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## THE HUDSON BAY SCANDAL

When, a couple of weeks ago, stories began to leak out about gross mismanagement and waste in connection with the government work at Port Nelson on Hudson Bay, a rush was made to cover up the matter under blank official denials, with Hon. Frank Cochrane as the chief denier. But the truth would not down and as time goes on it becomes more and more apparent that the government has worse than bungled the very commencement of the first important piece of work they have undertaken during their two years of power. Now Captain Robertson of the steamer Alette, which was chartered by the government, unable to load at Port Nelson and wrecked on the ice, has given a signed statement of conditions at the Hudson Bay "terminal" which shows that the position is worse than was imagined.

Captain Robertson declares that the original reports of the terrible conditions at Port Nelson were altogether too modest. His ship arrived at Port Nelson on September 14th, after considerable trouble with ice in Hudson Strait. At Port Nelson their real troubles began with the discovery that although the different channels had been accurately charted, the Marine Department had either placed buoys wrong or not placed them at all. It was owing to this, Captain Robertson states, that the government steamship Cearense was wrecked with so much loss and his own ship was almost wrecked at the same spot, while groping around for the channel.

On reaching the "port" the Alette had to anchor eight miles away, owing to shallow water, together with a small fleet of other vessels tied up for the same reason. There was only one small lighter to unload these ships, with the result that all were lying idle. Finally the Alette's deckload of lumber was thrown overboard and much of it lost. Eventually Captain Robertson was compelled to start back with his entire cargo untouched in order to avoid danger from the lateness of the season. That this was necessary is shown by the fact that the Alette's bows were smashed on the ice and she had to be beached, where she and her cargo will likely be a total loss.

As to conditions on shore at Port Nelson, Captain Robertson says that there is a condition of indescribable chaos, with all sorts of valuable material scattered around on the beach and no place to put it. Accommodation for the men was almost as bad as for the goods, there being no lumber to build shacks so that it looked as if many of the men would have to face the Arctic winter in the tents. On the other hand, as respected the officials, Captain Robertson says:

"The government officials are housed most comfortably and live gorgeously. I was up to meals several times and never saw such spreads before."

Captain Robertson declares that scarcely anything towards construction at the port had been done except the laying out of a grave-yard. The facilities at the "port" were a small landing stage and a five-ton derrick at which the one lighter unloads, making only one trip each tide.

Captain Robertson concludes with the opinion that Port Nelson is an impossible harbor, since it could never be made a port of shelter to ships driven back by ice in the straits. His opinion was that Fort Churchill was a much more likely port.

The whole evidence by a practical man on the spot shows that the government has selected the wrong site for its terminal port and then done everything in the way of mismanagement, neglect and waste to botch the work they have undertaken. Their record with the Hudson Bay route is in striking contrast to the success which attended the construction by

the Laurier administration of the National Transcontinental from the first.

The gallant Colonel McLeod, in his speech at St. John on Tuesday, predicted that "the next fight in federal affairs would be fought on the question of imperial unity and whether Canada will do its duty or not." The gallant colonel is sadly mistaken. If he will keep his ear to the ground he will probably find out that the people are more concerned in the problem of reducing the high cost of living which, under Tory rule, has taken on an aviation flight. This is a matter of far greater importance to the average wage-earner than Borden's proposed gift of dreadnoughts.

At the banquet to Hon. W. S. Fielding in Montreal on Tuesday, announcement was made by Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the ex-finance minister would re-enter public life at the next election. This should be welcome news to Canadians irrespective of party. Mr. Fielding as finance minister, rendered splendid service to Canada and his administrative record is without a blemish.

## THIS DATE IN HISTORY

DECEMBER 11

1862—William Penn and Lord Baltimore met at New Castle to discuss the adjustment of boundary disputes between Pennsylvania and Maryland.

1750—General Isaac Shelby, first governor of Kentucky, born in Hagerstown, Md. Died July 18, 1826.

1803—Hector Berlioz, famous musician, born near Lyons, France. Died in Paris, March 6, 1869.

1816—Indiana admitted to the Union as the nineteenth state.

1854—United States and Great Britain concluded a treaty of commercial reciprocity.

1905—New British ministry formed by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.

1907—Benjamin Champney, noted artist, died in Woburn, Mass. Born in New Ipswich, N.H., November 20, 1817.



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## BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

Dr. Le Baron R. Briggs, president of Radcliffe College, 58 years old today.

Daniel Derbyshire, member of the Canadian senate, 67 years old today.

Frank P. Woods, representative in Congress of the Tenth Iowa district, 45 years old today.

Arthur Wilsor, catcher of the New York National league baseball team, 28 years old today.

## "UNCLE TOM'S CABIN"

## AT THE GAIETY

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," Harriet Beecher Stowe's immortal story of the South, has been placed upon the motion picture film by Vitagraph, and the patrons of the Gaiety Theatre will see the three part photoplay adaptation on Friday and Saturday of this week.

The story of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is known too well to be retold here. Suffice to say that the Vitagraph production shows the many dramatic situations to splendid advantage. Eliza's flight across the ice; her rescue by George Harris, her husband, and his Quaker friends, the sale of Uncle Tom to Haley, the slave dealer; Uncle Tom's love for little Eva; the mischievous pranks of Topsy; the brutality of Sil on Legree, are all shown with such realism as to make this adaptation more powerful than any stage production could. Every man, woman, and child in Fredericton should see this wonderful photoplay.

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## ARNOLD MURDERER

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on the bureau alongside the bed, while under the pillow was another fully loaded automatic revolver.

Arriving at the police station, the prisoner asked for a private interview with the chief of police, in which he made a long statement regarding the crime with which he is charged. The police have so far discovered \$1,550, some of which is blood-stained. The first package had been hidden away in the southwest part of the city, while further rolls were found in the north end under the fence at the rear of the house in which he was captured.

The Winnipeg police yesterday received word that Krafchenko was staying at 439 College street and that he expected to meet a friend there at ten this morning. During the night the house was watched from every angle.

At ten o'clock this morning a party of twenty officers entered the house together and went immediately to Krafchenko's suite of three rooms on the second floor. They rapped on the door and Krafchenko, apparently thinking it was his friend, jumped out of bed in his pyjamas and opened the door. He was covered from all sides and seeing resistance was useless, surrendered.

Rev. W. H. Jenkins of Havelock, Kings County, who has been here attending the funeral of Mrs. William Hughes, at Gibson, returned home last night via St. John, where he intends visiting his brother, Deputy Chief Jenkins of the Police force.

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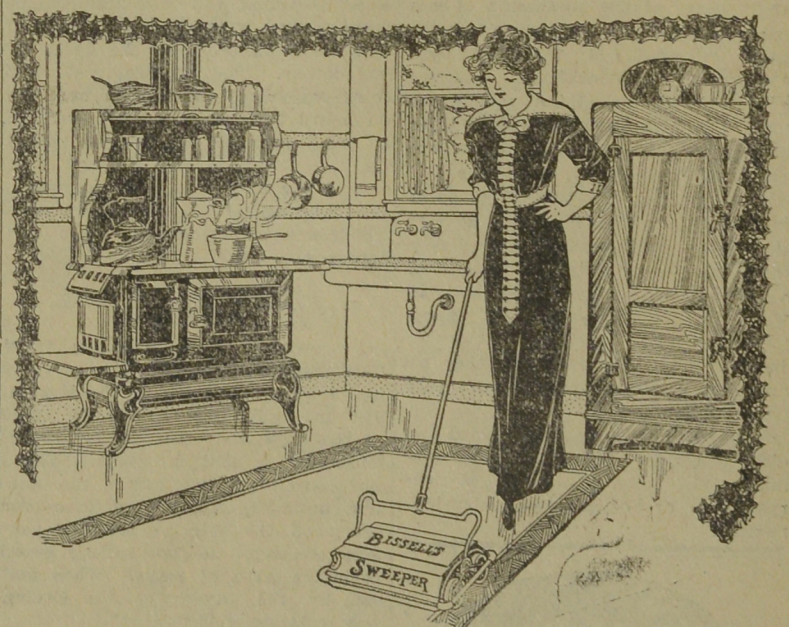
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