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RUSSELL FOR LEADER.

The suggestion is made that while the Tories are quarrelling over who shall be leader, the Right Honorable Sir David Pierpont Morgan Russell should step up and seize the job. It is probable that Sir David spent more hard cash than any other single individual in Canada to defeat the government, and why should he not come into possession of his own as leader of the great conspirators?

Sir David is a financial man of enormous proportions. No problem of the business world is too large for him to tackle, and it is said that by lucky speculations he has amassed a fortune of over \$1,000,000, and that he is so careless with money that he invariably lights his dollar cigars with twenty dollar bills. A man with a purse like his would be a model leader for our Tory friends, now so badly in need of financial and other comfort.

Mr. Russell is said to think no more of buying up a big newspaper and changing its policy than of tipping his boot black with a twenty dollar gold piece. He deals in millions, where the ordinary financier dreams only of thousands.

We don't know what Mr. Russell's capacity is in the orating line, but given a familiar theme, say the question of Russell, he can get out hot copy for his newspapers faster than ten typesetting machines can stick it up.

The only oratorical effort of his on record is the one his gramophone delivered for him at the Caledonia Springs banquet, but it was certainly a corker, and there is no reason why Mr. Russell in touring the country as leader of the Tory party, might not carry his gramophone with him in his palatial palace car, along with other dry and wet goods.

What say our Tory friends? Shall Sir David be your leader? Speak quickly, or the opportunity may be lost forever.

A COLONEL'S AMBITIONS.

Col. Sam Hughes, who in his generosity offered to resign his seat in favor of Mr. Borden, has been called down by his party in Victoria-Haliburton, Ontario. They will not permit him to resign, even to seat the defeated Tory leader in Parliament, and their action is evidence that they are in the scheme to bowl Mr. Borden out.

Perhaps these zealous Tory constituents of Col. Hughes sympathize with his ambition to be leader, and have received a straight tip from the Colonel to push his claims. A gallant soldier like Col. Sam, who put the Boer hosts to flight with a mere scratch of his pen, might reasonably aspire to lead the Tory party as successfully as Mr. Borden, who made such a mess of it.

Anyhow, the protest of Col. Sam's constituents against his offer to help out Mr. Borden in his dire extremity is evidence that the Colonel thinks himself in the race for the leadership, which looks now as if it might be in commission for some after parliament meets.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND VACANCY.

The Newcastle Advocate says that the names of Hon. John P. Burchill and Mr. Robert Murray are most mentioned in connection with Northumberland legislative vacancy, and adds that Mr. Burchill has served the county faithfully and well in the local house, and that there are many who believe that he is entitled above all other men to the nomination.

Mr. Donald Morrison, M. P. P., tells the Advocate that the Opposition will not decide on what course they will pursue in respect to the vacancy until after the government candidate is in the field. The Advocate also says that if the Opposition

put up a candidate, Editor Stewart, of The World, may be the man. However, our contemporary may be making an unlicensed use of Mr. Stewart's name, as that gentleman has declared in his paper that the government candidate will not be opposed.

TRIUMPHANT LIBERALS.

There is evidently no regret among the masses of the voters in Nova Scotia at the record Liberal victory recorded in that province on Nov. 3rd, when every Laurier candidate was returned to parliament, for in all seven local elections Thursday, Liberals triumphed.

Seven constituencies were concerned in the contest which closed Thursday, and not a Tory came within gunshot of the legislature.

Among the defeated Tory candidates is Mr. Adam C. Bell, who in the two last parliaments was in one of the front benches in the Tory party, and slated for a cabinet position if the Tories had got into power at Ottawa. Mr. Bell was defeated for parliament Nov. 3, and on Thursday, a mere boy, Mr. MacGregor, son of Senator MacGregor, New Glasgow, routed him in the contest for the local house.

Dr. Kendall's victory in Cape Breton is significant from the fact that it probably put the finishing touches on the labor party in that constituency, that party making a miserable showing at the polls.

The result of the bye elections leaves Premier Murray with his strength in the legislature unimpaired. The opposition have only two seats, one in Pictou, and one in Cumberland, against the government's thirty-six.

The Liberals of Nova Scotia hold an unexampled position, with all the federal seats and thirty-six of the thirty-eight local seats in their possession. It isn't much wonder that the Tupperes, who bossed the sister province for some years, or at least thought they owned it, have taken up their residence in the far west.

TORY DIFFICULTIES.

It reports that drift in from St. John are authentic, the Conservatives (here are finding some difficulty in securing a desirable candidate to oppose Mr. A. O. Skinner, the Liberal candidate for the city's vacant seat in the legislature.

It is stated that Mr. Shaw, ex-M. P. P., Mr. John E. Wilson, who nearly secured election in 1903, and

Mayor White, have all declined to accept nomination, and that the party may have to make choice from a field of aspirants not acceptable to a large number of Conservatives. These include ex-Ald. Baxter, who was badly beaten in the last aldermanic elections, Mr. W. Frank Hatheway, whose name decorated the foot of the poll in the last election, and others of doubtful strength. Mr. Skinner is proving a very strong candidate. Besides standing for a popular administration, he has elements of great personal strength which counts, especially in a bye election.

A DISTINGUISHED REPORTER.

The parliamentary press gallery at Ottawa this winter will have a distinguished occupant, no less a personage than Mr. Tarte, who will represent La Patrie.

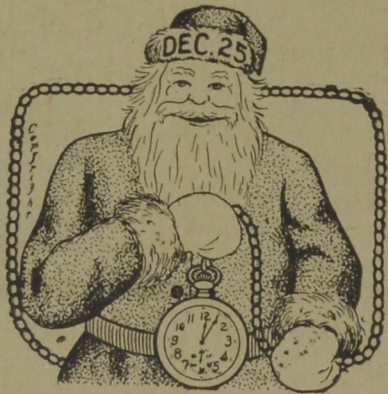
It will be rather peculiar for an ex-cabinet minister to be doing newspaper stunts in the gallery, but Mr. Tarte has often said that he likes journalism better than any other occupation, and no doubt he is much happier in his present position directing La Patrie, than he was as a member of the government, receiving hard knocks every day in the year from his political opponents. Mr. Tarte when a member of the House and a cabinet minister, was ever mindful of the boys in the press gallery, and there isn't one of them but will gladly welcome the jaunty, genial ex-cabinet minister into their councils.

The advent of a new Liberal morning newspaper in St. John will be gladly welcomed by Liberals all over the province. They have now to choose between the Mugwump Telegraph and the Tory Sun, and neither is palatable to men who like to keep in touch with what is doing in the political world and the view of public questions from a Liberal standpoint.

Annual Fancy Sale.

Miss Gannon will hold her annual holiday sale every afternoon and evening from this date until Christmas. This one, consisting of Xmas novelties, toilet sets, dolls, and a curious children's sweaters, paper work, etc., etc. This is your chance to select Christmas presents for your friends. You are invited to examine the goods at 23 George St., Dec. 15, 16, 17.

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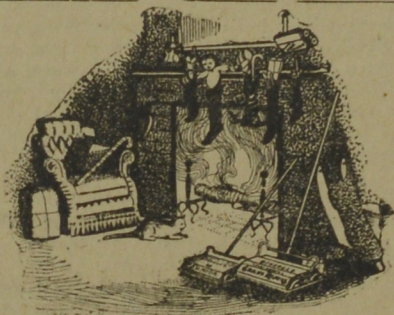
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