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A MISCHIEF MAKER.

Mr. Borden, the Tory leader, has reached the Pacific Coast on his barnstorming tour, and at Vancouver exhibited himself as a mischief-maker, taking sides with the men who are heading the anti-Japanese agitation in British Columbia, which if not delicately and carefully handled, may lead to disastrous results—the straining of the present amicable relations between Great Britain, and Japan, and possibly war between these two great powers.

The recent outbreak against the Japanese in the Pacific coast province, the stoning of their persons and the firing of their property, was a most regrettable affair, and the Japanese authorities have shown great patience in the matter, but a repetition of the outrage might lead to very serious consequences.

Mr. Borden's attitude of condemnation of the federal government to permitting Japanese immigration to Canada, is intended to give courage and sympathy to the rioters, and to bring about intolerable conditions.

Mr. Borden knows that under the treaty between Great Britain and Japan, which was unanimously adopted by the Canadian Parliament, Japanese immigration to Canada is permitted, and until that treaty expires, it is the duty of Great Britain and Canada to loyally stand by its provisions, yet the Tory leader is heard on the political platform at Vancouver, declaiming against the influx of Japanese, and with the vehemence of a political demagogue, asserting that Canada must be the white man's country.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the government recognize the danger to British Columbia from an invasion of Asia-tics, and they are taking steps to prevent it if possible.

They are sending a special commissioner to Japan in an endeavor to restrict Japanese immigration to this country, but so long as the present treaty is binding, they have not the power to exclude the yellow men from Canada. Exclusion legislation would have no force or bearing as against the rights guaranteed the Japanese by the treaty, to which the Canadian parliament, as well as the governments of Great Britain and Japan was a party, and all Mr. Borden's talk of what the government should do in the present crisis, is mere political twaddle, intended to inflame the white population of British Columbia that Mr. Borden and his friends may reap a political advantage.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with the tact and diplomacy for which he is noted, is using every effort to preserve the peace and promote the welfare of Canada in the matter, and it is almost criminal of the Tory leader to attempt to stir up international ill-feeling and strife at a time when the application of such demagoguism threatens disastrous results, not only to this country, but to the mother land, which is anxious to preserve the present friendly relations with the great power in the Orient.

The course which the premier is pursuing in the matter has called forth most favorable comments from the British press, but what shall be said of Mr. Borden, who, to win political support, appears ready to endanger the peace of the two friendly nations, and to court results, the fearful character of which no man can foresee.

THE NEW MINISTER.

Our Tory friends have rather presumed on the suavity and good nature of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, but in his Fairville and nomination day speeches he put up the sign "keep of the grass." The minister of Public Works, while most gentlemanly in his private capacity, and in his public addresses, has a strong fighting spirit within, and while he may strike his political opponents with a gloved hand, the effect is generally disastrous to them. Mr. Hazen can testify to this. In the legislature last session, Dr. Pugsley made the opposition leader look very small and without any great effort. In Parliament the new minister will be

a great source of strength to the government, his knowledge, his experience, energy and ability well fitting him to take a foremost place among the members of that body.

Without any reflection on New Brunswick's former representatives in the cabinet it can be truthfully said that this province never sent to Ottawa a gentleman better equipped to represent it than Hon. Dr. Pugsley, and our Tory friends are ready to acknowledge the fact.

CURRENT COMMENT

When a man has too many irons in the fire he is pretty sure to neglect some of them and they get burned.

Political apostasy is not always rewarded, as our friend the doctor has discovered to his chagrin and dismay.

Mr. Hazen has such an intense love for the farmers that in the rural constituency of Kent he has two doctors on his ticket.

It would only be fair for the lodge dues to be returned to the doctor who failed to secure a nomination on the York Opposition ticket.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier speaks this evening at Toronto, under the auspices of the Dominion Manufacturers Association, and considerable interest attaches to what he will have to say.

The Dominion government proposes sending a commissioner to Japan to negotiate directly with the government of that country for the restriction of Japanese immigration to Canada.

One thousand unmarried women are on their way from England to the northwest, and there is likely to be great competition among the bachelors of that region who are looking for wives.

Mr. F. M. Carpenter, former Conservative M. P. for South Westworth Ontario, and uncle of Major Carpenter, R.C.R., at one time on this station, is dead at his home near Hamilton.

Well, the Tory opposition ticket in York is a corker. The same candidates were beaten by nearly 1,000 majority in the last campaign, and they have lost ground since then especially in the inner circles of the own party.

The people of New Brunswick will appreciate the compliment Toronto University has conferred on Chancellor Jones, of the U.N.B., who this afternoon was made an LL.D. by that eminent institution.

Nobody seems to be satisfied with the opposition ticket in York except the government's friends. The respectable element of the Tory party declare hostility to the combination, and the hee-lers are wondering where the money is coming from.

A few years ago Fredericton's bonds sold at a premium, sufficient to pay all cost of advertising and negotiating them, but to-day the city is compelled to accept a discount of 15 per cent. Would good civic government produce such a condition?

The St. John Telegraph, in its zeal to serve its new political masters, declared that Mr. J. Raymond Young, of Tracadie, son of the late Mr. John Young, M. P. P., up to the close of his life a hearty supporter of the local government, was a likely candidate in the Gloucester opposition interest, but the allegation is personally denied by Mr. Young.

During the present year General Booth, head of the Salvation Army has travelled 25,000 miles to and Canada and Japan, in addition to his recent motor-car tour in England and Wales, held ninety-three meetings, addressed nearly 150,000 people, and was interviewed over 150 times. Although difficult to estimate, it is calculated that the general has travelled about 400,000 miles during the last twenty years.

General and sincere regret is felt and expressed at Rev. H. E. Dibblee's decision to remove from this diocese to California, which he feels necessary for his health. Mr. Dibblee has been a faithful and successful laborer in the church to which he has given his whole energy and ability, and his removal will be a serious loss to the diocese, and more especially to the extensive Sunbury mission in which he has met with such eminent success. All, however, will wish him a full return to his usual physical strength and a happy future in his new home.

If boasting and bluff could win an election, the Tory ticket in York, and Mr. Hazen's friends generally, throughout the province would appear to have an easy time of it, but it takes more than mere braggadocio and hollow hurrahs to convince the electorate that the men the opposition are putting up in the various constituencies are fit to take charge of the government of this country. Take the York ticket, for instance. Is there a man among them fitted to take a portfolio in the government where industry, ability and sense of responsibility are in demand?

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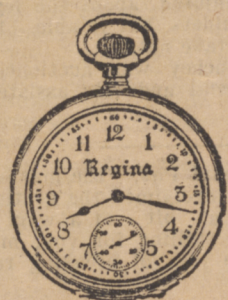
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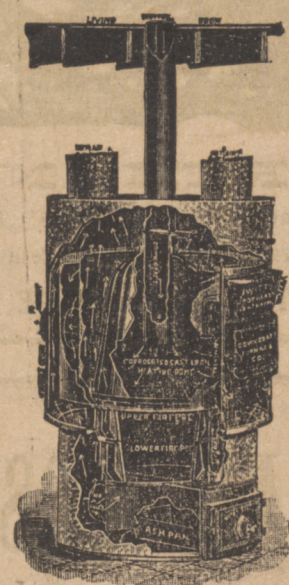
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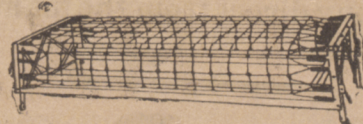
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