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A Fact Which is Causing a Good Deal of Annoyance to the Opposition Party and its Press--A Comparison Between Conditions as They are to be Found Today and Those Which Prevailed During the Eighteen Years of Tory Rule, Discloses a Vastly Improved State of Affairs Now.

(Halifax Chronicle.)

Opposition orators and organs are sadly displeased because the Laurier Government is receiving a modest share of credit for the magnificent prosperity which Canada is enjoying and for the remarkable development which has taken place since the Liberals came into power in 1896. Time was when they used to sing another tune and to attribute everything under the sun to the genius of Tory statesmanship. But now, curiously enough, they are telling the people that the present government has had nothing at all to do with the country's prosperity, and that it is all due to a favoring Providence. Evidently they are ready to acknowledge the overruling hand of Providence in our national growth, but Providence chooses its instruments to execute its work, and these sensitive critics of the government seem to forget that Providence was working all the years in which they were in power. The resources of the country were as great the energy of the people was as active the soil was as good, the weather was equally favorable, and yet, instead of progressing, Canada was actually at a standstill. During the whole eighteen years of Tory rule, under the much-vaunted "National Policy," our trade was stationary and our industries stagnant. Provi-

dence did not seem to favor the Tory party. But the truth is that the Government has something to do with making and unmaking prosperity. The bases of prosperity are the soil and all it yields, and the energy and industry of the people. But much, too, depends upon the progressive character of the national policy, and the energy and skill with which the government of the day administers national affairs. The Conservative government naturally claimed credit for the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway, and if they are to receive credit therefor, surely the Liberal party is entitled to receive similar credit for the great work it has done developing and opening up the country. It is admitted by every business man who is at all competent to express an opinion that one of the most potent factors contributing to the progress and prosperity of the Dominion as a whole has been the aggressive immigration propaganda, inaugurated and carried on by the present administration. The opening up of the west since 1896 has been a great boon for the whole country. The building of railroads has brought in hosts of new settlers, who have added wealth to the Dominion and contributed largely to the development of all branches of trade and industry, in the east as well as in the west.

Our Conservative friends may not be willing to accord praise to the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier for the part which it has had in the creation of our present prosperity, but at an earlier stage in the life of this newspapers used to be filled with government, their speeches and their gloomy forebodings about the disaster and ruin which was to overtake Canadian industry as the result of the Liberal policy. We may be quite sure that if a period of trade depression were to come, these same partisans would be as ready to hold the government responsible therefor as they were to blame Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, Sir Richard Cartwright and their colleagues for the trade depression which was world-wide in the days of 1878. Now the prosperity is so widespread and so patent to everybody that if they were to deny that the country was making amazing progress, their statements would excite merely derision. One has only to contrast the growth since 1896 with the stagnation in those dark days of Tory rule, to see how preposterous is the contention of the Oppositionists that they and they alone were entitled to credit for Canada's proud position today. It is a contrast between splendid success and miserable failure. The Laurier prosperity is a very real thing.

TWO MURDERERS SAW THEIR WAY TO FREEDOM

Cut the Iron Bars of Their Prison Bedrooms and Made a Clean Get Away, Although Attendants were Sleeping in the Next Room.

Hamilton, Ont., Aug. 15.—Private Moir of London and Robert Frederick Taggart of Toronto, both murderers, escaped from the asylum here this morning by sawing through the iron bars on the windows of their bedrooms.

It is thought the men had assistance. Their escape was discovered about 5.30 this morning and a complete investigation shows they had been provided with a set of keys which insured the opening of the doors necessary to their escape. Moir was in a room by himself. It was heavily barred, but the desperate man climbed through a six-inch transom into the corridor. He then went to the room occupied by Taggart and opened the door with a key. The two men went to the bathroom door which they also opened with keys. There they changed their clothing, helping themselves to apparel belonging to the guards. They next went to the door leading to a flight of steps. That door they also opened with a key.

The attendants were sleeping in the next room but were not awakened. The two murderers walked down the steps and gained the open air by a side door, which they also opened with a key.

It is believed by the asylum officials that there was an automobile waiting for them and that the escape took place about 3 o'clock. If that is the case the two men have a big start and may be in the States by this time. The strangest part of the whole affair is that there were no guards although it was known that Moir was desperate having twice attempted to escape.

Just how he secured the keys is a mystery, and some significant statements are being made in that connection. Dr. English, medical superintendent has sent a full report to the department at Toronto.

Taggart had been in the asylum since 1899, and Moir since January 1909. Private Moir shot and killed Sergeant Lloyd on Good Friday, 1909 at Wolsely Barracks at London (Ont.) Moir was partly intoxicated at the time, and had been reprimanded by Lloyd. Seizing his rifle he followed the latter and shot him dead, then making his escape. Moir was captured, after a chase extending over several weeks, working on a farm north of Guelph. At the trial it was shown that he had been subject to fits and on this ground he got a life sentence in the Hamilton asylum.

Robert Frederick Taggart, who escaped with Moir, is also a murderer. His crime was beating his wife Rebecca, to death, in Toronto on November 25, 1898.

BANK OFFICIAL "COOKED" ACCOUNTS FOR YEARS TO SAVE BANK'S CREDIT

But Discovery Came at Last, Though it is Not Believed that the Official Personally Benefited by His Actions.

Biddeford, Me., Aug. 15.—Former Treasurer Richmond H. Ingersoll, of the County Savings Bank, who has been critically ill since Thursday when a shortage in the bank's accounts was discovered, is much improved to-night and unless something unforeseen sets in, his recovery is now assured. As soon as he is able to discuss business matters, two officials of the bank will visit the sick man and endeavor to enlist his aid in straightening out the tangle of figures in which the books of the institution have been found.

President Prescott, of the bank, to-night declared that, in spite of all statements and rumors to the contrary, no member of the directorate or any other person has yet the least idea of what the shortage will amount to. "We cannot hope to know how matters stand for some days," he said, "and then only through the co-operation of the depositors in the matter of bringing their pass-books to the bank for comparison. Some have already brought their books, but many others have not, and it is imperative, if we are to know where we stand, that the books be turned in immediately." So great is the faith in the stability of the closed institution that one prominent Biddeford man is already buying up the claims of depositors, paying an average of seventy-five cents on the dollar. He has, it is said, succeeded in gathering in a number of accounts, but the majority of the bank's depositors are satisfied to let matters rest and take their chances of getting the entire amount of their deposits.

Pride in the financial standing of the institution of which he had so long been treasurer, and fear that the announcement of poor investments should hurt that standing, led Richmond H. Ingersoll to make false entries in the books of the York County Savings Bank a quarter of a century ago and to continue the falsification through all these years without detection.

This is the accepted explanation of the closing of the doors of the York County Savings Bank yesterday after a discovery of a shortage in the funds had been made by the bank examiner. That Ingersoll himself did not profit by his manipulations of the moneys has yet to be proved, but bank officials and citizens generally do not believe he did.

Ingersoll had been treasurer of the bank for fifty years. Of recent years he has had an assistant to relieve him of a portion of his duties, but he has persistently declined to allow his assistant to work on the books. For years the directors and officers

MARYSVILLE TOPICS

Miss Blackmer of Fredericton spent Sunday with her friend Miss Mabel Logan.

Miss Belle Camber of Kingsclear is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Fisher.

Mr. Arthur Likely of Montreal is spending his vacation with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Likely. Master Ronald Robinson entertained his young friends at a lawn party yesterday afternoon, the occasion being his eleventh birthday. At six o'clock a dainty supper was served to which the young folks did ample justice.

Mrs. Luke Stewart, Miss Jennie McLaughlin and Miss Cunningham of Fredericton were in town on Monday afternoon visiting friends.

Mrs. Alfred Rowley and Miss Nan Rowley who have been in St. John for the past three weeks are expected home on Tuesday.

Stranger—"I say, my lad, what is considered a good score on these links?"

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of the bank have urged, even entreated, Ingersoll to take a vacation, but he has always been firm in his declaration that he did not need a vacation. Within the past twenty-four hours the officials have seen things in a different light—Ingersoll for years has been jealously guarding his secret at the expense of health and ease.

A month or more ago the directors of the bank voted to adopt a suggestion of the state bank examiner and advertise the accounts by number in a local paper, giving the amount of each account as shown by the books of the bank, and requesting depositors to compare the amounts with their pass books and report any discrepancy. That vote meant the discovery of Ingersoll's manipulation. He knew it and yet continued to work at his desk each day assisting in the preparation of the list, the publication of which would mean the loss of respect of his fellow townsmen, and more.

Wednesday Bank Examiner William B. Skelton, of Lewiston, appeared at the bank and started to make an investigation of the books preparatory to the publication of the list. Mr. Ingersoll worked with him throughout the day, but Thursday did not appear at the bank, being taken suddenly ill from what is believed to be over-indulgence in headache powders. That day the discovery that the

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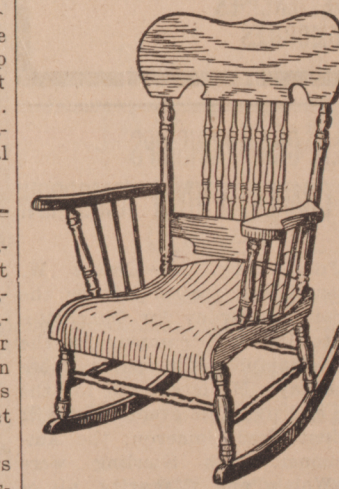
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books were not straight was first made, and Friday it was decided to close the doors.

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