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THE PASSING OF FATHER DUNCAN

It will be seen from an article in this issue that the Indians of New Metlakatla are proving themselves an ungrateful lot and that the United States government is backing them up in their ingratitude. After devoting the best part of his life to their intellectual growth and their material welfare, Father Duncan is to be incontinentally shelved. Everyone who reads this will feel deeply grieved.

Father Duncan, a young graduate from Dublin University, came out to this part of the province as a missionary and for some years labored among the Indians of the Skeena and the interior. Fifty-seven years ago he started a mission of his own across Prince Rupert harbor, and labored there for thirty years. By that time his plans for the advancement of the Indians had matured and he felt his efforts were being cribbed, cabined and confined by the red tape of the Canadian government. Then he applied to the United States government and they gave him for his purpose Annette Island. What the result has been is history.

Separated entirely from contaminating white influences, his community at New Metlakatla has prospered in a wonderful degree. The church and educational buildings, the workshops and the cozy homes and gardens from such a complete scene of community prosperity as is rarely if ever seen. In all books of tourist travel to the north New Metlakatla has for years held a foremost place as one of the show places of Southeastern Alaska. The trained carpenters and other workmen he has turned out from his schools are welcomed by employers everywhere along the coast. They are so sober and steady, so courteous and such masters of their tools that they are often preferred to whites at such large places as the Treadwell mines. How does this compare with Old Metlakatla or any other of the Canadian agencies, many of whom may have had mission-

ary ministrations for a similar length of time?

Yet these Indians who owe all they know of advancement to Father Duncan would now thrust him on one side like a squeezed orange. He is in his eighty-fourth year and has devoted fifty-seven of these years to the spiritual and intellectual growth of these Indians. Fifty-seven years of self-sacrifice and devotion altogether ignored. It is a pity and a shame. They might have bottled up their ambitious impatience for but a little while, and permitted him to end his labors where he started them, beloved and revered by all thinking people.

THAT LITTLE RIFT WITHIN THE LUTE.

The Medicine Hat, Times sternly rebukes Hon. Dr. Roche, minister of the interior, for spending his time making election speeches in support of the Roblin government instead of in the administration of his department. The Times, being a Conservative paper, does not so greatly object to Dr. Roche speaking for the Roblin government, though that political offence alone should be bad enough, but it believes that there is much of unfinished business in the department to keep any administrator busy most of the time.

For instance, not very long ago Dr. Roche visited Medicine Hat and other points in the west and at the Hat and elsewhere was waited upon by delegations who urged a rebate of pre-emption duties. The usual departmental consideration was promised. Months elapsed and no action has been taken.

"This conduct is apt to injure the interests of the Conservative party, which we all hold very close to our hearts."

That is straight talk from a Conservative paper.

The Times closes its editorial with the wise saying that, "We do not believe in federal cabinet ministers busying themselves with provincial elections anyway. They should attend to their own work of administering their departments."

How about the Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of the interior and election agent in chief?

GROWING ANTAGONISM BETWEEN NATIONALISTS AND LABORITES

TRADE UNION CONGRESS TO DISCUSS THE DUBLIN SITUATION WITH LARKIN—REDMOND WARNED NOT TO ANTAGONIZE VOTE OF WORKINGMEN.

London, Nov. 17.—James Larkin's invasion of the English labor world, which began at Manchester yesterday, is chiefly notable for his ecstatic exclamation "Damn the British Empire," and his sneers at the British labor leaders. The critical moment will come tomorrow when the Trade Union Congress will meet to discuss the Dublin situation with Larkin and the deputation from the Dublin Trades Council. The English leaders are using all their influence to discourage sympathetic English strikes, as they are bound to end in anarchy and disaster to labor's best interests.

All the same, the growing antagonism between the Nationalists and Laborites may have grave political consequences. The chief English Labor organ

and Reynolds newspaper attack Nationalist capitalists in Dublin for callous disregard of grievances of the Dublin workers, and warns Mr. Redmond and other leaders of the serious consequences of alienating the English labor vote. The Times strikes the same note when it says:

"The cynicism which actually led Mr. Redmond to boast of the wealth and prosperity of Dublin when that city is on the verge of temporary ruin, when thousands of its people are near starvation, when 70,000 of its inhabitants are dwelling in one room tenements, may go far toward undoing himself and his party. Mr. Redmond deliberately proclaims at such a moment the riches of Dublin, but does not move a finger to relieve the misery of its citizens."

SHOULD STARBOARD AND PORT BE RETAINED IN SHIP ORDERS?

OLD CONTROVERSY REVIVED AT MEETING OF VANCOUVER SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION—HOLD TERMS ARE MISNOMERS.

The old controversy, which has recently been revived by an order issued to the U. S. navy by the secretary of the navy, Mr. Daniels, over the nautical expressions "starboard" and "port" was tentatively discussed by the members of the Vancouver Shipmasters' Association at its meeting recently. No action was taken.

Captain Wilbur emphatically denounced the present "starboard" and "port" orders as misnomers and antiquated. They did not mean what they said. When a man rolled the wheel to starboard a ship should go that way. He believed that if the new rule was adopted simultaneously all over the world the younger generation of seafaring men would catch on to it at once and the

older generation would after a time.

"If the new rule was passed and you were told tomorrow to put your wheel to starboard, instinct would probably tell you to put your wheel to port," said Captain McLennan, the president, who thought the change would lead to quite a number of accidents. The French had tried the "left" and "right" principle and had made a mess of it. It had been tried in the Suez Canal, but had not been a success.

Captain Stewart believed that on the whole it was now in the most workable shape, although he agreed that the expressions were misnomers.

The discussion inevitably merged into a controversy about the rule of the road on land.

UNCOVERING POLICE GRAFT IN NEW YORK

City Again in Throes of Another Scandal in Connection with the "Finest"

New York, Nov. 15.—District Attorney Whitman confirmed today the report that he had obtained from a gang purporting to steal wireless messages, confessions involving the payment of a civilian in high authority at police headquarters, a police inspector, and at least two lieutenants. Many hundreds of thousands of dollars, Mr. Whitman said, had been obtained by the swindlers, under police protection. Ten per cent. of this sum and a fixed retainer of \$2,500 a month, according to the confessions, had been divided among the police officials involved.

George McRae, confessor-in-chief of the five who have bared their records to Mr. Whitman, is authority for a statement that a Chicago woman whose identity is known to the district attorney, was fleeced out of \$400,000 during several months by the gang in this city and that the police received 10 per cent. of this sum.

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SULZER WILL GO ON LECTURE PLATFORM

Deposed Governor of New York is to Deliver Series of Addresses On Tammany

New York, Nov. 17.—Former Governor Sulzer will start on a lecture tour of the leading cities Saturday, Nov. 22, delivering a series of lectures in the largest auditoriums available. Sulzer's tour will be directed by R. E. Johnston, who has gained very much success in the concert and lecture field.

The topic of the lecture will be the "Treason of Tammany," and Sulzer will tell the full story of the alleged plot through which he was removed from the office of governor.

The opening lecture will be at Buffalo, and extend to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle.

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WILL BE NO STRIKE

Board of Conciliation Fixes Up Matters Amicably.

Ottawa, Nov. 15.—The threatened strike of the longshoremen at St. John, N. B., which would have tied up shipping at the opening of the winter season, has been averted. Word was received yesterday that the board of conciliation which was appointed last week to investigate the trouble had recommended terms of a settlement to the companies and men involved and these recommendations have been accepted by all concerned.

Old King Cole.

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