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A STUMPING TOUR.

The party of Conservative politicians who are to accompany Mr. Borden, their leader, on his trip to Manitoba, the North West and British Columbia will include Mr. Monk, Mr. E. F. Clarke, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Northrup, Mr. Bell, Mr. Fowler, M. P.'s, and Mr. Powell, ex-M. P. They are due at Winnipeg Sept. 3.

It is rather early to commence campaigning for the next general election, which is some four years in the future, but we suppose these new leaders of the Conservative party are very anxious to show themselves to the people of the west. Liberals need not fear the impression these travelling delegates will leave behind them. In comparison with the men who formerly directed the Conservative party Mr. Borden and his lieutenants are of very small calibre, and they represent little more than a desire for office. The great Canadian West is reaping remarkable progress as the result of Liberal government. Under Tory rule the development of that part of Canada was exceedingly slow. The country waited for a rush of immigration that came not, the great fertile prairies and the mining regions only needed the aid of settlers to commence the wonderful development that is apparent on every hand, and these are being furnished in tens of thousands through the enlightened immigration policy of the Liberal government. Mr. Borden and his fellow travellers will have their eyes opened by the splendid advance the West has made since 1896, but they will be unable to make the people believe that a change of rulers would be wise or prudent under the present conditions.

A MILITARY ROW.

Some Canadian military officers evidently labor under the delusion that there is a state church in Canada, and that the Church of England enjoys this distinction. There is no such pretense on the part of the Anglican bishops or clergy, but it finds lodgment in the minds of portions of the laity who either permanently or for a few days in the year don a military uniform.

The Herald on several occasions has called attention to the fact that here in Fredericton, the official church parades of the military with band accompaniment are made to the Anglican church, and it is also a fact that at the military camp held annually at Sussex the preacher at the Sunday service is invariably an Anglican clergyman. These conditions may be only accidental, but their prevalence leads to the conclusion that some of the military officers harbor the delusion that in some way or another one church is entitled to special prominence in the matter.

Such a feeling evidently prevails among certain military men at Ottawa, where a row has developed as the result, and religious differences threaten serious consequences among the military corps of that city. The facts are stated in this way. It was proposed to hold a church parade on Sunday next, when the National Guard from Albany visits Ottawa, and the Foot Guards asked the different regiments to participate in a brigade parade, and a meeting of the commanding officers was called. Arrangements were made for a church parade to the exhibition grounds, with Rev. Dr. Rose of the Dominion Methodist Church, and Rev. Dr. Herridge of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, as officiating clergy. The arrangements were all but fixed, and a

meeting of the officers of the Guards was called to complete them. Here, however, a difficulty arose which killed the brigade parade. Certain of the officers of the Guards flatly refused to attend any other than the Anglican Church, and the parade has been declared off.

THE PRECENSOR.

The characters in that popular book "The Man From Glengarry," are known to have been drawn from real life and one of them, the real thing, was recently discovered in Winnipeg by a Telegram reporter. Readers of the book will recall John Alexander Fraser, the precursor of a man who started the tunes in the Glengarry Presbyterian church as depicted by Ralph Connor (Rev. C. W. Gordon). The character was adapted from the reality Duncan McLaurin, who is now judge of probate in Hamlin County, Dakota, and was the person discovered visiting the prairie city the other day by the Telegram scribe.

Judge McLaurin apparently is of a retiring disposition. When the Telegram reporter questioned him as to whether he was the "John Alexander Fraser" referred to, he replied:

"I suppose so. I led the singing in the English service as described in The Man From Glengarry at the time spoken of in the book."

"You have read the book, I presume?" said the reporter.

"Certainly," replied the judge. "Have you?"

"Yes."

"Then you have read better stuff than I can give you," he remarked.

"You can't improve on Ralph Connor, then?"

"Yes," said Judge McLaurin, "I have often thought that I could on one subject."

"Mr. Gordon gives a beautiful picture of his own mother in that book. But beautiful as it is, it is not overdrawn. I knew her well. I think she was the sweetest and most perfect woman I ever had the privilege of meeting. With his magnificent powers in the portrayal of character, I think Mr. Gordon could truthfully have improved on the description he gave."

"You knew Mr. Gordon in his youth?"

"In his boyhood days, I should rather say. I was a shoemaker at that time, and many a pair of boots I made for him when he was a boy. That is about 42 years ago."

"You were acquainted with many of the characters in the book?"

"Yes, yes," replied Judge McLaurin. "There was 'Straight Rorie,' 'Kenny,' and several others of the characters, whose fictitious names I can not remember. Of course I won't give you their real names."

"A good portion of the story then is drawn from real life."

"Certainly. I have read and re-read the book. There is fiction in it, but as a rule the scenes and pictures are truthfully and beautifully drawn."

Dr. G. R. Parkin says that the Rhodes scholarships will not come in force until 1904. He will have to travel throughout Canada, United States, Bermuda, Australasia, England, Ireland, Scotland, South Africa, in fact all over the English speaking countries before the rightful allotment of the free courses can be made.

Probably Mr. Daniel Mullin, who is canvassing in St. John as an independent candidate for the legislature, expects to be absorbed by one or the other of the regular party conventions. Previous to the last local election it was generally accepted that Mr. Mullin was willing to take a place on the government ticket.

A Bangor doctor who was camping out is said to have unconsciously slept all night with a snake. His experience is not novel. Lots of men under certain conditions have slept, or thought they were sleeping with myriads of snakes.

Hon. Arthur Elliott, Lord Minto's brother, visiting His Excellency, is a journalist of repute, editor of the Edinburgh Review and M. P. for Durham.

PROPOSED RECORD BREAKER.

It is alleged that machinery for a train that may revolutionize the railway transportation of the world is being built at the electric works in Lynn, Mass., and a trial will soon be made in Illinois where the track is about completed. The engineers estimate that the train will make ninety to 100 miles an hour. If successful, the experiment means eventually a trip from Boston to New York in about two hours. The average time at present is about six. Chicago would be reached from New York in ten hours. The scheme has received the approval of the ablest electricians and railroad men in the country.

The line is about 150 miles long, and is remarkable for solidity and strength. As far as possible grades have been eliminated. Electricity will be the motive power, and the third rail system will be used. A train of three cars has been built for the first trials. The train will be equipped with twelve motors of 120 horse-power each. Instead of the high speed increasing the danger, it is claimed that the train will be safer and run less risk of leaving the rails than an ordinary street car.

The theory held by Prof. Thompson and other eminent electricians is that the train is practically electrically welded to the track and cannot leave it while the power is on. The successful operation of this line will probably be followed by the building of similar lines between all the great cities on the continent.

Sir Edmund Barton, premier of Australia, is to be banquetted by the Toronto Board of Trade, Sept. 3.

It is said that Kruger has resigned leadership of the Boer people and is succeeded by Botha.

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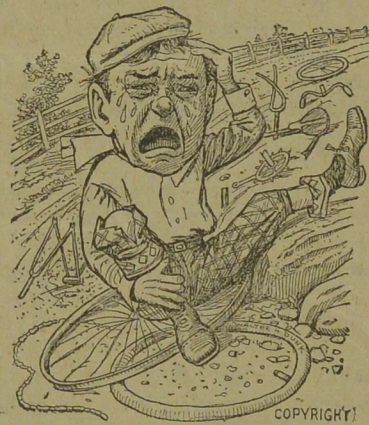
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