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A RECKLESS TORY ORGAN.

Hon. Dr. Pugsley got after the Sun with a sharp stick at a political meeting last night in St. John. Some days ago the Sun declared that the provincial deficit this year will be the largest since confederation. Of course the Tory organ was only guessing but the bye-elections are pending in St. John and the Sun thought its falsehood would not be overtaken. In this it was mistaken. Dr. Pugsley declares that after consultation with the deputy receiver-general he discovers the Sun's statement absolutely false, and that the revenue and expenditure for the current year will at least balance as estimated by the provincial secretary at the last session of the legislature.

The recklessness of the Sun's statement which must have been made without knowledge of the subject, is another evidence of the political duplicity of that paper and its unfairness to its opponents. Convicted of falsehood in one point, however, it will fly to another equally reckless, and so on until the close of the campaign.

MR. BLAIR'S SUCCESSOR.

It is understood that Mr. Justice Killam, of the Supreme court of Canada, has been appointed to succeed Hon. A. G. Blair as chairman of the railway commission, and the appointment is well received.

Hon. Albert Clements Killam is a native of Yarmouth, N. S., grandson of the late Thomas Killam, M. P., and is fifty-two years old.

He was educated in his native town and at Toronto University, where he graduated with high honors in 1872 and was called to the Ontario bar in 1877, settling down to practice in Windsor, Ontario. Twelve years later, in 1889, he removed to Winnipeg and soon became prominent in legal and political circles in that city and throughout Manitoba. He was elected to the Manitoba legislature in 1883, and occupied a seat in that body until called to the Manitoba Supreme court bench in 1885. Later he was made chief justice, and less than two years ago was transferred to the Supreme Court bench of Canada.

Mr. Killam is represented as a very able man, of fine legal knowledge, plenty of energy, and not without some experience in railway matters. His career has been eminently successful, and at a comparatively early age he succeeds to one of the highest salaried and most responsible positions in Canada.

BANK AMALGAMATION.

The amalgamation of the Royal Bank of Canada and the Merchants' Bank of Canada, will make a very strong financial institution, second only in importance in Canada to the Bank of Montreal in the banking line.

The total capital of the united banks will be \$9,000,000 and their joint reserve fund reaches \$6,200,000.

The Royal last year paid a dividend of eight per cent, and the Merchants seven per cent. Royal stock is quoted at 205 and Merchants at 160, although it has gone as high as 186. The president of the former is Mr. T. E. Kenny, ex-M. P. of Halifax, and of the Merchants, Mr. Montague Allen of Montreal. It is understood that Mr. Thos. Fyche, who for some years has been manager of the Merchants will retire, and that Mr. E. L. Pease, manager of the Royal will be manager of the amalgamated banks.

One of the objects of amalgamation is said to be the financing of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway project, in conjunction with the Canadian Bank of Commerce of which Senator Cox is the head.

Mr. J. A. Smart, who has resigned the position of deputy minister of the Interior, has rendered excellent

service in that position. Before taking up his duties at Ottawa he was Mayor of Brandon and Commissioner of Public Works in the Manitoba government when Hon. Mr. Sifton was attorney general of that province. Mr. Smart's successor is Mr. Corey, assistant commissioner of Dominion lands.

GREATEST OF THE WESTS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, who is back to his office at Ottawa, thoroughly rested by his visit to California, was interviewed by a press reporter while passing through Chicago, and managed to get in a few good words for Canada, in contrast with some things he had seen in the United States.

At the outset Sir Wilfrid expressed much satisfaction with the influence his rest had upon his health. It is customary, says the interviewer, to pass flattering opinions, but it is a mere fact that Sir Wilfrid appears to be benefited immensely by his holiday, and is undoubtedly ready for the trying work of a session of Parliament. When the correspondent saw him on his car it was evident that work had met him half-way, for his table was piled with formidable documents and he was dictating to Mr. Boudreault, his private secretary.

The Premier spoke of the great kindness that had been extended to him everywhere, and spoke of the contrast between the south, which he had just left, with roses abloom along the highways, and the north, with air and other suggestions that the thermometer was not always as in June.

"But," he added, "the north is the best, after all, of this continent. I never was so assured as I am now that western Canada is the greatest of the west. I have just come through the United States west and what do I find? I find that for hundreds and hundreds of miles the train travels through what can be only described as desert—a sage brush desert—which to the eye of the traveller looks very hopeless. Irrigation may do much for parts of it, but I am told that the greater part of it will be forever what it is now. In the same meridians in the Canadian west we have the finest grazing ground in the world. Let me say again, deliberately, that the Canadian west is the greatest west there is."

Sir Wilfrid said this with great earnestness and pride. Speaking further, he said that it was asserted at times that most of the products of the earth grew best along the highest latitudes where they could be produced. He had found this conclusion verified in a remarkable degree by his observation in California. The Californian fruit looks very fine, but it is undoubtedly inferior in flavor to our best Canadian fruit. He spoke especially of apples and peaches. The same was true of Canadian wheat. Canadian wheat was already not a luxury, but a necessity in all parts of the continent where people demanded the best flour. "The United States is a great country," Sir Wilfrid added, "but without national egotism or self-glorification, we can say that we have in Canada an equally promising land."

In a political address at St. John last night, Mr. George Robertson, M. P., said that when recently in Portland, Me., he saw but two steamers in port and had asked a ship laborer how trade was there. The man had replied that work was very slack, and all the trade had gone to "a place they called St. John."

Ald. Maxwell, the Tory candidate for the legislature in St. John, is finding his civic record rising up in judgment against him. How happy Mr. Skinner the Liberal candidate must feel because he has never been in public life and has no political sins to answer for.

A HALIFAX WEDDING.

Former St. John Man Leads Bride
to the Altar Tonight.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Halifax, Dec. 28.—Prof. Murray McNeill, of McGill University, will be married tonight in Halifax to Kathleen Holmes, daughter of Hon. H. Holmes.

Rev. Dr. Fowler of St. Matthews church will officiate. Only relatives of the contracting parties will be present at the wedding.

Prof. McNeill is a son of Rev. L. G. McNeill, formerly of St. John, and is a graduate of Dalhousie University.

Miss Marguerite Leiter of Chicago, sister of Lady Curzon, was married at Washington, Monday, to the Earl of Suffolk.

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W. E. SMITH,

Secretary.

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Tenders for Wood.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned will be received up to FRIDAY, the 6th day of January next at the office of Fred. St. John Bliss, Secretary-Treasurer of York, for sixty cords of green rock maple and birch, for face work, either in two or four foot lengths. Also ten cords of green split white birch, (no round wood allowed), in four foot lengths. The wood to be delivered before the 1st of March next, in part at the County Court House and piled in cellar, and part at County Gaol and piled in shed. The wood to be subject to inspection and approval of such persons as may be appointed by the County Buildings Committee.

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