

THE CHARLOTTETOWN GUARDIAN

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AS TO PROVINCIAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS.

The retirement of Premier Hazard on his appointment to the Supreme Court necessitated the choice of a new Premier and party leader for the Province. To that end a Liberal caucus was held yesterday at which the leadership was, we believe, unanimously tendered to Mr. Palmer, K. C., and was accepted by him. It follows that he has been, or will be called upon by the Lieutenant Governor to form a new Administration to succeed that of which Hon. Mr. Hazard was the head.

The details are at this writing yet to be settled. Among these are first, the membership of the new Executive and secondly who shall respectively hold the three official positions of Attorney General, now vacant, that of Commissioner of Public Works, now held by Hon. J. H. Cumiskey, and that of Commissioner of Agriculture, now and for years past held by Hon. John Richards. An impression prevails that the Premier will also become Attorney General, as the late Premier was, and that no changes will be made in the heads of the Departments of Works, or of Agriculture.

Such an arrangement would be rather a reconstruction than the formation of a new Administration, although constitutionally a change of Premier makes the incoming Government a new one. Hon. Mr. Cumiskey or Hon. Mr. Richards would not, however, be required to return to their constituents for re-election, but any member of the Legislative Assembly who is not now the head of a department would be required to return for re-election on the acceptance of any one of the three departmental portfolios.

There is one vacancy in the representation of the Belfast District resulting from the elevation of Hon. Mr. Hazard to the Supreme Court. Parties are too closely divided to permit of the new Government allowing one of the seats hitherto held by them to remain vacant, wherefore a by-election will be held in the Belfast District at some time before the next meeting of the Legislature. Should

Premier Palmer also become Attorney General a by-election would become necessary in the Fort Augustus District also, which he represents. True, Mr. Palmer was once before made Attorney General without re-election, but he was not a member of the House at the time of accepting that office which makes a material difference. Wherefore one, if not two by-elections may be counted upon as inevitable.

But there is also the more or less remote possibility that the new Government, rather than stake their chances on two by-elections in fairly close constituencies, may take the bolder step of appealing to the entire electorate by a dissolution of the Legislature. Wherefore it is shrewdly guessed that the by-elections may be held off for a time, to await the decision of the Ottawa Government as to holding a federal election within the present year, which event is yet "on the lap of the gods."

Meanwhile the Opposition are preparing for emergencies and yesterday named as their candidates for the Fort Augustus District, Dr. Dewar of Southport, and Felix Feehan, merchant of Mount Stewart.

The Guardian extends congratulations to Premier Palmer on being made the choice of his party for leader. He has been assigned a position of no inconsiderable difficulty, and one which will test his capacity for leadership, but with the cordial support of his associates in the party, and the general impression that no better choice of leader could easily have been made, great difficulties may be surmounted.

It may be added that the allotment of two portfolios to the Fort Augustus District would be an unusual thing and therefore could not be expected to be a permanent arrangement. Also that at this writing (on Friday afternoon) something of what is above set down is speculative rather than definite and certain. Further developments in the local political situation will be awaited with much public interest and can be dealt with as they arise.

THE CHARGES AGAINST HON. FRANK OLIVER.

We stated a few days ago the substance of the charges made by Mr. McGillicuddy against Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, and Mr. Oliver's denial of any wrongdoing in the matter, and we believe that fair-minded persons will suspend their judgment in regard to the case until the evidence is taken. It is not to be questioned that the charges expressed and implied are of great gravity. The First Minister and Mr. Oliver both admitted this when the latter asked for a committee of investigation, which is now to be appointed, on motion of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Following is the motion:

"The statement having been made in certain newspapers that on the recommendation of the Hon. Frank Oliver, Minister of the Interior, an order-in-council was passed on the 8th of May, 1907, giving the Canadian Northern Railway Company power to select in the Province of Saskatchewan 600,000 acres of land, in place of lands granted to the Manitoba and Southwestern Railway Company, and that on the 3rd of October, in the same year, \$50,000 was paid into the Imperial Bank at Edmonton to the credit of Mr. Oliver, and that about one year later the further sum of \$19,000 was similarly paid into the same bank to the like credit of Mr. Oliver.

"And Mr. Oliver having on the 2nd of May stated in the House of Commons that no foundation whatever existed for the insinuation or suspicion that the said payment of money, or either of them, were made on account of the passing of the said order-in-council, or by reason of the making of the said land grant, or in any way in connection therewith, or on account thereof.

"Resolved that it be referred to a special committee of five members to investigate and inquire into the truth

of the statement and the matters above set forth and that the committee have power to send for persons, papers and records, and to examine persons on oath or affirmation and to report from time to time."

The Opposition objected, and not without a show of reason, that this resolution limits the inquiry by the committee to the matter of whether the payments were made to Mr. Oliver on account of the order-in-council. It is surely possible that there might have been great wrongdoing behind or in connection with this transaction which could never be brought to light before a committee thus restricted, the majority of such committee being disposed as far as possible to exonerate the accused minister. What the Opposition desire to find out, and what we think the people of the entire country desire to learn is why this payment was made to a Minister of the Crown, and from what source it came. Mr. Borden therefore moved an amendment as follows:

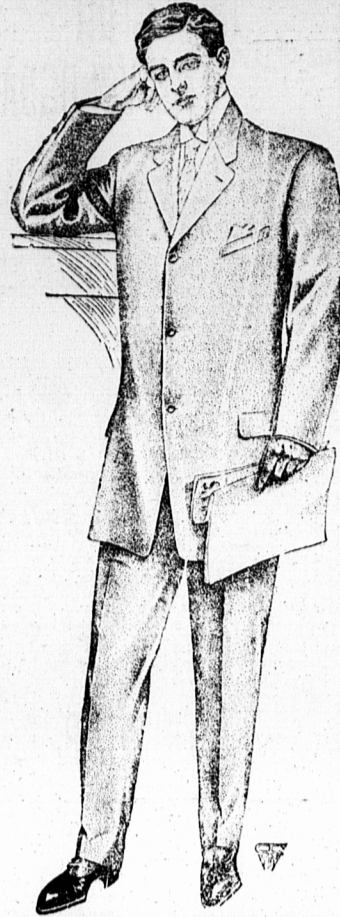
"That a special committee of five members be appointed to inquire into and investigate the charges and allegations set forth and referred to in the statement of the Hon. Mr. Oliver, Minister of the Interior, and of the Prime Minister, made in the House on Tuesday, the 2nd day of May, inst., and that the said committee have power, etc."

This, if adopted, would have given the committee power to investigate the entire matter, ascertain where the money came from and whether it is "clean money," and derived from such sources and in such manner that it could be accepted by a Cabinet Minister without taint upon his honor and integrity and without prejudice to the public interest. Mr. Oliver's interest would surely be sufficiently protected by the fact that three of the five members of the committee are chosen from the Liberal side of the House. The amendment was, however, voted down by a party majority.

It does not follow from this that the Minister in question has been guilty of wrongdoing, or that the scope of the inquiry has been thus restricted to prevent the facts of the case from being brought out. As to that we shall know more when the committee enters upon its work. And it would seem that limiting the scope of the inquiry is not likely to lessen the suspicion in any mind where it may have obtained a lodgement. The usual party committee in any Parliament or Legislature in the past has been only too ready to exonerate an offender. So notorious has this become that the general public have pretty well lost confidence in parliamentary investigations.

Too much care cannot be taken by an honest Government to so conduct its administration of public affairs that every transaction shall not only be within the law and in accord with right principles, but that it shall appear so. The charges against Mr.

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Some campaigning by Liberal members in favor of reciprocity has been going on for weeks past in different parts of New Brunswick, Ontario and the West. If a two-months adjournment of Parliament shall take place from a fortnight hence it is understood that a series of meetings will be held throughout the Dominion both for and against the trade agreement, and also in preparation for a possible general election.

An Ottawa telegram states that many of the Quebec members are disposed to insist that instead of Parliament adjourning from May 23 for two months, it shall be formally prorogued so that they may receive a double indemnity for two sessions instead of one. Should this audacious proposal be entertained it would involve an additional outlay for indemnity of \$750,000 for the Commons and Senate.

SABBATH REST FOR WOMEN.

Mr. Editor:—My object in writing this is to show up some abuses that exist at the present time and to offer some suggestions as to how the overworked women of our land may secure their Sabbath rest of which they are so frequently robbed by the customs and conventions of the present day. Now that the great feast day of our falsely economical Government in their endeavor to accumulate wealth continues to neglect the smallpox epidemic now raging in Tignish, Miminegash, Nail Pond, St. Louis and vicinities.

I have it from good authority that there are or have been over three hundred cases of smallpox in these localities. Many of those who are convalescent or who have a mild type of it, are working in the lobster factories. It is reported some have died.

Nothing has been done by the authorities to prevent its spreading except the posting of a few notices advising or warning the public not to visit those who have it. As far as I can find out no one has been quarantined.

The local business men and lobster packers through fear of injury to their business, are trying to cloak it and make little of it, calling it the Cuban itch, no worse than the common itch.



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