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IF ASQUITH IS DESTROYED

Back of all the purely party clamor and intrigue now going on at Westminster two facts stand out clear and distinct. The first is that an overwhelming majority of the people of Ireland are for Home Rule. The second is that the people of the United Kingdom as a whole declared for Home Rule at the last election.

A minority in Ireland is threatening, by force of arms, to prevent the Parliament of the United Kingdom from giving effect to the popular mandate. That minority has the active sympathy, if not the promised support, of the privileged classes in England, and their connections who largely fill the higher posts in the army. That sympathy and support are based, not on any affiliation in sympathy with Ulster, but on a desire to use Ulster as a means of destroying a Government which has done more to curb Privilege and advance Democracy in the United Kingdom in the last five or six years than had been accomplished in fifty years before, and a Government which Privilege fears may go still further along the road already entered upon.

If the effort now being made to destroy the Asquith Government succeeds not only will the cause of Democracy be set back, but anarchy may easily result. If a minority in Ulster by a show of force, blocks Home Rule to-day, an overwhelming majority in all Ireland may resort to force to-morrow to compel Home Rule. If the Tory officers of crack regiments are allowed to say whether they will or will not support the civil power to-day we may see the private in the ranks refusing to give similar aid to-morrow.

SOME POTATOES.

In a boys potato contest in Washington last year, the wonderful productivity of the soil was found in the results obtained. Under the rules laid down by the committee, each boy was permitted to plant one square rod of potatoes, after having fertilized and worked the soil in any manner that he saw fit. Some of the boys chose upland soil and some bottom land. When the potatoes were ready for digging a committee measured each tract of land to see that the exact square rod rule had been followed, and the potatoes were dug and weighed in the presence of this committee. Seven boys produced in excess of 400 pounds of potatoes to the square rod, which means a yield of from 1,000 to 1,565 bushels to the acre.

The contest has become state wide and has been expanded to take in grains and grasses and various vegetables, as well as potatoes.

No official reason is given for the delay in appointing the Commission to investigate the charges of the timber land graft and the Valley railway steal, but it is evident there is a deep motive behind the delay

which means no great good for the people as a whole.

Some future premier with a big graft case on his hands may look back on the present affair, when it becomes a matter of history, and find out how not to do it.

Sympathy is all right at funerals but is no importance in solving graft charges. What is wanted is a fair commission and there will be some political funerals to attend.

It is remarkable how suddenly Mr. Fleming has recovered from his ill health. When the Dugal charges were being formulated and about to be presented in the legislature, Mr. Fleming became suddenly so ill that he was granted leave of absence, and the Tory newspapers announced that he was going away on an European tour to recover his health. When the charges were presented in the legislature, he was so ill that he could not stand up and answer them. His illness at that particular time seemed to affect his legs and his speech. Then the next day, he recovered himself and came down to the legislature, with everything fixed up apparently, but something went wrong and for nearly a week, his proposal was held up. It was then that His Honor, the Lieutenant Governor, lost his grip upon the public interest. Now, that Mr. Fleming finds that a subpoena will be served upon him and he cannot leave the country, he suddenly recovers his health, and is able to call in, for consultation, his participants in the grave offences against public interest, with which he is charged. The late Sir John Macdonald's famous telegram to Sir Hugh Allan, "Send me another \$10,000," is a mere trifling episode, contrasted with that, which is charged against the gentleman, who suddenly sprang as a politician into comparative affluence within a very few years.—Moncton Transcript.

What has been told in the courts with reference to Valley Railroad financial methods is sufficient to demonstrate the necessity of an investigation into the affairs of this company which is getting millions of public money.—Globe.

CLEAN UP.

House cleaning time is almost at hand, also yard cleaning time, if it is not already here. And it should not be forgotten that yard cleaning is second in importance only to that of house-cleaning. Filth is distressing to the eyes of the people who are what they ought to be, whether it is in doors or out of doors, and is deleterious to health whether it is in doors or out of doors. Consequently when the time of the year arrives for the annual cleaning up every citizen regardless of the welfare of himself and his family, and having the public spirit and pride that every citizen ought to have, will see to it that his premises are placed in proper condition at the earliest possible date after the weather is suitable for such work.

Every community should pay attention to the matter of cleaning up in the spring of the year. It pays even if looks alone were to be considered, and when it is realized that the general health is greatly benefited thereby, every citizen should be willing to lend a hand.

Nothing that is vindictive, spiteful, nasty or unkind, concerning Mr. F. B. Carvell is refused publication in the local Tory papers. This general policy of blackguardism is the result of Mr. Carvell's exposure of the deplorable condition of affairs in the local administration.

All the resources of type and vindictive expressions have been called upon to attack this gentleman, but let it be remembered that these saintly statesmen that have manipulated the funds of this province will be brought to book and their peculiar political morals will be exposed to public view.

The hands of the city clock in Regina will be moved forward one hour beginning with May, the city having decided by a large majority to adopt the day-light-saving plan. This was submitted to the citizens in the form of a by-law, which was carried by a large majority. This is a beneficial reform which ought to be adopted by the whole country. It would make a substantial addition to the hours of sunlight enjoyed by the average person, and it would bring into use a greater portion of the very early morning. The daylight-saving plan would hurt nobody, and would be a boon to nearly all of the population.—Telegraph.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY.

(Times-Star)

Mr. F. B. Carvell brought the Valley Railway matter and various other matters relating to New Brunswick to the attention of parliament yesterday. He went very thoroughly into the affairs of the St. John Valley Railway, and some other railway transactions, and warned the government against doing anything to place further control of large funds at the disposal of the present government, until the affairs of the Valley Railway had been thoroughly investigated. Of course Mr. Hazen and Mr. McLeod, especially the latter, came to the rescue of Mr. Gould and Mr. Fleming. That was to be expected. Mr. McLeod is one of the men against whom charges have been made, and he is also the man who told parliament and the country that he knew of padded items and other irregularities in connection with the Southampton Railway. When all these matters have been straightened out, the public will be in a better position to judge of the value of Mr. McLeod's contribution to the discussion in parliament yesterday. Hon. Mr. Emmerson very properly pointed out that Mr. Carvell "had but done his duty as an honest man, and for his action was entitled to the thanks of the people of New Brunswick and of all Canada." The Standard takes advantage of the incident in parliament to call Mr. Carvell a "muckraker", playing a "disputable game," and applies to him various other epithets which are a part of its political vocabulary. The Standard, however, still fails to call upon the provincial government to hurry along the appointment of that Royal Commission.

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