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THE DAILY EXAMINER.

DECEMBER 23, 1897.

### NOTHING IN IT.

HAVING, as in duty bound, expressed the public opinion of this Province at large concerning the filling of the vacancy in the Senate caused by the lamented death of the late Hon. Joseph O. Arsenault, we have nothing further to say about the matter. Let the Government conciliate, as best they may, the various contending claimants whose various services and abilities are being so energetically represented. But we must point out that the field of action is not circumscribed by the limits of Prince County, as some persons contend. The constitution of Canada does not set out county limits, or any sectional limit, other than that of the province, as those within which a senator may be selected. Such a limitation is manifestly impossible; for neither our counties, nor our ridings, nor any other sectional division of the country correspond with the number of our senators. Nor is such a limitation in the interest of the country—because it would necessitate, at times, the appointment of inferior men to the Senate and the exclusion from it of superior men. If such a limitation had been fixed and acted upon, some of the ablest senators who have adorned the Upper Chamber and exerted influence within its walls could not have been appointed; and the country would have lost the benefit of their services in Parliament. It is, therefore, a wise provision of the constitution which permits the Governor-General to select a senator for a province from any part of that Province; and the Hon. David Laird and Dr. McIntyre will have as much right to complain if not appointed to the coveted position, as the Hon. John Yeo or Mr. Perry or Mr. Rogers or anyone residing within the limits of Prince County. There is nothing whatever in the contention that a senatorial candidate must necessarily be a Prince County man,—except the fact that Hon. Mr. Howland and Hon. Mr. Arsenault were Prince County men; and that is only one among other and more important considerations governing the choice in this case.

### THE GROWTH OF WHEAT.

—The New Brunswick resident in P. E. Island compares the views and methods of New Brunswick and P. E. Island farmers as to the growth of wheat, in a letter to the St. John Sun. He writes:

"The New Brunswick farmer says emphatically it does not pay to raise wheat. At least statistics reveal the fact that he grows much less than he did forty or fifty years ago. The Island farmer says perhaps just as emphatically that the opposite is the case. Perhaps there never was a time when this province raised more wheat in comparison to the farming population than is grown today. Almost without exception every farmer makes his own bread, buying absolutely none of the imported article, while hundreds of farmers either sell wheat or flour after making provision for home use. The professional and working classes who live in the towns and cities, it is safe to say use more domestic flour than any other kind, and it is said large quantities of island flour are exported. The wheat harvested in the autumn, while it may not rival the west, it certainly suggests it. Moreover, the flour as a rule, is of excellent quality. In the year and a half in which I have lived here, I have used almost no other kind, as I preferred not only the price, but the quality of the flour."

It is pleasing to note the growing preference for bread made of Island flour; and we are not without hope that notwithstanding Mr. Emerson's bonus to New Brunswick farmers for the growth of wheat, we shall ere long sell a considerable amount of flour in the sister provinces.

Ottawa Citizen: A tiled myth—the Ontario Sir Plus.

Mr. Archibald Mackay, lumber surveyor for James Barrett, Esq., leaves tomorrow morning on his Christmas vacation. He will spend some days visiting friends and relatives to the west of the Island.

Now the weather has got somewhat colder and more like Xmas, what about the presents you intend to give? Don't you think that we can supply your every want as cheap if not cheaper than any one else?—Frowse Bros.—291—31.

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### NOTES AND COMMENTS.

—"And he never admitted that he is a Liberal," is the climax of Rouge protest against J. Israel Tarte. Tarte is a rascal, but a clever rascal. While he has played traitor to one party to become the master of another he has an eye to business in the future; and therefore holds on to all that's respectable in our political nomenclature. He needn't be the least uneasy about those "old liberals" either. Parties who squeal only when there's no place for their ladle in the government soup bowl, will get something to shut their mouths, if worth anything, and take it like little men. It is the honest Canadian toiler who must bring about a revision in public opinion when he finds that he has been befooled and sacrificed.

—The price of the victory in Nicolet on Tuesday last is the construction of the South Shore Railway. This railway is to connect Montreal with Levis, opposite Quebec. When completed it will be a rival road to the Drummond Counties line, lately obtained by the Government as a result of a scandalous "deal" with its owners. There are besides these two other through lines, and three of the four are on the south side of the St. Lawrence. The South Shore route is shorter than the Drummond Counties by some fifteen miles. Having already taken over a railway with two competitors, Sir Wilfrid is now morally bound to assist the construction of the third competing line. Such is Liberal management in the interest of the country at large.

—Mgr. Bruchesi's sudden return to Canada is causing a great deal of unnecessary trepidation in some quarters. Even if he bears a papal decision, and that decision is against those who asked for it, what ground is there for fear Laurier can repudiate his communication with the Pope as easily as he did those with Langelier, and still be a very Peck-sniff, on political morality. There are still a few more dark lanes not fenced off, and while one is left to escape through, he esteems himself happy. The one in sight just now is the denial of personal communication with Rome; and the lane was open when he denied having asked for the appointment of a delegate, on the floor of the house. But the plot deepens, and the "artful dodger" must soon be caught in his own trap.

—Advices from Manitoba state that 1,370,735 acres have been ploughed and prepared in that Province for the crop of next year, an increase of 400,000 over those prepared for the crop of 1897. About \$935,300 have been expended in new farm buildings. The total yield of wheat this year was 108,261,950 bushels or 14.14 to the acre. The total grain crop was 32,404,625 bushels. Not long ago Manitoba had to import large quantities of meats for its own consumption, but now the tables are turned. This year 34,500 beef cattle were exported, 16,500 of which went to the States as stockers. There were raised 37,500 hogs, 12,500 being exported, and 25,000 dealt with by Winnipeg packers, who will increase their capacity by 100 per cent. by next April. The province is forging ahead, and has never been so prosperous.

—A new and powerful claimant for senatorial honors in the person of Dr. McIntyre, of Souris, has recently entered the lists; and his entry will certainly make matters much more complicated. The Doctor, greatly as he desired on the huntings and elsewhere, the departure from county lines when a Charlevoixian was named to the Senate for his own county of King's some years ago, thinks now that Souris is quite near enough to Alberton to permit of a resident of the former representing the latter sprightly little town satisfactorily at Ottawa. On the lists we have now the Messrs. Yeo and Perry, Laird and Rogers, Dr. McIntyre and Mathieson, Gaffney, Gallant and Joseph Murphy, besides a number of Summer-siders and others who are making a silent hunt. The Red Chamber has evidently gained in favor since Sir Wilfrid crossed the floor of the House. Grapes that were sour when not within a Liberal's reach, a few years ago, are now as sweet as Liban nectar.


—Under the heading "Halifax Notes," the Montreal Witness has the following: "Some little comment has been occasioned among the members of St. Matthew's, the oldest and leading Presbyterian church here, by an innovation in its mode of worship lately introduced. Two changes have been made. The Lord's Prayer, which it has been the custom of the officiating minister to pronounce is now to be said by minister and people in common as it is in the services for morning and evening prayer in the Church of England. Also an 'Amen' is to be sung with organ accompaniment at the end of each psalm. These changes have been made with the approval of the 'session' of the church. They were introduced at the Wednesday evening prayer meeting last week and it was announced upon that occasion that

they would be introduced into the Sunday services after New Year's Day. St. Matthew's is one of the historic churches of Halifax. Rev. Mr. Fowler on Sunday last made an announcement in effect with the above. After the new year opens the congregation will unite with the pastor in repeating the "Lord's Prayer," will say "Amen" to the prayers, and will sing "Amen" to the hymns.

—A correspondent at Moncton writes: Another of Mr. Blair's business methods is the management of the I. C. R., has come to light. It has a tinge of Tarte's "business is business" methods. It appears that some ten thousand cedar railway ties have recently been carried over the I. C. R., from the extreme western end of the line in Quebec to Nova Scotia, and some of them to the extreme eastern end of the line in Cape Breton. Some of the ties were left off at Oxford Junction and others at Point Tupper, and some have gone to the Narrows in Cape Breton. It is estimated that a fair freight charge for hauling those ties between the points named, an average distance of 700 miles, would be eight or nine cents apiece, as a car will not carry more than four hundred, and \$2 a car would not be an excessive freight for this distance, as any business man knows. The secret of this extraordinary and hitherto unheard of course on the part of the I. C. R. management appears to be that when tenders for ties were asked, a conservative was found to be the lowest tenderer, and it was necessary to take more than double the number called for in order to accommodate Quebec grits who had tendered at a higher figure. Thus, while 19,000 ties were called for, 55,000 were taken, and this left a large surplus on hand. The Quebec grits got about 20 cents apiece for their ties, and adding say 8 cents for hauling, brings the cost up to 28 cents landed in Cape Breton for ties which do not usually cost more than 18 cents. The Quebec ties are also said to be a foot shorter than the I. C. R. standard. The transaction is indefensible from any point of view.

—The Quebec correspondent of the Montreal Star supplies some interesting little details in connection with the recent meeting of Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Langelier. He says: "All day Saturday Sir Wilfrid waited in vain for the Hon. Frs. Langelier and his leading sympathizers to call upon him. They came not. Mr. Choquette, M. P., and Mr. Carroll, M. P., were constantly about the gallant knight but the member for Quebec Centre remained away from the charmed circle. "If Mr. Laurier wants to see me," said Mr. Langelier, "he knows where to find me." But yesterday proved that Mr. Langelier knew what he was talking about and Sir Wilfrid found him, and found him at home too. Yesterday morning the Premier, attended by his faithful henchmen, Messrs. Choquette and Carroll, set out together for the modest red brick cottage erected on the Grande Allee, opposite the new Franciscan Nunnery, by the member for Quebec Centre, to take the place as a family residence of the handsome and imposing stone front mansion facing the Parliament House, which Mr. Langelier sold, as he has already described himself, to pay the note endorsed by him for the benefit of the state-man of the sunny ways who called upon him yesterday. The interview lasted for a couple of hours, and is to be described in all the Ministerial papers as cordial in the extreme. Sir Wilfrid says so. Mr. Carroll endorses the statement. Mr. Choquette enthusiastically declares the same thing. Only Mr. Langelier remains mute. Sir Wilfrid is said to feel keenly the hostility experienced by Mr. Tarte, the stand of the Liberal Club, Mr. Langelier's remarks there, as well as the action of many of his former friends in keeping altogether away from him because of their sympathy with Langelier.

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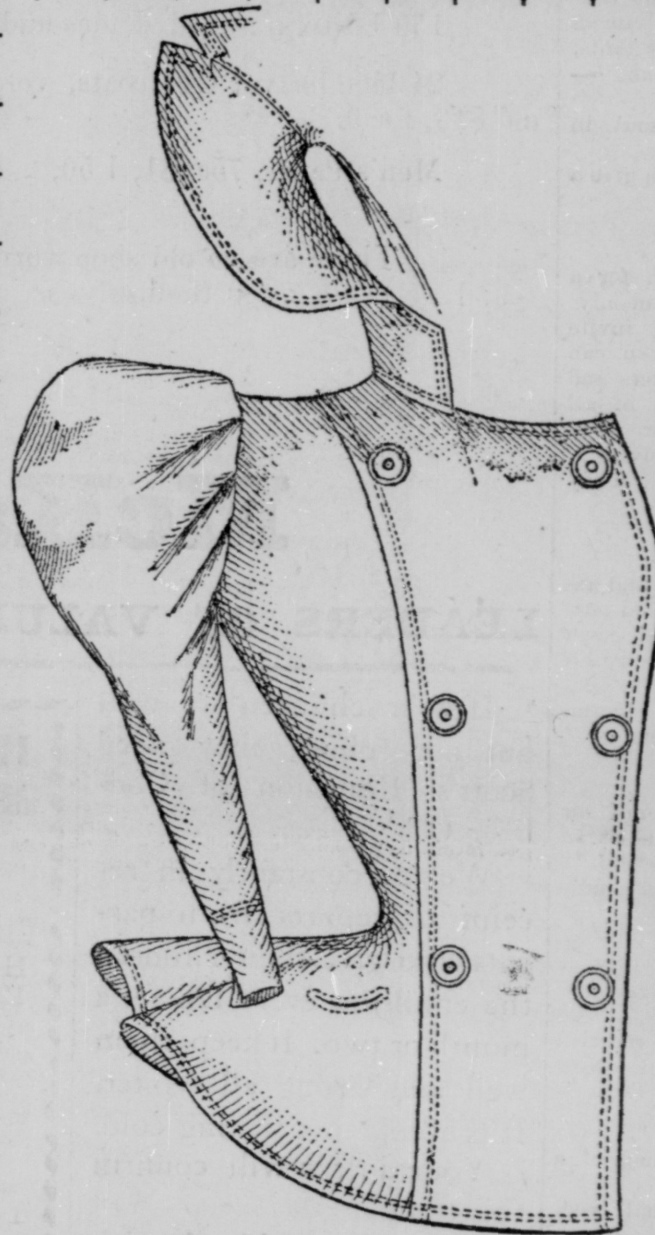
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