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AMEND THE TRUANT ACT.

Those who have to do with the enforcement of the Truant Act are persuaded that it should be amended. It was designed to put into the public schools all children who were given to truancy and for two reasons: (1) Truants are given to idle and vagabondish occupations that ruin the character and develop criminal tendencies; and (2) every hour of the youth's time should be spent in acquiring an education. The law is well meant. It covers some cases fully. It enables the parents—sometimes a widow who finds it hard if not impossible to restrain an erring boy—to co-operate with the truant officer, with the best results. It does not fit the circumstances occasionally, however, and for the reason that the penalty is too severe. The lowest fine is \$5 and when it is imposed the unfortunate parent has to pay it. Occasionally the parent is somewhat to blame. As father or mother the disposition is to screen the boy, and save him from the correction of the court. The magistrate would have less compunction about applying the penalty if it were reasonable—\$1 or \$1 and costs. He would be willing to exact such a sum; indeed he would be justified in doing so. But \$5 is a different matter; and one does not find fault with him for resorting to every other expediency in view of all the facts. The education department should be asked to give this matter attention. The board of education would be warranted in petitioning the legislature for a change in the law, and one which would certainly produce the best results.

PARTY IN A PANIC.

The conservative press affects to be surprised because Sir Wilfrid Laurier has said in Montreal, in addressing the young liberals, that he regards the reciprocity question as unsettled. There was a wicked combination of political units against the government, and for the time being it triumphed, but the end is not yet. One sees the evidence of this in the information from Ottawa and Winnipeg of the fact that the western members are bound to have tariff reduction. They have been home for the holidays, and have come into contact with the electors. They see in the present attitude of the party towards the tariff an aggravation that will surely lead to political trouble. The west, as the Whig pointed

out, is bound to rule, and the conservatives from the newer provinces will press this conviction on the party and the house. There may be an attempt to stave the issue off until the situation can be considered by a tariff commission. But Mr. Foster, one of the old guard, and wiser than any in this generation, does not believe in remitting to a commission that which should be dealt with by the government. He will see the prudence of placating the western members, or rather of heroically promoting the power of the western people by promoting trade with the United States, without an agreement. Who would have expected the ship of state to be so much in danger from the rocks, and at so early a date in its reign?

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DISMISSAL OF OFFICIALS.

The spirited discussion which took place in the commons just before its adjournment at Christmas, regarding the dismissal of officials, will be remembered. There had been a heartless decapitation of liberal heads; the reports, indeed, recalled an experience in China, where it was a common occurrence, in some places, for trivial offences, or alleged offences, to call out public executioner and set him to work on certain unfortunates without question or ceremony. The crux of the debate in parliament was as to the manner in which renewals should be made. Granted that there was great pressure from the outside, that in Ottawa alone nearly three thousand persons were clamouring for appointment, that they did not care what steps were taken by the government so long as vacancies

were created in the service, the idea remained that dismissals only should be made for cause. What should be the moving consideration, partisanship, gross and offensive. It was urged that a letter from the member, based on what he regarded as good ground, should be sufficient. It was not conceded by the premier, but it appears to have been accepted by his colleagues, and the result is a wholesale dismissal of public officials. Some of them may have deserved attention. Some of them certainly did not, and even the conservative Telegram protests against the business and declares that it must be stopped by Mr. Borden if he would not have it react upon him, and his government. The article which appears in an adjoining column will be appreciated for the great truths which it contains.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There are more murmurings about patronage and disappointments. The conservative executive is not having as delightful a time as some people suppose. The socialists of Berlin are working hard. They want to capture all the city. They have it now except the Kaiser's district, and they want it because his ribs has said that in that event he will move to Potsdam. There are 2,770,500 British born in the United States. These people Arthur Hawkes must give his attention to right away. He must be their Moses and lead them out of the land of Pharaoh Tait into the land of promise. Lindsay defeated a by-law which was designed to handsomely bonus the packing house of Finvelle & Co. The people had heard about the enormous profits it was making and wisely concluded that it was not in need of municipal aid.

War with Britain—or an attack from Britain—is the slogan in Germany. Votes are sought on the ground that Germany is in danger, and that the emperor must be given all the battle-ships and fighting men that he needs. Nothing like a war scare so stampede the people in an election. The World still leads in the matter of exciting reports. It has it that the liberals will shortly retire Sir Wilfrid Laurier and that he will be succeeded in the leadership of the party by Mr. Guthrie. A pipe dream, and a confirmation of that which worries the World's man about once a month. No scarcity of news while he can read off his visions. The Betterment League is one of the spoon-fed religious organizations of New York, which cannot justify its existence. It wants to save the life of a special young murderer because he is not just fit to die. It could find every malefactor in the same condition, and accepting it justice could dispense with capital punishment.

ONE MAN ONE VOTE. Sir Lomer Gouin Will Announce Quebec Legislation. Quebec, Jan. 11.—Among the important changes which the government proposes making to the electoral act during the coming session is the adoption of the system of "one man one vote," similar to the system which is already in existence in the province of Ontario. This significant change, as well as the project of the construction of a railway through the northern region

with its terminus at James Bay, will be dealt with by Sir Lomer Gouin in a speech which he will deliver in the house to-day. A Tokio despatch says that a council to consider administrative re-organization is sitting there under the presidency of Premier Yaraquia Saionji. It is believed that it will recommend reforms which will effect a saving of \$15,000,000. The federal estimates contain a vote of \$25,000 for a new post office in Gannaque.

WARNING TO BORDEN

THE TELEGRAM TALKS TO HIM SERIOUSLY.

Must Stop the Slaughter of Liberal Officials—It Will Lead to a Revision of Feeling—The Premier Must Not be a Puppet.

Toronto Telegram. Does Hon. R. L. Borden propose to allow his postmaster-general to cut off the heads of liberal postmasters in any constituency on the strength of a written request from the conservative M.P. representing that constituency?

If so Hon. R. L. Borden is going to make himself look more like the puppet of the worst and smallest element in his own party, rather than like the premier of a whole country. Every liberal postmaster or appointee who is dismissed is a new hand in the rope works that will supply halters for the needs of twenty conservative members in this province.

Sir James Whitney could not dismiss sheriffs, registrars and other appointees of liberal origin without incurring the risk of reprisals from sympathizers with these dismissed office holders in the government at Ottawa.

But Sir James Whitney would not, if he could, have dismissed sheriffs, registrars and other appointees in any constituency on the written request of the member representing that constituency.

And if Sir James Whitney had permitted a general slaughter of liberal office holders, Sir James might be in power to-day, but he would be faced by the strong, united formidable opposition, which had the sources of its strength in the wrongs perpetrated by a tyrant government.

If Right Hon. R. L. Borden proves himself a premier rather than a puppet he will not permit his postmaster-general to make "the blood of the martyrs the seed of the church" in the experience of the liberal party in Ontario.

If Right Hon. R. L. Borden should prove himself a puppet rather than a premier, he will permit his departmental chiefs to give free rein to the worst elements and impulses of a victorious party, and the result must be that never again will the liberals go out of this province with only thirteen seats to their credit.

Prof. Pember Coming. Prof. Pember, of Toronto, will be at the Randolph hotel on Monday and Tuesday, January 15th and 16th. All ladies should visit this display. Bald men should see the Pember ventilated lightweight toupee. Read the advt. on another page.

C. O. Johnson, pastor of West Queen Street Methodist church, Toronto, says in reply to his critics, that if the oath he read to his congregation "is not the Jesuit's oath, then it's as bad, or worse."

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