

THE WENTWORTH CAMPAIGN.

Hon. Sydney Fisher Defends the Indemnity Increase and ex-Ministers' Pensions.

Hamilton, Nov. 16.—Hon. Sydney Fisher, minister of agriculture, last night, addressing the electors of Wentworth in support of the candidature of Mr. W. O. Sealey, Liberal candidate, dealt at some length with the question of the recent increase in indemnity and pensions to retired Ministers. He referred to the fact that Mr. D. Henderson, as member for Hamilton, had yesterday declared that his constituents believed he was worth \$2,500. Mr. Fisher said he was glad to be able to say that he believed the great majority of the House of Commons were worth \$2,500 a year to their constituents in Canada, whether they be Conservatives or Liberals. He believed there were many of them who made personal sacrifices to carry out their public duties, and he believed that with the great majority of them to have devoted the same time and attention to their own business as they do to public life they would earn upwards for themselves and their families. He wanted to point out one or two things in that regard. In the first place nothing had been said before the country of two things which accompany the increase in indemnity. One was doing away with the mileage. It was a well known fact that members for many years, although they had passed, were paid in addition to their indemnity twenty cents per mile for every mile between their home and Ottawa. This mileage amounted in some instances to as much as four or five hundred dollars, and would average two hundred dollars per year to each member. That has been taken away. In the second place, there had been no system of checking the presence of members at Ottawa. Each member at the end of the session was asked to state how many "sitting" days he had been absent. Mr. Fisher did not think that many members kept track of their absences, which was a rather difficult thing to do. The business of Parliament however, was frequently delayed on Mondays and Fridays because members were absent, yet the majority of members reported very few days' absence in the course of the session. Formerly a deduction of eight dollars per day was made for absences; under the new law the deduction was fifteen dollars, and arrangements are made for a more perfect checking of absences. This could operate by preventing absence to facilitate the business of the House, so that the increase in indemnity is not as great as people thought, but whether it is or not, it was in no sense a party measure, because no objection was offered to it.

PENSIONS TO MINISTERS.

In reference to pensions to retired Ministers, he thought the electors thoroughly understood the situation. He proposed putting plainly and simply before them the reasons that led Parliament to pass the law. There are today a large number of ex-Cabinet Ministers who are members of the Privy Council of Canada. They do not cease to be a Privy Councillor when they retire, and whether they happen to be members of the Administration or not, they occupy a most honorable position in the country, and as a matter of course have to live up to the position socially. Now it has been frequent in the history of Canada that men who have devoted long years to the public service, sacrificing their own business interests, making no money for themselves beyond their salary, have retired from the administration of a department, and had to go back to

private life, absolutely depending upon their friends and relatives for the means of livelihood. Without mentioning names, there were instances where such was the case before the bill passed. Some who retired were no doubt rich men, and others were able to earn their living, but others, having sacrificed for the public service opportunities of accumulating personal wealth, were unable at that age to make a livelihood for the rest of their life. This was new legislation in Canada, but it is modelled upon legislation in England. It was true that the system there was not of uniform application. When the government were discussing the question how to work out the system for Canada, they endeavored to arrive at a reasonable and fair definition of who should have pensions and those who should not, and he confessed frankly they could not make a definition which was quite fair and discriminate properly between different Privy Councillors. If such a definition which would be fair and reasonable and just, he would be quite willing to accept it and amend the law. It had been suggested that if a Privy Councillor retired from the administration of a department in disgrace he would by this law come into that pension. Being a farmer, and not a lawyer, Mr. Fisher could not say whether such was the case or not, but if it were, he had an idea that the difficulty might perhaps be obviated. As he had said, it was new legislation which the Government had tried to work out in a just and fair way in the interests of the public service. But if at next session or the session afterwards an amendment could be proposed which would make it more just and fair, he ventured to say as a member of the Government it would be considered, and if the act could be improved the amendment would be made. While the salaries of the Prime Minister and Judges and the indemnity to members were increased, he reminded the electors that the salaries of the other Ministers had not been increased.

MR. SMITH'S RECORD.

Mr. Fisher expressed sympathy with Mr. Sealey, who had been defeated by a Judge who gave a decision exactly the reverse to that by which in 1891 a Judge had counted him (Mr. Fisher) out in his county. As his name had been used freely at Mr. Smith's meetings, Mr. Fisher devoted some attention to that gentleman's record in Parliament. Mr. Smith had only made two important speeches, in one of which he advocated a high protective tariff which would add materially to the burdens of the consumers of the country. In the other he had condemned the cold-storage system provided by the Government on the transatlantic steamers, because he found by some of the records that the temperature in some nine chambers on the steamers was not low enough to keep butter in good condition. Mr. Fisher pointed out that fruit, not butter, was carried in these chambers, and would have been destroyed had the temperature been kept at the lower figure advocated by Mr. Smith, who was only able to fault with 24 out of 189 records of temperature on the vessels, while in eight cases the temperature might have been better regulated. Mr. Fisher said there was only ground for complaint in one case out of the total number mentioned. He suggested that these incidents did not tend to strengthen Mr. Smith's claim to recognition as the ablest representative of agriculture in the House.

GRADUATE OF THE U. N. B.

Now Pastor of Prominent Montreal Church—Its Anniversary Celebrated.

The congregation of Chalmers Presbyterian church celebrated on Sunday by special services the dual event of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church and the twenty-fourth anniversary of the ordination and induction of the pastor, the Rev. G. Colborne Heine, B. A.

Rev. Principal Scrimger, of the Presbyterian College, officiated at the morning service. At both services special music was rendered by the choir.

Rev. G. Colborne Heine, B. A., was born in the parish of Studholm, Kings county, N. B., over half a century ago. He was educated at the University of New Brunswick and received his theological training at Princeton University, New Jersey. This training he supplemented by a winter spent in Edinburgh University Scotland, and also by a course in the Sorbonne University of Paris the succeeding winter.

Mr. Heine's first experience of pastoral work was as assistant minister of St. Andrew's church, Quebec. Two and a half years afterwards he came to Chalmers church and has been pastor of the church for twenty-four years.

An annual social was held Friday night in the lecture hall of the church in connection with the anniversary of the ordination and induction of the Rev. Mr. Heine, and was of the nature of a reunion between pastor and people. Mr. Heine

having been absent from the work of the church during the last ten months owing to illness. The reverend gentleman will resume the active work of the church on the 1st December.

Under Mr. Heine's pastorate Chalmers church has prospered and developed to a considerable extent. The membership at the time of his ordination and induction amounted to one hundred and forty, and now numbers between three and four hundred, although continually weakened by the removal of prominent families to Westmount and other suburban parts. During the present pastorate an addition has been made to the church building to accommodate the Sunday school, at a cost of five thousand dollars, besides a debt of five thousand dollars on the church, existing at the time of his induction has been wiped off.

FEAR OF STARVATION.

Serious State of Affairs at St. Pierre-Miquelon.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 17.—Advice from St. Pierre-Miquelon state that a serious condition of affairs exists there. The place has a population of six thousand, and the failure of the fisheries and the consequent destitution, and the inhabitants are starving staring them in the face unless the French government lends

a hand towards improving business and other conditions. The residents have commenced to emigrate to Canada, and return to France. Over six hundred have arrived at Sydney already this fall, and all tell the same story. The exodus promises to be heavy during the next two months.

TWO LITTLE HEROES DEAD.

Jamaica School Boys, Struck by Train, Died in Hospital—Gave Their Lives for Others.

Jamaica, L. I., Nov. 17.—The two little boys—Kingston Blauvelt, aged six years son of Jacob Blauvelt, and Abraham Diamond, aged five years, son of Reuben Diamond—who were yesterday struck by an engine at the Brenton avenue crossing while on their way home from school died in the Jamaica Hospital shortly after five o'clock p. m.

The Blauvelt boy had his skull completely crushed and Diamond's legs and right hand were so badly crushed that they had to be amputated at the hospital. Both rallied from the operations, but the shock was so great that that they could not recover.

The two boys were with about thirty children who were crossing the Long Island Railroad tracks at the same time. A train was stalled near the crossing and the gates were down. Another train was approaching, but in spite of the warning by the flagman, the little ones were on the tracks before he could reach them.

Kingston Blauvelt held his older brother's hand and the older had had a narrow escape from death. He was splattered with blood from the others. He has a nervous trouble and it is believed that Kingston tried to save him by pushing him from the track.

The Diamond boy, although only five years old, displayed wonderful courage. It is stated that he held a little girl's hand and that he pushed her off the track and saved her life at the cost of his own.

The flagman states that after the children saw their danger they started to run across the track like a flock of sheep, none of them waiting for the train to pass.

The tragedy has aroused the greatest indignation among the parents of that locality, whose children have to cross the grade crossing on their way to school. This was one of the serious objections made to the removal of classes from school No. 61 to school No. 48, forcing children to cross tracks where the third rail system is in operation.

The State Railroad Commissioners meet in this place next Tuesday and it is now proposed to petition them for relief from all the grade crossings in this place.

The accident was the one thing talked of here yesterday and much indignation was expressed that, to obey the law, children's lives must be jeopardized several times each day. There is a strong demand for the abolition of all grade crossings in this place.

A Question for Women TO SETTLE.

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"No, you wouldn't papa," said Marie.

"Why not?" asked papa.

"Because her father has been dead two years," said Marie.

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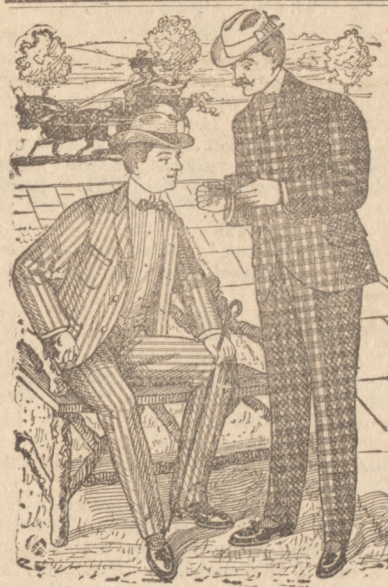
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