

SAYS LEGISLATION IS VERBOSE AND SLIPSHOD

Commodore Stewart Sharply Criticizes the Attorney's Election Bill.

(Chatham World.)

We extract the following remarkable specimen of statutory verbiage from the Act Respecting Elections to the Legislative Assembly that was passed at Fredericton at the last session of the Legislature:

"No Senator, and no Privy Counsellor of the Dominion of Canada who is a Member of the House of Commons, shall be eligible to be a candidate, or elected or returned as a Member of the Legislative Assembly of this Province, nor shall he sit or vote in the same."

Why verbosely declare ineligible a privy councillor of Canada who is a member of the House of Commons when the following sections make all member of the House of Commons And after declaring that he is not eligible to be a candidate why waste words by the subsequent prohibitory clauses, for how could he, not being eligible to be a candidate, be elected or returned as a member, and, not being elected or returned, how could he sit or vote in the House?

And here is another specimen from the same statute:

"If any person, being a member of the Legislative Assembly, accepts a nomination as candidate for the House of Commons of Canada, or sits or votes as a Member thereof, his election to the Legislative Assembly shall thereby become void, and his seat shall be vacated, and a new writ shall issue for a new election as if he were naturally dead, and such person shall not be eligible for re-election as a Member of the Legislative Assembly as long as he continues to be a Member of the House of Commons."

If what constitutes "a nomination" were defined and the unnecessary final clause omitted, the section would be considerably improved.

Would a letter of acceptance in reply to a nomination by a committee of one's friends, or the acceptance of a convention's nomination, be the nomination meant in the statute or is it the official nomination that is the official nomination that is meant?

Is Mr. Hachey of Gloucester, no longer a member of the Legislature because he has accepted a nomination for the House of Commons? It depends upon the definition of what is meant by the word "nomination" in this act and a costly appeal to the courts will be necessary if the question of his status is raised by his political opponents.

THE LATEST BASEBALL CLOWN

(Boston Record.)

Baseball's ripest nut hails from Des Moines and though a league less than a month, he has caused the fame of Nick Altrock, Germany Schaefer, Arlie Latham and Charlie Faust, laugh getters extraordinary, to fade away before the brilliance of his juggling.

The little stranger, Carl Sawyer, Washington's second baseman, is daily knocking the fans out of their seats with the craziest line of comical stuff ever perpetrated on a ball field.

He leaps in the air and alights on his head and every time he turns this trick risks his neck.

The high dive usually is the lead-off stunt. Then follows a swimming exhibition with Sawyer throwing himself on the grass and working his arms and legs like Leo Handy doing the "hundred."

This over, the comedian stages an impersonation of a donkey. He uses his cap for a tail, swishing it back and forth as he canters about braying loudly and halting occasionally to lash out with his legs, for all the world like a mule undergoing a beating. This performance is alternated by savage bites at his imaginary tormentor.

At a recent game, attended by a band which was planted on the field, Sawyer seized a bat, posed in front of the musicians and gave an imitation of John Philip Sousa in the role of director.

Spearing one of the musicians' caps the jester donned it and paraded around the field twirling the bat at a drum major does his baton, tossing it in the air and catching it.

THE KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The Golden Rule Circle will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 13, beginning at 9.30 a.m., in Edgecombe's store in York street, next Washington's Cafe. Any contributions sent to the store will be thankfully received.

AUSTRALIA'S WAR LOAN.

Melbourne, via London, May 11.—The Commonwealth of Australia is raising a war loan of \$20,000,000.

MINERS' WAGES INCREASED COAL PRICES GO UP

Philadelphia, May 11.—Pea coal is likely to suffer the largest increase in price as the result of the agreement of the mine operators to pay between \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000 increase in wages to the miners.

Operators, wholesalers and retailers here asserted that the price of pea coal—the smallest and cheapest brand of hard coal—might go above \$6 a ton. Other coal, especially the stove size, it was said, would suffer an increase, but the burden would be placed upon pea coal.

Last summer pea coal in this city dropped as low as \$4.75 a ton. During the winter it climbed to \$5.25 and \$5.50 a ton, and it still remains at these prices.

Just when the increase will be made will have to be determined by the operators. When they begin to raise the prices on the wholesalers then coal will go up to the consumers.

Until the present time the operators have been too busy with the question of the miners' wage scale to take up coal prices.

S. D. Warriner, chairman of the operators' general conference committee, said:

"The increase in the miners' wages will have to come from somewhere, and naturally the price of coal will go up. It will be up to the operators to find the way which will be least burdensome upon consumers."

"Interstate commerce rates also are to be taken into consideration. They have not yet been adjusted here."

The president of retail company with yards in many sections of the city, said today that by next December at the latest he expected to see coal selling at \$7.50 a ton in Philadelphia.

MOTEL "VICTORY TOWN" PLANNED BY ENGLAND

London, May 11.—Instead of erecting monuments and marble shafts to her heroes of the war, England intends to build what will be known as "Victory Town." The victory town will be the outcome of an experiment by Hon. David Lloyd George, Minister of Munitions, to combat the evils of slums, which have placed a heavy handicap upon recruiting.

Already the British government has purchased 7,000 acres of land, but the location has not been made public.

In view of the victory which the people of England have a right to anticipate, Lloyd George has conceived the idea of a government owned town near one of the large munitions factories. People may contribute to the building of this town instead of erecting statues.

Lloyd George has suddenly realized the great evil of the congested districts and it has taken a bath of blood to start the purging of England by the elimination of the large landed estates.

The victory town will be essentially a town of homes. There will be two kinds of cottages, each with electric light, heat, bathroom and garden. The smaller cottages will rent for approximately \$1.25 a week and the larger ones for \$1.85.

Transportation will be supplied by a government traction company at 25c a week for each man. There will be a town council and also amusements, such as movies, band concerts and the like.

As England is not likely to banish liquor, provision has been made for a government owned saloon. Co-operative stores run by the government will compete with private stores. Homes will be sold to tenants on the installment plan.

It is the belief of many that hundreds of similar towns will spring up in England.

The war has brought capital and labor together and a new era is predicted for England when peace comes.

BULL MOOSERS WANT ROOSEVELT AND FAIRBANKS

New York, May 11.—For President, Theodore Roosevelt, of New York, for Vice-President, Charles Warren Fairbanks, of Indiana.

This is the ticket the "bull moose" party will ask the Republican and Progressive national convention to unite upon at Chicago on June 7.

The progressives will go to Chicago with an olive branch in hand. They are for peace, but not for "peace at any price."

This was decided upon today at an all-day session of the Progressive National Executive Committee.

MADE A GARDEN.

For days I fussed around at home, Let business drop. And now I should be hearing from My radish crop.

BAKER MOST DANGEROUS BATTER SAYS JOHNSON

Philadelphia, May 11.—Walter Johnson, certified as the owner of an arm that has thrown the swiftest ball, says Washington has a chance—the best opportunity it ever had—to win the American League pennant.

The Washington pitcher gave his views at a hotel here this morning.

"Whom do I regard as the most dangerous batter? Well, I would say without any hesitation, J. Frank Baker the former Athletic third baseman. He has done me more damage than any other player in baseball. He has not only slugged my pitching for extra bases, but hit right in the pinches."

"I think I know the reason for this. I use my smoke when I am in tight quarters. Baker is a terrific hitter, the hardest there is in the game. He just drives all of his weight back of his swing. Naturally when my speed is met with that swinging clout he takes, something is going to happen."

"If I have thrown that ball up there at the rate of 122 feet per second the knock he gives it sends it back at the rate of about 666 feet per second. I would rather face any player than Baker in the pinch, and I think that the New York pitchers, Mathewson and Marquard, though Marquard is now with Brooklyn, will agree with me."

"Lawton Witt, the new Athletic shortstop, looks good. He hits hard and he does not give any ground at the plate. Pick with us for a time. He will improve in his fielding. He will make a star. Mack has picked up two good players in this pair."

BASEBALL NOTES

(Philadelphia Bulletin.)

Phillies Lack Punch

The old wallop, the bam that brought in the bacon, has been missing from the Phillies' attack for the Phillies' attack for some time and Pat Moran will have to stir up his hired men if he is going to again gather in the bunting.

The biggest slumper is none other than C. C. Cravath and as the Phillies' right fielder was the person who possessed the hardest swat last season, his downfall has slowed up the team more than if any other man had failed. Cravath needs warm weather to thaw out his batting eye and free his broad shoulders of the kinks.

Moran's team is not a fast one but it has three great assets, a powerful array of fingers, a bunch of fighters and the ability to come through in a "pinch." Every other National League team has been strengthened this season but the Phillies, unless Claude Cooper is counted, and Cooper has been doing bench duty.

"Spoke" Stalls Red Sox.

The loss of "Spoke"—that is, Tris Speaker—to the Red Sox has slackened up the speed of the world's champions, and right now Cleveland is galloping up high, because of Speaker's great value to a ball team. He was the clean-up hitter of the Red Sox, the great defecator in the out-garden and a terror on the sacks. Duffy Lewis has tried to play out where Speaker ambled, but he is woefully weak in many ways, when compared to "Spoke." He lacks the terrific hitting, the velocity on the bags and that great judgment which enabled Speaker to "play for" so many American League batters.

Sherwood Magee's accident has hurt the other Boston nine, the Braves, for since he has been on the side lines Stallings's Slaves have missed his mighty wallop when there were men on the bases. Magee will get back in the game in the course of a week and the Braves may be expected to start off on another winning streak, but Speaker has gone for all time so far as the Red Sox are concerned.

KILL OFF INSECTS THAT INVADE THE GARDEN

(By Prof. Spade.)

Usually insects are not great burdens of the backyard gardener during his first year or two, unless the ground has been used before for the growing of the same plants.

But each year of cultivation increases the population of insects that feed upon plants and in a few seasons, if left alone, the insects will destroy the crops.

There are many ways of ridding the garden of insects—killing them and not having them to begin with. Most gardens or fields can be kept fairly clear of insects by rotation of crops, by depriving the insects of their food.

If potato bugs bothered you last year leave potatoes off your garden list this year—starve the bugs out, and use the ground for other vegetables. Do the same with cabbages next year if club-root fungus or the cabbage maggot attacks the plants this year.

THEY OFTEN DO.

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"Why, I never heard of such a thing," said John. "The idea of getting quotations from a doctor; it's the asylum for you."

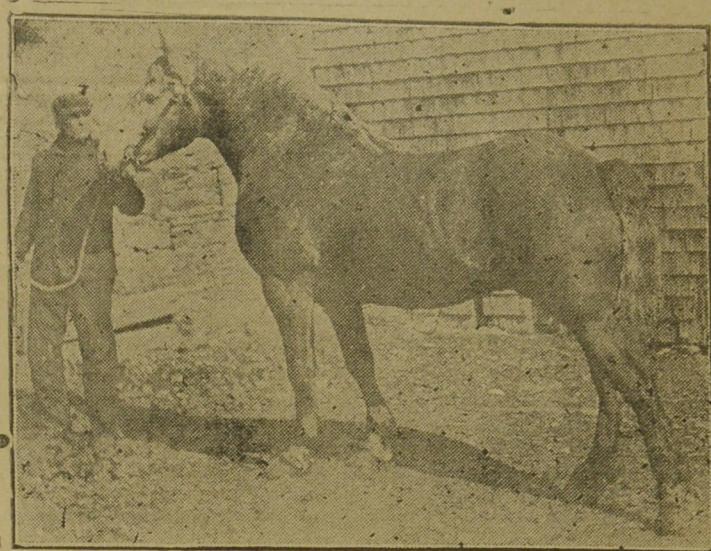
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"When some people around here have a little printing to be done, they visit all the printing offices, get quotations from each one, and then give the work to the man who gives the lowest figures."

"The ordinary user of printing knows his own business, but he is no more a judge of the work of printing than he is a judge of what sort of medicine a doctor should give him for the cure of his ailment. If people ask me for quotations and pass me by if my price happens to be a little more than the other fellow, why shouldn't I apply the same method to the doctor, lawyer, dentist and painter? Why not? It's a mighty poor rule that won't work more than one way."

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