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#### JUDGE MCLATCHIEY.

The Herald hears with a great deal of pleasure of the appointment of Mr. H. F. McLatchiey, M. P. P., for Restigouche, as judge of the county court of Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland, in succession to Judge Wilkinson, who has reached the age limit and is retired on superannuation.

Mr. McLatchiey is not only a staunch Liberal, but a gentleman well learned in the law, and will fill his new responsible and dignified position with satisfaction to the country and with credit to himself.

As a lawyer and politician, Mr. McLatchiey has enjoyed the public confidence to a large degree, and as a citizen he is well worthy the high esteem in which he is held.

The Herald, while regretting Judge McLatchiey's retirement from the legislature, in which he held a conspicuous place, wishes him a long and useful career on the bench.

#### COAL BEFORE THE TARIFF COMMISSION.

Hearings for additional coal duties and for their entire repeal were held the last few days by the tariff commission.

The advocates of duty admitted they could not ship coal to Ontario and that their market was limited from Montreal to the sea board. They also made admissions as to the prices charged the Canadian consumer more especially, the Nova Scotian, which are rather startling. Having no winter market up the Saint Lawrence, they either have to bank their coal when navigation there is closed, or ship it to New England, at that season. They ship their coal at \$2.80 per ton deducting freight 75 cents, and duty 67 cents, they receive \$1.38 per ton for their coal, which their representative Mr. Alex Dick claimed was "bare cost." If the duty was removed, according to Mr. Dick's statement, they would receive the very handsome profit of 67 cents per ton, with a prospect of good profits in such a large market, in comparison with the limited summer sales up the St. Lawrence. The surprise is that the coal people do not hold up both hands for reciprocity in coal, instead of opposing it.

Their motives are pretty clearly revealed in the discussion and do not plan the coal men in any better position than the sugar men, whose enormous profits have just come to light. They are uniting the home market for all it is worth, and making enormous profits out of the local consumers. They get from the Boston and Maine Railway \$1.38 for their coal and from the I. C. R. \$3.25 per ton, thus bleeding the Canadian Railway \$1.87 more than the New England one. This is one cause of deficits on I. C. R. They charge the Glace Bay man, who carts the coal out of their sheds \$3.00 per ton, or 20 cents more than they sell the same coal in Boston and pay the freight and duty. Is not this robbery, and if not what is it? They oppose the removal of the duty, because it would compel them to reduce their prices and accept less profits in Montreal and other localities. The sudden kick they are making against reciprocity is not from patriotic motives, but from the most selfish and sordid instincts.

The government cannot do greater service to the country than abolishing the duty in cases where it is used for extortionate purposes to wring inordinate profits out of the people. Coal is one of these raw products that ought to be free in both countries, as the industrial life and prosperity of the people depend upon them being had at the lowest possible price, otherwise the cost of living is enhanced and goods cannot be manufactured at competitive prices.

#### PROMPT ACTION.

It did not take the legislature long to remove the disability under which the women of New Brunswick labored with respect to becoming lawyers! The bill to effect that purpose passed all the stages but a third reading at one sitting of the House, after a neat speech by the attorney general, and no voice was raised in opposition to it. Miss French and all other members of the fair sex are now "persons," within the meaning of the act, and are at liberty to enter the legal profession when otherwise qualified.

The learned attorney general does not take the same view as to women's sphere of work as has been

enunciated by judicial authorities. He believes they have a right to aspire to positions above those of manual labor in the household, and he believes, too, in their capacity to meet men in their own peculiar fields and hold their own in the competition.

This is the modern idea, and Dr. Pugsley will receive the gratitude of the ladies and the approval of the country for his outspoken words in the legislature.

Chatham World.—A bill has been introduced by Attorney General Pugsley to permit women to study and practice law. It provides for the case of Miss French, who was denied admission to the bar after having qualified herself by the requisite study. This is right. Give the women a chance. Let them talk in the pulpit, on the platform and at the bar, and perhaps they will let up occasionally in the house.

(This is very gallant in the com-modore, but what does he, an old woman, know about how women talk at home?)

If memory carries one back a few years the fact will be recalled that "the old family circle" did participate quite extensively in deals which enriched their personal accounts.—Gleaner.

But why, after having turned on the kind friends who "enriched their personal accounts," should "the old family circle" to which "the managing director" belongs, flaunt the deals by which he and his family profited so handsomely.

The new owners of our local contemporary are now in the saddle, and that paper has once more given an exhibition of the startling political somersaults for which it has long been famous.

#### FAVOR MCKEE.

Fredericton Boy Recommended for Important Appointment at Montreal General Hospital.

Montreal, Feb. 13.—There is an interesting and exciting three-cornered fight in progress for the position of eye surgeon at the general hospital, which has been rendered vacant by the removal of Dr. Stirling to the Royal Victoria. The contest is between Dr. Richard Kerry and Dr. McKee, both at present assistants at the General Hospital, and Dr. Mathewson of the Western Hospital. It is no secret that a good deal of personal feeling has been imported into the matter. Dr. Kerry and Dr. Mathewson are both local men. Dr. McKee is a New Brunswick man. The committee of management of the medical board have issued a circular stating that Dr. McKee is their unanimous choice. It is signed by the head of the board of management and by a leading member of the medical profession. The distribution of this circular among those who have the privilege of voting for respective candidates is what has produced local feeling. "Why," asked an influential supporter of the institution today, "should we go to New Brunswick when we have local men fully qualified for the appointment? Both local candidates have the requisite training and experience."

The Dr. McKee referred to is a son of S. H. McKee of Fredericton, and is about thirty years of age. He graduated from McGill in 1900 and then spent two years as assistant to the late Dr. Buller, the famous eye specialist. Following this he went to Europe for a post-graduate course. Since then he has been at Montreal, where he became assistant eye specialist in the General Hospital.

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W. H. BIGGER, Solicitor for applicants.  
Dated at Montreal, this 30th day of January, 1906.  
Feb. 13.—d5wks.

Captain Bernier is in Ottawa to see the minister of marine and fisheries to secure the loan of the government steamer Arctic for three or four years in order to enable him to make an expedition with the object of reaching the North Pole. The captain is desirous of navigating the Arctic to Hudson Bay in the spring with supplies for the Mounted Police force, and then he desires to take the ship around Cape Horn to Victoria, where he will attempt and attempt to reach the North Pole through Behring Straits.

Hon. Charles A. Milliken of August 1st, on Monday completed the purchase of the Van Buren Lumber Company, which includes the mills at Van Buren and all the company's timber lands, 135,000 acres, in the provinces, and 12,000 acres in the state of Maine. Mr. Milliken will operate the business and says there is now on hand at this mill about 10,000,000 feet of spruce and cedar, enough for about 40,000 shingles.

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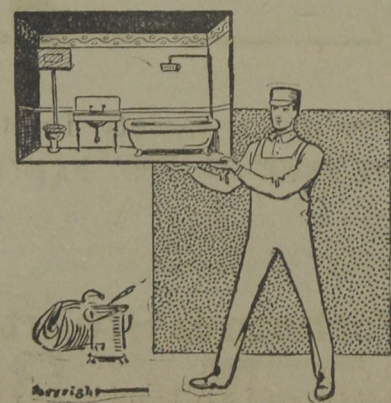
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