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GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP

Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, during his recent visit to Great Britain, gave to the London Times a statement of his opinion of the relative efficiency of the telephone systems of the British Isles and of the United States. It was not an extended discussion on the subject. Dr. Bell spoke briefly, and apparently with reluctance, in reply to the question of a reporter. He said:

"I do not want to say too much about it. I think you do very well, but you do not compare well with the United States, and I think recent history in the United States reveals the cause. We had the best system of telephony in the world before the war in the United States. Then we came into the war, the telephone was taken out of the hands of private companies and run by the Government. Immediately the efficiency of the service fell. Now the control has been returned to the companies and I hope the efficiency will improve. The decrease in efficiency in consequence of Government ownership is found elsewhere. I visited Australia some years ago and the telephone system, which was in the hands of the Government could not be compared to ours in America. I am afraid that the comparatively low state of efficiency in this country as compared with our system in the United States must be attributed to Government ownership. Government ownership aims at cheapness and cheapness does not necessarily mean efficiency."

As the Boston Transcript points out, this is, of course, to be regarded as expert opinion. Certainly Dr. Bell is competent to speak authoritatively on the relative merits of telephone service in his own and other countries. He has supplemented his technical knowledge and his scientific attainments by critical observation during travels that have taken him to many parts of the world. His judgment as to the deadening effects of Government ownership on the telephone industry carries weight because it is the opinion of an expert, but, after all, it has not taken intimate knowledge of the scientific and technical aspects of the telephone industry to bring thousands of Americans to the same conclusion as that which he reaches. They have paid for telephone service under both private and Government ownership and they are in no doubt as to which is the more satisfactory.

Brantford Expositor: It is not at all probable that Canada will be disturbed to anything like the same extent as the United States will be. The evidence in every direction is that the country is adjusting itself gradually to the changing conditions, and while the process cannot be accomplished without some painful results, it is confidently expected that the marvelous resources of Canada and the proved wisdom and skill of the financial and industrial leaders will be equal to the task of piloting the country through whatever exigencies may arise, with perhaps less disturbance than in any other country. To this end the entire thought and skill of the business world as far as possible, is being directed.

The St. John Standard's efforts to work up opposition to the new ministers seeking reelection in Sunbury and Queens, fell flat and Hon. Messrs. Hetherington and Mersereau were today returned by acclamation. In the general election of October 9th there was a three cornered fight in each constituency but the ministerial candidates won out by majorities in the vicinity of seven hundred. Had the by-election been contested their majorities would have been greatly increased. The opposition in the two counties certainly displayed good judgment in declining to oppose the return of the ministers.

New Jersey Public Health News: The child is no longer the offspring only of his own parents, but of the community as well and the individual man and woman have not discharged their duty to childhood in bringing healthy children into their home, but must be held responsible for the clean birthright of the other children of their city and State. There are many misshapen lives to which justice can never be done. Let us redouble our efforts by cleaning up the stagnant pools from which they sprang.

An Ottawa despatch announces that the government yielding to the force of public opinion, has cancelled all luxury taxes imposed at the last session of the parliament. It is a back down for the government, and dull times is given as the reason for the course taken. While the luxury tax brought in considerable revenue it was looked upon as considerable of a nuisance and people generally will be pleased that it has been abolished. It is certainly a big victory for the business interests of the country and should stimulate Christmas trade.

Since the general election in 1917, the Federal Government has lost six seats to the Farmers' Party, viz, Assiniboia, North Ontario, Carleton-Victoria, Temiscaming, and East Elgin. It has retained several seats, but all with the exception of Colchester, have been held by greatly reduced majorities. It certainly looks as if the handwriting is on the wall for the so-called National Liberal Conservative administration.

There is just enough snow at the present time to make excellent sleighing and the roads throughout the country are in fine condition. If there is no change this week in weather conditions the merchants of the city should do a record breaking Christmas trade. Our stores are well stocked with seasonable goods, and the people in the outlying districts should plan to do their shopping as early in the week as possible.

New Glasgow Chronicle: The Canadian delegates are cutting a wide swathe in Geneva—the silver tongued Foster, the self assured Rowell and the judicious Doherty. Over here we got in the habit of referring to Sir George Foster as an old man. In Geneva he carried himself like a King Edward reign beau, courted the girls and married one of them. Call him old, indeed!

Although the County of Sunbury has been represented in previous provincial governments Hon. Mr. Mersereau has been represented in previous provincial governments since Confederation. His appointment is popular with all classes of people in the county and there is a general feeling that he will fully justify the confidence reposed in him.

The Duke of Devonshire, Governor General of Canada, is now making a tour of Nova Scotia towns, and is being very cordially received on all sides.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

A clock strikes loudest at midnight.

The luxury tax is gone. Good riddance to it.

A blue law prohibiting the wearing of pink shirts and purple socks would be popular.

Methuselah lived nine hundred years and never saw a "Safety First" sign.

Girls have only four days left in which to buy all the brilliant neckties the merchants have in stock.

Bridge abutments and other inanimate objects simply won't turn out of the way for an automobile.

It's been a mild winter so far but everyone would feel better if January wasn't the next month on the calendar.

"Chicago woman is advertising for a skirt she lost on the street." Why didn't she go back and look for it when she found the people staring?

Again among the old-fashioned men there was the fellow of whom it used to be said he didn't have but one shirt to his back. What has become of him?

One of the hardest problems the children have to solve in bringing up parents is to keep father and mother trained in the proper use of the latest slang.

Special lot of blouses at \$5 each, worth up to \$12, at A. Murray & Co.'s, opposite City Hall.

Killed by Own Knife
A particularly sad accident is reported from Twillingate, Newfoundland, where a boy named Greenwood, of three, met his death by falling on a pocket knife. The little chap was playing in the hallway of his home, when he tripped and the pointed blade of a knife he was holding pierced his eye and penetrated the brain, instantly killing him.

Recent Probate News.
Last Friday the estate of the late Herbert J. Morgan was probated at \$22,000. R. B. Hanson and Chas. B. Morgan were granted administration. George Offen's will was probated at \$1,500, including personal property. J. J. F. Winslow is executor.

GOOD PLAY AT THE GAIETY

The Monday-Tuesday play is "Excuse My Dust," with Wallace Reid as star.

"Excuse My Dust," featuring Wallace Reid, is the breezy type of comedy which provided excellent light entertainment.

The picture, as the title may imply, is a racing story and an adaption from "The Bear Trap," Byron Morgan's tale which ran in the Saturday Evening Post, and a sequel to Morgan's tale "The Roaring Road." "Toodles" Walden "Wally" Reid is manager of the Dareo automobile agency and son-in-law of J. D. Ward, president of the Dareo concern. Ward has the new Dareo motor, a marvel for speed and power. Mutchler, president of a rival concern, is determined to secure a sketch of it. Egged on by a paid racing driver "Toodles" is lured into a race and arrested, having his license suspended for sixty days. The Gargot concern secretly acquires two of the cars and disguises them. At the auto show the Fargot company challenges the Dareo people to a road race from Los Angeles to San Francisco. Despite an attempt to wreck the "Cyclone", "Toodles' car, the young manager wins the race.

"Wally" is assisted by an able cast including pretty Anne Little, who takes the part of the wife and Theodore Roberts in the role of old J. D.

There is also a continuation of the serial Bride 13.

CLEVER WOMEN ENTERTAINED CLEVER MEN

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London, Dec. 20—One hundred of Britain's cleverest women acted as hostesses recently at Fishmongers' Hall to one hundred of Britain's cleverest men. The occasion was a celebration of the jubilee of the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for women, where sixty years ago Miss Elizabeth Garrett achieved distinction as the first English woman to take a medical degree. There are now 500 women students at the school.

Every branch of women's (and men's) activities was represented at the luncheon. Every hostess and guest wore a yellow heart-shaped badge, on which was inscribed his or her name and qualifications.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll was the guest of honor. At her table were ladies of the Court of Queen Mary; women doctors of Harley-street fame; Dame Clara Butt who sang "God Save the King" before luncheon was served; Dame Margaret Lloyd George, Dr. Mary Scharlieb, Mrs. Despard, Miss Mary McArthur, Mrs. H. B. Irving, Viscountess Rhonda, Miss Mary Sinclair and others.

Among the notable men were Mr. Shortt, the Home Secretary; Sir George Newman chief medical officer of health, with Earl Lytton, Sir Addison, Sir Owen Seaman, Sir Eric Geddes and Sir Robert Hudson as fellow guests, and in the chair, Dr. Elizabeth Garrett's son, Sir Alan Garrett Anderson.

The purpose of the luncheon was to launch a campaign to raise \$2,500,000 to provide for the many needs of the hospital and to establish an endowment fund. In addition the event called into prominence the great progress women doctors have made in late years and the wide field they now so ably fill.

It is interesting to review the progress the English women doctor has made since the first one took her degree 79 years ago. It was early in the Victorian era that a British girl, Elizabeth Blackwell who had migrated to America, was induced to take up medicine after the death of a friend who had wished in vain for a woman doctor to attend her.

But there was no place where she could train. All the American universities refused her until at last, at a small college at Geneva, New York, the onus of the decision was left by the Faculty to the students. They unanimously voted for her admission and she obtained her degree in 1841. Her training completed, Elizabeth Blackwell came to lecture in England where a young girl, Elizabeth Garrett, determined to follow in her footsteps. At last she was admitted to the examination of the Society of Apothecaries. She then set to work to establish a practice and dispensary off the Marylebone-road, London. One of these small beginnings grew the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital for Women in Euston Road. Later on, when Sophia Jex-Blake founded the School of Medicine, she became its first Dean. The school has expanded enormously since its inception.

HOSIERY OFFERS A WEALTH OF SUGGESTIONS

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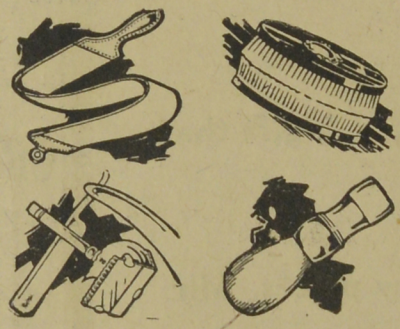
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AT THE GAIETY

MONDAY and TUESDAY
WALLACE REID

— IN —

"Excuse My Dust"

A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

ALSO "BRIDE 13" EPISODE FOUR

4 Shows Daily—at 2.30, 3.45, 7.15 and 8.40.

FOX NEWS LATEST EVENTS

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