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SCARCELY REPENTANT.

Mr. Borden in his speech at a Toronto banquet respecting the salary grab, reminds one of a highwayman who has been caught red handed with his booty. Mr. Borden made no kick in parliament when his salary of \$7,000 was proposed. He pocketed it promptly, but now when a storm is raised over the matter he says he will have the whole thing reconsidered when Parliament meets. He does not promise however, to fling the salary in the face of the government.

Mr. Borden says the proposition to give him a salary originated in the Tory caucus, but that he had no hand in it. Of course not, but it is not officially recorded that he took his friends by the throat and demanded that they drop the subject instantly. Not at all, but it is in Hansard that Mr. Borden accepted the congratulations of his friends on his good fortune, and joined with others in felicitating the premier on his raise of salary.

LOOKING FOR VOTES.

The Nova Scotia Conservatives who have been meeting in convention at Halifax, adopted as a part of their platform, a promise to submit the question of prohibition to the people and if they vote in favor of it, to enact a prohibitory law.

This is intended for a vote catcher by the Tories in the local elections, but is not likely to blind the people of Nova Scotia, to the insincerity of the party, which while in power at Ottawa, toyed with the prohibition question and made it a political football, ending up with the appointment of the farcical royal prohibition commission which cost the country some \$200,000 and effected no significant results.

The Tories of Nova Scotia are badly disorganized, and notwithstanding their prohibition platform will make little progress against the popular Murray government which is giving our sister province such efficient administration.

The Toronto News, referring to Mr. Winston Churchill's appointment as under-secretary of state for the colonies, observes that "Mr. Churchill is a young man of capacity and good intentions, and if he has any erroneous notions the people of the colonies will train him up in the way he should go."

Hon. Mr. Preontaine seems to have accomplished something substantial by his consultation with the Imperial government, which has practically agreed to present the naval dockyards at Halifax and Esquimaux as a free gift to Canada.

The developments in the York Ont. Loan Company's business is being watched with interest by many Fredericton shareholders. An exhaustive examination of the company's books is to be made, and it is likely the company will put it into liquidation.

It will be gratifying news to the Intercolonial railway employees to know that Hon. Mr. Emmerson is going ahead with the employee's pension scheme, which he proposes to put through parliament at the next session.

Mr. Preston, head of the Canadian government immigration bureau in London, at present visiting his home in Ontario, says that he expects Canada to receive at least 200,000 immigrants from across the Atlantic in 1906.

The federal bye-election in Compton, Quebec, due to the unseating of Mr. Hunt, Liberal, will take place Jan. 4, and the candidates will be Mr. Hunt and Mr. Rufus Pope, who was defeated in the last election.

The farmers are asking high prices for their produce, and in poultry especially the rates are almost prohibitive except to buyers with long purses.

Solicitor General Jones of Woodstock, received a telegram on Monday, announcing the death of his grandfather, George L. Raymond of Washington State. Mrs. Raymond died about a month ago. They left Woodstock nearly 25 years ago. A large family, including three daughters, one of them Mrs. C. H. Lugin of Victoria, formerly of Fredericton, and six sons, thus mourn the loss of both their parents within a comparatively short period.

MISSIONARY DROWNED.

Rev. J. D. McKay, who Lost His Life in British Guiana Formerly Labored at Dorchester.

At the service at St. Paul's church last night the pastor, Rev. Willard Macdonald made a feeling reference to the accidental death of Rev. J. D. McKay, who was drowned last week in British Guiana, where he was pursuing his work as a missionary of the Presbyterian church in Canada.

Mr. McKay some years ago labored as a catechist at Dorchester and vicinity in this province under direction of the St. John Presbytery, and was a young man highly esteemed.

The Halifax Chronicle of Saturday says: Rev. J. D. McKay, the well known Presbyterian clergyman and former pastor of the Coburg Road Presbyterian church, was drowned at Demerara yesterday. The sad news was received here by Rev. E. A. McCurdy, agent of the Presbyterian church in Nova Scotia. The cable, which was very brief, gave no particulars of the accident. The cable read: "McKay drowned, Essequibo River, today."

The news will be received with general regret by his many friends not only in this city, but throughout the province.

The deceased was about thirty-five years of age, and was born at Earlton, Colchester County. He was a son of Angus McKay, of Earlton, both father and mother surviving him. Dr. Wm. McKay, of Reserve Mines, C. B., formerly leader of the Conservative party in the Nova Scotia Legislature, and Rev. Dr. Neil McKay, are uncles of the deceased. Mrs. McBeth, of Earlton, is a sister.

The deceased was greatly beloved by the different congregations over which he presided. He was a graduate of Dalhousie, and graduated as Bachelor of Divinity from the Presbyterian College, Halifax. He began his Ministry in 1886 at Dorchester, N. B. He was called to the Coburg Road Church, Halifax, in 1898, where he remained until the end of 1903, when the Foreign Mission Committee called him to take an appointment as Missionary to British Guiana. He was Missionary to the East Indian Coolie Plantation, which has a College and a Mission at Trinidad. It has also an extension at Demerara and Essequibo. Mr. McKay was married to a Miss Stewart, of Stellarton, who died shortly before he left Halifax.

BITS OF NEWS.

Lord Strathcona sailed on the Cunard steamer Caronia Friday for Canada. This will allow him to reach Montreal for Christmas.

The I. C. R. have arranged to carry 230,000 bushels of wheat from Fort William to Halifax before January 31. It will require 230 cars.

Sergeant Hughes of the Dominion police, who has been 33 years on the force, dropped dead Saturday night at Ottawa, after changing the guard at Government house.

The longshoremen's strike at St. John is still confined to the Allan line, and it is not thought probable by the officers of the association that another general strike will ensue.

It is stated that the C. P. R. has purchased or is about to purchase the Atlantic fleet of the Donaldson line, and by so doing obtain sufficient steamers for the carrying trade to all the more important ports.

At St. John on Saturday Howard D. Camp was committed for trial on the charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Edith Clarke, and was subsequently liberated on \$8,000 bail.

St. John harbor presents a busy appearance at the present time. Besides several large winter port boats, there are a number of small steamers and a large fleet of schooners in port. There is, therefore, work for about all of the longshoremen.

E. F. Hobden has been appointed general manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada. He is replaced as chief inspector by T. G. Merritt, now manager of the New York branch. Wm. Ramsey succeeds Mr. Merritt, and is replaced as manager of the Montreal branch by D. C. MacKerrow assistant manager.

Two hundred thousand dollars' worth of fine furs were destroyed by fire and water early Sunday in the establishment of Max Piasecki & Co., wholesale furriers and manufacturers of automobile garments on the ninth and tenth floors of the ten-story building at 37 and 39 East 21st street, New York.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the hotel Hossalon, Skowhegan, Me., Sunday night, driving fifty or more persons to the street. There was a small panic. Mr. H. T. Conant, one of the lodgers, suffered a broken leg in jumping from a second story window. The house was used principally as a boarding house for mill operatives.

A sad event occurred Saturday afternoon near Murray River bridge, P. E. I., when the ten year old son of Wm. McPherson, Glen William, was drowned while crossing the channel. The little lad saw a couple of boys skating on the opposite side of the river and started across the channel. The ice there, however, was very thin and gave away. When the other boys saw the danger they went to the rescue, one boy plunging in after him, but their attempts were unavailing. The body has not been recovered.

CHICAGO'S FINANCIAL PANIC.

Three Banks Fail, but Attendant Disasters Averted by Prompt Action of Clearing House Association.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—(Special)—A financial panic of the worst magnitude was only averted by the prompt action of the banks in the Chicago Clearing House Association.

Early this morning it was announced that the Chicago National Bank, Home Savings Bank and Equitable Trust Co., had failed. The failure was the result of the fact that the assets largely consist of investments in railway and coal properties of John R. Walsh, President of the Banks. These were not immediately available, hence the failure.

Notice of the failure came after the meeting of clearance house representatives with presidents of the banks which began at noon yesterday and continued till 3.30 this morning.

At the meeting it became apparent that a great financial panic would follow the announcement of the banks' failure, unless other banks arranged to prevent it, consequently to give assistance to the defunct institutions to pay depositors in full on demand and to take over the assets and wind up the business. This was done and a panic averted.

W. E. Stavert, the late manager of the Bank of New Brunswick, who returned to St. John Saturday, confirmed the report that he would supervise the business of the Bank of Montreal in the maritime provinces. He said that since leaving for Montreal last week he had been in consultation with the management of the bank and had received the appointment of superintendent of the maritime province branches. He would enter upon his duties at once. Mr. Stavert said his headquarters would be in Montreal.

It is quite generally reported and believed, says The Woodstock Sentinel, that a syndicate of local men will on January 1st, assume control of The Baird Co., Ltd., by purchase, of the same from Mr. H. Paxton Baird, president and practically sole owner. The men who are to figure in the transaction include Messrs. E. W. Mair, J. S. Eagles, Frank Shea, Walter Shaw, E. W. Griffin, M. D., Colin King, and, perhaps, one or two others. Mr. Baird has been connected with the business for nearly forty years and in that time has guided its fortunes with great success.

A cable from Demerara, brings the intelligence that Rev. J. A. McKay, Presbyterian missionary to the coolies of Demerara, has been drowned. The cable conveyed no particulars beyond the statement of the fact that he was drowned in the Essequibo river. Rev. Mr. McKay was born in Earlton, Colchester Co., N. S. 38 years ago, and was appointed to the mission field three years ago. His father and mother reside in Earlton. He was a nephew of Dr. William Mackay, ex-M. P., of Reserve Mines, and of Rev. Neil Mackay, a veteran Presbyterian minister of New Brunswick.

While the congregation at Central Methodist church, Moncton, was gathering for worship at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, a fight was being made by Chief Ackman and a few members of the fire department in the basement of the church to save the office from destruction by fire. A blaze in the floor over the furnace was seen by the janitor a little before the service was to begin. Chief Ackman, who was in the vestry, telephoned for the hose cart.

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G. C. ANDERSON,
Superintendent.
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.
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