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HIS, A WORLD'S LOSS.

A world's figure—disappeared, with the death of Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. He came into prominence at first as a municipal reformer, in Birmingham, which he ruled as mayor for several terms and represented in parliament for many years.

He was first a radical because at the time there were many public conditions that required radical treatment. Then he became a liberal of an advanced type and gloried in the traditions of the party and in his association with Gladstone and Bright and others of their kind.

He became a unionist when he decided to support the Irish Home Rule Bill which Mr. Gladstone submitted, and went into active opposition when his leader was determined to go ahead with his policy at any sacrifice.

Yet he did his country great service, and was specially honored by the king, not with titles, but with personal confidences and favours, the great tribune of the people fully appreciated. The Boer war and its responsibilities hurried his physical wreck.

Hon. Austen Chamberlain, who has outlived his brother in so many ways, is his heir, but not his successor. It is something to reflect on when, as it is said, the place of every one can be filled and the world really misses no one.

Some conservative papers are poking fun at Arthur Hawkes because he did not deliver some goods to the Rowell party. Perhaps he did not have the price. Besides he was not this time appealing to the British horn.

BOURASSA IS BUSY.

The Whig has not much of admiration for Henri Bourassa. He is a man of various attainments, is one of Canada's leading bilingualists, and as clever with his voice as with his pen.

Bourassa fought against the liberals, and his old leader, when it served his purpose. He fought against the conservatives, and against the government he helped to make when it refused to obey his commands.

And yet one cannot deny that he sacrificed the Canadian correspondent of the London Times, who offended by cabling that the imperialists of Canada are in sympathy with the latter position.

Canadians are designated? He assumes that they represent the flag-wavers of 1878 and 1911, who were loyal and demonstrative for financial and political reasons.

Oh, Henri's is a cutting sarcasm, and the Canadian correspondent of the Times will probably be careful in his discussion of controversial matters while his critic is in London.

The Mail announces that the unemployed immigrants are to be sent across the ocean to the place from whence they came. The pity is that they were induced to come to this country to become a charge upon the charitably inclined through any defect of the immigration policy.

ROOSEVELT IN EVIDENCE.

The speech which Col. Roosevelt made at Pittsburgh, Pa., the first since his return from Europe, is regarded as a most diplomatic one. In it he demands the political retirement of Mr. Barnes, the chairman of the New York state republican committee, and Mr. Penrose, the chairman of the Pennsylvania state republican committee.

A feature of a new Methodist church in Toronto is its shower bath. Nothing startling about that. If the church was to have a polling booth and some one to show the congregation how to mark the ballot people would be apt to sit up and take notice.

The direction of the N.T.R. has been turned over by Mr. Leonard, the resigned commissioner, to the minister of railways. Considering that the Hon. Frank Cochrane has very little time for anything but political campaigning the change is hardly in the interest of the transcontinental railway.

The Toronto News thinks Mr. Gamby should make some explanation of the extraordinary letter he issued to the fishermen of his district before the election. It should have insisted upon this sooner.

The Belleville Intelligencer scornfully rejects the proposition that all temperance people unite in a local option campaign under the auspices of the Whitney government.

SOME HEAVY FINANCING.

The Board of Works is to be commended for the energy it has displayed, and if anything more were necessary, it would be a word of caution and not of complaint. It had some serious difficulties to overcome on work it has now on hand, but that work is progressing favourably.

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minute to knock the proposition that goes to our council on Monday evening. The Finance Committee should be consulted. How is the money to be raised? How much will the people have to pay extra in taxation?

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Selling eggs by the pound. Why not? There is sound sense in the proposition that egg food, like any other food, should be sold by weight.

Judging the man by his speeches Sir Rodmond Roblin is again fooling the people. But they seem to like it, which justifies the Whig in assuming that he is in for another lease of power.

Evanturel says he is a liberal, not a degenerate as some people supposed, and that he will support Mr. Rowell. Which, as an embarrassment, surpasses anything Mr. Rowell has yet experienced.

The ministers will have to be very quiet and docile, now that the Whitney government has been sustained, or Sir James will pass a law and silence them. In odd cases the muzzle may be prescribed.

The immigration department of Canada has never been worth a darn since Hon. Clifford Sifton ceased to be the director of it. "Cliff" as he was familiarly called, did not please everyone with his policy, but his was a master mind and when he had worked out his plans there was very little about them to criticize.

American diplomacy is not doing itself any good by the revelations of the New York Press on the Mexican revolution. To say, or assume, or charge, that the revolution was projected, and continued, and that the peace negotiations are nullified or affected by "the big interests" is to damage American credit abroad.

The Wilson government in the United States has a splendid financial exhibit as a result of the first year's operation of the Underwood tariff. The surpluses of revenue over expenditure was over thirty-three millions, which huge sum and a million more went into the Panama canal on capital account.

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It is reported that cattle smugglers from the United States to Wolfe Island were taken back, and that some were made swim across the river to prevent them being seized by customs officers.

Eloped With Chauffeur. Boston, Mass., July 4.—An alleged elopement, which has stirred the police of New England and Eastern Canada to activity, became known when J. H. Hallian, a Boston business man, whose summer residence is at Hull, issued a frantic appeal for aid in the search for his daughter, Fern Hallian, eighteen years old.

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STATEMENTS REFUTED

BY G. M. MACDONNELL, K. C., REGARDING HIS FEES

In Connection With Prison Reform Report—He Made no Charge for Visiting the Prison to Attend Divine Service.

Kingston, July 3.—(To the Editor): You lately published the speech of Dr. Edwards in the House of Commons in connection with the penitentiaries report. The speech contains a number of statements reflecting upon the commissioners, which are incorrect.

Kingston, 22nd June, 1914. The Deputy Minister of Justice, Ottawa, Ont.

Sir:—Referring again to your letter of the 17th inst. in this matter, which was answered by my clerk in my absence from home, I beg to confirm the answer sent you on the 20th inst. and in addition I beg now to say that the copy of my notes sent you on the 22nd of May last, was referred to as a detailed statement of my personal services.

Mr. Nickle had heard this matter discussed in parliament and he was able to advise us on many points of procedure which arose, without our applying to minister as might otherwise have been necessary. The attitude of Dr. Edwards to us from the beginning obviously made it impossible to consult with him and there was no other member of parliament within reach.

Other matters came up—the supplying of bad meat to the prison, the subpoenaing of the editor of "Jack Canuck", etc., in short to facilitate the work of the commission in various ways, it seemed advisable to consult with a parliamentarian of the knowledge and experience of Mr. Nickle, and it never occurred to any member of the commission that there was any impropriety in doing so; and in so doing the time of the commission and public money were saved.

As to the item, "Visited prison to attend divine service," I have only to say that no charge was made in connection with that entry in my notebook, and I should have considered it entirely improper to do so; and there is nothing in my notebook or otherwise to warrant Dr. Edwards making the statement he did regarding it in the house. I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant, (sgd.) G. M. MACDONNELL.

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PUBLIC OPINION

Terrible Escape. Prince Arthur Chronicle. The government supporters last night shed tears of joy over Ontario's escape from the blight of the bottle.

Mysterious Patr. Montreal Herald. Once more the high cost of living commission has folded its tents and stolen away. Even the destination is being kept secret this time.

Quite a Difference. Toronto Star. In some countries, the alleged presence of five kings in one poker deal would not lead to a lawsuit, but to an inquest.

Opinions Differ. Montreal News. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle compares Woodrow Wilson to Mr. Gladstone, in regard to blunders. The comparison is interesting and worthy of reflection.

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