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NO ROOM FOR DOUBT.

The Telegraph and Sun express doubt that Mr. Whitehead, M. P. P., had the opportunity to refuse the surveyor generalship as announced by the Montreal Herald. There are lots of interesting things these newspapers have never heard, and the incident in Mr. Whitehead's political career is one of them.

Some people cannot understand a man declining public office, as has been Mr. Whitehead's case, but there are plenty of men who have no ambition for the turmoil and worry of public position, and who are not prepared to make the business and other sacrifices the acceptance of office would entail. Probably Mr. Whitehead is one of these, for his friends well know that had he desired it a position in the local government could have been his. Mr. Whitehead is not the man to proclaim his political or other interests on the housetops, and perhaps it is for this reason that the St. John newspapers feel surprised at the Montreal Herald's announcement, which is no news in Fredericton.

Had Mr. Whitehead listened to the invitations presented him to join the local cabinet, the country would have secured an efficient departmental head, and a devoted and energetic public servant, but the popular member for York, whose political strength in this constituency is greater at this moment than at any time in his public career, chooses to refrain from accepting a portfolio, and to attend to his private business rather than to accept a position for which many another man would make almost any sacrifice to obtain.

Mr. Whitehead's views on the political situation in New Brunswick, as given in an interview with the Montreal Herald, are pretty well in line with the facts, and show an intelligent appreciation of the outlook in this province. He sees prospects of Liberal success which none but those blinded by Tory partizanship can deny, and his review of the situation is an interesting contribution to current political literature.

NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL.

It is definitely settled that Lord Grey, a brother of Lady Minto, is to be Canada's next governor general, the appointment of His Lordship having been approved by the King and officially announced.

Lord Grey comes of a family distinguished in the political and martial history of the Empire, and he will have a very cordial reception in Canada. The first earl was a soldier, who served with distinction in the wars against Napoleon and in the war of the American revolution. The second earl became head of the whig party after a varied political career as Lord Howick. It fell to him as leader of the government from 1830 to 1834 to introduce the first reform bill and to carry it through in spite of King William and the Duke of Wellington. The third earl, who died in 1894 at the age of 92, had a public career only a little less distinguished than his father's.

He resigned from his father's ministry in consequence of Earl Grey's refusal to provide for the immediate emancipation of the slaves, was secretary for war under Melbourne, and secretary for the colonies under Russell. In the latter position he had a great influence in establishing the modern colonial policy of the empire.

The fourth earl, our new governor general, was born in 1851 and is a nephew of the late head of the house. He was educated at Harrow and Cambridge, and began his political career as a liberal member of the house of commons in 1880. Re-elected in 1885, he became a liberal unionist, and as such was afterward elected in Tyne-side.

Before he succeeded to the peerage he had been one of the leading members of the British South African Company, and an intimate associate of Cecil Rhodes, Alfred Beit and the other investors in the Kimberly properties. When Dr. Jameson, after the Transvaal raid, gave up the administration of Rhodesia, Lord Grey took his place, having sold out his interest in the company. Under his government the Metabele uprising was suppressed, and a fair understanding was effected with the native chiefs, who were given considerable local authority.

Earl Grey is one of the executors of the will of Cecil Rhodes, and one of the trustees of the Rhodes scholarship trust. He is an ardent imperialist, and a leading spirit in the movement for the consolidation of the empire.

In 1877, Earl Grey married Alice, third daughter of Sir Thomas Harvie Farquhar. His eldest son, Viscount Howick, was born in 1879. Earl Grey's landed estates include 17,000 acres.

The Sun pays tribute to the memory of the late Hon. Peter Mitchell, and endorses the movement to erect a memorial to him at Newcastle. This will no doubt be gratefully received by the friends of the deceased statesman, but it would have been better had the Try party of which the Sun is an ardent supporter, treated Mr. Mitchell with greater consideration during his closing years, when he was dependent on the Liberal government which provided him with a public position, that he might enjoy a comfortable old age.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson, who left Sydney today for Ottawa, told an interviewer yesterday that the government would take over the Canada Eastern railway on Monday or perhaps before that date. It was expected, he added to make the transfer Sept. 1, but it was found impossible to do so on account of some delay in the department of justice respecting the titles. The road, he said, would be put into excellent shape for traffic without delay.

Hon. James Sutherland, Minister of Public Works, who has returned to his home in Woodstock, Ont., nearly restored to health, denies that he is likely to resign his portfolio.

Lord Dundonald, in a letter to the London Times, denies that he has accepted the Conservative nomination in Glangarry, Ontario.

DISAPPEARED!

No Trace of Conductor Responsible for Grand Trunk Accident.

SUPPOSED HE MADE HIS ESCAPE TO VERMONT.

(Special to Daily Herald.)

Richmond, Que., Sept. 2.—The inquest on the victims of the railway accident here, will be resumed this evening at 7.30.

Conductor Atkinson has disappeared as completely as if the ground had swallowed him up.

His father lives in Lower Melbourne, just across the river. Atkinson was last seen crossing the bridge at Melbourne a few minutes after the accident.

It is generally supposed that he got a team at his father's, and drove across country to the State of Vermont, about six miles from here.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Capt MacLaren of Ottawa, who took a course of instruction at the R.C.R. here winter before last is in the city a guest at the Barker. The captain is the son of one of Ottawa's lumber kings and has been in Nova Scotia on business for his father.

The Misses Duffy of Fredericton, are the guests of their sister Mrs. James F. Connors. Miss Mayme Robinson, of Marysville, who has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. J. Walter Read, has returned home. Mr and Mrs Read left Monday on a trip to P. E. I.—Coatham World.

The Late Mrs. Guio.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eliza Jane Guio took place at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon from her home 53 George Street. A large number of friends and relatives attended. Services were conducted at the house by Rev. J. H. MacDonald and interment was made in the rural cemetery. Undertaker George W. Adams was funeral director.

History Ancient and Modern.

First Yorkshireman (apropos of statue recently unveiled at Leeds)—You see we've got the Black Prince up at last. Second Yorkshireman—Ranjitsinhji! What's he doin' here. He plays for Sussex! Where's Lord Hawke?—Punch.

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