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WOULD SEND WOMEN HOME

Hon. Mederic Martin, for a number of years mayor of Montreal, and now a member of the Quebec Legislative Council, in an article in a Canadian magazine expresses the opinion that over production of all domains and the employment of women are two of the factors responsible for the present depression. He suggests that an international conference should be held to deal with the subject, with the object of bringing the women back to the home, and he says if it could be done there would be a noticeable improvement in world conditions. Hon. Mr. Martin admits that the idea is a fantastic one, but he must be given credit for an original thought.

Says the hon. gentleman, "Imagine the shock to the men and women of Canada should the House of Commons after a sharp, quick debate adopt legislation as follows:

"His Majesty, by and with the consent of the House of Commons, therefore enacts as follows:

"Starting next Monday every woman employed in a gainful occupation shall remain at home and permit her nearest male relative, who is out of work to take over the said position and with all of its emoluments, etc."

The Hon. Mederic thinks that the idea of legislating women out of industry in order to give the out of work men their jobs may be fantastic, but he believes there is considerable element of good old fashioned common sense in it during these troublesome times.

Hon. Mr. Martin gracefully admits that during the war when there was not enough men in the country to do the work, that women responded patriotically to the call sent out by factories and offices and banks. He also points out that the inauguration of the typewriter in the nineties enables women to do work that twenty-five years ago was expected only of the stronger sex. Today he believes that there is another patriotic call to women and that is a call to step down in favor of the million or so of men who are out of work. He concedes that he is courting unpopularity by pointing a finger at the largest potential source of employment for men—the places at desks counters and machines now occupied by women.

Hon. Mr. Martin in stressing his point goes on to say:

"A restless population of several hundred thousand men eager for work but refused it by present economic conditions is to say the least, a disturbing factor. Wouldn't national life be happier, saner, safer, if a great many of these men could be given work now being done by women, even if it meant that these women would have to sacrifice their financial independence and go home to be supported by father husband or brother as they were in the old pre-feministic days?"

There is a lot of philosophy and wisdom in what the Hon. Mederic says, but as he admits his ideas are fantastic, and at a time like this it is going to be rather difficult to have the powers that be and the general public fall into line with his views. He is right when he says that the problem is too large to be dealt with by one nation. One stumbling block in the way is that the women of Canada, the United States and Great Britain over the age of twenty-one years now enjoy the franchise, and have all of the privileges of men, except that they are not called upon to bear arms in case of war. This means that public men and governments would be scarcely likely to lay down the principle that members of the gentler sex are not capable of holding public office in this country. Hon. Mr. Martin evidently overlooks the fact that the Privy Council not many years ago ruled that a woman was a person, and acting on this principle the government of Hon. MacKenzie King promptly appointed a woman to the senate of Canada. The House of Commons also boasts a lady member, and if Hon. Mr. Martin would legislate women out of ordinary jobs he would have to start at the top and make it illegal for them to sit in the House of Commons or Senate of Can-

ada. Of course nobody would seriously contend that a man could not fill the seat in the senate now held down by Hon. Caroline Wilson, or the seat in the House of Commons filled by Miss Agnes MacPhail. Senator Wilson is a married woman and the mother of eight children, while Miss MacPhail is a bachelor girl, therefore the argument that woman's place is in the home while it might apply to Miss MacPhail would hardly be applicable to Canada's first woman senator, as she seems to have discharged her full duty, to the human race. If women are to be ousted from jobs of a gainful nature, start should be made with those in high places, and how is it going to be done. Hon. Mr. Martin in his fantastic proposal overlooked this phase of the case. The hon. gentleman as already pointed out, is a thinker, but he has a lot more thinks coming to him.

Our notion is that the validity of the equinoctial storm (as of September 21) is denied because it sometimes doesn't arrive within three days of the equinox. But that's as accurate as many a weather prediction can be expected to be. Nature's routine doesn't follow our horology.

Science has evolved a new test of drunkenness based on examination of a drop of blood extracted from the suspect's finger; but the police will continue to place confidence in the celebrant's propensity (or otherwise) to sing "Sweet Adeline."

When you see a picture of a city street flooded with about four feet of water on which rowboats are navigating you get a sneaking suspicion that the cellars of the abutting houses must be damp.

Germans are to be asked to give up one Sunday dinner per month for the benefit of the unemployed. Who benefits, incidentally, by the dinners given up with much greater frequency by travelers on ocean liners?

These are melancholy days and unreliable ones when you built a cute little fire in the furnace as the temperature falls to 63; and forthwith the temperature out of doors rises to 85.

Chicago man seeks divorce from his wife because her love for him failed under the supreme test imposed by the prospect of continued existence in the Windy City.

It is rather annoying to find President Grau San Martin apparently about ready to step down just when we were beginning to pronounce his name with confidence.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

He who laughs last doesn't laugh at the wrong time.

Being an expert in algebra affords one so few people to show off to.

Edison with his electric lamp did better than Alladdin.

You can't argue with a dog that howls because its lonesome.

All criminals figure on the large percentage of cowardice in the world.

The only objection to up-lifting the heathen is that the work begins too far from home.

Cheer Up. Your lot in life is not so bad. S'posing you were a movie star and had to make love for a living?

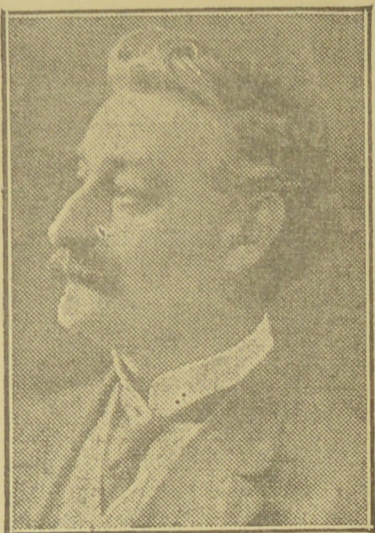
Men just seem more cheerful in adversity because it helps them to forget their golf.

Smile for today: as attentive as a little girl whose mother is telling how cute she was.

Wisdom is just the realization that mankind muddles along much the same despite efforts to ruin or save it. Statesmen of the nations have to meet in a good many conferences before they get well enough acquainted to trust each other.

Few men fall for romantic devotion these days, but many an unwary single-footer has been backed into the shafts of double-harness by the gentle and innocent looking gesture of platonic friendship.

A NEW REFORMER



MAYOR MEDERIC MARTIN
Member Of The Quebec Legislative Council, Who Says Women Should Be Sent Home

PRINCE FAILS TO PAY COST OF WEDDING

Paris, France, Sept. 27—The Little Cathedral of Saint Alexander Nevsky spent more for decorations than it received as a donation from the bridegroom when Prince Alexis Mdivani and the former Barbara Hutton, American 5-and-10-cent store heiress, were married last June.

This was disclosed today when final payment of the incidental expenses was arranged at a visit made by Franklin L. Hutton, of New York, the bride's father, to Archpries Jacob Smirnoff.

A new red carpet for the church cost more than \$1,000. Church officials said that when all the bills came in they found that the expenses exceeded the 20,000-franc (1,200) gift to the church the Prince made at the time of the wedding by 5000 francs (300).

Mr. Hutton assured the archpriest that the Prince now at Biarritz with his wife, would gladly send an additional gift to cover the expenses and to provide something for the officiating priests.

After his visit to the archpriest Mr. Hutton revealed that while Barbara is one of the world's richest heiresses in her own right, he has been paying all her bills, as she does not get her Woolworth inheritance until after her 21st birthday in October. She and the Prince will sail for New York in November.

PERSONAL MENTION

Hon. L. P. D. Tilley, K. C., Saint John, Premier and Minister of Lands and Mines, is a guest of the Barker House today.

Hon. Dr. H. I. Taylor, St. George, Minister of Health, is a guest of the Queen Hotel today.

Hon. G. H. I. Cockburn, St. Stephen, President of the Executive Council, is a guest of the Queen Hotel today.

Hon. Antoine Leger, K. C., of Moncton, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, is a guest of the Queen Hotel today.

Hon. D. A. Stewart, Campbellton, Minister of Public Works, is a guest of the Barker House today.

Hon. Lewis Smith, Coverdale, Minister of Agriculture, is a guest of the Barker House today.

Hon. E. A. Reilly, K. C., Moncton, Chairman of the N. B. Hydro Commission, is a guest of the Barker House today.

Hon. H. E. Harrison, K. C., of Saint John, Attorney-General, is a guest of the Barker House today.

H. M. Wood, M. L. A., of Sackville, is a visitor to the city today and is a guest at the Queen.

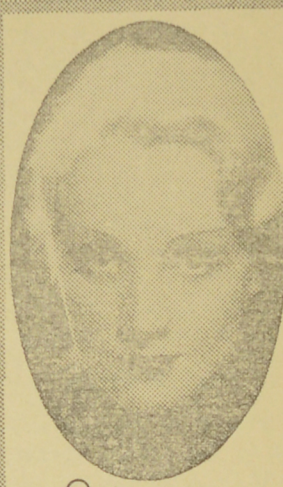
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National Breweries	26 1/4
Shawinigan	17 1/4
Steel of Canada	28
MONTREAL CURB	
British American Oil	14 1/4
Distillers Seagrooms	26
Ford of Canada	13 1/4
Hiram Walker	43 1/4
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Imperial Oil	14
Noranda	35

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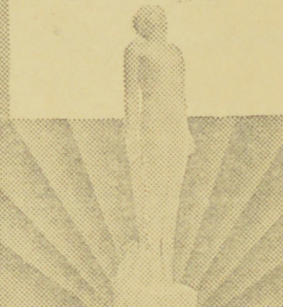
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