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MR. RUSSELL EXPLAINS.

It is not Sir Wilfrid Laurier, nor President Roosevelt nor Mr. Chamberlain, nor Emperor William, nor any other of the prominent men of the day, who has the ear of the public these times, but that distinguished political and financial boss, the Right Honorable David Russell, formerly of the small borough of St. John, but now of the Windsor Hotel, Montreal.

It is a poor day in newspaper circles when the Right Hon. David does not grind a few sticks of sensational "copy" for an ever waiting press.

During the election campaign especially, this rival of Mr. J. Pierrpont Morgan in finance and who would be maker and unmaker of governments, kept the Canadian political world in an uproar with his announcements of bombshells that were to blow the Laurier administration into eternity. He was able to induce Mr. Blair to resign his position, and thinking that the bargain, whatever it was, included the ex-minister of railways taking the stump against the government, declared in his newspapers that Canada was to witness one of the greatest political sensations in its history. Mr. Blair however did not meet Kingmaker Russell's expectations and the election passed off with the greatest of the Russell bombshells undischarged.

Since the close of the campaign, some of the newspapers have been busy writing up Mr. Russell's alleged connection with the fight against the government, and the great financier is kept busy explaining certain things.

A few days ago he announced that it was he who induced Mr. Blair to resign from the railway commission. People wondered at this, how a gentleman of Mr. Blair's position would permit himself to be led by Mr. Russell, and it is to clear this up that the latter writes another letter.

Mr. Russell in this communication says:

"It was not a very long time after Mr. Blair assumed the chairmanship of the Railway Commission before it became a matter of common talk in Ottawa and Montreal that he was not being properly supported by the government. Later he mentioned this to me, and as I have the highest regard for Mr. Blair's ability as a lawyer, and more especially in the line of corporations, I began to make plans by which his valuable services could be available."

"Within a short time I decided that I could find Mr. Blair sufficient of a more congenial employment as consulting attorney in corporation matters to justify me in guaranteeing him a much larger income than he was then enjoying, and this arrangement will be carried out as made."

"I felt that I was fully justified in suggesting his immediate withdrawal from a difficult position, and I can further state positively that Mr. Blair knew nothing of my so-called conspiracy against the Liberal party, knew nothing of the purchase of La Presse, and knew nothing of any of the other crimes with which I am being daily charged."

Mr. Blair's friends will be somewhat relieved by this explanation, yet Mr. Russell does not make it clear why he was in such haste to induce Mr. Blair to resign. Was it purely in Mr. Blair's personal interests, or was it a part of Mr. Russell's scheme to oust the government?

Another point on which Mr. Russell owes the public an explanation is, what was his motive in so suddenly turning against the government and inducing Mr. Blair to resign at a moment when it would likely most injure the government? What did the government do to Mr. Russell that he should suddenly desert them, and put up his best efforts to turn them out of office?

When great men change their politics it is generally on some principle. If Mr. Russell desires the public to believe that he is a great man he should take it into his confidence and say just why he left the Liberal party and tried to take all his friends with him.

WELCOME TO CANADA.

Lord Grey, Canada's new governor general, on his arrival at Halifax tonight, will probably be greeted with decidedly frosty weather, but the warmth of the welcome extended to him by the Canadian people will speedily efface any personal discomfort he may feel from the weather.

The new governor general is no stranger to Canada. He has made three visits to this country within the past dozen years, and knows something of our history and conditions. Before leaving home he made a couple of speeches which showed his keen appreciation of Canada and its people, and his kind words have served to awaken a strong interest in his personality, and to make the Canadian greeting all the warmer.

Lord Grey comes to us with a splendid reputation as a man of high ideals and lofty purposes, and with a generous conception of the great possibilities of this country.

He will no doubt be a model governor general, discharging his State duties within the constitutional lines and following the example of his illustrious predecessors in social affairs. We shall like him none the less because he is the distinguished brother of Lady Minto.

Lady Grey may also be sure of a generous welcome. The newspapers on the other side of the water have remarked that she is not known as a great social leader, nor a woman who has taken an active part in public matters, being rather one of strong domestic tastes, and for that Canada will find no fault with her.

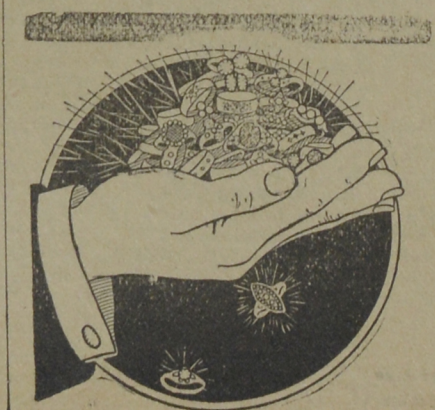
Their Excellencies bring with them two grown daughters who will add to the attractiveness of Rideau Hall for the next five years.

The Chatham World tells of a social dinner in that town at which Premier Tweedie presided and Editor Stewart, of the World, proposed a toast to the Premier's health. Mr. Tweedie in reply spoke of the fact that political struggles engender no personal ill feeling on the Miramichi. "We fight," he added, "but bear no malice." There is no mention of party politics being introduced at this dinner, but all united in good fellowship, and there were no stings left behind—a very happy condition, and one that should always prevail at such functions.

Yesterday was nomination day in the seven Nova Scotia constituencies in which there are bye-elections, and in Guysboro, Lunenburg and Richmond the government supporters were returned by acclamation. In the other constituencies the candidates nominated were: Cumberland, Paul, Liberal, Day Conservative; Colchester, Col. Lawrence, Liberal; Sackville, Conservative; Pictou, MacGregor, Liberal, Bell, Conservative; Cape Breton, Kendall, Liberal, Boyd, Labor.

The Liberals of St. John County are to meet in convention Monday to select a candidate for the legislature. Among the names of probable aspirants are those of Col. McLean, Councillor Lowell and others. The Sun says the government will have no difficulty in securing a standard bearer.

A prominent opposition worker in Westmorland tells the St. John Times that the re-election of Hon. F. J. Sweeney, solicitor general, will not be opposed.



GOVERNOR GENERAL

Due at Halifax on the Parisian Tonight.

SWEARING IN CEREMONIES WILL TAKE PLACE TOMORROW.

Cabinet Ministers Gone to Meet Lord Grey.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Halifax, Dec. 9.—The indications point to a great reception to Earl and the Countess Grey tomorrow.

Arrangements are completed. The weather is fine and the same conditions are expected tomorrow.

Halifax, Dec. 9.—It is expected the Parisian, with Earl Grey and party, will reach here about midnight today, and the hour for swearing in has been set for 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Montreal, Dec. 9.—The Allan line was last night notified by the Marconi Company that the wireless station at Cape Race was in communication at 8 a. m. and 7 p. m. with the steamship Parisian, bringing the new governor general to Canada.

At 7 p. m. the Allan liner was 100 miles west of Cape Race, and is due in Halifax tonight.

The wireless system worked well, and the message of welcome from Hon. Mr. Scott, secretary of state, representing Sir Wilfrid Laurier, was transmitted to Earl Grey. The Parisian reported all well.

Moncton, Dec. 9.—The special train conveying the cabinet ministers and others to Halifax to welcome Earl Grey, Canada's new governor general, passed through the city yesterday afternoon, arriving here at three o'clock. There were seven cars on the train. The governor general's car "Victoria," was attached to the rear, and there were several other official cars.

There were eighteen members in the party on board. The cabinet ministers on the train were Hon. Scott, Patterson and Brodeur. They were met at the station here by several I. C. R. officials, and others. Hon. Mr. Emmerson did not go on the special car with the other ministers, but had his car attached to the C. P. R. express from the west.

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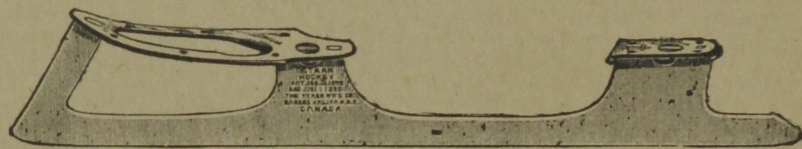
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