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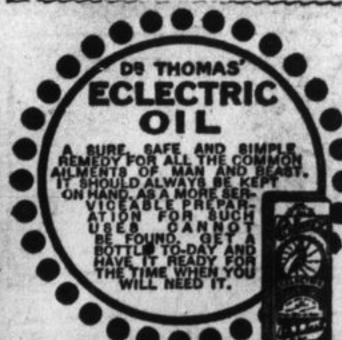
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Early Newspaper Days and Men-Sir James Edgar's Trained Political Choir-The Private Secretary, His Duties, Painful and Otherwise-Civil Service and Patronage.

ARTICLE II.

ality in his chief. I want to say at mind." once that Sir John Carling-who was, He liked checkers, but not cards. my long relations with him.

knew, and one of the most considerate. him." There is something in his phil-If anything makes a man a gentleman, osophy, we must all admit. He found it that does. He was physically a big so, both in politics and business. He man, with urbanity radiating from ev- was a large property owner; but losery curve of the rather handsome and ses by fire and through competition clean-shaven face. Among his friends kept him from ever being a very rich he was known as "Honest John Carl- | man. If I were to sum up his strength ing," and well-deserved the flattering and highest qualifications as a Cabinet sobriquet. He was pure gold in that | Minister, I should say that they lay in regard. I am rather disposed to en- his rugged common sense and intuitive large upon his social virtues, because judgment of men. In my association simple candor will prevent my ranking with him in a confidential capacity I him in other respects with some of the always found him kind and grateful, brilliant and brainy men who will and in the final reckoning, who could march in these sketches.

that he felt himself to be. The Post forgetfulness. Office Department admits of little in the way of initiative, or of big undertakings. Sir John was of that type of men who are natural-born contractors, and, as I have observed, such men are usually of exceptional physique. They are at home with large plans and large enterprises. In the Ontario Government he had been Minister of Public Works from 1867 to 1871, and had carried out the opening up of Muskoka and a huge drainage scheme in the The first was a persistent and domin at the head of what was at one time tive, and fond of approbation.

Hon. John Henry Pope to the De- hour."

Loved Seeing Things Grow. Sir John Carling loved to see things

grow. That implies patience. could plan a thing, or plant a thing, and wait without a murmur for ten or twenty years to see it come into full being or fruition. Many an afternoon Sir John took me out to what is now the Central Experimental Farm to watch the stumps being blown up by dynamite. It was generally so arranged that from twenty to fifty were held back so that he could see them go skyward. It was a rough place when work on it began in the spring of 1886. It is now one of the most beautiful gardens in the world.

In Parliament Sir John seldom took any part in the debates. He was not a good speaker; yet outside of the House he loved to make speeches. He was fond of statistics, and yet strange to say, had no gift whatever for the handling of figures. While Minister of Agriculture, he laid the foundation of what is now the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. He had no trouble whatever in getting his estimates through Parliament, because of his abounding popularity among all the members. He

and therefore had no enemies. He was a partisan. Men of spoken catholicity find no places party Cabinets, But he would as soon do a favor for an opponent as for Conservative. As I look back, there was little of what could be called rank partisanship in departmental administration at Ottawa. What I saw was Help a worn and weary brother every minister anxious to do something that would be creditable to him self as the head of a department of Government. On the whole, I formed a very bad impression of the game of politics; but that impression grew very largely out of my experience in elections, rather than out of anything .!

saw behind the scenes of official life. Brewer, But Abstainer. Although he would have been a distinguished figure in any drawing room, and was by every instinct a courtier, Sir John cared nothing for society. He liked to give an occasional dinner party, and enjoyed a not-too-frequent dinner at other people's tables; but that was because he was naturally sociable. To the dinner itself he was indifferent. For one thing, he did not drink wines or spirits; and, although he had all his life been in the brewing business, he never drank beer. It did not agree with him. His notion of an enoyable evening was to have a few congenial friends at his home, or to chat with some man who had done things

He was a great reader; but the most books he had no taste whatever. His Bible was the London Times, and few men I have met were as complete masters of British politics. He had about dailies on his library table every evening, and read them with regularity.

He read but one book in his life, and It is an old and familiar saying that that was "John Halifax, Gentleman," no man is a hero to his valet, the as- He often spoke of it, and when I asked sumption being that the latter sees him him why he did not take up other too often in his bad moments. If gems of literature, he said very frankthat be true, it ought to follow that a ly. "I understand "John Halifax" is private secretary has equally good op- one of the greatest books in the Engportunities for the discovery of any- lish language, and I would not care to thing in the nature of a dual person- lose the impression it made on my

I should explain, until 1893 plain Hon. Scores of times we battled over the Mr. Carling-impressed me as a gentle- board until past midnight, and he inman when I first met him, and he re- variably finished by saying: "The mained so in my eyes to the end of game of checkers is like the game of life. Everybody is trying to win, and He was the gentlest man I ever everybody else is trying to checkmate confident that he was misplaced, but manship have faded into the mists of from the kingdom.

Feared Being Trapped

As these memoirs, or recollections are intended to cast a sidelight on the characteristics of certain eminent men. as I came to know them by very intimate contact, I think I should say that Sir John Carling had two obsessions. There are few men who have not something peculiar in their make-up. County of Essex. In private life he was ating fear that he would in some way, or at some time, be shut up in a room the largest brewing organization in or building from which he could not Canada, and in his heart he loved the readily escape. For that reason he things that were big. Yet he was a shy never crossed the ocean. He said he man, not in the slightest degree asser- always understood that when rough weather came on the hatches were In the course of two or three months battened down; and when I asked him after I went to Ottawa he was trans- why he feared such a thing he said ferred to the Department of Agricul- "If I were below, and could not get ture, made vacant by the translation of up on deck. I should go mad in an

partment of Railways, and Canals. I was once with him at a great poli-Here Sir John was at home. In the tical demonstration in Stratford, at literal sense he found a field to his which Sir John Macdonald and Sir liking, and toward the end of 1885 he John Thompson were the principal was busily planning that vast system speakers. Ther had been a procession of experimental farms which has done and when the visiting party reached so much for the husbandmen of Can- the town hall, the building was jamada. In that system Sir John Carling med to the outer doors. The question has an enduring and a merited monu- was how to get the big men in. That ment; since there is not the slightest was finally settled by having them doubt that he both conceived and de- walk on the shoulders of the crowd veloped the thing as we have it to- right to the platform-a thing I never saw done but that once in all my campaign experiences. Knowing about my chief's dread of imprisonment, I ask ed him how he felt while hemmed by the throng at the door, and he said: "If a man in a balloon had come over my head, and had offered to lift me out in exchange for all I owned in the world. I should not have hesitated for

> The other was an overpowering ap- House for a moment believe there was prehension that he might in some way anything crooked in anything Honest be made ridiculous. I remember once John Carling had to do with?" That he addressed a meeting in a western ended the matter. What Blake had had seen him do badly on other occasions, this time he was in distress incident because it fairly reveals old medicine. If you are weak or alling from start to finish. As we came away. I ventured to say that he had scarcely did not attempt to quibble or debate trial and you will be pleased with done himself justice, "You surely saw that stovepipe which ran above my head. I had just got nicely started when it caught my eye, and I thought how people would laugh if it should fall and cover me with soot." I then realized how difficult it was for him to keep one eye on the notes he held in his hand and the other on the threatening stovepipe.

Had Two Songs.

I frequently heard him sing at pub- fered defeat, though by a narrow malic dinners or in drawing rooms; for jority, this time at the hands of Mi never said a harsh thing in his life, he had a sweet tenor voice. But he C. S. Hyman, who afterwards became was as selective in his songs as he was Minister of Public Works in the in his reading, and had but two-"The Government of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Red White and Blue" and "Pulling | succeeding Hon. James Sutherland. Hard Against the Stream." The chorus am confident from what he told of the latter ran like this;

> "Then do you best for one another, Making life a pleasant dream; Pulling hard against the stream."

heard him sing that song without his considerably disabled by a fall he had at the Christmas board without first heavy silver plate. Home-made ale they told the missionaries their tale explaining that he liked it for its sen- in his bath. He has sat, with but a witnessing the procession of the and a brew of great potency peculiar of sorrow. They described how sad timent. That sentiment was his reli- single break in the Legislature of On- boar's head. It is not celebrated to the college called "Queen's own they all had been when they found gion. He was a Methodist, in denomin- tario or the House of Commons for widely in Great Britain to-day, and special brew" are served in valuable that it would be impossible to come did much at it. To help a worn and He spent a long and useful life in

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fail to love a man like that? Those are weary brother was the sum of his prac- rather a small, though important, cir-He was Postmaster General when I qualities which one remembers when tical Christianity, and, speaking for cle. He was not a traveller, and therejoined him in 1885, and I am not only conspicuous ability and brilliant states- myself, I always felt he was not far fore had seen nothing of the big world about which he read. He was, never-Sir John Carling was not only a theless, a well-informed man of an truly great Minister of Agriculture, but intensely practical type who attacked he was born of Yorkshire stock on a his problems methodically and brought farm in London Township in 1828 and to bear on them a sound judgment. He later became the owner of a large farm | had his oddities; but he also had his on the outskirts of the city of London, sweet and rare virtues. He was the first He loved the outdoors and the soil Minister I served and it is a delight and the things that grew in it. As now, as events and men are given truer London expanded there came a time value in perspective, to pay to his mewhen the city was selected as the lo- mory the homage of a warm place in cation for a military school. The Gov- my heart. Politics would be cleaner ernment had a block of ordnance land and freer from rancor if we had more in the heart of the residential district public men like the late Sir John Carlon which it was proposed to set up this | ing. He was my political Saint John. school, but that would not be popular (To Be Continued.)

don bought half of the Carling farm and took in exchange the ordnance land. Everybody was satisfied. All but Hon. Edward Blake. When Parliament met in the following Janu-

Almost Always Due to Weak and Impoverished Blood.

say about the transaction, "I understand," he said, "that since the last to infection, almost all ill-health institution. meeting of this House a somewhat arises from one or two reasons. The peculiar deal in land has taken place mistake that people make is in not between the city of London and the realizing that both of these have the soloist, who usually is a former Government whereby the Minister of same cause at the root, namely poor student of the college, heads the line. Agriculture has parted with his farm blood. Either bloodlessness or some Behind him march two or three for a big price. It is true the Minister other trouble of the nerves will be broad shouldered youths who bear did not himself figure in the matter; found to be the reason for almost the boar's head, mounted on a silver but I am quite prepared to believe that every ailment. If you are pale, suf- salver. In the old days the head tion intimates that the Minister of run down nerves are also a result of between the tusks. implies, however, that the Minister of poor blood, so that the two chief Behind the bearers of the salver the women on the other, are waitcauses of illness are one and the march the surpliced men and boys ing in eager expectation. It is quite

farm. I do not know whether he did or not; but I hope he did-I sincerely hope he did. But (turning and pointing to his colleague) does any one in this never heard of again. I recount this ly benefit through the use of this Sir John in a characteristic light. He give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a fair the point as to whether or not his the beneficial results that will speed-Minister of Agriculture had received a fly follow.

big figure for his farm, but showed his If your dealer does not keep these human side in that frank "But I hope pills you can get them by mail at 50 he did." That was one reason why Sir cents a box from The Dr. Williams' John Macdonald commanded such de- Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

BOAR'S HEAD PROCESSIO Sir John Carling was knighted in

Ancient Christian Ceremony Still Observed at Queen's College, Oxford University.

Why do the English eat suckling pig on Christmas? This dish finds its are used year after year. To the mission station, after twenty-three explanation in another ancient and now almost extinct Christmas custom the Yuletide ritual of bringing in evergreens. Those which remain he How happy they were to be in the boar's head. No royal or baron- throws to the centre of the hall to time to celebrate the Christmas feewas a good soldier. Although he came tal feast was complete without this be scrambled for by the guests of tival in the house of their God! every session to Ottawa, I saw but elaborate ceremony.

able old chief. He lived to be 84, al- custom at both Osborn House and dinner is served. There are special people came, but oh, so sad and I do not remember to have ever though his declining days saw him Windsor, and never seated herself sauces and the food is served in downhearted. Like little children probably the only place where it sur- oil tankards. vives with something of its old-time

> have come down to Englishmen from the Druids. Freys, goddess of peace and plenty, was always represented as riding a boar, and the Druid priests are believed to have made yearly sacrifices of boars to this divinity in order to win her good

Legends and traditions cluster about this ancient rite. At Queen'r College the tale runs that a student engrossed in a volume of Aristotle was walking through the fields when suddenly a wild boar rushed at him. Stille Same Breeze Common Same youth thrust the volume down the jaws of the beast. The tale is allegorical and is believed to represent the triumph of civilization over bar-

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Prince was among its alumni. Henry II. "served his son at the table as V., Cardinal Beaufort, Addison, server, bringing up the boar's head Wycherly and scores of others whose with trumpets before it according to names are deeply chiselled in the the manner." Apart from accident or illness due tablets of history attended the old

At Queen's the procession of the boar's head forms in the buttery. A

ness, with palpitation of the heart, Flags and pennants of the college who, thanks to the Moravian mis-Sir John Macdonald, in reply, said: poor appetite and weak digestion, the flutter about the head, which is cause is almost always poor blood. If crowned with gilded sprays of rose- that country, celebrate Christmas in you have nervous headaches, neural- mary, bay, laurel and other evergian sciatica and other nerve pains, greens. A lemon or an orange, the the cause is exhausted nerves. But old Norse symbol of plenty, is placed draws near all the inhabitants, old

If your health is poor; if you are robe of an Oxford doctor of music. rings. All come trooping in clad pale, nervous or dyspeptic, you On a dais at the end of the dining in the best clothes they can muster, should give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills hall the provost and the principal No one stays at home from these a fair trial. These pills act directly guests stand. The provost says services unless he is sick or lame, on the blood, and by enriching it grace in Latin; the call to dinner is and whenever it is possible sleighs give new strength to worn out sounded with trumpets through the are used to bring these disabled ones Ontario town hall, and, although I tried to magnify into a scandal was nerves. Men and women alike great- cloisters, and the procession starts to church. The soloist sings:

The boar's head bear I Bedecked with bays and rose mary. And I pray you, my masters, be

To this the choir responds with the Latin words of an ancient Christmas carol:

Qot estis in convivio, Caput apri defero, Reddeus laudes Domino.

Home-made Ale. carol the procession will have ar- risked their lives in crossing over on rived at the dais. Then the salver that moving, heaving, broken ice to is placed upon a high table prepared the mainland. They had to climb for this purpose. The provost re- the mountains and walk through the moves the flags. The same flags deep snow until they reached the guests who stand beside him on the hours of danger and a fearfully exdais he gives sprigs of the gilded hausting march through the snow.

lesser importance.

The procession in mediaeval times vice. glory is Queen's College, Oxford Uni- was headed by trumpeters, musicians and huntamen bearing spears. The custom is believed to ante- They would precede the master cook date Christianity; in fact, is said to and pages, carrying mustard jars and the boar's head.

halls to students in 1346. The Black | linshead's "Chronicles," King Henry

ESKIMOS' CHRISTMAS

Somebody has said that when the world was being made the Creator gathered up all the waste material. he had left over and made Labrador out of it. Some people say the Creator never intended it to be inhabited. But inhabited it is with a the money (tapping his pocket) never- fering from headaches, or breathless- weighed as much as eighty pounds, sturdy taciturn band of Eskimos, sionaries who have penetrated to their own peculiar way.

As service time in the church and young, the men on one side and of the choir and the organist in a dark by four o'clock and the bell

For the little children the happiest part of the service comes later, when each child receives a lighted candle symbolizing the light of the world. Each candle stands in a white turnip which serves as a candlestick. Most of the candles are made from deer tallow which the Eskimos bring to the missionaries. After the services the children eat not only the turnip. but what is left of the candle as well.

One year only about ten persons, mostly men, could come from the nearest island. The ice had been driven together, and rather than By the time they have finished the miss the Christmas service, they had

About six days later, when the ice Queen Victoria retained the old The ceremonial then is over and had formed, all the rest of the to the mission for the Christmas ser-

> There is no policy like politeness since a good manner often succeeds where the best tongue has failed. As early as 1170, according to Hol- | A little said and truly said

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