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THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

It has been the fashion of the Tory press to sneer at and belittle Sir William Mulock, postmaster general, but criticism is arrested and destroyed by the splendid success apparent in the administration of his department.

Under Tory rule there was an annual deficit of hundreds of thousands of dollars in the running of the department, but this has been wiped out and Sir William has been able to announce several handsome surpluses.

The report of the post office department for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1903, just issued, affords an opportunity of comparing Sir William's administration of the department with the Tory record in the same office, and the result is most creditable to the present postmaster general, and the government of which he is a distinguished member.

In 1896, when the Conservatives quitted office, there was a deficit on the season's operations of \$781,152. For the fiscal year which closed on June 30th last there was a surplus of \$395,268. The deficit has thus been completely wiped out, and the receipts last year exceeded the expenditures by nearly half a million dollars. In other words, in the course of seven years Sir William Mulock has placed the department on a self-sustaining basis, and effected a betterment of \$1,176,420.

This most remarkable achievement has been accomplished, notwithstanding a reduction in the Imperial postage rate from five to two cents, and in the domestic letter rate to the United States from three to two cents. These reductions put money in the pockets of the people. They were followed by a temporary loss of revenue, but owing to the reduction of postage the number of letters enormously increased, so that the receipts soon reached and greatly exceeded the former aggregate. Thus, while in 1898 the receipts aggregated, \$3,527,809, the following year, when the reductions were in force, they dropped to \$3,182,930.

In 1900 there was an improvement of but a thousand dollars. In 1901, however, the revenue ascended to \$3,421,192, the year following it grew to \$3,883,126, and in 1903 the total of \$4,366,127 was reached. While the receipts have grown at this satisfactory rate the expenditure has been kept well in check, and last year only exceeded that of Sir William's first clear year of administration by \$181,381.

A CLERGYMAN RETIRES.

The drenching which Rev. Dr. Pitblado, of Winnipeg, received early in the winter by falling through the ice of the Red river and remaining in the water for over half an hour before being rescued, has resulted in his enforced retirement from the Presbyterian ministry, and the seeking of renewed health in Southern California.

The rev. gentleman who has passed the scripture mark in age, has been forty years in the ministry and accomplished a great work in his profession, first in Nova Scotia, later in California, and for the past eleven years as the pastor of one of the leading churches of Winnipeg. On his retirement from the la named church the other day his congregation voted him a superannuation allowance of \$500 a year for three years and presented him with a purse of \$250. Dr. Pitblado is father of Mr. John Pitblado, of Montreal, formerly manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia in Fredericton.

After a long debate on the budget in the Ontario legislature, the Ross government was sustained by the usual majority of three.

MODEST MR. TARTE.

Mr. Tarte is too modest, if the following from Le Canada of Montreal is correct: "As a result of an interview that Mr. Pelletier, the Conservative organizer, had with Mr. Tarte, the latter has agreed not to insist at present on being named Conservative leader. Mr. Tarte, who had written to Ottawa, asking that Mr. Monk's seat next to Mr. Borden be reserved for him, has countermanded the letter and notified the Sergeant-at-Arms that he will be satisfied with the seat next to that of Mr. Costigan."

Mr. Tarte should not have permitted himself to be turned down by Organizer Pelletier, but should have insisted in assuming his rightful position alongside Mr. Borden in the House of Commons. Mr. Tarte has succeeded in ousting Mr. Monk from his position as Quebec leader of the Tory party, and there is no reason why he should not possess all the rights connected therewith, even to the seat beside the supreme Tory leader.

Newspapermen seem to be the favorites for the position of Black Rod at Ottawa. The late incumbent, Mr. Molyneux St. John, now deceased, was one, and Mr. Chambers of Montreal his successor is another well known writer for the press. The facility to bend one's back freely, to execute the historic bows connected with the position with becoming grace, are the leading requirements of the office which yields an income of \$1,800 a year without undue pressure on the physical or mental activities of the official.

Speaking at the Board of Trade banquet at Guelph, Thursday night, Mr. Tarte admitted that he might have committed some sins politically, but, he added, we were taught God would forgive our sins. He did not think his were very heinous. What do our Tory friends think of that?

Hon. Rudolph Lemieux, the new solicitor general says that both he and Mr. Marcell in Gaspe and Bonaventure, will be returned in the general election by acclamation, so unanimous are the electors, in those constituencies in favor of the Liberal government.

Dr. Jameson, the new premier, of Cape Colony, says that agriculture and how it may best be developed is the main feature of his government's policy.

Hanwell.

(Special Correspondence to the Herald)
Feb. 27.—Edward and Joseph Powers returned home last week from Buctouche where they were engaged in bridge building.

Benjamin Boreland returned home on Tuesday after a pleasant visit to friends in Maryland.

John Yerxa left for Kingman, Maine, on the 24th inst.

Arthur Kyle returned to Fredericton, after a pleasant visit to friends in this place.

We all anticipate a pleasant time at the entertainment expected to be held the evening of March 17th.

Mrs. David Essencia, and daughter Ruth of Smithfield, are at present the guests of Mrs. Essencia's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lehr.

The people of this place were much alarmed over the sudden disappearance of one of "our boys", but after a few days absence he returned as mysteriously as he went.

Mr. Alex. Little of Harvey Station, spent a few days with friends here on his way to Fredericton.

The Lady's Mistake.

The Lady—I gave you a piece of pie last week, and you've been sending your friends here ever since. The Tramp—You're mistaken, lady. Them was my enemies.

An Effective Sermon.

First Society Leader—Didn't he preach a beautiful sermon? Second Society Leader—Perfectly lovely. Why, for two evenings, I didn't wear my diamonds with any satisfaction.



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Hard Winter in London.

A reporter of the Salvation Army's Social Gazette, London, predicts an extremely hard winter for the unemployed in that city. The reporter appeared in reply to a number of "help wanted" advertisements and found crowds of applicants. For two places as carpenters at \$8.87 a week 110 men applied; for a clerk's situation at \$6.25 appeared eighty-seven men. Fifty-one waited in the rain for a liftman's berth and sixty for a stoker's at a salary of \$6.25, with long hours, while 150 men of all ages between twenty and fifty, some dressed in frock coats and silk hats, applied for a post as a warehouse porter at \$5.10 a week.

Poor Man's Hotel.

The latest of the L. C. C. "poor man's hotels" was opened at Deptford, a few days ago. The house is to be known as Carrington House, and appropriately it was opened by Countess Carrington. £80,000 has been expended on the building, which will give accommodation for 802 lodgers and 12 porters.

California Celery.

G. T. Whelpley offers today large bunches of fresh California celery.—d.

New Clothing.

They are receiving large quantities of new clothing now at Edgcombe's for men and for boys, including the popular 20th Century B and which has given such great satisfaction and for which Mr. Edgcombe is agent.—d.

NOTICE.

Tenders marked "Tenders for Wood"

Will be received at the Department of Public Works, Fredericton, N. B., until Tuesday, the 1st day of March next, at noon, for twenty cords of good merchantable dry hardwood, in two or four feet lengths.

C. H. LABILLOIS,
Chief Commissioner.
Dept. Public Works,
Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 16th, 1904
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The Last Chance.

SATURDAY and MONDAY will see the end of a busy month at

WEDDALL'S
Linen and Cotton Sale.

Special prices for these two days only.

8x12 best double Damask Cloths \$5.75 quality for \$3.75
10x12 best double Damask Cloth \$6.75 quality for \$4.75
8x12 All Linen Cloths \$2.50 quality for \$1.95
8x10 All Linen Cloths \$2.25 kind for \$1.85, \$2.00 quality for \$1.65, \$1.75 quality for \$1.45

A good Napkin for 98c, better ones for a little more money. Towel bargains by 1/2 dozen only from 53c. up, a beauty at 90c., better for \$1.23, and a dandy for \$1.45 and \$1.50. 15 per cent. off Marseilles Quilts. All other Linens, Sheetings, Pillow Cottons, Bath Towels, Bath Mats, Roller Towels and Towellings at 10 per cent. discount and Hemming free. REMEMBER—This discount on Sheetings and Pillow Cottons mean to you a saving of at least 20 p.c. after March 1st.

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Morris Chairs, Couches,
Sofas and Easy Chairs.

1 Morris Chair now \$5.75, reduced from \$8.50
1 Morris Chair now \$7.50, reduced from \$9.75
1 Sofa Bed now \$33.00, reduced from \$50.00
1 Couch Velour Covered \$9.00, reduced from \$13.50
1 Plush Divan \$7.25, reduced from \$10.00
1 Plush Sofa \$8.00, reduced from \$11.00
1 Sofa \$6.75, reduced from \$9.50
Also a number of others.

LEMONT & SONS.

March 9th will be our grand Curtain Sale.