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Fredericton, N.B., December 19, 1911
TIME FOR ACTION

The contract for the construction of a high-grade railway from Grand Falls to St. John, has been signed, and it is expected that construction work will begin early in the spring. The contract calls for the completion of a portion of the road within two years. It will be necessary to establish extensive repair shops at some central point and on account of its ideal location, apart from other considerations, there is no reason in the world why the choice should not fall upon Fredericton. There is plenty of land available for shops and yards, and no doubt the city council will be ready to make any reasonable concessions that may be asked.

The question is one of the most important that has confronted our citizens in a generation and there is need for prompt and concerted action. The city council has already made a move, and we understand that the council of the Board of Trade will meet on Tuesday evening to deal with the matter. Very little is accomplished these days without hard work and it is up to the members of the City Council, Board of Trade and all others who have the interests of the city at heart to leave no stone unturned to secure this boon for Fredericton. It is a regrettable fact that our city has not made the progress it should have made during the last two decades. We have a chance now to make a long forward stride and we must set our sails to catch every favorable breeze. Forward Fredericton must be our watchword during the coming year.

MEEK AND SUBMISSIVE

The Tory "Imperialists," especially the strident shouters for Drednoughts, are strangely meek and submissive since their Nationalist leader, Hon. L. P. Pelletier, postmaster general, announced at Quebec that there was not going to be any plebiscite on the navy. But what can they do or say, when Le Devoir, the chief government organ in the Montreal district, a week ago on Saturday declared:

"The government has no intention of giving attention to the naval question in the course of the next few months. If it does so at all, it will be after the summer holidays, and when we meet again in November we may be better informed; but even that is not certain. The House will not discuss a new project of law in that regard until we shall have had new general elections."

In other words, the government is going to do nothing for months, years—and, it is more than likely, never. The Bourassa orders are to be carried out, and even the Drednoughts are dumb.

Argonaut—Sir Matthew Begbie, chief justice of British Columbia, once had before him a man charged with having killed another man with a sandbag. The evidence was conclusive, and the judge charged the jury accordingly, but a verdict of "Not guilty" was promptly brought in. The judge was astonished, "Gentlemen of the jury," he said, "this is your verdict, not mine. On your conscience the disgrace will rest. Many repetitions of such conduct as yours will make a trial by jury a horrible farce, and the city of Victoria a nest of crime. Go! I have nothing more to say to you." And then, turning to the prisoner. You are discharged. Go and sandbag some of these jurymen, they deserve it."

Commodore Stewart the bachelor editor of the Chatham world moralizes as follows in a recent issue of his paper:—"If there were no women men would have no object in life; their mustaches would cease to interest them; they would not care a Chinaman whether their collars were ironed or not; they would have no body to nurse them when they had the toothache, or to keep them from believing they were going to die when an old fashioned stomach-ache had the grip upon them. There would be nobody to take for ice cream /and no small edition of flesh and blood to hug. There would be nobody to fight against being kissed and then take it as natural as a cat does to cream."

Any newspaper is the companion and friend of the family, but the local paper is one identified with the with interest at the home. It is conducted by those whom you know. Its columns are filled with what is of special value to you. In its prosperity you have a vital interest and to its prosperity you can best contribute by giving your support and patronage. It is your neighbor.

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"Elijah" Sandford, leader of a religious sect known as the Holy Ghost and Us Society of Shiloh, Me., has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary for causing the death of six of his followers. It is to be hoped that the lesson will have a beneficial effect on other religious cranks.

Regina Leader—A Government that starts out by burking its Imperial and national obligations at the dictation of the anti-British Nationalists, and which within six weeks of taking office placates the steel and lumber interests at the expense of the people, must look for criticism of the keenest kind.

Kingston Whig—Le Devoir rejoices in the end of naval policy. Mr. Bourassa boasts that he caused the wreck of it with the help of Mr. Borden. Eventually he will be the wreck of the government which has been so anxious to placate or please him.

Kingston Whig—The manufacturers are demanding recognition from the Government. They want the iron bounties to continue. And Mr. Borden looks serenely and promises to think over it, He'll surrender. Nothing surer.

Let us work and stimulate every legitimate enterprise by giving it all the friendly encouragement we can, and unite our industry, intelligence and capital in a common cause for the good of our city.

CHATHAM TORIES ARE AT VARIANCE

Chatham, N.B., Dec. 18.—It has developed that the meeting held by the Liberal-Conservatives to form a patronage committee was anything but harmonious, and a large section of the party is greatly dissatisfied with the result of the proceedings. The committee was composed of: J. L. Stewart, Chas. Rainesboro, J. D. Lahay, Edward Gallivan, Albert McLennan, Dr. B. Young, Chas. Dickens, Dr. Losier, W. L. T. Weldon and R. Flanagan.

Those who are protesting against the way things were pushed through say that the whole program was cut and dried, that Liberals as well as Conservatives were present at the meeting, and allowed to vote—even boys could vote if they were on the side of the men who engineered the deal.

The kickers, who include old time Conservatives like W. L. T. Weldon, Colonel McCulley, R. D. Walsh and many others are inclined to let matters rest, and may take action before long.

It is said that a secret meeting was held the evening before the real meeting and that Liberals as well as Conservatives were there and the plans were laid to secure a majority at the meeting to control the vote. This proved successful, but it has made the other side very indignant, and the patronage committee may be upset.

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McNAMARA ENQUIRY IS BEARING FRUIT

Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—Hotel registers showing the movements of those suspected of complicity in the dynamiting conspiracy other than the McNamaras and Ortie McManigal were taken before the federal grand jury today.

McManigal's and McNamaras' movements are well known and the hotel registers are brought from places in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, from the east and from the west, as far as Salt Lake City Utah with a view of tracing others whose names have not yet been mentioned, but upon whom it is said the government is keeping close watch.

Other persons examined today are believed to know circumstances connected with the stores of explosives which the dynamiters kept. The stores were at Tiffin Ohio, where in April 1911, 540 pounds of dynamite were taken from a barn in the rear of McManigal's father's home, at Indianapolis, where more than 100 pounds of explosives were found in the basement of the building occupied by the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, and in a barn outside the city; at Rochester Pennsylvania where nitro-glycerine was found and at Muncie, Ind.

Detective W. J. Burns who through evidence left at these places traced McManigal's connection with the McNamaras probably will be a witness later.

District Attorney, Charles W. Miller said the government was progressing rapidly with the investigation. He said more than the preliminaries had been gone through and it was probable all the evidence would be in within a month.

TIGHTENING THE COILS ABOUT BRIBER

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Bert H Franklin, formerly an investigator employed by the defence in the McNamara dynamiting cases was brought before Justice Young today for preliminary hearing on the second bribery charge against him—that of having bribed Mrs. Robert F. Bain to influence her husband a juror, in the trial of Jas. B. McNamara.

One witness Mrs. Maud Clifford Farley a neighbor testified that Mrs. Bain came to her home one day and used the telephone; that Mrs. Bain used the name Franklin several times.

The case then went over until tomorrow. Deputy District Attorney W. J. Ford stated that one more witness would be called tomorrow and that immediately afterwards he would file criminal information against Franklin.

McNAMARA'S CLERKS TESTIFY

Indianapolis, Dec. 18.—Irene Hermann, a bookkeeper, and Grace Kayler, a stenographer, who were employed by the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers when John J. McNamara was arrested last April, today were taken before the federal grand jury, which is investigating the dynamite conspiracy.

They are among the witnesses whom, it is said, the government regard as important in its efforts to ascertain who else besides the Mc-

Namaras and Ortie McManigal were involved in the explosions. Miss Kayler was relied upon as being able to tell who have been frequenters at the Iron Workers' headquarters just before the arrest of John J., the convicted secretary-treasurer, and Miss Hermann was asked about the records of McNamara's finances for several years prior to the day detectives stepped into to his office and arrested him while the union's executive board was in session.

Samuel Gerber, a detective who helped the arrest, conferred with District-Attorney Miller, but he was not before the grand jury. Another woman, whose identity the authorities wished to keep secret, who overheard bargaining for a wagon in which McManigal confessed he hauled 100 quarts of nitro-glycerine from Albany to Peoria (Ills.) in August, 1910, was a witness. Her testimony was believed to be confirmatory of McManigal's statement that he bought the explosive from a concern at Portland (Ind.) on the pretext that he was to use it for a quarry near Indianapolis, but that he really used it for blowing up structures at Peoria (Ills.)

WINGED SINGERS IN WARBLING CONTEST

Zuerich, Dec. 19.—The great Canary Show the most interesting of its kind ever held in any country of Europe or elsewhere, closed here today with an extremely interesting warbling contest for valuable prizes by the most famous and best trained of the feathered singers in the exhibition. The show which during the week of its progress attracted thousands of bird fanciers from all parts of the continent, was not the first of its kind in this city but by far the greatest in point of number and importance of entries.

One of the most interesting features of the exhibition were the demonstrations of the most approved and modern method of housing, feeding, training and breeding canaries. The show included a large exhibit of wild canaries from the island of Teneriffa which are used by canary breeders for cross breeding purposes. So great has been the success of the exhibition that the holding of another exhibition next year is assured, with a prospect of surpassing the show just ended in the number of entries and in the scope of the exhibition in general.

AUTO CLUB TO DINE TAFT

New York, Dec. 19.—Hundreds of applications have been received for places at the twelfth annual banquet of the Automobile Club of America, which is to be held tomorrow night in the grand ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. President Taft will be the guest of honor, while nearly all the members of his cabinet are expected to be on hand.

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BRUTAL ASSAULT ON LLOYD GEORGE

London, Dec. 16.—David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer, was seriously injured while leaving a women's Liberal meeting here this evening, at which he had just made an address.

A male suffragist hurled a brass-bound box at the chancellor, which struck him full in the face, cutting his lip and badly injuring his eye. A doctor who attended the chancellor's injuries, said that he had a narrow escape from losing the eye.

Sir Edward Grey and Lloyd George both addressed the meeting in favor of including the female franchise in the government's suffrage bill next year. The police had taken extraordinary precautions to exclude militant suffragists from the meeting, but evidently some of them forced their way through the barriers.

PRISONERS NARROWLY ESCAPED CREMATION

Port Hope, Ont., Dec. 18.—Fire was discovered at about one o'clock this morning in the lock-up of the town hall, where a commercial traveller for being drunk and disorderly, and also a young man charged with stealing a horse, were confined. Constable Chesshire and family who lived in the building were aroused by the shouts of the prisoners, and liberated them just in the nick of time, as they were almost overcome with smoke.

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