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The Shortt criticism of the civil service will do some good. The doctor, reading the heated discussion in the Commons, when it was charged that he was acting in a partisan spirit, at once penned a brief letter to the press in which he intimated that he had not seen the full return of dismissals, deaths, and appointments, but he had simply, in a public address on civil service reform, quoted the figures, which he had seen in the papers, and he regretted that the details were not supplied.

The point of importance, as dwelt upon by the premier and several of the ministers, was that the resignations were not specifically mentioned, and there were 3,000 of these. At once these figures challenged attention. Does any one suppose that so many public servants, without hint or suggestion, decided to vacate the positions they really desired? Most, if not all, of them, were given to understand that their services were no longer required, and that their resignations would be acceptable. Resignations under such circumstances may be regarded as dismissals. A polite term is used to represent a very serious situation.

Moreover nothing could be more unjust than to suggest that Dr. Shortt is a politician. He was appointed a Civil Service Commissioner by a Liberal Government that wanted a man with exceptional qualifications, a man who was not a politician in the ordinary acceptance of the term, and an advocate of non-political methods in connection with the civil service.

Dr. Shortt was a resident of Kingston for many years, and, except academically, in his class room, was not known to discuss political economy. When he did discuss it he was most impartial and unbiased. A politician could not have filled his place for so many years to the satisfaction of Queen's University.

A member of parliament charged that Dr. Shortt gave preference to the graduates of McGill and Queen's Universities. His hobby was to give preference to the highest qualifications without regard to the colleges from which they hailed. Why should any member of parliament traduce him?

THE TRUTH WILL OUT It was the Hon. Mr. Graham, who trimmed the finance minister, in a speech of rare merit, on "the perspective of the war." The budget had been on and off several times. This budget proposed a new loan for the purposes of war, and war taxes which covered ordinary expenses more than war expenses. Incidentally the manner in which the war funds voted last August had been spent came under review, and this review, to the government, was very damaging.

At one of the sessions Hon. Mr. White, in his own presumptuous way, and he is constantly impressing one with his superiority, lectured the opposition upon its deficiencies. It was not, apparently, conscious that it lacked a sense of the true perspective, a sense of the gravity of the situation, that it was hardly aware the allied navies were forcing a passage through the Dardanelles. Then Mr. Graham told him a few things he will not soon forget.

The members of the government were reminded that the opposition had been quite conscious of what the war meant. Its representatives had made personal tribute to it in the members and relatives who had gone to the front. They had been devoted

to the cause, and had, without hesitation, voted the money that was asked for the purposes of war. But while they had thus acted, and kept the trust, the government and its supporters had been sending out campaign literature by the ton, and in some of this literature the most offensive things had been said of the opposition and its honoured leader. "It," said he, "honourable gentlemen opposite want to appeal to the electorate let them appeal. Do not, as you did last October, stand shivering on the brink, and fear to jump in."

One thing more Mr. Graham made quite clear, namely, that while his side of the house was ready to vote millions for war it was not ready to vote a dollar for graft. "We are prepared," he added, "to vote all the money that is necessary to carry the war to a successful finish, but we will not give up our right to criticize the administration of our public affairs." And hence the scandals will be exposed. No time for them? Oh yes there is. Parliament must take the time. The people must know the truth.

The inspector of charities publicly warns the people to be aware of a new lubricant, which is nothing short of a high explosive, which, when exploded, is likely to do "damage to eye and limb." A German invention, surely, and an evidence of the culture that kills.

WOMAN'S PLACE IN LIFE.

The pulpit, by request of the pew, has undertaken to dissect the new woman, or to describe her and her place in life. The most sensible remark that can be made on the subject—and it was said by Rev. Mr. Campbell in his sermon—is that the average woman is an adaptation of the times. The world moves and the races move with it. The ideas and ideals of a century, or half century, ago are not the ideas and ideals of the present time. Men have advanced in their conceptions of duty, of power, of usefulness, and women have advanced with them.

There is a good deal of sympathy with the women in their desire to be more helpful in the world. They cannot be limited to the work of the home, though they must excel in it in order to fill the place for which they are best fitted. The home, without a head, or breadwinner, will not last, and the wife and mother must go out and earn the money she must have to educate and rear her children. There have been so many bereavements, so many domestic trials as a consequence, that women, new or old, are anxious to fit their daughters for any emergency. So the girls are to be found in offices, in factories, in professions, and adorning generally the occupations they are allowed to fill.

The medical profession has been open to them for some time. The ministry is closed. Why this is so it may be hard to explain. The scripture has been quoted against them, and it is wonderful what can be supported or proved or buttressed by isolated verses. The law is a sealed book to the women; rather the book is open to them, and they learn its contents, and in cases, both in Ontario and Quebec, representatives of them have won honors in examinations, and have been barred out of court. The time may come when men and women in the professions may stand on an equal footing, but that time is not very near.

The women—and the term new women should be repudiated by them—are coming to their own, in several respects. In New York the teachers, by an appeal to the legislature, won a notable triumph, when they were conceded the right to marry, become mothers, and hold their places in the schools. In several of the states of the American union, women have been enfranchised and have exercised the power of the vote with considerable independence. In the west the condition of women generally is being very much improved. The place of women in every walk of life is becoming more conspicuous because they have been asserting their individuality, and ambition and ability will certainly be recognized everywhere. Men and women of the future will hold the balance of power simply upon their merit.

EDITORIAL NOTES

British Columbia's representation has been increased by five. Isn't the McRide government's majority big enough?

"The Reluctant Briber," described by Lincoln Steffens, in McClure's for March, should be read by all the politicians. It is founded on an actual experience.

The government's position on the question of taxing insurance companies is weak. They claim the levy is not on premiums. But it's the premiums that make up the revenues of the companies, and they must bear all the expenses.

Hon. Mr. Graham was correct, when, in referring to the 3,000 resignations from the civil service, under the present government, he said that people seldom resign from lucrative offices "unless they are forced to."

Mr. Studholme, M.P., collapsed while addressing the Legislature. He has been very ill, and should be excused by the house from attending until he recovers his health. The one labour member in the house can surely be shown this consideration.

The reports received at Ottawa from the various military headquarters unreservedly condemn the boots, served out to the Canadian soldiers. These reports have not been admitted as evidence in the special enquiry. Why? Is the truthfulness of them questioned?

There is a difference between Britain and the United States on the dye question. Capital invested in Britain will not be protected when the war is over. Capital in the United States will be protected from German competition by a prohibitive tariff.

Mr. Rowell, in the Legislature, once more objected to the use of part of the appropriation voted for Northern Ontario for general purposes. Mr. Lucas, the treasurer, regards the proceeding as quite regular, as an evidence of the high financing that is to be expected from the government. We will let it go at that.

The Brantford Expositor has been celebrating the 25th anniversary of its publication by T. H. Preston. The Expositor is one of the best papers in the province and has maintained its vigour and forcefulness in directing and shaping public opinion all through the reign of Mr. Preston. Long may he guide its destinies.

PUBLIC OPINION

So It Does. Hamilton Herald. The voice of Dr. Liebknecht, the socialist leader in the Prussian diet, must sound like the voice of approaching doom.

Wait For Surprises

London Advertiser. There's new tone to the newspaper comment of Berlin. "Peace with honor" is the keynote. First thing we know the Kaiser will be singing "Hale Britannia."

Change Of Tune

Brantford Expositor. The Kaiser is not half so well pleased when the cry is "On to Constantinople" as he was when it was "On to Calcutta." Soon it will be "On to Berlin!"

The Big Solution

Montreal Herald. A good deal of gray matter is being used up by neutrals in the theoretic solution of naval problems that only the guns of the British fleet can straighten out.

England "Should Worry"

New York Herald. So far there is mighty little evidence of widespread regret in England over the success achieved by German mines and German torpedoes in sinking neutral ships laden with cotton and other supplies for Germany.

KINGSTON EVENTS 25 YEARS AGO

John Foley's team broke through the ice while he was returning to Howe Island. He had a hard time saving the horses and sleigh. J. Kirk, J. Neish and A. Haig skated to Gananoque to-day.

A team of the Kingston Curling Club played against the Governor-General's team in Ottawa. Kingston won by 25 to 12. The following composed the Kingston team: Major Drury, J. Gunn, W. Dalton, M. Sutherland (skip).

HYMAN IN RAILWAY WRECK

Former Member of Government—Car Rolled Over Four Times. London, Ont., March 5.—Mrs. James C. Duffield received word that her husband and Hon. Charles S. Hyman escaped with slight injuries in a train wreck at Juliet, Ga., in which five cars were derailed and the engineer killed. The London men were in a dining car, which turned over four times. They escaped with a severe shaking up.

Government and Prof. Shortt

Ottawa Journal. In Canada, the government is a large employer of labor, and its pay roll possibly more extensive than that of any of our great corporations. Throughout the country an army of men are said to administer public services. In a developing country it is desirable that its servants should be faithful, competent and industrious. That any occurrence should threaten efficiency of the practical administration of Canada's affairs to be regretted.

That ministers of the crown, entrusted with the construction of policy and its carrying out, should feel warranted in publicly censuring in parliament the man who passes upon the competence of persons appointed to look after details of administration is a thing to be deplored at this time, and to be corrected without delay. It appears to be the duty of Professor Shortt and the government to speedily settle an unpleasant difference which has become uncomfortably conspicuous so that efficient administration may not be brought into jeopardy at a time when the best that is in him is required of every Canadian in public and private life.

CRIMEA VETERAN DIES

THE LATE THOMAS CAMBRIDGE, KNOWN AS "DUKE."

Passed Away in General Hospital on Sunday Morning—All Military Men Knew the Old British Soldier.

Thomas Cambridge, an old Crimean war veteran, eighty-eight years of age passed away at the General Hospital early on Sunday morning after an illness of nearly two months duration.

This old veteran was commonly known as "Duke," and previous to his entry into the hospital, resided at 231 Wellington street.

Only last Wednesday another old Crimean veteran passed away in the person of Edward T. H. Swaine, whose son Herbert is attached to the 21st Overseas Battalion. The late Thomas Cambridge's son a few days ago was transferred to the 21st Battalion and the two sons of the two former Crimean veterans will be fighting possibly again in close proximity to where their fathers nobly fought for old England many years ago.

In the Crimea, the late Mr. Cambridge was at death's door by the black fever that raged in the ranks. He was sewn up in a blanket and nursed back to health by the late Florence Nightingale. Mr. Cambridge was awarded the Crimean

medal and the Sebastopol clasp. He was also the possessor of the Fenian Raid medal, Northwest Rebellion of 1885 medal and also the long service medal of the 14th P.W.O. Rifles, making five medals in all.

The deceased was born in St. Mary de Hode at Gloucester, Eng., in 1827, and at the age of fourteen years he ran away from home and served thirteen years on a man-of-war. At the expiration of this period he enlisted in the 49th Regiment and was sent to the mobilization quarters, then at Cork, Ireland. Being a sharp-shooter, he was picked upon for Crimean service.

He came to Canada afterwards with the 49th. Getting his discharge he took up residence many years ago at Gloucester, Eng., where he was a shoemaker, he worked with the late Samuel Lowe part of the time and also about the shipyard here. Kingston was later made his abode, and for some years he was employed by Chown and Cunningham, stove manufacturers.

During the Fenian Raid scare of 1866, the late Mr. Cambridge did duty at the old market battery, and when the call for volunteers came in 1885, he was on the scene immediately. Returning from this expedition, he was again employed by the Chown and Cunningham firm, for whom he labored until the same was dissolved. Various other positions occupied the deceased's time until two years ago, when he retired.

Had he been allowed, Mr. Cambridge would have gone to South Africa, but he was too old. There was not a camp held at Barriefield at which he did not attend until last year.

In religion the late Mr. Cambridge was an Anglican and member of St. George's Cathedral. In the year 1862 he married Miss Mary O'Neill, who still survives. By this union two sons and a daughter were born. The sons survived, and are Thomas Cambridge, Detroit, Mich., and H. Cambridge, Kingston, attached to 21st Battalion.

On Tuesday afternoon the funeral of the deceased old soldier will be held from his son's residence, 156 Ordinance street, and will be of a military nature. The remains will be taken to St. George's Cathedral, where service will be conducted by Dean Starr. Afterwards they will be placed in Cataract vault.

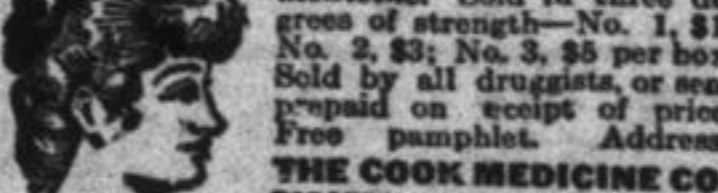
An old friend of the dead soldier writes: "Duke" Cambridge was a pensioner in a little different way than most men. After serving his Queen and country well and faithfully, he had the misfortune to be left ashore when his ship sailed. For this he was considered a deserter, and did not rank for a pension. Several years ago a few of his friends made enquiries and found that he could be placed for a compassionate pension put of the Mansion House Fund for old soldiers.

After considerable trouble in getting all the facts and proofs together, he was finally granted the pension. He was a dear old soul, and everybody liked him.

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