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DEFLECTION WITHOUT ALARM

The nationalists of Ireland are as disunited as the nationalists of Canada, and we all know how they can quarrel among themselves. The O'Brien-Healy factions, numbering eight, will not have home rule for Ireland in the amended or emasculated plan. They will not allow for anything, and will not consent to any concession in the interest of peace.

They represent, on their side, an element as implacable and as irreconcilable as the Law faction on the other side, for Law has declared, quite impulsively, that he will not have home rule in any form and at any price. With these two elements in British politics one has no patience.

The Asquith government has braved many difficulties in order to carry out its pledges. It cannot afford to make the Parliament Act ineffective by refusing concessions now. Stubbornness would imperil the situation. Strategy will save it, and it is to be commended by all who are in sympathy with its work.

Miss May Richardson, the militant suffragette who slashed the picture in one of the national galleries in London, is a lunatic and should be incarcerated in some place for mental treatment.

BONAR LAW'S BLUNDERS

Bonar Law, the leader of the British opposition, is a sure political blunderer. He is continually saying things candidly and certainly injurious to his party. For this reason he may be deposed. Indeed there are rumours to the effect that he must be removed, that the unionists cannot think of him as a possible premier.

Twice within a week he committed an error of judgment. He first spoke too hurriedly when, replying to Mr. Asquith, he declared that his party would not have Home Rule for Ireland in any form. Sir Edward Carson showed more wisdom by underlining later to consult with the people of Ulster.

these people was 'Back to the work-house.' Mr. Law snapped back that employers would be made to pay whether their workmen were insured or not, to which the Chancellor replied: 'If the employer is not relieved I won't pursue the point for a single moment. Members of trade unions, members of friendly societies, members of collecting societies need not apply! The employers would have a pecuniary interest to the extent of £6,000,000 a year not to employ insured persons. We almost owe the right honorable gentleman a debt of gratitude for making that statement.'

Ah, yes, the Chancellor is too quick, too keen, for Bonar Law, and the leader of the opposition, having spoken before he reflected, having made a damaging admission, is now left to repent of it. The way is barred to his success. He practically admitted that some time ago, when he spoke of the long years the party had spent in opposition and confessed that without help outside of it the party never would have been in power.

The federal government will, it is said, make up the million and a half which the depositors lost through the failure of the Farmers' Bank. The government is simply forced to redeem in this way the anti-election pledges of many of its parliamentary supporters and one of its members. These cannot face the electors again—unless they can coerce the government.

CITY FAIR GROUNDS

The city and its interest in the fair grounds came in for a good deal of attention at the function of the Fair Associations of Kingston and Pittsburg. The condition of the property indicated a neglect for when no apology seemed to be in order. And yet there is an explanation.

Many years ago the annual shows of the County Agricultural Association were conducted on the site beyond the city limits, now included within the farm of the Kingston Penitentiary. When the land was required for other purposes it became a question of what the city would do, and it co-operated with the county in selecting a new site and putting upon it new buildings.

The only remnant of the old order of things was the crystal palace, in form, and partly in frame. In its removal there was practically reconstruction, so that the expenditure generally was very heavy. The money for the purpose was very cheerfully contributed, by those who desired to perpetuate a very useful institution, but they had a right to expect that it would be self-supporting, as the old fair had been under less pretentious circumstances.

The stock company had a little more land than it wanted, and this was sold and its proceeds put into the buildings. These and the grounds were used the first year by the Provincial Fair Association—at a loss. The Midland Fair Association made money in the next year. It demonstrated what it could do by the co-operation of all the parties that were interested in city and county. It made less the next year, and, later, for many reasons, fell so far behind financially that it ceased operations.

The property then passed into the possession of the city. The Council was persuaded that the time would come when the fair would become a paying concern, and it acquired the property for \$17,000, with the consent of the people, for they voted upon it. The County Fair Association, which was revived, later decided to hold its exhibitions at Harrowmith, where the support of the city and the visitors to it could not be expected, and the property in Kingston has become dilapidated. The disposition is to criticize the city in a somewhat unfriendly way. This is undeserved. The city has held an asset in property for the use of the Fair Association, and this use has been exceedingly limited. The temptation has been to remove the buildings, divide the land into lots and sell them, or sell the plot and all that is upon it for a bulk sum.

Now this temptation has been resisted. The city should hold the land—it becomes more valuable every year—and the Fair Associations but upon all classes, who believe in good works. The reflection for indifference does not lie upon any class, but upon all classes, who believe in fair and do not conduct them upon a plan that reflects credit on them.

been plundered to the extent of \$500,000,000. No wonder our coal is dear.

The government has put itself on record as against any concession in the interest of the farmers. Its vote against the removal of the duty on agricultural implements will harden the hearts of the tillers of the soil. They will see how much the rulers of the house are under the domination of the manufacturers.

Controller McCarthy, of Toronto, has declared that workmen's dwellings can be erected within the city limits and rented at \$12 a month. To be sure they can. They can be erected and rented in Kingston for less. A Municipal Housing Association could demonstrate this without difficulty.

PUBLIC OPINION

Tory Party You Mean: The great liberal party has been flirting again, judging from the revelations of doings on the "Bessie Butler." The "Minnie M." now has a rival in fame.

He Surely Did: H. F. McLeod, the new conservative member for York, N.B., doesn't seem to be afraid to speak his mind about pseudo friends. He made the fur fly yesterday over domestic politics in New Brunswick.

Quite a Marked Difference: The chief difference between the two radically different classes at the Social Service Congress is that one seems satisfied with keeping the weeds mowed down, while the other is determined to pull them out by the roots.

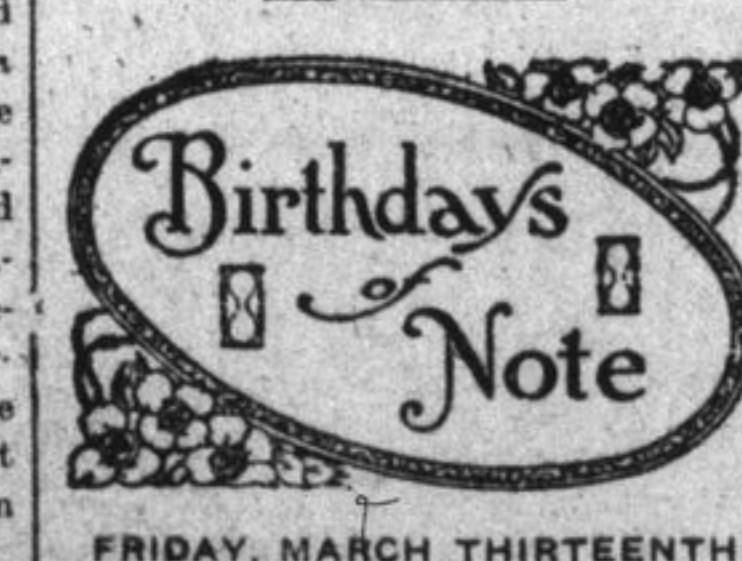
Expensive Record: Edmonton is to have a municipal gazette in which the proceedings of the City Council will be reported verbatim at a cost of \$450 a session. What now becomes of the venerable maxim that talk is cheap?

Tax the Land: If Ontario needs more revenue, why not collect more of the values socially created, and at the same time make less demand upon the individual or legitimate business to pay to the province what the province never created? What Ontario needs is ordinary common sense in taxation.

Promoters Remembered: Mr. Carvell in the House of Commons has charged that a railway in New Brunswick which got \$217,000 in public aid only cost \$217,000 to build. Does he think railway promoters should work for nothing? Or that they should put their own money in the properties they are to own? Out upon the upstart of comfortable traditions!

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

The new opera, "Leo, the Royal Cadet," written by the late George F. Cameron and composed by O. F. Feldmann, will be produced in Kingston. Beef sold on the market from \$1.50 to \$1.75 per cwt.; turkeys, \$1.50 each; fowls, 75c to \$1 per pair; eggs, 20c to 25c per dozen. The farmers of Wolfe Island will take the lead in early sowing this year. Fire did damage to the extent of \$200 at the Burnett Hotel, as the result of a gas explosion.



Birthdays Note

FRIDAY, MARCH THIRTEENTH: Sir Hugh John Macdonald, police magistrate of Winnipeg, who was born sixty-four years ago to-day in Kingston, is, as is generally known, the oldest son of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. Like his father, he is man of very genial personality and a great favorite among a wide circle of friends. On the occasion of Sir Thomas Taylor's retirement from the Bench as Chief Justice of Manitoba, he was present at the Court House along with a number of members of the bar to pay their respects to the retiring judge. It was a wet day and on leaving the building, Sir Hugh discovered that some one had walked off with his umbrella. When he reached his office, he made out a list of those who had been present, and sent each a type-written note to the effect that his umbrella had been taken, by accident he would presume. If the umbrella was returned, otherwise with malice aforethought, in less than an hour, umbrellas began to arrive and before evening he had a collection of eleven. Sir Hugh now boasts that he has not bought one since.

EDITORIAL NOTES: The London Chronicle says that Carson can be the first premier of Ireland—if he is reasonable and behaves himself. Is honour and position to be the means of quieting Sir Edward, or silencing his saucy tongue? The action of congress, in proceeding against the coal men's trust, which has heretofore escaped demolition, is likely to prove effective. The evidence laid before the House Judiciary Committee is to the effect that the freight rate is double what it should be and that the people have

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In union there may be strength, but without unions there would be no forces.

Any man can score a big hit with a woman; all he has to do is to sit still and listen.

We feel sorry for the rich woman who has poor taste. Everybody sits up and takes notice.

Every woman likes to go away on a visit—if it's only across the street to borrow an apron pattern.

But why should any fool man want to stand prosperity? It's up to the prosperous chap to sit down and take it easy.

Especially if Henpecked. There's a paradox in many a phrase. We hear, beyond debate. A man may weigh his words and yet May find they have no weight. —Boston Transcript.

Would Be Nice.



That woman is fond of gossip. Yes, I like to see people happy and I hope that when women are eligible to all offices she will be a judge at Reno.

An Ear to the Ground. "Some of your constituents are disagreeing with you," said the trusted lieutenant. "Well, keep 'em on them," replied Senator Sengheim, "when enough disagree with me to constitute a reliable majority I'm going to turn around and agree with them."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Unsportsmanlike. "What's do matter wid Jimmy?" "Aw, he feels disgraced for me." "How's dat?" "His mudder came out yesterday and took him home right of second base."—Kansas City Journal.

Words of Wisdom. Emotion is no substitute for action. You have a friend? "God so loved that he gave"—what? Superfluous? Leaveings? That which cost him nothing?—George L. Pilkington.

There is one ideal fact that we should never forget, and that is: we are here to make some one happy. We should compel each day to furnish an opportunity.

Never shrink from deep devotion because you fear its trials or its sacrifices. Paul, in martyrdom, was unspeakably happier than God's half-hearted servants.—Rev. W. R. Huntington.

You will find as you look back upon your life that the moments that stand out are the moments when you have done things in the spirit of love. —Henry Drummond.

Warm hearts are made by cherishing the good things and treasuring the kind acts of others. You cannot kindle a sweet spirit by feeding upon all the crab apples within your reach. Doing nothing for others is the undoing of one's self. We must be purposely kind and generous, or miss the best part of existence. The heart that goes out of itself gets large and full of joy.

To understand the world," writes one, "is better than to condemn it, to study the world is better than to abuse it; to make the world better, lovelier and happier, is the noblest work of any man or woman." Mr. Gladstone said, not long before his death, that of the sixty master minds of the last half century, fifty-four were devout believers in the Christian religion.

CHARACTER STUDIES.

Human improvement is from within outward.—Froude.

In every deed of mischief he had a heart to resolve, a head to contrive and a hand to execute.—Gibbon.

Any one must be mainly ignorant or thoughtless who is surprised at everything he sees or wonderfully convicted who expects everything to conform to his standard of propriety.—Hazlitt.

In this world a man must either be an avvil or a nummer.—Longfellow.

To judge human character rightly a man may sometimes have very small experience, provided he has a very large heart.—Bulwer-Lytton.

The man that makes a character makes foes.—Young.

A lot of men use the poorest kind of material when it comes to character building.

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