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AN ETERNAL DISGRACE

It is commonly reported that the Dominion government is planning to give Mackenzie and Mann a cash gift of \$25,000,000 at the present session of parliament. During the past two years the government has given them free cash gifts totalling more than \$22,000,000. History will record this robbery of the public treasury as one of the foulest pages of Canadian history. But, however dishonourable the past may be, a repetition of this squandering of the people's money will be an eternal disgrace.

A WASTE OF MONEY

Prof. Skelton has been abroad, preaching the great gospel of peace, and preaching it with an earnestness that has been deeply impressive. Would that there were more like him, in mind, in action, and in spirit, and to the end that when they spoke they would not, like the chancellor of the exchequer, be referred to as members of the Suicide Club. The situation becomes the more serious when it is recalled, as it was in the last issue of Collier's, that the war department of the United States contemplates spending \$350,000,000 on a possible six months' invasion of Mexico by an army of 500,000 men, and \$150,000,000 on a six months' occupation by the same army reduced to 300,000. The 260,000 men lost are the "deterioration" by death, wounds, sickness, and desertion. These figures are thought to be conservative.

Sure. There will be found men and newspapers who will defend any waste or extravagance in military expenditure. Our own experience in Canada justifies this conclusion: Our militia department is going mad in its increases, or rather Col. the Hon. Sam Hughes is going mad, and there is no one in the government that seems to be able to restrain him.

HE IS DECEIVING HIMSELF

"So far as I know," said Hon. Mr. White, discussing the speech from the Throne, "there is no public opinion in favour of a revision of the tariff downward at this particular time." No? The Manitoba legislature has passed, at the instance of its government, (conservative), a resolution in favour of free wheat. The Alberta delegation of conservatives had visited Ottawa to ask for many things, including free wheat, had been hushed up and sent away home, and not one of the party, in his loyalty to the government, was allowed to express his disappointment.

One must see, in Mr. White's remarks, a desire to blind himself to all the evidence that can convince him that there is a demand for tariff revision, downward, and that it is a demand which cannot be ignored. To be sure the finance minister has his advisers, and they happen to be high tariff men, or coupon men, whose cause he espoused in the last election and whose interests he represents in the government.

For these Industrial Canada speaks and, referring to the call for cheaper food, by reduced tariff, it suggested: "If we take protection away from the farmer, (who does not want it), how can we oppose any attempt to reduce protection on the things

the farmer buys?" No public opinion in favour of a revision of the tariff downward? Oh yes, there is, and Mr. White is deceiving himself when he thinks and talks to the contrary.

TAKING LAND VALUES

The taxation of the unearned increment in the basis of the land scheme which Lloyd-George is proclaiming in Britain with such remarkable success. In a speech at Middlesborough the Chancellor had occasion to expose the evils of the present rating system, saying that "so far as this system discouraged improvements by either owner or cultivator, and recorded the indolent or unenterprising or overcrowding owner who declined to put his land to the best use, it had to be reconsidered and recast."

At once the attitude of the Chancellor on the town sites came up. The disposition of some owners in England, as it is the disposition of land owners everywhere, is to let certain vacant territory stand pending the increased value of it, and by reason of improvements made on the land surrounding it. The Chancellor asked how this land was to be affected by the new valuation, and he replied: "You may depend upon it that the government definitely intend to utilize the valuation, which they are putting through at great expense, for the purpose of compelling the owners of the sites which are now not bearing their share of local taxation, to contribute on the basis of the real value of their property. There is no intention of shirking the issue. Of that I can assure you."

"As you know full well, there are several alternative proposals for taxing site values. The members of your committee (Land Values Group) are not in agreement as to which of those methods is the most efficient, and you must allow the government some time to consider their respective merits." That is very definite and shows how the single tax can be discussed and applied under another name. "Site values taxation"—a tax or rate on the value of the site instead of only on the assessed rateable value of the building standing on it—will be an important forward step in British finance.

The Finance Act of 1909-10—the great Budget which the rich landowners opposed so bitterly—provides for only a trifling duty on undeveloped land and only on the increment of value when estates are transferred. To both these duties there are many exceptions and reservations, and agricultural land is exempt. The undeveloped land duty is only one-half penny in the pound each year on the unoccupied site value; and the increment duty, even where it takes full effect, is only one pound on every five pounds of increase in the original (1909) price. Probably the Ontario government will now be moved to consider the amendment of the Ontario Law so that a municipality may have the option to assess land values as it sees fit. The denial of this alternative has long been a sore experience with many people.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Brantford's fire chief had an ambition to own and operate a motor truck. But he has abandoned the idea in favour of a new up-hill fire station. Is this a dropping of the substance for the shadow?

Sir George Ross, at Ottawa, lies very ill, and his physicians are concerned about him. Sir George has many friends who will hope for his recovery. Canada has need yet a while of the splendid counsel he is able to give.

J. Lockie Wilson, a government official, laments the losses the farmers maintain because they do not figure out and plan as closely as the business man. Well, they're learning very fast, Lockie, and will soon know how to take care of themselves. The farmers, indeed, are the salt of the earth.

The banker of Belleville who seemed to bring the farmers and merchants into the closest business touch, deserved the silver plate the cheque men presented to him last week. A talk from Mr. Elliott, of the Standard Bank, would bring a large number of our farmers into membership in the Board of Trade.

The rumour is reported that Winston Churchill is to lead a new political party, and one whose existence is staked on the greater navy. He will probably reflect upon the non-success of his father under similar circumstances, and serve as the follower of a greater man a while longer.

The conservative members of the commons, in discussing the address from the throne, say Mr. Borden has fulfilled all his promises. Is it not easier to count the unfilled than the filled? And why be so general in a statement when details are accessible? Let's count the redemptions one by one.

The Toronto News comments upon the surprise which Sir James Whitney will get, when he recovers, by reading the pleasant things that have been said of him during his illness. He may not be so well pleased when

he contemplates the party agitations over his succession. There are two sides to everything.

Inspector Stewart's idea, that a school in the penitentiary does not amount to much, is antagonized by the Christian Monitor. It regards the school as a great uplift in the life of a discouraged man. Inspector Stewart's evidence before the commission has been generally disapproved. Perhaps he does not care.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Difference Toronto News. Dickens says that a waiter's wife is in the same position as any other man's widow. Not exactly. She gets no insurance.

A Discovery Montreal Herald. When a "millionaire" dies, it is discovered that his estate is worth \$15,000, and that he has been paying taxes on a valuation of \$40,000.

A Saving of the Senators London Advertiser. In the senate they will soon take up the divorce cases. This will make it unnecessary for members to purchase a Robert W. Chambers novel.

Valuing a Kiss. Montreal Mail. The smile of an actress was valued in a New York court, at six cents. The lady herself valued it at a million dollars. The theatre-going public pays somewhere between the figures.

Lynching Goes On Toronto Mail. There were only fifty-one lynchings in the United States last year, the smallest number recorded; but there might have been more if the truth had been known about a lot of people.

A Pertinent Question Toronto Telegram. "Why is Hon. George E. Foster not in the House of Commons?" enquires Sir Wilfrid Laurier. North Toronto asked the same question. The House of Commons is where Hon. G. E. Foster belongs.

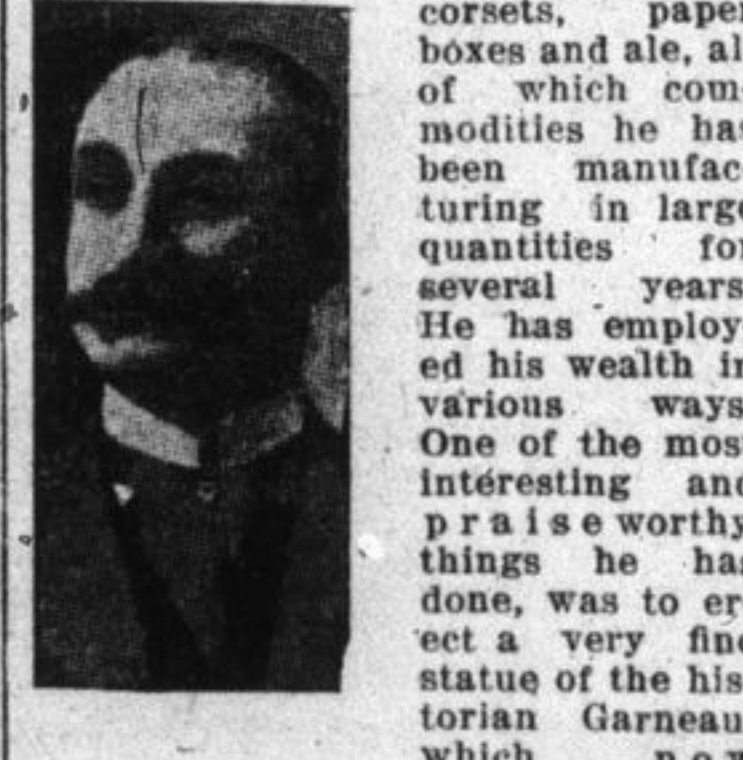
Evidence of Greatness Hamilton Herald. Oh, yes, Canada is a great agricultural country—a great agricultural country that exported no butter at all last year, and imported for home consumption six and a half million pounds from little New Zealand.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Capt. Moore will ship a large quantity of ore to Cleveland. Mr. Cochburn sold to parties in Toronto an anchor, weighing 1,225 pounds. A correspondent reports agents offering at Glenburnie, hulls oats at \$10 per bushel and wheat for \$15.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABLE MEN

Wednesday, Jan. Twenty-Eighth. George E. Amyot, of Quebec, who celebrates his fifty-eighth birthday to-day, has made a fortune out of corsets, paper boxes and ale, all of which commodities he has been manufacturing in large quantities for several years.



St. Louis Gate in Quebec, and is one of the numerous objects of interest in the ancient city. Mr. Amyot ran for parliament once, but was beaten by a youth of twenty-three after a memorable contest. He has been a vice-president of the Canadian Manufacturers' association.

SHADOW PICTURES

By Aid of Magnet X-Ray Effects Are Easily Obtained. It is possible to produce with the aid of a magnet, shadow photographs resembling those made by action of the X ray. Either an electromagnet or a permanent magnet will answer the purpose.

Place a key on other iron or steel object on the sensitive film of an ordinary photographic plate, then bring the poles of the magnet near the other side of the plate and keep them there for five minutes or more. Upon developing the plate a shadow picture of the key or other object, as sharp and well defined as any of the X ray pictures will be found.

By this method only iron or steel or other paramagnetic substances may be photographed, but the sensitive side of the plate is turned toward the magnetic poles and a disk of iron nearly as large as the plate is placed on the other side then shadow pictures of any nonmagnetic objects, placed on the sensitive film facing the magnet, may be obtained. The operations are, of course, conducted in a dark room.

With an electromagnet capable of lifting a weight of 100 pounds one scientist has made such pictures through two inches of interposed wood. He has also obtained shadow pictures with a compound steel magnet weighing little more than a pound.

The population of Cuba is 2,387,000, according to the new census. The population in 1907 was 2,048,980. There is a smallpox outbreak at the Michigan Soo.

Wise and : : Otherwise

Sinkers are essential to a fish line, but they are not what catch the fish.

It is all right for a man to have a fad, but when the fad has him it is time for him to find a new boss.

Many a man learns how to say no, but neglects to gain information as to when to use the monosyllable.

No man is self-conscious when speaking of faults.

No one misses his umbrella when it is not raining, and what is worse, he always misses it when it does rain.

When mind reading becomes universal the literature of the world will be materially changed.

For Sure.



Is he lazy? He is. He'll go into a revolving door and then wait for somebody to come along and turn it around.

Passive. "So you lost your money in the stock market?" "No," replied Mr. Lambkin, "I didn't even have the fun of losing it myself. I took another man's tip and let a broker play it for me."—Washington Star.

Their Notion. "Some men seem to think that wives are like breakfasts." "How so?" "That they can be made tender by beating them."—Philadelphia North-American.

Reflects Their Feelings. Gibbs—I wonder why editors use a pencil that's blue? Diggs—That's probably how most of the contributions make them feel.—Boston Transcript.

Very Strange. Mr. Fuss (furiously)—It is mighty strange you can't look after things a little better. Here I want a shave, and there isn't a drop of hot water here. Mrs. Fuss (lily)—It is strange. Why, that's the one thing I have never been out of since I married you!—Exchange.

No Time to Lose. The Milliper—Run fast, boy! Get that delivered before it's out of style.—From Life.

Financial Reform. "Kate says she intends to marry Mr. Plunks to reform him." "What is his vice?" "He's a good deal of a miser."—London Sketch.

Her Reason. Hubby—I wonder why Kate doesn't mind her own business. Wife—She hasn't any. Hubby—Business? Wife—No; mind.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Both Positions. He—"I see that Hinks on that question is on the cut side." She—"I thought you said the other day that he was on the fence."—Baltimore American.

En Route for Chalons. Passenger—"Ticket for Chalons, please." Ticket Agent—"Which Chalons? On the Saone or the Marne?" Passenger—"Well, which is the cheapest?"—Exchange.

Still Going. Briggs—"What did your wife say about staying out so late the other night?" Griggs—"Don't ask me yet. When she gets through with the subject I'll condense it for you."—Tit-Bits.

Tactless. "Everything that is lovely reminds me of you," he fervently declared. "It is nice of you to say that," she replied. "I hope you see a great many lovely things." "I wish I did, but this is such a dreary d'smal place, don't you know?"

What S. O. S. Means. Those who ought to know say that the letters "S.O.S." the present wireless call for help, do not represent anything, and were chosen as an arbitrary signal only because their combination of letters in telegraphy is so clear and distinct; but for people who must fit words to them, "Send Our Saviour" will do very well, indeed.—Boston Globe.

A Misfortune Teller. Robley—I feel awful. I just heard that I'll not get uncle's money, my auto will be stolen, and Grace will turn me down for another. Wayburn—Heavens, man, who told you that? Robley—A fortune teller. Wayburn—You mean a misfortune teller, don't you?

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