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## DAILY HERALD.

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### SENATE REFORM.

The House of Commons discussed Senate reform at Monday's sitting, and elicited from the Premier his views on the question, without committing itself to any settled policy on the question.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier is in favor of reform in the upper chamber, but is opposed to its abolition. He is inclined to the American system of Senate appointments, which are made by the State legislatures, each State having an equal number of representatives, and proposes to submit the question to the coming conference of provincial premiers. The resolution of Mr. McIntyre, which evoked the discussion, favored appointments to the Senate for fifteen years, with an age limit of eighty.

There is no doubt quite a general demand for Senate reform, and Mr. McIntyre's proposition is a reasonable one, yet we think that the suggestions of the premier are more practicable at present. There always will be, under the prevailing constitution of the Senate, too many old men in the upper chamber, and in any plan for reform of that body an age limit should be fixed. There is also too much partisanship, as there was when the Tory party predominated in the red chamber.

The basis of representation proposed by the premier, each province to have an equal number of senators, is a reasonable one. With the growth of the West the Senate is likely to be controlled by that part of the country, and provision should be made against the upper chamber becoming jug handled.

If elected by the various provincial legislatures, the senate would be in close touch with the people, and the system has a great deal to recommend it in many other ways.

It will be noticed that Mr. Borden's senate reform policy consists of appointing Liberals and Conservatives alternately to that body, but the proposal would scarcely dispose of the present popular objections to the constitution of the upper chamber.

The discussion in parliament on the question, while leading to no very definite result, brings the matter prominently before the public and may lead to an important change which will be welcomed by the country.

A life tenure in any public office is not desirable from the public standpoint. Neither senators nor judges should be permitted to retain their positions after reaching the age of senility, and it would be better for the country even to pension men in those positions after they pass the age of usefulness than to continue them in positions of great responsibility.

### PROBABLE CABINET CHANGES.

Political rumors are not always to be depended upon, but there seems to be some basis for the report that Hon. Charles Fitzpatrick, the present minister of justice, may soon retire to become chief justice of the Supreme court of Canada, that Hon. A. B. Aylesworth will succeed him, and that Hon. Rudolph Lemieux will become postmaster general.

Mr. Fitzpatrick's retirement from the government would be much regretted. He is one of its ablest members, but hard work is telling on his naturally strong constitution, and the serenity of the bench probably would be acceptable to him after so many strenuous years.

Mr. Aylesworth is recognized as one of the leaders of the Canadian bar, and the duties of minister of justice would be much more congenial to him than the postmaster generalship.

Mr. Lemieux is one of the most brilliant of the younger phalanges of Liberals in parliament, and is regarded as likely to take a front seat in the ranks of Canadian statesmen.

### PRESIDENT REPROVED.

The Mayor of San Francisco declares that all the help possible is needed to feed the hungry victims of that city, yet President Roosevelt, with a pride that is scarcely admirable under the circumstances, declines all outside offers of assistance made to the national government, already losing \$400,000 offered from such sources.

The Boston Herald is quite indignant at the President's attitude. It says: "President Roosevelt, in his

interference with the relief measures for the stricken people of California, doubtless means well, but he transgresses his proper prerogative in attempting to say whose aid they may accept. While it is true that the United States is rich enough to care for its own unfortunate and willing to do so, it is no business of his to warm off charitably disposed foreigners who desire to show their sympathy by practical help and volunteer assistance. This nation would cut a sorry figure if it went abroad begging, but that is a different matter. Californians are indignant with the President for attempting to prevent their friends abroad from contributing material support. Mr. Gaylord Wiltsire, chairman of the New York relief committee, has written to the New York Evening Post a communication in which he says: 'We would kindly ask both the Minnesota trade union and President Roosevelt to refrain from interfering with any man, whoever he may be, or wherever he is, who wishes to extend his sympathy or pecuniary aid.' It is an opportunity to promote international good will as a sign of the growing bond of world relationship and amity that all good men desire to prevail. We believe no presents were declined on the occasion of the recent wedding at the White House."

There is a point and sting in the concluding sentence of the Boston Herald's article. When the President's daughter was married a few weeks ago, presents were accepted from almost every civilized nation under the sun.

### CURRENT COMMENT

The city auditor is worth \$150 to the taxpayers when he does his duty as faithfully as Mr. J. D. McKay performs his work.

The Marysville suicide is a sad one indeed. Evidently grief at the death of his fiancée crazed young Galcy, and in his distress he found relief in self inflicted death.

Carnegie said at Ottawa that Laurier was one of the five of earth's greatest men. Booker T. Washington was another, and he asked to be excused from naming the other three. There is a suspicion that the philanthropist had heard of the Fredericton city council, and locates two at least of his world beaters in that august body.

The new city council meets tonight with two vacant seats. The men who occupied them for the brief period of five weeks, have been appointed to civic offices, one of them to a good fat job, the other to receive a commission on tax collections. It is to be hoped that no more of the aldermen are looking for office, for there seems to be great difficulty in inducing citizens to serve at the board.

Mr. Borden, the Tory leader, seems to have a very bad memory. Examined in the election trial at Halifax the other day, he said he had even forgotten the date of the last general election when he was defeated in Halifax, and forced to take refuge in a safe Ontario constituency. Mr. Borden declared he had never heard of Mr. Russell's contribution to the Tory campaign fund; in fact he remembered nothing of importance respecting the last election contest. What a pity Mr. Borden's memory is failing. Otherwise he seems to be rather a bright young man.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will reach St. John tomorrow, but about all the general public will see of him will be during his drive for three quarters of an hour about the city. At the Prince's own request, the programme for his reception has been so cut down that it is scarcely recognizable. H. R. H. has been feted and addressed for the past three months in Japan and Canada, until he is doubtless weary of the whole thing. The time may come when royal visitors in Canada at least will be permitted to travel through the country without being pestered with the municipal address business.

### THERE WAS NO CHARGE.

At a certain church in a country town was an aged verger, who, to save the exertion of continually marching up and down the aisle to conduct persons to their seats, used to take his stand in the centre of the church, and when any incomes appeared beckoned to them, and then conducted them to a seat.

The urchins of the neighborhood, knowing his peculiarity, used to pop their heads inside the church door and mimic his action by beckoning to him. Many times he tried to catch them, and one Sunday morning nearly did so. But the boy rushed away from the church and ran into the arms of a policeman.

"What have you been up to?" said the policeman.

Thought the boy, "I'm caught," but he said, "Oh, sir, there's a disturbance at that church, and they have sent me to fetch a pieceman."

"Very good," said the officer; "I'll step in and see about it."

So he opened the door at the west end of the church, and, taking off his helmet, entered. The moment the verger saw him he beckoned to him, and motioned him to a seat next an old gentleman.

Immediately he was seated he touched the old gentleman and said, "The old gentleman replied, 'What do you mean?'"

Officer: "You know what I mean, and I don't want no chat. Come quiet, or I shall have to take you by force."

Old gentleman: "I really don't understand you."

Officer: "Look here, we don't want no more disturbance; you have been kicking up quite enough, and I'm going to have you out quick."

By this time the congregation were looking at the pair and wondering what was the matter, so the old gentleman said:

"Very well. I have not made any disturbance; but to save any I'll go with you."

So together (to the wonderment of the congregation) they marched down the aisle.

When they had passed out of the church the verger followed them, and the policeman, turning to him, said:

"Now, then, you have got to make your charge."

"Charge?" said the verger; "there ain't any charge; all the seats are free."

Two gentlemen were travelling in one of the hill counties of Kentucky not long ago, bound on an exploration for pitch pine. They had been driving for two hours without encountering a human being, when they came in sight of a cabin in a clearing. It was very still. The hogs lay where they had fallen, the thin claybank mule grazed round and round in a great circle, to save the trouble of walking, and one lean, lank man, whose garments were the color of the claybank mule, leaped against a tree and let the time roll by.

"Wonder if he can speak?" said one traveler to another.

"Try him," said his companion.

"How do you do?" said the northerner.

"Howdy?" remarked the southerner languidly.

"Pleasant country."

"Fun them that likes it."

"Lived here all your life?"

The southerner spat pensively in the dust.

"Not yit," he said.

Agnes—Algy is making sheep's eyes at me.

Pandora—I always thought him a muttonhead.

### City of Fredericton

Bids will be received at the office of the City Clerk until Wednesday, the 23rd day of May, 1906, at 8 o'clock in the evening for improvements in the city water works, including the following contracts:

1. For the construction of concrete and brick work in clear well, filter tanks, filter building and extension of pumping station.
2. For the equipment of a complete mechanical filter plant.
3. For duplicate low lift centrifugal pumps and direct connected engines.
4. For high duty pumps.

Deposit cheques certified will be required with each bid.

Bids must be made on blank forms of proposal to be furnished. Plans may be seen and specifications and bidding papers obtained at the office of the City Clerk, Fredericton, or of the Engineer at Boston.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to accept any bid.

Dated April 24, A. D., 1906.

J. W. McCREADY,  
City Clerk,  
Fredericton, N. B.

F. A. BARBOUR,  
Consulting Engineer,  
Tremont Building, Boston, Mass.

April 28.—dtd.

### ELECTION CARD.

To the Electors of the City of Fredericton

Ladies and Gentlemen,—As you are aware, there is now a vacancy in the representation of St. Ann's ward in the city council, and at the solicitation of numerous ratepayers, I have decided to offer as a candidate. I think you will agree with me that if there was ever a time in the history of the city when men of integrity, business ability and common sense were needed at the council board, that time has now arrived. Enough said.

Soliciting your votes, and support, I am your obedient servant,

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MONDAY, MAY 14TH, 1906, for the furnishing of materials and work required in the construction of Cribwork and grading and the moving of the Freight Shed at St. Alexis, P. Q.

Plans and specification may be seen at the Station Master's Office at St. Alexis, P. Q., and at the office of the Engineer of Maintenance, Moncton, N. B., where forms of tender may be obtained.

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D. POTTINGER,  
General Manager.

Railway Office,  
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September 19th 1905

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