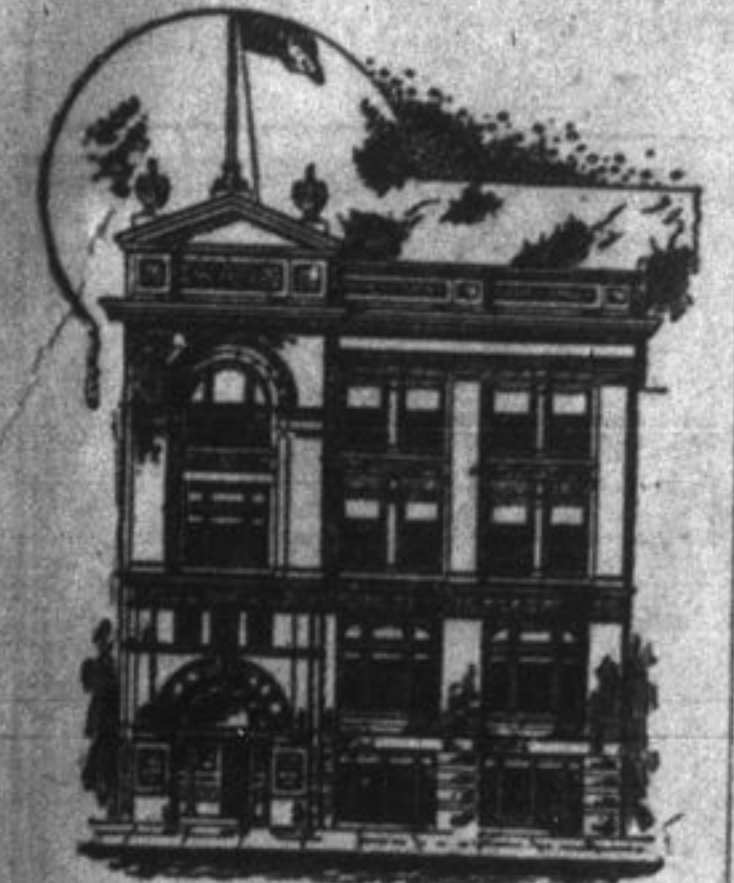


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THE ATTITUDE OF THE PROGRESSIVES.

Some criticism is being levelled at the Progressives because of the fact that they did not help Mr. Meighen vote supply and close the session in the regular way. It transpires that the Progressives had held a meeting and agreed to assist Mr. Meighen as much as possible. They went quite a distance to do this, even to the extent of seeming to endorse Mr. Meighen's fiscal policy. When, however, they discovered that Mr. Meighen's shadow cabinet had no constitutional right to ask for supply they felt their obligation was at an end.

The spokesman of the Progressives on July 1st was Mr. E. J. Garland of Bow River. Mr. Garland is a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, and quite evidently a careful student of constitutional usage and practice. When he rose to speak he told the House that he did so with some diffidence and considerable humility, but before he finished the House of Commons discovered that it was listening to one who knew whereof he spoke.

Mr. Garland quoted precedent after precedent to show that the position of the Meighen Government was untenable, saying in conclusion:

Mr. Speaker, the leader of the acting government, knowing the complete unconstitutionality of his position, not only is not entitled to dissolution, but should not ask for dissolution, and if he asks for dissolution he should not get it. The issue is this: Are we now to assert that in Canada the Governor-General possesses a right over the people, over the parliament of this country, that the King himself does not possess in Great Britain? The hon. member for South York (Mr. Maclean) will never subscribe to that doctrine. I do not care how partisan his inclinations may be. I know the hon. gentleman too well; I know that on this question—and I am pleading to him simply because I want him to be fully aware of the responsibilities of his position—the hon. member for South York will vote with us should a vote be taken on this question. Otherwise he could not face his people with honor after his flight of years on this question.

I stated at the very outset that Mr. Meighen did not seek the cooperation of this group. He has throughout the whole of this session, if not himself personally, through his satellites behind him, viciously attacked us, described us as those who were on the wrong block, as those who were accepting bribes, who were bartering, who were guilty of almost every wretched act that could bring this parliament into disrepute. The right hon. gentleman is at least consistent. He has not to my knowledge invited co-operation at all.

The position of Progressives is well interpreted by Mr. Garland. They will support any government that will put forward measures which they deem in the best interests of the country, but they will not support any government that endeavors to occupy its position without constitutional authority.

THE POSITION OF THE FERGUSON GOVERNMENT TO-DAY.

The complications at Ottawa which have forced a Federal election make the position of the Ferguson Government at Toronto still more awkward. An election was expected this Fall, but now Mr. Ferguson will postpone his decision until he sees how things go with Mr. Meighen. In the meantime seven constitu-

encies continue to be unrepresented. They are as follows: Formerly Held By. Vacant. Days. London 326. Con. Cochrane 282. Lib. Grey Centre 274. U.F.O. Kenora 273. Labor Norfolk North 272. U.F.O. Simcoe South 265. Con. Kent East 253. U.F.O.

According to the statutes these vacancies should all have been filled in 90 days. At the present rate of going it looks as though it might be 900 days before they are filled. One wonders whether Mr. Ferguson imagines that he is so secure in this Province that he can do as he likes. Just now responsible government is a vital issue in Federal politics. It looks as if it will have to become a vital issue in Provincial politics if Mr. Ferguson does not change his attitude.

Table with columns: Formerly Held By, Vacant, Days. Lists constituencies like London, Cochrane, Grey Centre, etc.

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WASTEFUL EXPENDITURES.

Speaking at his nominating convention at Eganville on Friday, June 25th, Mr. John Carty, who since 1919 has represented South Renfrew in the Legislature as a Progressive, made some serious charges of wasteful extravagance against the Ferguson Government, reported in The Renfrew Mercury as follows:

Proceeding Mr. Carty said that there were various reasons why the farmers were not satisfied with the Ferguson Administration. The farmers stood for certain principles, they asked for certain rights, rights which they thought were justly theirs, but these they had not received at the hands of the present Government. The Ferguson Administration had been elected three years ago by what might be called, or not called, a popular vote of the people of the Province. When the election was over a scramble for office. Taking the Department of Lands and Forests was a man by the name of Mr. Keefe, who contested a constituency in the northern part of the Province and advertised himself as the coming Minister of Lands and Forests. He came down to Toronto to find that somebody was ahead of him, and got the position. But a position had to be found for him and he was made honorary secretary for Northern Ontario, a position absolutely worthless to the people of the Province and was drawing a salary of \$5,000 a year. That man was called Minister without portfolio.

Then there was Mr. Hart of Simcoe, a man who had worked hard for the Conservative party. But at the convention he lost; still he had to be looked after, and a new position was created for him—inspector of crown timber agents. If any present could tell what that position was, Mr. Carty could not. Mr. Hart was going the length and breadth of the Province organizing in the interest of the Conservative party, and pulling down the handsome salary of \$6,000, with last year \$2,000 as expenses. Mr. Carty said he could go on and cite dozens and dozens of examples such as this.

According to Mr. Carty two positions have been created for disappointed Conservative politicians. This is not the economy that was promised by Mr. Ferguson when he took office.

BLIND VETERAN GRADUATES AS A LAWYER.

The story of Charles J. Bronner of Detroit is a most inspiring one. Bronner is a victim of the world war. He is blind, he has no hands and he is deaf in one ear. His victory over adverse conditions lasting through years of suffering and pain and month after month spent in hospitals, is one which must excite admiration in every heart.

Bronner was badly injured during the war. He lost both eyes and both hands. As if that were not enough for him to suffer, last year he had sleeping sickness for several months. In spite of all that he graduated in June from the University of Maryland as a lawyer.

When he was discharged from the U. S. Navy he had only the education of a seventh grade school, so one can realize what this boy has accomplished. It is doubtful if any other human being in the world has made such a successful struggle against what appeared to be almost impossible conditions. Many a boy and many a man would have given up and would have been content to live a morose life. This boy, however, refuses to admit that he has a hard time and is full of appreciation of what the U. S. Government has done for him. It has taught him to write on a special typewriter and he has determined, despite his tremendous handicap, to make his own way in the world. Everyone in Canada, we feel sure, will be thrilled at this example of first class courage and will wish for him the very best success.

Crimes of violence, crimes against persons, are more frequent among the illiterate in proportion to their numbers. So are misdemeanors. But when it comes to important crimes against property—robbery, embezzlement, forgery, etc.—it is the educated citizens who have the worst record.

Almost all the words thrown across the House at the Liberals in the early days of the session were tossed back again at the Conservatives in the closing hours, says The St. Thomas Times-Journal.

DAILY LESSONS IN ENGLISH

WORDS OFTEN MISUSED: Don't says "she was bound to go." Say "determined to go." OFTEN MISPRONOUNCED: caudron. Pronounce the first syllable as "call," not the a as in "at." OFTEN MISPELLED: tariff; two f's. SYNONYMS: revenge, avenge, requite, repay, retaliate, punish. 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: EXHORT: to incite to good deeds by appeal or argument. "He paced to and fro, vainly exhorting the terrified girl to compose herself."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"You never can do anything by sitting still," is the aphorism of a business man. How about the hex?

The end of the Byng regime, comments the Brantford Expositor, is characterized by a political bang.

Having driven the Tories to the country by her lone vote, Miss MacPhail may now consider her place in history assured.

Usually you can tell by the energy a man applies to a spade whether his mind is occupied with vegetables or bait.

The Guelph Mercury reports Byng as going over the top and then with a twinkle adds: "May be shutting a blind eye to the constitution." Just so!

What a pity that the Detroit slayer who placed a rose in the hand of his victim after death didn't get sentimental before committing the crime.

Miss MacPhail wants more women elected to parliament. It would be more comfortable for her to have companionable persons about her.

Senator Murphy and Hon. Mr. Robb certainly gave the country something worth while in bringing back penny postage. Let them finish their work!

Crown Prince Gustavus Adolphus says he is overwhelmed by the magnitude of everything in America and it sounds as if he were paying his own expenses.

Secretary Mellon tells the western farmers that one way to help themselves is to assist Europe so that the nations over there can buy American produce.

Thomas Jefferson, an idol of the United States, died one hundred years ago. The land he loved is no longer a place where "Jeffersonian simplicity prevails."

They do say that the last few days in parliament were so hot anything was liable to "dissolve." So parliament was saved, though it melted away without legally proroguing.

Don't pay too much attention to abuse of Mr. Mackenzie King. Always remember the epigram of Sir John Macdonald about the most sticks and stones being found beneath the best apple tree.

For 200 years almost no change has been made in the action of pianos. This year the musical world is honoring the memory of Bartolomeo Cristoforo of Florence, Italy, in recognition of his invention of the piano 200 years ago.

The Ottawa crisis, remarks the London Echo, will doubtless serve to lessen public confidence in the parliamentary group system, especially when the Progressives constitute one of the groups. It was not the customs exposures or the Alberta resources that caused the defection of a number of the King government's former allies. Rather does the desertion at a critical moment indicate a desire to display a group's power to make and unmake governments.

QUEER QUIRKS OF NATURE

Cat Retains Powers of Wild Ancestors.

By Arthur N. Pack. Of all the animals domesticated by man the cat has shown herself best able to retain the peculiar powers and abilities of her wild ancestors.

As far back as history is recorded, we find the unmistakable features of Tabby portrayed in the sculptures which record man's progress. So ancient are the earliest of these records that not even the approximate period of man's conquest of the cat, or her conquest of him, can be conjectured.

It appears reasonable that some races of the cat which still persist in the wilder parts of Europe and Asia were drawn upon to furnish the animal that in the ancient days of Egyptian civilization was an object of veneration, and which to this day has a hold on the affection of mankind rivalling that enjoyed by the dog.

LOOKING AROUND

Perhaps the most distressing thing about the terrible fatality at the Catarqui railway crossing last Saturday is that twelve young children suffer the loss of the two mothers whose lives were snuffed out by the awful impact of locomotive and automobile. The motor-car itself is so frequently a dealer of death that we are inclined to look upon it with awe, but it is like a child's wagon when it comes in contact with the enormous steam locomotive moving on a track at the same rate of speed as the auto itself. By all means let us have additional protection at this crossing. And let no township, county or city council raise paltry objections to paying a share of the cost with the railway company. Kingston city council, it will be remembered, strongly objected about fifteen years or more ago to being assessed about \$7,000 as its share of the construction of the subway at the Outer Station. That \$7,000 was nothing in comparison with the number of lives that would have been lost in that space of time had the old order of things continued at that railway station locality where six tracks crossed the highway in and out of the city.

An aged Orangeman has died in Toronto at the age of ninety-one, and who is said to have been the oldest Orangeman in Canada, having been a member of that Order for seventy years. Kingston held the record for the oldest Orangeman as long as the late ex-Alderman Joseph Tait was alive. Mr. Tait had been an Orangeman seventy-two years when he passed away.

A motor drive out past Millhaven shows that locality to have some fine yellow rose bushes. One would travel a long way before seeing anything more beautiful in the yellow hued rose than the array away up the old Bath road.

It would be a fine thing if the Kiwanis Club were to see that the little old frame building on Queen street, in which the first legislative council of Upper Canada met in July, 1792, is preserved for future generations to see. The modest little building, just below St. Paul's church, was several times offered for sale to the city council but that body did not respond to the suggestion of the Historical Society that it buy. Yes, one remembers the city council refusing to purchase the old blockhouse at the end of Sydenham street north when that property was offered to the Historical Society for \$500. The late Dean Starr begged the aldermen of the time to become owners of the place and preserve the oldest structures in Kingston, but the council lacked historical sentiment, so the structure has disappeared. It is to be hoped that the time will not come when the little building on Queen street will disappear from view.

It was good to see Miss Shaw, the organist emerita of Sydenham street church, at her old place on the bench last Sunday. Though the stranger might not notice, he knew that a pair of master hands were playing the keys of the big organ, and the player proved to be the veteran lady who for fully half a century has charmed her hearers.

The provincial Hydro-Electric Commission would like Kingston to throw up its old agreement made with the Seymour Power Company

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and which was guaranteed by the province when it took over the Trent water power system. But the local commission knows it has too good a thing to pass up for another agreement. Kingston is now getting electrical energy from the Trent at ten dollars a horse-power less than it costs to deliver it here, according to the Hydro heads. The agreement was made in the time of the late George Y. Chown, Robert F. Elliott, R. H. Toye and of Mr. T. J. Rigney and will run the full length of its term.

News and Views.

Beyond Treatment. Washington Post: You can vaccinate and head off almost any epidemic except meddling.

A Conservative Conception. Toronto Star: The Telegram, as a high constitutional authority and a slow and careful utterer of its opinions, evidently believes not only that the governor general was right in refusing Premier King whatever it was that he wanted, and that the governor-general would have been quite within his constitutional rights if he had got out a machine gun and shot all the Liberals, Progressives, Labor men and Independents, French Canadians and all other opponents of the Conservative party in parliament and out of it.

Japan and Christianity. St. Catharines Standard: When one hears about the remarkable rise of Japan in the world, a people of the highest bravery and a noble code of chivalry, it is well to read the view of The Tokio Times and Mail in this development: "But no amount of sophistry will hide the fact that it is the Christian workers and Christian civilization that have lifted Japan above the darkness of old ideas and backward customs and put her on the path of progress and higher culture. Modern Japan may have been an apt pupil; but she has had her days of tutelage, and her tutors have been neither Buddhists nor Confucianists, but the Christians and their Christian civilization."

Hatless in the Sun

(New York World) The cult of the hatless man, which had a few devotees last summer, has many now—not young fellows of the student age merely but some middle-aged men. It may be that the hat, for men well thatched with hair, is on its trial. There is something to be said for it.

Most Americans have to face the glare of the sun on snow in winter and in summer tropic heat. Against the one, Eskimos fashion snow spectacles and white men wear colored glasses. In the fierce sun of our Southwest cowboys not only wear broad-brimmed hats but often smear lampblack under their eyes a trick not unknown to alpinists. The desert Arab wraps his head in a veil. The Turk, by edict of Angora, is abandoning his unbrimmed fez for the Western derby—and incidentally getting the protection of a certain amount of hat-brims for his eyes. It seemed for a time that the Prince of Wales had set in his Am-

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