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MR. BERGERON'S DILEMMA.

At this distance it looks as if Mr. Bergeron has rather put his foot in it by offering himself as the Tory candidate in St. James Division, Montreal. Ever since his defeat in Beauharnois in the last general election, Mr. Bergeron has been very unhappy. In the last Parliament controlled by the Tories, 1891-96, he was deputy speaker and quite prominent in the councils of his party, and he was reelected to the House in 1896 defeating Mr. Tarte, a fact that gave him considerable prestige. From 1896 until dissolution four years later Mr. Bergeron was considerable of a nuisance, he talked at all times on every conceivable subject, so well was he pleased with the sound of his own voice, so that when the last general election came around he had persuaded himself that he was quite one of the Tory leaders, and the possible successor to Cartier and Chapleau and Angers and Desjardins and other Quebec Tories who had brains as well as a gift of the gab. Mr. Bergeron indeed was quite inflated, like the frog in the fable, and he began to make incursions with other provinces, posing as one of the party leaders. Mr. Foster gave him some prominence by bringing him to St. John, where he uttered some very patriotic sentiments regarding Canadian service in the South African war, and the Sun held him up as indeed a very great man.

All this of course created vanity or otherwise increased the large share which Mr. Bergeron generally carries about his person, so that it can readily be fancied that when the returns from Beauharnois were received on the night of Nov. 7, 1900, showing the Beauharnois boy defeated and driven out of the constituency, Mr. Bergeron was a grievously disappointed man. Had he been returned he might be occupying the position which Mr. Monk now tries to fill that of joint or deputy leader of the Tory party in Parliament.

Well, ever since that fateful night Mr. Bergeron has been looking for an opportunity to re-enter Parliament. He petitioned against the election of Mr. Loy, a Presbyterian elder, who had defeated him in the wholly Roman Catholic and French constituency, and had him unelected, but Mr. Loy appealed and the petition is still hanging in the courts. Meantime Mr. Bergeron announced that he would run for the first vacancy in Quebec, that offered the best opportunity of success. There were half a dozen vacancies but all had returned Liberals in the general election, so that the prospect for Mr. Bergeron's chances were not very bright. However something happened in St. James' Division, Montreal. The Liberal party there divided on Mr. Drouin and Mr. Brunet, both took the field, and here was Mr. Bergeron's opportunity. Without waiting for a party nomination he announced his candidature, and it looked to him like a dead easy win. Drouin and Brunet would split the Liberal vote, Bergeron would secure a solid Tory support, and sail into parliament as easy as rolling off a log.

But the crafty "Beauharnois Boy" was entrapped. The evening previous to the official nomination, Mr. Drouin withdrew his candidature, pledged his support to Mr. Brunet who was left to face Mr. Bergeron in the strongest Liberal constituency outside of Quebec east, Mr. Bergeron could not withdraw without any decency, and there he is facing certain overwhelming defeat when he thought to snatch victory through Liberal dissensions. The lashing he will receive in St. James Division will probably injure his prestige so much that when Beauharnois a close constituency is re-opened the

Tories will want some other candidate. If Mr. Bergeron had waited he had fair chances of carrying Beauharnois, but he grasped at the shadow and has lost the substance.

People are naturally suspicious of a man who wants to get back to Parliament as badly as Mr. Bergeron professes that desire, and there will not be a great deal of sorrow even among Quebec Conservatives if the greedy Mr. Bergeron is left to his law books for the next four years.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

The Canadian government is fully alive to the importance of cultivating trade relations with the South African colonies, but of course not a great deal can be done in this direction until the war is actually over and the people have settled down to practice the arts of peace.

However the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Fisher, has it appears been in communication with the imperial government with reference to trade matters, and it is alleged has secured the consent of the war office to send other things besides hay and oats and horses on the boats now flying regularly between St. John and Capetown in the employ of the Imperial government. There is yet no regular independent steamship connection between Canada and South Africa, but in the meantime if the war office has consented to the export of Canadian goods, any kind of produce or materials or supplies needed by the people of South Africa, by means of the hay steamers a big point has been gained, and Canadian manufacturers will be certain to take full advantage of it.

There is a fine opening in Africa for Canadian goods and it is well known that if Canadian traders are early on the field at the close of the war, when the country again settles down to business, they will easily secure the larger portion of the trade. In Africa, as elsewhere in the British Dominion, there is a strong feeling in favor of all that is Canadian and to catch this at full tide is undoubtedly the intention of the Minister of Agriculture. By forwarding Canadian goods to this market at the present time the trade will become early established and the developments in the future will be of untold value to Canada. It is understood that the War Office has agreed to the shipment of goods by these vessels, and the details are now being arranged for the opening of the trade.

These hay and oats and horse laden boats sail from St. John direct to South Africa, and what an opportunity is offered to New Brunswick exporters in other lines to secure a large and profitable business that is sure to be developed through Mr. Fisher's prompt and efficient action.

Hon. W. S. Fielding and Hon D. C. Fraser were among the speakers who with Sir Wilfrid Laurier addressed a big political meeting in Montreal Wednesday night in support of Mr. Brunet's candidature, and both gentlemen referred to the great Liberal victory in York, Mr. Fielding said: "New Brunswick showed what it thought of Laurier by electing Mr. Gibson by over 800 majority in the constituency formerly represented by Mr. Foster, Conservative Minister of Finance, and he was sure at the coming election in Prince Edward Island a Liberal would be elected to shake hands with Mr. Brunet."

The King is described by officials as following closely in his mother's manner in dealing with public business. He makes it a matter of conscience to read every document carefully, and to ask for information if he does not fully understand it. He takes every detail of the business of reigning as seriously and methodically as she was in the habit of doing, and uses many of her characteristic expressions.

The interior of the county court house these days looks a little like the legislature in session. Dr. Stockton and Dr. Pugsley are on opposite sides of the table, and Mr. Hazen is there also to take issue with the Attorney General.

The Herald is very much pleased with its new home, and we are sure all our patrons will agree with us when all our arrangements are completed.

Do not neglect to talk up sewerage among your friends. Some people seem to think it has been dropped for years to come. Not a bit of it. There are more than enough aldermen in the present council to carry a plebiscite resolution, and it must be done next month.

The new city council of Ottawa, is quite a variety show. It contains a grocer, a tailor, a druggist, a tinsmith, a fish dealer, a liquor seller, a jeweller, a tea and coffee seller, two bakers, a manager, two lawyers, one civil servant, one manufacturer, one clerk, two printers, one agent and two journalists. The Protestants are, as usual, in the majority. There are fourteen Protestants, nine Roman Catholics and one Hebrew—Ald. Sam Rosenthal—who has the distinction of being the first of his nationality elected to the Council of the Dominion's capital.

Chicago robbers sent a telephone message to a police station, saying that there was a riot some distance away. When the entire force of the station left for the scene of the alleged disturbance the robbers proceeded to blow open a safe in a warehouse near the station. Three employees saw them at work, but they lost time by running for the police. The robbers coolly gathered up their booty and escaped.

Laurier's sunny ways triumphed in St. James Division of Montreal. The premier kindly asked the young man, Mr. Drouin, to give way for the elder, Mr. Brunet, and it was done as gracefully as it was asked. Laurier is a great peacemaker whether in party factional squabbles or in settling great questions of state.

Mr. Kipling's sneer in The Islanders at the national games of Great Britain has raised a storm of protest. One of those, whom he describes as flannelled fools at the wickets, retaliates by calling him a spectacled fool with an ink pot, a muddy-brained oaf with a pen.

The value of the output of Amherst's manufacturing establishments during the past year was \$2,380,000, and in the same period the factories of the town paid \$455,200 in wages to their employees.

Doctors disagree. They will do it in the circuit court this week and next, when called upon to give expert evidence.

Brigadier-General G. V. Kemball, Royal Artillery, has sailed for Cape Coast Castle to take up the duties of Inspector-General of troops in West Africa, a new appointment under the Colonial Office, which carried the command of all the forces in Nigeria, Sierra Leone, the Gold Coast and Ashanti. He joined the army in 1878, and served through the Afghan war of 1879-80. In 1895 he accompanied Sir Robert Low as Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quartermaster-General of the lines of communication with the Chitral Relief Force, his services on this occasion being mentioned in despatches. He also served in the campaign on the north-west frontier of India under Sir William Lockhart in 1897-98, with the Tchi Field Force as Deputy Assistant Quartermaster-General for Intelligence, and was again mentioned in despatches.

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