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MR. HASLAM'S CONVERSION.

The Tory organs are trying to discredit Mr. Haslam of Winnipeg, whose recent conversion to Liberalism has been noted in the Herald. The gentleman, however, was good enough to be nominated in Selkirk by the Tories in 1900 for a seat in the House of Commons, and came within one vote of defeating the late Mr. McCreary, one of the leading men of the west. What particularly grates on our Tory friends is Mr. Haslam's public declaration that the Tory party is feebly led, and that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is a great statesman. For a recent prominent member of the Tory party to make such statements is a dark crime in the Tory mind, although the allegations are strictly correct.

We have been told repeatedly that the west is almost solid against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, his government and policy, but Mr. Haslam's interesting letter admitting his own conversion rather dissipates that idea. Previous to the election of 1900 it was also declared by the Tories that the west was solid for them; that Laurier would not carry a single seat west of Lake Superior, but he captured nearly all of them, even defeating Hugh John Macdonald, the Moses who was to lead the Tory party once more to the treasury benches.

History will repeat itself and Mr. Haslam's conversion is one of the straws showing the direction in which the wind blows.

CHURCH UNION.

One of the leading questions likely to be dealt with at the approaching meetings of the Presbyterian general assembly at St. John, and the Methodist conference in this city, will be the proposed organic union of the Presbyterians, Methodist and Congregationalists of Canada.

Clergymen and laymen of all the churches interested have declared that the time is ripe for union and should be no longer delayed, and various church bodies in different parts of the country have warmly taken up the subject and passed resolutions favoring the advanced step.

It is doubtful however, if union will be accomplished in the immediate future. There are a good many differences on questions of theology, church government, etc. to reconcile, and there may be serious dispute as to the name the new church should assume. It is safe to say that Methodists and Presbyterians especially will hesitate before agreeing to drop the names under which they have been born and lived, but that matter with others in the horizon is capable of solution. There is no doubt that union is in the air but how long it may remain there, and fail to reach the region of accomplished fact is a matter on which it is impossible to express a decided opinion.

TORY ORGAN'S FIOP.

A couple of years ago the whole Tory party were dead set against government ownership of railways, the Halifax Herald was foremost in denunciation of the government for daring to extend the Intercolonial railway to Montreal. To the mind of the Halifax Tory organ government owned and operated railways were sink holes of political rascality

and it voiced the opinions of its party.

Since then however, the Tory leader and party in parliament have shifted their ground and with them there is nothing like government owned railways. They pretend to want a government owned line from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

It is a very startling face about, but of course the Halifax Herald is quite equal to the occasion and jumps with its leader, and clamors for government owned railways. Like the celebrated Castoria, according to the Herald children cry for government owned railways, and the country will be ruined if the new Tory policy is not adopted.

What makes it awkward however, for our Halifax namesake is the Chronicle's production of the Herald's two year old editorials in which government ownership of railways was denounced with the utmost vigor. The Herald expends a column or more trying to explain its sudden flop, but the explanation is very lame, and only serves to illustrate the readiness of its party to adopt any policy however hostile it may be to the party's former position just to be against the government.

Sydney is following the example of Fredericton in organizing a Local Improvement Association. We trust if the promoters apply for financial assistance from the Sydney city council they will be more generously treated than the Fredericton association.

In his sermon at St. Paul's church, last night Rev. Willard Macdonald, in a brief reference to the present war, expressed the opinion that God is directing the victorious Japs in their campaign, using them for a wise purpose.

MARYSVILLE NEWS.

Getting Ready for Empire Day--Removing to California--Doing Well in the West.

(By our Own Reporter.)

May, 16--An unusually large number of our citizens went to Fredericton last Saturday afternoon and evening the six and seven o'clock train being well filled, while in the afternoon a large number of children went to the Opera House to see Cinderella and in the evening Marysville was well represented at the "Struggle for Liberty." Saturday forenoon the band of the Fiske Stock Co made a trip to Marysville, on the buck board and delighted a large number of people, especially the children, who followed the team all around town.

The pupils of our public schools are already making preparations for a grand entertainment to be held in the different schools Empire Day on which occasion the scholars are to have a kind of gala day, of recitations, singing, reading and so forth to celebrate, and do honor to the day. It is a grand idea and the patriotism of the citizens should be encouraged.

William Nunn eldest son of Mr. James Nunn, who has been employed in the mule room of the cotton mill for some years, resigned his position last Saturday as it is his intention to leave for California in the near future where he has secured employment with his uncle in that state.

The Herald joins with Mr. Nunn's many friends in wishing him success in his new venture.

The many friends of Miss Alice Eno, who is attending school in Boston will be pleased to hear that she passed an examination a few days ago, in shorthand and typewriting, making very high marks.

Mr. Judson Libbey who with his family is living at Fort Saskatchewan, in writing to friends in Marysville, says that they are delighted with the North West, and that they, as well as other York County people are doing exceedingly well. Mrs. Libbey's health is much improved and she is teaching music, and giving painting lessons, to the western children who attend their schools on broncos.

If fifteen or more want to attend the "Real Widow Brown" at the Opera House to-morrow night there will be a late train.

The sad death occurred Saturday of the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Bevy Fullerton.

MISSIONARY FROM CHINA.

Rev. W. C. White Gave Very Interesting Addresses at the Cathedral and St. Ann's.

The congregations of the Parish Church and the Cathedral were addressed yesterday by Rev. W. C. White, a missionary of the Canadian Board of Missions in the Province of Fo-Kien, Southern China.

Mr. White is a young man of about 30 years of age, who has already spent seven years in China, and is full of enthusiasm for his work. He gave a most interesting address at the Parish church in the morning, on the conditions under which he and his staff of workers are pursuing their labors. This was followed by a talk to the Sunday School in the afternoon, in which he managed to enkindle and hold the attention of the children in a remarkable manner, especially as he appeared to them in his Chinese dress.

At the evening service Mr. White spoke to a very large and interested congregation at the Cathedral. He is a fluent and impressive speaker, and knows how to blend the narration of facts and statistics with the personal element in his addresses, in such a way as to enchain the sympathies of his hearers. The work of missions in China, according to Mr. White, is the most hopeful and successful in the world, with the sole exception of that in Uganda, Central Africa; and the missionaries' lives as safe, he avers, as far they would be in this country, so far at least, as the Southern provinces are concerned.

One feature of the service last evening was the singing of a bright and inspiring missionary hymn, of which both words and music are by Dean Partridge.

Mr. White left this morning for Truro and Sydney. There can be no doubt that the visits of missionaries actively engaged in the field, arouse interest in these operations which could not be awakened in any other way.

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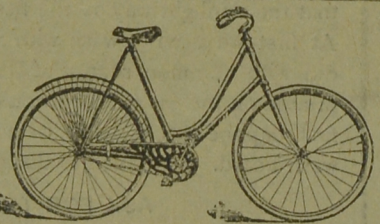
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