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WILL THE SENATE THROW IT OUT?

The tariff commission bill passed the House of Commons by an almost unprecedented majority, but a prominent member of the Senate told a Journal man to-day that the bill will not be allowed to go through.

The Senate is a body of co-ordinate authority, and extremely sensitive to its authority in relation to the House of Commons. It can reject any bill that is not a money bill, and even at that it can reject the Supply Bill, en bloc, though it cannot amend the bill.

The Senator to whom I was talking was very indignant over the tariff commission bill and declared they would reject it. "Why," he said, "do you suppose that the Borden Government is in power?" "Well," the reply was, "the country has that impression."

"Just wait," the Senator answered, "and see us throw out this tariff commission bill. We have a majority proper one, we will exercise judgment if we do not think that bill a merit."

A NEW CHINA

The Manchu dynasty retires from the empire of China, and gives way to a Chinese republic. The child emperor, Pu Yi abdicated the throne on Monday, and Sun Yat Sen, a naturalized American becomes the President of a great republic with the union of the Manchus, Chinese, Mongols, Mohammedans, and Tibetans, that go to make up the peoples of that great country to be hereafter known as the republic of China.

minated in the abdication of the emperor and the establishment of the republic. It seems rather strange that a naturalized American should be the first president of the republic of China, but he well represents the advancement of ideas in the ancient land that have been gradually working their way into the Chinese mind.

HOME RULE PROSPECTS

The failure of the comedy of errors which Carson promised in Ulster, indicates that Home Rule may be passed by the present Government. Indeed it looks as if the Irish Nationalists were very near their goal. It is wonderful to see how this hope has been cherished, and how near it seemed of realization of several generations of politicians.

The bill proposed by the present Government appears to conserve all the rights of the Imperial Government. It will prepare the way for the union of the different sections of the British Isles similar to the Canadian Federation. It is apparently the only solution of a long and vexed question. It is impossible that the first Parliament in the world should have its time taken day after day for the discussion of parish and paro-

chial questions, as the time of the British parliament has been taken since the days of Parnell. Mr. Parnell determined to make legislation impracticable and parliament unendurable until Irish grievances were redressed. He and his followers succeeded to a most unusual degree. New and undreamed of methods of closure were introduced to make possible the carrying of legislation through parliament. Fresh methods of coercion were devised by Liberal ministries to govern a discontented people, after the Home Rule Bill of '86. Now all this may be changed. The warm regard of the Irish nation for the Crown is perhaps no longer to be impeded by dislike to the British parliament; the tragedy of Irish history is in a fair way to be concluded and a better era ushered in.

TROUBLE COMING FOR BORDEN

His friends complain that they cannot count on Mr. Borden; his opponents say that they can—they can always count on his doing the wrong thing in the most awkward way. He is in the hands of forces that are both clumsy and malignant, and his government is one that apparently can neither see nor feel. These malignant forces make tinder of everything he touches. The plague spots of his government have many names—no temper, navy, Manitoba boundary, etc. The appetite of his followers is whetted and their enthusiasm aroused as they see some gorging themselves, but still it is always doubtful whether they will salute their leader with laurel wreaths or motions of want of confidence. His government is very young, but the wrinkles are already much in evidence, and everything is approached in a careworn fashion, and dodged with the stiff jointed and angular movements of age. The ministry is already greatly concerned about the morrow. It stands trembling on every brink, and not only does it refuse to sound the depths or fathom the flood, but it refuses to ford the shallows with its prudent steps.

The problems Mr. Borden is so weakly dodging will accumulate and entwine themselves in such a tangled coil that they can be loosened only like a Gordian knot. He has proved utterly unable to overcome the foothills of difficulty, and yet the mountains are before him. It is absolutely without parallel in the history of this country, and the country must stand still while the experiment is being tried—an experiment that is foredoomed to failure. It is a curious dilemma. Pursue what course he will—sleep with his lamp with the bigoted or watch by his lamp with the bigoted Tories—for him there is no wisdom and no ray of light upon the problems which must ultimately brush aside the most futile government this country has ever known.

BRITISH POLITICAL PREDICTIONS

(From the British Weekly.) We advance two propositions: 1. The Government will succeed in carrying Home Rule and Welsh Disestablishment, without any serious diminution of their following. 2. Whenever these measures are safely sent through the House of Commons, their existence will be powerfully cohesive, and will keep together the sections of the Progressive party till the Bills become law.

OTHER TOWNS BENEFIT

Whitby gets an asylum from the Ontario Government; the town of Barrie will have a militia camp on its borders; other towns also get rich "plums" from both governments, but Lindsay gets nothing but promises and assurances. Is it not time that our representatives at both Toronto and Ottawa pressed Lindsay's claims with a little more vigor? Surely we are entitled to a little more consideration than towns half our size. Lindsay's advantages as a desirable location for public institutions cannot be emphasized too strongly. We are admirably situated in the heart of the finest section of the province, and this in itself, should be a strong factor in inducing the government to consider our claims for recognition.

CANADA AND THE PANAMA CANAL

Canada has expended more than \$100,000,000 to provide ship canals from the Atlantic Ocean to the Great Lakes. It is a larger expenditure relative to population or resources than the United States will meet at Panama. The cost of maintenance and improvements are relatively larger. Nevertheless, American vessels are allowed to go toll-free through these costly Canadian waterways. The American tonnage through the Welland canal is larger than the Canadian. The tonnage of both countries through the American and Canadian canals at the Soo is larger than that of the

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Suez and larger than that will be at Panama. But Canada rejects the policy of cost-tolls or profit-tolls where they could be so easily collected. It adopts the policy of making its artificial waterways as free as the seas. The United States does the same with its canals at the Soo.

Can the United States afford to adopt a Panama canal policy less generous to Canada or the nations than the Canadian Canal policy is to the United States? Protests are being made in the Dominion Parliament against preferential tolls for the American ships in the Panama canal. Canada has a right to protest. It has an equal right to ask for a canal with out tolls and this country will perform a world service of greater profit to itself than can be computed in money by adopting the policy of a free canal.

CONDITION OF GETTING A GRAFT

If there is anything you want at Ottawa, just make a noise like a Nationalist, and you are in a fair way of having it presented to you on a silver salver—you to keep the salver. The last gentleman of Nationalist persuasion to be presented with a nice fat job is no less a person than Mr. Ducharme, president of Le Devoir, the Nationalist organ of which Mr. Henri Bourassa is managing editor. Mr. Ducharme was, of course, the nominee of Hon. F. D. Monk who is also one of the owners of Le Devoir and the job he obtained for his Nationalist pet was one of the three Civil Service Commissionerships. A great combination that! Nationalist, Bourassa, Monk. And to think of all the things that the English Conservatives of Quebec and Ontario are saying under their breaths at the idea of Bourassa thus bossing the job. —Saturday Night.

JOTTINGS FROM PLEASANT POINT

(Special to The Post.) A large number from here took in the carnival in Lindsay last week and all seem pleased with the outing. The sale of farm stock and implements of Mr. P. McGlynn was largely attended on Friday. The things went rather cheap, however. On Monday evening of last week, some seventy-five or eighty invited guests assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fox, and spent a very enjoyable night in dancing and card playing.

Miss Leta Brien has returned after spending a week with friends on the Scotch Line. Mr. Jos. Greer was moved to the Ross Hospital in Lindsay last week, to be treated for his recent illness. We all hope that he will have a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Endicott spent Sunday under her parental roof. Miss M. E. Brien, of the R. M. H. staff, spent Saturday night under the parental roof here.

1500 Bar Licenses

An interesting illustration of the progress towards temperance throughout Ontario, is contained in the annual report of the License Department of the Province. In 1874, Ontario had 6,000 bar licenses, with a little over a million population. In 1911, there were slightly over 1,500 licenses for nearly double the population of 1874.

GEO. FOSTER'S WHISKERS TRIMMED

(Toronto Star.) Of course, if a Government is aparring for wind, it can make a debate last as long as it likes. The tariff commission debate has already lasted long enough to alter the character of George Eulas Foster's whiskers.

George Foster's whiskers are a national affair. Think of the agitation in newspaper offices all over Canada when the news filters in! Every Ottawa correspondent will get a wire to send the latest photograph. Cartoonists from Vancouver to Halifax will make haste to study the new point of view. Leader writers will look behind the changed mask, shrewdly surmising a change of heart of which this is the outward and visible sign.

They will be right. There has been a change of heart. Foster has made up his mind that he will grow younger from now on. What are a few whiskers if you can throw the years in the dump along with them? If the Minister of Trade and Commerce keeps flaking off the burden of time as he has done in the last few months, no one need be surprised to see him presently taking part in sleighing parties and singing college songs. Such is the relief a Cabinet Minister feels when his post combines dignity, emoluments and nothing particular to do.

ONE OR TWO MORALS

Don't get impatient if we draw a lesson or two from George Foster's altered whiskers. Sterne in his Sentimental Journey devotes a whole chapter to whiskers. Surely you can brook a rambling paragraph. Pascal says that if Cleopatra's nose had been an inch shorter, the whole face of the world would have been different. It is a profound reflection. Is it unreasonable, then, to assume that the Foster metamorphosis will have an effect on Canada?

No one can tell yet how it will work out, but some eager observers are already proclaiming results. Briefly, their conclusion is that the less whiskers Foster has the less he will have to say. And this is strange because his jaws are that much lighter. He has no whiskers now to scratch his ears in his rapid and brilliant perorations. However that may be, Foster has shown real interest in only two discussions this session—the grain bill in which he sought to prove, unsuccessfully, that Manitoba No. 1 Hard by any other name, would sell as wheat, and the tariff commission.

But the thing goes deeper than the sources of speech. People who look below the talcum-powdered surface, see there a radical change in the man's nature. To make the matter plain, I must describe the difference between the old whiskers and the new. You all remember the old set? Yes? Well, to put it bluntly, they were "scraggy." They had the unpruned look of a forest before the conservers have got at it. All the undergrowth was there, and the foliage strayed out of bounds. All New Brunswick whiskers are originally of that sort, and that way they remain unless the barber has his will of them. Foster has had that kind of whiskers for sixty years. He never believed—until the other day—in letting any barber get the best of them. From pink they might turn to grizzled grey, but their outline, their tout ensemble, their miss-en-scene, always remained the same. In Leviticus there is a curse for the man who cuts the corners off his beard, probably because it changes his appearance so that people who owe him money don't know him when they see him coming. At any rate, Foster never cut the corners of his beard. He didn't think it was right. Ottawa and Toronto came to regard George Foster's whiskers as a thing constant, as constant, say, as the law of gravitation, and a little more constant than the system of moderate protection.

THE WRONG SIGN OUT. But that was where they were all wrong. Having thought over and behind them for forty years, George Foster came to the conclusion that his whiskers represented immoderate protection—he had too much and too many of them—so sooner than have his government under suspicion because he had the wrong sign out, he determined to have part of his whiskers off. What of the Foster whiskers are left now may be said to symbolize adequate protection—just enough to get along with—and if whiskers show which way the wind blows the Borden government may carry this policy out.

To become technical for a moment. The new Foster whisker leaves the buccinator, super-maxillary and sub-maxillary outfit of speaking muscles clear of furze, brushwood and other entangling alliances. No doubt if Foster could get rid of the Nationalists so easily, he would do it. The clearing extends on each side of the face to the outer circumference of the chin, where it stops as abruptly

as a member of the Dominion Alliance at a bar room door. In other words, George Foster has shaved his jaw clean, leaving just enough spinach on his chin to trim to a peak. It's not a Vanduyke and it's not an Imperial. Neither is it a Henri Quatre, but something betwixt and between—perhaps a Henri-Deux-et-Demi.

The net effect of this new fashion of Foster's is one of gay but subdued deviltry. Imagine a faded Mephistopheles in spectacles—there you have him! It will interest students of such things to learn that the Foster skin, where the whiskers used to be, the skin that the sun did not see for forty years, is as white and delicate as a babe's. In a younger man a change of whiskers might signify that he was in love. Foster's whiskers simply mean that his load of care has been shifted and lightened. From Foster's whiskers we draw the happiest augury for Foster and for Canada. Watch them both!

OAKWOOD SEVEN DEFEATED REABORO

Friday afternoon at the skating rink, Oakwood and Reaboro came together in a ding-dong struggle to decide which was the better team. A week ago Reaboro trimmed Oakwood seven and since then the rivalry between the two hamlets has been bubbling like a geyser. The followers of both teams crowded the rink yesterday and shouted themselves hoarse in urging their favorites to deeds of valor. The excitement was intense, and it is doubtful if a Wanderer-Ottawa struggle aroused any more enthusiasm than did this struggle.

The game could not be called a class one insofar as combined team playing was concerned. There was too much individual work on the part of the players who seemed to be all anxious to score a goal. The team from Mariposa capital had the speed, and what little combination was played. The Reaboroites appeared to be somewhat demoralized. There forwards did not work together at all and they were defective in shooting. Young Stacey on the Oakwood team was speedy, while Jimmy Thorndyke on the defence uncorked occasional bursts of speed of the Leon Koyl brand. Dr. Dale was in the nets and successfully diagnosed everything which came his way, with the exception of three shots, which eluded him. Cunningham and McGee showed up well on the opposing team.

H. McConnell handled the "tinkler" and gave good satisfaction. The first half ended 3-0 in favor of Oakwood, and the total was 5-3. The teams were as follows: Oakwood—Dale goal, Thorndyke point, Gardner cover point; Hicks rover; Stacey centre; Weldon and Thorndyke wings.

RAISE TEN MILLIONS FOR AGED PASTORS

(Special to The Post.) Philadelphia, Feb. 17—A plan to raise a fund of \$10,000,000 for the support of aged clergymen of the Presbyterian church may be the outcome of a conference, which is being held between a sub-committee of the general assembly, and the board of managers of the sustentation fund for the support of ministers more than 70 years of age.

The subject under discussion is the facilitation of the sustentation fund, which has an endowment of several thousand dollars, and the Board of Ministerial Relief, which has a fund of \$2,000,000. If the two boards are united a new system of insurance will be begun against poverty of ministers in their old days. The plan will be based on that of the life insurance companies, and the cost to the minister who begins his payment

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Taken To Gull Lake

Peterboro Review: The staunch steamer so familiar to frequenting the river and lakes, has been sold to Mr. Windover, and the boat will be taken up the lakes in the neighborhood of Gull Lake as soon as navigation opens. The decision to dispose of the craft soon as possible, and it passed into good hands.

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