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PROBING POLITICAL SCANDALS

The Quebec scandal enquiry is over, in both the assembly and legislative chambers, and it only remains for the committees that have received the evidence to submit their reports.

All of them had the opportunity to offer evidence in their defence. Some of them declined for the reason that if they entered upon a discussion of the case, or their personal identification with it, they might incriminate themselves.

The government is not involved in any way in this scandal. Its members are clear. A law partner of Sir Louis Gouin was referred to as a beneficiary of the bogus Fair Association and he at once resigned.

Of course parliamentary commissions have failed. Ontario's, which heard the Hanna case, was a farce. Manitoba wants such a committee for the investigation of the Gimli election, and no one expects the government to get at all the facts.

The Pelletier parcel post is called a "gold brick." It is something which is not as valuable as it was expected to be. The result surely of immature plans.

ORGANIZING THE FARMERS

Acting Governor Glynn, of New York state, has addressed to the legislature a communication of the greatest importance. It is a message on the subject of agriculture, and a recommendation that the state appropriate \$50,000, which will be expended in an educational campaign.

he and his neighbors acted co-operatively in advancing their interests.

The governor goes further and cites what has been done in other countries—Ireland, France, Germany—by co-operative societies, and what has been done by some societies that have been organized in the United States.

The \$50,000 will cover the expenses of sending experts all over the state to instruct the farmers with regard to co-operation and to set them into action.

There is some hope for the members of parliament when they take to the study of the Bible. More Bible study and less politics will ensure that rectitude of conduct which is very much to be desired in political life.

NO WEAKNESS APPARENT

The Home Rule resolution of Mr. Long, moved in the imperial commons, in amendment to the resolution approving of the Speech from the Throne, accentuated the position of the parties upon this great issue.

Hence the thought, embodied in the Long resolution, that it would be disastrous to proceed with the Home Rule for Ireland bill until the country had, by direct reference, pronounced upon it.

The most remarkable features of this exciting debate were the speeches of the premier and Mr. Redmond. Mr. Asquith is always calm and dispassionate. He is sometimes cold, but he is always logical, and what he says is forcible, because it expresses the mind of the government.

The division that followed showed that all the supporters of the government were united on the bill. There were absentees through illness, and neutrals in the O'Brienites, who would not vote in the absence of their leader, who is engaged in election, but all the others were in their places, including the labourites, who showed that while they may have a word to say, later, about events in South Africa, on the question of Home Rule, they stand firm and decided.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Sir Frederick Borden was thought to be extravagant enough when he visited England officially and spent in three years \$15,195. But Col Hughes can get away with about \$25,000 in one year and visit. The grits were always an economical lot. They may learn in time what money spending is.

out the facts with regard to the number of colonels the minister of militia has made. Titles should mean something, and when one is addressed as "Colonel" it is presumed that he has earned the honor.

The uncle of Premier Borden, a customs collector at King's Port, N.S., was dismissed because he took part in the last election. Probably a grift, and the premier is even ready to sacrifice his relatives when they differ from him politically.

It is estimated that at the present time there are, in London alone, 20,000 habitual criminals. "The only way of dealing with these habitual criminals," says an English authority, "is to expel them from the community against which they wage incessant war."

PUBLIC OPINION

So It Appears Brantford Courier. The mercury this winter has shown that it can loop the loop with the best of them.

A Sister's Quarrel Montreal Star. Christabel Pankhurst having quarrelled with Sylvia, it would appear as if, after all, even a suffragette is capable of common sense.

Nothing the Matter Prince Arthur Chronicle. "There is nothing seriously the matter with Canada," says the Financial News of London. Certainly not. Some Canadians contracted cold feet, but they are now warming up.

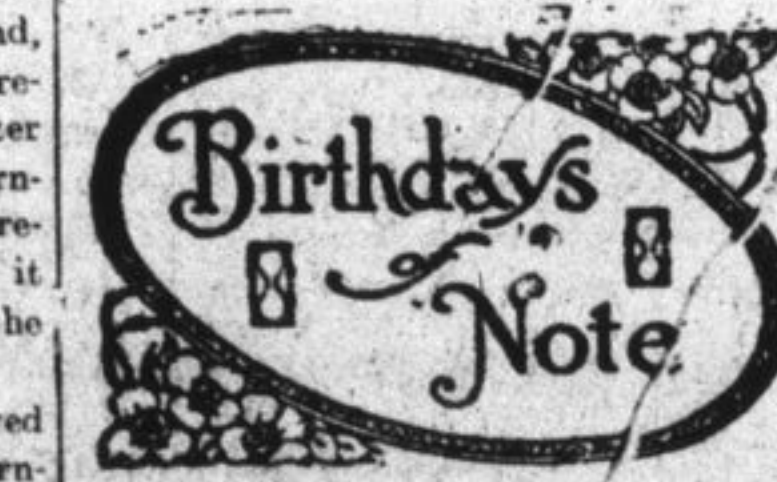
Wait And See St. Thomas Journal. There is no way in which Premier Borden can jettison Hon. Bob Rogers so gracefully as by sending him as Commissioner to London. And what will be Canada's gain, etc.

No Doubt He is Really Ill Hamilton Herald. It is hardly fair to assume that Mr. Monseu is merely shamming sickness. The charges against him, and the facts published as evidence in support of the charges are enough to make any man sick.

Where It Fails Toronto Star. Mr. Pelletier's parcel post service seems to have been designed to encourage the exchange of small parcels between Nova Scotia and Vancouver Island. It offers material encouragement to parcels going shorter distances.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

The school population is 5,300. A great many children do not attend school. C. F. Gildersleeve was elected president of the K. & P. Railway and T. W. Nash secretary-treasurer; B. W. Folger superintendent.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH The Hon. Philippe Roy, who now occupies the post of agent-general for the government of Quebec, is celebrating his forty-sixth birthday today in the French capital.

DOMINIONS MUST ADOPT

The Imperial Naturalization Act, Is the Word. London, Feb. 13.—The imperial naturalization bill which the government is introducing here provides that the government of any British possession shall have the same power to grant and revoke a certificate of naturalization as the British secretary of state also that in the possession in which any language is recognized as an equality with English, that language may be substituted for English.

Wise and . . . Otherwise

When a man's lofty ideals get no higher than highballs, alas!

What the world doesn't know is how some people exist—or why.

Calloused hands are not a sign of honesty. The work that calloused them may have been done in a penal institution.

Our idea of an earthly angel is a satisfactory wife.

Never pass up your friends in order to gratify strangers.

It is better to be good for revenue only than to be bad for fun.

It is easier for most of us to find fault than it is to find favor.

Algebra and Suspenders. A Brooklyn teacher in the course of an algebra lesson asked: "In the example on the board what does the X represent? Henry Bolton may answer."

Henry was unprepared, but a sudden idea struck him, and he answered: "A pair of suspenders, Ma'am."



Old Mother Hubbard. She rented her cupboard For use in a vaudeville show: The hit it made there Was great, I declare, Because it was bare, you know.

Said by Wise Men. Human science is an uncertain guess—Prior.

If we try to obtain perpetual change change itself will become monotonous.—Rushkin.

Deliver me, O Lord, from that evil man, myself.—T. Brooks.

A wise man should have money in his head, not in his heart.—Swift.

A cruel story runs on wheels, and every hand oils the wheels as they run.—George Elliot.

In persons grafted in a serious trust negligence is a crime.—Shakespeare.

Mind unemployed is mind unenjoyed.—Bovee.

He enjoys much who is thankful for little: a grateful mind is both a great and a happy mind.—Secker.

Employment, which Galen calls nature's physician, is so essential to human happiness that indolence is justly considered the mother of misery.—Burton.

They that stand high have many blasts to shake them.—Shakespeare.

Names, say an old maxim, are things They certainly are influences.—Tyron Edwards.

Opinions, like showers, are generated in high places, but they invariably descend into lower ones, and ultimately flow down to the people, as rain unto the sea.—Colton.

Fashion's Changing. Embroidered her stocking—Afler demurest of prudes—Of the frankest her frocking! Embroidered her stocking. And where once was the cloaking A jewel obtrudes. Embroidered her stocking—Hera demurest of prudes!—Judge.

God's Will. Mildred Howells in Harper's Magazine. God meant me to be hungry. No I should seek to find Wisdom and truth and beauty. To satisfy my mind.

God meant me to be lonely. Lest I should wish to stay In some green earthy Eden Too long from heaven away.

God meant me to be weary. That I should yearn to rest This feeble, aching body. Deep in the earth's dark breast.

Observations of a Cyclo. An accurate knowledge of the future would change many hopes to fears.

If poets are born their number would lead one to suppose that most of them are twins.

In advocating the greatest good to the greatest number some men believe that they are a host in themselves.

The man who makes but one corn grow where two were wont to abide is a chiroplast worthy of the designation "Professor."

Money is a snob. At least it evinces a partiality for the society of the rich.

The danger about waiting for the last and best laugh lies in the fact that the joke will soon become old.

Bibbys advertisement for men's clothing. Includes text: 'Neckwear Sale 50c Ties For 25c.', 'Trousers Sale \$3.50, \$4, \$4.50 Trousers for Per Pair \$2.75', 'Suit and Overcoat Sale \$12.50', and 'BIBBYS' logo.

Better Coal Means Smaller Coal Bills. P. WALSH 53-57 Barrack Street.

FEBRUARY SALE Men's Patent Leather Boots. In Box Calf and Tan, all Goodyear Welt not the latest last, but regular \$5.00 for \$2.49. H. JENNINGS, King Street.

For Sale 1—A large well built brick dwelling, Pine St., good cellar, B. and C. gas, deep lot \$2850. 2—Brick dwelling, Albert St., 4 bedrooms, B. and C. stable, deep lot \$3200. 3—Brick veneer, University Avenue, 5 bed rooms, hot water furnace, B. and C. electric lights, gas, stable \$3600. 4—New brick dwelling, Frontenac St., all modern improvements \$4000.

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