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THE DAILY WHIG. Opieter per Ostem Divon. NOT IN THE REVOLT. Mr. Ross, the premier of Ontario, is said to have declined to join in the clamor against readjusting the representation of the provinces in parliament according to their population. The procedure of parliament is governed by the constitution, and he is a strange public man who will argue that it can be ignored. Moreover, the representation of population is not an anti-liberal proposition; on the contrary the party, in the past, expressed great admiration for it, contended for it, and committed itself irrevocably to the same. There may be something amiss with the census. The returns may warrant a revision, a correction by methods at once reasonable and acceptable. But there cannot be an abandonment of the work because it does not warrant a parliamentary representation according to the desires of any party. There is no evidence, at any rate, that Mr. Ross was invited to join in the alleged revolt. If he has been it can be safely concluded that he declined to act. He is a constitutional statesman, and all his official acts are such as will stand the severest tests.

VALUE OF THE CAUSE. The importance of compulsory arbitration has been exemplified in connection with the late coal miners' strike, and with the measures that were taken to secure its settlement. It is put on record by Mr. Even, of the Globe, who studied the situation at close range, that but for the intervention—in a sense the forced intervention—of a third party "there would have been an area of acute suffering as wide as half the continent, which, under the present laws of the United States or of Pennsylvania, the public would have been helpless to escape." The unions have hitherto not favored compulsory arbitration lest it might lead to the acceptance of conditions occasionally which were unfair or unjust. Against such a contention is that of Mr. Egan, that but for the nearest substitute for it the anguish and bitterness of the strike would have been simply intolerable. The saddest picture of the long struggle was that which met the gaze of Mr. Mitchell each night from his hotel window in Wilkesbarre. This window overlooked the hillsides which were dotted with the homes of the humble miners, and as Mr. Mitchell gazed out of it, and noted the hundreds of cottage lights, he remembered that many persons were going to bed supperless, and in agony of spirit, he cried out, "How long is this thing going to last, oh, how long!"

GETTING AT THE FACTS. The Toronto Telegram has a grievance against Sir Wilfrid Laurier. An injustice was done to his greatness, it observes, and to the quality of his usually fine character in the method of giving out the Tarte-Laurier letters. How is that? "It was a petty trick to give out the letters," it avers, "in reverse order with the effect of creating an impression that Sir Wilfrid Laurier's answer to Mr. Tarte's resignation was a demand for that resignation." This it calls small politics. But there was not the reversal of order which the Telegram complains of. This is made evident by the Ottawa Journal, which kept close tabs on passing events. These are the facts: 1. That Sir Wilfrid, who arrived in Ottawa Saturday evening, had a conversation with Mr. Tarte on Sunday, in which the prime minister informed him that he as a minister had acted improperly and unconstitutionally during the premier's absence. 2. That on Monday the prime minister waited upon the governor-general to inform him that the prime minister was obliged to ask Mr. Tarte to resign from the cabinet, and that the prime minister subsequently notified the cabinet. 3. That on Tuesday the prime minister wrote formally to Mr. Tarte to ask for his resignation.

They Got It. A POLITICAL RECOLLECTION OF FOSTER'S DAY. The Finance Minister Was Very Narrow, But a Toronto Delegation Brought Him to Time on One Occasion. From Events, Ottawa. The blight of the conservative party for years was the narrowness of George E. Foster as finance minister. A gentleman who was in Ottawa the other day recalled an incident illustrative of the small, narrow, mean, and unnecessary point of view too often the hallmark of the finance department. The position of assistant receiver-general at Toronto became vacant. David Crighton applied for it and was appointed. He was notified of his appointment, and his friends congratulated him. In the treasury board—that small star chamber of the government—Mr. Foster and his colleagues fixed the salary at \$2,500. Mr. Campbell, the old receiver-general, had been paid \$3,200, but Mr. Foster thought it out it down to \$2,800 in the case of Mr. Crighton. From a provincial view \$3,200 was a cabinet minister's salary. Mr. Crighton protested and refused to acquiesce in the reduction. He went to Tom Long, Mr. Long was indignant. He would get some friends together and be in Ottawa the next morning. When Mr. Foster arrived at his office next morning he found Mr. Long's deputation waiting for him. They told him they thought it a mistake to cut down the usual salary in the case of Mr. Crighton, who had served the conservative party as journalist and legislator for over twenty years. Mr. Foster said the revenue was declining, and the government had to try to keep down the expenditure. Then, said Mr. Long, as bold as you please, save the millions you are spending on question-able public works or railways, and give Dave Crighton a salary that he can live in Toronto. Mr. Foster looked at him through his glasses and began to argue, when Long stopped him and said: "Mr. Foster, there's no use to talk any more. We came here to see justice done to Mr. Crighton, and we just have it." Then the finance minister said he would do it at a particular time, naming a period some months ahead. "No," cried Long, "you must do it now. We will not stir from this room unless it is done at once." Seeing that he had to deal with influential as well as determined men, Mr. Foster gave in, and ordered the restoration of the salary of \$3,200. That is the story as Long tells it, anyhow.

EDITORIAL IDEAS. The people and the press that formerly belaboured Mr. Tarte and called him bad names have now an awkward time of it in passing him bouquets. The west has not been silent on the tariff question. The Regina liberals have called, by resolution passed in convention assembled, for a further reduction in the customs duties. Mr. Parent, the premier of Quebec, is mentioned as the successor of Mr. Tarte in the federal government. He is a business man of the first quality. He has been referred to as the Chambrlain of Canada. Balfour refuses to set aside a day for the discussion of Irish affairs, but the Irish members do not worry. They say they will take a day when they want it, and they will probably be equal to their work.

GOOD TERMS FOR CANADA. Treaty Said to Favor Canadian Products. Ottawa, Oct. 24.—It is stated that Canada has been assured that no exclusive privileges in Newfoundland, which would operate against Canada, will be granted to the United States by the treaty. Better than this, it is understood, the Canadian products and the products of British possessions will have the same privileges conceded to them as may be conceded to the American market. Under these circumstances Canada will not press objections to the proposed treaty. A recent telegram from Washington hinted that Canada and Newfoundland were in difficulty over the treaty, but this is supposed to have emanated from the brain of an imaginative correspondent. It would be a convenience to have commercial relations with the states arranged on grounds common to both Canada and Newfoundland, but if such an arrangement is not available no one will question the right of Newfoundland, as an independent colony, to do as she thinks best, so far as her policy is not inconsistent with imperial interests.

A THIN SKINNED WITNESS. Resigns Position Because Veracity is Questioned. Ingersoll, Ont., Oct. 24.—Councillor Stephen King, chairman of the board of works, tendered his resignation to the surprise of everyone. His resignation came as a sequel to the Stouffville election trial. King figured prominently in it as witness for the conservatives, and during Saturday's proceedings his veracity was severely criticized. In his resignation King referred to his experience at the trial and the charge of untruthfulness in view of which he considered it would not be proper for him to hold his present seat or to ask or accept any other public position in the town until such times as he could prove himself not guilty of the charges. The committee of council has, however, induced him to withdraw his resignation as the vacancy occasioned would entail a new election.

HAMILTON'S HOLY WAR. With Dr. Emory's demand for \$1,000 to carry on the holy war, the local referendum campaign may be said to have begun. A Very Silly Remark. Sir Wilfrid will not be satisfied until he has added a clause to the B. N. A. Act making it unconstitutional for anyone to advocate Canadian interests. And Get To Work. Isn't it about time to be thinking of the "fit and proper persons" to bring out as candidates for municipal "honors"? Every ward should establish a nominating committee. "Compulsory Arbitration." After all, the coal difficulty is to be settled by compulsory arbitration. The coal companies have been compelled to arbitrate, and it mattered little to them whether the compulsion came from public opinion or the law. No Drinks Referendum Day. Toronto, Oct. 24.—Many inquiries have reached the license branch of the Ontario government as to whether bar-rooms must be closed on December 4th, the day of the vote on the liquor act. J. K. Stewart, chief inspector of licenses, said yesterday that by a clause in the prohibition act the provisions of the general election law respecting closing of bars, corruption, etc., would apply to the coming vote.

Probably A Yarn. Toronto, Oct. 24.—The Mail and Empire's Ottawa correspondent says that when Sir Wilfrid Laurier boarded the train at Rimouski on his return from the old country, five resignations were tendered him, with the intimation that they must be accepted unless Mr. Tarte was dismissed. The five, according to the correspondent, were Messrs. Sifton, Mulock, Fisher, Templeman and Paterson. Jenkin's Overcoats. All the new swagger ideas in latest fashions. \$10, \$12, \$15.

WOLFE ISLAND NEWS. Two Marriages Celebrated—The Veterans in Session. Wolfe Island, Oct. 20.—The marriage of Miss Edna Ryke, daughter of Thomas Pyke, to William Comer, son of George Comer, of the customs department, Kingston, took place on Sunday evening, 12 inst., at Trinity church. Rev. Mr. Forester officiated. The young couple will reside at the residence of the groom's uncle, Samuel Charles. The wedding of Sydney Watts to Miss Mary Keely, took place on Wednesday evening. Both young couples have the best wishes of a large circle of friends. The musical portion of the service in Trinity church on Sunday was of a very high order. Several priests from the city have been assisting Father Spratt this week with the October devotions. The news of the coal strike settlement arrived in time to make fresh cause of thanksgiving and rejoicing. In all the churches there were the usual services.

TRUST KILLED JOLIETTE. Closing of Factory Caused Great Hardship. Joliette, Que., Oct. 24.—Judge MacTavish heard some interesting evidence here in connection with the alleged tobacco combine. Mayor Bonand testified that at one time he had been a prospective tobacco factory in the town. It furnished employment for a hundred and twenty-five and a hundred and fifty people. The American trust had given the company that operated the factory the choice of selling out or having the commercial screws put on. Fearing the consequences if they did not sell the company parted with its property really in violation of its wishes. The purchasers, as soon as the accumulated stock was disposed of and orders were filled, put a lock on the door and the factory has been closed to this day. This caused considerable injury to the town. Bonand was going down and money was becoming more scarce. All the families of the men who had been employed in the factory found themselves deprived of their usual source of income, and there was hardship in consequence.

Killed in Railway Accidents. Washington, Oct. 24.—The interstate commerce commission has issued a bulletin showing the deaths resulting from railroad accidents during April, May, and June to be 140, while the injured numbered 1,810. Accidents to employees and passengers getting off and on trains swell the number of killed to 616 and the number of injured to 9,520. The total number of collisions and derailments was 2,010, of which 1,001 were collisions. The total damage was \$1,813,823. The total number of killed, for the year ending June 30th, including above figures, was 2,819, and 39,800 injured. Since the coming into force of the safety appliance act in 1893, there has been a decrease of sixty-eight per cent. of casualties among employees.

A Smart Event. London, Oct. 21.—A showy wedding, which delighted the smart set, occurred yesterday, at St. Mark's, North Audley street. The bridegroom was Thomas Henry Egerton, son of the Earl of Elibers, and the bride was Lady Bertha Anson, niece of the Duke of Abercorn. The bride's train of lace and cloth-silver was carried by four bridesmaids in pale blue-satin, and the six pages in pale blue-satin, and the six bridesmaids were arrayed in white muslin, with large crinoline hats.

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