

TO OPEN THE CAMPAIGN.  
The Herald is able to announce with authority to-day, that a public meeting will be held in the City Hall in this city on Wednesday evening, Nov. 28th, in the interests of the Liberal party, and that addresses will be delivered by Hon. L. H. Davies, M. P., of Charlottetown, and other prominent leaders of the party. The programme has not yet been definitely arranged, but it is hoped that Hon. W. Laurier, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. W. S. Fielding, and one or two other gentlemen will also be present and speak to the electors.

THE ST. JOHN INVESTIGATION.  
During the last session of the legislature Mr. Smith M. P. P. for St. John stated practically that he had reason to believe that the contractors who repaired the suspension bridge under the supervision of the Public Works Department, had swindled the government out of quite a large amount of money, and in response to his request the government promised an enquiry into the matter. The investigation has been going on during the past ten days before Hon. Mr. Emmerston at St. John, and while the evidence shows that the then commissioner Hon. Mr. Ryan, the department over which he presided, and the government, are innocent of any dishonesty in the matter, were entirely ignorant of what went on, some of the men who were connected with the work acted a most disreputable part. The charge that men received two dollars per day and were returned to the department at two and a half per day, has evidently been proved, and the government was swindled out of the difference by the contractors, who will probably be asked to make restitution of the money they dishonestly secured. The charge was also made that some of the materials used in the repairs were charged at exorbitant prices, but the evidence does not support that allegation although it would appear that pretended friends of the government squeezed all they possibly could for the goods purchased.

Dr. Stockton who has been acting as chief prosecutor, sought to make a point out of the purchase of pitch pine which was charged to the Government at the rate of \$45 per ton, but Mr. Sayre and Mr. Farmer, two gentlemen who know the value of that class of lumber, and that it was a reasonable price and would have been reasonable at \$50 per ton. It is clear from the evidence, however, that some middle men who stood between the Government and one of the contractors, made a margin from certain purchases, and these parties with two other contractors, have no reason to feel proud of their share in the transaction. Mr. Emmerston has given the widest latitude to the enquiry and the Government have nothing to fear from the investigation, but the reputations of some of the persons concerned, suffered as the enquiry went forward. Perhaps Hon. Mr. Ryan put the whole thing in a nut shell when he stated in his evidence, that like the man in the Scripture who jumped from Jerusalem to Jerico, he fell among thieves. Mr. Ryan an honest unsuspecting man himself, believed that in making his arrangements for the repairs to the bridge, he was dealing with honest men—men who had been recommended to him, and advisers of the Government in St. John, but the evidence discloses that he was somewhat mistaken in his estimate. It has not been shown that the Government or any person under its direction were guilty of misconduct or malfeasance in the affair, and the efforts of the opposition press to shoulder the responsibility of the dishonesty practised, on the department, have most signally failed. The Government were swindled by men in whom they placed confidence, and their experience will place them on their guard in the future, especially when undertaking the expenditure of money in St. John.

St. Martin's Seminary.  
Special Co-respondent.  
No doubt when Dr. Stockton and his client, Mr. Smith, went into the investigation, they anticipated the development of a large sized scandal against the government, but in this they have been cruelly disappointed. Like all other political fishing expeditions in which the Opposition Leader has been engaged for the last three years, with a view to convicting the Government of dishonesty, Mr. Stockton's latest venture in that line has collapsed, doubtless very much to his chagrin.

THE N. P. IS NO GOOD.  
The Toronto Globe in discussing the recent ministerial speeches at Moncton in which the glorious N. P. was lauded to the skies, says the census shows how little that policy has done for New Brunswick. Its population was 321,233 in 1881, and 321,233 in 1893, an increase of thirty persons, as against nearly 36,000 in the previous decade. Westmorland shows an increase of less than 4,000; in the preceding decade the increase was more than 8,000. There was an actual decline in Albert, in Carleton, in Charlotte, in Kings, in Queens, in St. John City and County, in Sunbury, in more than half of the Province. And all this was going on while heavy taxation was being levied, and money lavishly expended upon just such works as the Minister was holding up as a promise of prosperity to the people of Moncton.

The Toronto World says that some of the big morning newspapers of that city have paid a dividend for years, while one of them, the Empire, has succeeded in sinking over \$300,000 and is now trying to raise more to be sent in the same direction. Some weeks ago an effort was made to amalgamate the Mail and Empire, but it failed, and now a combination is trying to form a syndicate to get control of the Empire. Within the past few days, shareholders of the Empire have been asked to pay the remaining twenty per cent of the stock, or to assign it over to the syndicate in consideration of a release.

CHRISTIAN REUNION.

The Anglican conference at St. John this week, presented the unusual spectacle of a Presbyterian, a Methodist and a Baptist clergyman speaking from the same platform with the clergymen of the Church of England. The subject was Christian reunion, and was introduced through a paper prepared by Principal Sberston, of Wyckville college, strongly favoring union of all Protestant denominations. Discussion followed by Rev. Dr. Macrae, Presbyterian; Rev. C. H. Paisley, Methodist; Rev. J. A. Gordon, Baptist; Dr. Macrae favored the union and thought concessions could be made on all sides. Rev. Messrs. Paisley and Gordon did not see how their respective churches could unite with the Church of England, as neither could accept the doctrine of that denomination. Rev. J. DeSoyres, Episcopalian, expressed the belief that church union was surely coming, but it might be a century or two, perhaps much nearer. The ritualists, he declared, would be found with the Catholics, while the other branches of churches would be found working in harmony with all other Christian churches. The Episcopal clergymen who spoke, represent what is known as the Low Church party, and have some doubts if their opinions meet with much favor among their brethren of the High Church. Nevertheless the discussion will do good.

All denominations can unite on the common ground of Christianity, and we fancy that if the clergymen of the different churches would meet on the same platform more frequently, much misunderstanding of doctrine and dogma which are a constant menace to the progress of religion would be swept away. The simple gospel of Christ, preached as he preached it, his love and sacrifice, are the means by which Baptist and Episcopalian, Presbyterian and Methodist, Roman Catholic and Greek seek to enter Heaven, and on our arrival at the golden gates we shall not be asked whether we were sprinkled or immersed, if we were governed by a bishop, presbytery or conference. That will be the first Christian reunion, but if the work could be commenced on earth, it would win the smile of Heaven.

TORONTO BOODLING.

The County Court Judge at Toronto has been investigating the alleged boodling of aldermen of that city, and already has convicted one of the offenders and charged Ald. Stewart as chairman of the fire and light committee, and has been found guilty of corruptly soliciting a bribe of money from the Brush Electric Light Company who were tenders for the city's street lighting. It is believed also that other aldermen are implicated in the transaction. The City Council have enlarged Judge McDougall's powers and the investigation will go on.

It is charged that many contracts have been secured in Toronto by large expenditure of money, and this money has found its way, it is said, into the pockets of aldermen who still occupy seats in the council and pose as virtuous guardians of the ratepayers' interests. Tenders for contracts are said to have been refused because those tendering have declined to respond satisfactorily to the applications for money as the consideration for aldermanic votes and influence.

The local bye-election in London, Ontario, takes place on Tuesday and is attracting much attention in that Province. The vacant seat was recently held by Hon. W. R. Meredith, now Chief Justice, and the candidates are Hobbs, Liberal, and Essery, Conservative.

Speaking of the coming bye-election in Carleton, the Woodstock Dispatch says Dr. Atkinson's health is far from good, and that physically he is not up to the undertaking of a campaign. Ex-Sheriff Irvine's name is mentioned as an opposition candidate.

The Conservatives of Manitoba and the Northwest, alarmed at the success of Hon. Mr. Laurier's tour through the west, have exacted from St. John Thompson, a promise that he will also conduct a campaign among them before the general election.

The Liberal campaign in the Maritime Provinces is to be opened at Moncton on the 28th inst., when Hon. L. H. Davies, Hon. A. G. Blair, Hon. W. S. Fielding and other well known leaders of the party, will be present and address the electors.

Mr. Veniot, the new M. P. P. for Gloucester, is a native of Richibucto, but was reared and received his education at Picton, N.S. He is a printer and publishes the Courrier, a French paper, at Bathurst.

Mr. Marter, the new Conservative opposition leader in the Ontario legislature, declares himself in favor of prohibition and the abolition of separate schools.

At a recent joint session of the committee of the Free Baptist and Baptist bodies, held in St. John, it was resolved to call a general gathering of the two denominations in May, 1895, and to make a united effort to remove the indebtedness hitherto resting upon the institution. Both committees are sanguine of success, and there seems no doubt of the ultimate result. A large number of applicants have forwarded their names for admission at the next term, which opens Wednesday, January 9th.

LAYING THEIR PLANS

To Bribe the Electors with the Money Borrowed at London.

One-half of Foster's Loan Little Else Than a Huge Boodle Fund.

(Montreal Witness.)

Mr. Foster has succeeded in borrowing twelve million dollars, and hastened to let everybody know that half the money is to be expended in public works. The open shamelessness of this announcement shows to what magnitude proportions bribery can be carried in this country. Yet we are called upon to admire the financial genius of the borrower, as if an heir should claim credit for the good terms he made in mortgaging his paternal estate in order to continue a career of riot and extravagance. Five million is a big election fund, but that is not what it will be regarded by all who know how Dominion public works are manipulated and who remember the striking object-lesson presented by the Corran bridge scandal. What thoughtless twelve million dollars increase the permanent public debt to over three hundred and twelve millions, and raise the record of the squandering of the government to one hundred and thirty-seven millions? Who cares? It is only a small amount, after all, for Canadians to pay for the inevitable blessings of government by such heaven-born rulers as Messrs. Thompson, Haggart, Caron and Foster. Another interesting sign of the times is the appearance of the venerable Mr. Powell in the late Sir John Macdonald's hoarse role of the man in the tree shaking down nuts to the hogs. Promptly yielding to the

Demands of the Manufacturers, he has had an order-in-council passed increasing the drawbacks allowed to them to ninety-nine per cent, with other concessions, to enable them to compete in foreign markets. In other words, these favored persons are to be relieved of National Policy taxation in order that they may sell their goods as cheap as British free trade manufacturers, while compelling Canadians at home to pay them all the tariff will allow. Thus Canadian manufacturers will be enabled to sell agricultural implements to American farmers, who are their competitors in the grain markets of the world, at lower prices than they will be able to sell them to Canadians. Still another shadow of coming events is to be seen in the

Tour of the Minister of Militia. Wherever he has been he has promised to do and to give all that was asked of him. With regal beneficence he seems willing to comply with all demands on government property. And it must be admitted that the role of Lord Bountiful is one which suits Mr. Patterson admirably. His experience as party organizer in Ontario, has given him a lively knowledge of the virtue that lies in giving.

From the foregoing indications and others that need not be mentioned, it seems pretty clear that a general election is impending. By lavish expenditure from a treasury replenished by borrowing, ministers hope to distract public attention from the black record of

Their corrupt wastefulness.

Everybody knows what the giving out of contracts aggregating millions on the eve of a general election means. Who doubts but that each and every contract will be a source of electoral corruption, for is not a contractor in the country but knows that he must contribute to government election funds or suffer the consequences? The system of bleeding contractors and receiving them by extras, has been reduced to a science these many years. Thus the appearance of a full treasury is kept up by reckless borrowing and elections assured by equally reckless expenditure. What a spectacle is here presented!

FIGHTING LIKE CATS.  
Mr. Costigan Declined to Join the Ministerial Junket to the Lower Provinces.

An Ottawa despatch says that there is another big row in the Dominion Cabinet over the ministers' political tour in the Maritime Provinces. As the senior Cabinet representative of New Brunswick, Hon. John Costigan, was expected to be present at the Moncton meeting last week The Secretary of State, however, preferring stayed on his hunting tour in the Province, where he is now, than joining Clarke Wallace in his 9th of November Orange speeches. Mr. Costigan's friends made no secret of their belief that he refuses to be seen on the same platform as the Comptroller of Customs. Mr. Oumet tried to arrange this difficulty between Mr. Costigan and Mr. Wallace, but he was politely told by Mr. Costigan's friends that if he (Oumet) wanted to join with Mr. Wallace in his Orange speeches he could do so, but Mr. Costigan would not. To make up for the loss of Mr. Costigan, Mr. Oumet took an extra French speaker with him. This gave cause of annoyance to Sir Charles Herbert Tucker, who said that four French speakers with only himself and Mr. Wallace speaking English, were altogether too many. The quarrel has been a lively one, and Mr. Oumet, who tried to make peace between Messrs. Costigan and Wallace, is blamed for the most of it.

FIGHT WITH A BURGLAR.  
A Parson's Wild Experience in Brooklyn.

The Rev. Frederick C. Seckerson, the assistant pastor of the Clinton Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, N. Y. encountered a burglar Tuesday morning and narrowly escaped from it with his life. Mr. Seckerson went to bed on Monday night soon after eleven o'clock, and about one o'clock Tuesday morning was awakened by the sound of some one moving about the room. By the faint light he was able to see the form of a man moving slowly. The clergyman reached for his revolver and sprang to the floor. The burglar seeing that his opponent was armed, drew a bowie knife with a long blade, with which he made a lunge at the clergyman, the blade penetrating the fleshy part of his left fore arm, inflicting a severe wound, from which the blood flowed freely. Both men then grappled and a hand-to-hand struggle for life ensued. Mr. Seckerson managed to fire a shot at the man, which evidently took an effect as he at once released his grasp, and staggered towards the open window, through which he made his escape.

John Roberty, the light-house keeper at Belledune, in Gloucester county, lost his life by drowning Monday night. Roberty, on his arrival at an angle in the road neglected to follow the highway and drove straight ahead into the Belledune river. The man's horse was also drowned. It is thought Roberty was asleep.

AROUND THE WORLD.

The News of the World in Brief—The Cream of our Exchanges.

Winnipeg has a \$200,000 fire yesterday. Three prisoners named Carter, Horn and Johnson, escaped from Dorchester penitentiary yesterday.

County court Judge Peters, of St. John, continues seriously ill from paralysis, his whole left side being affected.

Michael Cavanagh, a laborer, who has fallen heir to a \$30,000 fortune in Galt.

Miss Davidson sister of Prof. Davidson of the University of New Brunswick, is a city missionary in Glasgow, Scotland.

Hon. Levi P. Morton, Governor-elect of New York state, spent \$19,790 in the election, according to a statement filed by his private secretary.

General Cassius M. Clay of Louisville, Kentucky, eighty-four years old, has scandalized his family and friends by marrying his fifteen year old domestic.

Returns from the Newfoundland elections show that the Goodridge-Morine government has been defeated, and among the slain is the Surveyor General.

The British ship Calmure, founded in Wednesday's gale eight miles off Spurr Head, England, and twenty persons were drowned, including the captain and his wife.

In a speech at Glasgow Wednesday night Lord Rosebery said measures for Scotch and Welsh disestablishment will be introduced during the coming session of parliament.

Hon. Mr. Joly, ex-Premier of Quebec, denies the report that he intends re-entering public life. Mr. Joly is busy with his farm and finds peace and prosperity in his agricultural pursuits.

Geo. T. Baird, the popular M. P. P. for Victoria county, and Mrs. Baird, celebrated their crystal wedding at their home in Perth, Monday evening. A large number of invited guests were present, and many handsome presents were given the worthy couple.

The first election under the Republican government took place recently in Hawaii. Every candidate was pledged to support annexation to the United States to the exclusion of all other matters. Only one man ran against the Government ticket and was defeated.

A delegation consisting of American capitalists and Restigouche people met a committee of the local government consisting of Hon. A. G. Blair, H. R. Emmerston, Jas. Mitchell, and A. T. Dunn, at St. John, Thursday, relative to the connection of the Restigouche Railway and a link to connect with the Bangor and Arctostook road.

A stable at Janville, in the vicinity of Ottawa, containing eleven excellent thoroughbred horses, was burned to the ground Tuesday morning. The eleven horses belonged to Mrs. P. Maguire and were burned to a crisp. There is no insurance. One pair of horses was worth \$10,000. The worst animal in the stable was valued at over \$500.

Judge Dean of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has handed down an opinion in the case of John Hyson et al, vs. the school district of Galatin borough, an appeal from Judge Parker of the court below, who refused an injunction to prevent nuns from teaching in the public schools dressed in the garb of the order. Judge Dean affirms Judge Parker's decision.

At San Francisco, Sunday, Rev. Mr. Allen conducted a public baptism of converts in the water of the bay. Several hundred spectators were on the wharves, when the worn-out timbers of the structure gave way, precipitating the people in an agony of pain. Fortunately the tide was out, so instead of going into the water the spectators tumbled into slimy mud. No one was killed, but people were piled deep, and there were many bruised and broken limbs.

The Grand Trunk Railway 11 35 a.m. train, Monday, narrowly escaped an attempted train wrecking near Strathroy, Ontario. The miscreants were discovered in the act of securing the obstruction but escaped. Detectives have arrested two men named Fife and Johnson, believed to be the guilty parties, and they are now in jail. Had the attempt been successful, one of the most fearful catastrophes known to the railway world would have occurred.

A little 9 year old girl named McFarlane, had a narrow escape in Snow's laundry at Woodstock, Tuesday evening. The child was playing around the mangle at which her mother was working, when her hair caught in a revolving spindle winding her around it until her head brought up. The child screamed when the mother sprung and caught her daughter with one hand while with the other she threw the belt from the wheel, and saved the child.

The suit of clothes which the hangman of the murderer of D'Arcy McGee wore at the execution, was discovered at the Ottawa court house Tuesday, when some cleaning up was underway. The execution took place in 1868, but it was not known who the hangman of Patrick Whalen was. The sheriff and goler of that time knew, but both are now dead, and they appear to have kept the secret. In the bundle was also the black cap which covered the face and head of the murderer on the scaffold.

Grave robbers attacked the grave yard at Sydenham, Ont., Sunday night, and were caught in the act of stealing the body of Mrs. Shepherd, interred a few days before. The phoons were passing out of the cemetery gate, when the watchman sent a charge from a rifle into the party. They dropped the corpse and made their escape, one of the robbers being wounded. It is said the robbers are known and will be prosecuted. It is the habit to rob rural grave yards and sell the bodies to students at Kingston.

JAPAN'S BIG EARTHQUAKE.  
Advices by the steamer Peru give further particulars of the recent earthquake in Japan. Sakata, a town on the northwest coast, suffered most severely. The seismic force was exercised chiefly in a vertical direction, and its effects were therefore exceptionally disastrous.

Houses tumbled down before their inmates could escape. The ground, fissured in many places, poured out muddy water which converted the streets into rivers, and the horror of the calamity was accentuated by a fire that broke out at thirteen points simultaneously and destroyed 2,500 houses in two hours. Two houses were actually swallowed up, and one wealthy merchant had forty-eight warehouses burned.

In one dwelling a family of seven persons were crushed to death; in another, nine met a similar fate. A group of terrified citizens who had taken refuge at the base of a colossal bronze vase standing in front of the town hospital, were killed by the fall of the vase.

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