

# A LIVELY SCRAMBLE FOR THE VACANT JUDGESHIP

**Acadians Determined That Berth Shall go To One of Their Number---Premier Clarke Has His Hat in the Ring---Other Applicants Include Messers W. B. Chandler, Daniel Mullin, R. A. Lawlor, F. Robidoux, M. P. and Max Cormier.**

The position of Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, vacated by the death of Sir P. A. Landry, has not yet been filled, and it is likely to cause Minister Hazen some sleepless nights before it is filled.

It is said that the late Chief Justice was willing to retire several months ago, when he received the honor of knighthood, but was urged to delay the matter until a successor could be agreed upon. It was intended to use the position as a bait to tempt some lawyers to come forward and help the Local Government out of a hole, but Providence willed otherwise.

The Acadians of the province claim that the position should go to one of their number and are making a strong pull for it, and on the day of Sir P. A. Landry's funeral a number of them met at Memramcook and passed resolutions which were duly forwarded to Minister Hazen.

Mr. Ferd Robidoux, M. P. for Kent, is after the job hot foot, and although he has the pole in the race, it is not believed that he can win out. As a lawyer Robidoux is not in the heavy-weight class. He was once described as possessing as much courage as a rabbit. Minister Hazen personally has no love for him, while Colonel Dick O'Leary, the north shore political boss, says he is a lobster, and Colonel Dick should know a lobster when he sees one.

Other Acadians mentioned in connection with the position are Hon. A. D. Richard, of Dorchester, and Mr. N. A. Landry, of Bathurst, a brother of the late Chief Justice; and last, but not least, Mr. Max Cormier, of Edmundston. Mr. Cormier bases his claim on the fact that he is an Acadian and once ran for the Dominion Parliament—and lost his deposit.

## Other Aspirants.

Mr. R. A. Lawlor, K. C., of Chatham, is making a strong pull for the position and has considerable backing; but it rather looks at this distance as if he will have to be content with a promise.

Other names mentioned are Mr. W. B. Chandler, K. C., of Moncton, Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C., of St. John, and Premier Clarke. The odds seem to be in Mr. Chandler's favor. He is a sound lawyer who has never been in politics, although his experience as an investigator of Local Government scandals has given him a fairly good working knowledge of the game as played in the province.

## Precedent Not Wanted.

It is more than likely that whoever is appointed will be named Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench. The Liberals, when they had the appointment of a Chief Justice in this province, promoted a gentleman who had been a Conservative in politics. They did the same thing in Nova Scotia, but nobody expects a Conservative govern-

ment to follow any such precedent, unless compelled to do so as a matter of expediency.

## More Trouble Coming.

There will be more trouble for Minister Hazen when Chief Justice McLeod retires, which he is said to be prepared to do at any time. Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., of St. John, thought he was slated for this position a few months ago, but lately discovered that there are others with similar thoughts. Mr. H. A. Powell, K. C., thinks the appointment should go to somebody about his size, and then there is Premier Clarke to be reckoned with. Hon. Mr. Clarke will only consent to be crowded out of the Premiership on one condition—that he is appointed to the bench. Otherwise he will stay with the ship and go down with it. Believing that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, he wants to be appointed to the present vacancy, and will waive his claim only on condition that he succeed Chief Justice McLeod.

Attorney General Baxter would like to escape from public life by the judicial route, but his chances do not seem to be overly bright. As "what we have we'll hold" seems to be the slogan nowadays with respect to judgeships, Mr. Baxter, it is said, takes the ground that as the position is now held by a bachelor, another representative of that great care-free class should be named as his successor. How much weight Minister Hazen will attach to this unique claim remains to be seen. Indeed, the knowing ones say that Minister Hazen has about made up his mind to name himself as the successor to Chief Justice McLeod. He will first, however, name a successor to Sir A. P. Landry and chances are that he will not unduly delay the matter.

From present indications, there are likely to be a lot of disappointed ones when a successor to Sir P. A. Landry is named.

An optimist is a fellow who lets a dentist make him believe it won't hurt. All may not be gold that glitters; but a whole lot of the glitters seem to get by all right.

Perhaps you have noticed that one can't always jump at conclusions without taking a tumble.

A pessimist is one who won't eat blueberry pie because it makes the mouth blue.

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## DEATH AT CHIPMAN.

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Mrs. Samuel Baird, aged 85, died on Saturday evening at her home in Chipman after an illness of three weeks. She leaves her husband, two brothers, Isaac and William Snodgrass; two sisters, Miss Mary Anna and Mrs. James McLean, all of Young's Cove, and the following children: Robert S., of Salmon Creek; Thomas, of Montana; Isaac and Mary, on the homestead; Rev. Frank Baird, of St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Woodstock; Edward, of Boston; Mrs. Margaret Jones, wife of the Chancellor of the University of New Brunswick. Mrs. Baird was highly esteemed in the community, and her death is regretted by a large number of friends.

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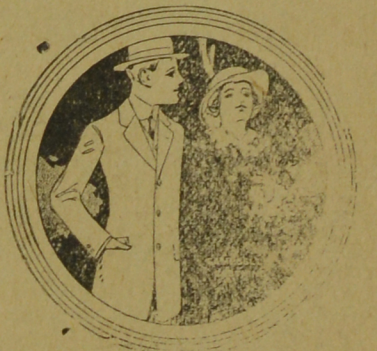
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of a few yards that will throw you off the scent if you don't look out. Sometimes the trail is the way of a mountain stream, but just where you should emerge on the other side is a mystery unless you are in charge of guide or outfitter. A bog, too, will play tricks on you, for it carries few traces of other travellers.

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loops. There is the one from Glacier station up the Cougar Valley to the caves and back by a loop route and over a pass that brings to view some of the sublimest scenery in the Selkirk. The literal ups and downs of this unique scenic route, as the railways would say, add to the interest, now in the bed of the valley, closed in by trees and huge plants like the Devil's Club, now climbing a thousand feet from which superb views are had of the king peaks like Sir Donald.

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Lake Louise will also provide delectable trail paths, especially that leading to Paradise Valley and its circle of giant summits, and Sentinel Pass, leading to the valley of the Ten Peaks, while in the Rocky Mountain Park and Banff, the routes are multiplying year by year.

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