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THE MITCHELL QUESTION AND MR. J. J. JOHNSTON

Former Attorney General Disclaims Any Responsibility in The Appointment of Andrew Fraser Mitchell And Says, "Go to Sinclair And Bell."

That he had warned his colleagues that Andrew Fraser Mitchell was a "crook" and ought not to be appointed Immigration Agent for Prince Edward Island, but that nevertheless the appointment had been made, was the explanation given at the St. Columbia meeting in King's County on Friday night by Mr. J. J. Johnston, K. C., Liberal candidate for the County and former Attorney General in the Bell Government under whom Mitchell was given authority to act in London.

This statement was elicited from Mr. Johnston by Hon. Dr. W. J. McMillan, who after speaking in support of the Conservative nominee, Hon. J. A. McDonald, took up the Fraser Mitchell matter and pressed for an answer to the question which he had already put to the Liberal candidates in the other Counties.

"The \$17,000 of which these retired India officers have been defrauded through the misrepresentations of Mitchell must be made up," he said. "I put the question to Hon. Mr. Sinclair a few nights ago and he said the Province of Prince Edward Island should pay the bill. I wonder what my honorable friend Mr. Johnston would say?"

MR. JOHNSTON: (rising) So you want an answer?

HON. DR. McMILLAN: Yes; I am putting the question.

MR. JOHNSTON: Of course, any man can ask questions. The Doctor has been up to Tignish and he asked the question up there; and he has been in Queen's County too.

HON. DR. McMILLAN: Yes.

MR. JOHNSTON: Now he is here!

HON. DR. McMILLAN: Yes.

MR. JOHNSTON: He has been all over the island. The "S. O. S." call went out. It reminds me of the little fellow with the pair of pants.

HON. DR. McMILLAN: Pair of pants, wasn't it?

MR. JOHNSTON: No, pants. He went to his mother and asked her to cut down the pants. She was too busy. He went to his sister. She said she couldn't. Finally the little fellow decided he would cut a piece off the pants himself. The mother afterwards decided she would cut them down for him, so she cut another piece off. Then the sister began to be sorry she had refused the young fellow; and she cut another piece off. My hon. friend the Doctor has been up to Tignish, and I don't think he has got any pants left.

HON. DR. McMILLAN: Now, Mr. Johnston, how would you like to answer the question? Because you were the Attorney General of the Government that appointed Mitchell!

MR. JOHNSTON: I will put a question to you.

HON. DR. McMILLAN: Answer the question first.

PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD REPORT IS OPTIMISTIC

At the evening service in Zion Presbyterian Church last night an interesting report of the 52nd Synod of the Maritime Provinces was given by the pastor, Rev. G. C. Taylor. Everything went to show, the speaker said, that the Presbyterian church would go on from strength to strength, and not be a "wandering tribe in the wilderness" as had been pessimistically forecast.

"We have not all the figures yet. Voting is still going on in places. We have not yet been able to organize all our many groups. In time this will come, but with what we have already in hand we number over 1100 churches in Canada.

"Of these 1100 churches, 800 are self-sustaining, and a great many of the other churches, such as the Presbyterian and Campbellian and others in that Province where we were not going to have a single church, have not yet been incorporated in that 800. A good many of these will be self-sustaining.

With the 800 self-sustaining churches and 250 mission charges we hold over two thirds of the former Presbyterian churches.

"Thomas McMillan, who spoke to us in the Synod, one of the foremost business men in Canada, told us that if all our Presbyterians were enrolled, we stand to count 750,000,—not all communicants, but Presbyterians; so that we are a long way from being a wandering tribe in the wilderness.

"But there is something more. We retain nearly seventy percent of the strength of the church, and our line is unbroken from Halifax to Vancouver. Straight across Canada, every place you go you will find a Presbyterian Church.

"We have all the mission field we want; and our mission work in the Women's Missionary Society was a surprise to every one who went to that Synod. We will have plenty of missions just as soon as we get the work properly organized. We have the money and some of our men are waiting to go; it is just a matter of getting our boundaries set.

"Think of the women of this Synod alone. They came with a report that inspired all of us. After all this trouble their account of the year was \$20,000. When we told them that we had a number of young men working for us this summer on the mission field they handed us over \$5,000, and felt that they could have doubled that if desired. That is just in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, and financially we are the poorest in Canada.

"We had 53 ministers at the Synod, and if all the fields that could support ministers had had them.

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SEVERE STORM SWEEPS OVER MARITIMES

Province Not So Hard Hit as N.B. and N.S. Where Some Damage Was Reported

The severe windstorm that swept over the Maritimes on Saturday and Sunday was not felt in its full severity on Prince Edward Island, and no reports of any damage has as yet been heard.

Owing to the strong north west wind blowing Saturday evening, the ferry was unable to cross for its second trip, but remained at Tormentine overnight, and crossed Sunday morning, the mail due, late Saturday night arriving in the city about one o'clock yesterday afternoon. The wind blew from twenty five to thirty miles on Saturday afternoon and was accompanied by a heavy downpour of rain. Yesterday it was abated somewhat but had turned much colder, the mean temperature being 34 degrees. The first snow of the year fell in the morning.

MONCTON, Oct. 11.—This city and the remainder of the Maritime Provinces were today swept by the most severe rain and windstorm of the season. Fifty-nine years ago on Sunday last the famous Saxby Gale swept the whole Atlantic coast and did tremendous damage. It was at that time that the tide of the Peteticodiac reached its highest level and flooded the whole eastern section of the city. Two years ago on October 1 the city was

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NOTRE DAME ACADEMY CELEBRATES 68TH ANNIVERSARY

Sisters Opened First School October 12th. 1857—Institution Has Enviably Record—Traditions of Order on P. E. I. by Margaret MacMillan.

In September 1924, Mr. John McKenna, Mayor of Charlottetown, called upon the Reverend Mother Superior of Notre Dame Academy to propose "Foundation Day." He wished to introduce this idea in all the schools of the city so as to keep alive the traditions of the institutions by acquainting the youth of the present generation with the traditions of the pioneer days. "This true our schools are young, few possess what the old world considers the essentials of 'having traditions.' But does a school have to be old to have them? and how many times must a mere story have to be handed down to be graduated into a tradition? In our own family there are little things that make it the family; in our school there are stories that constitute our heritage and make it our school.

Would Notre Dame be as beautiful to us without the tales of the early days, without the names of Reverend Bishop Bernard MacDonnell, Bishop McIntyre and Daniel Brennan? Are not our annals more glorious because of the names of Mother St. Eulalia and Mother St. Angelina? The traditions of Notre Dame keep sacred the kindness of spirit which always brought help and encouragement in sunny hours and sad from the devoted Bishop, the zealous priests and staunch friends of Charlottetown. Therefore, traditions cannot be measured by time. If they are the 'fingerprints' of all noble halls? What matters if they started 70 or 700 years ago?

Live in a favoured land with exceptional educational advantages how many of us appreciate the fact, or give a thought to the early days and the struggles of the devoted pioneers who tended the cradle of Notre Dame Academy? Education in those days was not so easily acquired as it is today— a few private schools with a limited number of pupils being the only means of obtaining a very elementary education.

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To Get Appointments If—

(Special to The Guardian.) WINNIPEG, Oct. 11.—Premier King announced tonight that if elected Hon. T. C. Norris, former Premier of Manitoba would be taken into his cabinet. He further intimated that four portfolios would go to Western Canada.

30 KILLED IN BRAZIL

(Canadian Press.) BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 11.—According to Brazilian border reports reaching Monte Video, Uruguay, thirty Brazilian rebels were killed and many wounded at Santa Rita in the state of Rio Grande do Sul, on Thursday in a clash with state troops.

New Minister of St. James To Be Inducted Oct. 30

SHERBROOKE, N. S., Oct. 11.—At the Presbyterian Church here today the Minister, Rev. W. Bruce Muir announced that at a meeting of the Pictou Presbytery last week in New Glasgow, N. S., he had been presented with a call from St. James Parish, Charlottetown, P. E. Island and that he had intimated his intention of accepting the same. He expressed his regret at the severance of the tie with Sherbrooke where he had labored in the ministry for the past six years but he felt that the call from Charlottetown, which was sought on his part, was a call from God and that his duty was to respond. He would leave Sherbrooke at the end of the present month and be inducted into his new charge on Friday, October 30.

18 KILLED IN FASCIST RIOT

(Canadian Press.) PARIS, Oct. 11.—The Fascist Humanite says that 18 persons were killed and 14 wounded in the recent Florence rioting.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Daily Express says that Fascist reprisals in Florence for the assassination of October 3 of Cavallotti, Liberal member of the Fascist party directorate included the killing of a number of anti-Fascists, most of them lawyers and the former Socialist Deputy Piatti.

Famous shops in the heart of Florence and a number of private homes were sacked and some burnt. The city was under a reign of terror during the Fascist outbreak of revenge.

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JOINT POLITICAL MEETING AT HARRINGTON HALL

On Friday Evening Was Well Attended.—Four Federal Candidates Receive Good Hearing in Discussion of Political Issues of The Day.

The political meeting at Harrington Hall, Brackley Point Road, held on Friday evening last, was attended by a large number of the electors of that district and the audience included quite a number of ladies. Each of the candidates received a fair hearing, and it was quite evident from the number of questions asked the speakers, that a very lively interest is being taken by the district in the political issues of the present campaign.

Mr. Charles E. Stewart acted as chairman in a fair and impartial manner, and at the close of the meeting was tendered a vote of thanks for the excellent way in which he had carried out his duties.

Mr. Donald MacKinnon was the first speaker, and he first compared the campaign platform of the Liberals and the Conservatives. The issues of the present campaign were more clear cut than that of the one fought four years ago. The policy of the Conservative party was quite distinct and had a definite thought in view. On the other hand the Liberal policy was indistinct and not clear cut. In fact one could scarcely tell what it was at all. One would naturally expect that a government appealing to the people after a tenure of office would tell the public what it had done and also what it proposed doing; that it should outline a plan of action for the welfare of the country. But one failed to find anything definite with respect to the policy of the Liberals.

In the years gone by there had been the distinct issues of protection and free trade, but the latter had now been discontinued. In fact some of the Liberal party now said that they had never advocated it. But nevertheless Laurier had expected to conquer by it in 1911. And still it was published that the Liberals had never advocated it.

Today free trade was past and gone and was advocated by no party. The Liberals now fell back on what they called a tariff for revenue, designed simply for the purpose of raising money to carry on the administration of the government. Britain also had a tariff for revenue, and put taxes on such things as tea, whereby the tax was paid by the individual. There was no intention of getting protection. But the Conservative party advocated a tariff by which it would both raise a revenue and protect. It claimed that it was in the best interests of the country to do so. The speaker said that

ENCOURAGING REPORTS FROM LOGARNO

(Special to The Guardian.) LONDON, Oct. 11.—London has been greatly cheered by news from Logarano where prospects have never been better for the entry of Germany into the League of Nations and for peace pacts to which Germany, France, Poland, Italy, Czechoslovakia and Britain would be parties.

Germany is still urging difficulties due to their disarmed condition and are asking sixteen of the covenant which exposes peace breakers to sanctions and compels other countries to enforce actions.

Italy announces that her attitude is precisely the same as that of Britain. She is willing to give guarantees for the frontier between Germany and France but not the frontier between Germany and Poland.

The Polish frontier question which once seemed the greatest obstacle to agreement is now in the process of settling itself. Poland seems disposed to forego the special French guarantees of her frontiers and to be content with her general alliance with France and with safe guards under article sixteen of the covenant.

Czechoslovakia has the same frontier problem as Poland and is ready to solve it by the same means. Indeed, it is the Czechs who have persuaded the Poles that they can safely show a more accommodating attitude.

One result of success at Logarano would be immediate reduction of armaments in Europe and utilization of resources for productive trade.

Declares West Is On The Way to Recovery

(Special to The Guardian.) OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 11.—That the Farmers of the West are expected to receive \$325,000,000 more for their crops this year than they did in 1924 and that the West has made rapid strides toward a solid and permanent recovery from the post-war slump was the statement made here by Major E. C. Ashton, Commissioner for Soldiers Settlement in Western Canada.

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COST OF LIVING BOGEY EXPLODED

By W. R. MORSON

The following figures covering 30 years compiled by the Labor Bureau at Washington show that the so-called cost of living does not vary except to come, and as they are so few in number as to regulate the economics of the country to suit them. To all other classes the cost of living is only a phrase. The Chinaman in Central China earns the equivalent of 4 cents per day, the mechanic in Canada gets \$5, in U. S. \$7, in Germany 1,000,000,000,000 marks per day, but all are working on the same piece of paper entitling them to their wages. Likewise it matters nothing how cheap living is if you have not the price to buy it. If protection should increase the cost of living, it will give you a job, and a wage to take care of the cost. The U. S. population was only 12,000,000. The cost of living did not affect them and it will not affect us. They grew and we can grow if we have the same tariff.

Purchasing Power			Purchasing Power		
Year	Weekly Wage	Food Prices of Wage	Year	Weekly Wage	Food Prices of Wage
1890	1.01	1.04	1905	1.14	1.12
1891	1.01	1.04	1906	1.19	1.16
1892	1.01	1.02	1907	1.22	1.21
1893	1.01	1.04	1908	1.22	1.16
1894	98	100	1909	124	122
1895	98	98	1910	128	128
1896	100	96	1911	131	127
1897	99	96	1912	133	135
1898	100	99	1913	138	138
1899	101	100	1914	140	140
1900	104	101	1915	142	139
1901	106	105	1916	153	157
1902	109	111	1917	176	201
1903	112	110	1918	223	231
1904	112	112	1919	253	256

These figures show that varying wages do not vary the buying power of the recipient of the wage.

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TORONTO, Oct. 12.—Maritime northwest winds with local showers and about same temperature.

Toronto, clear 42-23
Montreal, snow 42-23
Ch'town, rain and snow 39-34
Halifax, rain 58-44
Saint John, rain 52-42
Boston, snow 58-36
New York, cloudy 55-36
High tide this evening at 6:25 and tomorrow morning at 5:10.
Sun sets this afternoon at 5:20 and rises tomorrow morning at 6:14. New moon Saturday, Oct. 17th at 1:42 p.m.
Summerside tide eighteen minutes later than Charlottetown.

"TEN COMMANDMENTS" AT THE PRINCE EDWARD TODAY IS A FAST PICTURE. ALL SHOULD SEE IT

Plenty of Zip and Speed in Wonderful Feature Which The Prince Edward is Housing This Week. Two Showings Daily Big Show for Kiddies Thursday Afternoon. Tickets Procurable in Advance.

Many have the mistaken impression that the picture, "The Ten Commandments," is exclusively a religious picture. Starting with the Biblical episode, we have the race of Pharaoh's charioteers across the desert in their pursuit of the escaping Israelites. Going so far as to follow them between the open walls of water where the Red Sea had opened, they are almost on top of them, when the waters close, and make a watery grave. Then skip ping to the modern, just at the