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GEE! YOU AH EASY!

The Toronto Mail and Empire remarks that "Apropos of the Canadian Northern guarantee, the Borden government has taken the rant out of guarantee."

And the letters left likely represent Bill and Dan's estimate of the Borden cabinet-G.U.A.'s.

TORIES IN SMALL BUSINESS

Why should the Whitney government, because it has a big majority, have the advantage of the gerrymander, the advantage of stifling investigation into the sins of its cabinet members, and the advantage of having the public friends and enemies alike—pay its postage bills for the distribution of the campaign literature of the conservative party? The "grits" have to go down into their pockets to pay for distributing their campaign literature and to pay the cost of printing and compiling as well as distribution, while the conservatives get printing done and postage paid with the people's money. Isn't the position a noble one to be occupied by a great political party?—Peterboro Examiner.

UTILITIES EXTENSIONS

Evidently the Utilities Commission is going to proceed slowly in regard to further extensions. Its request that the City Council furnish the funds for a couple of gas extensions uptown indicates this. The law provides that a Utilities Commission must seek money for capital expenditure from the council, and before this money can be forthcoming by means of debentures, it must be shown that the expenditures will realize eight per cent. When such percentage is not realized, there can be no debenture issue.

Last year, the Utilities committee of the City Council expended \$22,000 in extensions that did not yield eight per cent. or near it. This money had to be taken out of revenue, which is a very unsatisfactory method of financing. The commission, it would appear, will follow along different lines this year and make extensions only where the legal revenue is guaranteed.

THE HOME RULE BILL IS LAW.

The Home Rule bill has been passed by the House of Commons a third time. The bill now goes to the House of Lords, but it does not need their approval to become effective. Under the parliamentary reform measure, adopted to enable the commons to enact the Lloyd-George financial bills and the Home Rule bill, the veto of the Lords is no longer absolute.

Premier Asquith, before the vote was taken, announced that after its passage he would meet with the unionists to consider amendments designed to console Ulster. If there is no agreement the Liberals will themselves propose the amendment, which the premier has already proposed, but which Sir Edward Carson rejected—a referendum in Ulster, by which each county in the province will determine for itself whether it shall come under the Home Rule bill or not.

The premier of Great Britain is also the secretary of state for war. He knows the preparations, that have been made for armed resistance to the decrees of parliament in Ulster. But he has shown no lack of determination to carry through the measure to which his party has been so long committed. He has fought fairly, but he has never faltered and now that he has won his parliamentary victory he will not hesitate because of the threats of rebellion, to make the bill effective.

The Bonar Laws and Edward Carson know that Mr. Asquith is not to be bluffed. They have ample reason to know it. Now that the bill has been adopted they may enter the

conference to consider means of pacifying a people whom they themselves have aroused in a spirit of humility rather than challenge. The concession of a referendum to the Ulster counties they are assured. They will get precious little more.

A GOOD OFFER REJECTED

The best power offer that has been heard of was turned down by the town of Iroquois last week. An Iroquois manufacturer, M. Beech, offered to furnish the town with improved street lighting and supply all private lighting for the sum of \$1,000 a year for ten years, the town to collect the private rates. At present, an inferior street lighting costs the town about \$1,800. Besides, Mr. Beech offered to supply all manufacturing plants that might settle in Iroquois with power at the rate of \$10 a horse-power. Yet two-thirds of the qualified ratepayers could not be enticed to cast their votes for such a peach of a proposition. Up here in Kingston, Mr. Beech would have been recommended for knighthood and had his portrait painted and hung in the city hall if he cast such an offer at the people here, but in Iroquois, the residents evidently are intent upon other than worldly affairs and more concerned with matters spiritual than with well-lighted streets and the establishment of industrial concerns in their midst. Even the haranguing of Editor Pelton and Trooper Mulloy failed (to the extent of ten votes) to carry the measure.

Iroquois has power right at its door. A rapid pass the water front of the town. The Hydro-Electric Commission is seeking the undeveloped water power at that point, and if Mr. Beech is to retain his power rights, which expire next year, he must develop them further. In order to retain them, he has made a ridiculously low offer to his town, and intends moving two or three of his factories at other points to Iroquois. His offer may yet be accepted for the tax exemption clause, which made a two-thirds majority necessary, will be eliminated, and a new by-law submitted to the people which will require but a majority vote.

CAN BUILD WARSHIPS

The charge has been made that Canada could not build warships. Hon. Winston Churchill, first lord of the admiralty, said so, and he has had many conservatives in Canada repeat his statement, Premier Borden, himself, declaring that Canada could not build a Canadian navy in fewer than twenty-five or fifty years. Facts prove how wrong these statements are. The new steamer Noronic, of the Northern Navigation Co., and used by the Grand Trunk system, between Sarnia and Fort William, stands as a proof that Canada can build the equal of any ships, in the world. The new steamer, which begins her route on June 3rd, is entirely of Canadian construction and finished, too, by Canadians. This ship is rightfully described as the last word in navy architecture. It is a slender to say that Canada is not equal to the task of constructing a navy. The Noronic is one of the staunchest and completest crafts that navigators have seen and supplements the work of one of the greatest railways in the world in bringing the people and the natural and industrial products in touch between the east and the west.

Canadians can do almost anything and it is a person with a craven spirit that would stand up and say otherwise. Political exigency cannot get behind the idea that Canadians are impotent and unskilled. To say they are is to cast a slur upon the enterprise and activity of the Canadian people. What the ship builders have done for commerce in the construction of the Noronic they can do for the navy and for the defence of the Canadian coasts.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The straw hat and the soft collar have the victory. It is a good thing to talk peace as well as to do the things that make for peace.

We almost always have had times, if not a positive panic period when the conservative party comes to power.

The home, the church and the public school must take their share in the education and development of character.

It makes one feel old to realize that no schoolboy or schoolgirl now can remember when the 24th of May was queen's birthday.

The attitude of the conservative party on the temperance question is something like that of the fat man in the crowd: "I wish you wouldn't shove me," he said, "but I am going along."

It is pretty clearly established that the whole C.N.R. system is now mortgaged to its full value and the additional mortgage which the government will take will be practically worthless.

The well-worn argument, "You didn't do it," seems to be the last resort in every case of the government

in reply to criticism of the opposition. Paucity of intelligence in the conservative ranks is the only explanation.

PUBLIC OPINION

Good News. Chicago News. Skirts are to be fuller this year, which is gratifying. Nothing is prettier than a skirt full of girl.

Why Worry. Chatham Planet. Considering the present styles of women's clothes, why worry over the possible future creations of dressmakers?

A Guess. Cincinnati Enquirer. When you see two white shoes drying on a window sill and a girl hanging out of the same window drying her hair, you can bet that she isn't going to eat any raw onions for supper.

But Is It? Montreal Mail. The modern home is a place to sleep and take most of our meals—we live elsewhere.

The children to-day are brought up, not in the home, but in the schools. It is all for the best, no doubt.

What Liberals Are For. St. John, N.B., Telegraph. The Asquith ministry has had the courage to finance, in the face of bitter opposition, plans for social betterment which have been radical and daring. After all, that is what liberal governments are for. They must deal with the nation's needs as they see them rather than according to precedent merely. That way lies a better civilization.

The Newspapers Sphere. Montreal Mail. The legitimate task of the papers is to keep the public informed as to what is going on. It is not their fault if bad things happen nor would the number of bad things be decreased—it would, on the contrary, be increased—if the first and greatest desire of their perpetrators, which is always to escape notice, were gratified.

Military Training Good. Calgary Herald. Calgary's soldier boys have indulged in their annual church parade. They looked well, marched well and listened well. Even if their course of military training did no more than improve their body carriage and groomed their minds in the principles of discipline it would be well worth reasonable cost to the country.

An Iniquitous Precedent. Calgary Alberta. The action of the government in reimbursing the losers in the Farmers' bank is making the contrary pay for the losses of certain conservative members. It is an iniquitous precedent. It is wrong. Mr. Borden has fulfilled that dishonest promise and has nothing to say about fulfilling the promises made to the people of western Canada.

Education and Righteousness. Pittsburg Gazette-Times. We need to remember that, while education is a splendid thing, it is righteousness that exalteth a nation. No education was ever injured by faith in God. It will hurt no boy or girl to let it be known and frankly taught that "God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth." No thing can subtract from the triumph of science, nor spoil an otherwise satisfactory education, to have the young folks learn more about God, His attributes and His glory. They will be better men and women for it, better citizens and better parents when their time comes.

Kingston Events 25 YEARS AGO. Prof. Marshall and wife, Dr. Alice McGillivray and Prof. Cappon left, to day, for England. Severe winds did serious damage to shade trees in the city to-day. The 14th Regiment received invitation to spend Dominion day at St. Catharines.

TO REPRESS THE DANES Hostility in Northern Schleswig Discussed in Prussian Diet Berlin, May 28.—The hostility of the Danish population in Northern Schleswig to the German regime was aired in the Prussian diet, yesterday. The spokesman of the conservative party, Count Rant-Zau, said vigorous repression by the Prussian government was necessary if "vital national interests" were not to be imperilled.

The Danish propaganda, he added, was openly directed toward making Northern Schleswig Danish in event of a war in which Germany was defeated. Count Rant-Zau quoted as typical of public sentiment the fact that a ten-year-old school boy spat upon the Kaiser's picture in the course of a celebration of his majesty's birthday. German residents, he added, were systematically boycotted, socially and commercially.

The imperial chancellor, in replying, said that anti-German manifestations had already been brought to the attention of the Danish government "in an emphatic manner," and further steps would be taken to prevent a recurrence of them, because such agitation was not only of local importance, but might easily affect international relations.

Survives 11,000 Volts. Cobalt, May 28.—Thomas Taylor, an employee of the Timiskaming Telephone company, received 11,000 volts through his body, and is alive, though very severely burned. He was repairing telephone lines near West Cobalt when he came in contact with a power line.

Wise and :
: Otherwise

Men are hard to satisfy, yet what is more unsatisfactory than a satisfied man?

Occasionally time waits for a man—if he has the ticker for his watch in his pocket.

Almost the only time a suffragette objects to standing up for her rights is in a crowded car.

No Divorce There.

"Has every state divorced?" "No, not the state," Jack answered. "Of single blessedness."

Picked Up in Passing. "Pa, what is a comfortable income?" "One that sits easy on the conscience, I suppose."—Detroit Free Press.

In Vein They were a funny lot, I think. The pioneers so bold, For though they made their search in vein, They found a lot of gold.

Extravagant. She was the youngest of eight children in a minister's family, and as his salary was not large she already had learned that there were many things the family could not have. One day her father told her that she had a new baby sister.

"Well, pap," she said bravely, "I suppose it's all right, but it seems to me there were a lot of things we needed more."

On Their Honeymoon. "This is an awfully lonesome cafe. There's no one here." "No, and only last week, when we started on our honeymoon, you were very eager to find these lonesome places where we could be by ourselves."—Magendortler Blaetter.

Said By Wise Men. How fast we learn in a day of sorrow.—H. Bonar. To be innocent is to be not guilty; but to be virtuous is to overcome our evil feelings and intentions.—Dean.

How often events, by chance and unexpectedly, come to pass, which you had not even dared hoped for.—Terence. The problem of restoring to the world original and eternal beauty is solved by the redemption of the soul.—Emerson.

What is the essence and the life of character? Principle, integrity, independence, or, as one of our great old writers has it, "That inbred loyalty unto virtue which can serve her without a livery."—Butler.

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From \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000 is the amount Controller Herbert hopes to bring to the Montreal office, as the result of the sale of surplus land owned by the authorities. William Britton, an employee of the Cornwall Street Railway, jammed between two freight cars of the Ottawa and New York railway during shunting operations, died almost instantly.

Birthdays Note THURSDAY, MAY TWENTY-EIGHTH. To-day marks the eighty-third anniversary of the birth of Bledworth Angus, former president of the Bank of Montreal, and one of the most prominent of the older generation of Canadian financiers. Born at Bathgate, Scotland, he obtained his training as a bank clerk in the Manchester and Liverpool Bank, and then came to Canada fifty-seven years ago to take a post in the Bank of Montreal. He rose in a few years to be general manager and then resigned to devote himself to outside undertakings. He became associated with Lord Strathcona and Lord Mount Stephen in their railway undertakings, notably the C.P.R., of which he continues to be a director. His other interests are widespread and he is on the directorate of many companies. Besides his business connections he has given generous support to art and philanthropy.

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