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THE COST OF TRAVEL

The country is learning something about the cost of certain pilgrimages in which the ministers engage. Some one asked about the outing of the minister of militia and his colonels and their friends to Europe and learned that it involved an expenditure of \$20,000.

Hon. E. Lemieux had been sent on two important trips when the liberal government was in office, and the junior member for Peterboro was most anxious to get all the particulars with regard to them.

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Jacob Schiff, says a newspaper paragraph, predicts that there will be ten million Jewish people in New York city within fifty years.

THE VERY LATEST PHASE: Some objection has been taken to the adoption of the report of the committee which pronounced three members of the Quebec parliament guilty of bribery.

THE REPORT IS CHALLENGED

The Borden government has not been particularly fortunate with its scandal commissions. The Morine outfit, which was destined to reveal the awful iniquity of the Laurier government, as it was recorded in the departments, was suddenly cut off of business when the chairman suffered an exposure.

Lynch-Staunton has a second year's compensation at \$65 a day coming to him. Gatusius may be satisfied with the salary of general manager of the Intercolonial railway.

The Borden government cannot file this report in any case. It must be dealt with. The reputation of every man who has had anything to do with the railway, as minister, commissioner and engineer, is quite as dear to him as the reputation of the men who, at a cost of over \$50,000 (for spare time) have essayed to do them injury.

The commissioners will issue a reply some of these days, and it will be as worthy of consideration as that

of two men who have been bringing out political capital for a couple of years at an enormous expense.

Nothing, and certainly not a quarter of one per cent. in interest, would warrant the investment of Kingston's rest fund in the debentures of other municipalities.

HIS FAITH IS STEADFAST

The address which Hon. Mr. Graham made in the commons with regard to the Hudson's Bay railway, was both instructive and interesting.

Mr. Graham is a believer in the Hudson's Bay railway. He and other members of the Laurier government, on a trip across the continent, had been urged by all parties to build this road, as a short route to Europe for the produce of the west.

With the building of the railway only half the work would be done. The Nelson river afforded a safe channel, but by dredging it had to be made straight.

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Between phones, graphs and graft the life of a member of the Quebec legislature is not a happy one. Up to the present dictographs, phonographs, autographs, dictaphones, dictaphones and telephones have featured in their political undoing.

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Mr. Avery was re-elected reeve of Ono, by a majority of twenty-six over his opponent, Mr. Chambers. The councillors returned are Messrs. R. Burke, C. Young, A. McGunners and T. Armstrong.

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house, they might incriminate themselves, can hardly expect the sympathy of the people.

EDITORIAL NOTES

A Burns detective agency is being established in Montreal. Capital stock, \$50,000. Just the amount a certain newspaper publisher spent in his exposure of three faulty local legislators.

The Lynch-Staunton report on the N. T. railway got a lot of advertising before it appeared. Lynch-Staunton attended to that. At \$65 a day, for two years, or about \$30,000 in all, it was a very precious document.

Mr. Burnham, M.P., writing to the Peterboro Review, from Ottawa, says that the Seymour Power plant will presently pass into the control of the Hydro-Electric Commission.

One of the reports which Mr. Foster referred to as put away in the archives at Ottawa, and forgotten about, is that of the Morine Commission. Will the Lynch-Staunton and Gatusius report find the same fate? It cost too much to be hidden in a hurry.

Will there be an early election in Ontario? It is desired while Sir James may be the premier. He cannot campaign, but his name will mean a good deal. It may save the situation. With a change of leaders the government would be smashed.

It is not so long since the Winnipeg Telegram, (Conservative, and the special organ of Hon. "Bob" Rogers), said Major Leonard, the new head of the N.T. railway, was not big enough for the job.

PUBLIC OPINION

Summary Punishment: Hamilton Times. Three Quebec members of parliament have been found guilty of accepting bribe money. Off with their heads.

Bad on Britishers: Toronto Globe. The Union Life shareholders have a very poor chance of being compensated for their losses. They almost all vote in Britain.

Cheap Service: Montreal La Patrie. Whether the state secures a monopoly of the service or whether the express companies continue to progress by lowering their rates, is a matter of indifference to the public so long as it gets its parcels carried at the lowest rates.

A Pious Battery: Vancouver Province. Between phones, graphs and graft the life of a member of the Quebec legislature is not a happy one.

No Grafting: Ottawa Free Press. The liberal party and the Transcontinental railway commission, of which Hon. S. N. Parent was chairman, have reason to be proud of the report that has just been submitted to parliament.

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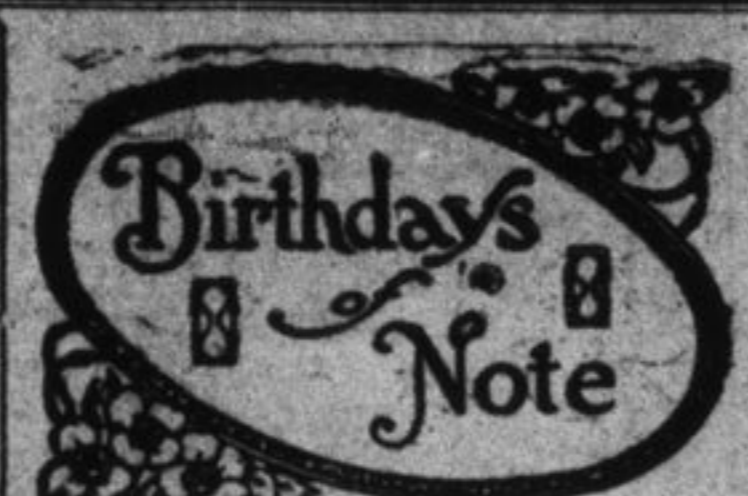
Then he flew to the mountain and have read its crest, He lit on the trees, and their boughs he drest In diamond beads—and over the breast Of the quivering lake he spread A coat of mail; that it need not fear The downward point of many a spear, That he hung on its margin, far and near, "Where a rock could rear its head, He went to the windows of those who slept, And over each pane, like a fairy crept, Wherever he breathed, wherever he stepped, By the light of the moon was seen Most beautiful things; there were flowers and trees, There were beavas of birds and swarms of bees; There were cities with temples and towers, and these All pictured in silver sheen!

But he did one thing that was hardly fair— He peeped in the cupboard, and finding there That all had forgotten for him to prepare, "Now just to set them a-thinking, I'll bite this basket of fruit," said he, "This costly pitcher I'll burst in three; And the glass of water they've left for me Shall 'tchick! to tell them I'm drinking!"

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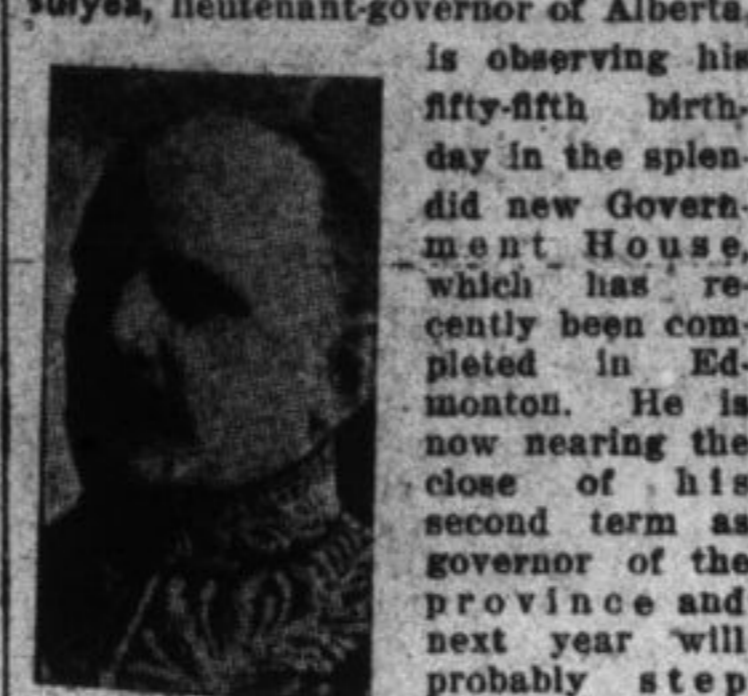
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY SEVENTEENTH

His Honor George Hadley Vicars Juleys, Lieutenant-governor of Alberta,



is observing his fifty-fifth birthday in the splendid new Government House, which has recently been completed in Edmonton. He is now nearing the close of his second term as governor of the province and next year will probably step back into private life.

GRACE BEFORE MEAT

Morning Meal: Heavenly Father grant that we In our daily need may be Strengthened by thy grace May we love thee more and more, And when life at last is o'er See thee face to face.

Evening Meal

Bless these mercies to our good, Fill our souls with heavenly food, Father dear! As thy day draws to its close, May thy night bring sweet repose With thee near.

General

With grateful hearts, dear Father, We thank thee for thy love; Bless to our good these bounties, Fit us for heaven above. Daily mercies, ever new, Father, thou art sending; May the graces of thy love, In our lives and blending, —F. S. Shepard.

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