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TOUGH WITH THE PEOPLE: Hon. Mr. Foster, as minister of Trade and Commerce, is willing to get into the closest touch with the business men of the country.

First, he wanted the largest use possible made of the bulletins which his department issued weekly, and dealing with the information it felt the people should have.

One further feature was this—the appointment of a council of business men, representing the business interest of the provinces, to consult with him on matters pertaining to his department and their mind on the trade of Canada.

IGNOMINY AND DISHONOUR

The fate of Mr. Evanturel is the fate that sooner or later awaits any man who puts his honour on the bargain counter and is willing to dispose of it for a consideration.

Fancy his recklessness in offering to sell out to the liquor men, to become their champion in the field and in the house, to even forget his leadership, and without knowing what had become of that letter, or who held it, to rise in parliament and assail the conservative party for its sins and offences!

The liberal party has done the only thing it could do. It has publicly intimated that he is no longer entitled to the regard of the man whose confidence he betrayed for a consideration.

Once more it has been demonstrated that the man without means has no business in politics, and the people who elected him are guilty of a grave indiscretion.

OCEAN FREIGHT RATES

There is no doubt that the government will be forced, even reluctantly, to do something in order to remove the grievances of the people with regard to ocean freight rates.

The matter had invited the attention of the Railway Commission and for the reason that this commission had realized that land and ocean freights were closely related.

At the recent meeting of the Associated Boards of Trade the mercantile community demanded, by resolution, that relief should be at once, or without delay, provided.

A storm is surely brewing in Canada over these ocean freights, and one man, a large importer, struck the key note when he said: "I have brought goods from the centre of China to Canada at half the expense of ocean charges that I have paid for Atlantic service, and this after the gauntlet has been run of two attacks by bandits. But I would rather pay these Chinese bandits under the circumstances than pay the men who, enjoying great privileges from the Canadian people, proceed to hold them up and tax them as they liked."

EDITORIAL NOTE

The premier proposes to go west this year. He will be meeting some of the guests of pre-election days. They walk in the west, and they are nasty things to encounter at odd times.

The plea of the Associated Boards of Trade, for a modification of the Compensation Bill, may have influence in the legislature, but the people generally will not brook any delay in this most necessary legislation.

The resolutions proceeding from the Kingston Board of Trade, were unanimously adopted by the Associated Boards of Trade. One had to do with the conservation of power in the small streams and the other with the utility accounts.

The Orange Sentinel demands the removal from the school regulations of the various modifications which were authorized last year, respecting the bi-lingual schools. Bro. Pym can do this. Will he respond to the appeal?

Col. Hughes has been asked to repeat outside of parliament what he has said in it about the Farnham camp purchase and Hon. Sydney Fisher will sue him for criminal libel. Here is a challenge the colonel should accept. He cannot refuse this and pass as a brave man.

The federal government, through the premier, has declared that the western provinces shall not be given their national resources. Mr. Borden is willing to go on record that he is not willing to redeem his pledges. So much the worse for Mr. Borden when the time for reckoning comes.

Is it true that the surplus of many thousand dollars, in connection with the water department, exists on paper only? In other words is it true that the earnings of the water, like the earnings of the other plants, have been spent and that the accounts do not clearly reveal the facts? The sooner we have a "survey" of our public accounts the better.

Prof. Horning's address before the Canadian Club was illuminating. It presented the relations between England and Germany in a new light. In its presence one realized why some things were done and what the meaning of them was. The professor is a prophet of peace, and stated very clearly the grounds on which he bases his conclusions.

The Discredited Member: Gustave Evanturel, the discredited member of the Ontario opposition, was born March 19th, 1879, in Ottawa, and is a son of the late Hon. A. Evanturel, speaker of the Ontario house from 1898 to 1902, and minister in the Ross government, 1904 and 1905.

PUBLIC OPINION

Pertinent Question: Montreal Star.

If Becker really deserves a new trial it is not a monstrous outrage against justice that he should have had to wait for it in "dead man's corridor" all these months?

Bold Talk: Montreal Star.

Parliament ought to be as nearly as possible a mirror of Canadian opinion—not merely a reflection of such opinion as can express itself on every occasion in the shibboleths of party.

A Foxy Lord: Toronto World.

The Duke of Bedford, having realized on his unearned increment, is willing to carry the war into Ireland, where land could be had cheap after a fight, and would grow in value subsequently.

Low Comes High: Montreal Gazette.

The cost of revising the statutes of Ontario is given as \$23,254, this being aside from the printing. Everything connected with law, from the making to finding out in the courts what the makers meant, comes high but the people pay.

Earning His Money: Stratford Daily Beacon.

As Mr. Lynch-Staunton, the Hamilton lawyer politician, is to get some \$30,000 or \$40,000 for his work on the Transcontinental Railway Investigation Commission, he had to do something for his money, but what does he know about railway building anyway?

Guarding Their Honour: Hamilton Herald.

A committee of the Quebec legislature having solemnly declared that certain of its members are guilty of taking bribes, and having then adjourned sine die, that business may be regarded as finished. The guilty gentlemen will no doubt continue to be the guardian of their own honor.

Liberal Aid: London Advertiser.

The public treasury has contributed about \$21,000,000 in cash to the Canadian Northern Railway company, has undertaken an obligation amounting to \$131,000,000 by guaranteeing bonds, and the country has given Mackenzie & Mann four million acres of land, value unstated, but upon which \$24,000,000 has been raised. The company has raised \$134,000,000 from outside sources and has made an expenditure of \$303,000,000 in construction work and equipment.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

John Bennett, Pittsburg, has sold his farm to John Garrett, for \$4,000. Fifty-five names were enrolled for the kindergarten classes. A brass band was organized to-day, under the leadership of H. H. Curtis.

BIRTHDAYS Note

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY TWENTY-SEVENTH

H. V. Meredith, president of the Bank of Montreal, who is sixty-four years of age to-day, was in his younger days quite a formidable boxer. When he was working in the Bank's branch in Hamilton, where he got his start, he is said to have dearly loved to get into fights with the toughs of the town and to trim them neatly.

OTTAWA TYPHOID CLAIMS: Half a Million Dollars Asked for Sufferers. Ottawa, Feb. 27.—The number of typhoid claims which have been presented to City Auditor Duff is 2,225. The total amount of compensation asked is \$495,196.77. That is, the claims are for an average of about \$225.

The amount of money which the extra mill on the dollar tax rate will provide is about \$90,000. So the claimants are asking over \$400,000 more money than will be available. The \$90,000 would give each claimant about \$45.

Thirty-five of the claims received were sent in after the date for receiving them had expired, and Mr. Cluff has not yet decided whether these should be considered or not.

Alfred Noyes, the English poet, who is lecturing in the cause of world peace has been asked to join the faculty of Princeton university, and it is understood that he has agreed to accept.

Wise and .: .: Otherwise

An Intricate Story: "Before my marriage I told her all my past life. Don't you think I showed a wonderful courage?" "Yes, and a still more wonderful memory."—London Opinion.

England's Trouble, Too: "And how's your husband, Mrs. Bliggs?" "It's still rather poorly, ma'am, thank ye kindly; 'e's bin suffering a lot with 'is gastric ulcer."—Exchange.

Been a Good Boy: Fond Mamma—Here, Stewart, here's father on the phone. Say something to him. Stewart—Hullo, dad! I've had cousin Erica to tea and I haven't hit her once.—Tit-Bits.

Reckless of Him: Excited Friend—Did you know that your wife eloped with your chauffeur? "Oh!—Too bad! The reckless-ness of these chauffeurs is something awful!"

Said by Wise Men: New occasions teach new duties; Times make ancient good uncouth; they must upward still and onward, they would keep abreast of truth; Lo, before us gleam her camps and fires; we ourselves must pilgrims be, launch our Mayflower and steer boldly through the desperate winter sea, nor attempt the Future's portal with the Past's blood-rusted key.—Lowell.

It is with many enterprises as with striking fires; we do not meet with success except by reiterated efforts, and often at the instant when we despair of success.—Mme. de Maintenon.

There is as much difference between genuine patience and sullen endurance as between the smile of love and the malicious gashing of teeth.—W. S. Plumer.

Precepts and maxims are of great weight, and a few useful ones at hand do more toward a wise and happy life than whole volumes of cautions that we know not where to find.—C. Simons.

Sympathy wanting, all is wanting. Personal magnetism is the conductor of the sacred spark that puts us in human communion, and gives us to company, conversation and ourselves.—A. B. Alcott.

The Note: "Oh, by the way, dear," said the merchant as he was preparing to leave the house in the morning. "If a find I can't be home to dinner I will send a note by messenger."

"Don't trouble," said his wife, sweetly. "I have already found it on the blotting pad."—Western Mail.

An Educational Valentine: There's nothing that's modern about a wheelbarrow.

If we're talking of vehicles new; There's nothing that's modern in Cupid's best arrow.

And I fear it will never strike you, If Cupid would work through the movies, and show you

How wildly my heart thumpy-thumps. You'd see that my love is the real thing, and oh! you

Would pity me, here in the dumps! For such moving pictures would certainly move you!

More than valentine missives, I ween; So on Valentine's Day it will surely behoove you

To watch for my heart on the screen. —Grace McKinstry.

SOCIAL EVILS.

The most important question is, What force can now be put in play against the formidable evils which gravely threaten the very life of the race? No one force or agency can be completely relied on. Attack must be made against the three principal causes of present evil conditions—first, lust in men; second, complete lack of moral principle in certain classes of women; third, depravity of those who make commerce of these two. Commercialized vice should be attacked in all its forms by all the powers of the law. The ancient policies of toleration and licensed segregation must be uprooted. Segregation has nowhere been successful. Regulation is a confessed failure. The laws against undesirable marriages need to be revised. Public progress in regard to sex hygiene and eugenics is to be procured chiefly through educational methods. The work must be done delicately and without interference with parental rights or religious conviction.—C. W. Eliot, President Emeritus of Harvard.

Earl Minto, who is seriously ill, is gradually growing weaker.

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