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LETTER TO THE EDITOR.

THE SENATE.

Editor Durham Review,

DEAR SIR,

In the discussion of the British North American Act in the Imperial Parliament that eminent British Statesman, John Bright said, "I venture to say that the clause enabling the Governor General and his cabinet to put seventy members in that Council, inserts into the whole scheme, the germ of a malady which will spread, and which will before very long require an alteration of this act and of the constitution of this new Confederation." Mr. Bright clearly foresaw the evil effects of having one branch of the Legislature of this country composed of irresponsible partisans and having power to defeat the will of the people through their duly elected representatives.

If it were possible to find men entirely above party inclinations, who had no leaning towards one party or the other, men who were capable of forming a correct judgment of what would be for the best interests of the country, and of sufficient independence to act upon their judgment, and further if we could get a party Government to appoint such men to the Senate, then we would have an exemplification of the correct theory of a second chamber in the Legislature carried out in practice. But it is almost impossible to find men who are altogether independent of party ties, with the experience necessary to a seat in a supreme Legislative body, and as a party Government will only appoint those who are willing to assist them to the Senate, then it follows that the two necessary conditions are not to be found, and a safe and successful appointive Senate is altogether impossible.

As the Senate must then be necessarily partisan, its ruling majority will belong to one party or the other, and its actions will be governed, not so much by what is for the good of the country, as to what will be to the advantage of its party. If the Senate belongs to the governing party, then it will simply say, amen to every action of the Government and is therefore absolutely useless, but if it is in opposition, then it will obstruct and embarrass the Government in every way possible, and is therefore worse than useless, a positive nuisance.

That this position is correct is proved by the action of the Senate in Canada. During all the years of the Conservative Government, the Senate passed every Bill that went up to them by the Government, they made no objections to the iniquitous Franchise Bill, or infamous Gerrymander Act, they found nothing wrong with the notorious C. P. R. scandal. Not a Conservative Senator raised his voice against any of these things, never considered whether they were just and right or not, whether they were in the interests of the country or not, all he knew or cared for was that his party wanted them put through the Senate, and through they went at railroad speed.

Then the Senate is supposed to protect the interests of the smaller Provinces. Has it ever done so? Did it stand up for Manitoba against the monopoly clause in the C. P. R. bargain? Did it assist Ontario in the Boundary Award case? Did it help any of the Provinces to defend their rights in the matter of the McCarthy Act? Did it ever oppose the Conservative Government; upon any question during all the years it has been in power since Confederation? Then did it ever appoint a committee to enquire into any of the many scandals of the Government of its friends, such as the McGreevy Connelly case, the Curran bridge, Haggarts Canal and many other cases that would stand a good deal of investigation. It has never done any of these things. During the whole Conservative regime the Senate was simply a quiet, harmless, useless body, and the people seemed willing to pay for its maintenance. If it simply kept itself so, but no sooner had a Liberal Government come into power than party hostility in the Senate began to show itself. It began to exhibit abnormal activity, and to appoint committees to enquire into alleged abuses, and to obstruct and defeat the will of the people by throwing the Bills sought to be passed into law by the people's Government, and if these same bills had been sent up by a Conservative Government these same Senators would have been tumbling over each other to see who would vote for them first.

Now these Senators are not to be blamed for this state of things. That is what they were sent there for, they are simply performing the duties belonging to their position as they understand it. If the position was reversed it might not be any better. A Liberal majority in the Senate would no doubt be embarrassing to a Conservative Government, and it is quite possible that the Liberals may retain power long enough to turn the majority of the Senate in their favor, when a succeeding Conservative Government would be in the same position the Liberals are in now.

This is a very serious state of affairs, not for the parties, but for the country, and it is a pity could not be dealt with untrammelled with political considerations. If the people of Canada could be induced to look at this question otherwise than from a party standpoint, a remedy would soon be applied. But what remedy? Some propose a Senate appointed by the Provincial Legislatures. This would be no better, perhaps worse. Senators would still be appointed on party grounds, and the majority would either be for or against the Government, with all the evils of the present system, and their would in all probability spring up a bitter hostility between the Provinces and the Dominion that could not but be fatal to Confederation. Others again believe in an elective Senate, chosen by the same electorate that creates the Parliament of Canada. But the same difficulties arise under this system. The Senators, like the Members of Parliament, would be elected on party grounds, and it is quite possible the two Houses might differ in political complexion. Then there would be a deadlock of much more serious nature than could be under the present system, as the Senate would have as much authority to say that they represented the people as the Parliament. This would be two parties given the same power but different instructions. But even supposing that the two Houses were the same in politics, then no doubt matters between them would run smoothly enough. Both would simply pass measures that the Government wished passed, and defeat what the Government wished defeated. Now our House can do this as well as two, and there is no sense in hiring two men to do one man's work. So that in this system, as in the others, the Senate would either be entirely useless or very much worse.

The only practical remedy is entire abolition. We can do without a Senate altogether. We have examples right before our eyes of the successful working of responsible Government with only one chamber, so that the abolition of the Senate would be nothing of the nature of an experiment. The results would be certain and beneficial. A second chamber in the Legislature of Canada is a standing menace to the stability of Confederation.

REX.

DAY BY DAY.

THURSDAY.

Shipments of projectiles and ammunition are being made from Eastern arsenals to reach Dewey as soon as possible.

Foreign Military experts are arriving in the States to observe their war tactics.

Americans anxious to ascertain where American fleet is before sending troops to Cuba.

Future of the Philippines is being eagerly discussed among European diplomats.

FRIDAY.

Lord Salisbury made a notable speech to the Primrose League, referring to the tendency of "living nations" to aggrandize themselves at the expense of "dying" ones. He showed the great importance of Wei Hai Wei as a Chinese base, since it could be defended from the sea, "on the sea England fears no opponent."

It is reported that 5000 U. S. troops have been landed in Cuba.

Queen Regent of Spain said to be ready to leave Madrid at a moment's notice. She has assumed mourning for the Manila dead.

Riots are becoming general in Spain, and Martial law is proclaimed in several districts.

2000 men are to be sent from San Francisco to the Philippines, to assist Dewey in the control of the islands.

China's Minister to Britain makes an important speech declaring for British friendship.

No official news from Dewey yet as to Manila.

Cuba's colonial congress opens and Gen. Blanco makes a speech recounting what Spain has done for peace, and condemns amid enthusiasm the U. S. Policy.

Spanish troops arrive at Porto Rico.

SATURDAY.

A French Steamer, Lafayette, captured while trying to enter Havana, taken to Key West but released by orders from Washington. Just a suspicion that France is trying to pick grounds for a quarrel.

Spanish colonial Minister admits they thought the Americans were only bluffing consequently were unprepared.

Americans have reason to believe Spain has spies throughout the country, and a close watch is being kept in the cities.

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No news yet from Manila, and from a Spanish source comes a story that Dewey is hemmed in Manila harbor. Anyway the Americans are getting anxious, and talks of what to do with the Philippines have ceased for a time.

Admiral Sampson's squadron it is thought will make a Sunday morning dash on Porto Rico.

An unconfirmed report to the Mail and Empire says an American ship has gone to the bottom on the north coast of Cuba.

War is costing the States about 25 millions per month.

"Kit," the versatile writer in the Mail and Empire has left for the seat of war, the first lady war correspondent yet sent out. The sentimental side of war should now receive full attention.

MONDAY.

Papers today brought full accounts of the proceedings at Manila up to Tuesday of last week.

The story briefly is this, Commodore Dewey stole stealthily into Manila harbor Saturday night all lights out, some sparks from a gunboat's funnel betrayed them. The Spaniards were unprepared, had no search lights, steam not up in their ships even, no precautions. The sparks caused some of the forts to open a harmless fire. The fleet sailed on ranging into battle line as day broke, right in the harbor.

Two mines went off as the fleet advanced but in both cases too soon. Ships and forts began firing on the intruders, and about 6 a. m. Dewey gave the word and a storm of leaden hail, well aimed, made hot work. 4 or 5 times this was repeated and about 8.30 a. m. the signal was given to stop for breakfast and by that time the mischief was done, several Spanish ships were burning, some were sunk, and all were silenced.

Later some further firing was done, Fort Cavite was taken and the Bay, though not Manila, was completely under control. Dewey told the Governor that if a shot was fired at his fleet he would put the whole town in ashes. He demanded the use of the cable station, was refused, and sent and had it cut. 200 Spanish wounded were being cared for by the victors, as the despatch boat McCulloch left for Hong Kong with despatches.

At Hong Kong official and newspaper messages were wired over the world, instructions were wired back again, the same boat is off for Manila again, and further news will not be had till she returns, unless the cable can be mended.

The Commodore has been promoted by the President to the rank of Admiral and he is now a notch ahead of Sampson.

In Spain a revolution is imminent, and the monarchy will likely fall. Civil war horrors may be added to foreign wars.

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Bread riots in Italy,—caused by this war—are so common as almost to amount to civil war.

France has lowered her wheat duties.

A struggle is imminent near Porto Rico.

Spain has got supplies into Havana in spite of the blockade TUESDAY.

The Spaniards in Manila will not surrender till the city is blown to pieces.

A great landing of regulars in Cuba is almost under way.

A war measure looking to the enlistment of 10000 "immunos" has passed the Senate.

Sampson can't find the Spanish fleet. The detention of the French Steamer Lafayette may yet cause trouble with France who is thought to be looking for a causeus belli.

\$10000 has been set apart to procure a sword for presentation to Dewey and medals for his officers and men.

Havana gunners have started firing at the blockading fleet, but have utterly failed to strike.

A new Spanish fleet has left Spain.

A great battle is hourly expected. The Church authorities in Spain are afraid a raid will be made on their property by Government.

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