

POLITICAL NOTES.

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For months Messrs. Crockett & Co. have been assuring their friends with much confidence that they would have not less than \$20,000 in the pool to defeat the government ticket in the new election.

The financial hopes of these gentlemen are resting upon this foundation, that the St. John opposition, if they get the chance, will fight the battle for political supremacy in this province at the polls in the month of York.

The awful silence pervading the Glensier ranks upon the great issue of dominion politics still prevails. Fielding has slain his thousands and Mowat his tens of thousands and yet no joyful shout has gone up from the dwelling place of true liberalism.

The circumstance that Mr. Gregory, who last January regarded with scorn the idea of running on a ticket with any one but a good solid grit, should now propose to trade the dominion for the local with our conservative friends, as the price of their helping him to oust Blair will serve to open the eyes of some whose vision last January was just a trifle obscured.

The proposal for obvious reasons will come to nothing; but what will our staunch liberal friends think of the treble extra superfine liberal liberalism who not only puts up his own political principles but also to the highest bidder, but offers what he regards as his party, also for as it is subject to his influence and control.

Mr. Blair was read out of the liberal ranks by Mr. Gregory and the Glensier some three years ago, and now Mr. Gregory is manoeuvring to accomplish a masterpiece of political strategy. He proposes to leave an aching void in the space which the liberal party, captained by himself once occupied.

We are compelled to mention the name of G. F. Gregory in our columns with more frequency than we would desire to do, owing to the peculiarity of the present political situation in this country.

We feel that the name does not grace our pages and realize that no one engaged in any sort of contest with the person mentioned has anything to gain but a barren victory. There is no glory to be won in such an encounter. An apology would be due our readers for the unsavoury intrusion were it not generally recognized that the warfare carried on for the past three years in the county of York in connection with the provincial administration has degenerated into a personal hectoring and vindictive persecution of the attorney general by his late partner.

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The St. John people expect to have electric cars running some time this autumn. The Miramichi brought 56 boxes of salmon (855 lbs) to Chatham Friday evening. On Wednesday she brought 800 salmon. The fisherymen are having great luck. It is believed that 125,000 tons of ice will be shipped to the United States from St. John this summer. The freight will be a quarter of a million dollars, most of which will be carried by St. John vessels. Richard B. Chamberlain, a native of Exeter, Devonshire, England, jumped out of a three story window on James street, Toronto, on Saturday evening, and killed himself. He had received word from England that his sweetheart had become engaged to another.

It is expected that 100,000 members of the Salvation Army will take part in the celebration in London, in July, of the silver jubilee of the Army's formation. The principal exercises of the occasion will be held in the Crystal Palace. The Canning, N.S., Gazette says: Capt. John Phillips, brother of Sir Charles James Phillips (heir apparent to Picton Castle estate Wales), is here in the city of St. John, N.B., on his way to the States, and for the present is giving his time and attention to the shoe-making business, on the premises of the late John J. Smith.

Scarcely a day passes but what one or more families from Dakota cross the line into Manitoba to seek new homes. For one day last week no less than seventeen families, having seven or eight head of cattle, heads of sheep, several horses and considerable household effects, reported and were passed at Gretna, Man. The oldest fishermen say they never saw anything to equal the quantity and size of the lobsters that are being caught this season. Five of G. W. Robertson & Co's boats went ashore Monday last within three miles of the shore, and the fishermen were unable to bring in the contents of a great many of the trawls so the—Richibucto Review.

Frank Adams, youngest son of M. Adams, of Newcastle, had a narrow escape from a serious injury on Thursday 6th inst. He was endeavoring to get on a loaded horse when he fell right in front of the forward wheel and was run over by the horse, being the fish severely but without breaking the bone. He was able to be out on the following Sunday. It is currently reported that the St. Lawrence lumbering company, now doing business in Berlin, Province of Quebec, and of which K. F. Burns, M. P. for the riding of St. John's, is the manager, has completed negotiations for the purchase of the sawmills of Messrs. K. F. Burns & Co. of Bathurst, and also the old Stewart mill on the village side of Bathurst harbor. Mr. Burns, it is rumored, will be manager of the whole concern, in the Dominion.

The growth of the crops in Manitoba and the North-West Territories during the past week has been most marvellous, on account of the fine warm weather, and plentiful rains in all parts of the country. A sample of growing wheat brought in from Morden district on Saturday measured two feet in length. Reports from all quarters state that the crops are in excellent condition, and that fine weather prevails. The thermometer at Winnipeg Monday was 60 in the shade. Messrs. Wm. and G. R. Pugsley have decided that the building being erected for them at the corner of Canterbury and Princess streets, St. John, will form part of a large summer hotel. The Pugsleys and the main entrance will be on Princess street. When complete the proposed hotel will front 45 feet on Canterbury street, 190 on Princess and 105 on Prince Wm. The estimated cost of the new work and the changes is \$50,000.

The Dominion government intends to largely extend its telegraph lines this summer. A cable nearly five miles long will be laid from Anticosti to the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, securing direct communication, so that fishermen along the North Shore will get information respecting the supply of bait at considerably less rates than they have to pay at present. Other cables will be laid from the St. Lawrence near British Columbia, Cape Breton and New Brunswick, in the Bay of Fundy, are also to be constructed.

Kivoroos, June 11.—The Canadian order of foresters, in session here, engaged the steamer St. Lawrence to take an excursion down the river to Gananoque this afternoon. The steamer is owned by the Kivoroos Forestry Association, and is living here. On all their boats is flying the American flag. "A" Battery band was to have accompanied the excursion, but Colonel Cotton gave orders to the band not to go on board unless the Yankee flag was hoisted down. The owners of the band, however, refused to do so, and the band turned and went back to the barracks.

The Manitoba government has been notified that 46 of the 54 acts passed by that legislature at its last session have been allowed by the Federal government. Among the eight which have been reserved, the two most important ones are: No. 11, an act respecting public schools. As well known, this act of the Manitoba legislature abolished state-aided separate schools, and provided for the establishment of a thoroughly unified system of provincial schools; the other important act was one which provided for the English language to be the official language of the Province of Manitoba. This is the act abolishing the dual language system. These bills have simply not been assented to, and therefore are not necessarily disallowed. They are merely of the reservation that the bills have been made for the purpose of calming the Province of Quebec elections.

Meals are supplied in first class cars on some of I. C. R. trains. A few evenings ago a passenger, somewhat of a swell in his way, ordered a very recherche meal and during its preparation retired to the smoking car to enjoy the luxury of a cigar. The meal being duly prepared was placed on a table and the waiter started to look for the party who had ordered it. In the meantime a horny handed son of toil who had the appearance of a delegate from the bush seated himself at the table and proceeded to devour the meal with considerable gusto, smoking blandly in the meantime during the operation. He had about finished when the waiter returned with the swell and then the fun commenced. The swell went for the waiter, and he went for the delegate from the bush. The waiter demanded payment for the meal. The bush delegate said he had no money and was under the impression that the I. C. R. provided meals for passengers free—that the whole thing was included in the price of his ticket. On the arrival of the train at Amherst the I. C. R. constable was called upon to arrest the delegate, but he refused, not being able to find anything in the railway act to meet the case, and recommended the waiter to get a stomach pump and get the meal back that way.

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