

**THE DAILY EXAMINER**

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**SIR LOUIS AND THE FRENCH.**

The government, of which Sir Louis Davies is such a prominent member, evidently feels that some explanation, some apology, is due the loyal electors of French extraction who live in Prince County. This is but natural, seeing that the vacant seat in the Senate to which they propose to elevate the Hon. John Yeo, M.P., was held by the late Honorable Joseph O. Arsenault. So we are not surprised to read in The Patriot of Saturday a telegram in explanation of the government's reason for passing over the heads of the French Canadian Liberals of the Province. We quote this telegram *verbatim et literatim*. It reads as follows:

Ottawa, March 19.

The appointment of John Yeo, M. P., to Senate, which is understood to be settled, is regarded with favor here. Mr. Yeo is not much of a talker but he has served his party well, without being offensive, and no doubt he will do his best possible to hold West Prince for Sir Louis Davies.

The appointment of a French speaking successor to Mr. Arsenault would have been gratifying to compatriots of the late Senator, but if Sir Louis could not find one whom he deemed suitable, the appointment of Mr. Yeo will not be condemned.

The plain English of this is that no French-Canadian in Prince County, or indeed in Prince Edward Island is deemed by Sir Louis Davies to be a fit successor of the late Mr. Arsenault. This is somewhat startling, if true. Senator Arsenault was certainly an able and an honest man; but we believe that our French-Canadian fellow citizens will not feel complimented by the imputation that he was the only one in Prince Edward Island fit to be trusted to take a seat in the Senate. We are not familiar with the French-Canadians who have all along supported Sir Louis Davies and sent the late Mr. Perry to the House of Commons on his behalf. It may be that Sir Louis has gauged them rightly. Residents of Tignish and Abraham's Village, and Fifteen Point and vicinity, will be able to say whether or not the estimate placed by Sir Louis Davies upon his French Canadian supporters is correct. But for the Liberal-Conservative French electors of this Province we must enter a protest. The cause assigned by the Government for ignoring the French-Canadians when making an appointment to the Senate is not true in so far as they are concerned. We could place our hands upon several French-Canadian gentlemen well qualified in every respect to succeed the late lamented Hon. Joseph O. Arsenault. The explanation telegraphed to the Patriot, from Ottawa, has, in so far as they are concerned, added insult to injury. "And no doubt Mr. Yeo will do his best possible to hold West Prince and East Prince to, for Sir Louis Davies." No doubt he will; and no doubt we shall soon see whether or not the spirit of the French-Canadian Liberals of West Prince is of that quality which licks the hand that smites.

Mr. John Yeo is a gentleman of wealth and great influence in Prince County. He has the coveted Senatorial appointment in his pocket. It is evidently expected by the government—vide the Patriot's Ottawa telegram—that he will "hold West Prince for Sir Louis Davies." Literal constituencies are regarded as mere counters for the knightly gentlemen who just now rule at Ottawa. We shall soon see whether or not the French-Canadians of Prince County will in obedience to Mr. Yeo's behest express their approval of the dictum of Sir Louis Davies who could not find "one" French-Canadian in Prince Edward Island whom he deemed fit to be a senator in succession to the late Hon. Joseph O. Arsenault.

WHERE DID THE MONEY COME FROM?  
 Upon reference to Hansard, we find that we did Hon. Mr. Tarte an injustice in stating that he admitted in Parliament that he had received the \$20,000 or \$30,000 from Mr. Greenshields. It was so stated, but not admitted by Mr. Tarte. The Patriot, of Saturday, quotes a statement of Mr. Greenshields to the effect that Hon. Mr. Tarte repaid him the the \$20,000 which he advanced as a mere temporary accommodation for the purchase of La Patrie for Mr. Tarte's sons. This makes the matter look somewhat better for Mr. Tarte. But the question arises—in view of Mr. Tarte's former impecuniosity and frequent protestations that he was financially poor—where did he get the money? How is it that being a poor man so long as he remained a Tory, he suddenly became rich enough to fork over \$20,000, or \$30,000 for a newspaper after he became a Liberal?

Prospectors in the Peace, Nelson, and Liard valleys report rich gold nuggets and a good country easy to traverse with plenty of fodder, and abundance of fish and game.

**NOTES AND COMMENTS**

—Sir Wilfrid's promises are like picurist.

—An order has been sent out to custom-collectors throughout the country to impose the duty of one-half cent a pound on fresh salmon, provided for in the Fielding tariff, but suspended by proclamation.

—A gentleman residing at the Westward says that the nomination of Mr. Bernard McLellan is a "forlorn hope." Nevertheless, the friends of Mr. Hackett ought to be active and on guard until after the election. The gentlemen who lead the government is the gentleman who invented the phrase "Human Devices."

—We are glad to note that agitation for a harbor of refuge at Naufrage has been renewed and we insert the Secretary's report of the meeting recently held in that regard with pleasure. But we fear that, as the seat for Kings is not vacant, this government will not find time to give the matter much attention. Just now, all the good promises are for the westward.

—We read in The Guardian that "The big deal will become a good thing for Newfoundland." This refers to the great monopoly recently obtained by Mr. Reid of mining and lumber lands in "Ye Ancient Colony." It is a new thing to read in a Liberal organ that a big monopoly may be a good thing for a country. Presently we shall also hear the Liberals exclaiming that Protection, altogether, is "a good thing." Well, Newfoundland is to have both protection and monopoly. We shall see how it will prosper.

—Montreal Gazette: Speaking at Lindsay, in 1896, Sir Wilfrid Laurier complained that in the Conservative Government of the day, Sir Hibbet Tupper, minister of justice, drawing a salary of \$7,000 a year, had an assistant at 4,000 a year, and a solicitor-general at a salary of \$5,000, and yet spent \$100,000 a year in legal fees. The Auditor-General's report shows that under Sir Wilfrid Laurier the same salary was paid to a minister of Justice as under the Conservative rule, that there was an assistant and a solicitor-general at unchanged rates of pay, and that \$101,409 was paid out in legal fees in a year. Sir-Wilfrid said the Conservative expenditure was corrupt and indefensible, and that it would not be maintained when he got into power. He is in power, and the expenditure is maintained.

—Montreal Witness: The wild rush for the Yukon gold field is probably equals anything that has ever been. Though nothing but disappointment awaits nine-tenths, and probably a much larger proportion, of the adventurers, still they are largely of the nation-making stuff and if they do not find gold in the form they look for it they will, many of them, find it where they do not think. The story of the old man's sons in the fable is apposite. Dying, he told them of a treasure hid in the ground of the farm. They sub-soiled the whole farm without unearthing it, but when they saw what crops followed that process they agreed that their father had kept his word with them. Canada has not only gold fields such as were never before known but she has farms waiting to be tilled, and the gold-seeking multitudes will stimulate the opening of these. It is there and not in Yukon, that real wealth will be made. It is a question if in gold fields the sowing is not on the average as heavy as the harvest, while on the prairies the harvest is many times the sowing.

**ESTEEMED EXCHANGES.**

Halifax Herald: Spain and the United States are the only two nations, civilized or claiming to be civilized, that refused to join the international agreement against privateering in time of war. In the event of actual hostilities between them, therefore, a period of "legalized piracy," as it were, might be expected on the Atlantic and elsewhere. It is not to be supposed, however, that either nation wishes to turn pirate in this age; and it is hard to believe that our neighbors will find a cause of war against Spain of which their calmer and better reason, and higher sense of justice and right, will approve.

Children's School suits just opened: 200 little suits opened yesterday to fit boys from 4 to 14 years old, solid all wool, wellmade for \$2.75; also 3 piece suits of the same goods for \$3.75.—Prowse Bros. 65 St.

**IN DEATH NOT SEPARATED**

Mrs. Minto and Her Son Died at the Finley House on Saturday

Two deaths under exceptionally sad circumstances occurred at the Finley House, Pownal Street, on Saturday afternoon. Claude Minto, aged 20 years, son of William Minto, E. Q., of Summerside, died at nine o'clock, and at eight o'clock the same evening his mother passed away. Both bodies were taken to Summerside this morning for interment.

Claude Minto was a student at the Charlottetown Business College, and was very popular with all who knew him. Nine days before his death he was attacked by influenza. Pneumonia followed which terminated fatally.

As soon as Mrs. Minto heard of her son's illness she came to town from Summerside to render all possible assistance. Mrs. Minto had not been in good health previous to leaving home, and not long after her arrival in the city she was herself prostrated by illness. Five hours after her son's death she breathed her last. Heart failure was the cause of death in her case. The shock caused by her son's death was evidently too great for her to bear. Mrs. Minto was 56 years of age.

Yesterday afternoon and evening great numbers of people called at the Finley House to view the bodies and sympathize with the bereaved husband and father. The coffins were covered with floral tributes prominent among which was a beautiful crescent from Principal Miller and a cross from the students of the Charlottetown Business College.

A Saginaw, Michigan despatch reports that William Savage, L. Bradt and H. Savage returned home from the Klondike after an absence of eight months. Bradt, a former recorder and assistant prosecuting attorney, says Klondike is a hard country. Men have been there twelve years and found nothing. It is a rich country, but it requires the hardest kind of work to get the gold. All the claims are taken for forty miles in the gold belt. Everything is peaceful, and there will be no starvation. They brought a few hundred dollars in nuggets, and sold some dust, but decline to say how much they found. They will organize a company and sell their claims if possible.

The Welsh colliery owners are having a good time. The British Admiralty have placed large contracts and orders are rolling in from private steamship owners. British coaling nations all along the long route to the far East are now overflowing with coal. The Italian Government has just contracted with British firms for the entire coal supply of the Italian fleet for the remainder of this year. The Italian newspapers explain this course, which is very unusual, as being due to the fear of certain international complications which may possibly occur in the course of the late spring or early in the summer.

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**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH.**

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The singing during the service was by the choir of the Sodality, the Mother Superior presiding at the organ and Miss Della Walker playing the violin. The vocal solos were taken by Misses Katie Higgins, and Sarah Trainor. The musical portion of the service was excellent in every respect, reflecting the greatest credit upon the choir and their capable instructor the Mother Superior of St. Joseph's.

The decorations were in the highest degree artistic, and could not fail to please the most critical observer.

**NEWS NOTES.**

The exports from Canada to Great Britain during the month of February were, says a cable to the Toronto Telegram as follows: Cattle, 1,916, value £33,822; sheep, 1,670, value £2,027; bacon, 14,326 cwt, value £23,917; ham, 2,228 cwt, value £4,545; butter, 1,910 cwt, value £3,212; horses, 140, value £3,160.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Times minimizes the significance of the Russian naval credit. He says: "The sum is not so large, in view of the fact that it is to be spread over the next seven years. The Minister of Marine, Admiral Tyrtoff, asked 200,000,000 rubles six months ago, but owing to budget considerations, only 90,000,000 were granted, which practically exhausts the free balance."

Charles H. Chandler, said to be a millionaire, lately released from the penitentiary at Kingston. He is the owner of property to that amount in the North west and was sentenced to ten years in Stony Mountain prison for being concerned in a fraudulent land deal. While in the prison he was treated indulgently and finally escaped, making his way to South America. He was decoyed to Canada again, and arrested, finishing his sentence in the Kingston penitentiary. He paid \$100 per week alimony to his wife, who had entered a suit for a divorce.

The New York Sun's London correspondent calls attention to the importance of Mr. Goschen's announcement that in case of hostilities the Channel Squadron would not be limited to channel defence. There are enough vessels in the second line to protect the ports; and the somewhat noted squadron is available for offensive work. With the exception of the British Mediterranean fleet, it is the most powerful collection of warships under one command. It includes eight battleships, the Casar, Jupiter, Magnificent, Majestic, Mars, Prince George, Repulse, and Resolution, and the cruisers Arrogant, Blake, Blenheim, Charybdis, and Pelorus. Some of these are the most powerful ships afloat; all of them are the first rank. They form but a section of the naval power of Great Britain; but it is doubtful if any other country could get together a fleet that could meet them on even terms.

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