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MR. BLAIR'S RESIGNATION.

Until there is an official explanation of the causes which led to the resignation of Hon. A. G. Blair from the Laurier cabinet, all reports respecting the matter are merely conjecture.

There is no doubt Mr. Blair's decision to quit the administration came as a great surprise to even his most intimate political friends, and it is useless to ignore the fact that it excited considerable apprehension in Liberal circles.

Mr. Blair was recognized as one of the ablest, most progressive and most resourceful members of the government; few if any men in the cabinet are his equal in ability, and none are his superiors. His absence therefore from his old post as one of the advisers of His Excellency and the energetic Minister of Railways, will be very sincerely regretted by every Liberal who admires ability, courage and progressiveness in a public man. If Mr. Blair presses his resignation on the premier, New Brunswick will lose the services of a faithful friend and representative, one who at all seasons and under all conditions had thought for the interests of his native province which has so signally honored him for the past twenty years.

It is stated that the reason for Mr. Blair's resignation is that he differed from his colleagues on the question of constructing the proposed railway from Quebec to the maritime provinces, holding that to parallel the Intercolonial would be in a measure to destroy it. It is well known that Mr. Blair has favored the extension of the Intercolonial to the grain fields of the west, and it is just possible that he does not look with favor on the government's proposal to build a line from Quebec to Moncton and pass it over to the Grand Trunk Pacific Company. If this is the rock on which Mr. Blair and the other members of the cabinet has split, the ex-minister of railways will have considerable support in the view that he takes of the question.

However, speculation at the present moment is scarcely profitable, since the Premier's and Mr. Blair's explanations of the causes which led up to the latter's resignation must soon be made public.

Conservatives of course rejoice at Mr. Blair's passing from the cabinet. They think they are rid of a very powerful adversary, and that the way is clearer for a Tory victory, but they must not deceive themselves.

The Liberal party is a great deal stronger than any individual minister or group of ministers, and when one leader steps out there are others to fill in the gap and lead the victorious Liberal march. No such conditions prevail among our Tory friends. Their poverty in men capable of directing a great political party is remarkable; they have not even second rate men to lead them, and they are further from the treasury benches today than at any time since their overwhelmingly defeat at the polls in 1896. Liberal principles and Liberal administration are contributing largely to Canada's present prosperity, and while individual ministers may die, or resign, the great Liberal party goes on to successful government of the country, and strong in the affection of the people.

While it seems certain that Mr. Blair's resignation is in the Premier's hands, it may be that he will be induced to reconsider his decision, and that the country will continue to enjoy the wisdom, energy and ability of the most popular minister this province has ever sent to Ottawa.

ALL RIGHT NOW.

Liberal politicians seldom receive a good word from the Tory press during

their lifetime, but when they die or retire from public life they are pretty sure to be fairly well spoken of by the opposition newspapers. This was the case of Alexander MacKenzie, Edward Blake, Sir Oliver Mowatt and many others.

It is Mr. Blair's time now. The report from Ottawa that he has resigned his position in the cabinet is sufficient cause for even the St. John Sun to pronounce an eulogy on Mr. Blair. Heretofore the Sun has represented Mr. Blair as a mere cipher in the cabinet, but it now discovers that his resignation leaves a very large hole in that body. Hear what the Sun says, and compare the language with the Sun's usual treatment of Mr. Blair.

It says:

"But whatever may be said of Mr. Blair's faults, he is a man of force and courage. If he persists in his retirement his departure will make a large hole in the Laurier government. The cabinet contains more than one or two men of equal ability, but only one other of equal energy, and none of equal determination. A man who knows his own mind and who is not drifting about with the tides and currents will be needed in the government if Mr. Blair and Mr. Tarte have both gone."

THE DYING POPE.

Today's despatches from Rome indicate that His Holiness the Pope is in the last stages of dissolution. His struggle has been heroic, but his great age is against him in the effort to rally from the attack with which he has been prostrated for more than a week. It is extremely doubtful if the venerable Pontiff sees the rise of tomorrow's sun.

A truly great man is passing away in the death of Pope Leo, great not only to those who own his clerical sway, but to the world, which admires his ability and learning, his peaceful, conciliatory reign, and his high Christian character.

A chronology of His Holiness is as follows:

- Born at Carpineto March 2, 1810.
- Entered college at Rome 1824.
- Matriculated at Gregorian University 1830.
- Entered college of Noble Ecclesiastics 1832.
- Appointed Domestic Prelate by Gregory XVI., 1837.
- Order of priesthood conferred December 31, 1837.
- Apostolic delegate at Benevento 1837-1841.
- Governor of Spoleto 1841-1843.
- Papal Nuncio at Brussels 1843-1845.
- Made Archbishop of Perugia, 1846.
- Created Cardinal December 19, 1853.
- Made Cardinal Camerlengo July, 1877.
- Elected Pope February 20, 1878.
- Revived Roman Catholic Hierarchy in Scotland, March 4, 1878.
- Recognized unity of Italy, October 7, 1883.
- Celebrated golden jubilee, 1887.
- Celebrated grand jubilee, 1888.
- Celebrated Episcopal jubilee February 1893.
- Issued an appeal to England for reunion of Christendom, April 14, 1894.
- Celebrated sixtieth anniversary of his first mass February 13, 1898.
- Declared 1900 a year of universal jubilee May 11, 1899.
- Celebrated ninetieth birthday March 2, 1900.
- Celebrated 25th anniversary of Pontificate April 28, 1903.
- Received homage of Christian pilgrims from all lands, 1901.
- Issued his encyclical letter to rulers of all nations, 1902.

There is no parallel in the retirement of Mr. Blair and Mr. Tarte from the cabinet. The former, evidently differing from his colleagues on an important public question, voluntarily resigns. Mr. Tarte, on the other hand, while still holding a seat in the cabinet, went around the country preaching doctrines which he knew to be at variance with the government policy, and was bounced.

Should Mr. Blair's resignation as cabinet minister be accepted, his successor as the representative of New Brunswick will undoubtedly be Hon. H. R. Emmerson, whose well known ability, and political experience eminently qualify him for such a position.

There was great rejoicing in the small Tory colony in this city when the announcement was received that Mr. Blair had resigned from the cabinet. Mr. Pinder is expected down from Nackawick by towboat this evening, and will direct the formal demonstration.

Fredericton looked like a real naval town today with the presence of so many St. John yachtsmen in the streets. The visitors apparently thoroughly enjoyed their visit. They are always welcome.

Yesterday was nomination day in the Manitoba general election. Every seat is contested, and the fight which ends on Monday next, is a very hot one.

Senator Frye, acting vice president of the United States, was in St. John yesterday on board the revenue cutter Grisham.

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E. L. JEWETT, Secretary.

July 6—d&wf

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