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MR. CROCKET AS A PROPHET

Victoria Times.—Mr. Crocket, Conservative M. P. for York, (New Brunswick), thinks the West is with Mr. Borden. As Mr. Crocket's knowledge of the situation was gained from interested observation through the windows of his car while crossing the continent, we must decline to accept his opinion as authoritative. But we would appreciate some information about his own province, New Brunswick, which returned eleven Liberals and two Conservatives—himself and Dr. Daniel—in the last general election. What are the prospects of the government capturing those two remaining seats? According to Dr. Pugsley they assuredly will be taken into the Liberal fold and we wonder at the reckless member venturing so far away. Like many of his colleagues in opposition, Mr. Crocket feigns optimism and professes to see a Conservative victory in the next election. As a matter of fact he knows that his party is so disorganized that it dare not hold a convention, and could not retain even the strength it has in an election, and we predict a greater disorganization in its ranks next session. What a spectacle it presented in the supercession of Mr. Foster! In Ontario prominent Conservatives, with Mr. Borden standing by, read him out of the party; in New Brunswick the provincial Conservative premier, Mr. Hazen, and other stalwarts of the party, practically subscribe to a vote of confidence in him. In other words, one wing of the party desires Mr. Foster's decapitation and the other wing insists upon his retention. The same lack of harmony exists in the consideration of large national questions, and Mr. Borden cannot lay down a policy that would be acceptable to the various sections of his party. Why should the country return the Conservatives to power? They have no policy but scandal-mongering and puerile aspersions upon the loyalty of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who perceives vaster possibilities in the Empire than the limited imaginations of his critics can grasp. Four times defeated at the polls, the Conservative party in Canada today is no stronger than it was eight years ago, and it cannot hope to regain the confidence of the electorate when it has nothing to offer but insinuations as to the loyalty and integrity of its opponents. Mr. Crocket's own province is a case in point.

A PERVERTED INTELLIGENCE

In the course of his tour of the western provinces, Sir Wilfrid Laurier has given many illustrations of that courtesy and genial good nature which are at once characteristic of him and explanatory of his extraordinary popularity. That any public men or party journals should seek to make it appear that Sir Wilfrid's action is other than genuine, but is only a put up game played for the purpose of effect, is scarcely conceivable, and could only be regarded as the outcome of disordered and perverted minds.

Yet there are such men and such journals. Mark the following from the St. John Standard, apparently borrowed from the Toronto Mail and Empire:

"An illustration of his courtesy was afforded by his conduct one morning when a little lad knocked at the door of the drawing room car and informed Fred Pardee, M. P., who appears to have been acting as valet, that he had received a camera for a birthday gift and that he wished to try it upon the principal visitor to the town. Of the desire of the young photographer Sir Wilfrid was informed. Some statesmen would have sent the child away gruffly. Not so Sir Wilfrid. With the urbanity for which he is famous he stood up and was photographed, after which he generously gave the lad a chocolate.

"Another incident is equally touching and equally informing. A little lady was sent to give the Premier a bouquet. Instead of seizing the flowers and giving a short brusque 'Thank you' to the child, Sir Wilfrid graciously laid aside all thoughts of his importance for the moment and left a kiss on the brow of his young friend. The little girl wept, possibly for joy, upon being caressed by such an exalted gentleman, and the incident so affected the observers that one of them, a Galician, went home and ordered his new son and heir to be christened Wilfrid Laurier Projenski in honor of the public man, who in spite of cares of state, could regard with favor a little girl.

"That Sir Wilfrid is careful of the little people is announced in several of the reports of his proceedings. A proof was given at Edmonton. There a boy sat on the sill of a high window near the platform. It occurred to Sir Wilfrid that the boy might fall. Inspired by this fear Sir Wilfrid gave expression to the memorable words: 'Hadin't that child better be removed?' whereupon the mother drew him to a place of safety and the life of a Canadian, who some day may occupy a very high position, was thus saved. A more delightful incident is that recorded as having taken place in the mountains two days ago. Following a trail, Sir Wilfrid met two little girls, one of 12 and the other of 14, mounted on a pony. The right honorable gentleman at once delivered one of his speeches to them, eulogizing the glories of the scenery and urging them to maintain a high standard of Canadianism.

It was on the occasion of the collision that Sir Wilfrid displayed a quality that does not belong to all politicians, namely, solicitude for the welfare of others. The trains came together with a thud, and the right honorable gentleman slid from the sofa, while the glasses and bottles dropped with a crash from the table. Without the slightest thought for himself, but as usual thinking of others, Sir Wilfrid inquired of Geo. Graham, 'Is anybody hurt?'

It requires very little intelligence on the part of the reader to perceive the spirit in which the above article is written. There may not be much fault to be found with the language, but the intention is plain enough. 'It's not so much wot 'e sed, as the nawsty w'y 'e sed it.' We would like to ask any decent minded man or woman whether they would have had Sir Wilfrid do otherwise than he did on each occasion? Yet the Standard describes what is related of him as 'rubbish' that is meant to magnify him, which some Liberals appreciate, 'but this class cannot be numerous.'

If this sort of thing is 'rubbish' when related of the Liberal Leader, matters of a similar nature must be 'rubbish' when related of the Conservative leader, and in this respect the Standard is as guilty on the 'Boswells' it so sarcastically refers to, who chronicle Sir Wilfrid's doings. We quote from the issue of that paper for June 22nd last: 'Yesterday at Trenton, Mr. Borden was shaking hands with a little tot of six years, who gave him a flower. 'Is your father a Conservative, my dear?' asked Mr. Borden. 'No sir, he's a baker,' lisped the little one.'

This is given by the Standard as an example of the 'noticeable advance made by Mr. Borden as a campaign speaker.

At least Sir Wilfrid did not demand of the children an explanation of their father's politics.

Victoria Times.—Mr. O. S. Crocket, a Conservative M. P. from New Brunswick, has been telling the Colonist what he knows, and some things he does not know, about politics—Conservative victory at next election, Imperialism, loyalty, independence, and what not. Listen: 'Perhaps I am fatuous, but I believe that the more Sir Wilfrid Laurier stumps the country the better for the Conservative cause.' Mr. Crocket is not a 'bad sort'—if we except his inability to restrain a virtuous indignation when he discusses the Hon W. Pugsley—but most people will agree with him that he is 'fatuous,' or worse. The sort of balderdash Mr. Crocket laddled out to the Colonist is good enough for a backwoods audience in New Brunswick, but this is Victoria.

Mr. Crocket, one of the only two Conservatives representing New Brunswick in the Dominion House of Commons, tells the Colonist that the tour of Sir Wilfrid Laurier 'is not bringing anything like the results which were expected from it.' That is what might be termed a truly oracular deliverance. In what way shall results be estimated? Settlers have flocked in thousands to wait upon the Prime Minister. They have listened with eagerness to his message. They have hung upon his words. They have applauded his eloquence. The tour of

COLONEL W. D. GORDON TO RETIRE FROM MILITIA

Popular Officer, Well Known in Fredericton to be Relieved From the Quebec Command--Announcement Caused Surprise in Montreal Military Circles--No Reason Given--Has Been in Poor Health.

(Montreal Star.)

"Quebec command—Col. W. D. Gordon, officer commanding the command, is retired 31st August, 1910."

The above terse sentence in the Militia Gazette issued in Ottawa today has set military circles wondering. There was not the slightest foreshadowing of such action of the department, and what the cause may be is the talk of his fellow officers.

Both in Ottawa and in Montreal official circles there is complete reserve as to the reason.

At the militia department in Ottawa today it was stated that no successor to Col. Gordon had yet been appointed.

"Why was he retired and where will he be sent?" was asked.

"I can only say he retired," stated the Deputy Minister, who referred enquirers to Col. Lessard. The latter took the ground that any announcements should come from the Deputy Minister and declined to discuss the case.

At militia headquarters here today it was stated that Col. Gordon was in Kingston and that Lt. Col. Doy, Chief Staff Officer, was in Three Rivers. There was no one in authority to give out official information regarding the commanding officer's retirement, although it was apparent that the news was known to all connected with the headquarters staff.

A PREMATURE ANNOUNCEMENT.

A statement issued at the Militia Department this afternoon is to the effect that while Col. Gordon is to be retired the announcement went into the Militia Gazette today prematurely. It seems it has not yet been approved by His Excellency, but that is a formality.

Col. Gordon has been in ill health more or less of late and at times was unable to attend to his duties. Two weeks ago during such a period some difficulty arose in the brigade office which made his presence necessary. As a result he was called to Ottawa last week and the announcement in today's Gazette is supposed to be the sequel.

LONG MILITARY CAREER

Lieut.-Col. William Dunlop Gordon was born on February 16, 1852, at Peterborough, Ont. He commenced his military career at the early age

of sixteen as a private on the 14th P. W. O. Rifles at Kingston; and after passing through the various N. C. O. grades he was appointed ensign on December 10, 1869, lieutenant, June 14, 1872; captain, June 27, 1873; brevet-major, June 27, 1878; major, July 20, 1883; appointed captain Infantry School Corps, December 21, 1883, on organization, and subsequently promoted major; brevet lieutenant-colonel, April 15, 1891.

Lieut. Col. Gordon has been in command of No. 4 Company, R. R. C. I., at Fredericton, when not employed on staff duty. He has had considerable experience on the staff, having been in command of Military Districts Nos. 9 and 12 from April, 1891, to May, 1893. He has also been employed in various staff appointments at district camps for many years.

On Lieut.-Col. Houghton's retirement in July, 1907, Lieut.-Col. Gordon was appointed D. O. C. of Military District No. 5. He is in possession of a first class military school certificate obtained when the regulars were stationed at Kingston; a first-class in school of gunnery, and a first-class, obtained at Halifax from the Yorkshire Regiment, at the time of the organization of the Infantry School Corps. He also passed the prescribed examination for tactical fitness for command at Aldershot, England, and obtained a certificate at the School of Musketry, Hythe. While in England, he obtained an equitation course with the 3rd Dragoon Guards. He did duty also with the corps in Kingston at the time of the Fenian Raid, 1870.

He was named Inspector of Infantry April 1, 1905 and in May of the same year was appointed to the command of Eastern Ontario with headquarters at Kingston.

In November 4th, 1909, he was appointed at Ottawa to succeed the late General Lawrence Buchan as Officer Commanding in Quebec, with headquarters in Montreal.

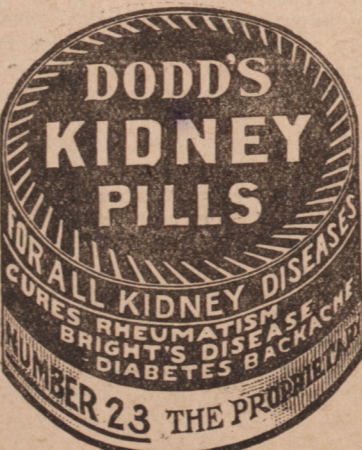
THREATENED TO SHOOT.

Fisheries Inspector H. E. Harrison has returned from Baker Lake, Madawaska County, where he has been since Monday investigating a case of illegal fishing. A poacher whose nets had been seized by Warden Long last year threatened to shoot that official. Mr. Harrison thinks the matter will not develop into anything very serious. Several seizures of nets have been made in Victoria County and one fine imposed. One offender in that county was eighty-four years of age. The inspector reports that on the Tobique the salmon fishing during the season just closed has been the best in some years.

A FOOLISH COURSE

Sackville Tribune.—Some short-sighted Conservative papers have been seeking to make political capital out of a couple of recent regrettable occurrences in which Liberal members of parliament have been prominent figures. Criticism based on the ground of public good is one thing; criticism based on the desire to obtain party advantage is an altogether different thing. The former may deserve approval; the latter frequently deserve condemnation. And with the latter there is always danger of retaliation. Let's see, wasn't it Mr.—? But perhaps the name had better be left unwritten.

Mr. J. A. Hayden, of Woodstock, is in the city.



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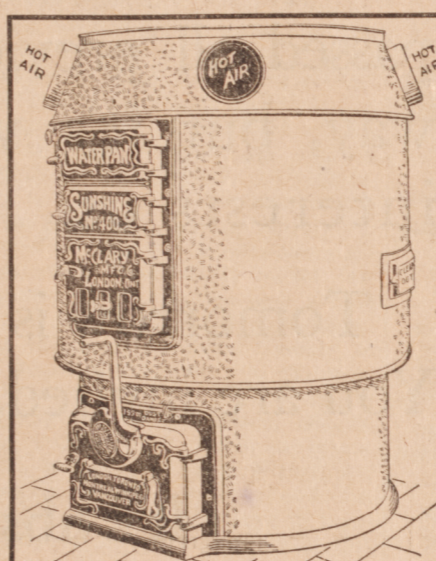
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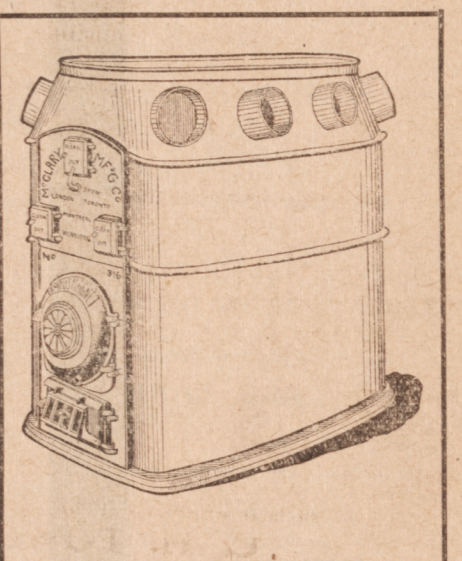
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The Executors of said Estate offer for sale that desirable residential property on the corner of Church and George Streets, also the Perley property on George Street, and other real estate owned by the late Judge Gregory.

J. FRASER GREGORY,
FRANCIS B. GREGORY,
Executors.

Aug. 16th, 1910.

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