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A CHANGE OF BASE.

It seems to be accepted as a fact that The Sun and Times, the only Tory newspapers in St. John, are about to become the property of the Liberals. The transfer, it is stated, will take place about the 15th inst., and will create considerable of a sensation in political circles.

The Sun, founded in 1878 by a company of which Mr. W. H. Thorne is the head, has been the Tory organ in this province ever since, and The Star, an evening paper issued from the same office, is of the same political stripe.

It is said that Mr. Scott, the gifted editor of The Sun, may go to a Toronto newspaper, while another report assigns him to the editorial management of The Halifax Herald. The new editor of The Sun under Liberal management, it is reported, will come from Toronto and his name is Lewis.

The old Tories of this province who have been taking their political gospel from The Sun, for so many years, will scratch their heads and give their spectacles an extra brush when they discover that their favorite newspaper has gone over to the Liberals.

The Sun's defection will be a great loss to its party, and Mr. Hazen will miss its strenuous support in the local arena.

WINNIPEG BUNCOMBE.

The Winnipeg Tribune, a notorious sensational newspaper in political matters, the property of Mr. Richardson, who has been trying to get into parliament as a renegade Liberal, has entirely reconstructed the federal government, dropping Mr. Emmerson out altogether, and the concoction is served up in a local Tory paper, which something like a year ago was cut off from government printing by the minister of railways.

By The Tribune's redistribution of cabinet seats Dr. Pugsley goes in for place of Mr. Emmerson and the latter is sent to the supreme court bench, on which there happens to be no vacancy.

Dr. Pugsley is represented as thirsting to get into federal politics, when, as his friends very well know, he has steadily discouraged any suggestion of such a course.

The Winnipeg paper is romancing without any basis for its cabinet reconstruction, and its observation that Mr. Emmerson is only a makeshift minister, temporarily filling a gap until his successor could be found, is too silly to require serious comment.

The business of Liberal cabinet making or reconstruction is not usually confined to Tory newspapers, and The Tribune's positive statement may be set down as pure guess work and unadulterated buncombe, but it passes in some quarters, so long as Mr. Emmerson is discredited, for did he not cut off the printing supplies last November?

No gentleman who has held the position of Solicitor General in this province has been more active in the discharge of his official duties than Hon. W. P. Jones, who since coming into office has devoted nearly his entire time to its affairs. The Solicitor General not only conducts the crown cases with marked ability but he is making friends and admirers all over the province, and in Carleton county his political standing is recognized as strong and unassailable.

Mr. Hunt's majority in Compton is over 500, and Tory confusion is complete. The Sun attributes Liberal gains to the popularity of Sir Wilfrid Laurier among the French voters, but the returns show Liberal gains in the English parishes.

The Pope ownership of Compton has been disowned, and the constituency takes its place among the solid Liberal ridings.

There are two senate vacancies in New Brunswick and two in Nova Scotia, and there is no lack of applicants for the positions. Mr. Fielding says that they will be filled before parliament meets, and in the meantime the aspirants will be on the anxious seat.

New Brunswick Conservatives lost an able newspaper advocate when the late Mr. Livingstone removed from this province, and they will miss the earnest and splendid support they have received from Editor Scott of the Sun.

The Chief Justice threw bouquets at the Solicitor General in the circuit at St. John Saturday afternoon. Mr. Jones wanted the court to adjourn until this afternoon so that he could spend Sunday at his home in Woodstock, and the Chief consented, with the observation that he couldn't refuse the modest request of such a nice looking young man as the Solicitor General.

The federal government in holding the Allans strictly to their contract to bring their boats to St. John instead of making Halifax a terminus merits the approbation of New Brunswick. There is plenty of water in St. John Harbor for the mail steamers and it is a pity that the Allans should prejudice the port by representing the contrary.

Perhaps, if our Tory friends had realized that the Liberals would secure possession of The Sun, they would not have invested their money in the purchase of that other uncertain newspaper.

TOMORROW'S GRAND CONCERT.

Attractive Program of the Third Event in the Spencer Star Course.

One of the musical treats of the season will be the appearance here tomorrow evening of the Boston Concert Company, the third attraction in the Spencer Star Course, which entertainments have so far been so satisfactory. Probably most interest rests in the reappearance of Miss Wetmore, who has so many friends here, who are particularly anxious to hear her after her return from Europe. Goods seats are still procurable at McMurray's. The programme is as follows:

Cello Solo—(Adagio) ... Pargiel
Miss Halliday.
Bass Solo—("A. Sera") ... Tosti
Mr. Chute.
Soprano Solo—("Die Lorelei") ... Liszt

Miss Wetmore
Cello Solo—(a) (Romance)
(b) (Scherzo) ... Von Goens

Miss Halliday.
Duet—Soprano and Bass "La
Dove Prende" (Magic Flute) ... Mozart

Miss Wetmore and Mr. Chute.

PART TWO.

Cello Solo—(Baccaralle) ... Tchaikowsky

Miss Halliday.

Soprano Solo—(a) "Who'll buy
my Lavender?" ... German

(b) "Land of
Roses." ... Del Riego

(c) "Years at
Spring." ... Beach

Miss Wetmore.

Bass Solo—(Promessi Sposi) ... Ponchielli

Mr. Chute.

Cello Solo—(a) "The Swan" ... Saint Saens

(b) Gavotte ... Popper

Miss Halliday.

Duet—"I feel Thy Anger Spirit." ... Hoffman

Miss Wetmore and Mr. Chute.

BITS OF NEWS.

William Clark and Garret Doyle, the New Brunswick fishermen who jumped from the fourth story of a house on Hancock street, Boston, Saturday night after being driven from their rooms by fire, are reported as resting comfortably at the Relief Hospital, and will probably recover. Both were badly shaken up by their fall to the pavement, a distance of nearly fifty feet, while Clark also suffered from burns.

The price of land in Saskatchewan is advancing. The Saskatchewan Valley Land Company raised the price last week one dollar an acre, it now brings nine dollars for land, thirty to forty miles off railway line. Inside the two mile mark it is much higher. The Canadian Pacific is contemplating a raise in the retail price. All United States colonization agencies in Winnipeg report the prospect as the brightest for immigration to new provinces this year now that a stable form of government has been established.

While the United States battleship squadron, under command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, was proceeding to sea Sunday from New York, the battleships Kearsarge and Kentucky ran aground in the lower harbor off the West Bank light. The Alabama and Illinois were following next in line, and before they could alter their course the Alabama collided with the Kentucky, striking her a glancing blow. At two forty-five o'clock the Kearsarge and Kentucky were floated and started for sea accompanied by the Alabama. The Kentucky however, was ordered back for repairs.

The funeral of Seymour E. Gourley ex-M. P. was held from his late residence at Truro Sunday afternoon. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. M. Ryan, Methodist, then at the church when Archdeacon Kaubach preached the funeral service. It was one of the largest funerals ever seen in Truro, the body being followed to the Union cemetery by an immense procession. Many political friends and fellow barristers from all over the constituency and from Halifax were present. The casket bore floral offerings from the Conservative party and other friends.

Sir Louis Davies was occupied at Ottawa Saturday at chambers during the entire afternoon in listening to the application of the Cushing Sulphite Fibre Company for leave to appeal from the judgment of the Su-

MR. EMMERSON AT ST. JOHN.

Minister of Railways Denied Winnipeg Yarn that he is to Leave the Cabinet—The Sun Purchase.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, who was in St. John on Saturday, denies the report which was circulated in Ottawa last week that he is about to resign. The cabinet, he says, has now under consideration a number of impending reforms on the I. C. R.

Mr. Emmerson is forwarding to the president of the St. John board of trade copies of communications received from the Allans with reference to the alleged want of facilities at that port. He wishes to take a reply to Ottawa with him on Tuesday. He announces that the future editor of the Sun, if it changes hands, will be a newspaper man from Upper Canada.

In an interview with a representative of the Telegraph on Saturday, Mr. Emmerson was shown a detailed despatch to the Winnipeg Tribune of last Wednesday, in which his approaching resignation was announced. "I have seen the report," he said. "It is absolutely absurd. I have made arrangements to carry on a very active campaign in connection with improvements on the I. C. R. We expect that in the future we will at least be able to make the receipts equal to the expenditure. The matter is now under consideration by the cabinet and certain changes will be announced at an early date."

"Will the change affect the employees of the road?"
"No; they are more in the nature of reforms," was the reply.

ST. JOHN AND THE ALLANS.

The minister was asked if he could supplement the information already published with regard to the Allans and St. John.

After referring to the recent decision of the cabinet that the vessels should continue calling at St. John he said that he was forwarding to the president of the board of trade copies of certain communications with further reference to the port of St. John which the Allans had addressed to the minister of trade and commerce and to himself. The pa-

pers contained references to the depth of water, and alleged want of accommodation in the harbor, and he hoped the board of trade would be able to give the matter consideration and forward him a reply before he leaves for Ottawa tomorrow.

The damaging effect on the future of this port, if the statements were allowed to go broadcast that St. John could not accommodate the largest steamers, was mentioned.

Mr. Emmerson agreed that this impression might be created. He understood, he said, that the Allans were anxious to make Halifax their final port of call that they might carry on the mail service with four instead of five steamers. Two of their fastest vessels had been seriously disabled last season in the St. Lawrence and they were handicapped, in consequence. By omitting St. John from their schedule they claimed they would save an extra steamer. He thought this was one of the reasons for the recent movement.

THE PROPOSED NEWSPAPER SHIFT.

With regard to the reports of the approaching sale of the Sun newspaper, Mr. Emmerson said he was not a party to the negotiations, which he understood were being carried on by some of his friends for the purchase of the Sun and Star. He was in the west on his inspection trip at the time they were commenced. All he could say was that he hoped his friends would succeed in their efforts. He added that he had no reason to believe the Star would be discontinued.

In reply to a question as to the future editor of the Sun, the minister said he believed the position would be filled by a newspaper man from Upper Canada, whose name he was not at liberty to mention.

The minister of railways left Saturday night for Dorchester, where he spent Sunday at his home. He returned to the city this morning to be present at the meeting of the tariff commission.

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