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**Daily Whig.**

GET INTO THE OPEN.

The Telegram has not been regarded as a scandal monger. But it appears to have snapped at a story, to the effect that a member of the government is guilty of something not stated. But the Telegram is so very vague and indefinite that one is forced to the conclusion that it is afraid to deal with the issue heroically.

Our contemporary, by the way, does not appear to have had a monopoly of the rumour. It is alleged that a supporter of the liberal government demanded, and received, several audiences with the premier, and that his object was to rid the government of the member in question. The evidence of wrong-doing is a photograph of an alleged bank account, and a copy of a letter from the premier, through his private secretary, acknowledging certain correspondence and appointing a meeting.

The Telegram will have to go a great deal further—it will indeed have to assume the audacity in which it excels at times—before it can create much of a stir or scandal. The opposition, to which it is said the subject has been referred, will also have to be more explicit and courageous. The government is ready for action when it is called for. The late J. Israel Tarte, in the Langevin-McGreavy case, and the late L. S. Huntington on the Pacific scandal case, are quoted. These men were brave enough to rise in the commons, to prefer definite charges, and demand an enquiry, on pain of forfeiting their seats if they did not succeed.

Is there a man in the opposition, who believes the story and dares to imitate these men, Tarte and Huntington, in the discharge of a public duty? If so let him speak now.

**LIVING ABOVE SUSPICION.**

The Lanctot case has been disposed of. The evidence being all in, the committee of investigation exonerated the member for Richelieu from the charge of using public men and material, and of abusing his public position, and of flagrant wrong-doing. At a time when he could not get men and paint for a new house he had built he asked for accommodation from the government foreman at Sorel, and had later paid the bill he had rendered for labour. The paint he replaced. The minister of justice declared that the member had not transgressed the rules of the house, that legally he was not a trespasser, and that parliament should deal with its membership like a gentleman's club. Of course, such an opinion could not be accepted by the opposition, and Mr. Monk, as the abandoned leader for Quebec, and yet the most servile servant of the party, submitted a minority report which condemned Mr. Lanctot. He found in his associates men who were willing to believe Mr. Lanctot guilty of all that was charged against him and a great deal more.

One of Mr. Lanctot's assailants was Dr. Reid, of Grenville. This member lives in a glass house, and still he will throw stones. In 1904 he had used the government dock at Prescott for his yacht, had used government men and government gas. He had not rendered an account by the department, he said, but did that alter the case?

The Whig is of opinion that members of parliament are not justified in using government men or material under any circumstances. They may pay for any service they receive, and not be accepting or seeking any favours, but this fact cannot be established, without a full enquiry, and meanwhile there may be talk and criticism of a very injurious kind. Like Caesar's wife the member of parliament should live above suspicion.

**THE RATES A PICTURE.**

A serious misapprehension has arisen with regard to the Canadian Experience which the fraternal societies are seeking. The impression has gone abroad that this experience is desired in order to found a new table of rates upon it. That is not the idea of those who have advocated the experience, nor is it the understanding of the actuary who figured upon the statistics which nine societies last year provided.

The Hunter table of rates, for insurance alone, has been incorporated into the law of Ontario, and is the only table which is officially recognized by that department. There is no agitation for a change in them, and there would not be a change if the agitation did take place. What the Canadian Fraternal Association desires is this: That at the end of each calendar year statistics be supplied to an actuary, and that, computed according to the Hunter Table of Rates, he shall pre-

pare the percentage of estimated deaths and the percentage of actual deaths. Each individual society may, if it likes, have a computation made of the estimated and actual mortality, so far as it is concerned, and the Hunter, or National Fraternal Congress, or any other table of rates may be used for the purpose.

The experience which was secured last year was very interesting. It showed that on the basis of one year's statistics the Hunter rates were excessive, but it does not follow that there should be any change in these rates, any lowering of them, so far as the government goes, than it follows there should be a change in the standard rates of any insurance company when the actual mortality falls below the estimated mortality. The Hunter rates are a fixture so far as the Insurance Act of Ontario is concerned. Gradually societies are working towards them. Several have them now, or tables that are a near approach to them.

**BOUND TO GO WRONG.**

The Montreal Gazette gives the reason why the conservative opposition should resist the passage of the reciprocity agreement in a bitter and relentless spirit. The members have returned from their Easter vacation and they pretend to reflect the mind of the majority in continuing their hostility. This statement is challenged.

If the conservatives learned anything when they were at home it was that the people, by a large majority, wanted the trade agreement. There have been sent to parliament many petitions in favour of the pact, and these are signed by conservatives as well as liberals. It is the privilege of any member to consult the petitioners, and to ask if they are of the same mind with regard to the agreement.

Any one is at liberty to address parliament on the subject and to renounce the position he voluntarily assumed upon this subject. The fact that no repudiations have occurred is significant. It belies the representation of the Gazette that the people do not favour the pact, or that they have changed their minds. The conclusion follows that the opposition have not a reason to resist the agreement or to insist upon an election.

An appeal to the people now would not be justified. The census is about to be taken, and when the work is complete the west will be entitled to several new members. An election without resort to the census would practically disfranchise the thousands of voters who have settled in the newer provinces. An election in the fall will give these men a chance to vote on the trade issue, and if they do not approve it will have to go. It cannot be made binding in any country for any period without the consent of the party in power.

The decision to prevent the agreement taking effect in Canada is the result of the conviction that in any case the opposition is doomed to defeat. It has the faculty in recent years of getting on the wrong side.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

"Let well enough alone" shouts the federal opposition. It means with those people stagnation, dry rot, the sleeping sickness. It is very becoming to some men.

Mr. Taylor, M.P., has not yet apologized to the Transcontinental commissioners for the slander he uttered regarding them. He accused them of spending the people's money, large sums of it, in lusk. And the statement was a fib. He has to be a man who can do justice to one he has injured.

Observe that the federal opposition is being led by Lennox, Sproule, Hughes, Crothers, and Lancaster. Mr. Borden, evidently annoyed, is absent a good deal from the house. Mr. Foster is letting the troublemakers alone. Perhaps it's wise. The alleged fighting force will finish its warfare if left severely alone.

The Canadian Courier finds that the United States manufacturers command five-eighths of the Western Canada trade, and the Canadians three-eighths, in agricultural implements. Reason—the Americans do the most advertising. And printers' ink pays. Some of our capitalists had better wake up.

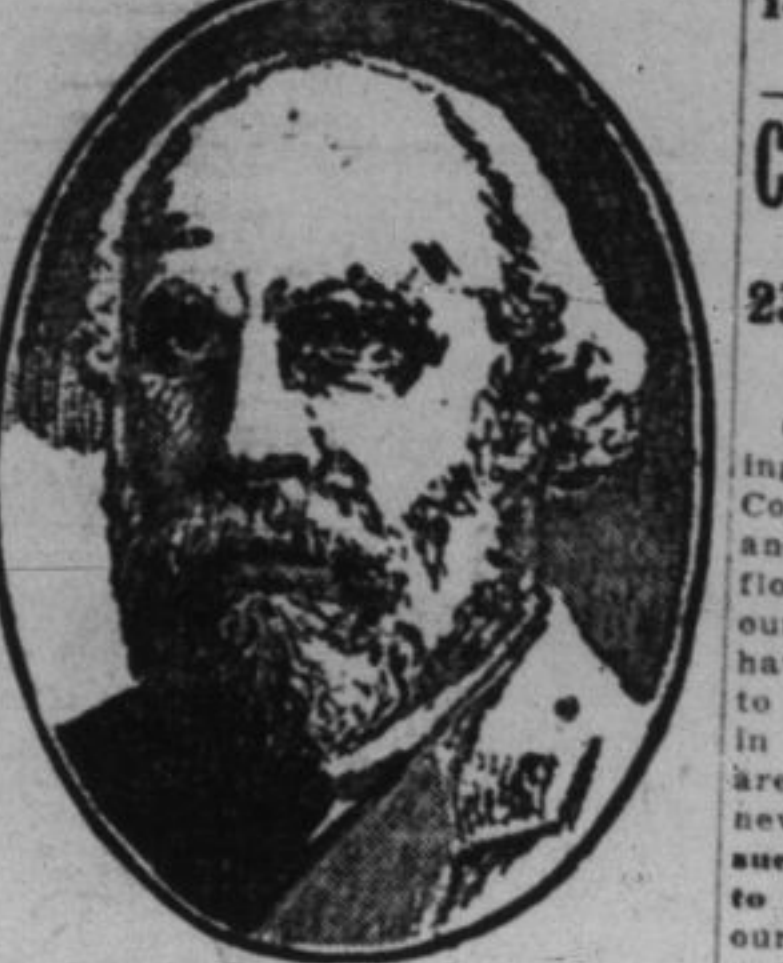
The St. Thomas Journal calls for

a government inspection, or civic inspection, under the provincial legislature, of the Chinese laundries. Why? The Chinese cook, work, and sleep in the same room. My, how considerate we are becoming of the "Celestials." A few years ago they were the victims of the taunts, abuse and ridicule of the Christians. The world is changing.

Bovine tuberculosis is again a scare. It is proposed to eradicate it by eradicating the cattle which will not stand the tuberculin test. This may mean the slaughter of whole herds of stock. Can this be avoided by the branding of the cows which are affected by the disease to the end that their flesh may not be offered as food? Is their milk tainted? If so let the killing proceed. But there is a doubt, and the veterinarians cannot remove it.

**COLLEGE BRED FARMERS.**

J. J. Hill Thinks Graduates Should Hark Back.



New Haven, Conn., April 29.—In a letter to the Yale News, James J. Hill urges college men to look to the farm. He says hundreds of graduates would be better off to-day, if they had taken their diplomas straight to the farm. "I think," he writes, "that the farm offers advantages superior to those of business or the professions. There is not and never will be any over-supply of educated farmers."

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**The Man On Watch.**

It was news to the Lampman that there are reserved seats in heaven, and that the late repentants will have to occupy the rear benches. But he supposed the preacher who last Sabbath gave a sermon on the question took his word for it; he is willing to take his word for it. Heaven will thus be composed of classes, just as the earth is. There will be no equality. This should be good news to those who do not care to associate with people they think beneath them.

Another town minister says, things about the shopkeepers making their clerks work late on Saturday night. These clerks go to church, in the morning to the church, in the preacher's conclusion. But he's wrong, the Lampman says. The majority of clerks work nine hours a day for five days of the week and twelve hours on Saturday. If they cannot get enough sleep between eleven o'clock Sunday night and ten o'clock Sunday morning they simply do not want to go to church. If every Saturday was a holiday the churches would not have a whit larger attendance on Sabbath morning. Early Saturday night closing is not going to aid the churches.

The Lampman was quite shocked to see a merchant marine flag flying this week from the tower of Queen's College. Surely the officials of that seat of learning should know better than to use such a flag. Queen's holds a royal charter and the only flag that should be floated from its tower is the old Union Jack. Another thing the Lampman notices about the flag flying is that few people know how to half-mast one. The old rule is that the distance from the top of the pole to the top of the flag should be a third the length of the pole. And even a university flag should not be allowed to fly all night.

Once before, the Lampman pointed out that the bar was less harmful to a community than a liquor shop. He would wager that since Gananogue's shop licenses were abolished a couple of years ago, there has been less booze taken home by the women of that town. It is in the shops that the women get their liquor. The Lampman has kept tabs and has been amazed at the number of women of the poorer classes who flock to the liquor shops to spend their limited supply of money. The less liquor shops there are in a community the better it will be for the women.

**THE TOWN WATCHMAN.**

Wages in Great Britain.

Montreal Gazette.

Statistics were presented in the British House of Commons to show that sixty-five per cent. of the adult workers in Great Britain receive less than \$5.50 a week. The average rate thus stated is probably reduced by the low wages of agricultural laborers, whose pay in money in some places is as little as eighteen shillings a week. The situation accounts for the large increase in the number receiving poor law relief whenever there is a trade depression. It also shows why the old age pension system had so many friends in a country where individualism is strong. Also it creates respect for the people who, on such small incomes, have the self-denial that enables them to save money to take them to other lands where their work is better paid and helps the country they choose as well as themselves.

The man successful in criticism is usually a failure in all other essentials.

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