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**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

DECEMBER 7, 1899.

**MANITOBA ELECTIONS.**

How the political breeze is blowing all over Canada is shown, beyond a doubt, by the results of the elections in Manitoba. In the last house the Liberals had 33 seats, the Conservatives 6; in the next house the Conservatives will have 26, the Liberals 17, with three places to hear from.

He who runs may read the lesson of this remarkable turn-over. It is typical of the change undergone by the electorate throughout the whole of Canada. It is the expression of disappointment and disgust resulting from the broken promises of the Liberal leaders, the increased expenditures, the increased taxation and increased debt. Mr. Greenway was by no means the greatest sinner among the Liberal Premiers; and that which has happened to him will, at the first opportunity, happen to all the others, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier, himself.

**A SCANDAL!**

In connection with the Manitoba elections, several of the Federal ministers, including Sir Wilfrid Laurier, are implicated in a scandalous attempt to burk the will of the electors. A man named Garnot has been arrested. Garnot, according to the Star's report, is said to have admitted that he was sent for at Duck Lake by a Minister of the Crown, and that he came down from Duck Lake to Winnipeg with the Hon. Mr. Sifton and T. O. Davis, to "work the machine." He is said to have been armed with a lot of blank ballots, a blank cheque, signed by an M. P., and a letter signed by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, declaring sympathy for Garnot's troubles during the Rebellion, and promising assistance whenever he should need it. The prisoner is also alleged to have stated to a supposed friend that the bogus ballot business was to be tried in every constituency. This may explain the confidence professed by the Liberal organs in the triumph of Greenway in spite of the obvious enthusiasm for a change in Manitoba. There will, or course, be further developments.

**"THE MINTO" AGAIN.**

The Patriot has called Mr. Lord to its assistance in the hope that he would be able to smooth over the unpleasant matter of the Minto. Mr. Lord made a brave effort to do so. But he only succeeded in practically verifying THE EXAMINER's statements. It is true, quite true,—according to Mr. Lord as well as THE EXAMINER—that a new slide valve has been made for the intermediate cylinder, true that the hawsepipes had sprung a leak, and true, also, that the steam winch had to be removed to another position. It is true, moreover, about the ashes, "rejector"—we have to thank Mr. Lord for this word—and true that covers were made here for the winches. All this, and much more, Mr. Lord, directly or indirectly, admits to be true; and it is true. Mr. Lord seems to think that the cost to this country will be trifling; but we await, not without curiosity, the publication of the Auditor General's report with the amounts shown to have been paid in this regard!

We maintain that a new vessel, built with special care for the hard work of fighting and breaking ice, built from special designs drawn after Commodore Welsh and Captain Finlayson had consulted with Captain McElhinney and "the Minister" himself—by the way the Commodore was paid \$10 a day for twelve days at Ottawa, besides travelling expenses, in all, \$216; for his expert services in this connection—ought not to have needed all these

changes and repairs, necessitating the employment of many skilled artisans for months together.

But these admissions of Mr. Lord apart, there are a few points upon which we dare to differ with him. For instance, Mr. Lord says that "The Minto's" cargo space "is at least two or three I. C. R. cars larger than The Stanley's." By reference to the marks in the respective vessels' hatches, we note that the Minto measures 1200 tons gross and 376 tons net and that the Stanley measures 1000 tons gross and 394 tons net. If, then, the net tonnage of The Stanley is eighteen tons greater than the net tonnage of the Minto, how can the Minto carry more cargo than the Stanley? Perhaps Mr. Lord will answer this question.

Mr. Lord, urged by The Patriot, attempts to justify the government's desertion of "The Fairfield Shipbuilding Company," from which their predecessors received a satisfactory vessel, by saying that,—

"Messrs. Gourley Bros, of Dundee, who built the Minto, have made a specialty of building seal hunters and whalers and ice steamers, the last named for the Russian government, for whom they built seven during the last few years."

The Russian Government is widely known as one of the most venal and corrupt in Christendom; and we are asked to believe that the Canadian Government have acted wisely because they have followed its example! Perhaps Mr. Lord will say whether or not the Cunard Line, or the White Star Line or any of the first-rate steamship companies ever had a first class vessel built by this Dundee Company? If we are not misinformed, the Russian Government did not give its order to the Dundee Company when it wanted a first-class ice-breaker,—the Ermack for example. It is reported that this vessel has "broken composed ice of 8 feet 3 inches in thickness, and has gone through field ice of 40 inches, with six inches of snow upon it, at a speed of two and a-half to three knots an hour; moreover, she has been driven at a speed of ten knots through clear ice of 24 inches, whilst ice under 18 inches has little effect upon her." Concerning this vessel Admiral Makaroff said: "A ship was wanted, which would be able to go into the Neva river, drawing 18 feet 6 inches. That ship was to break ice in the Baltic during winter, it was to be used in the same kind of occupation in the more northern regions in the summer."

They never asked what sort of ice was before them. They asked where the ice was, and then charged it. The ship had sometimes to go as fast as 15 knots and charge the ice. The Baltic ice was 2 feet 6 inches to 3 feet thick; the first ice they encountered in their polar trial was 7 feet thick." It will be interesting to note how the Minto will stand in comparison with the Russian vessel.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

—Big blizzard in Manitoba, yesterday!

—"Coming events cast their shadows before!"

—Dr. Lucas, in a letter to the Montreal Star, says: "When we are so free from the chains of partizanship as to stand ready to punish those who have deliberately deceived us for the sake of securing our votes, we will soon teach them that honesty is by far the best policy. When they have learned this their promise will be worth making an effort to obtain."

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