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SHOULD CLEAN HOUSE

Discussing the Cossack methods employed by the minions of the Roblin Government in connection with the Macdonald bye-election the Toronto Saturday Night, an independent newspaper has this to say:

"It is time for the Province of Manitoba to start in and clean up its politics, as the Province of Ontario did seven or eight years ago. For years past, after every election Federal and Provincial, there have been recriminations, with charges of crookedness, more or less well founded, against one or the other of the historic political parties. When a contest is on in Winnipeg or its neighborhood, the wires are invariably hot with allegations of ballot stuffing, bribery, impersonation, tampering with voters' lists, intimidation, and all the other nefarious crimes peculiar to election crooks. Neighbor party has escaped such accusations, and that which happens to be in power, either in Federal or Provincial, has apparently not scrupled, so long as anyone can remember to use its influence unfairly to gain its ends. The recent proceedings following the Macdonald election are by no means creditable to the good name of Manitoba. It would appear that the legal authorities of the province not only strained their prerogative to confine, until after election Liberals workers who seemed dangerous to the Conservative cause, but also, after a secret trial, let persons in the Conservative interest go free, with only the minimum fine of \$50 and costs imposed on them. As an answer to the taunts and reproaches of the Liberal lawyers, the magistrate, who was the chief agent of this travesty on procedure, if not on justice, cleared his court with a chair. Now, there is something picturesque about an official who will come down off the bench and tackle the legal profession with a chair; but it hardly tends to the dignity of justice in the province of Manitoba. Nor does it indicate a non-partisan administration of the law.

This official, however, did not make the laws which were strained for political uses in this fight. It is ridiculous that the crime of impersonation should be punishable by a fine at all. It is an offence which experience in Ontario has shown can only be met by imprisonment. So long as election crooks can escape with a fine, the "well healed" party organization can find men to do its dirty work, by undertaking to pay the cost of any difficulties in which a crook may find himself on polling day. When, however, the so-called "worker" finds that a cell awaits him if caught, his daring and enthusiasm for the cause deserts him. Manitoba should make its penalties for crookedness more severe, and its political leaders should realize that such methods are a menace to a party's success in the long run, no matter how much they may seem to serve present necessities.

Hon. John Morrissey's newspaper is still after the McCurdy-Morrison ring of Newcastle. In its last issue it holds out the following:

"What the people want to know is how much longer is the Royal Bank of Canada going to allow their manager Mr. McCurdy to run an insurance business and to make use of the bank to secure such insurance. We have it on good authority that Mr. McCurdy does three-quarters of the insurance business of Newcastle. Customers of the bank are getting tired of this sort of thing and would like to know when the Royal Bank is going to have this cease. Not satisfied with being a Bank Manager, Insurance Agent, Secretary Treas. of a Steamboat Co., and several other like positions he also busied himself in the last election. These are contrary to banking rules and it is time for the bank to put a stop to it."

Certain Tories in high places are showing their faith in the future of New Brunswick by investing in western lands.

The English speaking Protestants of Quebec are still unrepresented in the Borden cabinet by a Minister holding a portfolio. When the great Sir John Macdonald formed his first Cabinet at Confederation he gave them a portfolio because he felt they were entitled to one. Every government since Confederation has recognized their just claims with the exception of the present administration. When Hon. Mr. Monk resigned a few days ago the suggestion was made that the portfolio of Public Works be taken over by Hon. Mr. Perley, but Premier Borden lacked the courage to act upon the suggestion.

It was a very neat bit at the Tories, which the Hon. Dr. Beland, made in his speech at Richelieu the other day in declaring that the Liberals had to their credit the fact of having left a full treasury to their successors. "When we came into power in 1896," he said, "we found a treasury absolutely empty except for the scratches of Conservative finger nails at the bottom." Mr. Monk he likened to a Rip Van Winkle. He had been put to sleep by a portfolio and had suddenly awakened to find himself surrounded by war vessels.

The announcement that the Fraser Lumber Company, one of the largest and most successful lumbering concerns in Eastern Canada, has purchased the Scott Lumber Company's property including the Victoria mill, will be pleasing news to the citizens of Fredericton. It certainly looks as if this city was in for great development in the near future.

And so Armand Lavergne, one of the Nationalist leaders of Quebec, who is opposed to everything British was offered a seat in the Borden Cabinet. What do the ultra-Protestant Empire Savers of York who wouldn't vote for a party led by a Frenchman and a Roman Catholic, think of that?

Thanks to the "gunmen" of the Tory party the route for the Valley Railway between this city and Oromocto has not yet been approved. Mr. Perley, M.P.P., should cut short his trip to the west and make an effort to straighten matters out. Mr. Perley has the reputation of being a bad man when aroused.

Hon. Louis Coderre, M.P., won a seat in the Borden Cabinet as a dark horse. He has only been in Parliament a year, and has no special qualifications for the position other than he happens to represent the only constituency in Quebec which is regarded as safe for the Tories.

The Newcastle Advocate cordially endorses the movement for establishing an official residence for the Lieutenant Governor set on foot by the Daughters of the Empire of this city.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

NOVEMBER 4

1677—Marriage of William, Prince of Orange, and Mary Stuart, daughter of the Duke of York.

1740—Rev. Augustus Toplady, author of the hymn "Rock of Ages" born in Surrey, Eng. Died in London Aug. 14, 1778.

1782—Elias Boudinot of New Jersey chosen president of the Continental Congress.

1793—Town of Dayton, Ohio laid out.

1810—Rev. Benedict Joseph Flaget consecrated as first Roman Catholic bishop of Bardonia, Ky.

1811—Henry Clay of Kentucky became speaker of the House of Representatives.

1847—St. Louis first lighted with gas.

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MARYSVILLE TOPICS

Town Council Meeting to be an Important One—Rev. J. W. Williams' Father ill at St. John

Marysville, Nov. 4.—Tomorrow night the Town Council will hold their annual monthly meeting on which occasion some important questions will be discussed. It seems to be puzzling some of the councillors what has become of the thirty-five dollars that was collected in licenses last spring and never handed to the proper official as yet. More than likely there will be an enquiry about the matter at this meeting. There are other matters of importance to be brought before the board.

Rev. J. W. Williams of the Maine Street United Baptist Church went to St. John this morning on account of the illness of his father, who was stricken suddenly Saturday with a stroke of paralysis. If Mr. Williams is any better today his son will return this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rice spent Sunday at Gibson, the guests of Mr. Rice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Rice. Miss Annie Perry was also the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Rice over Sunday.

Rev. J. W. Williams preached at all the services yesterday in the Baptist Church to large congregations. All other services were well attended also.

Marysville was well represented in town Saturday night, a large crowd taking in the picture houses and enjoying themselves in general.

AGRICULTURAL COLLEGES
FOR NEW BRUNSWICK

Woodstock, N. B., Nov. 1.—Premier, Flemming, the board of school trustees and the executors of the Fisher estate were in conference today discussing the plans of an agricultural college, a school of domestic science and manual training.

Mr. Flemming said it was the intention of the government to establish two agricultural colleges in this province, one at Sussex and one here providing the executors of the Fisher estate would be willing to erect such a building, containing also the domestic science and manual training branches of the public school.

The government would bear the whole expense of the maintenance of the institution, the school trustees to have charge of the departments connected with the schools.

The executors and trustees were favorably disposed toward the scheme. Another meeting is to be held when architects and a representative of the Ontario College, with provincial representatives, will be present and endeavor to get facts and data necessary to determine the probable cost of the work.

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From the indications the building will be on Chapel Street, near Hedley Moore's residence, and will probably cost in the vicinity of \$75,000.

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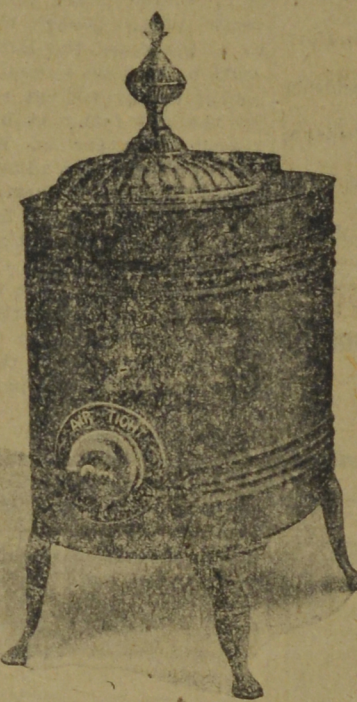
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Mr. Connell, one of the executors, said when the details were worked out they would begin the erection of the building as soon as the frost was out of the ground. He also stated that the erection of the Fisher Memorial Library would commence in the spring. Mr. Flemming said he was impressed with the feeling manifested and the government would promptly deal with the matter, so that no delay would occur in carrying out the project.

The Bank of Montreal is negotiating for the purchase of the McDonagh building on the corner of King and Main Streets. If they acquire the property they will build a stone or brick building covering the whole lot.

NELSON WILL USE HUDSON BAY POST

Montreal, Nov. 4.—Work on the big terminals at Halifax announced last week, by Hon. Frank Cochrane, minister of railways, will be started as soon as a vote for the purpose is secured in parliament, declared the Minister here yesterday. The enterprise he added, would be carried out on the lines as stated at the luncheon at the Halifax Hotel, and the first vote would be asked for at the coming session. The minister practically confirmed the report that Nelson had been decided upon as the Hudson Bay port and if this is the fact, the railway now being built to that inland sea by J. D. McArthur will be taken to that port instead of Churchill. The Minister said he was glad that his announcement at Halifax had given so much satisfaction to railway and shipping people.

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