government of the United States. Prior to their departure it was announced in the Associated Press despatches from Washington that the principal object of their visit was to take part in the Behring Sea negotiations and that the State Department was much gratified at their coming, as it appeared to offer a prospect of considering the Sealing

question on broader lines than heretofore. It would seem somewhat doubtful, however, if the Canadian Diplomats will feel called upon or justified in taking any position or making any concessions on that question not fully recognized and approved of by Lord Salisbury and the British Embassy at Washington. The further important announcement is made that the American Government has intimated that it would now view with favour negotiations for Reciprocity between Canada and the United States, and Sir Louis Davies in an interview at Ottawa a few days ago as to the purpose and scope of his intended mission, said: "I have lately been informed by a party in the confidence of the American administration that they are willing to discuss reciprocity on some lines. It would be an immense advantage to some of our industries if attained." The Washington despatches further suggest that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is there recognized as favouring the most liberal trade arrangements with the United States, and as the Leader of "a party which came into power on the issue of closer commercial relations with the Republic."

It is unnecessary to enquire whether this opinion is well founded or not. The fact appears to be that the American government and politicians generally are impressed with the idea that while the Canadian Conservative leaders and party stand out as the special exponents of British connection and Imperial influence in the Dominion, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his associates and the Liberal party generally are more American than British in their sympathies. If this opinion, however erroneous, will influence them in treating with the Dominion representatives on broader and more liberal lines, Canadians of either party will not complain and it will be well if Sir Wilfrid takes prompt advantage of the influence their sentiment will give him to improve the trade relations between the two countries.

Any proper step in this direction will undoubtedly prove popular, and in no quarter of the Dominion will it be more acceptable than in the Maritime Provinces. Reciprocity especially in raw materials and food products would undoubtedly prove a boon to our people. The Republican party are pledged to Reciprocity and if the present leaders are sincere in their desire, and offer such terms as Canada can with proper self-respect and regard for her own interests accept, Premier Laurier will make no mistake in closing the bargain. The outcome of the present negotiations on the subject will be watched with much interest on this side the line.

ST. JOHN AND HALIFAX.

The rivalry and jealousy, existing between these sister cities, have found such frequent expression of late years that they have become almost proverbial. Halifax, with its wealth and influence as a military town and long-continued expenditure by both the Imperial and Dominion Governments, is naturally unwilling to give way to the claims of the more enterprising and energetic city at the mouth of the St. John; and any move by the Government which seems in the remotest degree to smack of favouritism, to the latter, at once arouses the ire of the Haligonians.

The latest cause for an outburst of indignation at the Nova Scotia capital, is the decision of the Government to give the contract for carrying the ocean mails to the Beaver line for a service to St. John, calling at Halifax both ways. This appears, under all

the circumstances, to be the best and most economical arrangement the Government could make, but it has met with the strongest expression of disapproval from leading citizens of Halifax without distinction of party, and the charge is made that the Minister of Railways is using his position and influence as a New Brunswick Minister to favour St. John as against Halifax. The charge is of course an unjustifiable one, as the Government are, no doubt, desirous of making the best possible arrangement in the general interest, and if our city should thereby gain a temporary advantage there should be no legitimate cause of complaint.

In the meantime the question is one which is giving and will continue to give the Government some trouble until it is satisfactorily settled.

The comparatively sudden death of Mr. O'Leary has cast a gloom over this community. The deceased gentleman's business interests extended all along the north shore. His lobster packing and lumbering interests gave employment to a large number of men who might otherwise have been compelled to seek a livelihood outside of their own homes. He was kind and forbearing in all his transactions, never having been known to deal harshly with those who may have become indebted to him. Many a poor man will feel that he has lost a personal friend in Mr. O'Leary.

LITTLE RIVER ITEMS.

The writer being away and not seeing any notes from this place while away, must try and put in a few words.

The weather was most beautiful last month, but we had a fearful rain Saturday and Sunday, and it will make the roads quite muddy for a while.

The farmers are through with their fall ploughing, the fine weather enabling them to get through early.

Mrs. Cason and Mrs. Stevens of Boston are visiting their brother Mr. Hugh McDonald, who is still in failing health.

Miss Jennie McDonald has returned home after a pleasant visit to her sister's Mrs. Budd.

Mrs. Robt. Beers, of Mill Brauch has returned home after visiting her sister Mrs. S. Biggs, for two weeks.

Mrs. Mugridge of Shediac, has returned home from spending a week with her daughter Mrs. O. Weldon.

Mr. Albert Duff, paid the River a flying visit last week.

Mr. John McKee who has been quite miserably with cough and cold, is able to be around again.

Mr. Robt. McIntyre spent last Sunday in McLaughlin Road.

Miss Bessie and Alma Coates, of Coatsville spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Wood.

Miss Lizzie Gesner is spending a few weeks with friends in Coatsville.

We are sorry to note the sudden death of our friend, Mrs. Ellis Nutting, who died at her home in Gardiner Maine, leaving a husband and two children, one an infant only ten days old. Much sympathy is felt for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ward, who are grief-stricken over the sad affair.

RAMBLER.

HARCOURT.

Rev. G. Freeborn, Dr. Keith and Mr. E. B. Buckfield have lately improved their premises by the erection of neat wire fences.

Mr. Jas. Murphy and Mr. Price left last week for Vancouver.

The Harvest Supper netted the Methodists some \$62.00. The debt on their church was about \$95.00.

Rev. Mr. Corey conducted the funeral services of the late Wm. Smith, Grangeville, and preached an excellent sermon in the town hall last Sunday week.

There is a grand chance in Harcourt for the establishment of a harness-making business.

Mrs. I. B. Humphrey lately returned from a pleasant visit to Moncton.

Miss Sara Rogers, who was visiting at the Methodist parsonage, left by Friday's accommodation for St. John.

Mrs. George Morton is quite unwell. The Cummings House has recently been made more attractive than ever for guests, transient or permanent.

We are now without a carriage builder. A good opening for the right man.

There was no service in the Methodist church last evening owing to the illness of Rev. W. E. Johnson.

A LAKE NAVY.

SIR HIBBERT TUPPER DISCUSSES A TIMELY TOPIC.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper in the Star discusses the propriety of Canada arming on the great lakes. He says:—"I believe that it was in 1818 that this treaty was proclaimed, and I believe I am correct in saying that it was entered at the special request of the United States.

"You see that Britain was as it is now, the superior naval power, while the United States, as it is now, was the most vulnerable country to attack on the lakes. So the treaty was entered into that neither Britain nor the United States should each maintain more than one small war vessel, mounting one eighteen-pounder gun, on Lake Champlain, one on Lake Ontario and not more than two on the Upper Lakes. This treaty was clearly to the advantage of the United States, for Britain could easily maintain more vessels on the lakes than the United States, and the United States have more at stake on the lake shores than we have.

"Is it not strange, then, that the United States has for many years been regularly ignoring, if not wilfully violating, the spirit of the treaty? They have constructed a number of powerful war vessels on the lakes and called them revenue cruisers. True, they are not armed as warships, but they are powerfully built and are equipped even with the mountings for guns, and for guns very much heavier than eighteen pounders. In an hour or two they would be converted into gunboats of a very formidable type, for they are some nine hundred tons registered.

"The sending of old naval vessels of the type of the Yantic to the lakes introduces a new phase of the question. The Yantic would cut but a sorry figure in combat with a modern war vessel, but we have no war vessels on the lakes, the only Government vessel we have there being the Petrel, which is a little tub under a hundred tons burden.

A LIVING DOLL.

A living doll dwells in the village of Hartley, England, where she attracts thousands of curious people. The diminutive woman is called Marguerite Suddaby. Born in Yorkshire of parents of normal stature; she was hardly seven inches long when entering the world. To-day, although apparently full grown, she is not quite twelve inches high, and her weight is less than two pounds. She has the dimensions of a small doll, and her parents can only clothe her with clothing originally intended for dolls. She sleeps in a doll's bed, and is covered with bed clothes of the size of an ordinary handkerchief, her pillow being about the size of an ordinary letter envelope. "The Living Doll of Hartley," as she is commonly called, is a blonde, with pretty, clear eyes, and rather intelligent. Up to the present her health has never given any cause for apprehension, and nothing is more surprising than to see her dance and run like a marvellous little automaton.—Philadelphia Record.

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Mrs. A. Hamilton, Brookfield, writes.—Dear Sir, I cannot speak too highly of your excellent Liniment. There was a lump growing on the inside of my eye for nearly two years; it grew as large as the end of my finger. I tried to drive it a way with iodine, to no purpose; the doctor said that their were no remedy but to cut it out. I told him that was the last alternative, as it would destroy my eye. I then tried the British Liniment; after applying it one month the lump entirely disappeared, so my eye is as well as ever. I have found it to surpass anything for cramps and diarrhoea.

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