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Daily Whig.

HIS SPIRIT IS HERE.

To-morrow, May 7th, will be the first anniversary of a death whose influence or depressing effect lingers in our editorial rooms, the business department, everywhere that the presence of Mr. Pense dominated. Twelve months since our chief and friend disappeared from the activities of this life and left a memory that must, with some of us, forever remain sacred. It is true that in time the world becomes reconciled to any loss, that in the dispensations of Providence men pass on or away and that others, rising in their places, carry on the work to which they were devoted. It may be that after a while the place that knew them knows them no more. It will be long, however, before the absence of a great personality will not be mourned, and that his associates in the Whig will not long for the touch of a kindly hand and the sound of a voice that is still. The Whig goes on, perpetuating the power that he so largely developed by the consecrated service of forty years, and in all its departments there is the consciousness of his all-pervading and controlling spirit. We would not have it otherwise.

AFRAID OF THE RESULT.

Before the enquiry begins the conservative party throws up the Oliver case. For days, perhaps for weeks, there was talk in the lobbies of the house respecting it. The scandal was so shady that no one wanted to touch it, or to be responsible for making charges respecting it. Finally a Toronto paper printed fac similes of a ledger account and a letter, and printed a very guarded statement.

Though the opposition have been usually very eager to attack the government, when given the ammunition, it remained silent in this case, until the premier and the minister of the interior had spoken. The one declared that he had confidence in his colleague. The other asked for the appointment of a committee which would enquire into any act of administration and look into his bank account. The leader of the opposition did not think the commission full enough, because it limited the investigation to the "facts" given by the Toronto Telegram and World.

But Mr. Oliver has announced that the critics will "have the fullest opportunity to examine his bank account in connection with this insinuation or any other brought forward in a similar way." This is surely comprehensive enough. It gives the committee the greatest scope. "It is a family quarrel," says Mr. Borden, referring to the circumstance that a disgruntled liberal is at the bottom of the quarrel. So it seems, but it does not seem to amount to much or there would not have been so much difficulty in giving it an airing.

A GREAT GOVERNMENT SCHEME.

The Lloyd-George scheme of insurance against sickness and disability and non-employment may well be described as the greatest act of constructive legislation that has ever been presented. Marvel of marvels it is acceptable to every division of that remarkable combination that constitutes the British house of commons.

The scheme means a compulsory taxation of the individual, to some extent, and a burden upon the employers and the state of the most serious kind. How far it may affect the individuals is not indicated, but the state will face a liability of \$35,000,000 as soon as the act has been passed, and of \$100,000,000 three years hence. It may mean more than that for, of course, no matter how bright and clever, one may be handicapped by the financial effects of a measure like this.

It represents a great effort to provide for the wants of men, to inaugurate economic conditions in which all classes of the people will have an abiding interest, and to bring about, legislatively and justly, something that will typify the great brotherhood of man. The opposition accept it, because they dare not resist it. They kicked against old age pensions, and they lost by it in the last elections. To resist this proposal would be to invite political suicide.

One thing the Whig foresees—the decline if not the end of some of the British fraternal societies. They have existed, and flourished, as economic aids in sickness and disability. Membership in the government's new scheme of insurance being compulsory workingmen will have to let the so-

cieties go, and it is to be hoped they will not be the sufferers in the long run.

ON THE WARPATH AGAIN.

Mr. Maclean, or The Maclean, of the federal parliament, has been heard from again, and with regard to the C.P.R. The over-capitalization of the company has appalled the member for East York, and he wants parliament to delegate to the railway commission the power to regulate the issue of stock. This is hardly possible. The commission was not created for the purpose of examining into the affairs of every corporation, and of directing it, so that financially it may be above criticism.

Parliament, many years ago, was most kind to the C.P.R. company, when, it assumed the task of completing the road. The proposition hung fire for a while. Then a second company was organized, (with a Kingstonian as one of its members), and it offered to carry out the contract for less money and land. But the government, of the day, headed by Sir John Macdonald, felt that it was committed to the syndicate, and it carried through the bargain. The road and equipment cost \$91,500,000. Towards this the company was given \$25,000,000 in cash, a constructed road worth \$35,000,000 and 25,000,000 acres of land. Up to the middle of 1909 the company had realized from land \$63,769,788, and held 13,000,000 acres unsold.

The stock of the company in 1884 was valued at \$65,000,000 and this sum the owners but \$24,500,000. This has been repaid in dividends. The \$65,000,000, which does not represent a real investment, is now worth \$140,000,000, and earns ten per cent. Other stock has been issued since so that the total now is \$200,000,000.

The Maclean wants a check put upon over-capitalization, so that the freight and passenger rates may be reduced. He estimates that even \$15,000,000 annually is collected from the people unnecessarily. He has set himself to put an end to this. How he is going to do it cannot be imagined. But he is a man of resource. That much must be admitted. Some people smiled when he set out to regulate the Grand Trunk, and insisted upon a lower fare under an old and forgotten statute. He kept on the fight and the third class coach is run every day in conformity with the act. So the C.P.R. men had better be careful.

According to the newspapers, several of the town Sunday schools were holding baseball meetings on the Sabbath, the Lampman notes. Just think of it, he says. Next, there will be Sunday school ball-playing on the Sabbath. He doesn't think either of these things are wrong, but he thinks that some religious leaders of the town who want a strictly observed Sabbath day should arise and protest against Sunday school ball clubs holding baseball meetings on that day.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Canadian Courier thinks that either the government or the opposition is bluffing with regard to a new election. Well, the fellows who are out have nothing to lose by a defeat. They can afford to call the bluff.

Sir James Whitney said some years ago that his party would make electricity as cheap as air. Mr. Beck said he would make it as cheap as candle light. Neither is in a position just yet to redeem his word.

Mr. Foster's arguments are being quoted by American papers against the reciprocity agreement. Mr. Foster reasons that this agreement favours the United States, wholly and entirely, and the Americans cannot see it. George Eulis should do a little campaigning across the way.

Hon. Mr. Oliver is said to be the victim of blackmailers. Doubtless, he is at the head of a very important department, and could favour people to their great advantage, if he liked. That he can resist them, and accept the alternative of a fierce attack, is very much to his credit.

The Telegram says Toronto's tax rate at seventeen and one-half mills on the dollar is too high. Kingston's is twenty-two and one-half, and there is not a word of complaint. The Telegram forgets that the people like to earn their good money and hand it out for municipal extravagance.

The conservatives in the imperial commons voted with the government, and against the labourites on the preamble of the veto bill. The Ottawa conservatives have something to learn from the party across the sea, and they cannot learn it too soon. Their ways are always partizan and piecemeal.

In connection with this power matter what Kingston wants is cheap rates, not cheap talk. The Hydro-Electric Commission will have to mesmerize the people before it can induce them to become liable for 1,200 horsepower at \$42 a year for thirty years.

when they get just what they want, no more, and indefinitely, at \$25 a horse power.

Some time ago Lloyd-George was reported to be in ill-health, and it was said he might never be himself again. In his scheme of sick and non-employment insurance he gives evidence of an alertness of mind that betokens a recovery of bodily vigour, and this delegates his admirers. Strange he should in this matter bounce so high into popularity.

The Man On Watch.

The Lampman would like to say to the town streets committee that so long as the people want trees on the roadsides cut down, down the trees must come, even at the expense of a loss of beauty. In no cases have trees been indiscriminately removed. Health and comfort must take precedence over beauty, and when a magnificent tree causes dampness or darkness in a house, let it be cut down, as the unprofitable fig tree was. These are the days when the value of good sanitation is preached. Sunlight is what the people require, and a street, thick with trees, is not going to let in the light. The town councilmen should learn, if they do not know it, that a tree's economic value stands first. Its beauty is secondary. How many trees, the Lampman asks, has the town council had planted on the streets for the past twenty years? A few dozen at the most he ventures to say. Let it get to work and plant some on stretches of streets where there are very few.

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A lady has written the Lampman to know why widows and spinsters are taxed on their income, which in many cases is barely enough to meet life's necessities. It is unfortunate that this is the case in Ontario, and the Lampman sympathizes with those women who can ill-afford to pay a tax on their substance. He has looked into the matter on more than one occasion, and has been surprised that the law, as it stands, is allowed to exist, for it really discriminates against the widow and spinster. Men earning wages, and not householders, are exempt up to \$600. A widow drawing an income from an investment must pay a tax if her income is \$300 or over. That is decidedly unfair, but it is the law of Ontario and the assessor of Kingston has to obey that law and assess the tax. The sooner the law is amended, the better, and the Lampman would advise those interested to wait upon Lawyer Nichol and demand that he do something to ease the burden of the widow and spinster of Kingston when the legislature meets again.

TOWN WATCHMAN.

The Trusts & Guarantee Company, Limited, Toronto, are applying for letters of administration in the estate of Janos Herbach, otherwise known as John Hewat, of the village of Sandpointe, County of Renfrew, who died on or about July 11th, 1910. The chief asset of the estate consists of cash in bank.

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The movement was inaugurated by the international committee of the Young Men's Christian Associations of America, and affiliated with this body in the present "plans are the Brotherhoods of the different denominations and the International Sunday School Association.

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Succeeds Hyde Chamberlain.

New York, May 6.—Mayor Gaynor named Robert R. Moore, president of the Commercial Trust company, as city chamberlain, to succeed Charles H. Hyde, resigned. Moore is a close friend of both the mayor and Hyde, and it is understood that if the chamberlain is acquitted of the charges of soliciting and accepting a bribe for which he has been indicted, Moore will retire and Hyde will get his old place back.

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