

Mrs. Tweedie will receive at the Queen Hotel on Wednesday afternoon during the session of the legislature from 4 to 6 o'clock, with the exception of Wednesday, the 14th of April.

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PROTECTING THE FORESTS.

According to the Auditor General's report there was paid for forest, game and fisheries protection last year the large sum of \$26,762.28. Of this total there was charged up to funded debt \$6,094.89 for expenditures, supposed to have been incurred prior to October 31, 1907, and \$1,195.70 to the default account of the late W. P. Flewelling. This left \$19,471.69 as the expenditures for the present year.

On July 1st when the government found themselves comfortably seated in office they proceeded to make several changes in the administration of the services of game, forest and fisheries' protection. First they dismissed from office Chief Game Commissioner Knight and Chief Forest Ranger John Robinson, jr. Both of them were competent officials, and to cover their tracks in making these changes, the government made a totally new deal. The province was divided into four districts, and the offices were combined, so that one official had charge of all branches of the protective service. To Mr. Grimmer's mind this was a great improvement, and perhaps it was. Whether or not it had been frequently discussed by the old government, but had never been carried into effect, largely because of the increased expense that would be shouldered on the province. But Mr. Grimmer was not worried about the matter of expense, and another reason for making the change was the hungry board of followers thirsting for office. They had to be provided for in some way, and here was an opportunity. In selecting men for these positions Mr. Grimmer chose as chief warden for No. 1 district, which includes the counties of Restigouche, Gloucester and Northumberland, Mr. Charles Sergeant of Newcastle, Mr. Arthur E. O'Leary was appointed for No. 2 district, who has Kent, Westmorland, Albert and Kings, and Mr. W. J. Dean of Musquash, was appointed for No. 3 district, which includes St. John, Sunbury, Queens and York counties, and Mr. John McGibbon to No. 4 district, which includes Charlotte, Carleton, Victoria and Madawaska counties.

In districting the province it would look very much as if the districts were made to suit the appointments, instead of to secure a really effective service. In putting himself on the back for making the new arrangement Mr. Grimmer did not tell the House that each of these four officials were to be paid \$1200 a year—a sizeable salary for a man who is permitted to carry on his own business without practical interference and who only goes abroad occasionally to see if the law is being violated. So far as can be judged the only protection extended to the forests was during the months of July and August, when these wardens were on duty in all four districts. In these two months, and for the salaries of the chief wardens for September, when no special wardens appeared to have been on duty, or if on duty, they were not paid, the Hazen government paid out \$5,245.58. Chief Sergeant employed 21 wardens, and paid them \$1,869, besides drawing \$300 for himself. Chief O'Leary hired 19 wardens, paying them only \$910. Besides this he drew \$350 salary, and charged up \$25.83 for telephoning, apparently to show his activity in looking after forest protection. Chief Dean employed nine wardens at an expense of \$593.50, besides his own salary of \$300. Chief McGibbon employed 11 wardens at an expense of \$597.25, and drew \$300 salary. What the duties of these wardens were is not explained. They do not seem to have engaged very actively in fighting fires, as there are numerous charges for fighting, running from \$1.60 for "pails and pints," and \$9.68 for biscuit, cheese, sugar and beef, a rather miscellaneous diet, that would scarcely be recommended by a hospital surgeon, to \$97.53 for labor and supplies. Two persons were employed posting fire notices. One of these, Samuel Hill, put in six days, and was paid \$12. The other bears the significant name of D. S. Grimmer. He received for 36 days work posting notices \$35.00, of which \$3.50 was for expenses. Mr. Grimmer him-

self drew \$40 from this fund for expenses to Ottawa, and Mr. Hazen received a like sum for the same service. From the figures given the department has apparently no fixed pay for wardens, who seem to be paid on a sliding scale according to the county in which they work, the highest rate being in the northern section of the province. St. John county shows up pretty well as compared with Charlotte and Victoria. Perhaps when the accounts committee get the vouchers they may throw some light on this now mixed situation.

CURRENT COMMENT

"I HAVE NO HESITATION IN SAYING THAT IF THE DAY SHOULD COME WHEN THE SUPREMACY OF BRITAIN ON THE HIGH SEAS IS CHALLENGED, IT WILL BE THE DUTY OF ALL THE DAUGHTER NATIONS TO CLOSE AROUND THE OLD MOTHERLAND TO WARD OFF ANY ATTACK. SHOULD THAT DAY COME I WOULD DEEM IT MY DUTY TO DEVOTE WHAT IS LEFT OF MY LIFE AND ENERGY TO STUMP THE COUNTRY AND IMPRESS UPON MY COMPATRIOTS, ESPECIALLY IN QUEBEC, THE ABSOLUTE CERTAINTY THAT THE SALVATION OF ENGLAND IS THE SALVATION OF OUR OWN COUNTRY."—SIR WILFRID LAURIER.

News of the retirement of Judge Gregory will be learned with regret by his numerous friends throughout the country. His Honor has not been in the enjoyment of good health for several years, and it is on the advice of his family and physician that he has been compelled to seek relief from his judicial duties. Judge Gregory's appointment to the bench in 1900, followed a long and successful career at the bar, and as a judge he has done his part to uphold the best traditions of his high office. That he will be spared for many years to enjoy the fruits of his labors will be the sincere wish of all who have the pleasure of His Honor's acquaintance.

The request that a delegation from the local improvement association made to the government this morning, was not an unreasonable one, and should be given careful consideration by the executive. Premier Hazen is on record as stating that in view of the fact that government property is not taxed, it is only right that the government should assist in beautifying the city of Fredericton. The time has arrived when the Premier has a chance to make good his promise made at an after dinner speech in this city one year ago.

FOSTER'S LIBEL SUIT.

Editor of The Toronto Globe Claims His Charges are True.

TORONTO, March 29.—The Globe Printing company has filed its statement of defence in the libel action for \$100,000 brought by George E. Foster, M.P. for North Toronto. The Globe's defence reviews Foster's connection with the Union Trust company and explains the latter's relation with the I.O.F.

Foster complains of a report of a speech delivered by J. A. MacDonald in Orillia, and of two Globe editorials. The Globe denies that the words complained of by Foster are capable of any defamatory or actionable meaning. The words of the despatch, argues the Globe, constitute a fair and accurate report of the proceedings of a lawful public meeting, and the report was not published or made maliciously. The matters contained in the report were of public concern, and the publication thereof was made for the public benefit.

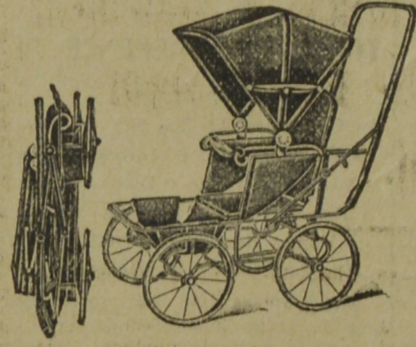
So far as the words consist in allegations of fact, the words are true in substance and in fact as expressions of opinion they are fair comments, made in good faith and without malice, upon said facts, which were and are of public interest. Many folios follow, in which reference is made to the Union Trust, Fowler syndicate, Great West Land company, etc., and then the defence says:

"The publication of the words complained of took place during the general election of members to the House of Commons and occurred in response to the plaintiff and his challenge in that behalf. In so discussing such matters the defendant was acting solely in the discharge of its duty as an exponent of public opinion and a property holder and taxpayer in the Dominion of Canada, interested in the honorable and efficient administration of the finances of Canada.

By his attack, discussions and challenges on the public platform and elsewhere, the matters referred to in the statement of claim, the plaintiff has presented said matters and his case before public opinion, and having himself selected and challenged the defendant to justify itself therein the plaintiff ought not to be permitted to proceed against the defendant for presenting its views of the matter in question through the columns of its newspaper. The words were published under such circumstances as to constitute the same privileged communication."

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POPE'S DAYS NUMBERED?

Premier Asquith's naval policy was endorsed in the British House of Commons yesterday by a straight party vote of 353 to 135.

European Correspondent Declares Pius X. is Not Very Well.

Chicago, March 29.—The Marquis de Fontenay in The Chicago Tribune: That Pius X's health is far more seriously impaired than is admitted by the official bulletins issued at Rome is known to the Cabinets and diplomatic Chancelleries of every capital of Europe as well as at Washington, Rio, Buenos Ayres and Santiago. The gravity of his condition led to an extraordinary meeting of the members of the Sacred College, which took place on the evening of March 3 at the residence of Cardinal Rampolla, in the rear of St. Peter's. Sixteen cardinals were present, and while the proceedings were strictly secret, it is learned that at the conclusion of the conference long cipher despatches were sent over the wires to absent members of the Sacred College in other parts of Italy and abroad. While it is impossible to speak with any degree of certitude as to the contents of these messages there is every reason to believe that they refer to the imminence of a conclave and to the conviction that the days of kindly old Pius X. are numbered.

BRIEFS FROM THE WIRES.

Six men have been killed in an Indian uprising in Oklahoma. Aeroplanes at the aero show in London are selling at from \$1,250 to \$7,000.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie will probably contribute \$75,000 to a public library for Hamilton.

Hamilton police raided a laundry and arrested two wagon loads of Chinamen on a charge of gambling.

President Taft is said to be in favor of free lumber, and to have no hesitancy in expressing his views on the question.

Engineer Hiram Hodgson, Fireman W. J. Perchley and Brakeman Thos. Leach were killed and two others injured in a head-on collision on the C.P.R., near Brandon.

The suffragettes on Saturday found a woman at Croyden, Eng., whose name had been placed on the voters' list by mistake. She refuses to vote in spite of their entreaties.

The Barrier.

First Tramp—You won't get nothing decent there; them people is vegetarians. Second Tramp—Is that right? First Tramp—Yes, and they've got a dog wot ain't.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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ON

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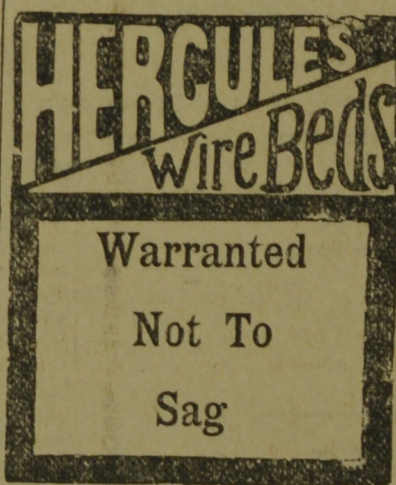
This week we wish to clear out our entire stock of Raincoats. Prepare for April Showers.

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