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A NON-PARTIZAN SENATE. Some presmen, liberal and conservative, are diverting themselves with a racy discussion of the senate. What is to become of the upper chamber, now so largely liberal? Well, the Whig sincerely hopes it will exhibit that rare good sense for which liberals have been distinguished. One recalls the collision which took place when the Laurier government took office. Some of its schemes and legislation were blocked by the senate, which was then overwhelmingly conservative. The government suggested several plans for reforming the house. Some of them were published. Not one appeared to be practicable. So the agitation for reform died away, especially as the need for change became less necessary in the process of time. The membership quickly became less and less conservative; presently there was an evening of the political forces; then the liberals grew in number until they predominated the red chamber. Unless the liberals become converted from their political faith—and the senators are supposed to be under the transforming influence which in the lords makes a tory of an extreme radical in a very short time—they must be the controlling power in the senate for many a long day, and there is no way open, constitutionally, for having it otherwise. The senators are not at all likely to vote upon any measure that means their political extinction, especially since membership now, under the new indemnity act, makes membership so pleasurable. The senate, originally, was designed to be a Court of Review. Before it all the legislation of the commons passed. It is not subject to amendment or rejection. A senator, who becomes absolutely impartial and non-partizan, can perform a service for the state of the highest value, and the liberal members of that body ought to give the Borden government, when formed, an object lesson it can never forget.

MORE WASTE INVITED. Addresses to distinguished persons, under special circumstances, cannot be avoided. Through their civic and other bodies are permitted to express themselves in suitable language, and through them some very beautiful thoughts may be preserved. But there is no occasion for an expenditure of hundreds and thousands of dollars in so-called works of art. When the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise made a tour of Canada the extravagance of the people with regard to addresses was very great. These presentation offerings accumulated until there must have been a cart load of them. What was the governor-general to do with them? Decorate the rooms of Rideau Hall? No, that was never intended. The precious documents were stored some place, a heritage which was no doubt fully appreciated. Long after the retirement of the marquis from Canada an address was found in some by-way, and at once there was talk. The flowery language of some civic body and the florid use of colours in spreading it over parchment—all gone to waste, say not. The lesson is obvious. The paper or parchment, and all that encloses it, may be valued for its appearance, but an address has only a temporary value and it is a sin to lavish money upon it. Do we profit by experience? We shall presently see, as the arrival of a new governor-general will invite new desires in which to express the people's regard and welcome.

OFFICIALS ARE DISTURBED. There seems to be some uneasiness at Ottawa with regard to the civil service. Before the liberals selected a commission, and required all appointments in connection with the inside service to be approved by it, there was no continuity with the civil service. Officials busied themselves in elections and prospered—if their friends continued in power. With a change of government the headman was assigned his tasks. To the victors be the spoils. With civil service reform two things were established. The position of the eligible and competent clerk became secure, and he received promotion upon his merits. The success of the service became assured. It did not depend upon any fluctuation of political fortune. Its continuance did not rest upon the fate of any government. The ideal condition has not been reached in the inner service, and affecting hundreds of clerks, but it has been approached, and what has been gained cannot be abandoned. Mr. Borden and his party, in opposition, have found fault because the government did not make the civil service independent of political influence in all its branches, and it remains to be seen whether this was a course which conviction suggested, or whether it had for its object the embarrassment of the government. The last plank in the Borden platform, and widely circulated before and during the election, reads thus: "The extension of civil service reform." That means security in office for every one who has been performing his duty impartially, who ceased to be a politician when he became a public servant. One does not forget, of course, the profession and the practice of Sir James Whitney. He was against the spoils system. He berated the liberal government on account of it. But he was not long in office before he had to bow before the surges of political opinion. His party had been long in opposition. Its members were hungry for the good thing of office. They simply revolted and before the storm of their indignation Sir James surrendered. Then there were removals and dismissals until in time the provincial service was pretty well manned by conservatives. Mr. Borden may, like Sir James, mean well. Like Sir James, too, he may be heroic in his plans, but the party is in very needy circumstances, and something must be done to save it.

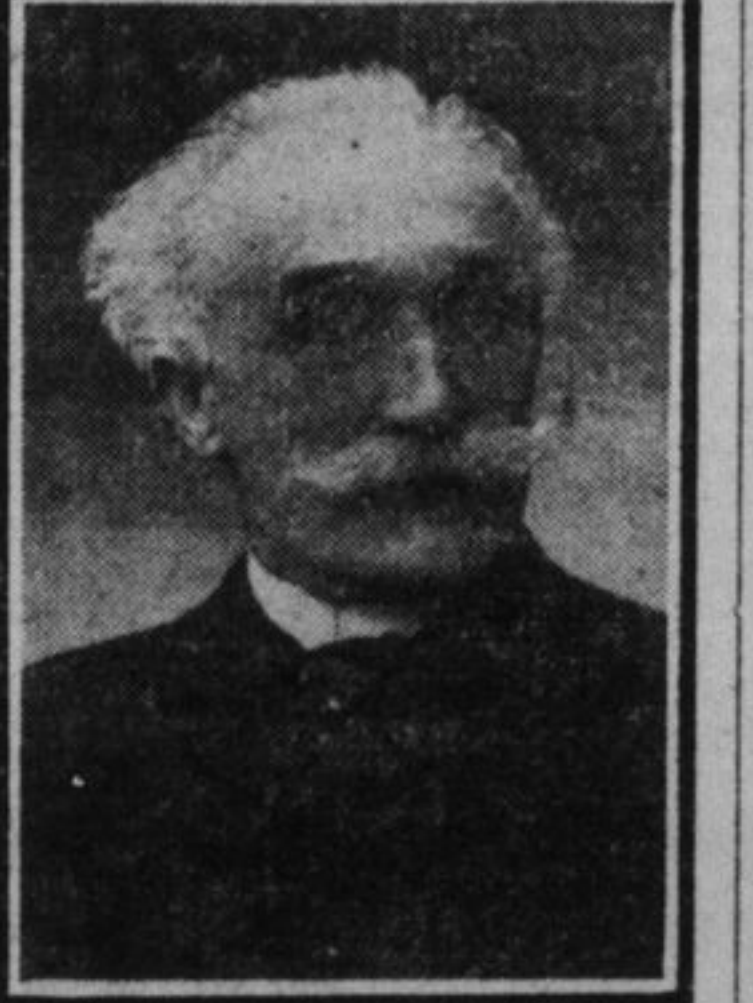
EDITORIAL NOTES. Rev. Hugh Pedley, one of Canada's best preachers, says reciprocity is not dead. Wouldn't he be surprised if it were revived by the Borden government. No talk of Haultain and of a place for him in the new government. It may be a good thing for the government and a better thing for Haultain. The Prince Edward Island legislature is so evenly balanced in membership that no side can hope to do any business. A new and general election might produce the necessary cure. The grain crop of the Canadian north-west is valued at \$200,000,000. Such a large sum in circulation must contribute very much to the business enterprises of the people. The London Daily Mail says that above the silly statement, that "The flag has won" in the American elections. The national colours were very much in evidence for political effect. But they were never in any danger of insult or defeat.

PUBLIC OPINION. Rank Disloyalty. Winnipeg Telegram. We had to face the indifference of Great Britain, a nation which seems to have ceased to have any mind of its own, or, if it has, to know it. Need More Law. Montreal Star. We need some more law. When a gentleman, who never drove an auto before, and has no license, and gives a false name, can knock a policeman over on a crowded corner and get away on a fine of \$20, why, there is nothing else to it; we need more law.

The Boss at Ottawa. Hamilton Times. The Borden government would not have a working majority if all the Quebec members pledged against any form of naval expenditure voted against it. Bourassa is boss at Ottawa, and he intends to dictate the terms.

Getting Wise, Slowly. Toronto Globe. As the days go by liberals and non-party men, and even thoughtful conservatives, will come to find out that they were deceived, wickedly and shamefully deceived, by men who posed as patriots, but who secretly played with Canada's most sacred imperial trust for the sake of personal or party advantage.

Content With Small Things. Ottawa Free Press. William Price, who was defeated in Quebec West, has, it is announced by his friends, declined a portfolio in the Borden cabinet and will be content with a senatorship. And perhaps he is wise in his generation for a senatorship is a life job, unless E. A. Lancaster abolishes the senate.



JUSTIN G. DE SELVES, Minister of foreign affairs in the new French Cabinet.

The Consequences of Folly. Saskatoon Phoenix. There is not the slightest doubt that the adverse vote on reciprocity has caused a slump in wheat prices and has given a check to real estate activity. The unfortunate thing about it is that the just and the wise have to suffer with the unjust and the foolish. The man who closed his eyes and his reason to the plain economic facts and advantages of reciprocity deserves to suffer all the consequences. They are his own making and in justice he should not complain. But it is often true, and it seems to be so in this instance, that the foolish ones are those who are least willing to put up with the consequences of their own folly. But western lands are good and Providence is bounteous, and we sincerely hope that only a brief time will pass till things will right themselves again.

Sad Death at Wilbur. L'Avant Station, Oct. 3.—On the 29th ultimo, at the age of twenty-four years, the death occurred of Mrs. J. E. Lee, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Roche, of Wilbur. The funeral, which was largely attended, took place on Sunday from Mr. Lee's home, to Dalhousie Lake cemetery. Rev. Mr. Malcolm, of Poland, officiated. Mrs. Lee, who had been ailing for some time, bore her trouble to the end with Christian patience that was most exemplary. She was held in high esteem and regard by all who knew her for her kindly disposition and decidedly high-toned personal character and worth and her demise at so early an age is deeply regretted by a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances. Sincere sympathy is extended to Mr. Lee, who is left with a baby girl six months old.

DATES OF FALL FAIRS. Odessa Oct. 6. Tweed Oct. 4-5. The George Hall company has just completed the delivery of 100,000 tons of coal to the C.P.R. at Prescott. Stand politicians say the present route of the Welland canal will remain unchanged.

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