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LIBERTY OF THE MAN

Fancy a man arrested in Toronto, as a vagrant, looked up, and, despite his protests, remanded for a week while his sanity is tested? True he took a queer place to change his clothes from a respectable suit to the rags of a second-hand store—and for the purpose of disguise. But he wanted to telephone the Albany Club, to friends, and the police would not let him. It is a serious thing to deprive a man of his liberty, even when he does not quarrel, as the Halleybury editor certainly did. He could have changed his clothing in the hotel, and sallied forth to test the bonafides of the Welcome Reform League. But granted that he did not, that he took the best way of attracting attention, and creating the suspicion that he was off his base, he was entitled to communicate with friends. The whole proceeding is a serious reflection on the police system of Toronto.

Mr. Hanna, of the C.N.R., has done a good service in calling attention to the school geographies. All that are in use are certainly not up-to-date, and only the revised issues should be in use from year to year. Canada is growing so fast that the geography publishers can hardly keep up with the changes.

SECRET PARTY FUNDS

One stands aghast—if anything in the nature of party revelations can shock an individual—at the candour with which the lords and press of England have discussed the sale of honours. The idea of selling baronies, and titular distinctions, seemed to be utterly abhorrent and untrue. And it seems that the thing has been going on for ages, and has been the source of great revenue by the political parties.

And the sham has been justified in this way: That party funds were needed, that something had to be sold, and that it is better to sell empty honours, whose conferring affects nothing but vanity, rather than be reduced, as governments in the United States have been, to selling offices, profits, and advantages of a much more solid description. Before every election, it appears, there has been a wholesale disposal of honours, and the more frequent the appeal to the people, and need of secret party funds, the greater the scattering of titles which some rich people will purchase at any price. Lord Selborne, whose preceptful speech and resolution was unanimously adopted, thinks the scandal can be avoided in the future by "a vigilant and sound public opinion." To which the London Chronicle protests. Publicity can do some things, but publicity, involving a description of the origin as well as expenditure of public funds, is dodged by political parties.

"Meanwhile," says the Chronicle, "some steps could be taken, which a good many liberals with some justice blame ministers for not having taken, to stop the cost of fighting elections. Why should not such a prohibition of posters, as is sometimes agreed between the candidates at a bye-election, be imposed by law upon every election? And why, oh why, have we still no provision that the state shall pay the returning officer's fees?"

Major Leonard does not answer the questions which the Parent Commission has propounded. The government is on the defensive, and its \$675,000 payroll has only been published. Has it been paying too much for its campaign literature?

FARMERS' COLD STORAGE

One of the causes for making some kinds of food scarce at times and dear is that they have to be shipped at seasons when it is not convenient to market them, and not convenient to buy and store them. The remedy for this is storage, cold or unchilled, as the season may suggest.

At some points the farmers have combined, with municipal aid, and there is law for this, an assurance which will be very welcome, seeing that "Thou shalt not" is raised so often in his admonition, to build a warehouse and put it in the care of some trusty person. With it at their disposal the farmers take to town, when it is convenient, the products of the farm. These may be hay, grains, vegetables, fruit, dairy products. The man who stores them gets credit. He may, if he is pressed, get cash; advances upon them, as the larger dealer gets accommodation from the banks, upon his warehouse receipts.

The man in charge of the warehouse, competent of course, sells the produce to jobbers or consumers, or ships it to the markets of the east or of the old world. The farmers can afford to pay a percentage on the goods, simply because he is in a position to sell when the market is favourable, and though the price be higher than he could get, with a forced sale, it is lower to the buyer than if he bought through the medium of middlemen. These may have to handle the products several times, and always at a profit.

The middleman is a necessity. He is a distributor whose work is of the greatest value, and it has not been successfully contended that his services can be dispensed with. He can become a burden as well as a blessing by becoming aggressive and monopolistic, and forcing himself between the producer and the consumer unnecessarily. Aye, the warehouse is the salvation of the farmer, and the consumer, by guaranteeing a supply of fresh farm products when they are wanted, and at a reasonable cost. It keeps the trade of the farmer in his own keeping, and it is the beginning of a new order of things. Oswego has had a new warehouse of this kind. A deputation of our farmers should see it and get all the information which is available regarding it.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Hamilton school board is moving in the matter of a school election. By the way, it is not nearly time the Education Department revised its regulations with regard to the "Care of the Teeth." It is not up-to-date and it is practically unworkable.

Can Mr. Bourassa, be elected in Prescott? Very possibly. And he would be of more account, for the French, in the legislature than Mr. Evanturel. There would, with the nationalist chief on the job, be a new interest in bilingual schools, and a new definition as to their meaning.

The Ontario government has failed to see that union wages, of which it is supposed to approve, are paid to the workmen on Government House for Toronto. The excuse is that no provision was made to this effect in the contract. Is that any excuse? Why was the provision omitted?

Rumour has it that the city is liable to lose what little concession it was granted in the possession of certain public lands and water front. The city should bestir itself. It should make sure of what it has and demand more of what it is being deprived by the great railway corporations.

The church is beginning to criticize its plan of campaign. In several recent sessions the enquiry has been raised, Is the church keeping pace with the times? Is it stamping on the people the value of true religion? A love of formality is easily acquired. But formality is not religion.

The C.M.A., (the Canadian Manufacturers' Association), is fighting the Workmen's Compensation Bill in the legislature. It is supplying the members with data and suggestions, and it is lobbying all it can. The government should drive the lobbyists from the house, and charge them with an offence. That is President Wilson's advice, and it is good.

The federal government publishes the best maps of the provinces and of Canada. It publishes, too, some of the best literature with regard to the country and its resources, and some of it gets scanty publication. The Ottawa government should have a publication department to keep alive and issue from time to time some of the most valuable information about the country.

Oswego is building upon the deepening of the Welland canal, with good Canadian money, and in the hope of profiting in a larger lake trade. What is Kingston doing to deepen its harbour and provide for the accommodation of the larger lake vessels? The deepening of the har-

bour should be carried out and completed with the enlargement of the canal.

Sanding the sugar was a common enough practice, and it went in trade without punishment. But watering the butter is a meaner proceeding, and costly if detected. One man has paid \$10 for putting on the market an article which contained forty per cent. of water. And it wasn't aereated water either!

The water department has a rest account of \$14,000. How is it made up? How long has it been accumulating? How much of the depreciation account has been stolen by the city, and now that renewals on an expensive plan have to be undertaken should the city not replace the amount? There was a large balance on hand last year, as a result of the year's operations. What has become of it?

PUBLIC OPINION

Tell Us Why. Hamilton Times. The Dominion government is opposed to old age pensions for Canada. We expect that it would be.

The Charge. Port Arthur Chronicle. At the worst the Laurier government is accused of building the Transcontinental railway not wisely but too well.

More Bouquets. Toronto Globe. "A colonel or a coward. Which?" asks the Brockville Recorder. "A colonel and a coward. Both," says Hon. Sydney Fisher.

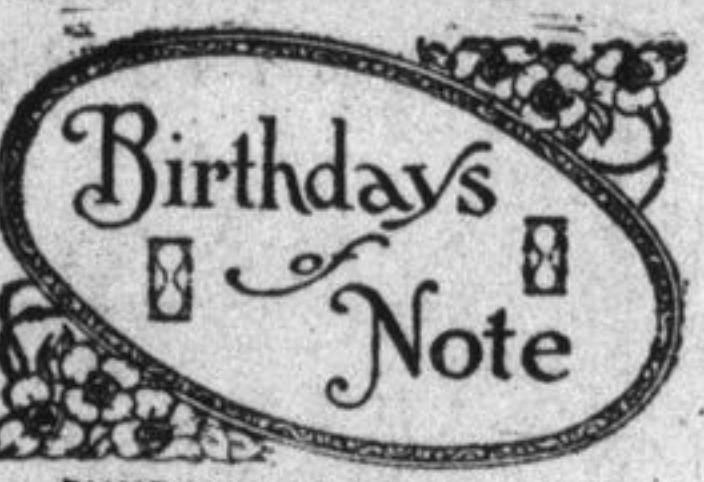
High Priced Birds. Montreal Mail. A bird costing 45c, is said to have won \$110 at a cocking main. This suggests one reason why so many birds are kept out of the egg-producing business.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

Mayor Thompson, and Alds. Adams and Gildersleeve spoke in the interests of the Kingston and Smith Falls railway at a meeting held in Seeley's Bay.

A branch of the Evangelical Alliance is being organized in Kingston by Rev. Alexander Campbell, the agent.

The gymnastic class of the 14th F. W. O. R. gave an entertainment at Rockwood hospital. J. Ross Robertson, of the Toronto Telegram, was in the city to-day. He has been on a tour lecturing on "An Hour With the Masonic Craft of One Hundred Years Ago."



Birthdays Note. SUNDAY, MARCH EIGHTH

Birth-day congratulations are in order to-day to D'Arcy Scott, assistant chief commissioner of the Dominion Board of Railway Commissioners, who is now celebrating the completion of his forty-fourth year. Mr. Scott, as is generally known, is a son of the late Sir Richard W. Scott, former Secretary of State for Canada and was born in Ottawa County, Quebec. He was famous in his youth as a canoeist and twice was successful in winning the paddling championship of the Canadian Amateur Canoe Association. He was appointed to his present position while filling his second term as Mayor of Ottawa and has given six years of excellent service to the work of the Railway Board.

MONDAY, MARCH NNINTH Warren Y. Soper, the millionaire manufacturer of electrical apparatus, who began life as a telegraph messenger boy, and is now one of the wealthiest citizens of Ottawa, is sixty years of age to-day. He tells of meeting a former resident of the capital not long ago, who evinced considerable curiosity as to the extent of his fortune. "They tell me you are worth half a million," hazarded the man. To this Mr. Soper replied by relating the story of a sea captain, who left a sailor at the wheel one night, directing him to sail by a certain star. Coming on deck some hours afterwards he found the man asleep. Roughly awaking him, he asked for an explanation of his conduct. "Didn't I tell you to hold her course by that star?" he demanded. "Of course you did," replied the man, "but we got past the glimmering thing long ago."

Wise and : : Otherwies

A man usually gets the short end of it after cutting his wife's allowance.

Explained. "However did you hear such dreadful things about Mrs. Huber?" "You forget that she was once my dearest friend."—Fliegende Blätter.

"Start-off" is Correct. "Sorry I'm so late, m' dear," began Tippler when he arrived home near midnight. "Couldn't get a car before." "So the cars were full too, were they?" returned his spouse as a start-off.

Neatly Turned. The bad boy wrote on the blackboard: "Our teacher is a donkey." The other boys anticipated ructions when the schoolmaster arrived; but there was no noise. He merely wrote the word "driver" after "donkey," and school opened as usual.

All He Wanted.



"You are entitled to damages." "But I've been damaged enough already, Judge."

Needed Advice. Burglar (holding jewel-case and speaking to householder crouched terrifiedly in bed)—Sorry to trouble yer, mum, but would yer mind helping me choose a present for the missus? It's her birthday to-morrow.—Puck.

Her Battling Average. Magistrate—The evidence shows that you threw a kettle at your husband. Culpit—It shows more than that, yer honor: it shows that I 'it 'im!—London Opinion.

Should Name His Sister Marantha. "What are you going to name the boy?" "Anathema."

"What on earth put that into your head?" "My wife read a passage which said 'Let his name be anathema, and she liked the idea. She says it's a rare name.'—Pittsburg Post.

Help! Help! Dear, mama, awaken; the bright sun is shining; the cook hasn't come, so you have to get up.

Outside for his breakfast the puppy is whining, and papa is making more fuss than the pup. He's tried to make coffee, and let it boil over, and bilaterated his fingers removing the pot. And clouds of white steam in the air seemed to hover; the coffee smells bad, but it must have been hot.

He's trying some eggs in a galvanized bucket. O hurry, dear mama, it's time you're awake. He's scalded his ear, and is trying to suck it, and things that he says make your very heart ache. I opened the door and he threw some thing at me; it missed, but 'twas just his bad aim after all. He certainly did his best trying to bat me. I think 'twas a pancake—it stuck to the wall.

Awaken, dear mama, and help him get quiet; I guess he must hurry to business in town. Unless you make haste we will end in a riot. Awaken; he's likely to tear the house down!

THE NIGHTINGALE.

The rose looks out on the valley, And thither will I go, To the rosy vale where the nightingale Sings his song of woe.

The virgin is on the riverside, Culling the lemons pale, Thither—yes, thither will I go, To the rosy vale where the nightingale Sings his song of woe.

The fairest fruit her hand hath culled, 'Tis for her lover still; Thither—yes, thither will I go, To the rosy vale, where the nightingale Sings his song of woe.

In her hat of straw, for her gentle swain, She has placed the lemons pale, Thither—yes, thither will I go, To the rosy vale where the nightingale Sings his song of woe. —From the Portuguese of Gil Vicente.

Lieut.-Col. Chubaleff, chief of police of St. Petersburg, was shot dead in his office by a junior officer, Lieut. Ivanoff. The motive of the crime was said to be vengeance.

BIBBYS Kingston's One Price Clothing Store Neckwear Sale 50c and 75c Silk Ties for 25c American Tublar Ties, etc., all new shapes, new colorings, new designs. Trouser Sale \$4.00 and \$4.50 Hand-tailored Trousers for \$2.75. Sizes 32 to 44. Suit Sale \$16.50 and \$18.00 Suits for \$12.50. English and Domestic Tweeds, Rich Browns and Greys; sizes 34 to 44. New Hats Special \$2.00 Sackville English Soft Hats, new turn-down rim, flat crowns, etc., a genuine \$2.50 hat for \$2.00. New Shoe Styles We are now ready to show you the smartest shoe styles in the best \$4.00 and \$5.00 shoes made. Just Wright, \$5.00. Keen Cut, \$4.00. Society Brand and Semi-Ready \$16.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00 Overcoats for \$12.50 Bibbys

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