

A TORY DEADLOCK.

Critical Time in a Political Caucus at Halifax--Choosing a Leader for Party of Four.

Halifax Chronicle: When His Majesty's loyal opposition in the legislature met in caucus Thursday to select a leader in place of the late politically lamented Mr. Tanner, a curious state of affairs is reported to have arisen. One quarter of the Conservative representation in the House in the person of Capt. Felix Landry of Richmond, was absent, and upon Messrs Wilcox, Baillie and MacMillan fell the duty of selecting one of their number to lead the other two.

According to a rumor that was current yesterday all three of the gentlemen had aspirations and the story goes that it took a large number of ballots before a decision was arrived at.

Mr. Wilcox could urge that previous experience entitled him to that honor. Mr. Baillie naturally felt that the succession should remain in Pictou county, while Dr. MacMillan could hardly be expected to see any

good reason why he couldn't lead the other two gentlemen as well as either of them could lead him.

The matter is said to have been finally balloted on. Result: Mr. Wilcox, one vote; Mr. Baillie, one vote; Dr. MacMillan, one vote. Of course, none of the gentlemen had voted for himself, and each of them spent some time trying to figure out which of the other two had voted for him. Another ballot was taken and the result was the same.

Visions of an application for a Board of Conciliation under the Lemieux Act flitted across the statesmanly brow of Mr. Baillie, and for a time it looked as if that would be the only solution of the difficulty. Finally the fear of having to decide the leadership by Liberal legislation broke the deadlock. On the ninth ballot the other two gentlemen decided that they didn't want the old job anyway, and Mr. Wilcox was elected by acclamation.

BUCTOUCHE SCORCHED.

J. D. Irving's Store, Tinsmith Shop, County Jail and Residence Burned, Loss \$50,000.

MONCTON, N. B. Feb 19 (Special)—A most disastrous fire occurred at Buctouche last evening when the general store of J. D. Irving was burned to the ground, also the store of Patrick Legers, tinsmith, the Buctouche jail, and the residence of D. P. Gallant making loss of about fifty thousand dollars.

The fire started about half past nine in basement of Irving's store and is presumed to have caught from the fur are as the blaze had gained considerable headway before discovered it first being

noticed by some people, who were next door playing cards, who saw a small blaze but on brief examination decided that it was but a lantern. However, another investigation was made a few moments later when the real truth was learned.

An alarm was immediately sent in and in getting small engine out of the shed it broke, ending its practical usefulness. The fire had gained so that it was next to impossible to save the store of Irving, an explosion of powder in the Irving store made such a jar that it broke all windows in Tolley's store across the street.

COUGHLIN'S SUICIDE.

Well known Resident of Cork Destroyed His Own Life.

Our Harvey Station correspondent under date of Saturday, gives some further details of the Cork suicide, as follows:

Patrick Coughlan, a much respected farmer of Cork, committed suicide by hanging himself yesterday afternoon. Since last fall he has been showing symptoms of insanity and had consulted two or three doctors, but seemed to be benefited but little. At times there seemed not to be much the matter with him, and at other times his reason was badly affected, but he had not shown any signs of self destruction.

His wife and son kept a close watch over him in case he should become incapable.

Yesterday afternoon he worked around the barns with his son, attending to the stock. He went to feed the horses, and not returning for some time his son went to look for him, and found him hanging to a beam in a hay mow, quite dead.

The cause of his illness is not well understood. He was in comfortable circumstances, and was known as an honest, upright man, and a good citizen, and had many friends.

His death is such a sad manner is greatly deplored. He was upwards of sixty years of age, and leaves a grown up family; also two sisters and a brother residing at Cork.

The papers had remarked that France was the bank of the world. I believe it, said a returned traveler. I deposited a year's salary there last month.

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FRENCH LAKE NOTES.

Feb. 17—The weather for the past few days has been very cold, and the roads are in a very bad condition on account of the recent storms. Miss Vera and Mrs. William Wood made a flying trip to Oromocto on Friday last. Our school is progressing rapidly under the skillful management of Miss Grace McMaster of Campbellton.

Mr. Thomas Wood who has been hauling logs for the River Valley Lumber Company, has returned home. Mr. Alfred Wood who is attending the Fredericton Business College, spent Sunday home.

Miss Edith Wood was the guest of Miss Amy Messerau one evening last week.

Mr. George Wood has returned to Lavina where he is employed in Mr. Smith's camp.

Miss G. McMaster was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Wood one evening last week.

Mr. David Sternick, who has been suffering from throat trouble is recovering.

A number of our young folks attended church at Geary Sunday evening, Reverend Mr. Paterson officiating.

Mr. W. H. Wood is employed at Oromocto for the River Valley Lumber Company.

Mr. Andrew Wood has a gasoline engine employed sawing his fire wood. Mr. Christopher Armstrong skated to Woodside on Sunday last.

Miss Viva Wood was the guest of Mrs. Thomas Wood on Friday last.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLaughlan will leave for their home in the west in the near future.

THE OLD SAIL DRILL.

Perils of the Modern Warship Men Do Not Have to Face.

One of the dangers and one of the hardest tasks of the man-of-war's man vanished out of his life when, with the supplanting of the frigate by the steam cruiser, the old time sail drill became a thing of the past. Fleets in the old days were continually exercised in making and shortening sail, shifting spars and all similar maneuvers aloft, says Captain J. W. Gambier of the British navy in his "Links in My Life." As the greatest rivalry existed among the crews as to which ship should carry out the evolution first accidents were frequent. Hardly a drill day passed without men being seriously injured.

Once during a drill in Kiel harbor, where the rivalry in the fleet was increased by the eagerness of foreign ships to compete with the English, an unfortunate French midshipman went head first from the mizzen cross-trees of the French flagship to the deck.

That numbers of accidents should take place in sail drill was not astonishing when one remembers that spars measuring perhaps seventy or eighty feet long and weighing two or three tons were whisked about with bewildering speed with nothing but men's hands and brains to guide them; hundreds of men crammed into a space of a few hundred square feet, where nothing but the most marvelous organization and discipline could avert death on deck or aloft.

To the landsman, who understood nothing of the difficulty involved in rapidly shifting these great masts and yards or in reeling and furling thousands of square feet of stiff canvas—perhaps wet or half frozen—the rapidity with which it was done was perhaps the chief wonder.

Ropes, running like lightning through blocks that were instantly too hot from friction to be touched, had to be checked to within a few inches, requiring the utmost coolness and presence of mind, while the officer in command had to superintend what to the uninitiated looked like a tangled mass of cordage, but which was in reality no more in confusion than the threads in a loom.

In an instant this officer might see something going wrong. To delay a single second meant a terrible catastrophe. Every one, aloft and aloft, was relying on his judgment.

"Delay! Ease away!"

The order came in an instant. The boatswain's mates repeated it in a particular call which this life and death necessity soon taught every one to understand, the shrill whistles rising above the din of tramping feet and rattling ropes or the thunderous crash of the great sails in the wind. Death had been averted—or not. If not you looked up and saw some unfortunate man turning head over heels in the air. Your heart stood still. Would he catch hold of something, even if only to break his fall, or would he come battering on the deck? It was a mere toss up. If he was killed outright it generally stopped the drill for the day; if he was only seriously injured the drill went on, for this was part of the lesson that must be learned—that in peace, as in war, one must take his chances.

What Generosity Means.

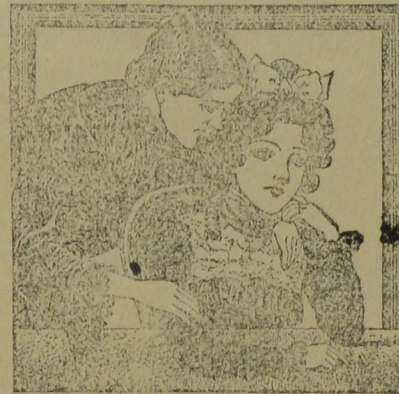
"Many people get the credit of being generous who never felt a single generous impulse in their lives," says a close student of human nature.

"Their generosity, so called, has consisted simply in formal, cold, grudging almsgiving, carried out at the call of duty and unaccompanied by any spontaneous burst of feeling or sympathy.

"The highest generosity is full of strong, unhesitating self effacement and always inspires, except in debased natures, feelings of gratitude and affection. Almsgiving is one of the least of its attributes. It more often takes the form of helpfulness, sympathy and understanding. It gives forth compassion and encouragement of a kind which is far beyond money value.

"The secret of generosity is unselfishness, and the way to acquire it is to cultivate universal love and sympathy." —St. Paul Pioneer Press.

MOTHER'S GUIDE



When a young girl's thoughts become sluggish; when she has headaches, dizziness, faintness, and exhibits an abnormal disposition to sleep; dislikes the society of other girls; then the mother should come to her aid promptly, for she possesses information of vital importance to the young daughter.

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A little boy, listening to the weird skirl of the bagpipes of a street performer, once said to his father:

"Father why does the piper keep on the move all the time he plays?" "I can't say," the father answered, "unless it is to prevent anyone getting the range with a brick."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Was Troubled With Weak Back For Years.

Could Not Perform Household Duties. Doctors Attended Without Avail.

Mrs. Arch. Schnare, Black Point, N.E., writes: "For years I was troubled with weak back. Oftentimes I have lain in bed for days, being scarcely able to turn myself, and I have also been a great sufferer while trying to perform my household duties. I had doctors attending me without avail and tried liniments and plasters, but nothing seemed to do me any good. I was about to give up in despair when my husband induced me to try Doan's Kidney Pills, and after using two boxes I am now well and able to do my work. I am positive Doan's Kidney Pills are all that you claim for them, and I would advise all kidney sufferers to give them a fair trial."

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 26th March, 1909, for the conveyance of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six times per week each way, between MAUGERVILLE AND UPPER MAUGERVILLE, from the opening of Navigation, 1909.

Printed notices containing further information as to conditions of proposed Contract may be seen, and blank forms of Tender may be obtained at the Post Office of Maugeville, Upper Maugeville and Centre Maugeville, and at the Office of the Post Office Inspector at St. John.

G. C. ANDERSON, Superintendent.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Mail Service Branch, Ottawa, 4th February, 1909.

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