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POLITICAL CONVERSIONS.

The unionist party, created by the defection of British liberals from the liberal party over the home rule question, under the distinguished pilotage of Joseph Chamberlain and the Duke of Devonshire, has ceased to be. The foremost liberals, like all converts in religion and politics, became the most ardent and zealous members of the conservative party and forfeited for ever any claim they had to be liberals and defenders of liberal principles.

The extreme radicals—the Chamberlains—excelled the conservatives in the advocacy of all those things which they opposed and antagonized when in the liberal party. It is not surprising then that, after this thing had gone on for years, there should be a desire to drop all reference to the defection, and the cause of it. The party henceforth will not be known as the liberal-unionist, but the conservative only.

It is the inevitable result of change. The man who breaks with his party in any way breaks from it for good. In Canada some men have posed as rebels on principle, or on account of principle, but later in life they have managed to adapt themselves to circumstances and conditions in which principle was not apparent. It was ever thus.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT CLEARED.

One admission was made by Travers at the inquiry into the Traders' Bank case, which Chief Justice Meredith is conducting. It had reference to a cheque for \$3,000 which went through the bank in its early history and in the procuring of its charter.

Mr. Travers does not forget that before his fall he had his friends, and they were helpful to him when he needed help. One of them got this \$3,000, but for what purpose or what service only Mr. Travers knows. When pressed for information he declined to give it, saying that he would sooner go back to prison for the full length of his sentence, or for a longer period, than make the exposure that had been invited.

It was hinted that some one in the finance department might be the recipient, and Mr. Travers answered:

"Mr. Fielding did not get the cheque, anyway." It was pointed out that this only shifted the suspicion to some one else in the finance department, and Mr. Travers had no hesitation in saying that "no one in the finance department received the cheque."

It may be that some better method or routine may be found for the chartering of banks, and that the experience with the Farmers' Bank may have its illuminating effects. If that is the aim, or if that is the expected result, of the second enquiry, well and good. Enough has transpired, however, to clear the finance department, with Mr. Fielding as its head, of any indifference or irregularity, and the confession of the general manager in this respect is not without its great significance.

ENGLAND APPEALS TO CANADA.

The naval question will probably become an intense issue in Canadian politics and because of circumstances over which the government has little or no control. The imperial government realized, in the last general election, how deeply the people were affected by the talk of men who questioned England's supremacy of the sea. Lord C. Beresford's book, "The Betrayal," created a sensation, though it was finally accepted as the work of an alarmist. My lord and the admiralty differed on certain points, and he prematurely retired from his command in the navy. He spoke and wrote in a hostile spirit, and his views had to be taken at a discount.

British discontent, however, or British uneasiness, suggested a change in the naval programme, and in the direction of the naval department. Mr. Churchill, a young but aggressive man, became first lord, and under him things have been moving quickly. The Haldane mission to Germany will be recalled. If it was a pleasurable mission—if my lord carried the olive branch as he is said to have done—nothing came of it. Germany went on with its policy of naval expansion. Lloyd George followed, announcing a handsome surplus in the year's finances; which surplus he set aside for the emergencies of the navy. Mr. Churchill ordered a naval review at the close of which he revealed the plan of a British patrol of all the waters and in protection of British possessions.

Finally, and as a reply to German defiance, in its extravagant outlay on naval armament, Mr. Churchill depicted the new British scheme of adding rapidly and indefinitely to the navy of Britain, and of looking to the colonies to contribute to this great cause in the interest of British unity. Clearly the proposition of the British admiralty is that the overseas dominions shall provide naval units, as many as possible, which shall be under the direction of the dominions in times of peace, and under the command of the British admiralty in times of war. This was the Laurier government's policy, and it is important to note that it is being revived by the British admiralty, and it will be urged upon the representatives of the overseas dominions when they meet in London presently.

Mr. Churchill lauds and magnifies Australia and New Zealand for what they have done, and he clearly expects Canada to do better than they when the plans of the imperial government have been revealed. The wealthiest of all the colonies is called upon to do its part in imperial defence, and it cannot be ignored or deferred.

STREET RAILWAY MATTERS.

The city of St. Thomas has had an experience with its street railway which is very suggestive. The railway, which is projected by a private corporation and run by it for many a year at a loss. Finally it was abandoned by the company, or sold to the city council, with the people's concurrence for a consideration. Its founders realized that a city had to be of a certain size in order to produce profitable traffic for its street cars. The population, it is said, should be at least 40,000.

The people of St. Thomas had become used to the street cars, however, appreciated their limited or imperfect service, and desired it to be continued. So the city acquired the property and spent considerable public money in improving it. A competent manager, and one who studied the public interests and sought to promote them in every way, was employed. An excellent contract was made with the city department for the necessary motive power. The desire was not to make money out of the street cars, but to earn expenses; and every plan was tried in that direction.

And yet without success. The traffic was not available. The receipts were below the expected mark. Again a crisis in the history of the institution was reached. Again there was

of organizing are many. One can see them in connection with the utilities department, where a general manager is realizing that his plans can only become effective when a committee acts, and it is slow enough.

The city would not do any better than the company with the railway, perhaps not as well, but the railway would be run as a public convenience, and as such its service would be appreciated. It looks very much as if the city must sooner or later consider the expediency of taking over the road bed and plant, at a valuation, and operating it in behalf of the people.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Mr. Tellier, the leader of the opposition in Quebec, has been dumbfounded by defeat in the late election. The party, he says, has suffered through the errors of men who presumed to lead it. Surely—Bourassa, Lavergne, Prevost, et al.

Congress seeks to extend but limit the American presidency to six years. It does not take into account that a man like Roosevelt may desire a further extension, and he will get what he wants, if possible, at any price. Why not make him a king? Teddy I would look well in print.

A great change has come over the people, and their sentiment, in the Irish home rule question. The proposal is regarded with so much favour, that its adoption is now expected. This is due to many causes, but principally to the discretion with which the Irish leaders have in recent years discussed the subject.

The British enquiry into the Titanic accident is bringing out some evidence that is new. The California was near enough to see rockets sent up by the Titanic, but the captain did not respond because he did not think they proceeded from a passenger steamer. And a freighter—could go to the bottom.

Two able-bodied but heartless men are being prosecuted in Toronto under an act passed in the time of Elizabeth because they will not contribute to the maintenance of their aged and helpless mother. It is well that some authority has been found for the procedure, and the law should be revived and emphasized. Everyone calling himself a man must endorse it.

Objection has been taken to the "barn-storming" method of raising money for missions. There is such a thing as too much organization, too much method, but the church wants a stirring up and anything that brings this result about is to be highly regarded. If some of the fault-finding clergy would do a little barn-storming it would do them good.

The Western Counties Electric company had better reduce its rate for light and power to Brantford at once. Its treasurer has clearly proven that another place, Woodstock, is served by the Hydro-Electric Commission at less than cost, and Brantford's assurance was that it would get all that any other place received at ten per cent. less. It is time to redeem that pledge.

WELL HE WAS SAVED.

Hamilton Herald.

It is as well that J. Bruce Ismay didn't go down with the Titanic. He and his wife have started a fund to provide pensions for the widows of seamen lost at sea, and have contributed \$100,000 to it.

Where Responsibility Rests.

Toronto Mail.

The responsibility of increasing naval armaments rests upon Germany. Her Government refused an offer of limitation made by Great Britain, and has shown no sign of desiring to bring the mad race of battleships to an end, or even to confine it within reasonable bounds.

It All Depends.

Montreal Herald.

Mr. Borden is assuring Toronto that he will erect in that city a series of Government buildings of which any city might be proud. Sir Lomer Gouin has done that already for the City of Montreal, and the friends of Mr. Borden tried to drive him from power on account of it. Evidently it all depends upon who is the builder.

Champ Clark captured the Maryland delegation.

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When the case was called for trial several weeks ago it was announced that an amicable arrangement had been effected and that Furniss would pay his wife a large amount of alimony than the sum specified by Justice Guy yesterday.

Testimony on the trial showed that Furniss was a heavy drinker and that the Salvation girl, who met him at a meeting, decided to reform him. She thought she had accomplished her purpose and they were married; but Furniss soon returned to his old habits.

"When drunk he threatened to shoot her and often assaulted her, his wife said.

"His conduct was such," said Mrs. Furniss, "that I feared he would take my life."

Counsel for Furniss, in asking that alimony be made moderate, said both parties were at fault and that Mrs. Furniss knew before she married what kind of man Furniss was.

"It makes no difference what she knew about him before she married him," said Justice Guy. "When the defendant married her he assumed certain obligations."

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