

CANNED MUSIC

During the late war with Spain, General Miles, at that time ostensibly the Commander-in-Chief of the Army in America, got himself into all sorts of trouble by saying that the troops were being served with canned meat, referring to the meat done up in cans and sold for the use of the Army, says Washington. Of course he had in mind the age of the prepared article, as well as the chemicals used for preserving the meat. This was before the days of pure food laws, and at a time when it is claimed the packers went upon the theory that any old thing was good enough to eat, and that some chemical preservatives are actually beneficial to health.

"Canned Music" does not stand in this class. Some of the old songs may be old, in fact some of them are old, for they were written by such eminent composers as Handel and Haydn and Meyerbeer and Gluck, but they are as fresh and as young as they were when they were first given to the public, and the music accompanying them, rendered by the orchestras and bands of Europe and America, has been canned, and so perfectly has the work been done that when served up from the can they are almost equal to the best produced in the opera house.

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MR. BORDEN'S CABINET

The Ottawa Journal is one Conservative paper which sees trouble for Mr. Borden in the formation of his cabinet. The Journal points out that of the twenty-six representatives from Quebec, six are English speaking straight Conservatives and the other twenty are Nationalists or Monk Conservatives. Hence it is figured out that Mr. Borden's majority over the Liberals is very small. With regard to the cabinet, the Journal says that there should be three French-Canadian members, but its information is that everyone of the twenty French-Canadian Conservatives or Nationalists is directly pledged against naval expenditure. How can Mr. Borden take any of these into his cabinet? How can he take Mr. Monk, who, though half English, is also opposed to the navy? The Toronto Mail and Empire which doubtless expresses the views of Ontario Conservatives, has made a cabinet slate which includes Mr. Perley, Mr. Doherty, and Mr. Monk; but Mr. Monk is against the navy and it is difficult to see how he or any French-Canadian member would be acceptable to Mr. Borden. The Ottawa Journal reminds its readers that, when a committee was appointed to arrange for a great Conservative convention last

year the French-Canadian members delivered an ultimatum that unless it was agreed that no resolution should be offered on the naval question, not a French-Canadian Conservative would attend, and on this account the convention was abandoned. It is perfectly clear, either that the French-Canadian Conservatives and Nationalists must abandon their opposition to the navy, which they have declared they will not do, or the French-Canadians will be practically without representation in the cabinet of Mr. Borden. It is needless to observe that this would mean trouble for Mr. Borden.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT

(Hamilton Spectator)

Mayor Lees, after listening to addresses extolling the commission form of municipal government, returns from Chicago, still unconvinced that such a system is any improvement upon our town. His idea is that our system is all right, provided we elect the right sort of representatives. Incidentally almost any sort of system might work acceptably if the right sort of men were always sure of election, as the best system to be devised would surely fail were incompetents placed in control.

The Spectator has favored Commission rule for cities of size because we believe strict business methods should apply in their management and we have yet to hear of any other municipal system where that is the case, not excepting our own patchwork affair of controllers-aldermen. When Mayor Lees has been in municipal life a few years he will discover that it is practically impossible to secure a safe majority of the right sort of representatives. Sometimes, through rare good fortune, we are able to induce enough of the right sort to offer themselves as candidates, and there are occasions, by rarer good fortune, that we are able to elect these men. Ordinarily, however, it is the other way.

There are very few capable men in Canadian cities, as situated as to be able to give of their time as it should be given to manage municipal business as it should be managed. That is why we voted for a board of control where we felt we could be assured of at least four capable business managers looking after our municipal interests on salary. But while the board of control is an improvement on the old aldermanic system, it has its weak spots, and is by no means the ideal system. And in spite of the fact that Mayor Lees cannot see any advantage in the commission form of government over our own system, we still have faith in the experience of cities that have experimented with the commission system, proved it and found it exceedingly good.

AN AMERICAN VIEW

The Rochester Post-Express says: "The result of the Canadian elections was the overwhelming defeat of Premier Laurier and the policy of Reciprocity. Even the leaders of the Conservative party are astounded; not one of them, even in his wildest and most enthusiastic moments, predicted such a landslide.

"As we said yesterday, Reciprocity would have been a blessing to both countries, but the failure of Reciprocity will bring ruin to neither. Certainly the United States can get along without that free trading which was offered; ninety-two million people are not going bankrupt because they cannot sell a little more of their products to nine million people; the difference per capita is too small to worry about. But sooner or later Canada will find that a great barrier to international trade is enormously to her disadvantage.

"The most unfortunate thing is that the defeat of Reciprocity stops all progress toward that better understanding, that more cordial friendship between the Americans and Canadians which the Americans so ardently desired. Our olive branch is rejected and each country must go its own way. "It did not seem possible to us that the Canadian people could be influenced by the cry of 'annexation.' Nobody in this country wanted to annex Canada. Furthermore, nobody here contributed a dollar to influence a Canadian vote. And yet hundreds of Canadian newspapers published the

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most astounding charges in the wildest and most reckless manner, and not only wrought up the people to a high pitch of excitement, but actually convinced them that their nationality was in danger. We have exciting elections in this country now and then, but not in half a century has there been in American politics such distortion, such misrepresentation, such absolute silliness as have characterized the Canadian campaign just closed. If some Canadian newspaper had said that an American army was marching to the capture of Canada half the Canadian people would have believed it. And yet there should not have been the slightest doubt in the mind of any Canadian about the friendly purposes of the United States. No hostile act had been committed; no aggressions had been planned, no unkind words had been spoken. Our purpose was friendly, our offer was generous, our recognition of Canadian nationality was complete. N

less Reciprocity is defeated, because the Canadians were afraid they were going to be annexed. Could anything be more absurd?"

THE POWER OF ORGANIZED WEALTH

The power of organized wealth to give effect to its desire is greater than many realized before last Thursday. The change that has taken place in industrial conditions has placed enormous power in the hands of a few men. Instead of a multitude of small industries as we had thirty years ago, we have a few great centralized industries, linked up with the banking and transportation agencies, and the power to give or withhold employment to wage earners is thus placed in the hands of a few men belonging to the millionaire group. This condition places the votes of artisans and laborers at the disposal, in a critical election, of employing corporations. And the power of the great majority of these corporations was used to the limit last Thursday. Employees were openly told, as at Ottawa, that their bread and butter was at stake. Elsewhere, the last pay envelope held out in one factory is said to have contained a notice to the same effect. At Cobourg announcement was publicly made that certain factories would close Friday if Reciprocity was approved Thursday. These circumstances are sufficient to explain the practically solid vote at the industrial centres.—Sun.

WITHDRAW THE BYLAW

Owing to the decisive vote recorded on Friday the suggestion is thrown out that the Council withdraw the proposed vote on the by-law to purchase the local power plant. This would avoid a needless expense, as the verdict of the people Friday illustrates that the other proposition would not be favorably considered by the citizens.

Another important consideration is the fact that the withdrawal of the vote would give the Seymour Power Co. an opportunity to get down to work on the local plant and affect changes which will be of great assistance to the citizens. Nothing can be gained by submitting the other by-law.

CANADA'S NEW MINISTRY

Chicago British America While American eagerness for annexation was greatly overestimated by many Canadians, during the late elections, there is no doubt that the masses of the people on this side were

serenely confident that Reciprocity would be triumphantly endorsed by the voters across the border. The sweeping defeat of the Pact was one of the big surprises of Uncle Sam's stirring career. President Tatt's amazement and disappointment were reflected in the minds of millions of lesser citizens. Canada's decisive action was a blow at the national self-esteem which has always been of prodigious size. It has been suggested that the lesson thus learned on Sept. 21 will be taken to heart by the overconfident Republic, and henceforth the latter will place a truer value on its own importance and that of its independent northern neighbor.

It is pleasant to hear that both political parties in Canada are hastening to sink their serious differences in their endeavours to work together for the common good. The new Prime Minister, Mr. Borden, is a worthy successor to the great leader he vanquished at the polls. Mr. Borden had served five years in Parliament, when, in 1901, he was elected to take the place of Sir Charles Tupper as head of the Conservative party. In the ten years he has been leader of the Opposition, his record shows him to be a man of statesmanlike calibre, of exemplary honesty and sincerity of purpose and of decidedly progressive tendencies. He is not an old fashioned nor reactionary legislator, but, on the contrary, has always advocated up-to-date and even radical policies where these seemed necessary to the growth and development of the Dominion. He lacks some of Laurier's eloquence, but he shares Sir Wilfrid's intense devotion to the cause of Greater Canada.

Premier Borden has ample material at hand, for the formation of a cabinet that will be a credit to the new administration and will win the confidence of the people. Exceptionally able men were pitted against each other in the recent battle; aside from the Reciprocity issue, the public was bound to benefit no matter who was victorious. The new ministry should, therefore, compare favorably with the most capable in the country's history. Added to a choice array of brainy representatives in the next Parliament, will be the imposing presence at Ottawa of the new Governor General, the Duke of Connaught. This is one ruler the people had no chance to vote for, but whom, in their hearts, they long ago elected by acclamation.

THE COLONEL'S IDIOSYNCRASIES

The Peterboro Review, (Conservative) says:—"Col. Sam. Hughes believes that he would make the finest minister of militia Canada ever had. Col. Hughes has a good militia record, but some of his idiosyncrasies are working strongly against him in the selection of ministers."

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Buried Monday

Yesterday afternoon the funeral of the late John Bates took place to the Riverside cemetery. The deceased was an inmate of the House of Refuge and passed away in that institution early yesterday morning.

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RATHER LIVELY DISCUSSION IN THE COUNCIL OVER THE SEYMOUR CO. AGREEMENT

The Seymour Power Co. agreement was a subject over which a wordy battle was waged at the Council meeting last night.

It was started over a suggestion of Ald. Smale that the Mayor call the Council together at a special meeting on Wednesday evening at which Mr. Mulholland, of the Seymour Co. would probably be present, when the agreement between the Seymour Co. and the town could be considered and signed by those empowered to do so, and then the withdrawal of the purchase might be proceeded with.

His Worship Mayor Beal said the contract must be gone through and thoroughly discussed clause by clause. All the town will get is what can be secured before it is signed. Personally he was going to see that the town would get all it could. Mr. Mulholland promised to put in certain things if the contract was not satisfied. He had promised to bring power from Peterboro at once, and he should carry it out. Those in favor of the agreement argue that the power at present available was limited, and the Mayor asked what the town would do in case manufacturers located here and asked for power.

Ald. Smale pointed out that the Seymour Co. agreed to have power here when it was needed.

Mayor Beal said it was a good thing to have it in the contract. He did not want it thrown up to him by the citizens that he figured in an imperfect contract. It was a mistake to do things in a hurry.

Ald. Smale said that if there was anything further to get, it could be secured at Wednesday's meeting.

Mayor Beal said he did not intend to rush things through.

Ald. Smale said they were all agreed on it, and he moved to hold a special meeting. It was not a proper thing to do to delay matters. They did not purpose going on with the power purchase vote after the agreement was signed.

Mayor Beal said he wished it understood that he was not agreeing to calling off the vote on the second by-law now. If anything should transpire that the people wanted to stake a vote on the question, the Council should accede to it. Ald. Smale should not rush things through.

Ald. Smale—I should not be suspected of such motives, Mr. Mayor. Mayor Beal—I have a right to my own opinion, Ald. Smale. You think because some aldermen are gone from their places you can push this matter through the Council.

Ald. Smale—Your statements are decidedly unfair.

Deputy-Reeve Dobson—On what grounds are you going to call off the vote on the power purchase by-law?

Ald. Smale—If the agreement is signed between the Seymour Power Co. and the town there would be no object in calling for a vote on the other proposition.

Deputy-Reeve Dobson—There are a large number of people who voted for the franchise by-law who would also vote for the purchase by-law.

Ald. Clarke—Not a large number Mr. Dobson.

Mayor Beal—How do you know?

Ald. Clarke—Just as well as you claim to know the contrary.

Deputy-Reeve Dobson said the men who voted on the franchise by-law could change their minds and vote for the purchase by-law. They had heard a great deal about mergers, etc., but they were people realizing that if this agreement was carried through the town is selling its birthright. The people invited a merger right here. The town, by purchasing the plant could have the same rates as was offered under the franchise. It might surprise some of the aldermen and for fear it would it looked as if they did not want the vote taken on the power purchase proposition.

Ald. Smale said he was surprised that Deputy-Reeve Dobson would waste so much time trying to impress him. The Council, Ald. Smale said should lose no time in acting on the verdict of the people. Neither Mayor Beal nor Deputy-Reeve Dobson could justify their stand on this question. Personally he was not guilty of rushing the matter through. He had no axe to grind in the matter. Motives had been imputed to him night after night at the Council board, and he did not like it.

Deputy-Reeve Dobson said there were lots of men who voted on the franchise by-law who had no interests in Lindsay, and some voted who were under the influence of liquor. The people who would have to vote on the power purchase by-law are not people who have no interests in the town.

Ald. Smale—Would not some of those who were under the influence of

liquor vote against granting the franchise?

Deputy-Reeve Dobson—The people were drummed up and hurried to the polls to vote.

Mayor Beal said he wanted to be fair to all sides. He was not ignoring the vote taken, but he wanted to get the best bargain possible from the Seymour Co. He had no wish to be hard on those who worked for the Seymour Co. by-law, but one man who had been a prominent supporter of the by-law, and was at the citizens' committee rooms receiving the returns, told him he believed it would not be many years before the citizens realized they had done something wrong in granting the franchise. He had seen things in a different light. Some men, His Worship said, had voted "Yes" because they thought they were voting to buy the plant.

Ald. Clarke—A large number voted "No," because they were voting against the purchase.

Mayor Beal said some of the workers were most active. They even followed some of the voters to the booth and told them to vote "Yes." This he considered was illegal.

Ald. McClory—What way did you tell them to vote, Mr. Mayor?

Mayor Beal—I did not follow them up to the booth.

Mr. Wm. Fee, who was present, broke in on the discussion and said it was unfair to tie property holders down by the vote on Friday.

Mayor Beal said he was going to abide by the vote of the people. Property owners and tenants were all alike to him. The people, however did not know what the agreement was.

Ald. Smale pointed out that anything that could be secured by delay, could be got on Wednesday.

Mayor Beal said there has been some exception taken to the by-law at previous meetings. It was thought by some to be faulty.

Ald. McClory said the Mayor had argued that there was no agreement. This was his contention at the public meetings held, when he claimed the town had nothing but the marked cheque deposited. Now he wanted to consider further an agreement which, he claimed, did not exist.

Ald. Clarke—I am sorry Mr. Mayor, that you, as well as several others cannot take your defeat in better grace.

Mayor Beal said defeat did not affect him. The town was dealing with a measure that would be with them for all time.

Ald. Smale pressed his motion, seconded by Ald. McClory, that the Mayor call a special meeting for Wednesday evening to further consider the Seymour agreement, and if satisfactory to execute the same.

Town Clerk Ray referred Ald. Smale to the by-laws governing Council proceedings, a clause of which stated that the Mayor could call a special meeting on the signed requisition of a majority of the members.

Ald. Smale said that section had no bearing on the matter under consideration. The Council was in session and had power to instruct the Mayor to call a special meeting.

Finally Ald. Smale's resolution was put, and the vote was as follows: Yeas—Ald. Smale, McClory, Clarke and Dep.-Reeve Lewis.—4.

Nays—Deputy-Reeve Dobson, Ald. McCrae and Naylor.—3.

His Worship then voted nay, making it a tie, and he declared the motion lost.

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