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KENT'S OPPORTUNITY.

The defeat of Hon. A. D. Richard in Westmorland County in the recent local election was the regrettable feature of the contest, which otherwise resulted so successfully for the Emmerson Administration throughout the Province. Mr. Richard has been a member of the cabinet without portfolio, and was one of the only two Acadian and Catholic representatives in the Government. If some provision cannot be made on the North Shore by which one of the Acadian representatives is willing to make way for Mr. Richard, it would look to us as if the Acadian and Catholic representation will be limited to Hon. Mr. Labilloy, of Restigouche, and these Northern counties will have lost one of their representatives in the Government. The way we would figure out the matter is thus: If Mr. Emmerson had his Government intact as it was before the 18th of February, he could consistently and successfully resist the demands of the western members for a readjustment which would give them one Cabinet member at least. The counties of Charlotte, York, Carleton and Victoria have 13 members supporting the Government in the House, and if with these we include the two Madawaska independents, they represent one-third of the whole House and even a bigger proportion of the whole Government strength. Such a section might very consistently and properly demand cabinet representation if a readjustment of any kind is to be made. The only way to prevent a readjustment is to keep the personnel of the cabinet as it has been in the past and to do this a seat must be found for Mr. Richard. We would therefore conceive that Kent being the county adjoining Westmorland and our people more strongly sympathizing with the splendid fight for the Acadian people made by Mr. Richard against the powerful combination of bribery and bigotry used to defeat him, that it would be a fitting courtesy for one of our members, if he should view the matter in the light we ourselves do, to consult his friends with a view to resigning his seat in order that our people might place it at the disposal of Mr. Richard. Mr. Emmerson and his colleagues, we feel satisfied, would not raise an objection to the Acadian people thus showing their loyalty to their representative in the government, and we are satisfied that the English speaking friends of the government as well as the Acadians of Kent would endorse this action. It is Kent's opportunity to prove itself unselfish in the light of the greater good that would accrue not only to these northern counties but to the whole people of New Brunswick from the main-

tenance of a fair share of cabinet representation for the Acadians, which years of arduous struggle were necessary to attain. It is Kent's opportunity to strengthen her position in the councils of the people, and make herself even a greater power for good in the next House of Assembly. The Hon. Mr. Richard, we feel sure, would be an acceptable representative to the people of this County, and if approached in the proper spirit might reasonably consent to throw in his lot with our people, but of course would naturally insist that the resignation of one of our members and the nomination of himself as the Government candidate to fill the vacancy should be spontaneous and should be the fairly unanimous desire of the friends in this constituency.

The Government naturally is a passive factor at the best in such a proposition as the Premier and his colleagues no doubt feel that it is something for our people to deal with free from any outside influence, but we conceive that in loyalty to an old colleague and member of his government, Mr. Emmerson could scarcely raise any serious objection to the proposition. It may naturally be asked why the Acadian representation could not be maintained by one of the North shore members being taken into the Government in Mr. Richard's stead, without the necessity for any member resigning to make way for the latter gentleman's election, but this we have already answered. Any student of the political situation can readily perceive that in the event of any readjustment such Cabinet representation will of necessity go to York, Carleton or Charlotte, as their claim would be too strong to admit of refusal. Our hope is in the maintenance of the status quo and this is only possible by inducing Mr. Richard to accept a seat in one of the Northern counties. It is Kent's opportunity and one of which we trust advantage will be taken, as it is not alone in the interest of the County itself, but is in the interest of fair representation to all classes and creeds in this Province, and would on mature consideration meet with the approval of all sections.

We would therefore respectfully urge the consideration of this proposition on our local members and on the friends of the Government in Kent, and trust that our people may see their way to its speedy fulfillment.

THOSE POLITICAL RUMORS.

The public mind throughout New Brunswick has been more or less disturbed of late by the persistent circulation by the Opposition press of political rumors of a nature calculated to destroy the existing harmony of the Local Government party. In St. John it has been asserted that the Government or its friends were urging the resignation of one of the members elect for that constituency in favor of Mr. W. K. Reynolds, the defeated Government candidate, who was at first announced as successful through an error in the return of one of the City wards. Needless to say the rumor was entirely without foundation. Incidentally the St. John Sun is endeavouring to sow the seeds of dissension among the Liberal Catholics of that city in order to divert the public attention from the utter rout of its patron and master, Mr. Geo. E. Foster. The latter gentleman has betaken himself to Ontario in search of "newer fields and pastures green," where he may forget the sorrows of defeat and incidentally demand an explanation from the Warhorse of Cumberland as to the why and wherefore of the thunders. Among these election rumors

one has been freely circulated dealing with the representation of this County. Our Conservative friends assure us that Mr. Urbain Johnston, M. P. P., has been urged to resign his seat in favor of Mr. Richard, of Westmorland, the Government having agreed to find the latter gentleman a safe constituency after his defeat in the former County. We have dealt with this matter at some length in another article, and can only say that we are in a position to deny that either the Premier or any of his colleagues have shewn any desire to interfere with what is purely a local question. If the result should be the opening of the door into Kent for the Hon. A. D. Richard, it will be because our people desire to thus express their sense of loyalty and fair play to one who has been an honoured leader of the Acadian people, and from their desire to right the wrong and remedy the mistake committed by the majority of the Westmorland voters. Such a result must and will be free from the semblance of coercion or outside interference and we are happy to say that the rumors of the latter are entirely without foundation in fact. It is a matter effecting Kent and the Acadian influence throughout the entire Province and we are satisfied our people will deal with it in a public-spirited manner, and whatever their decision, will be perfectly acceptable to the Government and its supporters throughout the Province.

In the meantime, we would ask our Opposition friends where is all their boasted loyalty to their leaders. Why is it we find Dr. A. A. Stockton cast aside and a successor appointing himself before an attempt is made to secure a constituency for their late leader. Is it the old story of the "nest of traitors" repeated on a smaller scale in New Brunswick? Surely Mr. J. Douglas Hazen or Mr. Parker Glazier might resign their seat in Sunbury to accommodate the revered leader of the Opposition party instead of laying him aside like a worn out book which had served a purpose and was played out. We would suggest to our Opposition friends, that as Sunbury County so cheerfully accepted a St. John lawyer to represent their farming constituency, that the people of that County might be glad to have an entire legal representation which could be easily accomplished by Mr. Glazier resigning in Dr. Stockton's favour. It is quite true that to a people possessed of a keen sense of humor it might seem ridiculous for a county which does not possess a single lawyer within its borders to be represented in the Assembly by two of the fraternity, but as Sunbury did not seem to be possessed of this sense of humor on the 18th, it might be relied on to be wanting in it to a sufficient degree to accept an entirety of legal alien representation.

If Sunbury declines the honor perhaps the Moncton Times might urge its constituents to accept Dr. Stockton in the place of Mr. Humphrey, as it would seem to us the basest of political ingratitude to desert their leader after the sacrifices he has made for their party. We wonder if Dr. Stockton has come to the full realization of the awful political blunders a man may make by yielding to the clamor of bigotry and deserting the principles and friendships of a lifetime for the newer associates which sometimes come from one of those mistaken popular upheavals. This seeming content with which his friends regard his relegation to private life must indeed be trying to him. If he is philosophical, he can at least take comfort from the thought that his political life will be a beacon to guide future politicians from the dangers and difficulties of the shoals which have

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to be rid of, because bad blood is the breeding place of disfiguring and dangerous diseases. Is your blood bad? It is if you are plagued by pimples or blotched by boils, if your skin is blotched by eruptions or your body eaten by sores and ulcers. You can have good blood, which is pure blood, if you want it. You can be rid of pimples, boils, blotches, sores and ulcers. How? By the use of

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proved destructive to his own hopes, ambitions and desires.

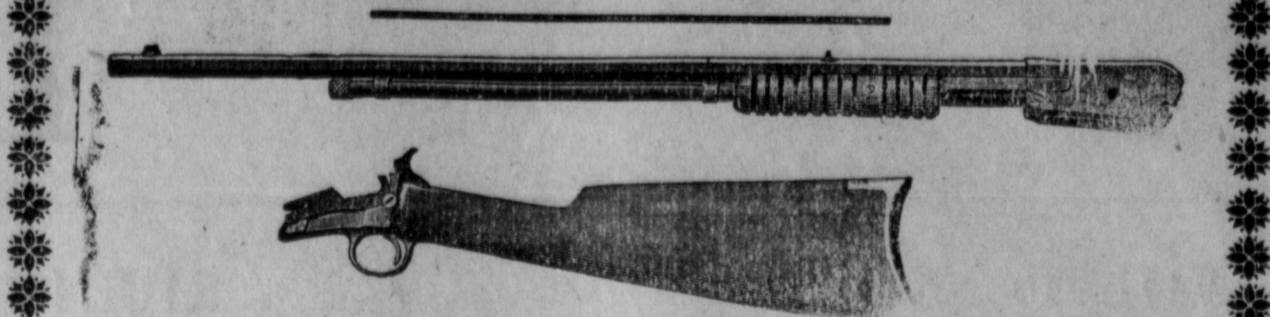
THE DEAD STATESMAN.

The sudden death of Lord Herschell, the Chairman of the International Commission, can be regarded as little less than a national disaster, especially from the Canadian standpoint, as Lord Herschell had proved his fitness for the honorable but difficult position he had been called to fill. The history of the man was to us a token of his superior qualifications for the delicate task of assisting in the settling of the difficulties between the two great Anglo-Saxon powers. Lord Herschell had been three times Lord High Chancellor and was regarded as the ablest commercial lawyer in Great Britain, while in politics he had displayed considerable talent for public service. Although a consistent Liberal, Lord Herschell had been chosen by Lord Salisbury as Britain's representative on the Commission, and the choice met with the popular approval and inspired confidence in the successful outcome of the Commission's labours. He had visited our Province last fall and been banquetted at Saint John, where he had impressed those who had the privilege of meeting him with the idea that he was entering his labours, determined if possible, to bring about the happy solution of the many international problems submitted to the Commission for settlement. This is the second break by death among the Commissioners, Mr. Nelson Dingley, of Maine, one of the American representatives, being removed by the dread messenger ere the Commission had well entered upon its labours. Lord Herschell might be said to have only been in his prime, for while the years had touched his hair with silver it had but matured his splendid faculties, and the work on the International Commission bid fair to be the crowning triumph of a busy and successful career. Canada mourns the taking off of a true and zealous friend, and our people realize that his death will be a serious drawback to the prosecution to a successful ending of the labours of the International Joint Commission.

THE AGED PONTIFF.

The whole civilized world has been deeply interested in the news from Rome which at one time seemed to betoken the approaching demise of the Pope. Later reports are to the effect that the operation was in every way suc-

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successful, and that the head of the Catholic Church was in a fair way to recovery. Possessed of a sound constitution, the aged Pontiff would in all probability have many years of usefulness still before him if he recovers from his present sickness as now seems likely. Leo XIII is without doubt the most interesting personality in existence to day apart even from the sacred interest which he bears in the eyes of the whole Catholic world, and his broad culture and hearty sympathies have obtained the ready recognition of protestants generally. All classes, creeds and conditions on this continent at least, join in good wishes for the speedy recovery to health of His Holiness Leo XIII.

THE LUMBER TARIFF.

AN AMERICAN LUMBERMAN LETS OUT A SECRET ABOUT THE NEGOTIATIONS. BOSTON, Mass., March 4.—At the annual convention of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association, which opened in this city Wednesday, one of the speakers was Hon. W. S. Harvey, of Philadelphia, who took part in the attempt at effecting negotiations between the American and Canadian Governments in the interest of the American lumber trade. He told why the \$2 duty should be maintained and said: "We do not want to shut Canadian lumber out, but we want to bring the price of low grade lumber up." He told a secret of the deliberations of the Commissioners which has not before appeared in print. It was that "The American Commissioners in their endeavour to procure the treaty offered to abate 20 per cent. of the duty as the law empowers the President to do. The Canadians, however, would have free lumber or no treaty. This proposition is a political one, for the Liberal party, which is in power in Canada, obtained that power through a promise to the country to procure as far as possible free trade with the United States."

C. P. R. BRAKEMAN KILLED.

St. John, March 6.—Douglas Clarke, C. P. R. brakeman, was run over and killed at the West End by a locomotive this morning within one hundred yards of his home. His body was cut in two.

CHANCE FOR CANADIANS.

OTTAWA, March 3.—An enquiry has been recently received at the trade and commerce department through the curator of the Canadian section of the Imperial Institute, from a German house, in regard to the possibility of securing salt salmon in barrels of from seven to eight cwt., each. The salmon is required by a large manufacturer of German smoked salmon, an article of large consumption in Germany. The Hudson's Bay Company, and other firms, deal in salt salmon; the supply being drawn from the region of Ungava Bay.

The department has also received from the high commissioner's office a list of some of the enquiries on trade matters received there during the week ending Feb. 17. A firm in the Midland, who do a large trade in poultry during the winter months, would like to arrange for a direct trade in turkeys, with a reliable firm in Canada.

An enquiry has been received from a firm of seed merchants, for the names of likely houses in Canada open to supply an order for Canadian wild rice.

A Huddersfield firm asks to be placed in communication with a wollen manufacturer in the Dominion, buying any description of cotton or wollen rags. It is also open to buy the waste made at Canadian cotton mills.

Anyone interested in the preparation of caviare for the European market can be placed in communication with a London firm wishing to open up correspondence with Canada on this subject.

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QUEEN OF BELGIUM DYING.

BRUSSELS, March 6.—Queen Marie Henrietta, who is suffering from broncho pneumonia, is much weaker to-day and a fatal termination of her illness is feared. A physician is in constant attendance.

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