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INCOMPETENCE OR WORSE

The first really big piece of work undertaken by the present government was the carrying on of the Hudson Bay Railway and Steamship route which was started by the late Liberal government. It was for a long time the fashion amongst Tories to criticize the Liberals for proceeding slowly and carefully with this vast scheme, which will involve the expenditure of many millions of dollars on a route over land and sea of which little is definitely known. Apparently now the government is being forced to realize that "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." The stories of mismanagement and worse are coming in from Port Nelson are astounding in their revelation of criminal folly.

The Borden government first selected Port Nelson for the port of the Hudson Bay terminal. The chief point in its favor appeared to be that it is on low-lying ground at the mouth of the Nelson River, with shoal water extending so far that at present it is stated that vessels drawing more than fourteen feet of water cannot get within seven miles of the "harbor," while the slit from the river is so great that no matter how the harbor may be dredged it will constantly fill up again. Fort Churchill having deep anchorage, close to shore, was naturally neglected.

The government sent some 150 men to prepare this port and then sent a number of vessels with supplies. To prove that he was a business minister, Hon. Mr. Cochrane neglected to send any means of unloading these vessels, which, although small ships, could not get anywhere near the port. One vessel loaded, at a cost of $60,000, was compelled to bring its cargo of lumber back to North Sydney, after pitching a lot of it into Hudson's Bay, while four other vessels sent up at enormous cost, had to bring their cargoes back again.

A costly dredge sent up to help clean the harbor was to have been beached on the sand for the winter. Accordingly, at high tide, it was run on to jagged rocks and broke to pieces with the loss of its valuable machinery when the tide went out. So little preparation was made for taking care of the men during the Arctic winter that most of them broke their contracts and sacrificed their pay rather than face the rigors imposed upon them by the government.

The whole history of the thing is marked by waste and incompetence and every indication of this having been perpetrated for "political purposes."

The Ottawa Citizen, Conservative, discussing this, says an engineer is making superhuman efforts to establish order out of chaos at Port Nelson and continues:

"Beach-combers, recruited in political machine fashion, are sent up as laborers, only to return by the next boat. Skilled help is appointed through political pressure. Contracts for material pass through the political machine. Over all the lack of information and system, no one is responsible for anything."

This last is not correct. The government, and especially Hon. Mr. Cochrane must be held responsible by the people. Instead of spending between $5,000,000 and $10,000,000 on a partisan investigation of the N.T.R., with a hope of injuring the Liberal party, it would pay the government better to do what the Liberals did with the N.T.R.—subtract politics and apply proper business methods. The captain of the Cerbanse, wrecked at Port Nelson, is practically defying the government to investigate the wreck, and expose the real conditions at Port Nelson. Some day the whole matter will be investigated and then the people will realize the cynicism of Mr. Borden's promises of clean and honest administration.

Under reciprocity potatoes grown in New Brunswick would have entered the United States market free of duty and would not have come into competition with Belgium potatoes as they are doing in New York. What do the Tory flag-flappers who went about the country two years ago telling the farmers that the United States was an exporting nation, have to say for themselves today.

The County of York is looked upon as the most ultra-Tory county in the province, yet so far as can be learned, every man from this vicinity who attended the Hazen-Rogers' banquet at St. John, has his snout into the public treasury. Old time party workers like Hon. George J. Colter and Ex-Mayor C. H. Thomas, who have no axe to grind, were content to remain at home.

Tory politicians and office-holders Valley Railway engineers and contractors and other recipients of government favors, made up the list of York County people who honored Ministers Hazen and Rogers at St. John Wednesday.

Some of the Tory grafters who attended the Tory banquet at St. John seem to labor under the belief that the whole province is behind Hon. Mr. Hazen. One of these fine days the grafters will wake up and discover that they have been dreaming.

The Tory banquet at St. John on Wednesday evening brought together the greatest aggregation of grafters and would-be grafters that the former winter port has ever known.

If the C.P.R. could only be induced to haul coal to Fredericton over the Minto Railway at the rate which the I.C.R. is going to haul freight for the big corporation between St. John and Halifax, the coal consumers of this city would have cause to rejoice.

At the Board of Trade meeting in St. John on Wednesday Hon. Dr. Pugsley was no ways backward in the presence of Rogers and Hazen in telling what he thought of the iniquitious Gutelius-C.P.R. agreement.

Tory politicians and hangers-on composed the great majority of those who attended the Hazen-Rogers banquet at St. John.

Tory politicians and grafters swarmed about Ministers Rogers and Hazen in St. John on Wednesday like flies around a molasses puncheon.

LOSS OF LIFE

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of their sailors have been washed ashore.

This afternoon word was received from Captain Eli of the tug Sarnia City, that he had sighted the wreck of an unidentified steamer while his tug was passing Port Austin. She is believed to be a total loss. She may be one of the boats already reported missing.

Fog and a heavy sea today prevented marine men from making a fourth attempt to learn the name of the overturned freighter which, tossing helpiessly in a rough sea, has become a serious menace to navigation. A tug with a diver aboard will go out to her tomorrow morning if the weather permits.

Greatest among today's tragedies was the confirmation of the loss of the steamer John A. McGean, a 432-foot freighter. Twenty-eight bodies of her crew have been washed ashore. Several have not been positively identified.

LATE MRS. REBECCA GRAHAM.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Rebecca Graham took place this afternoon the remains being taken to New Maryland for interment. Rev. Canon Cowie conducted the service.

SUCCESSFUL SPORTSMEN.

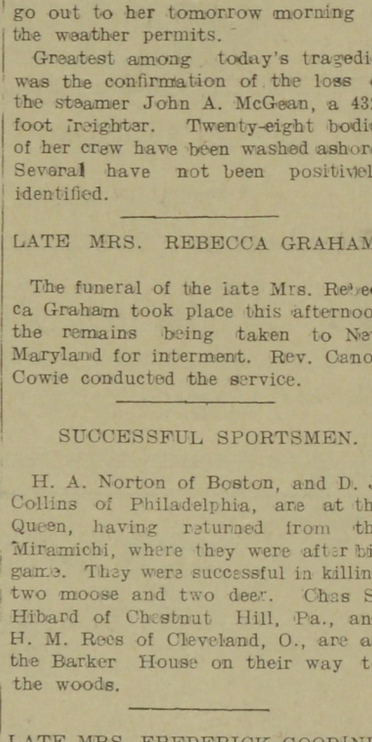
H. A. Norton of Boston, and D. J. Collins of Philadelphia, are at the Queen, having returned from the Miramichi, where they were after big game. They were successful in killing two moose and two deer. Chas S. Hibard of Chestnut Hill, Pa., and H. M. Rees of Cleveland, O., are at the Barker House on their way to the woods.

LATE MRS. FREDERICK GOODINE

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AT THE GEM.

By special request the excellent program that was shown at the Gem yesterday, will be repeated today. Everybody should see this great show.

ARTILLERY BAND DISBANDS.

According to The St. John Telegraph this morning, the band of the 3rd "New Brunswick" Regt., Canadian Artillery, has been disbanded. This has been done on account of the heavy financial burden the maintenance of the band entailed upon the officers of the regiment, who in future will hire one of the St. John bands when they require one. The St. John Artillery Band was one of New Brunswick's premier mpsical organizarions and its disbandment is greatly regretted. This band played here during "Old Home Week" in 1912 and gave a concert in the Opera House the night of the opening of the House of Assembly last February.

BYE-ELECTION IN JANUARY.

As a result of the conference with Ministers Hazen and Rogers in St. John this week, Mr. O. S. Crocket, M.P., will go to the Supreme Court Bench late in December or early in January. Mr. J. K. Pinder, M.P.P., has been agreed upon as the Tory candidate for the vacancy and the bye-election will be pulled off in January as previously stated in The Mail.

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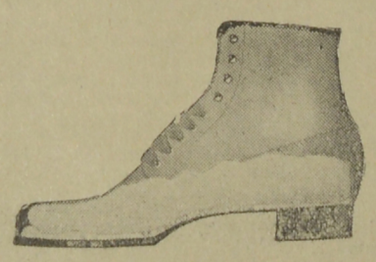
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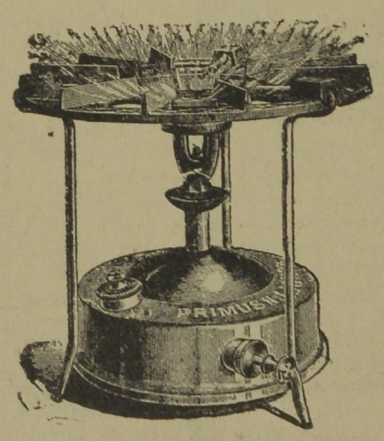
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