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The first thing that strikes one on visiting the House at Victoria is the bored look of Premier McBride. The fascination of power and position has passed away as well as the desire for great wealth. All these passions he has glutted to the full and he longs for new worlds to conquer. Consequently the tame position of a provincial premier is getting on his nerves.

It is a well known fact in well informed circles that the premier would bolt at once if it were not for the pressure of his friends. They know too well that it requires Dick's smoothness to keep the mob from open revolt. Everybody knows that McBride is anything but a strong man. He has, however, the same influence of a good cook in the home. He can dish the coarse products of Bully Bowser in such a way that many people cannot see that they are eating to their own damnation.

Sir Richard has had great ambitions to become premier of Canada. Some of his friends at Ottawa, too, once thought him a possibility. But he visited the capital and the moment he opened his mouth he put his foot in it. Of late he has been casting longing glances toward the high commissioner'ship, but his friends won't let him speak. The powers at Ottawa perhaps would be glad to see him securely placed on the shelf, for their own position is not too secure. The Tories of British Columbia, however, won't let

him go, so Dick sulks and looks bored.

Perhaps this explains his recent railway policy. Certainly such conduct can only be explained as courting defeat. Bob Rogers turned down this request of the C. N. R., and Bob Rogers no doubt still likes his price. It remained for smooth Dick to take on the most unpopular issue in Canada. He has tied down the people of British Columbia to a railway liability of almost two hundred millions. He did this against the most bitter protests of his friends. Why did Dick do this?

There can be only one explanation. Sir Dick wants to quit British Columbia politics. If he left at present the party would blame him for defeat. Accordingly he is boring holes through the hull in order that he may strand the old Tory ship, and then he will be free. In the meantime the country must suffer from the unpopular and suicidal legislation that he is using to bring about his own downfall.

The best element of the Conservative party is up in arms against the McBride railway policy. Besides that the British financiers have expressed their entire disapproval. A British banker at present in Victoria has consented to take the platform in opposition thereto. With all these discordant elements it is no wonder that friends of that party have the gravest fears for its early downfall.



## CANADIAN PACIFIC WRECK AT MOUNTAIN, ONT.

The upper picture shows the ditched coaches of the C.P.R. Montreal-to-Toronto express, wrecked at Mountain, Ont., about 100 miles west of Montreal, on the 17th of February. The only passenger in the cars hurt was Mr. E. Bowles of New York. The lower picture shows the engine, which turned a complete somersault. Robert Grant, of Montreal, the engineer, was found dead with his hand on the throttle.

## British and Foreign News

The English courts have found the White Star line liable for losses due to the sinking of the Titanic.

Paul de Reals, a French aviator, was killed at Versailles on recently by a fall from a height of 600 feet when he was experimenting with a new biplane.

The Montreal Daily Mail says: Sir Ernest Shackleton announces a secret gift of \$175,000 for his polar expedition. Which kills the story that Andrew Carnegie gave the money.

London news agents complain of increasing difficulty in getting boys to deliver morning newspapers. It is stated that the school authorities will not allow boys of school age to take the papers around.

A memorial tablet has been erected in Second Presbyterian church, Chicago, to honor a deceased sexton of that church. For fifty-one years this faithful church officer performed, as a sacred duty, the work of keeping the church comfortable for worship.

Glasgow is to have a memorial of Carlyle in the shape of a large block of Dumfriesshire granite, bearing a profile medallion and the inscription "Thomas Carlyle," with the titles of his most celebrated books.

Farmers in Devonshire and West Somersetshire, England, are again organizing for a combined shoot next month of wood pigeons, which are said to do

great damage to the early crops in that part of the country. It is expected that 1600 men will take part in the shoot in one Devon district alone.

At South Bethlehem, Pa., Monday, Mrs. Bridget Dougherty Curran celebrated her 107th birthday at the home of her daughter. She enjoys good health and is in possession of all her faculties. Mrs. Curran, who was born in Ireland in 1807, has four sisters living, the youngest of whom is 82. Her mother lived to be more than 102 years old.

A lunatic at Richmond asylum declared he had hidden £200 on the shore of Balbriggan, but the statement was regarded as evidence of his disordered mind. He was so persistent in his assertions, however, that the authorities took him in a taxi cab to Balbriggan, where he went to a recess in the rocks and disclosed two bags containing £183 in gold.

The Carnegie library at North Field, Worcestershire, six miles south of Birmingham, was destroyed last week by an arson squad of militant suffragettes. All the books were burned and only the shell of the building was left standing.

For warming the hands there has been invented a small, perforated tube containing an asbestos pad within which is a wick to be soaked in benzine and ignited.

Port Edward has a total docking length of 16,960 feet. 471

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### How He Managed It

I was in an awkward predicament yesterday morning," said a husband to another. "How was that?" "Why, I came home late, and my wife heard me and said, 'John, what time is it?' and I said 'only twelve, my dear,' and just then that cuckoo clock of ours sang out three times." "What did you do?" "Why, I just had to stand there and cuckoo nine times more."

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