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ENGLISH APPRECIATION

The Canadian Gazette of London, in its last issue, devotes appreciative paragraphs to both Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Fielding. Of the Premier it says:

The moral of the Drummond-Arthabaska by-election is the moral of patience and conciliation. Under the guidance of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Quebec has been led to support the establishment of a tariff preference for the Motherland and the sending of Canadian contingents to South Africa. No other Canadian statesman could have carried so far the reconciliation of the opinion of Quebec with that of the rest of Canada. The formation of the beginnings of a Canadian navy has for the moment, in the absence of adequate explanation, proved too much for Jean Baptiste, but just as the statesmanship of a Cartier sufficed to bring Quebec into confederation so the statesmanship of a Laurier, and even of a Bourassa, will, we believe, with patience and conciliation, keep Quebec a willing co-operator in the greatest of modern federalising movements. All the same it would be easy to exaggerate the consequences of the rebuff. There is nothing to show that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has lost the cunning of the old political hand to which he has owed his supremacy for so many years in Quebec and in much else beside Quebec.

The phrase, "and even of a Bourassa," is a little obscure. Certainly that gentleman will have to suffer a great change of heart before he becomes a force for conciliation in Canadian politics.

Of Mr. Fielding, and his temporary absence from rest, this British paper says:

Mr. Paterson and the other ministers will do what in them lies to carry on his work, but it is impossible to replace offhand a Finance Minister who has been in power for fourteen years; in fact, for the whole period of the successive Laurier administrations. As Finance Minister he is the author of the tariff system under which a new industrial Canada has come into existence, he has set a new pace for the whole empire in the matter of preference, and has provided the means of entrance into trading arrangements with six foreign States. Against the Minister who has done this there has been no breath of suspicion, personal or political. He has earned the respect and esteem of political foes as well as colleagues and supporters. He has been a safe and true custodian of Canada's national finances, and he will carry with him in what all hope may be a period of recuperation the sympathies and best wishes of every friend of the Dominion.

Calgary Herald—The fact is a woman stands no more chance of matrimony in Calgary than she does in Montreal. Not in the mind of the observant, who walks the streets, and keeps his eyes open. This dogma of wife hunger in the west is one of the last phantoms to be slain. And if the necessary trouble be taken to acquaint oneself with the facts it will be found as conclusive and satisfying as the indestructible logic of the multiplication tables. In this Odyssey of ours in the west a man may reminiscence desire once more to see a woman sewing quietly in the lamplight; but he does not marry. This idea of matrimonial riot was sounded from the housetops in England some time ago, and what happened to the adventurous virgins who answered the siren call, and braved the elements of the vasty deep? They are now largely waitresses in restaurants or the acidulated vests of the seminaries in our midst. The man who cannot get a wife, whether he be

farmer, or sailor, tinker or tailor, real estate man or banker, without advertising for one, is a poor thing, when the western woods are full of women.

The last number of the Busy Man's Magazine contains portraits and short sketches of the provincial premiers. Of Hon. J. D. Hazen it says:

"A member of the Church of England and with miles of family tradition, Honorable John Douglas Hazen sits calmly at the head of the New Brunswick government and orders the appearance and disappearance of that other luminary, the Sun. He is marked in the Parliamentary Companion "Liberal Conservative" which probably means Tory. When Premier Robinson and his colleagues found their work getting too arduous for them they retired and Mr. Hazen took up the leadership of the government."

The correspondence between Premier Hazen and the Fredericton School Board on the question of admitting pupils from Sunbury to the local High School without the payment of tuition fees, makes interesting reading. Although the Premier represents Sunbury in the Legislature, he was apparently ignorant of the fact that his county possessed a grammar school. It is quite evident that the Premier is altogether too anxious to play to the galleries. Had he first gone to the trouble of ascertaining the facts in this case, he would not have found it necessary to engage in correspondence with the School Board.

St. Catherines Journal—Sir Wilfrid's philosophy over the whole by-election and its features is the soundest one—that the success of the Nationalists was a good thing to happen. It will not only bring to light what disloyalty and social strife is being sown by Bourassa and his lieutenant, but will be the undoing of the Conservative party unless its leader denounces the whole affair and the men who figured in it.

Greenwood, B. C. Ledger—The "rushing of the growler" has received a bump in this Province, owing to the fact that hotelmen cannot sell more than one quart of beer at a time to one customer without breaking the law. Such a law does no good, for it will force people to buy wholesale and run the risk of drinking far more than will be good for their physical anatomy.

It used to be the custom for a prisoner released on bail and remanded, to put in an appearance in court on the day fixed for his preliminary examinations—but, then, this was before the days of the Hazen Government. They are not so gentlemanly nowadays.

DOMINION COAL CO. ACQUIRES SPRINGHILL MINES

Montreal, Nov. 30.—At a late hour this evening, Mr. J. H. Plummer gave out the following statement:

"It has been arranged that a controlling interest in the stock of the Cumberland Coal & Railway Company will at once be transferred to the leading directors of the Dominion Steel Corporation. There will be for the present no change in the local management. The general policy to be pursued will be that in force in the Dominion Coal Company."

This announcement of the president of the Dominion Steel Corporation is of the greatest importance, as it hitches up a very valuable property with the greatest steel company in the Dominion, and will no doubt bring to an end the unfortunate strike at Springhill, which has been on for more than fourteen months.

The securities of the acquired company are a bond issue of \$1,000,000, and \$2,000,000 of stock, and although the directors have taken the controlling interest personally, it will, of course, be eventually merged with the big company.

The company's policy is to secure largest coal areas possible in anticipation of a very great steel industry, and the statement is made that the railway from Springhill Junction to Pugwash will be at once carried on to completion.

MAUGERVILLE

Nov. 30.—Mr. Thomas Mahoney, who has been undergoing treatment in Fredericton, returned home Saturday.

Miss Eliza Miles has recovered from her recent illness.

Mrs. A. R. Miles has as a guest her sister, Mrs. B. H. Thomas, Moncton. Congratulations are being offered to Mr. and Mrs. Upton—twin girls. Messrs. McCluskey, Long and Kilmen have returned from St. John.

CARLETON'S ABLE MEMBER TAKES A HAND IN DEBATE

Scores Conservative Leader For His Change of Front on the Naval Question --Ex-Conservative Whip Admits that He Wired Congratulations to Monk on Result of Arthabaska Election.

Ottawa, Nov. 30.—The close of the debate on the address was not achieved today, though the whips had planned it for Monday. It is likely that the division will be pulled off tomorrow and the house will get down to work.

The house met at 2 o'clock today and spent the first hour and a half wrangling over the right of Mr. Biondin, M. P., to read and put on Hansard an attack on the minister of marine.

In the end the article was read. It called Hon. Mr. Brodeur a falsifier for having read an extract from a report of Mr. Biondin's speech against the English, and credited it to a report in LeDevoir.

The minister explained that he had credited this to LeDevoir by mistake. He had seven extracts, five of which were from Mr. Bourassa's paper, and inadvertently he had credited all of them to that paper.

Hon. Mackenzie King introduced a bill to prohibit in Canada not only the importation, manufacture and the sale of opium, but its use as well.

A feature of the sitting was an able speech by F. B. Carvell on the address.

George Taylor, former Conservative whip, stated that he had telegraphed congratulations to Mr. Monk on the Drummond-Arthabaska result because he and Mr. Monk were old friends, and he was glad to see Mr. Monk win whenever he was in a fight. For referring to the despatch in the way he had, he declared that Mr. Miller was not an honorable man, not a reliable man, not a truthful man and not a loyal man. The house laughed at this outbreak. Mr. Miller had in a previous speech intimated that it was hardly proper for Mr. Taylor to telegraph congratulations on a disloyal victory.

T. W. Crothers, Conservative, criticized Mr. Turcotte for stating that one day Canada would be independent or annexed.

Mr. Turcotte stated that was his opinion still, but if there was ever a separation there would be constitutional separation and continued friendship for and alliance with Great Britain.

F. B. CARVELL.

F. B. Carvell said of trade negotiations with the United States, that if anything could be done to benefit the producer in Canada and open markets, hitherto closed, it was the duty of the government to do what it could to bring the result about. To him then, it was the duty of the government to do what it could in that direction.

He charged Mr. Crothers with unfairness in his statements affecting the Liberal campaign in Drummond-Arthabaska and read a letter published in The Toronto Mail and Empire from Mr. Perrault, the defeated Liberal candidate, denying that he had ever expressed sentiments in favor of the separation of Canada from the Empire. The more Conservative members talked on the question of the navy, said Mr. Carvell, the more pitfalls they made for themselves.

Mr. Carvell contrasted the various policies enunciated by the leader of the opposition, and, commenting on Mr. Borden's reference to imperial confederation, pointed out that apparently the latest idea of the opposition was that no contribution should be made to the British navy until imperial federation had been accomplished, which, in his opinion, would not be for generations.

The leader of the opposition had denied that there was an alliance between the Conservative party and the Nationalist party, but Mr. Carvell believed that Mr. Bourassa was working in co-operation or with the Conservative party. Canada's duty to the British empire was to help, not with money, but with men and men could not be trained without ships.

Mr. Foster moved the adjournment of the debate.

FREDERICTON SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

(Continued from page eight.)

SCHOOL BOARD'S REPLY.

Fredericton, Oct. 29th 1910.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, Premier,

St. John, N. B.

Dear Sir:—

I am directed by the Board of School Trustees of this city, to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th ult., re A. R. Miles, and to say that the arrangement to which you refer was only a temporary concession on its part, and was so intended and understood by the Board.

Since that time pupils from Sunbury County have been charged and paid the customary fees. The Board is not aware of any legislation that concedes free tuition in the Fredericton Grammar School to pupils from outside of York County. It costs the taxpayers of this city thirty-eight dollars a year, in excess of all the Provincial allowance to teachers, for each pupil from Fredericton on the Grammar School enrollment, and the Board thinks it is acting in a most liberal manner in allowing pupils from outside the County of York for the moderate fee of twenty dollars a year, to have the privilege of attendance at its well equipped High School staff of teachers. The three Grammar School teachers now employed in the Fredericton High School, receive at the rate of eleven hundred and fifty

dollars yearly from the Grammar School Grant, which is five hundred and fifty dollars more than the same teachers would receive if the Board was conducting a Superior, instead of a Grammar School. For this extra sum of only five hundred and fifty dollars, fifty-two pupils from the County of York, outside of the city of Fredericton, are now enrolled, and have the privilege of attending the High School with all its advantages, free of tuition fees; the Board is therefore, receiving about ten dollars and sixty cents a year for each of these fifty-two pupils in comparison with the actual cost to the rate payers of this city of thirty-eight dollars for each pupil from Fredericton on the enrollment of the same school.

From a purely financial point of view this city would make a considerable annual saving without in the least impairing the splendid educational advantages now imparted to its pupils, if it were to abolish the Grammar School and conduct a Superior School instead, and thereby having only to make provision for the pupils of this city.

The Sunbury County Grammar School is now established at Fredericton Junction, with Mr. Brooks as Principal, and is understood to be doing good work. Pupils from Sunbury have therefore now the opportunity and privilege of attending their own County Grammar School.

The Board feels sure, Mr. Premier, that the facts here stated will receive your careful consideration, and that you will be convinced that in the Fredericton High School, an educational institution has been established and is maintained at a heavy cost to the citizens of this city, that is a

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MR. HAZEN'S RETREAT

St. John, N. B., Nov. 1, 1910.

Charles A. Sampson, Esq.,

Sec. Board of School Trustees,

Fredericton, N. B.

Dear Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 30th ult., with regard to pupils from Sunbury County attending the Grammar School at Fredericton without paying tuition fees.

I will write you again in reference to this matter, but may say that when I wrote you before I was under the impression that there was no Grammar School in Sunbury County, and that therefore the arrangement made some years ago would still continue. If, however, you are correct, as I presume you are, in your statement to the effect that there is a Grammar School now established at Fredericton Junction, which is receiving the ordinary Grammar School grant from the province, it entirely changes the situation and I do not think that pupils from Sunbury under those circumstances would have the right of free tuition at Fredericton Grammar School.

I entirely agree with you that the Fredericton High School under its present management is a credit to the county and to the capital city of the province. Its record for many years past has been a splendid one.

I am, yours very truly,

J. D. HAZEN

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