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NOT VERY STARTLING.

The news of Mr. Mott's defection from the government ranks, so conspicuously displayed in the opposition papers, is about as fresh and startling as might be the announcement that the war in South Africa is over, that Queen Victoria is dead, that Mr. Macinerney has run elections on both side of politics, and that the late Billy Patterson was struck by somebody yet undiscovered.

Mr. Mott has not been in sympathy with the government for more than a year, he alleges now because he does not like the administration of the crown lands, but those who know about as much of the situation as the member for Restigouche himself, have an idea that his reasons for withdrawing allegiance from the ministry are largely of a personal nature. Mr. Mott has political ambitions naturally, and there is not room in his country for two portfolios. Mr. LaBillois has proved himself an excellent administrator both in the agricultural and public works department, and the government will be excused if they declined to part with the Chief Commissioner and replace him with his aspiring colleague.

The government and its friends will not despair at the result in Restigouche, because Mr. Mott has soured on them. While a good fellow personally, and one that does not inspire in an opponent the use of strong terms in condemning his political conduct, Mr. Mott is not a gentleman whose place on the government ticket cannot be filled. Mr. LaBillois has succeeded in several elections in piloting Mr. Mott into safe waters, and the probability is that the chief commissioner will welcome the assistance of a colleague who can bring more strength to the government ticket than Mr. Mott ever gave it.

The present member of Restigouche has a perfect right to change sides if he wishes, and we suppose he feels himself justified in putting forward a constitutional reason for his defection, but it will be difficult for him to persuade the public that personal reasons rather than objection to the government policy have not moved him to his present course.

ENGLISH EDUCATIONAL BILL.

Rev. Hugh Pedley, a prominent Montreal clergyman, recently returned from England, expresses the fear that the English educational bill now before parliament will result unfavorably to non-conformists, who feel that it is a distinct purpose on the part of the church party to bring dissenting children within the fold of the established church. He says that it was this feeling that defeated the government candidate in North Leeds, and made the great reduction in the government majority in Seven Oaks.

Speaking of the position of education in England and of the anticipated effect of the bill, Mr. Pedley said:

"Until recently practically all education was voluntary and in the hands of the church of England."

"The first effort made in the direction of state education was the Forster Bill of 1870. After this the voluntary schools still remained in addition to the new board schools created by the bill. So far as Imperial aid was concerned the two classes of schools were on an equality, except that the amount required to supplement this was made up in the case of the board schools by local taxation, but in the case of the voluntary schools by church contributions. By the majority of Nonconformists this was regarded as a compromise measure, there ideal being an out

and out state system. But that being out of the question they accepted what could be got in that direction.

"The present bill is designed to give voluntary schools support directly from the rates, so that the phenomenon will be presented of schools whose support comes entirely from the people of all classes, but whose management will be practically in the hands of the Established Church, since the number of members appointed to the board of management by the educational committee of the local municipal council must not exceed one-third of the whole.

"The fear of the Nonconformists," concluded Mr. Pedley, "is that in a large number of districts the whole elementary educational machinery will be in the hands of the representatives of the State Church, and will be used as an agency for building up the church at the expense of the Nonconformists."

Mr. Tarte should not feel flattered by the whitewashing he is at present receiving from the Conservative newspapers. It will take a lot of that kind of treatment to wipe off the slate the abuse to which the minister has been subjected during the past six years. Deceased Liberal ministers usually receive flattering obituaries from Conservative sources, but it remained for Mr. Tarte to enjoy Tory adulation while yet alive. Mr. Tarte's high tariff speeches have won over the Tory press, but is it not better to keep the friends we have rather than fly to others we know not of?

The harmony in opposition ranks is beautiful to behold. Over in St. Stephen last night when opposition leaders caucused to arrange for a convention, one of the former stalwarts, Mr. Teed, declared that "he was not in favor of the methods of the present opposition, and thought there should be able men who would not be working for their own selfish ends." This is rather rough on Mr. Hazen and his lieutenants. Down in Sunbury prominent opposition men would like to unload Mr. Hazen.

Lieut. Peary, who has arrived at North Sydney, from his polar expedition declares that he reached a point within 330 miles of the north pole. He will not make another attempt however, his funds being exhausted and his leave of absence from the American Navy having expired. It is now up to our own Captain Bernier, to go ahead and discover the pole and plant the Canadian Flag there.

Mr. Devery, who made such a picturesque fight for the democratic leadership of the Ninth New York Assembly district, giving his constituents barbecues and beer without stint, and picknicking the wives and children of his constituency, has won his fight and will represent his party in the state convention.

A movement is on foot at Ottawa to increase the mayor's salary from \$1,000 to \$2,500, and it is pointed out in support of the proposed change that eight out of the ten gentlemen who have filled the position, have afterwards failed in business.

The revised official statistics of immigration to Canada during the year ended June 30 last, will show that the new settlers during that period numbered nearly 70,000, of whom 22,000 came from the United States.

Lord Dandonald has ordered the abolition of the sword as the weapon of mounted Canadian troops, and hereafter they will be armed with the rifle. The Boers gave us some useful lessons in warfare.

Mr. Tarte is receiving many invitations from the manufacturers to visit their establishments and speak before their organizations. "Will you walk into my parlor said the spider to the fly."

Mr. Lipton's pluck is to be admired. He has built two expensive boats to capture the America cup, but failed both times. Undaunted, however, he is going to make a third trial.

Dr. Sterling of Stanley, is registered at the Barker.

The Real Thing.

"Is this your writing?" asked the merchant as he glanced over a written list of goods wanted.

"No," replied Mr. Meeker; "my wife wrote the list."

"Well, she certainly knows how to handle a pen," said the merchant. "Her diction is absolutely perfect."

"Yes, I suppose her diction's all right," replied Meeker, with a deep sigh. "but it's nothing when compared with her contradiction!"

Rough Diamonds.

There is a popular notion to the effect that rough diamonds are not bright, but this is a mistake. Even in that condition they are very bright, with a peculiar "adamantine luster," as it is called, which no other substance possesses. However, the crude diamond crystal is not transparent. One cannot see through it.

That Was What Annoyed Him.

Mrs. Homeleigh—There is one thing about our girls—they are always self possessed.

Papa Homeleigh (grimly)—Yes, they are too self possessed. I wish they'd get some one else to possess them.—Stray Stories.

A boy is usually ready to eat every time he stops playing.



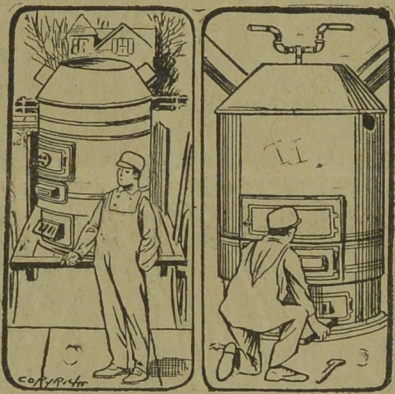
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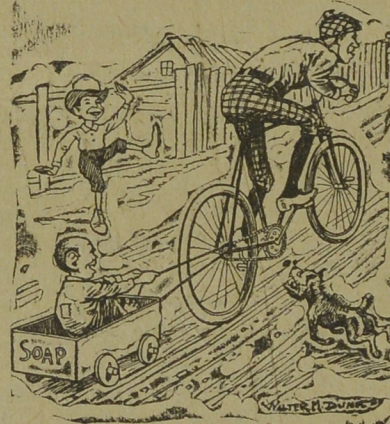
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