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MR. BRODEUR'S CASE.

The thoroughness with which abuses in the Marine and Fisheries' department are being looked into, and the offenders punished is creditable to Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his government, and especially to Hon. L. P. Brodeur, the minister at the head of the department.

The corruption which is being revealed did not originate under Mr. Brodeur's management, nor indeed under that of his Liberal predecessors in the position. It had its inception when the Conservative party was in power and most of the grafting officials who have been exposed are appointees of the Conservatives.

Mr. Brodeur's thorough house cleaning methods, however, do not meet with the approbation of the Conservative press. Instead of encouraging him to proceed with his good work demands are made from that quarter for his resignation, and he is subjected to most unfair attacks.

This is a peculiar attitude in view of what the Minister has already accomplished and has set his hand to do in the future.

For years the Conservatives governed the country and employed the patronage system. This system was abused in those days, and Ministers of the Crown were found in collusion with men who benefitted from the patronage system. The result was disgrace and political extinction. The present government succeeded to the system, and it has been found that a number of officials who were appointed by the Conservative government were guilty of improper conduct.

That such conduct arose as a natural sequence to the patronage system has been acknowledged by Mr. Brodeur, and he promptly suspended the guilty officials and abolished the patronage lists. For doing this the Conservative press says he should be called upon to resign, although there has not been a word of evidence connecting any minister of the Crown with any of the acts brought to light by the investigation now being conducted by Judge Cassels. The Conservative idea of justice is to remove the minister who, when he recognizes an evil, promptly removes the cause. How well the people remember the stalwart defence made on behalf of Conservative ministers of the Crown who were shown to be parties to the frauds perpetrated on the government. In those days the cause was not removed, and the credit of this belongs to the government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier.

LIBERALS SAVED THE CROP.

The action of the federal government in providing means for raising the western crops is one that is roundly and justly credited, and should not be lost sight of in giving credit where credit is due.

Just at this time the immense grain crops of the west have attracted universal comment, and Canada is regarded as a great field for food supply. While recognizing this fact that but for the prompt action of the government in supplying seed grain at enormous expense last spring, the crops of the west would have been a total failure, has escaped observation.

This one act of the government was sufficient to justify continued confidence. Had there been crop failure last season the effect would have caused widespread disaster. The government averted this by intelligent action at the right moment, and the result was seen in the record crops of the season just closed. The Conservative press refers to the prosperity of the west, but not a word is said of the patriotic, statesmanlike attitude of the government which prevented a great crisis—widespread distress was averted by vigorous action at the right time, and now it is all over and seed grain supplied last year is represented by the greatest crops in the history of the west, nothing is said about it. The cost of supplying the seed grain was trifling compared to the value of the crops produced. For a season to pass in the west and no crops would have been a national calamity. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is entitled to the gratitude of the people of Canada for the generous manner in which he met the call for assistance in this regard.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The atmosphere is already charged with the Christmas spirit.

Surely Commodore Stewart will give the conspirators a rest during the Christmas season.

Mr. Hazen finds difficulty in his effort to "Clinch" the spindle legged Kentucky race horses.

Mr. Phelan made a visit to the departmental building yesterday, but couldn't see the chief commissioner lying around loose anywhere.

The gift that Mr. Hazen would most appreciate from Pan's Claus this Christmas, would be the assurance of peace within his official circle.

Victoria Colonist (Con.): Sir Wilfrid Laurier is said to be in the very best of health. Any man would have to be pretty sick who would not benefit by such a vote as his government got on October 26. A trip to Florida is not in it with such a health restorer.

The Moncton Times is calling on the Minister of Railways to abolish the patronage system, and call for tenders for all supplies for the Intercolonial. That is all right, but why does not the Tory organ make a similar demand on the Hazen government which it so ardently supports.

Sir William Macdonald, the Montreal multi-millionaire, who has given so much to the cause of education, has recently sent copies of the Letters of Queen Victoria to one thousand of the Quebec rural schools, a benefaction that will be very much appreciated.

It is two months since Dr. Weaver's resignation of the chairmanship of the Fredericton Board of Health was accepted by the local government, yet his successor has not been appointed. Cannot the gentlemen who have the patronage of the constituency agree upon a suitable man for the vacancy? The office should be filled at once in the public interest.

In England the Speaker of the House of Commons receives a salary of \$25,000 a year, with a hoghead of claret and two deer from the royal preserves thrown in each year. In Canada the Speaker gets \$4,000 and has to buy his own claret, while if he wants deer he has to go out in the woods and shoot them himself. In New Brunswick the Speaker's salary is \$400, beside his sessional indemnity of \$500, and he gets a free silk hat every session—no deer, no claret!

Mr. George W. Upham, M. P. P., that excellent Liberal who recently gave the Hazen government such a black eye in the Carleton bye-election, was in the city today, and received the very hearty congratulations of his friends on his great victory. Mr. Upham says he found in his canvas that the farmers of Carleton regarded the government's purchase of Kentucky race horses as a foolish undertaking, and their blundering in this and other respects, and their unpopular road law, were important factors in aiding Mr. Upham to achieve his great triumph.

A rather injudicious local government supporter in trying to explain Mr. Morrissy's continued presence in the government, declares that unless Mr. Burchill attends the first government caucus during the next legislature session, Mr. Morrissy will be forced to resign his position. In other words, it will be up to the Hon. John to produce the goods or get out. We fancy, however, that Mr. Burchill will be permitted to have something to say in the matter, and we hazard the belief, that not only will he be absent from the government caucus, but that Mr. Morrissy will not invite him to attend.

HIGH PRICES PREVAILED.

Large Quantity of Country Produce disposed of in the Country Market.

Business was brisk for a time in the country market this morning and an immense quantity of country produce changed hands at astonishing prices. All of the space around the city hall was taken up with teams and a large number of late comers were compelled to line up on Queen Street. There was a big crowd of buyers on hand, and they seemed to grab up about everything that offered at the price that was asked. Christmas poultry was plentiful, especially turkeys and chickens, and the price kept up remarkably well. Turkeys brought 22 and 23 cents per pound, and the demand for them was not supplied by any means. A good many of these birds have been bought during the past few weeks for shipment, and those who follow the market do not anticipate much of a drop in the price between now and Christmas. Chickens were plentiful and brought from 60 cents to \$1.00 per pair. Some stall fed chickens, weighing about nine pounds to the pair, sold at 17 cents a pound.

There was a great scarcity of ducks and geese and high prices ruled. Some geese were offered at \$1.25 each, but \$1.10 was the best price paid. A few ducks brought \$1.25 per pair. It is doubtful if geese will sell for less than a dollar this year.

Eggs were plentiful at from 5 to 7 cents by the quarter, and part of the carcass brought 7 and 8 cents. Mutton brought 5 and 6 cents and lamb from 8 to 11 cents.

Eggs took a drop to 35 cents per dozen, but were none too plentiful at that figure. The hens are taking a rest at the present time and there is not likely to be much of a change in the price of eggs until along towards Easter. Butter was firm this morning at 26 and 27 cents per pound. There was very little change in the price of apples and vegetables.

AIDS TO CHRISTMAS BUYERS

Many people find it difficult to decide upon a satisfactory gift. In no other establishment in the city can you find as many different varieties of goods suitable for gifts as are shown here.

A few Suggestions

For a Gentleman

- Morris Chair
- Fancy Rocker
- Leather Arm Chair
- Smoker's Chair
- Smoker's Cabinet
- Tobacco Jar
- Ash Tray
- Clock for the Den
- Chiffonier
- Shaving Cabinet
- Shaving Mirror
- Shaving Sets
- Revolving Chair
- Library Table
- Roll Top Desk
- Reading Lamp
- Sectional Book Cases
- Couch
- Military Brushes
- Clothes and Hat Brushes

For a Lady

- Music Cabinet
- Parlour Cabinet
- Parlour Lamp
- Fancy Rocker
- Jardiniere Stand
- Lady's Secretary
- Dressing Table
- Cheval Mirror
- Mantle Mirror
- Buffet
- China Closet
- Piece of Cut Glass
- Piece of Sterling Silver
- Plate Racks
- Brass Tables
- Manicure Set
- Toilet Case
- Chafing Dish
- Hot Water Kettle
- Work Basket

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- Skirts, \$1.75 to \$9.50.
- Neck Furs, \$1.00 to \$58.00.
- Muffs, \$3.50 to \$50.00.
- Tailored Waists, \$1.00 to \$3.00.
- Silk Waists, \$1.50 to \$5.50.
- Kid Gloves, \$1.00 to \$2.00.
- Silk or Wool Scarfs, 50c. to \$2.25.
- Shawls, 75c. to \$2.25.
- Golf Coats, \$1.00 to \$3.50.
- Toques, 25c to 50c.
- Umbrellas 50 cts to \$3.50.
- Dressing Jackets \$1.00 to \$4.50
- Aprons 25 cts to \$1.50
- House Dresses \$1.00 to \$2.00
- Children's Dresses 50 cts to \$5.00
- Children's Coats \$1.75 to \$6.00
- Children's Mitts, 15 cts to 75 cts.
- Children's Bear Robes \$1.75 to \$3.00
- Children's Overalls, 50 cts to \$1.25
- Children's Polkas 50 cts to \$1.00
- Children's Bibs 5 cts to 25 cts.

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