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PAYING FOR THE FOLLY.
 The dredging tenders received by the government this year are at higher rates than in 1907. There always seems to be something peculiar about government dredging. Now its cost is going up, while that of everything else is going down.—Montreal Gazette.
 There is a story about the dredging which is worth repeating. The public works department could have continued the dredging contracts of last year, in some cases, with the consent of parliament. But the opposition, with a keen scent for scandal, affected to believe that the government had some political friends whose prosperity would be promoted by a renewal of the contracts. The minister at once put an end to the idle talk by calling for tenders for certain work. The result is a disappointment. Higher prices must be paid. The Gazette is surprised with this, when, outside of dredging, "everything else is going down." The statement is not correct. Labour, material, all that enters into public contracts of any kind, are not cheaper than they were. The government is, therefore, paying for its experience, and for the folly and clamour of the opposition.

Charles Collins, independent candidate in Haldimand, says the C.N.R. guarantee deal was "the boldest and biggest steal ever perpetrated by any government in the history of Canada." The same man is authority for the statement that the enforcement of the liquor laws is "the blackest spot in the government's rotten record."

TREASON AND TREACHERY.
 The Wright-McPherson quarrel in West Toronto is the bitterest of the day. The one has been the counsel of the conservative party and the other its political organizer, and a few days ago the Toronto News appealed to them to have a care for the confidences they had enjoyed. Mr. Wright is not willing to do anything which will hurt his party, but he is not willing to be sacrificed by the party in this election. As one who had served it long and faithfully, who had become a candidate at the request of many electors, and begun his canvass he felt he should have been permitted to continue the contest to a finish. Mr. McPherson got the nomination of the machine, and he expects the support of the party.

A serious question has arisen in Toronto, by the way, as to what constitutes a "regular nomination." In one riding an independent is the choice of many conservatives who met in convention, but their work is repudiated because they were not members of the ward associations and subject to their rules. A speaker of one meeting said no one was eligible to vote for a nomination unless he were a properly registered member of the political association. The other answered with the declaration that only a small percentage of the conservatives in Toronto were members of the political associations, and there was going to be trouble in an attempt of the few to drag on the many.

The fight in West Toronto is between the association men and the free and independent—between the machine and anti-machine electors—and it will be a fight to a finish.
 The one who could settle the issue between Mr. Wright and Mr. McPherson is the man from Manitoulin, Mr. Gamey. He declines to participate in it. He evidently leans to Mr. McPherson by saying that the Blake episode of April 21st, is evidently the result of a misunderstanding. He is not, he says, "interested in any way in the West Toronto fight." Not interested? He admits that he has been very busy, in the party's cause, a light and inspiration wherever he is sent, and there is no place where he can do more good than in Toronto at the present time. Yet he stays away and allows the bitterest war of the day to develop to the possible disruption of the machine.

Quoting the words of Mr. Wright, it would be vain for Mr. McPherson to deny "that since Benedict Arnold's time, there has been no treason so black or so base," in misleading Mr. Gamey, and in drawing or misdirecting those with whom he consulted with regard to the case.
 Mr. Foster cannot expunge the record of the insurance commission respecting his land transactions, he cannot successfully challenge the correctness of them, and he winces under every reference to them. He is either offensively aggressive or very thin-skinned. Which is it?
 If Mr. Gallagher had to begin the campaign over he would probably not be a candidate. He is realizing that the people are longing for a change in the representation of Frontenac.

HUMBUGGING THE PEOPLE.
 It would have been a strong card for the Whitney government had it announced that it contemplated the publication of school books which would be given to the pupil of the public schools, free of charge. It is a contingency which has long been contemplated by some people, but it is not the policy of the government.
 There has been much talk of the school book ring, the school book barons, and the action of the government in looking into the school book question. As a result there was a time fixed within which the old books could be sold off—at bargain counter prices. Later the government would get out new readers and Mr. Cooper, one of the commission, has put it on record that he does not see how the new books can be cheaper than the old, remembering the higher cost of material and labour.
 It has remained for Mr. Crothers, the chairman of the school book commission, to spring a surprise on the people. Speaking at Welland, he said: "You have been told that the government will issue a new set of readers and that is true. They are ashamed of the old set, just as you would be if you had made comparisons between our readers and those of the United States. Liberal critics have informed you that the new set will cost you more than the old. I have it on the authority of the premier that they will be given to the people free, not at \$1.45 a set, the price under the first contract; not at \$1.39, the price under the second contract; not at forty-nine cents, the present price, but absolutely free. This is on the theory that education is for the uplifting of the whole people, on the same principle that we have free maps, free teachers, and free schools."

Unfortunately the announcement has not been confirmed. Mr. Whitney was at Aylmer on the day after the Crothers proclamation appeared in the papers, and he was asked what he had to say. He would not commit himself. "Mr. Crothers," he remarked, "might not have been correctly reported." He could have said, had he desired, that the government had under consideration the giving of books free to the schools, and the fact that he did not, and that he even questioned the accuracy of Mr. Crothers' statement, will be accepted as a contradiction of the same. The people, by the way, are not inclined to be humbugged on this subject, and if Mr. Crothers has been going further than the circumstances warranted, in order to make a point in a political meeting, he will have occasion to repent of it.

Betting is now even in Montreal that the conservatives will not return two candidates on June 8th, and to one that they will not capture fifteen seats out of the seventy-four contested. From all parts of the province reports received speak only of the probable liberal majorities. The possibility of defeat, especially in the district of Quebec, is not at all entertained.
PRIVATE SIDE OF LIFE.
 The disposition to discuss the personal affairs of men is becoming common, if not profitable. The London Mail has caused some amazement by having a correspondent shadow Mr. Asquith as he proceeded from London to Paris on a visit to the king. Mr. Asquith's every movement is noted on the boat which crossed the channel, on the train which carried him from Calais to Paris. Most of the time he read a book, and all the time he conducted himself like a gentleman.

The Mail is the newest of the London dailies, and gives the evidences of that failing in journalism which is at once the bane of the American and Canadian press. There is a charm in the personality of great men which is worth describing. M.A.P. (the heading under which Tay Pay O'Connor writes for his paper) covers some characteristics of the leading men and women of the day, but Mr. O'Connor at no time is offensively personal. His aim is to show how some gifted people live and labour, in order to give, by information, a healthy stimulation to the reasonable ambitions of some men in this strenuous life. The qualities that make for greatness are worth studying.
 In his day there was no one in Canada whose time was so usefully occupied as Dr. Grant, the beloved principal of Queen's. He had no idle moments. He had what was supposed to be leisure, but it was filled up with engagements which left him little opportunity in which to indulge in day dreams. He became an object of public interest, and wherever he went curiosity was aroused. Once he was accosted as he sped through the corridors of the legislature by the ubiquitous reporter, and asked, "What is up now, principal?" Dr. Grant stopped. "Can I not visit Toronto and its parliament buildings without the suggestion that something is doing?" he answered. "No? Well, if the people must know tell them that at fifteen minutes past eleven I hurried through the legislative halls and that as I passed I blew my nose." And the remark was registered accordingly.
 The people are interested in the men who are moving in the public life of the country, who are doing the things

in which the public are concerned, but only on the public side of their character. What they do in the home, in the office, in the quiet resorts, is not a public matter. What they own, or what they eat, or even what they say privately, are matters of no public concern. The private life of every individual should be sacred unto himself, and free from the scrutiny that borders on impertinence.

EDITORIAL NOTES.
 It is not correct that Hon. Mr. Murray, of Nova Scotia, will leave the provincial government to join the federal.

It is a pity Mr. Beck is so busy in London that he cannot come here and tell the people when they may expect light as cheap as that of a tallow dip.

The Whitney government restored the contract system in the Central prison. A vote for the government candidate is a vote in favour of this.

The independent candidate in Brockville is out of the field, but he is supporting the liberal candidate. It is ominous of the slump against Donovan.

The talk of the day is "The Whig says this," and "The Whig says that," and "The Whig says the other thing." And why should they not? The Whig is the people's paper.

Free school books have not been promised by the government. Mr. Crothers, of St. Thomas, has been dreaming about it. Only that and nothing more.

Catch Mr. Whitney saying that the schools will have their books free! That is a big contract and the premier is not inclined to let Mr. Crothers, of St. Thomas, stampede him on the subject.

Mr. Blake says the province is not yet ready for law reform? He means that the lawyers are not ready for it. Lower charges may be a good thing for the laymen, or litigants, but not for the legal profession.

Mr. Wright says that Mr. McPherson's connection with the Gage case is "not damaging to the conservative party." Is it damaging to Mr. McPherson when he is the regular nominee of the conservative party?

The Whig may not give evidence of much merit according to an authority, but it is the paper the people read when Mr. Whitney, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Gagey and a host of minor lights carry it about with them and use it as a text book.

A mining man, Mr. Day, says, the mining acts passed by the government have only resulted in added confusion, and the government's policy in its working out has resulted in the stealing of mines from the men who discovered and owned them.

The horse-breeders of the province, by a vote of thirteen to two, in meeting assembled, disapproved of the spending of money on horse exhibitions in London: They indirectly, then, disapprove of the Beck display and the costs which it incurred.

First complaint was made because the immigration to Canada was not restrained, in view of the depression, and now the complaint is that there is a falling off in the arrivals of fifty thousand this season. There is no pleasing some people. They will kick in any case.

The Right To Run.
 Toronto Star.
 W. J. McWhinney, K.C., referring to the candidature of A. W. Wright, says that no man has any business to thrust himself upon the public as a candidate, without being asked. We do not see the force of the objection. If the uninvited candidate is defeated, no harm is done, and if he is elected, or even if he receives a considerable support, that is evidence that the failure to invite him was due to accident, and not to design.

The true principle is that any citizen has a right to present himself to the electors, and to obtain whatever support he can. He may be the advocate of some cause which is weak to-day, but which in its capabilities of growth, he has a right to test his cause whenever he sees fit. To say that this kind of candidature does no harm is to say less than the truth for it does good by encouraging independent thinking, and saving the old-line parties from stagnation. It would be intolerable tyranny to allow the old-line parties to dictate absolutely who should be in the field.

The Only Fair Way.
 Toronto Star.
 Some politicians are reported as saying that if Sir Wilfrid Laurier made concessions in regard to the Manitoba franchise he would lose "prestige." There is no need for any anxiety on this point. There is one way, and only one way, in which prestige may be gained by a statesman in dealing with elections. It is by making elections absolutely fair and absolutely free.

The Party Milk Cow.
 Hamilton Herald.
 It is said in the Ellen Charlotte Taylor labor contract, which Hon. Mr. Hendrie was a party to making, \$21,000 a year net profit was made on the wages alone, use of machinery, buildings, grounds and power being thrown in free. Such a contract could well afford to be "milked" for the benefit of the party.

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Toronto Star.
 Leader Mackay contends that the Whitney government has done nothing for the workers. Well, that depends. See how it did for Dr. Beattie Nesbitt.

He Dared Not.
 Hamilton Times.
 Whitney wouldn't listen to the proposal to abolish the fee system of paying certain law officials. You see, he had just appointed a lot of hungry spoilsmen to be bailiffs! He dared not.

A Popular Idea.
 Toronto Star.
 That is a good idea of Hon. A. G. MacKay for the creation of a ministry of colonization and labor. Such a department is doing great work in Quebec, and there is no reason why it should not do equally well in Ontario.

Col. Sam Is Wary.
 Exchange.
 Ever since his own party flanked him the other day, Col. Sam Hughes has been nervous about attacks from the rear. He never takes his seat in the house now without looking over his shoulder to see where George Fowler is.

The One Exception.
 Toronto Globe.
 S. H. Blake swallows it all at one gulp—except the gerrymander. The way in which another Blake fought another gerrymander probably restrained his pen when he began to praise the loading of the dice.

The Whitney Joke.
 Toronto Star.
 Premier Whitney continues to devote his great lexicographic talents to the exposition, illustration, and definition of the word "hiring." In explaining his sense of humor he makes a point that it is often considered a great joke to say the thing you don't mean.

Pense Called To Win.
 Canadian Freeman.
 Appearances are extremely bright for a change of government at Toronto, in which event Kingston will have a representative in Hon. Mr. MacKay's new cabinet in the person of E. J. B. Pense, whose position as opposition financial critic of the Whitney administration has given him a standing of solidness that few men reach. In the last contest for parliamentary honors which Mr. Pense had in Kingston, no less than five or six Ontario cabinet ministers came to the city and made speeches in an effort to defeat him, and though the Whitney government had just been given power, with all its weight, Kingston stood to its guns and elected its honored son by an increased majority. On the 8th of June the electors will repeat the trick and increase his majority by a few hundred—and he well deserves this tribute.

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