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THE MUZZLERS IN ORDER.

Talk about the opposition forcing a dissolution! The minority should not have the power at any time, and they do not have it now, to make government impossible. That is the idea which is being advertised to the hurt of the country. The opposition has been so persistent in its obstruction that some people have come to regard it as an inherent right when it is a condition that is due to the sufferance of the government. Canada has got many useful ideas from the mother country. One more it can adopt quite readily and without delay—that of the closure. Anything to choke off the troubler in parliament, the men who have made a nuisance of themselves by their everlasting and useless speech. Dissolution cannot be considered until there has been a redistribution of seats. This must follow the census which takes place on June 1st. There will be an addition of about thirty members from the west, and an election that would disfranchise thousands of the people and refuse them representation cannot be entertained. This is conceded by the Ottawa Journal, a conservative paper of a mild nature.

A NEW OUTLET IN VIEW.

The news which comes from the Grand Trunk company, and concerning its proposed erection of new passenger and freight stations in the city, is gladly received. It shows that the board of trade has accomplished something worthy of it, though it has not succeeded in all its aims. What the city needs is a closer connection with the capital, a better arrangement than that which is to be had at Brockville. Sometimes this is missed, and because the C.P.R. will not delay its train beyond a certain time, and the Grand Trunk's mail train is not always running according to schedule. The C.N.R. will pass within twelve or fifteen miles of the city. It touches at Sydenham. Could the company not be induced to make better use of the Bay of Quinte railway, which Mackenzie & Mann now own or control, and so give the city another outlet for freight and passenger business? Competition only will effect the reforms in railway service which the board of trade has sought so long, and the C.N.R. leads in the matter of enterprise.

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Building the Panama Canal.

The change in the liberalism of Lloyd-George has been the change wrought out of a remarkable experience, and without regard to the history of the past. Colden and Bright represented the ideas of their times. Lloyd-George represents the ideas of the present, and the fact that he could present a scheme of non-employment insurance, following more comprehensively the scheme of old age insurance, and win the support of all parties in the commons, is a tribute to his power. In the contempla-

tion of that striking fact, all comparisons of men, and analyses of their policies, fall.

FARMERS POINT OF VIEW.

The farmers of the United States, through the state granges, and representing many thousands of persons, have protested against the trade agreement and the proposed reciprocity in national products. They have put up a powerful lobby in Washington and declare that the trade agreement, if adopted, will ruin them. The Weekly Sun has summarized their grievances thus:

Mr. Godfrey (New York grange), has observed Canadian milk and cream going into the markets of his state in the face of a duty, and he naturally expects to see the traffic greatly increased with the American tariff on those products removed. Mr. Hull, (Michigan grange), speaking from knowledge gained in attendance at the Eastern and Western Dairy Conventions held in Ontario last winter, said that on "the great farm commodities in the market centres you will find prices are considerably higher in the United States than they are in Canada." Mr. Hutchins, of the same state, said that when butter was 2½c. and 22c. in Ontario, it was 29c. and 30c. in Michigan. Mr. Gardner, of Massachusetts, asserted that thousands of cans of Canadian milk are being sold in Boston weekly, and that the competition, under free trade, would make this the most difficult phase of the dairy problem in this state. Others expressed fear of competition in potatoes. Mr. Godfrey going so far as to declare that free trade in potatoes would drive the New York farmer out of this line of business. And still the Canadian Century, Canadian financiers, and the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, are endeavoring to persuade Canadian farmers that free access to the American market will be a bad thing for agriculture in this country. What supreme folly!

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Finery in Church.

Bishop Lines of Newark.

Our women are much at fault in wearing their finery in the House of God and using it for a place of display, so that the women who are doing the really serious work in the world cannot be comfortable there. It is better for us to acknowledge these things and to remedy them than to excuse them.

ANOTHER BIG ROADWAY

PROPOSED TO RUN FROM FLORIDA TO MONTREAL.

The New York stretch of Broadway to Canadian Border is One Link in the Chain.

New York, May 29.—Confident prediction of an international highway stretching from Palm Beach, Florida, northward across the United States and southern Canada to Montreal and Quebec, about 2,200 miles long, is made by Howard D. Hadley, chairman of the New York-Montreal road commission which has been instrumental in carrying forward the part the New York state took in this larger project. Governor Dix has presented Mr. Hadley with the pen and holder with which the governor recently signed the New York-Montreal road bill, appropriating \$1,500,000 for the highway up to Rouse's Point on the Canadian border. The New York stretch of roadway is only one link in the chain stretching from the southernmost point of Florida to the heart of Canada.

Mr. Hadley says that much of the work on the various links in the great chain of highways is already under way, each local community and state carrying on its part so that all can be brought together into a continuous route within two years.

Values in the West.

Canadian Gazette.

The rise in value of western farm lands is illustrated in the sale of a 160-acre farm in the Gleichen district of the irrigation block. The sale price was, roughly, \$10,000. Less than a year ago this land was sold at \$40 per acre, and was originally purchased from the Canadian Pacific railway for \$15 to \$25 per acre on easy payments. The land is broken and fenced, but otherwise few improvements have been made. Also to be noted is the proposal of the Canadian Pacific Railway company to erect at Fort William a coal dock, wharf and coal handling plant, capable of storing 1,000,000 tons of coal. A new clearing elevator is planned, and the cost of the additional facilities will amount to about \$3,000,000. The company further contemplates the erection of steel and concrete bridges to replace the thirteen wooden structures now in use between Vancouver and North Bend, and thirty new additional bridges will be built. The new department operating the western section of the Canadian Pacific railway irrigation block has been placed in the charge of R. J. Stockton, late of Montana, U.S.A. Building and improvements to the extent of \$25,000 are to be made at Strathmore for the accommodation of Mr. Stockton and his staff. It is intended to increase the number of men employed in the operation of the irrigation block, and several water masters are to be brought in to aid in the perfecting of the irrigation system.

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Weekly Sun.

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