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USING THE GUILLOTINE

Discussing the dismissal of a large batch of employees in the Public Works Department the Ottawa Press says:

Over one hundred and twenty employees of the Public Works Department yesterday received notice that after today their services would be no longer required.

What a series of tragedies this means for many families in Ottawa just on the eve of the Christmas season!

If those men had been employed by private business firms, they would have received some sort of notice. Even if it had only been a week's notice, it would have given them time to look around. But because the men affected happened to have discharged their duties as electors of the country and cast their ballots on September 21 last, they are sacrificed to the "hungry horde" of whom Dr. Chabot and Mr. Frapp are already feeling quite sick.

In 1896, Hon. G. E. Foster, then as now the lieutenant of the leader of the Conservative party, made the declaration that any public employee against whom a charge of partisanship was laid would be given a chance of investigation. In that attitude he was supported by the then leader of the Conservative party, Sir Charles Tupper, and by no less a person than Mr. R. L. Borden, in his first speech in the House of Commons.

In how many cases of the one hundred and twenty odd men who got their dismissals yesterday, was there an investigation? Were there one hundred? Were there fifty? Were there twenty? Was there one?

Our information is that in not a single case was there any investigation; that the edict went forth from the Castle building "five o'clocks" that these men had to go; and go they will.

But what becomes of the pledges of public men as regards private citizens which are involved in this case? There must be some final board of appeal. It may not exist under the present Government, but it will certainly find a place somewhere in public opinion when the facts are made known, as they must be made known.

Winnipeg Free Press.—Mr. Cochrane, the present minister of railways, may feel nervous at the prospect of being faced on the floor of parliament by his predecessor, but there is no reason why the country should be deprived of Mr. Graham's valuable services. It would be to the great advantage of the country if it became an understood thing that a member of parliament could make way for an abler member of his own party for the balance of the term. It would lead to the strengthening of the front benches on both sides of the House, with beneficial results to the country.

Among the tales told out of school is one by Mr. W. G. Weichel, Conservative M. P. for North Waterloo. Speaking at Elmira, Ontario, last Wednesday Mr. Weichel admitted that Hon. Messrs. Monk, Nantel and Pelletier do not agree with Premier Borden on the navy question. Further, he said that the three Nationalist Ministers believe that Canada ought not to contribute a single cent in any way for the purpose of a Navy. Mr. Weichel, no doubt, knows what he is talking about.

Only two more days for Christmas shopping.

Toronto Globe: There is no sounder or saner newspaper writer in Canada than Senator Ellis, editor of The St. John Globe, who yesterday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his assumption of control of The Globe. Fifty years of editorial writing requires much burning of midnight oil, much strain upon friendship, which has often to be given up if principle is not to be sacrificed, and much readjustment of opinion on men and measures. He is a most successful editor who after fifty years has not lost driving power and has retained the respect of his readers. Of Senator Ellis it can truly be said that he still has enthusiasm and the warm affection of his fellow-citizens.

There have been a number of dredging and construction companies incorporated since September 21st, and the list will no doubt continue to grow. "The St. John River Dredging and Construction Company, Limited" is the very latest. The fact that a brother-in-law of Hon. H. F. McLeod is one of the applicants is prima facie evidence that Mr. Slipp, M.P.P., and Mr. Pinder, M.P.P., are not identified with this enterprise.

The Chatham Commercial, which pretends to be a Liberal newspaper, but supports the local government, has been able to keep itself on the patronage list at Ottawa and is still receiving government advertisements. It is quite evident that Hon. Mr. Hazen does not have a very high opinion of The World, the Tory organ at Chatham.

Premier Fleming is taking an active interest in the movement to encourage immigration to this province. It is to be hoped that he and the government which he leads will do something with a view to encouraging our young men to remain at home. For instance, they might get after the Canadian Pacific authorities on the harvest excursion question.

According to the census returns there are 16,026 males in the County of York and 15,331 females. In other words, married men, old bachelors and boys out-number married women, bachelor girls and misses by 696. The promised railway development in the County of York should be the means of evening things up a bit.

Judging from some of the federal appointments made in York, it is evident that Provincial Secretary McLeod is lending a hand in the distribution of patronage. Having elected Mr. Crockett to parliament, it is perhaps no more than right the Hon. Mr. McLeod should have some say in the distribution of the spoils.

NEW YORK HEIRESS AMONG THE MISSING

Mineola, L.I., Dec. 20.—Six months' search has failed to discover Miss Fannie D. Jackson, former stenographer of the late Charles D. White, a New York broker who named her in his will as heir to nearly all his estate valued at \$100,000. She has been missing since the will was filed and the surrogate today issued a general appeal for information regarding her whereabouts. White died at Port Washington, L.I., last December.

MONCTON HAD BAD FIRE

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Bass had \$4,000 stock, with \$10,000 insurance. The building was valued at \$3,000 with insurance of \$1,000. The Moncton Fuel, Ice & Cartage Co. moved out and had practically no loss.

The Five and Ten Cent store, east of Elliott's was the largest loss. The building was valued at \$3,500 or \$4,000, and Manager Parker states he carried \$10,000 worth of stock, all of which was practically lost. Mr. Parker was unable to speak of the insurance carried. Mr. Lee, of Fredericton, the owner, has been notified, and will be here tomorrow.

St. John, Dec. 21.—News was received here this morning of the tragic death of Richard McLeod, a young Scotchman employed as second cook on an I. C. R. dining car. He fell from the train near Truro, and his body was found some time later. An inquest will be held.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—Krupp is reported to be constructing a 38 centimeter gun which will be the biggest piece of artillery ever constructed. The length of the gun it is said, will be about twenty metres and the projectile will carry will weigh 390 kilograms.

CLOSING EXERCISES AT ST. MARY'S-GIBSON SCHOOL

Appropriate Programs Followed Out—Two New Teachers at the School After Vacation

The St. Marys and Gibson School closed yesterday for the Christmas vacation with appropriate exercises.

The first part of the morning was devoted to an examination on the work of the past term in each of the six departments and the prompt answers showed what excellent work has been done by each of the teachers.

At the close of the examinations two very pleasing programs were presented and the scholars acquitted themselves very creditably.

The three higher departments assembled in one room and took part in the following programme:

1. Chorus—"Christmas bells are ringing."
2. Recitation—Mary McManus
3. Chorus—"Ring your bells."
4. Dialogue—"Christmas at the Ruggles."
5. Chorus—"Ring sweet bells."
6. Recitation—Lima Stickle
7. Chorus—"The Maple Leaf"
8. Dialogue—"Surprise on Santa Claus."
9. Chorus—"Vacation song."
10. Recitation—Mildred Matthews
11. Dialogue—"Cure for Discontent"
12. Chorus—"We wish you a Merry Christmas."

LOWER DEPARTMENTS

The three lower departments in another room carried out the following program:

1. Chorus—"Santa Claus"
2. Recitation—Katherine McManus
3. Recitation—Fred Hanson
4. Solo—Mabel McLean
5. Recitation—Annie Sherwood
6. Chorus—"Ting-a-Ling"
7. Recitation—Celia Thompson
8. Chorus—"Jolly Old St. Nick"
9. Recitation—Kenneth Harding
10. Pantomime—"Secrets"
11. Recitation—Margaret Fradsham
12. Lullaby—Six little girls
13. Chorus—"Where do all the daisies go."
14. Dialogue—"The Doctor."
15. Chorus—"Come sing a song with me."
16. Solo—Lloyd Hoben
17. Dialogue—"Mother Goose"
18. Recitation—Dorothy Niles.

At the close of the entertainment a few remarks were made by the trustees and after singing "God Save the King" the scholars were dismissed for their vacation.

There will be two changes on the teaching staff for the coming term. Miss Josephine Matthews of Gibson takes Miss Edgecombe's place in the primary department and Miss Frederica B. Hatheway of St. John is to take the department vacated by Miss Titus. The latter intends to go south and take a lengthy vacation and Miss Edgecombe is giving up the profession.

Messrs. J. McAfee and L. B. Lincoln of Woodstock, arrived here last night and registered at the Barker House.

The condition of Mr. Frank H. Everett who has been ill for some time is such as to cause his friends much anxiety.

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SCOTT ACT RAID AT TWEEDSIDE

Inspector McFarlane and Constable Roberts Found Liquor Between Joists of Floor

County Scott Act Inspector McFarlane and Provincial Constable, James Roberts yesterday went to Tweedside and searched the premises of Fred Cleghorn of that place for liquor. The search was successful in disclosing several bottles of the long-neck variety hidden between the joists of the floor in one of the rooms. The bottles contained whiskey. Information will be laid against Cleghorn by Inspector McFarlane and he will be charged with violation of the Canada Temperance Act.

Last week information laid by the inspector against a resident of Stanley resulted in a fine of fifty dollars and costs being imposed. The case was not defended.

Speaking of the successful raid at Tweedside yesterday Inspector McFarlane stated today it would hardly appear that there was very lasting disagreement between himself and Constable Roberts. What trouble there had existed had been exaggerated to some extent.

KNOCKOUT BROWN GOT BEST OF BOUT

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Dec. 21.—"Knockout" Brown and Leach Cross fought hard and fast for ten rounds at the Empire Athletic Club last night, and it was the opinion of those about the ring, that Brown won on points. Though a hard left from Cross raised a lump over Brown's eye in the second round, Brown had the better of the exchanges. Another hard left in the fourth caused the damaged eye to bleed. In the sixth round Cross stalled and appeared to be staggering, but in the following round he snapped over a quick right to Brown's jaw that sent the sturdy boy back to the ropes. The final round found Brown showering blows on Cross and just before the bell he staggered his opponent with a hard right.

JEWISH UNDESIRABLE FINED FIFTY DOLLARS

Niagara Falls, Dec. 21.—"To think that a thing like this could happen in America," exclaimed Jacob Klenovic, a Russian Jew, as he counted out \$50 in good United States currency and handed it over to Magistrate Fraser as the price of attempting to enter Canada at this point after having been rejected at Port Erie a few weeks ago.

Klenovic speaks English brokenly and explained that he wished to visit relatives at St. Catharines, where he hoped to spend Christmas.

The cost of the Lion's machinery is actually less than that of the Indomitable's namely £470,223.

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Persian Lamb Stole
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PERFUMES

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THE REXALL STORE

PHYSICIAN BEAT OFF ROBBERS

New York, Dec. 20.—At the age of 70, Dr. Geo. V. Hudson, a retired physician, fought five robbers, who aided him in the vestibule of his last night. The aged doctor's watch, but saved \$400 in cash, which he had in his pocket, by actually biting off the end of a finger of the man attempting to steal the money.

PERSIAN MINISTRY MAY HAVE RESIGNED

Berlin, Dec. 20.—A special despatch from Teheran reports that the Persian ministry has resigned. It states further that it will be succeeded by an ultra democratic cabinet which will reject the Russian ultimatum demanding the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster as treasurer general of Persia, and will await the result of its action.

BEAN SUPPER

A bean supper will be served in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Saturday evening from 5.30 to 7 o'clock. Business men and those who have Christmas shopping to do will find it very convenient to attend.

Mr. C. H. Ramsay of St. John, is in the city.

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