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**HE GETS A VINDICATION.**

Mr. St. Clair, of the Reform cause in Toronto, suffered a great humiliation in being haled before the court and convicted of publishing indecent literature. This was a description of the plays or vaudeville performances which he witnessed. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence.

But Mr. St. Clair has been vindicated. The theatres have been partially cleaned by order of the managers. One of them was indicted for the indecency of his plays. The police censor has been removed. The police commissioners are quite satisfied that a police officer is not the man to fill the place of dramatic censor, and so he drops out of sight. The board of control will be required, in the public interest, to appoint one whose ideals will be high and whose criticism will be effective. Which means that some of the vaudeville theatres will have to mend their ways or go out of business.

The crux of the matter is this—that every little while some man has to take the kicks and cuffs of the masses when he raises his voice against indecency or immorality, and he must suffer for his reforms. Mr. St. Clair is the man in this instance. Only one in a million would undergo his experience willingly.

Even now, when the exposures have brought about a complete change in the cheap amusement halls, he is under a cloud, for the court convicted him of wrong-doing, which wrong-doing consisted of his talking the people what the Morality department of the city tolerated or sanctioned.

**DISSENSIONS IN THE MINISTRY.**

The rumours of dissensions in the government at Ottawa are not surprising. The alliance, formed of such diverse elements, and the inclusion in the ministry of such troublemakers as the nationalists were bound to be, cannot stand. The naval issue was the one in the last election. Upon it Quebec was appealed to in an inflammatory way, and Mr. Borden, in the antagonism of some of his colleagues, was now reaping his reward. He played a deceptive part. He made speeches in which he bid for nationalist support. He offered the rebellious faction representation in his cabinet, and he is realizing what this means.

It is remarkable that only one man, Mr. Monk, is facing the issue on principle. It is to his credit that he is prepared to efface himself, politically, rather than advertise his inconsistency to the world. He cannot wipe out the remembrance of what he said and did in the last election. He would not if he could. He, of all the combination, appears to feel that he ought, in office, to carry out the policy he preached while in opposition. He values his record and his word above the spoils of victory, and so, in certain eventualities, he will resign his portfolio. Mr. Nantel may follow his example, but Mr. Pelletier will swallow his opinions—he would swallow himself, if such were possible—and remain as postmaster-general.

Le Devoir, Mr. Bourassa's paper, affects to have special information with regard to the situation, and in any case—whatever the proceeding—there may be an early appeal to the people. Upon it the nationalists must be against the government and the unholy alliance will be at an end. The slogan "Anything to beat Laurier" has lost its attraction in Quebec.

Later: Mr. Monk is out of the government. The crisis is on.

**NOT A PROVINCIAL MATTER.**

A Stratford paper scores Mr. Rowell because, as alleged, he does not "respect the strict principles of popular government." How is that? "He boasts," says our contemporary, "of having obliged Sir James Whitney to alter his intention of transferring the Hydro-Electric from a commission to a responsible minister under the direct control of the legislature." Which opens up this subject in a way which cannot present Sir James in a very favourable light.

Sir James made the transfer of the electric business, from a commission to the government, one of his reasons for an early election. His proposition was opposed by Mr. Rowell, on behalf of the people (not his party only), on the ground that the Hydro-Electric Commission was acting for a number of the municipalities and not for the legislature. The municipalities are financially responsible for the debt. The province simply lent them credit in the raising of money or power purposes. It may be—possibly is—paying sundry incidental expenses because it is afraid or ashamed to charge them against the municipalities.

As a municipal business, owned and operated by several municipalities, by should it be transferred from the commission to the government? There is no demand for this on the part of the people, and they protested so strongly against it that Sir James himself dropped his proposition. He provided for Hon. Adam Beck, the chairman of the commission, by having him voted a large and generous remuneration. Responsibility has never been, and is not now, at stake, so far as this issue is concerned.

**MARKETS, TOLLS AND LIVING.**

The forestalling by-law has to go. That is the fiat or decision of the Property Committee. Has it served its purpose? It is largely a dead letter. The design of it was to give the consumers a chance to buy the produce of the garden and farm at first cost.

But the sellers have not been particular as to who did the buying so long as they got rid of their goods, and in inclement weather especially no one can blame them. To expect men, and women too, to sit on the market square until ten o'clock, from seven or eight o'clock, in sunshine, and in storm, in order to serve the belated consumer, is too much.

Hence the infractions of the law, which used to be punishable by fines, when the market clerk was alert and prosecuted. Long ago, however, the enforcement of the law was abandoned and perhaps it is best to repeat it sooner or later some one or some committee will demonstrate here, as there is in other cities, that the higher cost of living is due very largely to the operations of the middlemen. The larger the number of those who handle the foodstuffs the larger the number who are living on the producer and consumer and with the consent or connivance of both.

As for the market tolls. Many years ago the city offered to free the market of them if all the roads leading to the city were made free for them. The roads have been pretty well freed of the tax men. If they are all gone the market should be free in every way. If some remain the proposal of the city committee is in order.

**EDITORIAL NOTES.**

The Duke of Connaught counsels the people of Canada against over-speculation. He has been seeing and hearing things on his western trip.

When members of the federal government seek other appointments, within a year of the time they took office, one can surmise how sure they must be of remaining in power.

Mr. Monk is proving himself to be better than the average of his party. He will not accept of an appointment in order to get rid of him and his conscientious scruples on the naval question. He is to be commended for this.

There will come a day when the

French tactics in electioneering will be greeted. Retaliation by the liberals, in arrests without warrants, and releases without trials, in the prostitution of legal machinery for political purposes, would incite a rebellion among the conservatives. Yet they approve of Rojain's methods.

The contention of a school trustee in Ottawa is to the effect that French and English are the official languages of Canada and that French must be taught in the schools. This is a brand new exemption of the case, and Sir James Whitney will be sure to consider it carefully.

Armand Lavergne is Canada's military critic of the Balkan war. And

this, notwithstanding his declaration of a recent date that he and his party stand for the non-participation by Canada in the wars of the empire. Is Mr. Lavergne, under the circumstances, the best qualified for the position? Or must he get what he wants?

**Officially Designated.**

Chicago News.

On a wagon a young woman connected with the Chicago theatre in Chicago undertook to walk a mile along State Street, in the middle of the afternoon, while dressed as a college youth. Before she had gone two blocks an elderly policeman spotted her disguise and, according to Drury Underwood, put her under arrest.

He took her to the station house, heard her tearful story, lodged her in the detention room and went to the front room to make a report.

"Loot," he said, addressing the man on the desk, "I wish to report that I have an actress downstairs in citizen's clothes!"

**Pupils and the Dance.**

Joseph Merenda.

The G.C.I. pupils want to dance, and the Board of Education says "Let 'em dance." As it will tend to get the feet working as well as the brains, those who advocate all round development should be pleased. The students will now be privileged to dance through an Algebra two-step, or Turkey Trot to the fifth proposition in Euclid.

**The C.P.R. Menus.**

Saturday Night, Toronto.

The C.P.R. attitude in respect to its menu cutting serves to remind one of the two Cockneys who were discussing Canada. One says: "I say Bill, but they treat us well over here." "Why shouldn't they," says the other, "don't we own 'em'!"

**Reciprocity Abides.**

Windsor Review.

Reciprocity and the British preference still live, notwithstanding the result in Macedonia, and Canada will some day help the Motherland in a tangible way—by giving a greater preference to British goods.

**Wider Markets Demanded.**

Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

The need of wider markets becomes daily more apparent and it is not to be supposed that the French and English born will be always blind to the country's need or forever the arbiters of the country's fortunes.

**The Great Issue.**

Toronto Globe.

The greatest issue in Ontario politics is the hat or the boy. Which shall be saved?

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**CENSURES PARTISAN TOURS.**

Truth Says No Good to Canada Can Result.

London, Oct. 18.—Truth draws attention to the partisan character of Rt. Hon. Walter Long's Canadian tour, and points out that Mr. Long is not the only effort made in the Dominion this autumn on behalf of the English conservative party. There was a time, declares Truth, when Canadians were apt to complain of English indifference, but that was a time when Canada made the most progress in developing her own political institutions. There was no attempt to induce Canadians to identify themselves with party interests here until Chamberlain carried the conservatives to the protectionist cause. "No good to Canada can come from attempts to turn the Dominion into a field for the propaganda of home politics," says Truth.

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