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WEST PRINCE.
The government have at last fixed the date for the West Prince election. They have at the same time offered inducements to the people of the island province. The delegation which went from Charlottetown to Ottawa was promised a better and cheaper telegraphic service; a subsidy for five trips of a direct steamship to Great Britain, and favorable consideration of the demand for a second steamer for the winter service on the straits. The ability of the government to make promises is perhaps only equalled by their ability to break them. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the "guardian of his own honor," has an exceptional record in this regard, but Sir Louis Davies and his other colleagues are by no means without a record. The grit government began its career by so flagrant a violation of all the principles it advocated while in opposition that stalwart liberals the country over have felt constrained to protest.

The island farmers who are now promised a steamer to take their produce to the British market will not forget that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, while in England as Canada's representative, killed a promising agitation for preferential trade by declaring that Canada did not want it.

The Charlottetown Examiner directs attention to a number of unfulfilled pledges, and expresses the belief that the electors of West Prince will return Mr. Hackett to parliament on April 13th.

Of the manner in which Mr. Hackett was deprived of his seat the Examiner says:
"An investigation was held, party and personal hatreds were stirred up, every act of Mr. Hackett and his agents in the election was scrutinized in open court by lawyers and judges, with the result that every personal charge against him was thrown out; and every other charge, except that of not warning a man with whom he drove upon a certain day while canvassing not to treat anyone with apertuous liquor—not knowing that the man had a bottle of whiskey in his baggy. At the end of the trial the chief justice of Canada felt constrained and bound to say:
"I admit that the offence proved in the present case was of a trivial and unimportant character, and the appellant was acquitted of all the other charges, of which the particular contained a great many."
Moreover, the chief justice (Sir William Strong) said:
"The bottle of whiskey was in the baggy, but it was not shown the appellant (Mr. Hackett) was aware of the fact."
"It was upon this ground, and this ground only, that Mr. Hackett was deprived of his seat. We feel sure that every man—even Mr. John X. X. himself, if unbiassed by party considerations and the prospect of a senatorship, will admit that Mr. Hackett ought to be returned to the seat from which he was ejected upon a mere point of law—under the circumstances stated by Sir William Strong."

AN IMPORTANT BY ELECTION.
The West Prince election may prove to be one of the most important of the parliamentary term. Many circumstances go to show that the government strength is waning. The most significant sign is the result of the Ontario provincial campaign, where a liberal government majority of forty has been cut down to five. The Yukon deal and other transactions have caused more than one strong liberal member to denounce his leaders and vote against them in parliament.

It may fall to the lot of a Prince Edward Island constituency to lead the way to a change of government. There would be a certain fitness in this, for no other part of Canada has witnessed so many broken liberal promises. Sir Louis Davies pledged his party to many things, as the Prince county people know. They know also that some of these promises have been fulfilled. These pledges are not confined to matters of general policy. They relate also to local matters.

The election of Mr. Hackett would from a local point of view be a good thing. It would show Sir Louis Davies that the people of Prince Edward Island are no more to be trifled with than those of other places. So long as the government has its own way in the province it will not be much troubled about the welfare of that part of Canada. At present the ministers are more concerned to make MacKenzie and Mann rich than they are with plain simple people who are not after contracts. They are more concerned to give Mr. Greenshields a million dollars out of the Drummond deal than they are to give any freight

rates on the Intercolonial and Prince Edward Island railway. It will do them good if they should learn that operators are not the only people with a pull. The electors ought to be able to show that they have a pull, too.

DEPENDENT THE SPEAKER.
The Globe's defence of Mr. Edgar's action in returning to Mr. Bruneau his letter resigning his seat for Richelieu is not very complimentary to the intelligence of its readers. It omits from its narration of what took place, the important fact that a member of the government, or a person acting on behalf of the government, notified Mr. Speaker of the contents of Mr. Bruneau's letter, and that it was in consequence of this information the letter was, when asked for, returned unopened to the writer. To say that Mr. Edgar "had no actual knowledge of its contents" is merely playing upon words. As our contemporary remarks, the letter itself may now be of no great importance from any point of view, but it is Mr. Speaker's conduct and not Mr. Bruneau's penmanship that most concerns the public. The presiding officer of the commons is supposed to be a non-partisan and to act in the discharge of his official duties that he shall be like Caesar's historic wife, above suspicion. The Globe, following Mr. Laurier's lead, conveys in its line of defence the impression that Mr. Edgar has done something which will not stand investigation by the committee of privileges and elections.

HE HAS HOPES.
The St. John Sun last week quoted verbatim the editorial of the Advocate relating to the intercolonial increase of local freight rates, and seems to think that the many influential and wealthy citizens of the North Shore, who are the mainstay of the railway, will not let the situation of the railway pass to the point that this high official of the Canadian system of railways has agreed to, and until he fulfils all his promises, the editor refrains from judging too hastily. The Advocate's inference that this journal intended a reflection on the gentlemen of the north shore is erroneous. They simply did what business men all along the line have been doing. As to Mr. Harris, his fault is not so much that he finds it necessary to revise the tariff as that he should ever have issued such an outrageous document. With regard to the revision, the Sun, like its contemporary, withholds criticism until the facts are apparent. We shall be glad to see in addition to concessions made to manufacturers and large shippers, the manager will remove the burden he has placed on the farmers and traders whose business is on a smaller scale, and the effect of an increased railway tariff therefore more disastrous. Of the original tariff, no more vigorous denunciation appeared in these columns than that quoted from the Advocate.

Those citizens of Halifax who desire to see their port the great Atlantic terminus of the I. C. R., as St. John is of the C. P. R., deserve credit for their devotion to the interests of their town. They will deserve more when their city has spent as much money as St. John has done to develop trade. But even when that has been done, the I. C. R. will still have an excellent deep water terminus at St. John, considerably nearer than Halifax to the western shipping points. The aspirations of the Halifax merchants must be tempered by a degree of modesty that will keep them within the bounds of reason.

The Huntingdon Journal is not a Tory newspaper. It is an old time liberal journal, and as such has no room in its bosom for the Tarts and Manns and MacKenzies. Nor does it approve of Speaker Edgar's action against Mr. Bruneau's letter of resignation. It says:
"Seeing the letter was not his private property, but that of the state, what right had the speaker to give it up or Mr. Bruneau to take possession of it? A court of law would probably order Mr. Bruneau to return the letter. The house would be well served by Mr. Bruneau and all like him who think obtaining offices for friends the summa of political duty. The scolding and patronage interfere with the government of the country and is a prime source of corruption."

A steamship service from St. John to Manchester in winter will be of great advantage, and doubtless we shall have in time an all year round service. Not only is Manchester in itself a great market, but it may be made the distributing point for the supply of a near-by population of several millions with the products of Canada. But the service, to be the most effective, should be a direct one, and not a coasting service between St. John and Halifax.

It is the liberal Toronto Star that rises to remark: "If the dominion parliament could pass a bill to prohibit the importation of yellow fever or Asiatic cholera, John Charlton and Mr. Ellis would object on the ground that we were not giving the United States a chance."

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

LAWRENSETOWN, N. S., March 25.—Edwin Nicholas, who has been quite poorly of late, has sold his property to a party of his friends. Byron Whitman, student at the high school, has had to give up his studies on account of ill health.

PARSBORO, March 25.—The new hook and ladder wagon for the fire department arrived on Saturday. It cost \$75. Parsboro is coming rapidly to the front in the way of modern improvements.

HALIFAX, N. S., March 25.—Traffic Manager Harris met the Halifax merchants today, and discussed local freight traffic. He complained that Halifax people have not treated him well in being too ready to jump on him. They grumbled about increases, but never mentioned the decreases. The lumber rates, he said, had been satisfactorily arranged. He would not promise a change in such articles as sugar and molasses. He intended to reduce the maximum weight of hay that could be carried in a carload in order to prevent Quebec farmers from pressing it too tight, thereby overloading the car and depreciating the quality of hay.

HALIFAX, March 25.—H. Harris, with a number of steamship men and others, spent the forenoon at the deep water terminus, making a careful examination of the existing facilities. Harris expressed himself convinced that a new pier, with a wide shed, should be erected on the vacant water space in order to make it possible to handle the ocean freight that may be expected. Regarding an elevator, Mr. Harris thought the best place for its location would be on the land at the head of the proposed pier. The city of Halifax, he left by the 2.30 train.

HALIFAX, March 25.—The twelfth anniversary of the launching of the ship "Kentucky" and Kearsage successfully launched yesterday. One christened with champagne and the other with a bottle of water.

NEWPORT NEWS, March 25.—The twelfth anniversary of the launching of the ship "Kentucky" and Kearsage were celebrated from the yard of the Newport Dry Dock and Shipbuilding Co. today. The presence of an immense crowd. There were not a bit in the programme, and there from thirty thousand throats greeted the latest additions to the United States navy. The ship "Kentucky" was christened with champagne, the "Kearsage" with water.

The result of the christening parties was the signal for cheers from the impatient spectators and also for the ship launch employees to commence the work of transferring the ships to the water. The "Kentucky" was towed by the tug "Hawkeye" and the "Kearsage" by the tug "Hawkeye". The ships were towed to the water by the tug "Hawkeye". The ships were towed to the water by the tug "Hawkeye".

WINDSOR, March 24.—The Windsor press commission met this morning. Present: Messrs. Stephen, George Mitchell, M. P. R., Mr. Reynolds, Mr. John, and Judge Chipman. Mr. Stephen, who was appointed by the government as a member of the commission, refused to act. The resignation was read, but was not accepted. Mayor Stephen was appointed chairman of the commission and J. W. Ouseley secretary.

The opinion is prevalent that Windsor should have more than one representative on the commission. A transfer of the relief fund was made to the commission. A public meeting will be called on Tuesday, when the suggestions from decisions will be considered. Claims will be filed to the aggregate of \$300,000; money on hand, \$40,000; total receipts were \$300,000. Reynolds and Rufus Curry will examine the claims and report Tuesday.

RANSOM AS A TEMPERANCE APOSTLE.
(From the San Francisco Wave.)
Ex-Senator Matt Ransom of South Carolina prides himself on his self-possession. On the steps of the Metropolitan hotel he stood one morning lecturing a constituent of the evils of alcohol, and extolling his own expertise as a rebuker of the habits of intemperance. Hanging on his arm was a light overcoat, which, as he advanced into the hotel, the statesman's apartment in his hands, he was carrying a bottle of champagne. A one of the pockets of the garment was all out of shape, and the champagne was spilling over. Ransom, without changing a muscle in his face, but the odor that arose from the liquor overbore by a North Carolina moonshiner.

AN ASTONISHING AND MARVELLOUS CURE.

Paine's Celery Compound Saves a Life After Doctors and Hospitals Fail.

The Man's Limbs Were Lifeless and Useless and He Could Not Stand Alone—A Most Critical Case of Nervous Prostration and Extreme Weakness—Had Little Hope of Being Cured.

Mr. Deschamps Says: "After the Use of Six Bottles of Paine's Celery Compound I Am a Cured Man."

THE GREAT SPRING MEDICINE MAKES PEOPLE WELL.

At the present time there are many thousands of men and women in Canada who are suffering much the same as did Mr. Deschamps of 248 St. James Avenue, Point St. Charles, Montreal. Such sufferers may now rest assured that the same medicine that made Mr. Deschamps a well man will bestow the same gift—good health—on others.

Mr. Deschamps' marvellous cure by the use of Paine's Celery Compound, after failures of doctors and hospitals, already well known to many hundreds in St. Gabriel ward, Montreal, for the cured man has never ceased to sing the praises of the remedy that restored him to health. Mr. Deschamps writes as follows:

"Having been a great sufferer for four years from nervousness and weakness, and having been completely cured by Paine's Celery Compound after failures with all other means, I desire to make the following statement: "I became so bad from nervousness and nervous prostration that I was unable to sleep or assist myself in any way. My limbs were numb and useless, and for a long time I was not able to stand alone. I was under the care of several doctors in Ottawa city, but their treatment did not better my condition. After coming to Montreal I was a patient in the Western Hospital, but after three months' treatment I left there no better. I thank heaven that I was advised to use Paine's Celery Compound. This great medicine commenced to do its good work from the time I used the first bottle, and now, after having used six bottles, I am a cured man."

NEW U. S. BATTLESHIPS.

The Kentucky and Kearsage Successfully Launched Yesterday.
One christened With Champagne and the other With a Bottle of Water.

HE CAME EAST AGAIN.

(Woodstock Dispatch.)
While many young men are leaving for the west every week, one at least has returned, with a better opinion of the east than he had formerly. He is G. M. Hilman of Canterbury Station. He went to British Columbia about five months ago, and found work in the lumber woods, out of Whistcomb, a town in the U. S. just south of the boundary line. Mr. Hilman found Vancouver over crowded, and says that there are one hundred men for every vacant job. The hotels and restaurants are raising the prices for board. Wages for the "fortunes" working men, in the woods, who are fortunate enough to strike a job, are \$1.75 a day, while the "cheapest" board is \$4.50 a week. The western men from a distance who are easily won riches in a trip to the Arctic circle. No one can get on the trail for the Klondyke without 1,000 pounds of grub. Mr. Hilman thinks the east is good enough for him.

BIG AMHERST FIRE.

The Car Works of Rhodes, Curry & Co. Badly Damaged.

The Planing Mill and Pattern Shop Among the Ruins. The Insurance.

The death of Robert Swin occurred at Doaktown on Saturday afternoon, after a lingering illness of several weeks' duration. Mr. Swin was seventy-two years of age. He was one of the best known men upon the Miramichi, having been a large lumber operator, one of the largest shareholders in the South West Boom company, and for many years foremost in all business enterprises of this section of the province. Mr. Swin was twice married, his second wife having been Miss Frances Ross, well known in Fredericton, and formerly of the teaching staff of that city. One son of the deceased, a gentleman, Henry Swin, and two daughters, Mrs. Van Russell and Mrs. Geo. Hinton, reside at Doaktown, and a daughter by the second wife lives at Fredericton.

THE LUMBER TRADE.

The announcement that the Bartlett Lumber Co. of Boston, Mass., and Bartlett, N. H., have decided to direct special attention to the provincial lumber trade is a matter of interest to the manufacturers here. G. Van Buren, who is well known to the province, having been connected with the lumber trade for many years, will look after their interests in the province. The company is prepared to handle a large quantity of lumber, and short round. They handle both long house, with fine facilities for planing the ends of their own and other mills on the New England and New York markets. The intention of course is to buy from the New England mills, to avoid the duty, but Mr. Van Buren is confident that he can compete with United States mills. He believes the St. John mills to be run successfully this year round. The difficulty heretofore has been the lack of a winter market, and this company are prepared to supply to market to buy for shipment to Boston and elsewhere for their entire output. Mr. Van Buren, a St. John man, well known to the trade, and the fact that he has returned after a few months in Boston to establish a promising business in his native city is a source of great satisfaction to his friends.

GLADSTONE'S HEALTH.

LONDON, March 23.—Mr. Gladstone has remained in bed continuously since his arrival at Hawarden.

LORD SALISBURY TO RETIRE.

LONDON, March 24.—The Daily Chronicle says: "We learn that the long cabinet council on Monday was to consider the resignation from the Marquis of Salisbury of his desire, acting under medical advice, to resign both the premiership and the foreign secretaryship."

THE RHODES, CURRY & CO. FIRE.

AMHERST, N. S., March 23, 1898.
To the Editor of the Sun:
A fire occurred in our works last night, which destroyed our factory and one of our planing mills and all the machinery, tools, and all other buildings and erections, except a few houses, which were insured. Loss about \$28,000, covered by insurance.
Having a large amount of foundry work cut ahead, we will be able to continue the construction of cars without interruption. The burned buildings will be reconstructed in full operation about the 15th April. Yours very truly,
RHODES, CURRY & CO. LTD.

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