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THE VACANT CABINET OFFICE.

The appointment of Sir Louis Davies to the Supreme Court bench of Canada leaves the portfolio of Marine and Fisheries vacant, and there is considerable speculation as to who will be called to fill the position. The vacancy by right belongs to the Maritime provinces, and the friends of Hon. H. R. Emmerson, M. P., for Westmorland feel that he should fill it.

The report from Ottawa that Hon. Dr. Borden has succeeded to the position, and that Hon. James Sutherland becomes minister of militia, is semi-officially denied, and the same telegram declares that the vacancy will go either to British Columbia or New Brunswick, and if to the latter, Hon. Mr. Emmerson will be the gentleman selected to fill it.

The western pull for the position no doubt will be very strong. Mr. Sifton is the only member of the cabinet representing the enormous territory from Lake Superior to the coast, but New Brunswick will not give up its claim without a struggle.

Mr. Emmerson's claims are undoubted. He is one of the old guard of Liberals who clung to their party and fought valiantly for it through all the long years of opposition, and he made an excellent record as an administrator in the government of this province. The Herald does not know what Mr. Emmerson's own feelings are in the matter, but there is no doubt that his friends very strongly desire his accession to the cabinet. Whether that feeling will prevail is another question, for if it is useless to deny that the western influence will be a powerful one, if fully exerted.

As usual there is a very large crop of rumors afloat. One gives Mr. Emmerson the governorship, another creates a vacancy on the supreme court bench of this province and hands it over to the Westmorland M. P. but these reports always come along with any pending political changes.

THE NOVA SCOTIA ELECTIONS.

Tomorrow will be nomination day in the Nova Scotia local elections, and the prospects are that the Murray government will secure several seats by acclamation. In several counties straw candidates have been put up by the Conservatives to prevent a Liberal walkover. The government is pretty certain of an overwhelming majority.

The sharpest contest is in Colchester, between Lawrence and Pearson, Liberals, and Stairs and Black, Conservatives. The Opposition are making a dead set on Lawrence, hoping to elect Stairs who, if successful, will probably be the new Opposition leader, but the Liberals are quite confident of carrying both their candidates.

The leading members of the government, Murray, Longley and Drysdale are certain of re-election in Victoria, Annapolis and Hants, by large majorities.

The contest excites considerable interest, which will increase as polling day approaches.

The scarcity of candidates on the Conservative side is shown in the Halifax Herald, the organ of the party. In its issue of Monday the Herald is able to produce the names of candidates in only twelve of the eighteen counties of the province. The counties in which no Conservative nominees have yet appeared are Guysboro, Shelburne, Yarmouth, Annapolis, Antigonish and Victoria.

THE ROYAL PAIR.

The Duke and Duchess of York have been long enough in Canada to justify the formation of public opinion regarding their personalities, and all reports seem to agree, whether from Quebec, Montreal or Ottawa, that Their Royal Highnesses are persons to be much esteemed, quite apart from the exalted positions which they occupy.

The Duke has had a busy time replying to addresses and making himself agreeable to the numerous officials and others who have been brought into contact with him, and all agree that he is a very pleasant gentleman—very appreciative of the honor and homage paid him, and a man of ability and action. His replies to the various addressees, delivered in most cases without the aid of notes, have been marvels and conciseness, adaptiveness and eloquence. He never says too much, and always the right thing. He has a full resonant voice, that catches the crowd, and altogether he has created a most favorable impression.

The Duke's better half, the Duchess, is described as a very sweet lady, somewhat taller than the Duke, very pleasant faced, and quite interested in everything around her. Perhaps the best pen picture of the impression she has made at Ottawa, is contained in the Toronto Globe's account of Friday's proceedings at the capital:

"This was the day of the Duchess. The royal lady just walked into the affections of the people of Ottawa, and in future allegiance to the throne will have a fresh subject for devotion. 'What a splendid Queen she will make!' was the gist of Ottawa opinion, and as she walked up the broad central avenue of Parliament Square, inclining her head gravely and graciously to the cheering multitude, the heart of every spectator went out to her. When she ascended the dais looked about her so frankly and with such genuine interest, there was another outburst of cheering. The Duchess is by no means a passive participant in the ceremony, but is quite equally her husband's helpmeet in every sense of the word. At several points in the ceremony he stepped over and consulted with her, and she seemed never at a loss what advice to give."

ENORMOUS ENTERPRISE.

When the present works at and in the vicinity of Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario, are carried to completion in a year or so, says a writer in the Toronto Globe, they will employ 10,000 men. Perhaps there is no better way to impress the reader with the size and importance of the enterprises now being created by that captain of industry, Francis H. Clergue, than to state this bald fact. To enable Mr. Clergue to finish his work, as at present projected, his associates have put \$117,000,000 at his disposal. Already some \$20,000,000 has been spent and not a dollar of stock is for sale.

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At Ottawa, Monday, before the Royal party were sent down the log shutes, the safety of the passage was tested by a party of brave newspaper men. The scribes ran the shutes without wetting a hair and the royal party followed with equal immunity from danger. The press is always foremost, both in moments of national and personal danger.

Looks as if Mr. McLeod will have to make all his stump speeches over again. The few people he met at his meetings will have forgotten everything he said. They will forget Mr. McLeod too on polling day.

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The Duke will spend about eighteen hours in St. John; another revision of the royal programme and His Royal Highness would not touch New Brunswick at all. His father thought more of the province named after the royal House of Brunswick, or at least he said longer within our borders, visiting not only St. John but Fredericton. But perhaps the Duke is tired travelling and sightseeing, and is anxious to get into his own little bed at Sandringham.

The trial of McKinley's assassin is proceeding with commendable rapidity. The electric chair should be getting in its work on the wretched man inside of a few weeks.

Sir William Vanhorne and Sir Thomas Snaughnessy who have both been knighted for the services in connection with the C. P. R., began life as telegraph operators, on the other side of the line.

President Roosevelt has a family of five children all comparatively young, and there should be stirring times in the White House for the next three years.

It is a very modest and very small church that President Roosevelt attends at Washington, having a seating capacity of only two hundred.

Everybody is getting back to work. Even the University students will have to buckle down to it next week.

All the New Brunswick newspapers are praising the successful Fredericton Exhibition.

There is no likelihood of the Duke's arrest for shooting the Chaudiere rapids.

Wouldn't this have been ideal weather for Exhibition week?

What about that bye-election in York county.

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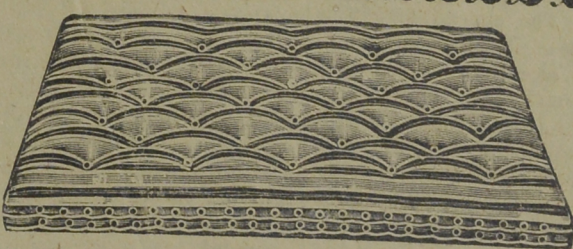
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