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THEY ARE ANXIOUS.

The Tories in parliament are anxious about the probable status of Chief Justice Tuck under the jurisdiction act which is to be brought into operation, in this province within a few months. Under the new law all the judgeships fall vacant, and will be necessary for the Dominion government to fill the places. This can be done by reappointing the present judges or new men, but the minister of justice has given the assurance that all the present judges will be reappointed.

What is worrying Mr. Foster and other friends of Chief Justice Tuck is whether he will be reappointed to his present position or only as an ordinary judge, with some other judge filling the leading position. On this point Mr. Foster was not able to draw the minister of justice, who said he couldn't just say how the appointments would go. He also expressed surprise that the opposition seemed concerned only with respect to the chief justice.

The Herald does not pretend to forecast what will happen in the reappointment of the judges, but it seems possible that some other member of the bench may take the place of the present chief who from age and long service may retire if he cares to, on his full salary of \$7,000 a year. Whether that will happen or not is uncertain, but the Chief's Tory friends in parliament appear somewhat alarmed at the outlook, and Mr. Aylesworth, although closely questioned, does not seem to have given them any binding assurance that the seniority of the present bench will be preserved in the reappointments.

THE KIRK MANSE.

Plans and Specifications to be Procured at Once.

The trustee board of St. Paul's church met last night and after electing Mr. J. F. McMurray, chairman, and Mr. E. A. McKay, secretary-treasurer and disposing of the usual routine business, proceeded to the consideration of the erection of a new manse, authorized by the recent congregational meeting.

After discussing the question, it was resolved to proceed at once with the work, and plans and specifications will be asked from some architect. These will be submitted to a special meeting of the trustees, and tenders invited for the erection of the new building.

The enterprise was left in the hands of a special committee composed of Chairman McMurray, Col. Loggie, J. R. Howie, Moses Mitchell and Joseph Walker, who are also to confer with the Ladies' Aid Society on the question of finances.

The building will be erected on the site of the present manse at a cost of \$5,000 or thereabouts, and will be modern in all respects. Work will probably be commenced this autumn and the building will be completed before October 1917, the pastor Rev. Mr. MacDonald in the meantime occupying Miss Wark's residence kindly placed at the trustees' disposal by that lady for a nominal rental.

A PITIFUL APPEAL.

When Mr. Fielding introduced and explained in parliament the government bill to repeal the act granting annuities to ex-cabinet ministers, Mr. Foster seemed anxious as to the extent of vested rights the ex-ministers might have in the annuities, and it seems quite clear that he had some reference to some ex-minister, who, feeling sure that the pensions would be continued, hypothecated his right in the matter for a lump sum.

Mr. Foster did not mention any names, but since he spoke on the question, Sir Adolph Caron, who was minister of militia in Tory government, has presented a lengthy memorial to the governor-general and his advisers, setting forth a plea for the retention of the pensions.

After arguing at length in support of his contention, Sir Adolph gets down to the special consideration of vested rights, and the hole some ex-minister finds himself in by reason of having disposed of his expectations for a cash equivalent.

Sir Adolph says: "There is one other consideration I would call to the attention of the advocates of repeal; in withdrawing the annuity which parliament engaged should be paid the grantee, while he lived. Is it proposed to enter upon an enquiry to ascertain to what extent the beneficiary has altered his position, relying, as he was justified in doing, upon the inviolability of the public faith? Is it intended to find out what engagements have been made and what liabilities assumed by the grantees, which would not have been made or assumed, but for the act of parliament? Who is to recoup the parties to whom, through financial stress the grantee has been compelled to transfer or encumber his annuity? Or is it proposed to penalize or to ruin men, through no fault except having implicit faith and undoubted trust in the legislature of their country."

The undersigned feels confident that the advocates of the policy of national repudiation have not thought out the question. The parliament of Canada cannot, having regard to its own good name, afford to do the Indian act, having once reached out

its all powerful arm, and stretch back the gift—a gift, let it be remembered made in consideration of public services rendered."

This appeal may be very touching, but it will not likely reach the heart of parliament. If any ex-minister was so hard up and improvident that as soon as he received the right to draw a pension, he disposed of it to some broker or speculator for a lump sum, he is not entitled to further serious consideration.

Sir Adolph had just returned from a trip to Europe when he heard the bad news that the pension act would likely be repealed, and it must have shocked him exceedingly. However, it is hoped that any claim of vested rights will not be entertained. Indeed, Mr. Fielding stated that there was no such privilege in the matter, and the party who brought up some ex-minister's rights will be compelled to look elsewhere than to the pension fund to recoup himself.

NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY.

Senator Ellis, who made a speech the other day in the Upper Chamber at Ottawa, in which he expressed the belief that Canada is shaping towards national independence, may feel gratified at the attention his utterance has attracted, but he cannot feel flattered by the replies it has brought forth from the press and public men on both sides of the Atlantic.

There is a singular unanimity of feeling in Canada against Senator Ellis' proposition. At no time in the history of Canada has the feeling for continued British connection been stronger, and were any government or politician to appeal to the country on the platform of independence it or he would be promptly be sent into oblivion.

In England, Senator Ellis' utterance has attracted no attention, only to be feared. Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, the British premier, having had his attention called to it by a member of parliament, who wanted to know if the imperial government intended taking any steps to counteract the independence movement in Canada, replied that there need be no alarm felt in the matter. Canada was loyal to British connection, and there was absolutely no sentiment in this country for independence.

Discussing Senator Ellis' speech, The Glasgow Herald says: "Those who take an impartial view on imperial questions must see the current that flows steadily in favor of closer union. The enthusiasm of the celebration of Dominion Day is witness to this and an evidence also that annexation is dead."

In the senate Thursday, Sir Mackenzie Bowell differed from Senator Ellis' suggestion that the time would come when Canada would separate from the mother country. He hoped the day would never come. The ties between Britain and Canada, as time progressed, would grow stronger.

A few years ago Senator Ellis inclined to annexation, but he dropped that to take up the new fad of national independence, but he is likely to make as little progress with the latter as he did with the former.

CURRENT COMMENT.

His fellow citizens learn with the most sincere regret, that Dr. Atherton, the eminent physician and surgeon who has made for himself a distinguished name in his profession is seriously ill at Montreal, but hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

The Herald publishes to-day for general information the full text of the compulsory school law which is soon to come into operation in Fredericton. Parents' guardians and children will do well to read the law carefully and lay it aside for future reference and guidance.

Woodstock town council, has unanimously decided to adopt the compulsory school law.

The Tobique salmon waters are receiving great advertising this season. The governor-general has been there and Lord Northcliffe, better known as Sir Alfred Harmsworth proprietor of the London Daily Mail and a dozen other newspapers will spend some days there.

IT FELL THROUGH.

Proposed Race Between Kremont and Daisy Wilkes Won't Come off.

Negotiations for the match race between Mr. Hugh O'Neill's Daisy Wilkes, 2,243, and Mr. Hugh Calder's Kremont 2,233, for \$500 a side have fallen through. The parties met last night at the Commercial Hotel by agreement, but were unable to come to terms. Mr. Calder wanted the race to take place not later than Monday, but Mr. O'Neill would not accept this proposition as it would interfere with his mare racing at Woodstock next week. He offered to put up the \$500 in instalments and have the race pulled off in September, but Mr. Calder would not listen to this, and consequently the negotiations were called off, and the depositors returned. Nobody seems to be greatly surprised at the affair ending in smoke.

As Mr. Calder's mare was the only one of the two to get a position in Wednesday's race the honors would seem to be with him for the present.

DOING GOOD WORK.

Fredericton Boom Co. Has Rafted Nearly Fifty Million Feet of Lumber.

The following statement shows the quantity of lumber rafted by the Fredericton Boom Company up to June 30th:

Hemlock 26,205

Cedar 4,236,350
Pine 1,205,350
Spruce 35,278,868

Total 41,740,518
Private parties employed by the Boom Company have rafted and delivered at Springhill 5,907,982 feet as follows:
Cedar 82,429
Spruce 5,825,553

Total 5,907,982
Grand Total 46,654,795
At the present time it is estimated that there is about seventy million feet of logs in the booms. There is 22 million feet of lumber hung up in the vicinity of Seven Islands, but at other points the river is pretty well clear of logs.

The Boom Company have kept a crew of sackers steadily at work with the limits and there are not many logs to be seen lying around the shores and islands. It is thought that the total amount of lumber to be rafted by the Boom Company this season will be in the neighborhood of one hundred and twenty million feet.

THE FORESTERS.

Mr. Harry Woods of Welsford Elected High Chief Ranger—Other Officers.

St. Andrews, N. B., July 6.—The High Court of Foresters opened at 10 a. m. yesterday, Chief Ranger Lingey presiding.

The finance committee reported recommending the appointment of organizers as usual and that \$50 be allowed for advertising during the exhibition to be held in September at St. John, and that the following amounts be paid: High Chief ranger, \$100; high secretary, \$650; high treasurer, \$50; two high auditors, each \$25; high journal secretary, \$30 mileage and per diem committee \$15; press committee, \$25; that delegates and past executive officers be paid the regular mileage and \$1 per day during the attendance of high court, not exceeding two days. On motion, the report as a whole was adopted.

The supreme chief ranger, Dr. Oron-hyatekha, was here introduced with high honors, and after making a few complimentary remarks took his seat to the right of the high chief ranger.

On motion, the selection of the next place of meeting was here taken up, and on the first ballot St. John was selected. The high court was chiefly engaged yesterday afternoon in electing the court officers.

For high chief ranger, M. N. Cockburn, K. C.; Harry Woods and Judge Ebbett were nominated. Mr. Woods was elected.

J. E. Bernier and Reverdy Steeves were nominated for the office of high vice-chief ranger. Mr. Steeves was elected.

F. W. Emmerson and T. P. Eastman were elected high secretary and high treasurer respectively.

Dr. Lawson, Bourque and Doherty were nominated for the office of high physician. Dr. Lawson was chosen.

R. B. Hanson defeated R. H. Davis for the high councillorship.

James V. Russell and Thomas Murray were re-elected auditors.

The appointive officers were: High orator, Rev. B. H. Thomas; journal secretary, B. M. Grindley; organist, P. G. Perry; S. Woodward, J. W. Smith, J. Woodward, S. Thorn, Marshall, Frank Allingham; conductor Mrs. B. A. Marston; messengers, Nov Costello, S. Beadle, J. A. Brookes, J. Beadle, H. Orchard.

Votes of thanks passed after which the high court adjourned, to meet in St. John next year.

SPENT TERRIBLE NIGHT.

Members of Digby Fishing Fleet Had Narrow Escape from Death.

Digby, N. S., July 6.—A terrific storm swept over the Bay of Fundy Wednesday and several boats of a fishing fleet had a narrow escape from foundering, the men being compelled to weather the gale in open boats all night, with seas breaking over them. When the gale was at its worst four small open fishing boats were almost six miles off shore, endeavoring to beat in. One containing Howard Daley and Dell Tidd was blown away off shore and remained all night out of sight of land, its occupants expecting every moment to see the small craft founder in the tremendous sea which was running.

By the best of luck and good management the little boat was kept afloat and arrived at Culloden safely late this afternoon. In the meantime the boat containing Percy Ross filled up with the sea breaking over her. The occupants threw out the fish and ballast were rescued just in time by the Digby schooner Emerald, commanded by Captain Ansel Casey, and taken in to Turner's Eddy, Digby Gut. The other two boats, containing Will Ross and son, Dillie Ross, John Daley and Aubrey Port, were also compelled to spend the night in the bay.

THE PRESS AGENT.

Mr. Harry L. Watkins, the genial and hustling advance press agent of Barnum & Bailey's circus, who, with Mrs. Watkins is a guest at Windsor Hall is an old newspaper man, having had extended service on the New York World. Mr. Watkins is very much pleased with the appearance of Fredericton and would like to remain here longer but his business calls him to Woodstock tomorrow.

Mr. Fred Cooper and daughter, Frances Cooper, who have been visiting relatives here, return to their home in Kansas City by this evening's train.

Mr. and Mrs. George Turton have gone to Montreal for a holiday trip.

HAMPSTEAD.

July 4.—Of late the weather has been so dry that the crops are not looking as well as might be desired. This is especially true of the hay crop, which now appears very light. The school which has been so successfully instructed by Miss Alexander, of Fredericton Junction, closed on Friday. Those who went from the school to write the Normal school entrance examinations were: Misses Fox, Scovill, Slipp and Dougan.

On Monday some people from here attended the political picnic at Gagetown.

Mrs. Solomon Cameron has sold her place to Mr. Lee Fox. Mrs. Cameron will move to Vancouver.

Miss Elsie Lewis has returned from Chatham where she has been attending the teachers' institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Judson Slipp of Hampton are visiting their parents here.

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