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SOME REVELATIONS.

Francis Wayland Glen is not a name to conjure with in Canada, although he was for two terms from 1867 to 1878 a member of the Canadian Parliament. He was a native of the United States originally but came to the Dominion and for a time carried on quite an extensive business. Later he failed and returned to the land of his nativity where he has since been heard from occasionally as an advocate of an annexation. Just now he is attracting fresh notoriety as the author of revelations incriminating several Canadian public men, dead and living, who belong to both political parties. These so-called revelations were published by the Ottawa Journal, an independent newspaper.

In one of the stories the fame of Sir John Macdonald is assailed. Glen affirms that the Conservative Chieftain secured \$2,000,000 for election purposes in 1872 by having Ogden Mills make a claim for

\$3,000,000 for extras in connection with the construction of the western section of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of which claim when passed Mills received but one million. Another story is that J. I. Tarte, the late Premier Mercier, L. G. Papineau and others were sent to New York in 1893 to ask for funds for the National Continental League for the elections then expected to take place the following year, and that these men met Andrew Carnegie, Charles A. Dana and Glen in the New York Sun office. Glen alleges that Tarte wanted \$50,000 to purchase Le Monde newspaper, and John Morrison of Toronto wanted a like sum to buy a newspaper there. Mr. Glen proceeds:

"Mr. Carnegie asked Mr. Tarte if he was prepared to pledge the Liberal party to advocate the independence of Canada as a prelude to continental union. He replied that if we furnished them with money for the election they would do so if they were successful in the elections. Mr. Morrison agreed with Mr. Tarte. Mr. Carnegie then asked the Hon. Honore Mercier if he would contest the Province of Quebec in favor of the independence of Canada as a prelude to continental union. He replied 'Yes'. Mr. Carnegie asked Mr. Tarte how much it would require to run a continental union. Mr. Tarte replied that if he was sure that amount would do it he would give it himself."

It does not appear that any money was secured at the time, but Glen says Carnegie afterward wrote Mercier saying he could have all the money he wanted to carry Quebec. Glen says that he and Dana also signed this letter and Glen mailed it. Still another of Glen's stories is that the late Hon. George Brown gave \$53,000 to Whitelaw Reid of the New York Tribune to promote a reciprocity treaty in 1874. A number of the Canadian public men compromised by the so-called revelations are dead. These include the late George Brown, Sir John Macdonald, Papineau and Mercier, also C. A. Dana of New York. Dead men tell no tales, but Mr. Tarte still lives and might speak if he would. But he may not think it worth while to deny a statement made by so irresponsible a person as F. W. Glen. So far the revelations have caused no great sensation.

Ottawa and the region round about has had an earthquake, and some persons were badly frightened. That is nothing, however to the earthquake that is coming.

Mr. Borden who is now holding missionary services in Ontario, travels in a special car. No other speakers accompany him from place to place. He is "going it alone," so to speak.

Tieling, where Kuropatkin is now making his headquarters is 300 miles north of Port Arthur where he started out with the determination to drive Japs into the sea and sign a peace treaty at Tokio.

The Guardian greatly regrets to learn that George Irving's health is not in a sufficiently robust state to permit of his entering upon his intended work in India this year, as will appear from his letter in another column. Mr. Irving's many friends will share in this regret.

The St. John's, N. F. Evening Herald evidently does not rate the intelligence of its readers very high when it publishes such unmitigated rubbish as the following:—"All who want to save the country from being sold to Canada—to sustain the value of our grand staple, the cod fish—to guard our people from starvation—to advance the earnings of our working classes, will vote for the Bond candidate." There is a bond of ignorance and prejudice which is for more degrading and oppressive than any which confederation with Canada would impose. The people of Newfoundland to in a double sense under this form of Bondage.

False oaths taken on a Bible cover filled with blank leaves was a feature of an Ontario election exposed recently in the election court. The party system seems to be responsible for a terrible array of corruption, perjury, crime and moral debasement. Men sell their votes to the highest bidder and with the money in their pockets swear they have received nothing, and all at the instance of party workers. The fetitious Bible, or the evasion of kissing their thumbs instead of the Book, do not when the dirty business. It is real perjury in any case. And as a rule the man who will sell his vote will not hesitate to commit perjury.

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SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD.

It is gratifying to learn that the South African gold fields are now rapidly approaching the production of the days before the war. In August 1899, two months before the date of Kruger's ultimatum, the month's output of the Rand mines was 482,108 ounces, valued at \$20 to the ounce, or \$9,642,160. The war put an end to all mining operations, which have since been gradually resumed. In 1902 the monthly output failed to reach 200,000 ounces; in 1903 it very closely approached 300,000 ounces per month, and May of this year showed a yield of 314,000 ounces, or \$6,280,000, the best since the war. As the world's production of gold does not exceed \$24,000,000 per month it will be seen that the Rand mines are now supplying more than a fourth part of the total. This will now be further increased by the questionable method of introducing Chinese labor, and it is expected that by the end of the present year the production will equal that before the war.

The other day we stated that the Laurier Government's majority was made up from Quebec and the Eastern Provinces, while Ontario and the west together gave an Opposition majority. We were speaking in general terms, but with accuracy. The St. John Globe thinks our statement is hardly fair. It says the Government's majority is made up from the Provinces of Quebec, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, British Columbia and the Northwest Territories, while the Opposition has a majority only in the representation of Ontario and Manitoba. This is quite true. But place it in any way the reader pleases and the fact remains that east of the Ottawa river the Government has a majority of 64 while west of the Ottawa the Opposition has a majority of 18.

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