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## NOTED FICTION WRITER.

The Sun's young man at Ottawa has made a terrible discovery. He declares that Mr. Blair is at variance with his colleagues in the government, because he is not consulted in matters of government policy. The young man evidently has been watching Mr. Blair very closely, and has discovered that the New Brunswick minister has been absenting himself from the sessions of the House.

All this is very dreadful, very alarming if it were true, but with the exception of the fact that Mr. Blair may not be permitted by his other official duties to sit constantly in the House, we venture the assertion that the Sun's young man is drawing entirely on his imagination.

Mr. Blair's duties in connection with the railway commission bill and the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme have been very onerous this session, and he has not time to be in his seat in the House to discuss or listen to every little detail of parliamentary business, but during working hours we have no doubt the minister when not in the chamber may be found in his little den, room 92, just off the library of the House, where he disposes of more business than two ordinary men could accomplish in the same time.

Those who know Mr. Blair's standing and influence in the government will be unable to suppress a smile at the allegation that the Minister of Railways is sulking because he is not consulted sufficiently in matters of public policy. Why the little fellow with Blairphobia who writes the Sun's correspondence from Ottawa should know that no other member of the cabinet outside of the premier himself, has more to do with shaping the government's policy than Mr. Blair, and his ability, his energy and his success as an administrator constitute him a tower of strength to the government.

The Sun has been writing Mr. Blair down for more than twenty years, misrepresenting, beliving, slandering him, and at no time in his political career has he stood higher in the esteem of the people of New Brunswick than he does today. The minister has necessarily been compelled to step on the necks of the Sun and its political friends, they endeavor to get even with him by spreading the most unfounded reports regarding him, and the Sun's Ottawa correspondent is a past master in the art of misrepresenting Mr. Blair's every move. That's what he is paid for, and if he let up he might lose his job.

## ANOTHER CONVERT.

The MacLeod Gazette, for the past twenty years, the leading Conservative organ in Southern Alberta, N. W. T., has come over bag and baggage to the Liberals. In announcing the important change the editor says:

"Under the new management the Gazette will support the Liberal government, the new proprietors believing that the policy of the present government has done and is doing more for the advancement of the Northwest Territories and the town of MacLeod than has ever been done in the past."

We trust the Gazette's flop is not the result of Mr. Borden's tour of the Northwest, and yet that may be the cause. Mr. Borden, who besides being an eminently respectable gentleman, a fine fellow in private life, and a sound lawyer, is a dismal failure as a politician and party leader, and the men he had with him on his tour were without exception third rate statesmen, if they can be dignified by that name. Perhaps the Gazette sized up the calibre of the men who now lead the Tory party, compared

them with the old Tory guard now no more, examined into the delusive, uncertain Tory policy, looked around its locality and observed the wonderful development of the country under Liberal rule, and decided to join the progressive party of Canada.

Mr. Borden's political friends in the North West will miss the Gazette's support. It is a well conducted, well circulated newspaper, with a wide influence. It is not the only Tory newspaper that has flopped within a recent period, but we trust that financial necessities had nothing to do with its sudden change of political base. The Liberal party is always glad to welcome converts, whether men or newspapers, who come to it because they have discovered Liberal principles and administration the best for the country.

## PLAIN TALK.

At the recent meeting of the Church of England Synod of the diocese of Huron, Ontario, Bishop Baldwin indulged in some plain talk to the laymen. He said that he could get ten women to help him while the call to the men met no response. The men, with all their talk, wanted Sunday to yawn or go for a walk, in order to air their cobwebby brains. When asked to take part in church work they said they had to work hard all day and begged to be excused. The conduct of the educated laymen was perfectly scandalous. It reminded him of the callousness in Rome where the Emperor and nobles lived on, while poor gladiators were killed to please them. Too many congregations told the clergy to do all the work. They needed more laborers, more interest, above all, more piety. They wanted more laymen to develop the Sunday school life.

Rev. John Read, whose sudden death is reported from St. Stephen, was one of the leading clergymen of the Methodist church in the Maritime Provinces, an able preacher, an energetic pastor and a gentleman who stood very high in public esteem. Although never settled in Fredericton he has frequently been heard in the Methodist pulpit here, and his pastorates at Nashwaak and Marysville, and his marriage into a well known Nashwaak family gave him a large circle of friends in this vicinity who will learn of his decease with sincere regret.

Hon. William Ross, the Liberal M. P. for Victoria, N. S., is a sturdy Scotchman who on all occasions stands up for the land of his birth. Recently in parliament a clause of the railway commission bill requiring railway companies to destroy each year "all thistles and other noxious weeds along their right of way," was passing through committee when Mr. Ross objected to Scotland's national emblem being classed as a noxious weed. The clause was amended to meet his objection.

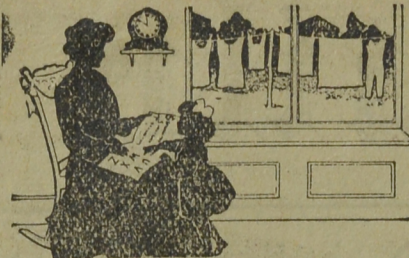
It looks as if New Brunswick is gradually but surely adopting features of what is known as the continental Sabbath, and the announcement that a gentleman of high official rank is to dine distinguished visitors at a club on Sunday shows a radical departure from the old fashioned observance of the Sabbath.

Thomas Luke, an Englishman, who arrived recently at Montreal and secured employment as a laborer on the construction work of the Power Co., has thrown up his job. A relative in England has left him a fortune of \$60,000.

The revenue of Canada for the year closed June 30th last was \$63,739,271 or \$7,455,577 more than the previous year. The surplus for the past year reaches the enormous sum of \$15,000,000.

Canada has lost a distinguished son in the death of Hon. Judge Armour of the Supreme court bench at Ottawa. The distinguished jurist died this morning in London.

Official announcement of the government's policy on the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme is expected in Parliament Monday.



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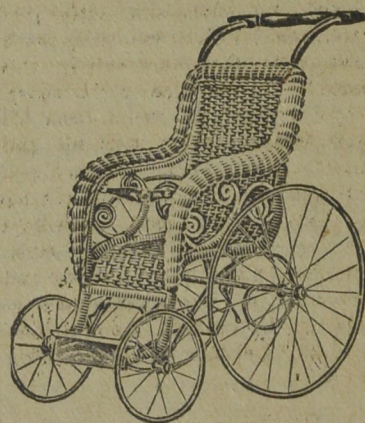
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