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MR. FIELDING'S RECORD

Hon. W. S. Fielding stands out prominently as by far the most successful of Canadian ministers of finance, says The Toronto Globe. He has held the position continuously for fifteen years, and during the fourteen that have elapsed since his first tariff was enacted he has not been without a surplus of annual receipts over annual expenditures. True, this is not the sole or even the chief end of finance, but it is to Mr. Fielding's credit that he has been able to adjust revenue to expenditure through an exceptionally long interval without having to alter materially customs duties. "Fixity of tariff" has been one of his watchwords, and he has shown ability amounting to prescience in preparing his estimates.

But Mr. Fielding has been a statesman as well as a financier. In all matters of public policy he has taken his full share of personal responsibility as an adviser of both the Governor General and the House of Commons. Thoroughly well informed on all questions coming before Parliament, gifted with an extremely serviceable memory, and master of a good parliamentary manner, he is one of the most formidable antagonists to be encountered in debate. He will be greatly missed in the new House of Commons unless he may be induced to re-enter it as the representative of some other constituency than the one for which he has always been returned.

If he chooses to retire into private life he will carry with him acute regrets at his decision and heartfelt wishes for his future welfare. He has been nearly thirty years in public life, twelve of them as premier of Nova Scotia and treasurer of that province; but he is still young in years as veterans go and his continuance in public life would be welcomed by the whole Dominion.

The Telegram a Winnipeg Tory organ has opened a bitter campaign against Hon. Clifford Sifton. This is supposed to be the first step of the Conservative move to knife the former Liberal cabinet minister who helped the Conservative party to victory in the recent campaign. It is freely stated in Winnipeg that the Conservative leaders having used Mr. Sifton to the full extent of his value to them, now fear the consequences of carrying him along in their party after all the hard things they have said about him in the past. For this reason, it is said, he is to be dropped, and the Telegram's attack is the first phase of the process.

The Wesleyan organ of the Methodist denomination says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier by his attractive personality, commanding ability and high ideals has brought lustre to Canada by the dignified and independent and yet conciliatory manner in which he has borne himself and represented the Dominion in the great councils of the empire in which he has been called to take so prominent a part. Except in the fever of political excitement his strongest opponents will cheerfully pay tribute to his kindness, ability and integrity maintained in a most difficult position."

It seems to be the general impression that when a redistribution of seats is made, New Brunswick loses two, Nova Scotia, two and P. E. Island one, a total loss of five for the Maritime Provinces. Having voted to "let well enough alone" the maritime provinces must continue to pay toll to the upper provinces and the West.

Montreal Herald:—It was a mistake of judgment for which Sir Wilfrid, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Fisher and their colleagues are willing to cheerfully take the consequences, satisfied that it is far better for them to fall in such a way than through the processes of decay which brought to such ignominious end the long Conservative administration at Ottawa and the longer Liberal administration at Toronto. As clean men go they out of it!"

An Ottawa despatch says that the Minister of Railways in the Borden cabinet will be either Dr. Roche or O. S. Crockett. The same despatch says that the Minister of Inland Revenue will be either A. E. Ames or O. S. Crockett and also that O. S. Crockett will be Solicitor General. It looks as if Mr. Crockett was going to ring in somewhere.

The Standard announces that "the strong men of Canada" have gathered at the capital to meet the premier elect. This is a little rough on Mr. Crockett who is still at home while Dr. Daniel is sojourning at Ottawa.

Many York County Tories who were singing the praises of Mr. George W. Fowler a few days ago, are now going about declaring that it would be suicide for Mr. Borden to take him into the cabinet.

Parliament will meet some time during November to vote supply and transact other business. There will be another session called early in the new year when the redistribution bill will likely receive attention.

A Toronto paper wants to know if there is any relation between a dumb waiter and a cabinet. Our Mr. Crockett is in the dumb waiter class at present.

Ninety-nine per cent of those who are looking for government jobs, because there is to be a change of government are likely to experience keen disappointment.

The officials returns for Halifax were: Borden 7369, McLean, 7190; Blackadar, 7125; 7125; Crosby, 7113. The Liberal Candidates carried the city by 300 majority.

Mr. O. S. Crockett is still patiently awaiting a summons from Ottawa. Dr. Daniel is at the capital and would seem to be the pale horse.

In the hour of defeat is the time when Liberals should stand fast to the great principles of their party.

Mr. David Russell the Montreal financier is very much in the limelight at the present time

CORONATION MUSICAL PROGRAMME TONIGHT

A performance quite unique in the annals of Canada's history will be given tonight at the Methodist Church in this city by the great English organist Gatty Sellers, and the King's Trumpeter direct from the Coronation. These gentlemen recently arrived by the Oceanic at New York enroute to Halifax, N. S., where their Canadian tour commenced Sept. 25th. Their booking list is almost a record one, for they are to appear in different cities practically every night, with the exception of Saturdays and Sundays. They play in the 34 leading cities of Canada before entering the United States, where they are engaged for the largest Auditoriums (seating 10,000 people). From reports received from local managers immense audiences are expected right through the tour. Mr. Sellers' crowded such buildings as St. Paul's Cathedral, Detroit, Michigan on his last tour of the States, whilst in the meantime at the Town Hall, Melbourne, Australia, over 1,000 people were turned away unable to get admittance at the King's Trumpeter's last appearance in that country before sailing to England to play for the Coronation. Therefore we predict with such a combination hitherto unheard in Canada, there will be no vacant seats at the performance in this city.—d

FUNERAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The funeral of the late John Hughes will take place from his late home, Gibson, at two o'clock Sunday afternoon with interment at Sunnybank Cemetery. The service will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Jenkins. Mr. Hughes passed away yesterday aged eighty-nine. Death was due to paralysis. The deceased is survived by a widow and eight children. The latter are Messrs. William, Willard, Joseph, David and Bevin Hughes of Gibson, Mr. John R. Hughes of Marysville Mrs. Wm. Rickard of Gibson and Miss Wm. Sturgeon of Fredericton.

Messrs George Churchill and C. H. J. Knapp of Fort Fairfield, Me., are at the Barker House.

ACTOR RECALLS
FORMER VISITS
TO FREDERICTON

Business Manager F. M. Norcross who is in the city arranging for the company "The Girl from Rectors" has not visited Fredericton since 1893 and 1894 and said he always had this city in mind for two strange things happened to him here. They were perfectly opposite to each other one having an audience of over one hundred people.

Mr. Norcross was here with his own company in the comedy called "Jane" with Minerva Dorr in the title role. The lady carried a couple of Angora kittens and a big Honduras parrot. On Sunday while she was at dinner the parrot got out of the window of the Barker House and flew over among the trees in the Officers' Quarters. It was discovered and ladders were secured to get Poll off his roost. As soon as one of the boys or soldiers for every one was eager to help, got near him, he would fly away to another tree laughing and talking. This was kept up for over two hours, and while Poll was having a fine time flying around, and the crowd enjoying his cleverness and laughing and cheering he simply answered back with a hearty laugh. Poor Poll was at last exhausted and in one of his flights landed on a boy's shoulder and was captured and taken back to his cage.

That was sport Mr. Norcross says compared with the other event, of which no one knew but he and Mrs. Norcross. The lady had a habit of pinning a chamols money bag to her corsets and would change it from her ordinary ones to those she wore on the stage. At 12 o'clock midnight on Saturday she discovered it was lost and Mr. Norcross had to go to the City Opera House, and on arriving there all was fast and dark. At the Police Station he was told the Janitor lived a mile or so away. The Janitor was found but would not accompany him, but gave him the key. On returning to the Opera House with the perspiration oozing from his pores he was unable to find the gas meter and so secured some matches from the police.

The corsets were found in the stage trunk but no money bag, and there were eleven hundred dollars in U. S. bills in it, my heart stood still. A temporary dressing room had been provided for Miss Dorr on the stage made of extra scenery. This had been taken down and put back against the wall, so that it would look as if in the event of the money dropping on the floor, it would have been discovered and picked up. The lady wore some very costly gowns in the play which were packed in tissue paper. The paper had been renewed that night and so the old paper lay about the stage. Down on my knees I went, lighting match after match and as they each flickered out my heart bumped and bumped. The eleven hundred dollars looked a fortune never to be accumulated again. Suddenly a match died out and as I was on my knees and throwing the paper and rubbish back at my right side the match burned my fingers and threw me off my balance causing me to drop my left hand which closed on a hard substance. It was the little chamols bag with the bills. In the dark of the Opera House I fell perfectly exhausted with nervousness, I fell flat on the stage and must have remained semi-conscious for some minutes. On recovering myself I hurried back to the hotel where Mrs. Norcross was leaning so far out the window that I felt certain she would lose her balance and fall. I could hear her cry "Have you found it" again and again. I cried "Get in to the window I cannot tell you while you are in danger of falling." She did so, and I said "I have it safe." Words cannot express the awful silence which reigned while she counted her eleven bills, so you see that story was known to but two people.

Mr. Norcross who has "The Girl from Rectors" on Monday, Oct. 9th, says it is one of the best and cleverest comedies he has ever been connected with. The Halifax papers were unanimous in their praise of it and the production will be presented at City Opera House, on Monday evening Oct. 9th.

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LETTER FROM

REV. J. J. COLTER

Mr. Editor:—

I was pleased to see Dr. Smith's strong letter in your last issue. Before reading it I had written one on the same subject and as it treated another aspect of the case I now give it with certain emendations to your readers.

The exhibition was said to be the most successful ever held in the city but if reports are true too great a price was paid for that success. In the name of morality and religion I protest against the other exhibition viz that of shameless indecency.

I do not think any excuse ought to be made for the person who went to the United States and selected those who were to furnish the amusement. He is not an inexperienced youth, but a business man of mature years, whom the city delights to honor and who should feel the responsibility of his office. The very calling of these women was prima facie evidence that their presence was undesirable. Is there any mother in this city who would wish her daughter to join them. No doubt a good price was paid for their service and the greater their drawing power the more profitable they would be to their employers. There is a large class who want highly spiced amusement the kind that is dangerously near the border line.

The dress, although the least objectionable were severely criticized. The dance I should judge was a combination of the Salome and nautch. When I was in Boston three years ago the Salome dance was ruled out of Boston. The nautch is practiced in India in connection with heathen temples by professional prostitutes. The W. C. T. U. has added another to the many services it has rendered our city by having it stopped.

The amusement hall has the worst, because it deceived the unsuspecting, a young man who was present said there is not another city that would permit anything so vile. The wife of a business man told me that after she came out of that hall she said "rotten". Another prominent lady described the conduct of one girl, and I have never heard of the public in any civilized community being entertained by anything so shameless; and on that occasion the hall was packed chiefly with the young of both sexes. She saw in the audience a York Co. M. P. P. who instead of leaving in disgust made a remark to one beside him that indicated his approval.

I will admit it is very important to improve our live stock as well as the products of the farm, but cannot this be done without polluting the minds of the people. The worst feature is that it is a symptoms of degeneracy. When pain attacks the human system, it is an evidence that a physical law has been violated.

It is about a quarter of a century since the Scot Act was adopted by our city and all that time it has been a dead letter with the exception of a few spasmodic efforts. About a year and a half ago a Council was elected that did their best to enforce it, but they were dismissed as well as the policeman that by his zeal made himself obnoxious to the liquor interest. A leading city official told me that public opinion would not tolerate the strict enforcement of the act. My attention was called this week to three cases of great misery and suffering that resulted from drunkenness. There are scores of such cases in the city. A lady who lives on Regent Street told me that in eleven years she never saw so much drunkenness as she witnessed during the last summer. The jail has never had so many prisoners and the number of drunks that come before the Police Magistrate is appalling. Those who violate the act as well as those who encourage them by their votes are responsible before God for all this sin, shame and suffering. They are making our city lawless and persistence in such work will scar their conscience as with an hot iron. This exhibition has the culmination of a degenerating process that has been going on during the reign of lawlessness. In the time of the prophet Hosea indecency and drink evil were linked and ever since they have been going hand in hand.

Thanking you Mr. Editor for your space.

I am yours,
JOHN J. COLTER.

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EXHIBITION ACCOUNTS

All persons having accounts against the Fredericton Exhibition will please present them at the secretary's office as soon as possible.

W. S. HOOPER,
Secretary.