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AN ABSURD STATEMENT.

Upper province journalists generally show a lamentable ignorance of political affairs in this part of Canada. Here is the Toronto News, for instance, declaring that outside of Nova Scotia and possibly Quebec there is not a stable Liberal government in any of the provinces. If Mr. Willison were to consult somebody who knows the facts he would discover that in New Brunswick there is a Liberal government with nearly four fifths of the peoples representatives in the legislature supporting it, and that in P. E. Island, a Liberal government is followed by two thirds of the legislature in that province. Toronto editors, with Mr. Ross' narrow majority ever before them, seem to be impressed with the idea that Ontario is about the whole of Canada, and that Liberals are fighting for life outside of that province as well as within it. The idea is very erroneous.

The Halifax Herald says that Rev. Robert Johnston who is to preach next Sunday in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in that city, and may receive a call to its vacant pulpit, is said to be "the handsomest man in Ireland, thirty years of age and unmarried." This would seem to indicate that the call from the lady members of the congregation at least will be unanimous. Mr. Johnston is at present pastor of a flourishing church at Castledowns, County Derry, Ireland.

Mr. Ernest Pacaud, whose death is announced at Quebec, was for many years one of the leading journalists of that city, and as the editor and proprietor of L'Electeur, exercised a wide influence. He was mixed up with some of the late Mr. Mercier's political deals, but was acquitted of the charges of corruption made against him in 1892. Some months ago Mr. Pacaud sold his newspaper to a Liberal syndicate.

King's College, Windsor, N. S., has dwindled in importance in recent years, and the proposition to amalgamate it with Dalhousie University having failed, its friends hope that the appointment of Mr. Hanna as president, made yesterday, will help the old institution out of its difficulties. The new president is an Englishman, son of the Bishop of Chester, and has had educational experience in India and Canada.

The legislative session which closed today opened March 3, so that it has lasted within one day of seven weeks. A large amount of important legislature has been put through, notably the highway act which is expected to have a far reaching and most important effect in improving the condition of the highways of the province. The government comes through the session with flying colors.

The church of England Synod of Nova Scotia, which met this afternoon at Halifax, has an important duty before it, the choice of a Bishop to succeed Rev. Dr. Courtney, who resigns to take charge of a New York church. It should be possible for the Synod to select a Canadian for the high office.

Nova Scotia's first Rhodes scholar is Mr. Gilbert Stairs, selected by the faculty of Dalhousie University. The young man, who is a son of Mr. John F. Stairs, ex-M.P., had a brilliant course at Dalhousie, is now studying law at Harvard, and is twenty-one years old.

It is expected that the debate on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway resolutions in the House of Commons will close and the vote be taken tonight.

Mr. Borden, the Tory leader, has not yet disclosed the name of the party who gave him the Blair memo. Mr. Borden must know that the document was stolen, and his use of it was certainly reprehensible, and a reproach to his former standing as an honorable man.

Ald. Baxter, who was defeated in the St. John civic elections, is a prominent Tory politician who is supposed to have been looking forward to a seat in the legislature. The man who defeated him, Mr. Brannen, is a Carleton hotel proprietor.

The Toronto fire is probably the most serious conflagration that has ever visited that enterprising city. The losses are mostly among the big wholesale houses.

Evidently interest in civic elections in St. John is as feeble as in this city. In yesterday's contest only 55 per cent. of the available vote was polled.

MR. HAZELTON HOME.

Back to Fredericton From a Trip Around the World.

Mr. Jacob Hazelton a well known lumberman resident of this city, who left here five months ago to visit his brother in Australia, arrived home Monday evening. Mr. Hazelton during his trip made a complete circuit of the world and in that time covered no less than twenty-seven thousand miles. He sailed from Vancouver B. C. early in November and arrived in Australia twenty-six days later, having made a short stop at Honolulu and Fiji Islands on the way out. When he reached the antipode summer was nearly over, and the farmers were beginning to gather their season's harvest.

Mr. Hazelton proceeded at once to Melbourne, and sought out his brother who had been a resident of that country for thirty-nine years and has enjoyed prosperity in the gold mining business. The latter had received no notification of his brother's intended visit and was therefore taken completely by surprise. Mr. Hazelton called at his brother's residence and made himself known to Mrs. Hazelton. Later on the head of the household came in but utterly failed to recognize the visitor from New Brunswick whom he had not seen since his boyhood days. It is needless to say the latter when his identity was disclosed came in for a very cordial greeting.

Mr. Hazelton remained in Australia for three weeks, at the end of which time he took passage by an Oriental steamship for Southampton, England, and reached his destination after a forty-two days voyage. He remained in the old country about ten days, and came to St. John on the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba.

Mr. Hazelton was on the ocean about seventy days during his absence, and enjoyed entire immunity from seasickness. Although he enjoyed his trip very much he makes no secret of the fact that he is glad to be back in New Brunswick once more. He goes further and says that his trip only strengthened the opinion that he has always entertained that no country in the world has so few drawbacks and so many advantages as Canada, and no country has a more productive soil and is inhabited by a more hospitable or harder race of people.

Mr. Hazelton is in the enjoyment of splendid health and is being heartily welcomed back by his numerous friends.

Senator Wood, Mrs and Miss Wood of Sackville arrived at Halifax from Bermuda yesterday on the steamer Bocamo. Mr W B Snowball, eldest son of the Lieut Governor was yesterday re-elected an alderman of Chatham.

Mr W C Roberts has gone to New York to accept a position on the staff of the Literary Digest.

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