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NEWFOUNDLAND AND THE UNION.

The question of seeking to induce Newfoundland to enter the Canadian confederation, is said to be a live one with the government at Ottawa. Several unsuccessful attempts have been made to bring this about, the last one in 1895, but the Tory government then weakly led by Sir Mackenzie Bowell made a botch of the proceedings, and the effort resulted in failure. The energy of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues, however, should be sufficient to induce the Newfoundlanders to unite their destinies with Canada on terms mutually advantageous, and it would be a splendid triumph for the Liberal administration to round out the confederation by the addition of the ancient colony, which geographically holds such a commanding position at the gateway of the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

There is at the present time in Newfoundland a strong confederation party led by such able men as ex-Judge Morrison, and no doubt the Ottawa government would find little difficulty in securing a conference with Island representatives to talk over, and possibly arrange the terms of union.

MR. FOSTER'S INSINCERITY.

"Give me one generation of people who were total abstinents and with a five per cent tariff I would undertake to show the greatest regime of prosperity that has ever come to this country."

This was uttered by Hon. Geo. E. Foster at a Toronto temperance meeting Sunday night, and has a familiar ring about it. It takes one's mind back twenty-five years when Mr. Foster was apparently an earnest temperance worker, and before he entered political life to be moulded by that deft politician, the late Sir John Macdonald.

Mr. Foster had a fine opportunity to do good work for the temperance cause when he first went to parliament, but his record on that question is too well known to require extended comment. Mr. Foster found that if he played the game of politics according to the Tory rule, if he accepted office in the government he would have to curb his intense longing for prohibition, and he did it to such an extent that he stood up in the House of Commons and confessed that when he voted for prohibition it was "in a moment of weakness." Temperance people have not had much use for Mr. Foster since that confession, and his reappearance on the temperance platform is rather pharisaical to say the least.

Mr. Foster as an exponent of the Conservative tariff policy, or the Chamberlain fiscal plan of campaign is all right, but as a prohibition orator he is no longer seriously thought of.

A COMPARISON.

The Liberal government are receiving well deserved credit for the generous manner in which they have dealt with the employees of the Intercolonial railway in comparison with the niggardly way in which they were treated by the Tory administration.

The new schedule of wages as agreed to last week by Hon. Mr. Fielding, acting minister of railways, places the trackmen of the road in a better position than they have ever occupied before.

The Moncton Transcript makes some comparisons with the present conditions and those existing in 1896 under Tory rule:

Yard foremen in the leading centres of the I. C. R. such as Halifax, Amherst, St. John, Moncton, Truro, etc., are now to receive \$2.25 per day as against \$1.50 per day in 1896.

Regular section men in above yards \$1.50 per day. In 1896 only \$1.10.

Regular section men elsewhere than in above yards, \$1.40 per day. In 1896 only \$1.10.

Yard section foremen at Dartmouth, Windsor, Truro, No. 147, Maccan, Sackville, Newcastle, Hadlow, Ste. Rosalie, Alberton, Tignish and Souris, \$2.00 per day. These men in 1896 received \$1.50 per day.

Regular section foremen elsewhere than above yards, \$1.85 a day. They only received \$1.50 in 1896.

Foremen of extra gangs, \$2.75 a day. In 1896 they got \$2.00 a day.

Foremen of track carpenters receive \$2.50 a day. In 1896 they got \$2.00.

Track carpenters or skilled mechanics with a kit of tools, \$2.00 per day. They received \$1.50 a day in 1896.

Rough carpenters, wharf men, \$1.50 to \$1.70 per day. In 1896 they got \$1.00 to \$1.30.

These figures are instructive and illustrate the interest the Liberal government have in the workingmen as compared with the manner in which they were neglected by the Tory administration, who paid the trackmen starvation prices for their labor.

Other classes of the I. C. R. employees have been equally well treated by the Liberals.

Up to recent years no man could be mayor of Toronto unless he was a Conservative. That party is in a large majority in the Queen city and they carried their politics into the civic elections. Mr. Urquhart, a staunch Liberal, however, was elected mayor last January, and so faithfully and successfully has he performed his duties that he will be re-elected next month by acclamation.

Mr. W. J. Bryan, twice an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the United States, when he returns from his present European tour will be able to write an interesting book on "Distinguished people I have met." Mr. Bryan already has enjoyed the honor of audiences with King Edward, Pope Pius and the Czar.

Mr. Foster is in great demand for speeches since his return from England, and evidently denies nobody who applies for his services. The hon. gentleman is evidently getting himself in trim for the general election, although he has not yet been offered a constituency.

HAVE PROBABLY PERISHED.

Prospectors Whose Friends Have Given Them up for Dead.

(Special to the Daily Herald.)

Port Arthur, Ont., Dec. 22.—Last August, Patrick Laren and Patrick McCoy, prospectors of Duluth, left to explore the country in the vicinity of Pic River that flows into Lake Superior at Peninsula Harbor, and carried provisions for fifty days.

Nothing has been heard of them since and their friends are alarmed, and believe they are lost.

The men went out to explore for minerals and timber, especially in regard to pulp wood.

Allurements,

There are allurements to evil ways and allurements to be good. One of these nice warm smoking jackets or dressing gowns at Edgecumbe's if judiciously placed on a convenient chair back by the anxious wife might tempt a thoughtless husband to stay home from the club or some other place, you know. Try and make your good man comfortable at home. Next Friday will be Christmas day.—d

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Fredericton, Dec. 15th, 1903

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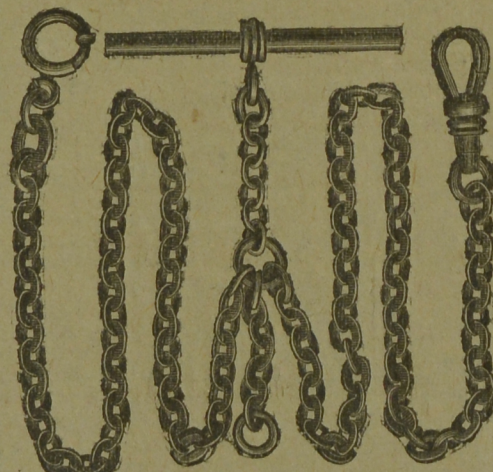
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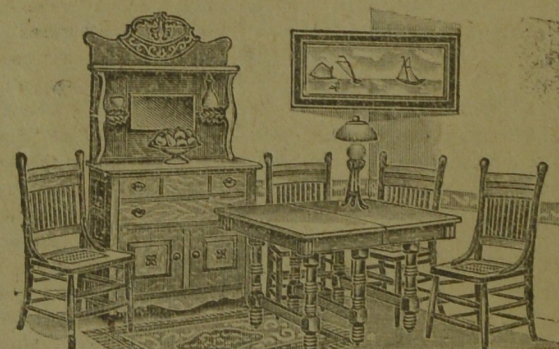
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