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THE FISHERIES CONFERENCE.

It has been shrewdly suspected that the meeting of our Liberal Premiers at Ottawa had more to do with Liberal party arrangements than with the Fisheries question. However this may be, the conference at Ottawa has come to nothing. Reporters at the capital, state that there was a good deal of talk about the matter, but nothing done. The problem involved in the finding of the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council respecting the fisheries of Canada is, in truth, rather too difficult for such men as our Local Liberal Premiers to solve at a hasty conference. In the negotiations that have taken place between Sir Louis and Messrs. Hardy and Marchand the conditions were comparatively simple, and a settlement was more easily reached. Ontario has already established a Fisheries Department, and Quebec has asked the Dominion to continue to exercise jurisdiction in that Province until the Provincial machinery can be perfected. But as to the Maritime Provinces different conditions are involved. For instance, it is not certain that the Dominion has jurisdiction over the fisheries anywhere inside the three mile limit. The Maritime Provinces have, it is stated, laid claim to the control of these waters, and with it to the interest of the Halifax award which has heretofore been disbursed among our fishermen in the form of bounty-money. The whole matter will require all the attention that Sir Louis and our Crown Law officers can give to it. Indeed, we shall not be surprised if another decision of the Privy Council will be needed before a final settlement can be arrived at. In any case, the Maritime Provinces will do well to avoid, if possible, the additional expense involved in the protection and management of our inshore fisheries. It is possible that, from the Provincial Government point of view, the fisheries will cost more than they will come to.

COLLATERAL INFLUENCE OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

As an evidence of the collateral influence of the Manchester Ship Canal upon the prosperity of the community there, it is pointed out by Mr. W. H. Hunter, in the Engineering Magazine for January, that building operations in Manchester are progressing at a rate which has had no parallel in the long history of the town. The streets are so thronged with traffic that the problem of dealing with them in such a manner as to avoid positive congestion is forcing itself upon the inhabitants. Returns of the railway companies, running into Manchester, show an annual increase so marked that company after company has initiated and carried out, or is in course of carrying out, additions and improvements of a most extensive character, having for their object the increase of their conveying and storing capacity. In a word, threatened decay has been turned into vigorous growth, and adversity into prosperity. No competent person would, for a moment, hesitate, if asked for the reason for this unparalleled progress. It is one of the results of the Manchester ship canal. The results in Manchester are the results elsewhere of a spirit of well directed public enterprise. The Manchester Canal has not yet paid dividends to the shareholders; but it is paying in other directions.

—It is announced that the post office department has on hand only about one month's supply of three cent stamps; and when these are exhausted no more will be issued. It is not unlikely that a 4-cent stamp will be issued to meet the demand for the double rate over the ordinary domestic or imperial rate. The department has issued a new 2-cent envelope.

The United States Government will negotiate a special commercial treaty with Switzerland.

THE BEDEQUE DISTRICT.

Mr. McQUARRIE, the Liberal-Conservative candidate for the Provincial Legislature in the Fourth District of Prince, needs no recommendation. Upon personal grounds, everyone will admit that "he's all right." A man of established character, a lawyer of ability, one who thoroughly understands the wants and interests of the country, and is identified with them,—he is just the man to enlist in the service of the Province at large and the Fourth District of Prince in particular. As the writs are not yet out, we need not hurry to discuss the questions in issue between the Government of broken promises and those who are opposed to it. But let everyone note the fact that Mr. McQuarrie is in the field.

A DIFFICULTY TO BE MET

Mr. CHAMBERLAIN has determined that France shall relinquish its claim upon the Western shore of Newfoundland. Some of the correspondents in London see in this fact the most serious difficulty to be grappled with in the near future. It is stated that Sir Charles Dilke has been acting, during the last week or two, as a kind of unofficial emissary of England in Paris. His report is that the Newfoundland question is fast assuming an aspect at least as grave as that which Fashoda recently assumed. Fashoda was to the French a mere sentiment; the French shore in Newfoundland is that and much more. The Frenchman knows that he has rights there, and knows, too, that if a self-governing colony like Newfoundland kicks hard enough, as under the new Reid Railway regime she evidently means to kick, these French rights must be abandoned. But Sir Charles Dilke's visit elicits the fact that France means to make the bargain extremely difficult. Great Britain will, without doubt, offer her fair, and even generous terms. But if France should refuse to quit her hold on Newfoundland upon such terms, Great Britain has the means of forcing her off by keeping her fishermen to the strictest letter of treaties and using British warships, not as heretofore, to police British fishermen, in the interests of the French, but to restrict rigidly these French to their barest rights.

—Mail and Empire: Tarte tells the people of Quebec that he is defending them from the English intoleraunts. It is too bad that our politics should be disgraced by a selfish and sectional politician whose stock in trade is huge expenditures and base appeals to race feelings.

—The Island of Crete is the scene of an experiment similar to the one to be tried in Cuba. Prince George of Greece, who was formally installed last week as High Commissioner of the powers, seems to appreciate the fact that he has an opportunity to advance the prestige of Greece as well as his own personal prestige. He has begun to rule with an iron hand. The Prince found the island honeycombed with religious and political factions, each threatening outrages upon its enemies. He quickly ordered the soldiers to adopt drastic measures, and announced that he would suppress disorder even if he had to turn the whole island into a barracks. His policy and Christian rule are so distasteful to the Moslems that they are leaving in droves, and there is a prospect that the island will soon be populated solely by Christians, and that they will enjoy prosperity hitherto unknown to them.

ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.

Halifax Herald: The eighteen years of conservative rule were great years for Canada. With newspaper postage abolished and postage on letters greatly reduced, the postal revenue rose from \$1,600,000 in 1878 to over \$4,000,000 in 1896. And there was no monkeying with postage stamps either.

Montreal Gazette: Sir Wilfrid Laurier has found a point of resemblance between Gladstone and Mr. Tarte. They both changed their political affiliations. The points wherein their careers do not resemble each other will suggest themselves somewhat numerously.

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