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SUFFERING FOR OUR POLLY

The debate on the budget drags along. Some good things are said by the speakers, on both sides, and the highest ideas are not expressed by the front benchers. Mr. Garland, the member for Carleton, rarely speaks, but he has delivered himself of a few thoughts with respect to the cost of living. This cost is affected by the extravagant tastes of the people as much as by the tariff. "We are having," said he, "too many hobbie skirts, too many narrow skirts, too many large hats, and too many small hats; too many cigarettes and too many nickel shavers. I would like to see every Canadian live like a prince but I much prefer to see them live within their income." There is a great deal of force in what Mr. Garland says. The prosperity which Canada enjoyed so long was a bad thing for some people. They became ambitious and extravagant. They earned money easily and spent it easily. They did not realize that a dull spell might set in and they had better be prepared for it. Now some of the wretches are suffering and to an inordinate extent. Will they be cured of their folly by this experience? Hardly. The day of simple life and service, and all that was simple, seems to have gone in Canada; never to return. The more the pity.

THE BATTLE OF THE HOUR

Lloyd-George has been heard from again. He has recovered his voice and is conducting a remarkable campaign in the interest of his social reforms. His present duty is to elaborate the land scheme by which the peasant classes may be benefited and blessed. The home rule agitation he regards as a deliberate attempt to divert the attention of the people from the real issues of the hour. The fight is not with the Ulster people, but with the tory party. It dislikes the idea that parliament can, by any act, prevent it from dictating what may or may not be done in its behalf. In essence the unionists have declared that they will not allow progressive measures to pass the house, and that if they are passed they will not be obeyed. Said Mr. Lloyd-George, in the discussion on these points: "If liberalism finches one inch before either of these insolent and arrogant claims, it is not fit any longer to be an instrument of government in a great empire and it is time that it made way for a sterner, a more high-minded body of British progressives. But you need not fear. That is why I am here this afternoon, on behalf of the British government, to say this to you—that they mean to confront this defiance of popular liberties with a most resolute, unwavering determination, whatever the hazard may be. "We are not fighting about Ulster. We are not fighting about home rule. We are fighting for all that is essential to civil liberty in this land. What did the Parliament Act establish? The right of the people to secure statutory sanction for their legislative proposals, with or without the consent of the tory party. There was a time when a number of important gentlemen of the tory party met at Lansdowne House—some convenient, week-end centre—and decided there whether liberal bills were to be allowed to get a free passage on the statutory book. The Parliament Act has abolished the Lansdowne House legislature. "But the Lansdowne party does not know this. The members think that they still rule, as a divine right, says the Chancellor. One reads that Lord Somebody thinks the noble marquis will do a certain thing, and Lord Somebody Else is willing in any case to follow in his footsteps. The week-end conspiracies are not so common as they were. Parliament and the government have had a supreme contempt for the orders issued from Lansdowne House, and the situation has not changed any too soon—in the interest of the common people.

BANISH THE POLITICS

Prison reform is the proper title of the committee which has had to do with the penal institutions of the country, and which makes such a lengthy and radical report with regard to them. It deals with so many things, is so comprehensive in character, that it may to some extent fail in its purpose. It cannot be forgotten that the commission was primarily appointed to deal with the discontent and inharmonious which existed among the members of the staff, and the government may have anticipated the outcome of the enquiry and so provided that the commission should do more than listen to the recriminations of the penitentiary officials.

The troubles of the institution, and developing through faulty management, occupy brief space in the report. The commission heard all that was offered in the way of complaint and grievance, and discussed them all without comment. This comment shows the desire of the investigating body to deal in a conciliatory way with the situation, and to pass on to the greater issues arising out of a proposed reform of the whole prison system. It may be said that the commission has aimed at too many changes, but that will not be the contention of the men who have any knowledge of prison conditions and of the need of reforming them.

The first and great consideration is the banishment of politics. The prisons of Canada should be managed non-politically. The directing force should be a commission of independent and able men, and this commission should be given the entire charge of the prisons. They will be able to introduce the necessary reforms, and they will do it if given the power they should possess. The wardens should be men of large business and administrative capacity, men selected because of their fitness for the service without regard to the manner in which they have championed the cause of some party or local politician.

The organization of a prison, under a commission and warden of superior qualifications, will be the better, and the friction and jealousy and discontent among minor or subordinate officials will disappear. The commission and the wardens must be chosen on their merits. They must be given a free hand in introducing and promoting the plans so fully outlined by the special commission. The rest will follow as a matter of course.

EDITORIAL NOTES

Most of the reforms urged by the special commission, with regard to prison reform, have been in operation elsewhere, and they cannot be soon inaugurated here.

The paving question can never be settled until all the interests affected get together and try to understand each other. Experts and arbitrators cannot do much unless the council and the company desire to co-operate.

Carranza, whom President Wilson supported, has joined forces with Huerta in opposing the Yankee invader of Mexico. When Huerta gets his 400,000 in the field the war will take on larger proportions. President Wilson's idols are being smashed one by one.

A lady member of Martin Harvey's Theatrical company has been telling a London society paper how depressing is residence in the far west and in the newer cities. "Life was beastly rough and unartistic." She was not surely looking for society on the prairie and in the mountains.

The Orange Sentinel disapproves of the suppression of the Canadian Menace. "Granted that it was promoted by Canadian capital and was not convicted of any outrage, it was properly named, and a menace to the religious harmony that should prevail among the people of Canada.

Prison inspectors should be what the title of their office implies. They should simply report to a higher power, a commission, acting in behalf and in the stead of the Justice Department, and the commission should do the rest. In the past the inspector have been the dictators of prison system and procedure.

Can Gain Experience

Collingwood Bulletin. If a man wants to get acquainted with human nature, let him edit a newspaper for a short time. He knows nothing of the ups and downs of life until he has served in this capacity. He may have preached, conducted a bank, sold goods, traded horses, practiced law, sawed wood or operated a pop-corn factory, but he needs a few months' experience as an editor-in-chief of a newspaper to complete his knowledge of the eccentricities of human nature.

Weather Notes.

The high pressure is passing south-eastward from the great lakes towards the Atlantic, and the western low area is moving towards Lake Michigan. The weather continues warmer from Ontario eastward. Showers have again occurred in Manitoba.

Sooner or later the political traitor gets what is due him, and with compound interest.

PUBLIC OPINION

The Worst Past. Ottawa Free Press. Robert Mantell, the Shakespearean actor, has refused \$10,000 to play for the movies, all of which makes us believe Hon. Mr. White's financial prediction that the "worst is over."

Bitter Outlook. Hamilton Times. The Monetary Times has been conducting a special enquiry into business conditions and prospects in Western Canada, and declares the prospects bright for a successful year.

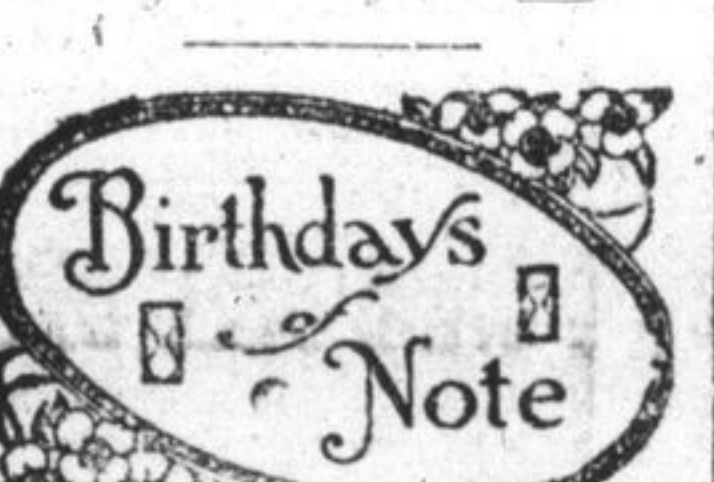
Hanna's Eye Sharp. St. Thomas Journal. Hon. W. J. Hanna with his eye on the premiership, and little likelihood now of attaining it, may have suggested that \$10,000 salary for the chairmanship of the workmen's compensation commission.

Surely Not. Watertown Times. Yesterday was the one hundredth anniversary of the departure of Napoleon for Elba. He returned to France and reigned one hundred days and then came Waterloo. Is President Wilson going to Elba?

One Serious Drawback. Woodstock Sentinel. Women have as much right to smoke as men, of course, but there is one thing that must tell against women smokers in competition with men, and that is the lack of facilities for striking matches.

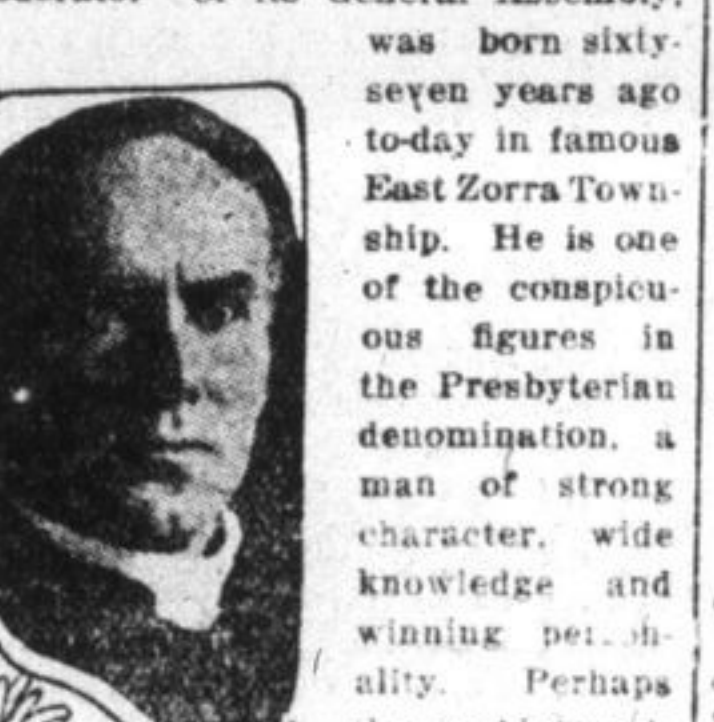
Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO.

This morning, there was a great crush at St. George's cathedral, where fashionable weddings and crowds are time-honored occurrences. Miss Katie R. Kent, daughter of Robert Kent, treasurer of the Canadian Express company, was united to Walter H. Macnee, of the firm of Macnee & Minnes, a popular young man in society and business circles. Rev. Burnham H. Smith, assistant rector, performed the ceremony. Queen's University council met today. The resignations of Dr. Sullivan, H. B. Rathbun, John Madie, Dr. Anglin and Rev. M. Macgillivray were read. Dr. Sullivan, H. B. Rathbun and Dr. Anglin were re-elected members and Rev. Malcolm McKinnon, B.A., Eldon, and Rev. James Gray, Driffield, were elected to fill the vacancies.



FRIDAY, APRIL TWENTY-FOURTH

REV. DR. R. P. MACKAY, Foreign Mission Secretary of the Presbyterian Church and an ex-moderator of its General Assembly, was born sixty-seven years ago today in famous East Zorra Township. He is one of the conspicuous figures in the Presbyterian denomination, a man of strong character, wide knowledge and winning personality. Perhaps the most interesting thing about him is the frequency with which he is taken by devout members of the Roman Catholic Church for a priest in their communion. This is owing largely to his appearance, which is decidedly ecclesiastical. Even Catholic priests themselves have mistaken him for one of themselves, as witness once when he was riding on a train and was seated immediately in front of a priest. The latter presently leaned over and said, "Good morning, father; where is your parish?"



CHURCH ARISTOCRATIC. The wage earner has small voice in the matter. The modern church is seldom organized so as to reach him. He has dropped the church—at least, the Protestant churches—or the churches have dropped him. The churches are dying of dry rot, yet within them few seem to realize why. That cause largely lies in the conservative determination to insist on various credal platforms, and once this policy is adopted the exodus of the progressive part of the church membership is only a question of time. The church does not represent today the whole people as once it did. Disheartened by its proved immobility, it would be reformers have left it or have been driven forth from it. Its "standpoints" remain within it, rule its deliberations and direct its policy. In a democratic age and country the American churches are aristocratic.—Dr. William S. Rainsford, Former Pastor of St. George's Episcopal Church, New York City.

Wise and : : Otherwise

Orator—Follow citizens! Whither are we drifting? "We ain't—we're tangling!"

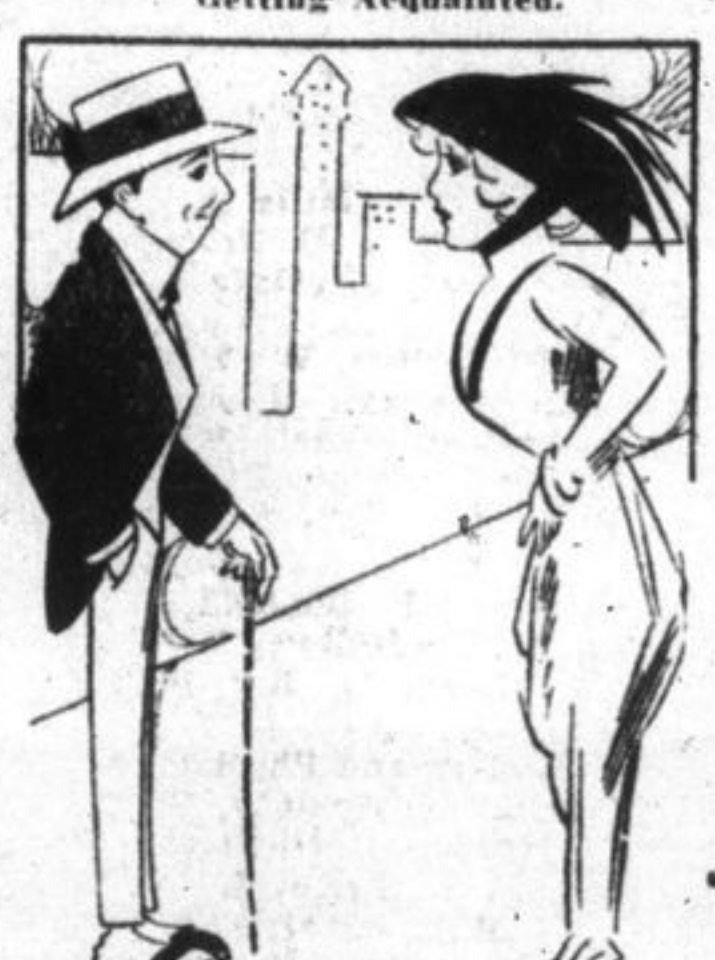
Cause for Falter. Wife—George, I want to see that letter. Husband—What letter, dear? Wife—That one you just opened. I know by the handwriting it is from a woman, and you turned pale when you read it. Hand it here, sir! Husband—Here it is, dear. It is from your dressmaker.—Judge.

Draw the Line. Judge—"I'll give you an hour to get out of town! Will you do it?" Vagrant—"Oh, yes, I'll do it, but I'm darned if I'll hustle so fast coming back!"

Risky. Roddy—I have documentary evidence Sandy, that says my boy, Peter, is the rightful Duke of Glenwurrawurms! Sandy—Na doubt, Roddy, but 'twould be a shame to have him throw up his job on the trolley for that.

One Consolation. "I see that New York women have begun wearing wigs which match their gowns." "Well, there's one consolation. It won't take much of a wig to match the average gown, as gowns go."

Getting Acquainted. Mr. Biggs says he is going to make a trip around the world. Yes; I suppose he feels that he owes the world an opportunity to make his acquaintance.



As Usual. Church usher on "Church-going Sunday"—"Where would you like to sit, sir?" Prosperous-looking stranger—"Why—er—about the fourth row, centre, and an aisle seat, please"—Judge.

No Change. How does the poor woman support herself in her affliction at losing her husband? "I suppose the same way she supported herself all the time he was living"—Baltimore American.

Law the Guardian. The Nut—"I never could understand why a fellow couldn't have more than one wife." The Old Man—"When you're older you will learn that the law protects those who are incapable of protecting themselves"—London Opinion.

Oh, Pshaw! "Buxton declares that 'Fanny's Fifth Play' is its author's best work." "His shaw d'oeuvre, so to speak."

Warning. "I was charmed with Mrs. Smith. She certainly is a lady of winning ways." "Then you be careful how you accept her invitations to her bridge parties."—Baltimore American.

Just a Slip of the Tongue. "Mrs. Garber fell downstairs and bit her tongue in two." "I feel sorry for her husband. She was a terror when she had only one tongue."

Pop's Reason. Tommy—Pop, what makes the moon get full? Tommy's Pop—Fishing the dipper, I suppose, my son.

Had To Be. Little five-year-old Bessie was telling about some medicine she had taken while ill. "Yes," she said, "I took some compulsion of cod liver oil, and—" "You mean emulsion, don't you, dear—not compulsion," said the visitor. "Well," rejoined Bessie, "there was a good deal of compulsion about it."

Her First Visit. Mrs. Youngbride—'I'd like some fish, please. What are these in the barrel? Clerk—Salt mackerel, ma'am. Mrs. Youngbride—Are they quite fresh?

Fractions Versus Facts. Teacher (explaining fractions)—Suppose now, Willie, you had eight little boys visiting you and you had only one apple; how much would each little boy get? Willie—Wouldn't get any. I'd wait till they'd all gone home and eat it myself.

We're Wrong Again. "Of course, you have your little theory about the cause of the high cost of living?" "I have," replied Mr. Growcher; "too many people are trying to make political economy take the place of domestic economy."—Washington Star.

Risky. Caller—I want to take out a large fire policy. Agent—What's your business? Caller—City employe. Agent—You're a bit risky. Curley is likely to fire you any day.

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