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THE SITUATION AT OTTAWA.

The situation at Ottawa is critical
in the extreme. For several days
the parties have been battling over
the Customs Report. On Saturday
morning the Government was defeated
on two motions, but succeeded in
carrying by the narrow majority of
one, a motion to adjourn, which was
really the only motion of that hectic
morning fathered by the Govern-
ment.

All Canada has been shocked at
the revelations disclosed before the
Customs Committee, but the attitude
of Mr. Stevens, from the start of
the investigation till he presented
his recent amendment, has been so
palpably and bitterly partisan, that
he has estranged from himself a lot
of sympathy and appreciation that
fair-minded people were inclined to
give him.

Mr. Stevens' idea right from the
beginning has been to endeavor to
discredit the government. He has
created the impression of being far
more interested in that than in ex-
posing wrong-doing, and saving
money for the people of Canada. He
has been accused of using informa-
tion against the government that had
been unearthed by officials in the
pay of the government and acting on
his behalf. He was accused on the
floor of the House of Commons by
the Minister of Customs of dealing
with subordinates of the minister
and swearing them to secrecy. Al-
together Mr. Stevens does not emerge
from the investigation wearing any-
thing that resembles either a halo
or a laurel wreath.

During the debate the Prime Min-
ister pointed out in a careful and fair
presentation of the government's
position that they had done every-
thing which the manufacturers and
merchants association had urged
them to do, and had co-operated in
every way with Mr. Sparks and other
officials. He pointed out the diffi-
culties of dealing with the case,
and showed conclusively that the
government was making very sub-
stantial progress in the matter.

A surprise was the attitude of
some of the Progressives who voted
against the government. Mr. D. M.
Kennedy, of Peace River, who prac-
tically owes his seat to-day to the
government, decided he would have
to vote against the government. Mr.
M. N. Campbell, Progressive member
for Mackenzie, also endeavored to
take high moral ground on the ques-
tion at issue. He objected to punish-
ing subordinate officials and "white-
washing" the "criminal higher-ups."
Mr. Campbell undertook to speak for
the Progressives, but was sharply
brought to time by Leader-Forks.
The wind was taken quite out of his
sails, however, by Hon. Charles A.
Dunning, when he told the House
that Mr. Campbell had himself been
guilty of trying to interfere on be-
half of a prisoner named Cherman-
kopf who was in the same position
as Moses Anis, when Mr. Bolvin
granted a stay of sentence.

No one is going to attempt to de-
fend the orgy of smuggling that has
been going on, but we believe all
fair-minded people will agree, who
will take the time to read the Prime
Minister's speech in Hansard, that
when the government was apprised
of the situation, they did everything
they could to bring about drastic re-
forms. Perhaps both Mr. Bureau and
Mr. Bolvin erred on the side of leni-
ency, but in bounding George Bolvin
out of public life for being too tolerant
with a criminal, Hon. Harry Stevens
is losing the services for Canada of

one of her most brilliant French-
Canadian sons, and a man who in the
esteem of his fellows stands a good
deal higher than the same Mr.
Stevens.

What the outcome will be it is
hard to predict. At the time of writ-
ing it looks as if the defeat of the
government is assured. Perhaps
even that will not be an unmixed
evil. It will serve to clear the air.
The position of the Prime Minister
must have become nearly intolerable.
Those who are close to him know
that the charge that he was hungry
for power is false. He did the con-
stitutional thing and summoned Par-
liament to decide who should rule.
The majority voted in favor of his
government. Since then he has en-
deavored to carry on. And he has
done well. He has given the country
the most popular budget since Con-
federation. He has done many other
things, but if he had done nothing
else his tenure of office since last
October has been worth while.

THE DAYS OF CHIVALRY ARE
GONE.

So far as the Conservative party
at Ottawa is concerned the days of
chivalry are gone. They have for-
gotten the meaning of the word.

When the Rt. Hon. Arthur Mel-
gheon was lying ill at his home dur-
ing the close of the Budget debate
the Prime Minister, Mr. Mackenzie
King, consented to pair with him on
the Budget vote, despite the fact that
Mr. Melgheon had said at the begin-
ning of the session that there were
to be no pairs. On another critical
vote a few days later, although no
agreement as to pairing had been
made with Mr. Melgheon, Mr. Mac-
kenzie King refused to vote, because
Mr. Melgheon was not yet able to be
in his seat in the house. Even in
the heat of party warfare, Mr. Mac-
kenzie King never forgets that first
of all he is a gentleman.

Contrast the very considerate
treatment accorded Mr. Melgheon by
Mr. King, with the treatment meted
out to Thomas McMillan, the mem-
ber for South Huron, last Friday by
the Conservatives. Mr. McMillan
had been summoned to the death bed
of his wife. She died shortly after
his arrival. Despite the fact that Mr.
McMillan was bowed with grief under
the greatest tragedy that can come
to a husband, he was refused a pair
by the Conservatives, and because of
the critical situation at Ottawa, had
to leave the death chamber of his
home and come 300 miles to the
capital for the vote Friday night.

This treatment of an hon. member
in the hour of his great sorrow will
go down in Canadian history as the
meanest thing that was ever done by
one party to another.

Mr. King may be defeated in the
house to-day. He may be thrown
out of power, but his friends and
followers from one end of the Dom-
inion to the other will still be
proud of him as a chivalrous gentle-
man, who would scorn to stoop to
such unutterable meanness, as this
incident recorded in Saturday's de-
spatches from Ottawa.

Monday is the saddest day of the
week, jaded and worn scores begin
the week's toil. Sunday is not used
as it is intended to be. And the in-
dulgences and injudicious acts make
the resumption of work harder than
ever. The pace of the week-end
makes Monday a smileless day. Can-
not Canadians make the time from
Saturday noon to Monday morning, a
joy and a delight, with invigorated
minds and bodies to carry on with
pleasure the week's work ahead of
them.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

BY W. L. GORDON
WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't say "It is plainly obvious."
"Plainly" is redundant, as "obvious" means immediately evident;
apparent; clear.
OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: advertisement. Accent on the
"ver" is preferred.
OFTEN MISPELLED: mesmerize; z, not s.
SYNONYMS: pain, suffering, ache, torture, agony, pang, dis-
tress, paroxysm.
WORD STUDY: "Use a word three times and it is yours."
Let us increase our vocabulary by mastering one word each day.
To-day's word: BARBARIC; rudely striking, or picturesque; savage.
"The sound of a wild, barbaric music was heard from behind the
tents."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Wear a maple leaf on Dominion
Day.
The Boy Scouts could run some of
the countries of Europe better than
the present reigning houses do.

Don't blame the weather bureau
for the cool weather. It does not
make the weather; it simply fore-
casts it.

An Alumni Association of former
cabinet members in France would
have a large and constantly growing
membership.

Things for sale in dry goods
stores are down in price. Porch
furniture is lower than usual. This
is an excellent time for the house-
wife to stock up on many things.

An American exchange depreciates
the unlimited amount of gadding and
gabbling in that country, as if at-
tending conventions were the chief
occupation of the American people.

A vandal in Canada devoid of all
honor tried off, a few hours after
it had been erected, a bronze
memorial tablet placed on a boulder,
to commemorate the resting place of
the heroic dead at Stoney Creek,
Ont.

The Detroit Automobile Club has
inaugurated a state-wide campaign
in Michigan for better brakes. Fifty-
two stations have been established
throughout the state and all pass-
ing autoists are asked to take the
tests. A good brake is a friend
especially in an emergency.

The enormous volume of trade in
the United States to-day is proof of
the stimulating force of advertising,
said Louis Wiley, business manager
of the New York Times, in an ad-
dress. It has "increased consump-
tion, raised the standards of living,
and added enormously to our
wealth."

The Oswego, N.Y., Palladium-
Times insists that the Stock Ex-
change is no longer a dependable
barometer of business, if it ever
was. The less America keeps its
eyes glued to the ticket-tape, and
the more it focuses on constructive
jobs, the better for America.

Mr. Robert Forks, Progressive
leader, says that some people in the
east think it a foolish dream that
wheat will ever go through the Hud-
son Bay, but if Western Canada de-
velops as it ought to develop in the
next ten years every outlet possible
will be required to carry out the
wheat produced there.

Canadian newspapers are asking,
Where is the barefoot boy? If he has
disappeared in the Dominion, says
the Watertown, N.Y., Times, the
condition does not apply in our
North Country. One of the refreshing
things of an auto journey through
the country of a June afternoon is
the sight of a barefoot boy here and
there scudding through the fields or
driving up the cows.

At Bethany, Mo., the ministers
will not marry divorced persons.
The Kansas City Star believes that
the most effective way to reduce the
number of divorces—aside from the
better training of children—is to
throw stronger protective measures
around the institution of marriage
in general. In this the ministers
might take the lead with good grace
and large influence. It would be a
better leadership than to take an
unqualified stand against the mar-
riage of divorced persons.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Fretful Porcupine Minds Own
Business.
By Arthur N. Pack.
The unfortunate person whose in-
dividual hairs stood on end, like
quills upon the fretful porcupine,
was, in comparison with "Porky,"
decidedly out of luck.
Erect hairs only advertise fear,
but erect quills mean "hands off."
Woe to the animal, human or other-
wise, who disregards that warning,
for he is likely to become a sort of
quill-cushion before he knows it.
The call is Porky's most effective
and, and if the curious or unwary in-
truder allows himself to be in its
vicinity he is likely to encounter a
quick slip from it, and find that pier-

An Eastern Ontario Board

(Bookville Recorder and Times)
The formation of an Eastern On-
tario Board of Trade is a step which
cannot fail to be welcomed through-
out this part of the Province. The
problems with which the different
municipalities are confronted are for
the most part common to all of them
and through the presentation of a
united front much greater progress
may be made towards their solution.
Take the question of hydro-electric
power along. The proper authori-
ties dealing with this question will
be more inclined to heed the repre-
sentations of a central board of trade
speaking for all of its constituent
members than those made by individ-
ual boards of trade or municipali-
ties. And by providing an annual
meeting place at which Eastern On-
tario problems may be discussed, an
exchange of views and a settlement
of policy are possible. The central
Board of Trade which has been or-
ganized in Western Ontario already
has proved its worth in bringing
about marked improvement. It is
not too much to expect that similar
improvement will follow the efforts
of the Eastern Ontario Board of
Trade. Its creation is the fulfilment
of a meet of long standing and those
who have been the leaders in the
movement are deserving of the
thanks of all of those living east of
Toronto.

Simplified Spelling

(New York World)
The Simplified Spelling Board has
met and reviewed its progress, but
so far as the layman can see its pro-
gress has been nil, and for that we
can be thankful. Here is something
which for some strange reason en-
gages the attention of forward-look-
ers; "simplified spelling" is taught
in many of our school systems and
hence gains thousands of official
recruits every year, yet of news-
papers, magazines and books in gen-
eral circulation few make use of it.
Why don't people like it?
Probably because it is unsound
and against sense. Take a favorite
word with the reformers of our
language, "through." The simplified
spelling is "thru." Yet this fairly
sets the teeth on edge. It does not
represent the word as it is pronoun-
ced, for what we actually say is
"throo." Furthermore, it offends the
eye, for it has a queer look to it,
seeming more like some cheap in-
vention than an authentic word. The
same objections can be raised against
"thruo." This does not even ap-
proximate what we say; our pro-
nunciation, as nearly as it can be
represented, sounds more like
"thura." And there are the same
objections to its appearance as hold
for "thru."
When it comes to forms like "an-
forced" for "enforced," the case is
still more serious. This form does
violence to grammar, for we are ac-
customed to thinking of weak verbs
as forming their past with "ed," and
the simplified form is confusing. Fin-
ally, the movement, did it actually
gain ground, would tend to produce
sloppiness of speech. So long as
spelling tends to remind people of the
etymology of words they will
speak with some precision; but with
artificially obliterated by new-
fangled spellings our language will
tend to become corrupt patois.
The Simplified Spelling Board
should adjourn sine die. In spell-
ing, the only desideration is uniform-
ity and the board only makes for con-
fusion.
A Notable Instance.
Hamilton Herald: Perhaps the
most momentous journey ever taken
by a motor car is the one editorially
alluded to by the Toronto Globe
when it said that "the car, full of
human beings," had been "hurled
into eternity."

SLEEPLESS?



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this test in connection with the health of
their families.
Will you send me your name and address?
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get wisdom, and with all thy get-
ting, get understanding.—Proverbs
4:7.