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NO GROUND FOR FEAR OF IMPERIAL CENTRALIZATION.

Amendments to the Annuities Act—Question of Placing Ban on the Hearst Publications.

Ottawa, March 17.—Without a division, the House of Commons last night approved the peace treaty with Bulgaria. The debate, which lasted practically throughout the afternoon and evening sittings, brought the important announcement that negotiations were under way to empower the Dominion Parliament, with the concurrence of the province, to amend the Canadian constitution.

Mr. King criticized Mr. Rowell in particular for reiterating principles which had already been accepted. Mr. King strongly resented any idea that the Opposition should be classed as "little Canada men" who would not accept the view that there had been any recent change in Canada's status. It was merely that the status which Canada already possessed had secured international recognition.

Mr. King expressed the fear, too, that there was danger of swinging to the other extreme and developing a form of centralized imperialism which would be "most objectionable."

In the evening Sir George Foster took the floor. Speaking with vigor and often applauded by men on both sides of the House, Sir George pleaded that there was ground for Mr. King's fear of imperial centralization. "Canada," Sir George exclaimed, "is the master of her own fortunes, and does not care what any isolated man in England or anywhere else may think."

There were cranks in England as anywhere else, but, Sir George added, he had never heard any responsible British statesman hint at imperial centralization.

Third reading was given to the bill to reduce the quantity of silver in Canadian silver coinage. Questioned on the point by Mr. McKenna, Sir Henry Drayton said that Canadian currency stood well and compared favorably with that of any other country in the world. Canadian currency was sound.

The House then went into committee on the bill to amend the Annuities Act. Sir Henry Drayton explained that the amendment would relieve the officials of the necessity of seeing that an applicant for annuities was domiciled in Canada. It would also allow the purchase of an annuity up to \$5,000 instead of \$1,000 as at present.

Replying to D. D. McKenzie, Sir Henry Drayton said that some of the limitations which were now being removed had kept Government annuities from attaining any degree of popularity.

The question of placing a ban on the entry of Hearst papers and publications into Canada is to be raised in the Commons to-day by Dr. J. W. Edwards, member for Frontenac. He will ask for a list of the Hearst publications allowed to enter Canada, and whether it is the intention of the Government to ban any or all of these, and when such action will be taken.

Along with several other members, Dr. Edwards bitterly attacked the admission into Canada of the Hearst publications during the debate on the speech from the Throne.

At the Grand To-night. "The Rosary," a beautiful Irish comedy-drama, will be presented at the Grand Opera House to-night, by a very attractive cast of the best amateur talent to be found in Kingston. This play has been carefully selected for St. Patrick's Day, and under the direction of Prof. Charles A. Gates rehearsals have gone forward with a swing that indicates that the performance will be a huge success.

The music of "Listen Lester" which comes to the Grand Opera House on Thursday of this week with the entire New York cast, chorus, production and special company orchestra, has become nationally known; its melodies are as familiar to the average small boy as the features of the Grand Old Man of the West. "Two is Company" is a captivating song, sung by Mary Dodge and Jack Griffen, her sweetheart, and into which William Penn, Jr., the hotel clerk intrudes, much to the displeasure of the others. "A Very Good Baby in the Daytime, But a Bad Baby at Night" is a childlike confession from one Arbutus Quality, the pretty villainess, who comes to Florida to track her former suitor. Altogether, "Listen Lester" is a vibrant collection of dance, women and song, which will linger long and be cherished in the memory.—Adv.

"The Old Homestead" Coming. An ever welcome diversion from modern problem drama and musical comedy will be the offering at the Grand Opera House on Friday and Saturday, March 19th and 20th, with a special bargain matinee on Saturday, where Augustus Pitou Inc. will present Denman Thompson's "The Old Homestead," now on its thirty-third annual tour. The famous drama of "down east" life is received every year with as much enthusiasm as the year before. The generous sprinkling of homely yet sound philosophy, together with the Irish-producing adventure of "Uncle Joshua Whitcomb" in New York society, and the "winking fashion" in which the serious points of the play are brought home, produce an effect which goes far to make "The Old

Homestead" a perennial success. William Lawrence will be seen here in the lovable old character of "Uncle Josh." He and Eileen O'Malley, who enact the role of Ricketty Ann, form a pair of unfailing fun-makers in the play. The famous double quartette contribute the old-time vocal selections so dear to us all.—Adv.

At Griffin's. To-night will be the last opportunity patrons will have to see the delightful programme which has proved so popular at Griffin's during the past two days, and which is headlined by the Albert Capellani production, "The Love Cheat," in which Creighton Hale and June Caprice are co-starred. "The Love Cheat" is one of those delightful, happy, little romances that make the audience see the world through rose-colored spectacles. Ideally cast, in their respective roles, of a romantically inclined and wilful heiress, and a poor but aspiring artist, June Caprice and Creighton Hale do splendid work.

Unquestionably, a large share of the credit for the success of this picture should go to the excellent direction of Albert Capellani, who made the production, and engaged the splendid cast of supporting players. A good comedy picture, "Rubes and Rubbers," is also shown along with the above feature, and our usual Weekly Reviews as well as the interesting Topics of the Day, which is exceptionally clever this week.—Adv.

At the Strand. Girls who have decided to marry men who are not interested in women and who will not even speak to or look at other women after marriage may benefit by the experience of Billie Billings, in "A Temperamental Wife," starring Constance Talmage and which will begin its run at the Strand Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Miss Talmage plays the role of Billie Billings, strongly determined to marry a man who is averse to all women. She finds this person in Senator Newton, of Nevada, a rather timid bachelor who is so bashful and of a type so exactly like her "ideal" that she determines to marry him, no matter what the cost.

Unlike other courtship, Billie becomes the suitor and the bashful gentleman from Nevada does his best to keep from entangling domestic alliance. But the wiles of the capricious Billie are too strong for the senator. He falls victim to her charming self and a small period of wedded bliss ensues. Then follows a series of unusual incidents in which Billie, the Bulgarian count and the senator figure. The senator firmly refuses to fire his female stenographer and Billie runs away with the count. This is almost the last straw for the senator until the resourceful Billie engineers a stunt that sent scores of wealthy tourists scampering out of their early morning slumbers and the senator on a run that exceeded anything that he had ever accomplished in his political campaigns.

SHOW A BIG INCREASE

Report on Receipts at Local Post Office For Last Year.

The report of the postmaster general, for the year ending March 31st, 1919, shows the total receipts in Kingston as \$116,288.12. This amount is made up as follows:

Head office, \$100,514.46; sub-station No. 1, \$14,479.71; sub-station No. 2, \$47.40; Bath Road, \$388.50; Kingston station, \$258.05.

A fact which points out the rapid growth of the receipts in the local offices is that in 1907, when Postmaster James Stewart took charge, the receipts for the year totalled \$42,000.

Board of Trade Committee.

At a meeting of the council of the Board of Trade on Tuesday evening, committees were formed for the year. The new committees are, programme, whose duties are to have live topics for the meetings; and public service, for the general welfare of the city.

Very satisfactory reports were given on the membership drive and the recent citizens' dinner. The chairmen of the committees were appointed and have been given instructions to select the members to serve with them, and the personnel of these committees will be announced at a later date.

Farmer Sues for Damage.

James Henderson, a farmer, who resides at Lemoine's Point, has entered an action against J. S. Yeomans, his neighbor, in which he claims \$225 for damages done to his prize stock. The plaintiff claims that a bull, the property of the defendant, got over the fence between the two pieces of property, mixed with his prize animals and crossed the stock.

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DAILY MEMORANDUM.

"The Rosary," Grand 2.15. See top of Page Three, right hand corner for probabilities.

DIED.

TAIT—In Kingston, on March 17th 1920, Joseph Tait, aged 93 years and 7 months. Service at his son's residence, 37 Upper Charles street, Friday afternoon at 2.30. Funeral at 1 o'clock to Cataract Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend. (Toronto, Hamilton and Walka Walka papers please copy)

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