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EDITORIAL

The Fateful Thirteen

Not the slightest objection has been heard from the most superstitious Liberal anywhere, to the majority of "13" on the closure motion in the House of Commons last week. The King Government last week carried three divisions, one on closure, the Bird motion of "the previous question," and the main motion for adoption of the Address. At 12.30 Wednesday morning Parliament adjourned until March 15th. Closure was carried on Mr. Lapointe's motion at 3.15 o'clock Tuesday afternoon by a majority of thirteen. The vote was 108 to 95. The Government had the support of every Progressive, every Independent and every Laborite. The rseult of the three votes were received with tumultous demonstrations from the Liberal and Conservative members aljke. After House Leader Lapointe had formerly moved the forwarding of the Address, and the adjournment of the House till March 15th, the house rose to sing "God Save the King" in unison; the French Liberals followed with "O Canada" and three lusty cheers for Hon. Ernest Lapointe, who had led the Administration through the difficult preliminary session.

Must Make New Contract

Four or five years' experience has proven that the contract made with the Canadian National Railway for supply of water at the tank and in the station has not proven satisfactory from a financial standpoint, to the municipality of the village of Acton. It was estimated that at the reduced rate at which the water is metred to the railway company a revenue of about $1,200 per year would be derived by the town. Instead of that, however, it is stated that an average of about $500 per year is being received. The first five-year contract expires the coming summer. In view of the discrepancy in revenue from this contract the Council has given the required six months' notice that the contract will not be renewed on the basis of the original arrangement. The contract has been an exceedingly favorable one for the Canadian National Railway Company. It is estimated that the cost of maintenance, fuel and engineer's salary, when a pumping plant was operated here, was upwards of $3,000 per year. The company will therefore have made a financial saving of about $12,000 in cold cash by their agreement with Acton's Waterworks' system during the five-year term. It is very clear that they can at least pay to the town $2,500 per year and still have a substantial saving against their independent pumping plant, which they operated here for over fifty years. It is reported that as much or more water is used now from Acton's Waterworks' system as was used when the railway's own plant was maintained.

"Sob Stuff" For Law Breakers

Last week at Walkerton His Honor Judge Sutherland sentenced Julius Kupferschmidt, a farmer of Culross, to a term of four years' imprisonment at Kingston penitentiary, with twenty lashes, for an offence committed against a minor. The Walkerton Telescope gives these interesting particulars: "When Judge Sutherland inquired if the prisoner had anything to say before sentence was pronounced, his counsel, Mr. Campbell Grant, responded on his behalf. After requesting as great a degree of leniency as His Honor could grant, stressing the effort which the prisoner had made to compensate by means of money, and also speaking of the position in which the wife and his two children would be left while he was undergoing punishment, Mr. Grant presented a petition signed by 300 people of the Townships of Culross and Carrick who had known Kupferschmidt. It testified to his general good character up to the time of the recent offence. Commenting, in a general way, upon the offence of which the prisoner had been convicted, the judge stated that he could not quite understand the mentality of people who sign such a petition. In their feeling of deep regret for Kupferschmidt in his unenviable position, and regard for his wife and family, they lose sight of the public interest. His Honor intimated that there was too much of the "sob stuff," that the general public too often do not look behind at the true facts of the case. After having stated that he had very carefully considered all facts connected with the offence of Kupferschmidt, including the unfortunate position in which his family would be left, Judge Sutherland pronounced sentence. He informed the prisoner that he could put him away for life, but thought that the four years and twenty lashes would be a real punishment for him and a warning to others." Judge Sutherland took a very sane view of the unfortunate matter. It is a fact that in every community there are people who allow their feelings of sympathy to blind them to the need for justice to be meted out to those who wilfully violate the laws enacted for public peace and safety.

No Shortage in Electric Power Supply

It is gratifying to have the assurance that Ontario has in sight a sufficient supply of Hydro-electric power to meet the legitimate industrial expansion of the province. This statement was made in the legislature by Hon. J. R. Cooke, Hydro Commissioner, during his speech in the debate on the address. He declared that before the session closed there would be placed before the Legislature a record of negotiations for an ample power supply. "I can assure you," he said, "that the Government and the Commission have taken the necessary steps to ensure that no power shortage will be allowed to develop in this province."

Newspapers Are Not Controlled

Mr. C. R. McIntosh, M. P., of North Battleford, perfomed a service for every newspaper when he stood up in his place in the House of Commons and interrupted Hon. S. F. Tolmie, of Victoria, who stated that Mr. Dunning controlled the newspapers in Saskatchewan. Mr. McIntosh, who owns two newspapers in Saskatchewan, promptly told Mr. Tolmie that no government controlled his papers. It's a habit politicians have—both Conservative and Liberal—this talking about "controlling" newspapers. We heard a lot about it during Union Government days. It's all a myth. The day of the politically controlled organ has gone, never to return. Most newspaper men value their independence as much as a member of parliament does his. —Kingston Whig.

A Municipality's Liabilitiy

The laws on the statute books of the Province of Ontario seem, in many instances, to be unjust to municipalities. A case in question is that of the village of Port Elgin. A lady resident of Port Elgin was operated on in Owen Sound by Dr. Murray. The bill was $151.00. The Council have to settle this bill. Beside the doctor's bill the corporation will be called upon to pay the hospital expenses. It seems an injustice that a municipality should not have any say in the matter, except foot the bill. We presume that if the Council of Port Elgin had had its way this lady would have been sent to the county hospital at Walkerton. Kincardine had a similar case where it had to meet a large bill that was allowed to run for months in a Toronto Hospital, and the town was not notified. The bill was paid and the patient was brought to our own hospital and cared for. But the municipalities must pay.—Kincardine Review.

Good Roads Plus Good Hotels

A few years ago the great need of Ontario was good roads. The roads were then the despair of tourists who came here from across the border. But now we have the best of roads, and each year sees their mileage added to. The need now is an improvement in hotel accommodation, so that motorists can be informed by pamphlets where hotels of a satisfactory class may be found. The Ontario Motor League has set about to arouse the towns and villages to the importance of chains of clean, comfortable and satisfactory hotels stretching in every direction across the province. Kincardine stands out as a strong link in such a chain. It is doubtful if another town of its size in this province can boast of as fine hotel accommodation as this town can. The local hotels are up-to-the minute in every respect. If every town comes up in this matter it will be a great advertisement for the province and will mean millions of dollars to the country.—Kincardine Reporter.

A Blessing to the Country

The Burlington, Vermont, Free Press had a very sane and logical article last week from the pen of Albert E. Laing, formerly of Acton, now superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of the State of Vermont, in which he asserts: "Why all this beer and wine agitation? The word 'intoxication' spells the reason why. The demand for beer and wine is a demand for intoxicating liquors, and this demand comes largely from the old alcoholic appetites that were left 'high and dry' in the great American Sahara which was created when Prohibition came six years ago. Literally tens of thousands of American citizens still have the old craving for a glass of beer or something stronger, and they are the folks who are making the most noise. We submit that National Prohibition has succeeded nicely for the first six years without beer, and has proven itself a great blessing to the American people. Therefore, the writer suggests, we will do well to go the rest of the way without either beer or wine."

EDITORIAL NOTES

The improved method of marketing hogs during the last three years is having good results in that during the past season Canadian bacon has risen from seventh to third place on the British market.

An amendment to the Manitoba law exempts all amateur sports from amusement tax. Ontario might well follow the example and include all entertainments given by amateur talent.—Tillsonburg News.

Statistics show that nearly one hundred thousand women in Great Britain, who were made widows by the war, have remarried. That many less pensions to pay will no doubt please the Pensions Board of the British Treasury.

He serves his party best who serves his country best.—Hayes. We commend this to our parliamentary representatives. Each member of Ottawa and Toronto should keep it in a prominent place on his desk.—Markham Economist.

There is altogether too much red tape at the customs inquiry in Ottawa. What the people want is the facts, even if it be necessary to depart from the strict rules of evidence in getting them.—Barrie Examiner. And the Examiner might reasonably have added "irrespective of who may be found to be the parties guilty of evasion or connivance of the customs regulations.

In the retirement of W. L. Smith from his position on the editorial staff and the Board of Directors, The Farmers' Sun loses its oldest editorial writer and one of the effective and discriminating editors. For thirty years Mr. Smith has been associated with The Farmers' Sun, this connection dating back to the time when the late Goldwin Smith was its directing genius. Mr. Smith earned a respite from the vexatious demands of an editorial position, and the Free Press expresses the hope that he will abundantly enjoy it.

THE CROP OF THE MAPLE TREE

The Canadian maple continues to yield its annual crop of sweetness. The crop last year exceeded a value of five million dollars in sugar and syrup, which was slightly less than in 1924 but over a million more than in the previous season. The increase of the past two seasons is credited more to higher prices for the crop than to more extensive tapping and this again is believed to be a direct result of the more general adoption of modern equipment and methods of manufacture. The province of Quebec continues to lead in sugar production, yielding as it does about half the total crop, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick yielding the remainder. There has been a large improvement in the process of sugar making in the recent years. The replacing of the open sap bucket and the old sugar kettle by the modern covered pails and rapid working evaporators, has raised the quality both of the syrup and sugar produced. The adoption of this better equipment has given the industry a worth while place in the modern agriculture wherever there is still standing a grove of sugar maples. With these products as with other foods, the quality has much to do with the price of the crop, which can be fine only when processed in the modern way. Bulletin No. 30 of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa, explains very clearly the modern process of sugar making and shows illustrations of the equipment that is necessary to work a considerable number of trees, with comparatively little labor. This bulletin, which has reached its third edition, is available at the Publications Branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.—Issued by the Director of Publicity, Dominion Department of Agriculture, Ottawa.

HOW HE BROKE IT TO HER

Danny Wilmarth was a brakeman. One day while his train was on a side-track at a town in Ohio, another train that was doing some switching on the same track, suddenly bumped into the caboose on the rear platform of which Danny was standing, and he was severely bruised. He was taken to a local hospital, where it was found that his injuries were so serious as to necessitate his remaining several weeks in the hospital for treatment. At the end of a month he surprised his mother at her home in Pittsburg by walking into the house on crutches.

"Why, Danny!" she exclaimed. "What is the matter? What has happened to you?"

"Why, I wrote and told you, mother, dear," he answered, with a grin.

"No, son, you didn't. All you wrote was that you were going to quit railroading for a while; that you had found something else to do, and that it was an indoor job. You didn't say a word about getting hurt, or anything of that kind.

"I surely did, mother. I told you what happened to me."

"You surely didn't!"

"How did I say I came to be staying in that town?"

"You said you happened to be caught there between trains."

"Well, I was."

RIDDLES

What is it that eats while it lives but dies when it drinks?
Fire.

Why should turtles be pitied more than other creatures?
Because theirs is such a hard case.

What word of three syllables reads the same backwards and forwards?
Reviver.

When was it that the rose rose?
When it saw the rain drop.

What is it that has three feet, but no toes?
A yard measure.

Why should there be more frogs in Kent than in any other county?
Because Kent is the best place for hops.

WHAT INDEED

On some of our trains, carriages for "Ladies Only" have been placed.

On one occasion these carriages were all occupied by the fair sex; consequently a number of ladies were obliged to procure seats in a compartment in which a haughty young fellow was the sole occupant.

He quickly saw that the carriage would soon be filled and he be in great danger of losing his seat.

A length, when an elderly woman move in sight, he thought it time to interfere.

"My good woman," he remarked, somewhat testily, "this is a carriage for gentlemen."

But he was quite taken back when the old lady made the unexpected reply:

"Then what are you doing here?"

BY ELIMINATION

Jokes about twins are more numerous than twins themselves. For all that, there need be no hesitation in repeating a joke which passes current in at least one section of the country.

"There used to live over on Painter's farm," said the humorist who told the story, "a couple o' twins named Dan an Abe. They moved away since. At the time I remember 'em they were grown men, but they were as near alike as them two gallon jugs. The only difference was that Dan had a good, sound set of teeth, and Abe, he had lost most o' his out o' the front part of his face.

"The only way to know which was which was to stick your finger in Abe's mouth. If he bit ye it was Dan."

TROUBLES AHEAD FOR HER

When the daughter of the house returns from college she is sometimes inclined to forget that there are very serious duties awaiting her. It is then, says the Chicago Journal, that the wise mother brings her to a different point of view.

The girl had been very clever in her studies, and had been at home only a few days, when she said to her mother: "Yes, I've graduated, but I don't want to lose my interest in my work, and I shall try to keep up my psychology, philology, bibli—"

"Just a minute," said her mother. "I have arranged a course for you in roastology, boilology, stitchology, darnology, patchology and general domesticology. You might as well begin right now. Get your apron on and pluck that chicken."

ONE OFTEN FOLLOWS THE OTHER

"See here," said the angry visitor to the reporter, "what do you mean by inserting the derisive expression 'applesauce' in parenthesis in my speech?"

"'Applesauce?' Great Scott, man, I wrote 'Applause.'"—Boston Transcript.

THE VALUE OF A WILL

Whether the estate be large or small, every person with any property should make a will and see that the will is so drawn as to make clear the intentions of the testator. If this is done it will prevent the estate from being eaten up by litigation. Should circumstances render a change necessary in the disposal of the estate, it is a simple matter to make another will.

A POINTED REMINDER

There is an old story of the man who "knew every rock in the channel," and when a fearful jar came, said, "There's one of them now!" His system was not unwholly unlike that pursued by Miss Abigail Spears for the purpose of strengthening her brother's memory.

"When you've kept house for the minister as long as I have for Brother James, my dear, you'll know all men have to be reminded of certain things day after day," said Miss Abigail to the minister's bride.

"Now there was the table up in Brother James's room. He was always knocking it over when he went into the room in the dark, till I devised a means to remind him of it."

"How did you do it?" asked the bride, with gratifying eagerness.

Miss Abigail beamed with the pride of a successful inventor.

"Why, it was simple enough," she said. "I used to keep it parallel with the shape of the room,—the wall, I mean,—till one day I bethought me how I could set it cornerwise, and the corners are remarkably sharp. And do you know, my dear, James has grown so careful that there isn't more than one night in four now that he has to call on me to help him."

"To help him!" echoed the bride. "How, Miss Spears?"

"To bring him the liniment, my dear," said Miss Abigail, impatiently. "Don't you understand? He not only tipped it over, but he—the contact was really quite painful. There's always some such easy way to help a man remember, but it requires a little thought."

TACK THIS IN YOUR GARAGE—SAFETY LAST

Lies slumbering here one William Lake, he heard the bell, but had no brake.

At fifty miles drove Ollie Pidd; he thought he would not skid, but did.

At ninety miles drove Eddie Shawn; the motor stopped, but "Ed" kept on.

Here he sleeps, one Johnnie Fonker; he rounded a turn without a honker.

Down in the creek sleeps Jerry Bass; the bridge was narrow, he tried to pass.

Beneath this stone sleeps William Raines; ice on the hill—he had no chains.

Here lies the body of William Jay; who died maintaining the right of way.

Here rests the remains of Percival Sapp; he drove his car with a girl in his lap.

LEANING ON NATURE

Emerson says, "Hitch your wagon to a star," in other words, go with the universe, and not against it. An old man was sitting on a stump in the far south when a tourist came upon him.

"How are the times?" asked the stranger.

"Pretty tolable," was the answer. "I had some trees to cut down, but a cyclone leveled 'em and saved me the trouble."

"That was good."

"Yes. Then the lightning set fire to the brushpile, and saved me the trouble of burning it."

"Remarkable! But what are you doing now?"

"Waiting for an earthquake to come along and shake the potatoes out of the ground."

WHY DIDN'T HE?

Jimmy giggled when the teacher read the story of the man who swam across the Tiber three times before breakfast.

"You do not doubt that a trained swimmer could do that, do you?"

"No, sir," answered Jimmy, "but I wonder why he did not make it four and get back to the side where his clothes were."

A TRAVELLER'S FORETHOUGHT

Little things illustrate certain Englishmen's knowledge of Canadian geography very picturesquely. An Englishman who had taken the International Limited at Ottawa, called out on going to bed before the train started:

"Portah! Portah!"

The porter came. "What is it, sir?" he said.

"Please wake me up when we get to Vancouver, you know," said the Englishman.

A BAD FALL

One evening little Bobby fell down and cut his knee. His mamma quickly bathed the wound, but as it was rather dark, and she could not see properly, she happened to place the bandage too low.

"Oh, mummie," said Bobby, "you've put the bandage in the wrong place! I fell down higher up!"

THE RIGHT BEAR

"No," said the editor, regretfully, as he handed the typewritten manuscript back to the young man, "bear stories are out of date. We want more spicy matter."

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And this notice being given in pursuance of section 56 of the Trustees Act (R.S.O., Chapter 121) and amending Acts, notice is hereby further given that on and after the 29th day of March, 1926, the executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties legally entitled thereto; and they will not be responsible for any claims of which they have not then received notice.

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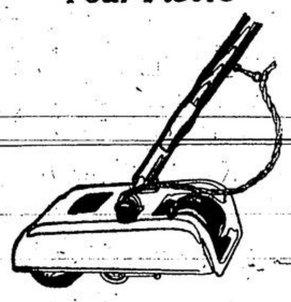

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