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THE ALASKA AWARD.

Occasionally things occur that try to the utmost the well known loyalty of Canadians, and the award of the Alaska Boundary commission is an incident that leads the people of this country to feel that not all the Little Englanders are yet out of Imperial political and judicial circles; that there are still some Englishmen who regard the colonies as a rather useless appendages, and are willing to sacrifice even territory to preserve the good feeling which is said to exist with another great power.

It is useless to deny the fact that the Alaska boundary award is cruelly disappointing to the Canadians, as the Asburton sacrifice was the source of great irritation in this country, and the Canadian commissioners, Sir Louis Jetté and Mr. A. B. Ayleworth, who absolutely refused to sign the award, and have practically withdrawn from the commission, have taken a position which commends itself to Canadians.

It was felt from the organization of the commission that there was little hope of fair play for Canada. Instead of securing the appointment of a neutral commissioner, who in case of a tie vote between the British and United States members of the tribunal, would be in a position to give an impartial decision, the Imperial government consented to a board of three Americans and three British, two of the latter being Canadians. Moreover the American commissioners were all active politicians, anxious of course to score a success before the tribunal for party as well as national and personal reasons, and it was inevitable that the best Canadians could expect was a deadlock, with the American and British commissioners equally divided as to the award. Lord Alverston, however, sided with the Americans, and their victory is nearly complete, the territory most desired by Canada to enable her to reach the Yukon without traversing the property of another nation, having been conceded to the United States.

We do not suppose that Canadians are going into rebellion because they did not win the case, but they will certainly make a very vigorous protest against this continued sacrifice of colonial interests. At the present time British statesmen are looking to the colonies for assistance in formulating a fiscal policy that will promote imperial as well as colonial interests, but such incidents as the Alaska boundary award are not likely to arouse enthusiasm among Canadians with respect to motherland propositions of any kind, and the keen disappointment which the people of this country feel at being stripped of territory which we believed rightfully belongs to us, may even suggest to Canadians the question of our future political relations with the empire which we so much revere, but whose statesmen sometimes try our patience and immerse our loyalty to an extent that almost reaches the breaking point. Possibly this feeling of disappointment may pass away, but the expression of Canadians on the latest apparent sacrifice of our interests will reach the ears of the men who are guiding imperial interests, and who may be awakened to the fact that the colonies—this colony at least, has passed out of swaddling clothes and proposes to be heard in the councils of the Empire.

Judge Henry of the Nova Scotia supreme court bench, incapacitated for some years by partial paralysis, has resigned, and it is supposed that the vacancy will go to Dr. Russell, M. P. for Hants.

Senator Dell Perley, in his speech against the Grand Trunk Pacific bill, said he was willing to vote for the construction of the western section of the road, but would have nothing to do with the eastern section, describing the country through which it will pass as worthless. Senator Perley is a native of New Brunswick, now residing in the west, but he appears to have forgotten his old home and earlier associations. It is a pretty mean sort of a bird that fouls its own nest, and New Brunswickers had reason to expect something better from Senator Perley, whose range of vision however is bounded by the limits of the Tory party.

Senator Thompson's name does not appear in the vote on the Grand Trunk Pacific bill in the upper chamber, for the reason that he was paired with Senator Kirchoffer. Senator Thompson was in favor of the bill and Senator Kirchoffer against it. Senator Domville, for the bill was paired with Senator Poirier, and Senator King with Senator Wood. Senators Ellis, Dever and McSweeney voted for the bill and Senator Wark was absent. This accounts for the ten New Brunswick senators and shows six Liberal senators for the bill and three Tory senators against it, with one Liberal absent. The Telegraph's campaign was a huge failure.

Dr. Kendall, M. P. for Cape Breton county, one of the gentleman who defeated Sir Charles Tupper and his Tory colleague in that constituency in 1896, is said to be slated for the Nova Scotia post office inspectorship, vacated by the recent death of Col. Macdonald.

It is expected that the Dominion parliament will be prorogued tomorrow or Thursday.

FATHER MICHAUD AS A JOKER.

How He Got Even With a Well Known Gentleman.

The death of Rev. Father Michaud, of Buctouche, Kent county, recalls a good joke that Mr. Michael McDade, of St. John, told at his own expense while stamping that county in the interest of Mr. LeBlanc, the Liberal candidate, in the last federal election. "It was in this county," said Mr. McDade, "that I first tried my hand at public speaking. It was in the summer of 1877, I was broken in health; and my tutor on the News, Mr. J. L. Stewart, insisted upon doing his own work and mine while I took a month's rest; and, Father Michaud, having many times invited me, I went to Buctouche to spend my vacation with him. He prescribed two baths daily in the Buctouche river and an extra sleep every day from two to four o'clock in the afternoon. Rain or shine I took the baths, and I had no reason to suppose that Father Michaud doubted that I took the afternoon nap, as I went to my room every day just after dinner, and before Father Michaud started for his farm, upon which he worked from about two to five o'clock every week day afternoon. One Sunday—a day or two before my vacation came to a close—Father Michaud asked me if I would not like to attend a meeting of a temperance society, which he had organized some few miles away from the presbytery. We drove there. The hall was packed with people. Father Michaud took me to the platform and without any other notice said to me, 'Michael, these people have gathered to hear an address from you, and as we are already late you had better begin immediately.' In fear and trembling I made a start, and had only been speaking a minute or two when I received generous applause. That of course encouraged me and it was repeated so frequently that I continued speaking until I had exhausted myself and a half an hour's time to say nothing about the patience of the audience. A word or two from Father Michaud brought the meeting to a close and we were soon driving towards his home again. Father Michaud asked:

"How did you like my temperance society, Michael?"

"First rate, Father Michaud."

"That was a real speech of yours, Michael."

"Before I had time to reply he said: Ah! Michael, I have got even with you. You fool poor Father Michaud by making him believe you have a two hours sleep every afternoon. Instead of that, when his back is turned you slip out of your room by getting out of the back window, slide down the verandah post and spend the afternoon with the girls in the village, returning just before I get back from the farm. I guess we are about even now, though, Michael. You have been speaking for half an hour to an audience composed entirely of French people, scarcely one of whom can speak or understand a word of English and all of whom applauded because they took their cue from me. That is why I sat behind you."

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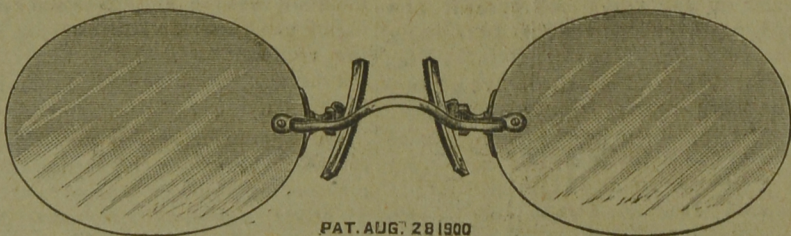
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