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ONTARIO'S TORY LEADER

The Toronto Saturday Night, an independent newspaper, which usually calls a spade a spade, does not think much of the action of the Tories of Ontario in their selection of Hon. G. Howard Ferguson as their leader. In discussing the matter editorially it says:

"The U. F. O. is certainly travelling in luck. If Premier Drury had been asked to select a leader for the Conservative party in the Legislature, and had scanned the field for the man least likely to embarrass his party in the event of a general election, he would undoubtedly have chosen Mr. G. Howard Ferguson. Hartley Dewart, the Liberal leader, would undoubtedly have made a similar choice. The selection of Mr. Ferguson as Conservative leader for Ontario has been described in the daily press as an 'extraordinary event.' It assuredly is. It is the first time in the recollection of most men that a party convention has deliberately followed a course which, in the judgment of all thinking party supporters, means certain humiliation and defeat.

"When a few years ago, Sir William Hearst, one of the most ill-starred of politicians, brought Mr. Ferguson to public notice by appointing him Minister of Forests and Mines, he was little more than an nobody. He had gained an unenviable notoriety by exhibiting a nasty partizan spirit as a blocker in the Public Accounts Committee, at a time when the Whitney administration was so overwhelmingly strong that such methods were doubly offensive. On his capacity as administrator of the most important revenue-producing department of the Crown we have lately had a great volume of sworn testimony and unimpeachable documentary evidence. During his period of office the province was robbed of vast sums of money in timber dues, and valuable areas were frittered away in express contravention of the statutes. No accusation has been made against Mr. Ferguson's personal honesty, but his incompetence is glaringly clear.

"And what is Mr. Ferguson's answer: an answer which seems to have prompted the convention to elect him over men of much higher standing and ability, like Hon. George S. Henry, a first-class scientific farmer and Brigadier General Ross, who won high distinction as O. C. of the Canadian Army Medical Corps in France. His answer is this: that his critics and accusers are Grits, his judges are Grits, every one who does not hold him blameless is a Grit. A Grit in his eyes is so unholy that to be censured by one is a qualification for a place in the heavenly choir. The old, narrow, village partizanship which has wrought so much harm in the past and which the average level-headed citizen cannot stomach."

It seems that Mr. Ferguson is very sore on the judges, who have been probing the Ontario timber scandal, and in a recent public address, denounced them in terms very similar to those applied by the heroes of the patriotic potato scandal in this province to Royal Commissioner McQueen. Concerning this feature of the case Saturday Night says:

"Mr. Ferguson's attack on Justices Riddell and Latchford was nothing short of infamous, and the resolution of the same, purport passed by the conviction hardly less so. It is true that these jurists were Liberals when in private practice, but neither was ever accused of a dishonorable act, and their conduct on the Bench from the very outset has been spotless. By inference, Mr. Ferguson's attack on those gentlemen is one of the most humiliating confessions that ever came from a public man. He is a lawyer and a politician. His disbelief in the ability of Judges to render justice to men holding opposite political views is a tacit admission that if perchance he had been elevated to the Bench, partizan considerations would have inevitably swayed him. The answer to his hysterical abuse is that no Judge could fabricate the vast array of unanswered evidence that has accumulated in connection with the timber enquiry.

"The country owes it as a duty to

its Judges to protect them against such cheap bolshevik diatribes as those with which Mr. Ferguson has assailed the Bench of Ontario, and we have not the slightest doubt that when Mr. Ferguson goes to the polls with his following the country will do so. But it is a grievous mischance that a convention of Ontario Conservatives should by making him Provincial leader hang such a millstone around the neck of a real statesman like Hon. Arthur Meighen."

The announcement of the appointment of Mr. Harvey Mitchell to the important post of deputy minister of agriculture, is being received with satisfaction throughout the province, particularly by the farming population. A native of New Brunswick and a sturdy son of the soil, Mr. Mitchell has been closely identified with agriculture since boyhood and is recognized as one of the best authorities on dairying in Eastern Canada. The government is to be heartily congratulated on the excellent selection it has made.

Editor Bidlake of the Standard in the course of an article written with the intention of stirring up opposition to the new ministers in Sunbury and Queens says that all the Acadian members of the House are under the aegis of Hon. Mr. Veniot and will do as he tells them. This is certainly rough on Mr. Diotte, the Tory Acadian who was elected in Restigouche as a supporter of Leader Baxter.

The Boston Globe, in speaking of Vice-President-elect Coolidge, who was once a struggling country lawyer says: "Here is a man who, by keeping to his own rail and following the old familiar sign-boards: Honesty, industry, frugality, thrift and truthfulness, has gone from a New England farm to the Vice-Presidency."

Sam DeGrofsky, 112 years old, a Chicagoan, says that he is young enough to marry, but he thinks that he will die single. He says: "Only once since my wife died at 70 have I thought of marrying again, and that was at 102, but—the women have no judgment now—they're too giddy."

Living in the Scotch village of Inverkip are twin brothers—James and William Ford—aged ninety-five years. Neither of them has had a day's idleness and James has never been a sinner's night out of the house in which he was born.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

It's the world's stomach not its heart that is suffering.

There's a time in every woman's life when she feels like flirting a little bit.

Now comes the season, if ever, when the joy of being the father of a family is at flood tide.

If a girl has no dimpled chin she shouldn't be unhappy. Maybe her knees are dimpled.

Man alive scratches his head for a vital thought and brings forth a shower of dandruff.

It won't make much difference to the Armenians whether they are massacred by the Turks or Bolsheviks.

Here and there may be seen the tip of a feminine ear. By next groundhog day the whole ear may be out.

A British scientist is trying to make people believe that the cackle of a hen after laying is akin to laughter. Right now it sounds more like a hallelujah.

'Tis said that thinking takes time. It's no wonder then that thinking is a lost art, for there's not enough time to think and go to the movies too.

Wives seem to think a smoking stand will keep cigar ashes off the rug but they soon discover that husbands are clumsy animals when turned loose in a room full of furniture.

Late Bert B. Boone

The funeral of the late Bert Blaine Boone took place Thursday afternoon from the residence of his parents Mr. and Mrs. Holland Boone, Devon. The body was taken from the home to St. Mary's Church where funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. W. Fisher assisted by Rev. A. F. Bate and Rev. Canon Cowie. There was a large attendance of members of Alexandria Lodge A. F. & A. M. of which the deceased had been a member. Numerous floral tributes were carried in a floral carriage. Interment was made at Sunbury Bank Cemetery.

Hon. P. J. Veniot, Minister of Public Works is here on departmental business. He is at the Queen.

GOVERNOR'S MEDALS WERE PRESENTED

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ed last year with the prize, but Miss Mitchell had a fraction of a mark of a lead over her. Dr. Foster then called upon Miss Mitchell to come forward and he would present the prize.

After the presentation the school sang "God save the King" under the direction of Prof. Harrison. The pupils then closed the exercises with the High School yell.

In Sunbury County
 The Christmas closing exercises at the Sunbury County Grammar School at Fredericton Junction today were largely attended by those interested in the progress of the school. An unusual but pleasing feature of the exercises was the presentation of the Lieut. Governor's medal to Miss Rhetta Dewitt who won it on the High School Entrance Examination. She was a pupil in the lower grades of the Fredericton Junction school.

Hon. D. W. Mersereau, Minister of Agriculture presented the medal.

FARMERS ARE ORGANIZING

Toronto, Dec. 16.—Lining up solidly behind Hon. T. A. Crerar as the leader of the Farmer party in federal politics, the United Farmers of Ontario, at their convention here today, went on record as in hearty accord with Hon. Mr. Crerar's political views and urging him to carry forth the banner of victory in the House of Commons and throughout the Dominion. In order to show that they were preparing to make such a campaign effective and prove their confidence in their federal leader, the convention took steps toward raising the "sinews of war." Having in mind recent legislation at Ottawa which made it illegal for any association not incorporated for election purposes to raise election funds, the convention decided to organize every federal riding in Ontario as an association to be incorporated for political purposes. These funds will be used to pay the election expenses of the farmer candidates in federal elections.

SMALL'S BODY NOT FOUND

Toronto, Dec. 16.—After working all day in a building on Church street here, containing stage scenery, trunks and other theatrical properties, turning over everything that might possibly reveal a hidden corpse. Sergeant Detective Austin Mitchell and Police Inspector Alexander MacKie, tonight came to the conclusion that Ambrose J. Small's body was not there. A peculiar odor coming from the building which had been used for storage purposes by Mrs. Small, led to the theory that the body of the millionaire theatre-owner, who has been missing for more than a year, might be found there. Sergeant Detective Mitchell, so far as known, did not discover any material clue that might lead to the solution of the mystery.

WILL HONOR CANADIANS

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Within a few days the Canadian Battlefields Memorials Commission will issue an advertisement notifying architects, artists and others interested that a competition in design for eight memorial monuments to be erected on battlefields in France and Belgium, will be held. The sites selected for these monuments are at points where Canadian troops were engaged in important battles which resulted in valuable victories for the allied armies. They are as follows: St. Julien (second Battle of Ypres); Hill 62, near Observatory Ridge, (Battle of Sanctuary Wood, Mount Sorrel and St. Eloi); Courcellette (Battle of the Somme); Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele, Hospital Wood (Battle of Amiens); Dury Cross Roads (Battle of Arras and breaking of Drocourt-Queant line) and Buorlon Wood.

PARDON WAS NOT GRANTED

Augusta, Me., Dec. 16.—The governor and council have given the petitioners leave to withdraw in the pardon case of Dr. Lionel E. Dudley, formerly of Presque Isle, who is serving a sentence of not less than ten nor more than twenty years in the state prison for manslaughter in causing the death of Mildred Sullivan. An indictment for murder was returned against Dr. Dudley, but he pleaded guilty to manslaughter. William G. Eaton of Portland, attorney for the petitioners, argued that Dudley, who has been in state's prison for five years, has received sufficient punishment and that he is suffering from tuberculosis. William R. Rolfe of Presque Isle, county attorney of Arrostook county, opposed the pardon.

Chief Inspector Returns

Chief Inspector J. B. Hawthorne returned last night after a tour of inspection which covered the North Shore, St. John and other sections of the province. No seizures have been made lately.

HOSIERY OFFERS A WEALTH OF SUGGESTIONS

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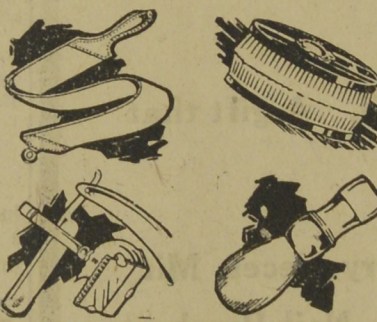
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STAPLES' PHARMACY

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Still Alarms

The motor truck was called out twice last evening at four o'clock to the residence of Miss Kilburn, Charlotte Street and at eight o'clock to the residence of Frank Lister, corner of Charlotte and Smythe streets. There was little damage at either.

John Robinson Jr., of Newcastle is a guest at the Queen.

AT THE GAIETY

TODAY and SATURDAY

BRYANT WASHBURN

— IN —

"THE SINS OF ST. ANTHONY"

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

EPISODE VII "HIDDEN DANGERS" BIG SERIAL

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