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LIGHTNING CHANGE ARTIST.

Mr. Borden is a great man for changing his views. Some ten or twelve years ago he was a Liberal, now he is a very ardent Tory and leader of that party. His acrobatic performances on the trans-continental railway question, are fresh in the public memory, and he has added another evidence of his liability to sudden changes.

With all other good Tories Mr. Borden has denounced the government for bringing Galician immigrants to western Canada, but in the House yesterday the Tory leader confessed that he and his friends were all wrong. He declared that his visit to the west had changed his views with respect to the Galicians. He was very much prejudiced against these people before, but upon seeing them he found that they make excellent settlers.

Mr. Borden's sudden conversion to government owned railways, has compelled the Tory newspapers to execute a very sharp turn, and they are now applauding what they and Mr. Borden only a few weeks ago roundly denounced. It will now be in order for the Tory leader's friends in the press to praise the Galicians whom they have so uninterruptedly slandered.

A VETERAN CANADIAN.

Next in point of age to our own venerable Senator Wark, of men who have been prominent in the public life of the country, is Sir William Howland of Toronto, who on Sunday last celebrated the ninety-fourth anniversary of his birth, and is in the enjoyment of excellent health and mental activity.

Sir William for many years was a prominent member of the parliament of old Canada, being associated with such eminent men as the late George Brown, John Sandfield Macdonald, Oliver Mowat, Antoine A. Dorion, William Macdougall and Thomas D'Arcy Magee, Conner and others of less prominence, and he found himself in opposition to John A. Macdonald, George E. Cartier, Alexander T. Galt, John Rose and John Hilyard Cameron.

Sir William was governor of Ontario from 1868 to 1872, and all his life has been intimately associated with business, carrying on farming, milling and store keeping on an extensive scale. While none of his sons have entered the wider fields of local or federal politics, two of them have filled the Toronto mayoralty chair, and one, now deceased, married a New Brunswick lady, daughter of the late Z. Chipman, of St. Stephen, and sister of Lady Tilley. Sir William still gives attention to business matters and is really a remarkable old gentleman, who has been honored not only by his own countrymen, but by the late Queen, who thirty years ago bestowed on him the honor of knighthood.

AN EMINENT SCHOLAR.

The University Alumni Society were fortunate in securing so eminent a gentleman as Prof. Clark Murray, of McGill University, for their orator at the encenia tomorrow, and a few points in his career will be of interest at this moment. Prof. Murray is the son of the late Mayor or Provost Murray, of Paisley, Scot-

land, and is sixty-eight years of age. He was educated at the Universities of Glasgow (LL. D.) Edinburgh, Heidelberg and Göttingen, and came to Canada in 1862 on his appointment as professor of mental and moral philosophy in Queen's University, Kingston. He remained with that institution ten years and in 1872 was appointed to the same chair in McGill University, a position he has occupied ever since. He has been an exhaustive writer of magazine articles and works on philosophy, biography and various other subjects, and is a valued member of the Royal Society of Canada, to which he has made many contributions of a literary character.

Prof. Murray's wife, formerly Miss Polson, of Paisley, is also of a literary turn, and has been editor of "Young Canada," and a contributor to a number of other periodicals.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

The general assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada which opens in annual session at St. John this evening, is one of the largest and most representative religious bodies in this country, and its deliberations create an interest far beyond its denominational bounds.

Delegates will be present from all parts of Canada, from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean, and besides eminent clergymen, will include many laymen prominent in the political, judicial and commercial world, among them Lieutenant Governor Mortimer Clark, of Ontario. The present moderator is Rev. Dr. Fletcher, of Hamilton, and it is said his successor will either be Rev. Dr. Milligan, of Toronto, or Rev. K. J. Grant, the well known Trinidad missionary who recently visited Fredericton.

Especially interest attaches to this year's meeting of the Assembly from the fact that it will likely deal with the proposal for an organic union between the Presbyterian, the Methodist and Congregational churches of Canada. Many of the clerical delegates to the Assembly have already expressed themselves as favorable to union, and it will not be surprising if the matter is put to a test vote before the conclusion of the meeting.

MOTOR WATER CARTS.

At Paris the long-expected motor water carts are beginning to make their appearance and are highly successful. This new, useful municipal automobile carries 1,100 gallons. The maximum speed is nine and one-half miles an hour. Each can be filled in six minutes and covers a space twenty-five feet wide with its spray. The motor is worked by steam at thirty-five horse power, and a connection between the wheels and the water jets regulates automatically the output of the latter according to the pace of the cart, and closes them altogether at a stoppage of the vehicle.

We have no reason to anticipate that the chairman of the Fredericton road committee will order one of these motor water carts before next year, but if it would not be taxing his time and ability too severely, would he be good enough to order the second water cart to work on the streets of this city. This vehicle cost the citizens of Fredericton considerable of their good money, is in good repair, and was not intended for mere ornamental purposes. There is plenty of work for it to do, and if the chairman of the road

committee has a sense of his responsibility he will see that the cart is at once put in commission.

The operations of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company at Sydney, N. S., have been held up because of the strike of 1,800 men employed by the company. They demand a restoration of the wages in force prior to the reduction of December last, but the directors refuse the concession. Meantime the business interests of Sydney have the prospect of suffering severely if the strike continues for any length of time.

The excellent letter which we publish today on the health of the city, deals vigorously with the question of sewerage, and will be read with great interest.

Failed to Draw.

On account of insufficient advertising, the lecture to have been given at the opera house last evening on the Russo-Japanese war by Dr. Samuel Rabinowitz, of St. John, failed to draw a crowd and was declared off. The only person who put in an appearance were James F. McMurray, J. D. Phinney, K. C., Dr. Creed, W. R. Logan and the representatives of the press, and they got no further than the opera house steps. The light was not turned on in the building and not a single ticket was sold. The Jewish population was not represented in the small gathering which assembled to hear the Rabbi. Dr. Rabinowitz returned home this morning much disappointed with the result of his mission to the capital.

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