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NEW BRUNSWICK'S PROGRESS.

The report of Rev. James Ross, superintendent of Presbyterian missions in New Brunswick, submitted at the meeting of the Synod at Charlottetown, is encouraging from a provincial as well as a denominational standpoint. Mr. Ross, besides noting the advance Presbyterianism is making in this province, refers also to our material progress. He declares that the exodus so marked some years is much less. Labor is abundant and wages are good. The whole face of the country is full of cheer and the homes are full of comfort. Mr. Ross made a speech, says the Halifax Chronicle report, that revealed a state of affairs in New Brunswick wholly pleasant to contemplate.

Few men are better able to judge of New Brunswick's rapidly improving conditions than Mr. Ross, whose duties call him to every part of the province, and our people are under obligation to him for presenting to the Synod, composed of clergymen and laymen from all over the maritime provinces, so bright and yet so true a picture of progress and prosperity in New Brunswick.

THE PERMANENT FORCE.

During his speech in parliament on the militia estimates, Sir Frederick Borden said he proposed increasing the permanent military force of Canada by 500 men. There are to be two new depots in the permanent force, one at Montreal with a company of infantry and a section of garrison artillery comprising in all 200 men, and another at Calgary to be known as the Strathcona Horse. The Mounted Police are being moved gradually northward, and it was proposed to establish this permanent corps at Calgary to replace them. The corps would be 100 strong. It was also proposed to establish an engineering branch and to have a small section of engineers at every military depot. It would be a hundred strong. The additions to the permanent force would therefore be 100 ordnance, 100 engineers, 200 at Montreal and 100 at Calgary, making a total of 500 men.

MR. FOSTER'S MISSION.

Our old friend and former fellow citizen, Hon. Geo. E. Foster, is again looming up on the political horizon. He is going over to England at Mr. Chamberlain's invitation to stump the country for the ex-colonial secretary's new fiscal propaganda. Mr. Foster is an able speaker, well posted on tariff matters, and will doubtless get a good hearing, but the objection will probably be raised that his political opinions in Canada have been discredited, and that he has been driven from political life. All the same, Mr. Foster will give the people of the old country some oratory of a more eloquent nature than they usually hear, and Canadians, irrespective of party will feel a degree of pride in seeing one of their countrymen standing side by side on British platforms with so distinguished an imperial statesman as Mr. Chamberlain. It is just possible that the latter may invite Mr. Foster to stand for a seat in the Imperial Parliament, but it is doubtful if he could afford a luxury of that kind.

The enquiry into the David Weston disaster is not developing anything particularly new. Mate Whelpley, however declares that if the deck hands had not been at dinner when the blaze started, the boat might have been saved. But the men had to have their dinner, and it was late enough, 3 p. m., when they sat down to their meal.

Just before the close of the recent election campaign in Vancouver, one of the Tory candidates, Mr. Bowser, a former New Brunswicker, to assure his hearers that his party was sure to win, read an editorial extract from the St. John Sun, which he said was written by Senator Ellis, a Liberal, prognosticating a Tory victory in British Columbia. Mr. Bowser was somewhat mixed. Great Scott! is it possible that our esteemed friend the Sun editor, is unknown in the Pacific province, and that the credit of his brilliant work is credited to Senator Ellis?

Mr. Hugh Backader, postmaster of Halifax, who died Saturday night, belonged to a family prominent for many years in the publishing business in that city. His father was a newspaper man and his three sons, Henry, Hugh and Charles, were trained to that business. After entering manhood they acquired The Acadian Recorder and made it a splendid paying property. Hugh was subsequently appointed postmaster, Henry edited the Recorder until his death less than two years ago, and Charles is still the business manager and chief proprietor.

Mr. David Russell, who directs the Telegraph from his office at Montreal, is still calling through that paper for the defeat of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway bill in the Senate. What new financial scheme has Mr. Russell in contemplation, that he so much desires the defeat of the railway bill, and why should he make such a goat of the Telegraph, and endeavor to foist his opinions on the public as those of the people of New Brunswick? The Telegraph's campaign against the measure is only laughed at in this province.

The Canadian Ticket Agents are meeting with a string of mishaps on their trip to the lower provinces. Their train was in collision with another at Campbellton, a steamer on which they were embarked to see Halifax harbor, grounded, and one of their cars went off the track at Turro. Let the ladies and gentlemen of the party keep up their spirits till they reach Fredericton Thursday, and we promise them a good time that will wipe out all memories of their misadventures in less favored localities.

Lord Dundonald on his return to Ottawa, told a press interviewer that the militiamen of the Maritime Provinces are a splendid lot of men in physique and intelligence. He also declared that he thinks a lot of the Maritime provinces. The Herald can assure the noble lord that his good opinion of the people down by the sea is very warmly reciprocated. The unobtrusive manner of the distinguished officer went a long way towards winning for him a warm place in the hearts of the people.

Mr. Chamberlain and the Duke of Devonshire are no longer members of the Balfour government, but the boys are enjoying good soft snape in the the organization. Mr. Chamberlain, jr., is chancellor of the exchequer, and the Duke's nephew and heir is financial secretary to the treasury. The son of the late Lord Salisbury is also in the cabinet.

An Ottawa despatch, speaking of Mr. Foster's proposed stumping tour in England, observes that for the past two years, he has been living quietly in Toronto. We were under the impression that within that time Mr. Foster was up in North Ontario trying to capture a seat in parliament, but perhaps his friends choose to forget that little incident.

Mr. Hazen's political horse, Telemeque has again been beaten in open competition by Galloway and Copywright of the government importation, this time at the St. John horse show. This opposition leader will have to mount some other steed for the next election.

It is said that Mr. Hazen is feeling his way to a federal nomination in Sanbury and Queens, being dissatisfied with the local outlook for his party. Probably Mr. Wilmot will have something to say in the matter, and may object to being crowded out by Mr. Hazen.

The government commissioners who have investigated the charges of immoral conduct against the late Sir Hector Macdonald, report that he committed no crime, and conclude that the famous general was driven to suicide by slanderous tongue.

Here's to the lordling Donegal whose mother is a pretty Canadian woman. If the future tranquility lives long enough he will be one of Fredericton's landlords.

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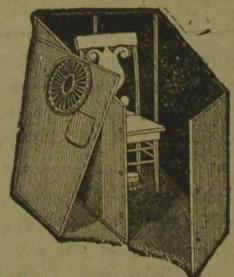
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