

# OTTAWA LETTER

## Surprise Over Manitoba Elections.

## RECEIVING THE TIDINGS

## A Bell-Boy's Trick—Hay For Cape Town—Our Poultry Shipments.

OTTAWA, December 13.—Since the outbreak of hostilities in South Africa, the citizens of Ottawa have been deeply interested in the progress of the war, and it has been the chief topic of conversation here. Since last Thursday, however, the war has been almost overshadowed by the result of the Manitoba Provincial elections. The big victory won by Hugh John Macdonald was entirely unexpected in Ottawa. It was generally admitted that the Liberal majority would get badly punished, but the big odds against the Conservatives looked almost unsurmountable. That well known saying of the old Conservative Chief, Sir John A. Macdonald, "there is nothing more uncertain than an election or a horse race," has again been justified and the Farmer Premier, Hon. Thos. Greenway, has at last met his Waterloo. Federal issues were prominent features of the campaign and it is felt here that one of the principal factors which contributed to the defeat of the Government was the strong feelings of dissatisfaction among old time Liberals, throughout the Province, over the failure of the Dominion Govt., to redeem their tariff pledges. At this time of writing the Conservatives appear to have a clear majority of six, with a probability of future gains. The success which has attended the Hon. Hugh John Macdonald in this campaign marks him out as the logical leader of the Conservative party, when Sir Chas. Tupper retires.

One of our Cabinet Ministers tells a good story on himself and three other well-known gentlemen (all Liberals) in connection with the election returns. On Thursday night, the four of them were seated in the Russell hotel awaiting telegrams from Manitoba. Throughout the evening they had received very conflicting reports, and as

the bell boys and instructed him to go out and get some definite, authentic news. After some time the boy returned and reported that the latest returns gave Greenway 21 supporters and the Opposition 16. This, of course was highly satisfactory to our friends and they each "tipped" the boy half a dollar for his good tidings. After exchanging congratulations they retired for the night. The next morning, however, to their great surprise they learned that the returns received the night before had given the Opposition the 21, and Greenway the 16. That boy was evidently a good judge of human nature, and divined that the right sort of news would mean money in his pocket.

The Department of Agriculture, acting for the Imperial War Office, is loading the S. S. Montauk at Boston with Canadian hay for Cape Town. Prof. Robertson is looking after the shipment, and has made a couple of trips to Boston in connection therewith. He is determined that nothing but the best quality of hay shall be shipped, and has rejected about twenty car loads because the quality was not up to the standard. Mr. W. B. Scarth, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, will go to Cape Town on the steamer and see the hay delivered to the proper authorities. Mr. Scarth has not been enjoying good health for some time, and it is hoped that the long sea voyage will do him a great deal of good.

Accounts sales are now being received for the shipments of specially fattened poultry from the Government Fattening Stations. The first consignments landed in bad condition, and were condemned by the food inspectors as soon as received. Upon investigation it was found that the fault lay with the steamship people. In one case a quantity of green lumber was put in the same compartment with the poultry; in another hay was piled alongside. The result was that these lots of poultry turned green and mouldy. The first shipment of P. E. Island chickens, carried by the S. S. Lake Huron, was not in good condition when it reached the old country for the simple reason that the cold storage provided on the steamer was very defective, in fact no better than none at all. Later shipments, however, carried by steamers with proper accommodation have landed in plump condition and fetched satisfactory prices. With proper carrying facilities on our steamers there is no doubt but that a big future awaits the poultry trade Canada and Great Britain.

Sleighting has been fairly good here for the last two or three days, but we have not had any cold weather as yet. Trade has greatly increased since the snow came, and the jingling sleigh bells make it easier to realize that Christmas is but two short weeks away. The shops are all decked out in their holiday attire, and the business streets are thronged with Christmas shoppers. The ranks are only waiting for a cold snap to throw open their doors, and then hockey and skating will be the whole thing for the next four months. As the social season here never opens in reality until the new year, beyond afternoon teas there is nothing to chronicle. A meeting was held at Government House last Thursday for the purpose of forming a District Branch of the Red Cross Society. This district will include Ottawa and Eastern Ontario. The meeting was addressed by the Governor General who explained the history and object of the society. Major General Hut on also spoke, and gave his personal experience of the blessings such societies brought to the wounded and dying on the battlefield. Committees were formed and many members secured, besides several substantial subscriptions.

In our theaters, nothing of any importance has been put on so far this season. SENATOR.

## TREMONT TEMPLE

Lorimer Rebukes a Number of Offering Dodgers.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—Rev. George C. Lorimer, in Tremont Temple yesterday, called for an offering to be devoted to the purposes of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, which was represented at the service by Rev. Dr. H. L. Morehouse of New York. Dr. Morehouse preached the sermon. The discourse ended, Dr. Lorimer rose to supplement the appeal, speaking of the need of the work of evangelization in the South particularly, and alluding to the recent burning of a negro at the stake in Kentucky. As the collectors began to pass round the boxes a considerable number of persons rose, principally in the galleries, and proceeded toward the doors. The pastor urged them to remain, stating that the service had been purposely kept within the usual limit of time. This seemed to have no influence, however, with those who desired to go. Dr. Lorimer then became indignant.

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