

# CHURCH SCANDAL IN PARIS TO BE AIRED IN COURT

Paris, Dec. 9.—Ferdinand Edmond Duez, at one time liquidator for the property of the Congregations, dissolved by the Associated Law, who confessed last March to the embezzlement of \$2,000,000, has been held for trial before the Assize Court, charged with breach of trust and forgery. His confidential secretary, Martin Gautier, and two agents, Lefebvre and Breton have been held on similar charges.

Not since the days of Panama scandal was France so stirred by revelations of fraud in official circles as when the news was published in March last that one of the three liquidators of church property had confessed that he had embezzled \$2,000,000 of the funds resulting from the sale of the property of the religious associations dissolved by the law of 1901.

On account of the magnitude of the sum involved and hints that more than one high official was intimately concerned in the fraud the affair instantly became the subject of interpellations in parliament which led to bitter attacks on the government and became a real political issue. Mons. Briand, the premier, promised a full and impartial enquiry, with the severest punishment for the guilty ones, and his attitude was approved by an immense majority in the Chamber of Deputies.

Ferdinand Edmond Duez was judicial administrator of the Civil Tribunal of the Department of the Seine. He was in charge of the liquidation of the property of thirteen congregations the most important of which was the Christian Brothers, who had about two thousand schools in Algeria. Others were the Misericordie Missions, the Picpus Fathers, the Maristists, Oblates, Redemptorists and Oratorians and the ladies of Saint-Maur.

The total value of these properties had been appraised at \$212,000,000 and the government expected that they would yield \$200,000,000 out of which the old age pensions voted by Parliament could be paid. When Duez was arrested about half of the 760 liquidations had been made and the total sum actually turned over to the treasury was only \$1,461,331. Duez confessed that he had taken \$2,000,000 his private secretary, Martin Gauthier made a similar admission to the extent of \$400,000 and another secretary Pottel, said he had taken \$6,000. Bourse speculations which had turned out badly, were given by Duez as the cause of his downfall.

Charges of collusion between the liquidator and the purchase of the Chartreuse property were made in Parliament when it was learned that property for which \$1,000,000 had been offered, had been sold for \$100,000. Altogether about \$11,000,000 is still unaccounted for.

It was due to the efforts of Mons. Briand that the scandal was bared. The Premier had been informed that Duez was implicated in a fraud of \$100,000 before being appointed liquidator. He ordered an inquiry and Duez was dismissed. Mons. Lamarquis who succeeded him began a systematic examination of the records, which, however, he found so hopelessly involved that he could not get at the details. He taxed Duez with embezzlement and the latter admitted it.

It was at first believed that Duez not being actually a government official, but employed merely for a certain task, would be placed on trial for ordinary embezzlement, the punishment of which would be only a few months' imprisonment. The graver charges of forgery and breach of trust were, however, added afterwards.

In the press and during the debates on the affair in the Chamber of Deputies the bitterest feeling was displayed. The Catholic and royalist newspapers were in high glee at the discovery of fraud, which they thought would prove a crushing blow to the government. The socialists were enraged to find that the vaunted \$200,000,000 for old age pensions was not forthcoming. Mons. Jaures, the socialist leader, made violent attacks on the premier, whom he accused of trying to shield the guilty persons.

Mons. Briand denied that any member of the Cabinet of any high government official was concerned in the frauds, and offered to give the Chamber an opportunity of examining every document in the case.

Duez before his arrest was living quietly with his wife in an apartment

in the Latin quarter. He made no great display of wealth and credit has been given to his story of unlucky speculations on the Bourse. Other persons connected with the liquidation have, however, been the target for criticism on account of sudden affluence, and it is expected that in the course of the trial names will be mentioned which will disclose a scandal as far reaching in its consequences as that which resulted from the revelation of Arton's juggling with the Panama funds.

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## LAST OF LUCKNOW'S V.C.'S.

Sir Anthony Dickson Home, V. C., K. C. B., who on Wednesday celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday, is the last man left of the little band of eleven cut off after the march of Havelock's column of relief into the Lucknow Residency—who in September 1857 held a house in a Lucknow bazaar against 1,000 sepoys for one long day and night defending wounded men.

Sir Anthony was a surgeon then attached to the 90th Light Infantry, and was with the rearguard that could not force its way through to the Residency with the main body of Havelock's men on September 25.

The events of September 26, which gained him the Victoria Cross are still fresh in the memory of Sir Anthony.

"With a guard of 150 men," he said "I was sent forward to convey the wounded into the Residency. Sepoys were all around us on the house tops firing down, and when we reached a raised bazaar the native bearers of the doolees, or palanquins, in which the wounded were borne dropped their burdens and fled.

"With four men to help me I dragged some of the wounded into a one story house, where the other soldiers ran to join us. There was only ten effective men in the house and outside I calculated 1,000 sepoys. They massacred the wounded men left in the doolees, shooting and cutting them to pieces. We made a pile of dead to obstruct sepoys who tried to rush the house, and kept up a steady fire.

"During the night there were only seven of us left fit to fight. The horrors of the night were awful, for others of our wounded had fallen into the sepoys' hands, and they burned them to death within our sight. When daylight came we had given over hope. All at once, however, we heard the crack of Enfield rifles near at hand. 'Them's our chaps' shouted



PRINCESS MARIE ANNA OF SCHAUMBURG-LIPPE FROM THE WEEK

## INTERPROVINCIAL CONFERENCE WAS A FAILURE

Ottawa, Dec. 9.—The conference of the provincial premiers and their colleagues, held in the railway committee room of the senate, to discuss the question of the representation of the Maritime Provinces in the House of Commons, was adjourned this afternoon without agreement having been reached to support the request of Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick that there should be no reduction in their representation in the Commons, owing to the increase in the unit of population through the growth of the population in Quebec.

Sir James Whitney, who acted as chairman of the conference, handed out the following colorless announcement at the close of the afternoon's sitting.

"The question of the representation of the Maritime Provinces in the House of Commons was presented in full and comprehensive manner by the Hon. Messrs. Hazen, Haszard, McLean and Flemming, and after a general discussion it was unanimously decided to postpone further consideration of the question to a future date to be decided upon."

As foreshadowed, the representatives of Quebec, Ontario and the western provinces, while not offering any very strong objection to the request of the Maritime Provinces for joint action in securing an amendment to the British North America act which would guarantee to each of the provinces of the confederation a representation in the Commons equal to what it had at the time of joining the union, at the same time declined to endorse the proposal. In effect, therefore, the other provinces had adopted a non-committal attitude leaving the Maritime Provinces to fight out their own battle.

Inasmuch as the attitude adopted by the Dominion Government when the question was up for discussion last session was that there should be no amendment to the British North America act along the lines proposed except by agreement of all the provinces, the prospects are not bright for any action by the Dominion parliament.

Premier Whitney was chosen chairman. Other representatives were: Hon. J. J. Foy, attorney general of Ontario; Premier Hazen and Hon. J. K. Flemming of New Brunswick; Premier Haszard and Hon. H. F. Palmer, representing P. E. Island; Hon. A. K. MacLean, acting premier and attorney general of Nova Scotia; Premier Sir Lomer Gouin, Hon. Mr. Taschereau and Hon. Mr. McKenzie, of Quebec; Hon. Robert Rogers of Manitoba, and Hon. Walter Scott, representing Saskatchewan and Alberta.

a soldier named Ryan, who I had told off to watch Sure enough it was a relief force out from the Residency and we cheered like mad all together we had looked death in the face for a day and a night and won safety in the end."

## JIM HILL STRONG FOR RECIPROCITY

New York, Dec. 9.—James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway, made last night a strong written plea for reciprocity with Canada at the fourteenth annual dinner of the Canadian Society at Delmonico's. Mr. Hill is in the West at present, and his speech was read by Dr. Geo. David Stewart, formerly president of the society.

Both nations, he said, demanded a closer and more definite commercial compact, and he thought, that if a consensus of opinion could be taken, reciprocity would have a majority on both sides of the line. Canada, he pointed out, is today the third best customer of the United States, and our imports and exports to the Dominion have increased within the last ten years 131 per cent.

"Opportunity, says the proverb, knocks once at the door of every man. If he does not open, she never returns." Whether this is true or not of the individual, it is not true of nations. The larger life of communities has more than one chance to rectify mistakes, and Canada and the United States have failed during most of their past to improve the opportunity plainly awaiting them.

"In many relations there is complete and cordial understanding between them. They comprehend each other. It is substantially impossible to imagine any great crisis that should range the people of these two countries on opposing sides. Our Great Lakes are free from the menace of ships of war, our railroads the boundary unweaved, our people move freely back and forth. Only trade is fettered. While professing many of the same economic doctrines and enforcing them against the rest of the world they have aimed their missiles against each other. For nearly half a century trade reciprocity, the birthright and manifest destiny of both, has been denounced. Again and again in the form of enlightened statesmanship of one side of the line or the other, the advice of great men of letters, like the late Goldwin Smith, or great political leaders like Sir Wilfrid Laurier, opportunity has called to us, and been denied.

"If we are to levy only such imports," the address continues, "as will equalize the cost of production here and elsewhere—and that is now the universal slogan—then there would be free trade between the United States and Canada immediately.

In support of this statement, Mr. Hill contended that there was virtually no difference in wages or cost of raw products, with few exceptions in the two countries.

"Canada and the United States have failed to improve the opportunity plainly awaiting them," he declared. "It is possible that these countries lay again, as they have failed so many times in the past since 1866, to listen to intelligent and self-interest, combined with real statesmanship, as embodied in the reciprocity policy, the voice of opportunity may be silenced forever by the changing circumstances that alter permanently the outlook of nations as well as the fortunes of men. In both nations today a thousand interests are calling for a close-

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No. 323—Suburban for Gibson and Marysville, 16.20.  
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No. 318—Suburban from Marysville 8.15.  
No. 302—Express from Loggieville, Chatham Junction, 13.20.  
No. 322—Suburban from Marysville 13.45.  
No. 304—Mixed from Loggieville and Chatham Junction, 18.50.  
No. 326—Suburban from Marysville, 18.20.  
No. 328—Suburban from Marysville, 19.15.  
No. 330—Suburban from Marysville, 22.35.

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#### DEPARTURES.

6:20 a. m.—Express for St. John, Portland, Boston, Woodstock, etc.  
8:15 a. m.—Mixed for Woodstock and points North. Leaves St. Marys at 8:35.  
9:45 a. m.—Express for St. John and points east.  
4:30 p. m.—Mixed for Woodstock, via Gibson branch. (Daily.)  
5:45 p. m.—Express for Montreal, St. John, Woodstock, St. Stephen, etc.  
9:00 p. m.—Express for St. John and points east.

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9:10 a. m.—Express from St. John and points east.  
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Take notice that your Parish and County rates, Road Taxes, School Taxes and Water and Fire Taxes, are as follows:

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\$1.05	\$1.20	\$1.27	\$1.65	\$1.80
\$1.80	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$1.80	\$1.80
WATER AND FIRE.				
1905	1906	1907	1908	1909
\$0.80	\$0.64	\$0.72	\$0.96	\$0.86

have not been paid, and unless the same, with the expenses of advertising, are paid within two months, your real estate will be sold or proceedings taken for the recovery of said rates and taxes.

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Dated the 30th day of November, A. D., 1910.

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