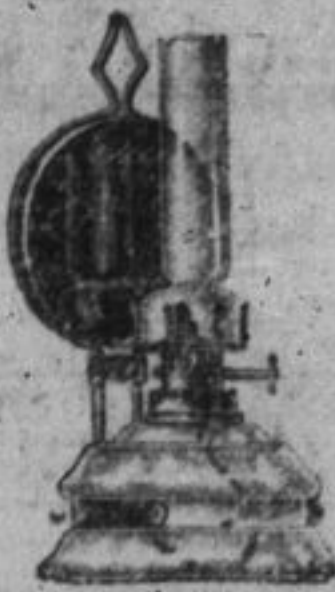


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#### PLAYING THE GAME.

The proposal within the lords, and for a reform of the upper chamber, is a diverting movement. There is no hope of it being adopted. There are some queer members of the ancient chamber. They appeared recently in order to vote against the license reduction bill. They were not recognized as members. They had a difficulty in securing identification. A few of them had to be sworn in before they could take their seats and vote. They were "dug-ups," the report says, or "resurrectionists," and their appearance must have given zest to the demand for this reform.

The committee which has had the matter in hand would give higher standing to the house in suggesting that its members be experienced in public life, and that their number be reduced materially. Consent must be had to the scheme, however, and one cannot imagine that the freaks who were found lately and pressed into a very ignoble service, would be willing to extinguish themselves politically.

The game is well meant, in the meantime—the game of the lords in having something to off-set the demand of the commons for their redemption.

#### THE AGITATION GOES ON.

Sir Hibbert's recent visit to Montreal on business—gave the politicians another chance to talk about him—and the possibility of his call to the conservative leadership. The boom is not of his making or encouragement. He has survived the affront which the Vancouver people offered him, and having the Tupper temperament and spirit of independence.

"Those who are actively promoting the Tupper campaign," says the Montreal Herald, "have nothing against Mr. Borden. His only offence is that he has failed to win and, although he did better at the last election than in 1904, the improvement in the position of the party was so slight that assuming it to go on at the same ratio in the next half dozen general elections a quarter of a century would elapse before the party could hope to get into power. Such was the reason given for the movement by several prominent conservatives who talked over the subject with a Herald representative at the Windsor. This, it was explained, was why Sir Hibbert Tupper had been approached on the subject."

"The one thing that is to the credit of Sir Hibbert is the fact that he faced himself when it was necessary to do so in the interest of the party. When the Powell government went down, after the Foster-Montague-Haggart revolt, and Sir Charles Tupper was called to the premiership, Sir Hibbert realized that it would not be expedient to have two members of the family in the government and so he retired. Later he went out of parliament, and has in late years been devoting his attention to law. He may not be unwilling to serve his party again, but not at the expense or sacrifice of Mr. Borden. To be candid about it there does not seem to be any genuine or general desire that Mr. Borden should retire. He did not win in the contest, but that was not his fault. He was not a star attraction. Would Sir Hibbert be such if the way were open to his call?"

#### EQUAL TO HIS REPUTATION.

The record of Charles Edward Poulett Thomson, Baron Sydenham, graces the Makers of Canada series, of Morang & Co., a work thought worthy of a special gathering recently in Toronto of the literary forces which have been engaged upon it. Prof. Adam Shortt, the biographer, seems to be greatly inspired by the able and commanding personality of his subject, and as he is usually given to calm dissection rather than wholesale praise, Canada's beloved governor gains not a little in reputation, for it is the most dependable and comprehensive review yet given of his career.

The two Canadas were in a critical state during and immediately after the rebellion of 1837. Factional spirit was high and reckless and a union of Upper and Lower Canada was the only promising solution of the problem of British connection, since provincial and sectional cries might be smothered in the greater question of an enlarged country, broader outlook, and a desirable unity of races and merging of laws, uniting systems differing widely. The British government, discouraged over the failure of governors to secure order, enthusiasm, and confidence creating a wave of desire for

responsible government, sought out a strong man for the launching of the first united Canada. A member of the cabinet, who represented the important commercial constituency of Manchester and whose prospects of the Chancellorship of the Exchequer were by no means vague, was chosen, and Poulett Thomson came to Canada. His advocacy in England of reasonable reforms, such as the ballot, technical education, international copyright, better corn laws, repeal of usury act, and schooled him in enlightened and progressive legislation. His two years of office show remarkable administrative abilities, fecundity of legislation, powers of conciliation, while demanding strictest loyalty, all made possible by a fine personality, as well as genial frankness. He had suavity of manner with strength of purpose. Within two years he had rehabilitated Canada, won the plaudits of the old land, been made a lord of the realm, and was preparing to return to England when the fatal fall occurred in Kingston near his home, and he found a grave in its parish church rather than further fame in England. Canadians may read the book with great profit and interest, for its glimpses of statesmanship and opening pages of a new and redeeming public life.

#### THE CHURCH—A FAILURE.

Some people ask the question, seriously, "What is the matter with the church?" They think it should lead in all moral and social reforms and do not understand why it hesitates or halts. A preacher, in a sermon of unusual spirit, thought that the institution which the Ideal Man founded should be aggressive in its policy, should reconcile the races, make peace where there is conflict, carry morality into business, exterminate vice and purify politics. He admitted that such a work was comprehensive, and that it involved zeal and devotion that are, alas, sadly missing. What is wanted? The old ideals, the spirit which animated the early Hebrews, the simple religious life.

Canada will have another visit during the winter from Dr. Grenfell, of Labrador. Who can read the story of his life without feeling that he puts the ordinary Christian to shame, that his continued sacrifices uncomplainingly are a severe reproach to the Churchmen everywhere. Here is a man who since 1892; has lived among the rough uncultured fisher folk of the coast, who has shared their privations, who has bent his energies for their betterment, and carried to them a practical and helpful religion.

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A little over a year ago he addressed several meetings in Ontario and Quebec. His were modest talks, but so touching, so graphic, so surprising. Men and women who heard him confessed that they were deeply impressed. They contemplated a modern Paul, one who gloried in his tribulations because they had brought him nearer to the people he loved. The church is supposed to be the medium by which men may reach the highest and noblest service. By it they should be helped to imitate the early disciples in their devotions. By it they should help in the reformation of the world. It is not accomplishing its mission. Perhaps the reason for it may be found in a study of the life and character of Dr. Grenfell.

#### TREAT ALL ALIKE.

It will be news to some people that, though the request of certain petitioners has been declined, on the ground that the revenue from their water works would not be sufficient to warrant the expenditure in capital account, such extensions have been made. At least that is the statement and it is, we suppose, capable of verification.

There is a principle involved. Originally, when the plant became the city's, it was understood that no capital expenditure could be incurred unless it could be shown that the receipts from the water service were sufficient to pay the interest on the investment. In essence, this was a

guarantee that one water consumer would not, out of his contributions, be made to pay for another man's convenience.

As the system was extended until the city was pretty well covered by water pipes it may have been felt that the rule regarding new consumers and capital expenditure should be modified, but can this be done without an amendment in the law? Can the council (if it would), set aside the statute by which it has been governed for so many years? Report has it that this has been done. Can it be done in one case and not in another? Can there be discrimination in favour of any part of the city or of any particular residents? Can there be a new departure without some consideration for those who have had to pay, and pretty smartly, for their water supply? The council, out of its surplus, may not contemplate a refund of extra ratings, and yet something like that may be the next thing that some of the consumers may demand.

#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

A Calgary man says the people of that city should sing its praises wherever they go. He's right. The man who is not loyal to his own city is fit for—treasons, stratagems and spoils.

Mrs. Nation and her little hatchet are in England. She's been encouraged to think that because the suffragettes have been tolerated the people will put up with anything.

Why worry because the liberal executive of Ferguson calls a meeting to consider the site for a post office. The government does not act on all the dictates of political executives.

So the education department will not allow of any inspection of the schools which it does not conduct? Here's a touch of bossism which the Toronto people must appreciate.

The Canadian Courier accepts the declaration of the ministers of marine and public works that the patronage lists have been abolished. If these men are not in earnest the fact will very soon become known.

The Witness advocates a prosecution of all those who have been tempting the civil service officials to go wrong with their bribes. According to The Devil's philosophy the tempter and the tempted are two of a kind.

So the Eye-Opener has been refused the use of the mails. Now perhaps it will be good. But it ought to have one more chance, and perhaps with the consent of Dan McGillicuddy the postmaster-general may lift the ban.

There is going to be, it is alleged, an enforcement of the law regarding physical instruction in our high schools. But the law does not say what this physical exercise shall consist of. The young people would not object to a dance for thirty minutes at the close of each day's study.

The case against the editor of the Winnipeg Free Press for libel, which ended in his favour, has demonstrated one thing. It is that Mr. Sifton, in Winnipeg, before the election, did not suffer from unpopularity but "organized rowdiness." The Free Press has made the exposure complete.

### SPIRIT OF THE PRESS

Got What They Wanted.  
Guelph Mercury.  
Plenty of people were grumbling for cold weather. Well, they've got it now. Hope they are satisfied.

No One Surely.  
Hamilton Herald.  
It is reported that the Quebec conservatives intend to lodge thirty-three election protests in that province alone. Who would have thought that the Quebec conservatives were so intensely protestant?

Hazen In Danger.  
Toronto Globe.  
The defeat of the Hazen candidates in Northumberland and Carleton indicates that the pendulum is swinging the other way already. Mr. Hazen should have stayed at home and attended to his knitting.

A Simple Plan.  
By all means let Judge Cassels go to Vancouver, if they want him. A simpler way, however, would be to dismiss the whole staff of the marine department, and put it on the men themselves to prove they ought to be taken back.

Where Waste Occurs.  
Canadian Courier.  
Everything which the governments buy should be bought in the cheapest market, whether the seller be a liberal or a conservative. The tender system obtains in all large contracts; it is in the small contracts, the day-to-day purchases, and the "rush" orders that patronage creeps in and the waste of public money occurs.

Borden's Day Coming.  
Hamilton Herald.  
Mr. Borden will, if he lives, one day be the leader of a victorious party and the head of the government. When that time comes the few conservatives who are now petulantly demanding that Sir James Whitney or Premier McBride or Sir Hibbert Tupper be called to the leadership will be heard the loudest voices in the chorus of adulation for Borden.

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