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DEPARTMENT CENSURABLE.

The press has not been just to Hon. Adam Beck, which is unfortunate, since his "ministry of power" is not an adequate protection against unbecomable and somewhat compromising situations. The Department of Agriculture chose nine horses to send to England for Canada's credit. For the choice of these nine from a minister of the crown and his family, the department is more censurable than those who permitted their animals to be exploited. The charge of \$1,710 for the transporting, though a singularly large item, did not cover Mr. Beck's own horses, four in number. For the carrying of these he paid out of his own pocket. It is a good rule, however, that prompts members to avoid even the appearance of evil in personal benefits from ministerial vantage grounds.

REFORMING THE SERVICE.

The opposition made a serious mistake when, with much ado, it demanded from the government to know what it was going to do about the civil service report. The answer of the premier was at once dignified and satisfactory. The report was being printed and it would be laid on the desks of the members for intelligent discussion as soon as possible. As for the references to the official of the marine department they would be dealt with, and the government had nothing to fear from the result.

The minister, Hon. Mr. Brodeur, could not be expected to act with any greater expedition than he appears to be doing. It was not a surprise to him, probably, to have it said that the department had clerks who were not as efficient as they ought to be. He had suffered severely on their account, when an obstruction of the business of the house had occurred for three days, while they were preparing a statement the opposition demanded. The deputy minister had gone before a committee of the house and admitted that the minister was being wrongfully censured.

Mr. Brodeur was scarcely prepared, however, for the declaration that the staff was lacking in conscience, that in the absence of the usual "discounts," in business transactions there was the inference that men were dishonest, that in other words, they were taking graft. Mr. Brodeur was under obligation to ascertain definitely, and without delay, who these impetuous and offending officials were, but it was hardly to be expected that he could have matured his designs in three days.

The larger issue—how the civil service is to be permanently and successfully reformed—is commanding serious thought. How to eliminate the political element is the question. The power of appointment must be with some responsible persons, and it will be difficult to select any persons and commit the task of employing and promoting public officials without some care.

BUYING GOODS BY TENDER.

The purchase of supplies for the dominion service is made now as far as possible by tender and contract. It is the only way, apparently, to avoid scandal, and yet it is not in all respects satisfactory. The articles purchased under contracts have not been called for by a specification which guarantees their quality. There are of some goods many varieties. The tenderers may supply what is called for, but not the better class of material, nor the cheaper in the long run or more enduring, because it was not specifically called for. This fact has been established over and over again, and yet the contract system is the preferable, because it limits the expenditure and keeps the demands of the service within the appropriation.

Mr. Foster, in the commons, sprang a motion which he asked the house to consider not politically. It was to the effect that the supplies of the public service be secured by tender and contract, but that they be ordered and passed by a purchasing committee, whose power would be absolute. The members of this committee would be appointed for life, and so independent of the government, however, and start off under suspicion of the opposition, and would in time become so arbitrary, and perhaps so corrupt, that the country would have occasion to rue its experiment.

The obvious weakness of the Foster proposal was in relieving the minister or head of the department of the responsibility which he should carry, and this weakness Mr. Fielding pointed out. His idea was to emphasize the importance of the contract system, but to give the minister the latitude of the business man to act as emergency suggested, and to make him amenable to the action or censure of

parliament. His motion, amending Mr. Foster's, was:

"That all the supplies purchased for the use of the various departments of the government should be purchased on the basis of public tender and contract, so far as practicable, especially when large quantities of goods are required, with regard primarily to quality and price, and that all such purchases should be made under the authority and direction of the minister responsible to parliament."

This motion carried against the will and desire of the conservatives. They posed as great economists, and had a holy horror of the scandal of peddling patronage, though in Ontario, to-day, this patronage is depended on by the Whitney government to keep the votes of the smaller dealers in line for the next election.

CANADA'S CONSULAR SERVICE.

The spirited speech of Mr. Sifton, so different from the speeches of those who had preceded him in the budget debate, opens up an issue which was considered of prime importance by the American government many years ago.

In 1900, a writer for the American press called attention to the advantage which the consular service of England, Russia, Germany and France enjoyed in the markets of the Orient. In the American concession of China, which joined that of Great Britain and embraced the great city of Shanghai, were some of the most successful business houses, and here the European nations trained their young men for foreign service.

Here Great Britain maintained a corps of student interpreters, and when they passed an examination in the Chinese language they were appointed to the consular service. France, Russia and Germany followed England's example, and it was pointed out that a United States consul should be similarly fitted for the work before him, that he should not be deficient in the arts of his competitors.

The lesson of the day was not lost on the Americans. They realized that they had to do in order to secure a share of the trade in the east, and during the last seven years their consular service has been wonderfully improved. The agents of the United States government in China, indeed, have been keen enough to discover what the Chinese and Japanese wanted and the exports of our country have, to some extent, been finding a market through these United States consuls.

They are not the agents of Canada, however, and are only providing the foreigners with Canadian goods until they can be supplied from the United States.

It is a matter of importance, therefore, that Canada should have its own consular representatives, bright young men, whose duty it would be to find a market abroad for the products of the dominion, and lay the plans for the permanence of business relations.

Mr. Lark, in Australia, and W. L. Preston, in China, may be doing the best they can for the time, but their mission will become the more successful as the country sees the necessity of prosecuting the conquest of trade with all the vigour and resources at the command of the federal government.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A protective tariff immoral? Who says that? The civil service commission, and not a Tory critic has so far presumed to attack it.

By the way there was to have been a meeting this week of the municipal representatives with the Hydro-Electric Commission so that contracts for power might be signed. No announcement to make?

The business man who extends his operations, employs more men and extends his usefulness, increases his expenditure proportionately. Can the government expand its business except in the same manner?

Surely now the public accounts committee will get at the facts in the Cobalt Lake deal when the case (forcing silence on the government), has been discussed by the court. Why should the facts be hushed up now?

Now it is the imperial government that is hampered with the incompetency or hostility of the permanent public officials. Are we drifting towards the time when with a change of government there will be a change of officials?

Senator Cloran would, by law, prevent persons divorced by the act of Canadian parliament, remarrying. He would have more sympathy from the people if he advocated a law which

forbad those who were divorced in the United States remarrying in Canada.

Political patronage is only wrong when it affects the liberal party. A conservative government can ladle out its pap and the faithful can enjoy it, and no harm can be done.

The president and the secretary of war in the United States are urging congress to give them an appropriation of \$73,000,000 with which to build new battleships, armour-clad cruisers and submarines for the navy. Congress demurs. It has reason to do so.

E. H. Southern regards the stage as one of the greatest teachers, and if it does its work aright it is a teacher of morals. It has its good and bad actors; but it has its high ideals. Music and poetry are refining, but there are some fearful musicians and some atrocious poets, and the good should not be condemned on account of the bad.

ISSUE NEW STAMPS.

Quebec, April 2.—Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux, who was here yesterday, announced that a new series of postage stamps commemorating the Champlain tercentenary will be issued at Ottawa on the third of July, which marks the exact anniversary of the foundation of Quebec by Champlain.

THE WHIG'S JUMBLE

Tells About a Lot of Things in Short Meters.

All Sanitol preparations are sold at 25c. each at Best's.

Howard Means died in Chicago from lockjaw, caused by a gunshot wound received March 10th.

For that lame back use the "Perfect" Belladonna plaster. Sold at Gibson's Red Cross Drug Store.

Austria has definitely rejected Great Britain's proposal for the appointment of a governor-general of Macedonia.

Have your eyes tested at Best's. Eye examination by expert optician. Gold-filled frames complete, \$1.50.

William Deering, of Evanston, has made an unconditional gift of \$25,000 to the Maine general hospital at Portland, Me.

Accepting a dare, John Finley, seventeen, of Carmi, Ill., fractured his spine in attempting to take longer strides than his companion.

"Hennie's seeds," the best that grows, every seed is fertile. No old stock to disappoint you. A full assortment at Best's.

A fourteen-year-old daughter of Joseph McCoppin rushed into her burning home and dragged a baby in a cradle from the flames, at Chillicothe, Ohio.

There is no article in the line of medicines that gives so large a return for the money as a good porous strengthening plaster, such as Carter's Smart Weed and Belladonna Plaster.

A new gun has been invented by a Scotchman which is claimed to can fire a projectile from London to Paris, and without smoke.

The United States battleship Connecticut is at San Diego. Admiral Evans is going north to receive treatment at the mineral hot springs, near San Luis Obispo, Cal.

Pain, anywhere, can be quickly stopped by one of Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets. Pains always means congestion—unnatural blood pressure. Dr. Shoop's Pink Pain Tablets simply coagulate blood away from pain centres.

These Tablets—known by druggists as Dr. Shoop's Healed Tablets—simply equalize the blood circulation, and then pain always departs in 20 minutes. 20 Tablets 25c. Write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., for free package. Sold by all dealers.

James D. Reid, war hero of the Indian peninsula at Richmond, Ind., has resigned in order that he may escape participation in further hangings.

The battleships of the United States Pacific fleet are to arrive at Sydney, Australia, on September 1st. Next, they have been invited to visit Hobart, Perth, Adelaide and Brisbane.

Major-General Adolphus W. Greely, soldier, Arctic explorer, scientist and former chief signal officer of the United States army, has been placed on the retired list of the army on account of the statutory age limit.

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Four more appendices to the report of the investigation into the Quebec bridge disaster show that the engineers failed to take advantage of any of the test data available.

At Brampton a jury brought in a verdict of murder against John D. Teare for the killing of William Curry, the aged Peel county farmer, last Christmas day. Chief Justice Meredith sentenced Teare to be hanged on June 11th.

RATE OF TAXATION

WILL IT BE INCREASED THIS YEAR?

The Civic Finance Committee will Meet This Evening—How the City's Finances Stand—May Be No Increase.

This evening, the civic finance committee is to meet to take up the budget. The question that interests the citizens is not what amount the board of works is going to get for street repairs, but what the rate of taxation is to be levied this year. Will the rate of twenty mills be advanced to twenty and one-half mills in order to meet the city's needs? As pointed out before, the expenditure this year will be heavier than ever before. The board of education requires an additional \$2,000; removal of snow from the street railway tracks cost about \$1,200, and there is a deficit from last year to be provided for. The increased assessment will yield about \$6,000 more in taxes, not enough to balance the above three items. Other increased expenditures are to be met, some of the aldermen are anxious to keep the tax rate down and it is thought that the council in the end will maintain it at the same figure and try and squeeze along the best possible way. Others are in favour of increasing the rate by half a mill, so that the civic departments may not be hampered through lack of funds to do necessary work. They say that Kingston's assessment is not high, and, therefore, the tax rate does not matter so much as it would in a place where the assessed value of property is at the highest notch. There are others who think that the assessment is quite high. On the whole, however, the assessment seems fair, considering the very few appeals allowed by the court of revision during the past two or three years, and last year in particular.

COMMERCIAL MATTERS.

What is Going on in the Business World—The Markets.

The output of the Dominion Coal company for this month will total about 340,000 tons.

The Marconi Wireless Telegraph company of America, in its annual statement, values its patents and goodwill at \$5,191,000.

A new line, built by the Pure Oil company, will extend its pipeline from Southeast Ohio to the Indiana and Illinois fields at a cost of over \$2,000,000.

An important event in the Ottawa lumber industry is the sale by J. I. Booth of all his three-inch deals to be cut in 1905 to Messrs. Cox and Brustall, who will ship them to the British market.

Last year the Dominion Coal company mined something over three million and a half tons, and, with the successful operations of the new mine, they are confident of reaching four millions in 1908.

A New York stock exchange seat on Saturday sold for \$65,000. The previous sale, made three weeks ago, at the time Wall street was uncertain whether or not to take the proposed legislation regarding the federal taxing of stock exchange sales seriously, a seat sold for \$52,000; recently a sale was made at \$60,000.

THE DEGREE OF L.L.D.

To Be Given Dr. L. F. Barker By Queen's.

At Queen's University spring convocation on the 22th, the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws will be conferred upon Dr. L. F. Barker, professor of medicine in Johns Hopkins University, and physician-in-chief to Johns Hopkins Hospital. Dr. Barker will be remembered as having visited Kingston last January, and delivered an address upon the occasion of the opening of the laboratories building at Queen's. He is the successor of the late Dr. William Osler, in Johns Hopkins. He is a native of Norwich, Ont., and was educated at Pickering College and the University of Toronto. At the latter he took his medical course.

Best's "Short Stop" cures where other cough remedies fail. It costs but 10c.

The bill of Senator Cloran to prevent the re-marriage of persons divorced in Canada, was killed on the second reading, by 23 to 20.

LOW SPRING FEVER.

Doctors Report Many Cases.

Same thing happens every year. At winter's close the body is weak and run down. Damp spring weather brings out rheumatic tendencies, exhausts vitality, and simply demands everything to use a bracing, strengthening tonic.

Time won't help; matters grow worse instead of better if your system isn't rid of its poisonous burden.

Your blood is not only thin, but is contaminated with a whole winter's accumulation of wastes.

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What's it going to be? Not bitters or alcoholic dope, but concentrated cure in the form of "Ferrozone" which is known as the best of all spring rejuvenators.

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