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EMBARASSING TO BORDEN.

Mr. Borden, the Tory leader, in trying to make political headway in Quebec, finds himself handicapped by the attitude of some of his lieutenants towards the race and religion of a majority of the people of that province, and it is reported that he is prepared to sacrifice, to read out of the party the turbulent spirits who make speeches in parliament calculated to injure the Tory cause among Sir Wilfrid Laurier's co-religionists.

It will be remembered that last session Col. Sam Hughes M. P. made a vicious attack on the French priests who in consequence of the attitude of the government of France towards the Roman Catholic Church are migrating to Canada from France.

Col. Sam Hughes observed with some vehemence on that occasion that these priests were a curse to Canada, and declined to take back the objectionable remark although requested to do so by Mr. Borden, Mr. Bergeron and other Tory members. Mr. Borden seeing the effect Hughes' remarks would have in Quebec disavowed any responsibility for the latter's attitude but the thing will not do, and promises to make serious trouble for the Tory leader in Quebec. It is safe to say that Mr. Borden will not take Hughes campaigning with him in Quebec, and it may be necessary for the leader to formally read the colonel out of the party.

The statement was made in the Orange Grand Lodge at Vancouver this week, by grand chaplain Walsh of that body that he had received a letter from a certain man, whose identity he did not divulge, which stated that Mr. Borden had called a caucus of Conservatives, and had demanded that Col. Sam Hughes withdraw from the Conservative party or he (Borden) would give up the leadership. This reported action of Mr. Borden, he said, was a direct consequence of the declaration of Colonel Hughes on the floor of the Commons that French priests expelled from France would be a curse to Canada. Referring to the reported action of Mr. Borden in calling this caucus and making the alleged declaration, the speaker continued: "If Mr. Borden did that, he deserves to be put out of the leadership quicker than he can get out."

Col. Hughes who was present when those remarks were made, took the opportunity to repeat his observation made in Parliament that "the French priests are a curse to Canada" declaring that he knew his position and would not retract his statement. In the meantime it is announced that Mr. Borden has taken permanent quarters at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal to be in close touch with his Quebec lieutenants, who will find it hard work to make headway against the attitude and declarations of Col. Hughes who is one of the Tory leaders at Ottawa.

SUPPORTED LAURIER.

The Governor-General told the Ottawa board of trade Friday that his presence at London a few weeks ago was because of his desire to support Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his endeavor to impress upon the members of the Imperial government the importance of establishing a fast trans-Atlantic service between Canada and England, and of thus making Canada not only the natural and God-appointed but the accepted mail and passenger route between Great Britain and the Orient and those great British dominions in the southern seas of New Zealand and Australia.

His Excellency added "I congratulate you that through the action of your representative at the Imperial Conference, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the representatives in conference assembled, have resolved that the time has come for the establishment of a mail and passenger service between Canada and Great Britain, which shall be equal to the best equipped to New York, and the time is not far off when Canada shall reap the great advantage of the geographical position with which nature has endowed her by the establishment of

a service which will stop our British letters travelling over two sides of a triangle by New York and which will cause the merchant in New York to whom time is a consideration, to travel to and from and to communicate by post with the United Kingdom through Canada."

If His Excellency does not watch out, the Tory newspapers and politicians will be after him.

OFFICIAL INDIFFERENCE.

At Montreal a poor fellow picked up in the street where he had been attacked by three other men, all in an advanced state of intoxication, was flung into a police cell by the officers without any examination of his injuries, and next morning he was discovered dead. Such brutality is barbaric, and the authorities should make an example of the officer responsible for it. The police force of this city came in for some criticism some weeks ago for not giving proper attention to a young man who was locked up in the police station for intoxication, and who had on his person a bottle of poison with which he ended his life, but this Montreal case goes far beyond that in the matter of indifference to the unfortunate.

CURRENT COMMENT.

A rumor is current that Mr. Justice Landry has some intention of seeking to re-enter parliament at the next general election.

Now that the Commissioner for Agriculture has returned home, it is likely that the re-organization of the local government will soon be completed.

The friends of Rev. James Crisp, and he has many of them in Fredericton and vicinity, will heartily join with the Herald in congratulating him on his election to the presidency of the New Brunswick and P. E. I. Methodist Conference now in session at St. Stephen.

Evidently the Transcontinental railway commission does not allow political feelings to influence its appointments. Among recent assignments to the staff is a son of the editor of the Montreal Star which is rather a violent opponent to the Liberal party that created the commission.

The grounds in the vicinity of the Burns monument are in anything but attractive shape, and their condition should be improved at once. Parliament Square, where the monument is located, is one of the beauty spots of Fredericton, and nothing should be permitted to mar its usual attractive appearance.

At the ecumenical exercises of Kings College, Windsor, N. S., according to newspaper report, Bishop Richardson of this city preached an eloquent sermon dealing with church union.

His lordship stated that the union of the churches would never come about unless the other denominations accepted all the doctrines of the Church of England. Well, union with the Church of England looks a long way off. What say our Methodist and Presbyterian friends.

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