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COL. HUGHES' SURRENDER

Col. Sam Hughes, minister of militia in the Borden cabinet, and one of the chiefs of the ultra Tory flag-flapping brigade, seems to have capitulated to the Nationalists of Quebec. He was a guest at a banquet to Hon. L. P. Pelletier at Quebec a short time ago and made a speech—and horror or horrors, he actually spoke in French. He responded to a toast to Canada and, according to a report in a Tory paper, aroused considerable applause. He said he was no stranger to Quebec, having gone there many years ago to learn French and incidentally to fell in love with a charming French girl. He remarked that he had defended the 65th regiment in connection with a slander against them at the time of the Northwest Rebellion and he challenged his most bitter opponents to produce one word he had ever uttered against the French race. "I have always respected the men and have invariably admired the women," remarked Col. Hughes. "It takes mighty little religion to make a good cabinet minister in our cabinet."

During the recent election campaign an effort was made to create the impression that the Nationalists of Quebec and the ultra-Protestants of Ontario were fighting for a principle, but it seems that such was not the case. They were fighting for office, and having been successful, they have lost no time in burying the hatchet. To see such a doughty empire-saver and great champion of Protestant rights like Col. Hughes hob-nobbing with the Ultramontanes and Nationalists of Quebec is a sight calculated to make angels and jack-asses weep.

Superintendent Downie of the C. P. R., in a recent interview, expressed the opinion that a new railway station for Fredericton was not an urgent necessity. With all due respect to the genial superintendent, we wish to say that there are a whole lot of people in Fredericton, patrons of the road, too, who do not agree with his views. Fredericton is the capital of the province, and must be a profitable source of revenue to the C. P. R. It is fairly entitled to a modern railway station and intends to have one.

Aylmer Reformer:—The defeat of the reciprocity proposals has cost the prairie farmers, it is estimated, twelve million dollars on this year's crop alone. How much it would have been in the pockets of the Ontario farmer this year may be figured from the foregoing amount, seeing that we produce more than all the west combined. Then some interested ones tell us that reciprocity is dead. If it is, it is the most valuable "dead one" that we have ever heard of.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce, one of the greatest financial institutions in Canada, has absorbed the Eastern Townships Bank. The two institutions will have a combined capital of \$15,000,000 and assets totalling \$210,000,000. The directors of the Bank of Commerce include several well-known Toronto financiers who bolted from the Liberal party on the reciprocity question. They are represented in the Borden cabinet by Finance Minister White.

Montreal Herald:—Along with the Canadian navy the new government is abolishing the Canadian immigration-getting machinery. Will they think up a new immigration policy in the holidays, or will there be a referendum on this also?

Winnipeg Tribune:—At a wedding feast recently the bridegroom was called upon, as usual, to respond to the given toast; in spite of the fact that he had previously pleaded to be excused. Blushing to the roots of his hair, he rose to his feet. He intended to imply that he was unprepared for speech-making, but, unfortunately placed his hand upon the bride's shoulder, and looked down at her as he stammered out his opening (and concluding) words: "This—er—thing has been thrust upon me."

Chatham Worin: Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader on earth of the Holy Ghost and U.S. society, has been sentenced to ten years in the Maine state prison for causing the death of six of the crew of his yacht by not having kept them supplied with fresh provisions. The men died of scurvy during a prolonged cruise. If his prayers for deliverance from his bonds prove to be impotent, he may come to the conclusion that he has made a mistake in the senior partner of the firm.

Al aluminum tablet marking the place where The Royal Gazette, St. John's first newspaper, was published was played on the Bank of Nova Scotia building at St. John yesterday, with appropriate ceremony. The tablet bears the following inscription:—"The Royal Gazette and Nova Scotia Intelligencer was first published on this site by William Lewis and John Ryan. December 18, 1783."

It is to be hoped that when old Santa Claus puts in an appearance on Christmas eve and starts in to decorate the Christmas tree, that he will not allow his whiskers to come into contact with a lighted candle. Many serious accidents have resulted from the carelessness of old Santa Claus in this regard, and it is important that he should exercise the greatest care.

Le Canada says that there is a coolness between Hon. J. C. Doherty minister of justice, and Hon. F. D. Monk, and they have not spoken to each other for over a week. Mr. Monk wanted the members of the Montreal harbor board dismissed and Mr. Doherty refused to stand for it.

St. Andrews Beacon:—It's a race between the brown-tail moth-hunters and the political head-hunters as to which can secure the most game in this country. We hope the moth-hunters will forgive us for mentioning them in this connection.

Largely through the efforts of Mr. George A. Perley, M.P.P., the local government has ordered a re-survey of the Gibson & Minto Railway. Mr. Perley is the kind of a man who does not usually take no for an answer.

It is announced from Ottawa that the plans of Hon. Dr. Pugsley for the development of Courtenay Bay will be carried out. This is certainly complimentary to the ex-minister of public works.

In Ontario twenty-one cents a pound is considered a good price for turkeys. In Fredericton they have been selling during the past week for thirty cents.

A drop in turkey or rather in the price thereof, would no doubt be greatly appreciated by many people of moderate means just at this season.

There are still a lot of old Tory stalwarts in York who have not been supplied with jobs. They should not let the grass grow under their feet.

The merchants of Fredericton have had a fair Christmas trade, but the absence of snow has undoubtedly been a handicap.

Remember the poor are always with us and they should not be overlooked during the festive season.

It is beginning to look as if New Brunswick was on the eve of great development.

He looked upon her Christmas list and saw with visage pale, The female of the species is more costly than the male.
—Baltimore Sun.

SOLDIER ARRESTED.

A private of "H" Company, R. C. R., was arrested on Queen Street last night by a piquet. He put up quite a fight and attracted a large crowd.

WIFE EXPIRED AFTER HUSBAND HAD SAILED

(Special to The Mail)
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Nelson A. Dick died suddenly at Georgetown this morning from heart failure. Her husband, Capt. Dick had sailed in a schooner two hours earlier for Glace Bay.

EVIDENCE IN VARDAMAN CASE

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 22.—The taking of depositions in the case of the State of Mississippi against ex-Governor James K. Vardaman was held to account to the State for various funds he is alleged to have misused or misapplied during his term as governor. The funds involved are the executive contingent fund, amounting to over \$20,000 during the four year tenure, the Meridian cyclone relief fund, the Spanish-American war fund, and an alleged unlawful collection of interest on back-dated bonds.

It was this suit which occasioned the recent speech in the United States Senate of Senator Percy of Mississippi, in which he scathingly denounced ex-Governor Vardaman as an embezzler. After the primaries last fall, in which Mr. Vardaman won the contest to succeed Mr. Percy in the senate the latter announced that, though his term still has two years to run he would resign to give immediate force to the popular choice. In his recent speech however Mr. Percy announced that, rather than assume the responsibility for admitting to the senate a man so notoriously unworthy as Mr. Vardaman, he would continue to hold his seat until 1913.

Mr. Vardaman has asked for an injunction to prevent the hearing of the hearing of the suit, which had been set for trial here in January. An interesting feature of the litigation is the fact that Attorney-General Hudson, who took the initiative in the proceedings against Mr. Vardaman, will retire from office early next month and there is much speculation as to whether the new attorney general, Ross A. Collins, who is a close personal and political friend of Mr. Vardaman will push the case.

DIED IN HOSPITAL

The death of Susan Welton wife of Enoch Welton of Minto occurred early this morning at the Victoria Public Hospital. The deceased was seventy-one years of age and is survived by a husband and several sons. She was operated upon a short time ago. The remains were taken to Minto this morning.

RESISTED POLICE

A man whose home is near Boiestown made trouble at the I. O. E. station last evening and was arrested by Policeman Sturgeon. In the fracas the man received several injuries the most serious being a cut on the wrist inflicted by a broken bottle. He was taken to the police station in a coach and his injuries were attended to by Dr. W. H. Irvine. The man arrested has quite a reputation as a "scrappier" but was handled by Policeman Sturgeon in good style. He was let go on deposit.

Call at Williams', St. Mary's, and see their assortment. It will make Christmas shopping easy.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT NEAR BRANTFORD

Brantford, Ont., Dec. 22.—A shocking accident occurred at Gainsville three miles from Brantford last night when Miss Josie E. Gibson, 19 years old was killed after she had jumped from the G. T. R. overhead bridge. Her companion, Miss Lena Irving also jumped, and sustained a broken hip, nose and jaw, and internal injuries, which are thought to be fatal. In company with a number of other young people, all boarders at the Brantford Y. W. C. A., they were on their way to a Christmas Tree entertainment. They were walking on the bridge and heard the approaching Buffalo and Goderich passenger train. The other girls ran quickly to the end of the bridge and jumped to the ground. Misses Gibson and Irving however, were caught midway. Both were later found unconscious, Miss Gibson having concussion of the brain, her head having struck a rail. She died in a few hours. She was the daughter of Principal Gibson of the Waterford public school.

JUDGMENT RESERVED ON LIQUOR CASE

(Special to The Mail)
St. John, Dec. 22.—Judge Forbes delivered judgment this morning in the Royal Hotel liquor case reversing the judgment of Magistrate Ritchie. He ordered the costs to be tax against the complainant, Rev. W. R. Robinson.

PERSONAL

Mr. W. S. Thompkins of Meductic, is at the Barker House.

Mr. A. Peters of Moncton is registered at the Barker House.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. F. Powers of Grand Falls arrived in the city last night.

Miss H. A. Kedy of Mabone is at the Queen.

Dr. G. U. Hay of St. John arrived in the city last night. He is at the Queen.

Inspector R. P. Steeves of Sussex who is here attending the Teachers' Institute for York, Sunbury and Queen's counties is at the Queen.

Dr. David Townsend of Sussex is in the city.

Rev. J. H. Puddington, who has been supplying the pastorate of the Baptist Church at Deer Island, has returned home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cochrane of Gibson, will go to St. John to spend Christmas with friends.

Mrs. J. Milman Martin of Edmonton, Alta., is in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Tom Murchie.

Mr. George F. Burden, ex-M.P.P., of Pokio, is among the visitors to the city today.

Miss Gertrude McGivney of Nashua, N.H., is in the city, the guest of her friend, Miss Laura McMinniman, Brunswick Street.

1894—George L. Shoup, former United States senator from Idaho, died born in Kittanning, Pa., June 15, 1836.

1905—Herbert H. D. Pierce, appointed first United States minister to Norway.

1818—Sir Phillip Francis generally considered to have been the author of Junius Petters, died. Born Oct. 22, 1740.

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BOARDER ROBBED THE HOUSE

Chatham World: Henry McPherson, who boarded with Mrs Thos. Murphy left early Friday morning for Fredericton without mentioning his intention of doing so and carried off a grip well filled with furs and clothing belonging to Mrs Murphy and her daughters. Chief Coughlan had him arrested at Fredericton and went over and brought him back. Judge Connors gave him six months in jail. And now Mr. McPherson is more than ever convinced that Friday is an unlucky day.

That the proposed amalgamation of all the shoe unions in Lynn under one head is the beginning of a national movement among the shoe workers to wrest the control of the shoeworkers' unions from the American Federation of Labor, is the opinion of many of the leading shoemen not only in Massachusetts but elsewhere in various centres of the shoe industry.

TORONTO BOXING BOUT DISAPPOINTED SPECTATORS

(Canadian Press.)
Toronto, Ont., Dec. 22.—Spectators at the Olympic Club's bouts last night were somewhat disappointed in the final, when Hilliard Lang of Toronto, won on a foul, from Willie Lewis, of New York. Lewis, who had in the third round been warned for hitting in clinches, repeated again in the seventh and was promptly disqualified. Lewis, in the third round, did more damage with his three blows in a clinch than any time during the fight. These wallops were right to the body. Lang had a slight shade on Lewis, and his margin would have been greater if he had followed up good openings.

1880—Marian Evans (George Eliot) famous novelist died. Born Nov. 22, 1819.

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