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COURT DECISIONS.

The English courts have decided that a cat has an inalienable right to kill pigeons, but the French courts are more severe toward dogs. An appellate court has decided that a watchdog has no right to bite a tax collector, even though the Government agent was a trespasser. Or maybe he wasn't.

At any rate, a gentleman who had not paid his taxes departed from his home, leaving his watchdog on guard. In his absence, the tax collector arrived, with an officer of the law. Unable to gain admission to the house, they forced an entrance. The faithful dog was waiting for them; he not only bit the collector, but he tore the clothes off the officer.

The lower court held that the dog was justified. The authorities appealed, and the superior court said the dog was a dangerous animal, and should have been chained or held in restraint in some other fashion. His owner was fined 300 francs.

Our sympathies in this matter are all with the dog—unless it was one of those ring-tailed French poodles.

Mr. A. A. Dysart, who is said to be slated for the House leadership of the opposition, when Ex-Premier Veniot secures his reward for long party service in the shape of a Federal government appointment, delivered a good speech on the budget in the House yesterday. Mr. Dysart presided over the deliberations of the House during the whole of last term with absolute fairness and earned the respect of members on both sides. He is a pleasing and entertaining speaker, and displays rare skill and ingenuity even when playing up a weak case. While he had a lot to say yesterday in the way of criticism he said it in a gentlemanly way and free from bitterness. His speech has been pronounced the ablest and most entertaining which has emanated from the opposition benches so far this session.

Mr. Ewart C. Atkinson who might be termed the junior member for Sunbury, contributed a forceful and well-considered speech to the debate on the budget in the Legislature yesterday. Mr. Atkinson is a young man of great energy, and his speech was not lacking in pep. As a matter of fact there was scarcely a dull moment from the time he arose until he resumed his seat amidst the plaudits of his fellow members. While he covered a wide range of subjects, the outstanding feature of his speech was his reference to the lumbering industry and his plea for better conservation of the forest wealth of the province. As a practical lumberman he is well qualified to discuss this subject intelligently and he certainly made the House sit up and take notice.

Dr. Oulton, one of the new members for Westmorland, delivered his maiden speech on the budget in the House yesterday. He devoted some attention to the Health Act and expressed the opinion that it would be a splendid thing providing the people of the province were all millionaires. In alluding to railway matters he made a strong plea for the use of Canadian ports for Canadian trade, taking the ground that such a policy would be of untold benefit to the Maritime Provinces. Dr. Oulton is a U. N. B. graduate and it is scarcely necessary to say that he is a good speaker and exceedingly well informed on public questions.

A correspondent of the Toronto Globe suggests that a night school be established at Ottawa for a member of

Parliament who is thus reported in Hansard: "I don't see how the men from Quebec can stand a fellow like Dunning and the young cubs of farmers dictating a policy for Canada! I think they'll explode! We old ginks aren't going to listen to young cubs tells us where we get off at!"

In the absence of Premier Baxter, who was busily engaged on matters pertaining to Grand Falls development Hon. Mr. Richards, Minister of Lands and Mines acted as leader of the House yesterday afternoon. It is needless to say he acquitted himself well.

It is said now the smock fad, which is raging in business offices throughout the country, was started by an indoor army officer in Washington, probably to keep the medals from tarnishing.

A New York man proposed an ordinance against the eating of onions. There is proposed, now and then, a reform that fairly takes one's breath away.

An Iowa college has established a \$10,000 fund for student loans. It is figured that the students will save that much on postage on letters home to dad.

An airplane and an auto collided in Neptune, Fla. In the absence of an explanation, it is presumed that the auto driver was up there looking for a place to park.

When Mr. Briand's name is in consideration for the premiership nowadays it is not customary to ask him for recommendations from former employers.

Whatever became of the old-fashioned fellow who used to come home occasionally with a horseshoe which he nailed over the back door

There are times when it seems as if all you have to know about the accused is that he has hired that kind of a lawyer.

Heat, they say, will soon be transmitted to homes by radio. That's nothing—we've been getting the Anvil Chorus on the radiator for years.

They never have them where they are needed most: Who ever heard of a parachute in Wall Street?

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

An optimist is a man who thinks he isn't a pessimist.

It is doubtful if girls plan to get married. They plan to do something else—then they marry.

Don't be downhearted. The mud of today will be the dust of tomorrow.

Where are there three or four clocks in a home? It is impossible to find out the correct time.

It's the upkeep that counts, no matter what it is—automobile, home or bald head.

Rising temperature and blue skies are the most reliable signs of spring.

"Sobriety is a virtue," remarked the Man on the Car, "and the big question right now is how to abolish it."

After all, it is probable that human nature doesn't do a small fraction of the mean things it sometimes feels like doing.

You never can tell which way the cat is going to jump. We recall a number of good boys who did not develop into bewhiskered angels. And again, we knew a number of little devils who turned out to be pretty fine citizens.

FOREST FIRE HAZARD EXPECTED A MONTH LATE

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ests because of careless tossing away of matches by occupants, cannot get on the roads until the latter part of May.

The first period of risk of fires in woodland comes in the fortnight succeeding the disappearance of the snow, as the old grass and twigs dry out quickly and burn from the smallest spark.

PUBLIC OPINION

GRAND FALLS POWER

Editor Daily Mail.

Sir, Some time ago a letter appeared in the Mail in regard to the Board of Trade and City Council getting busy and see if Grand Falls power could be secured for Fredericton. So far to my knowledge neither body has made any effort in the matter. It is understood that the question of the amount of power to be developed will be settled this week and if Fredericton gets none of it the Provincial Govt. can use the alibi that the people did not ask for it. It seems to me that this is a serious matter for Fredericton, and something should be done about it at once. What are the York County representatives doing in the matter?

ANXIOUS.
Fredericton, April 14th.



FAMOUS HISTORIAN DIES

Miss Janet Carnochan, who devoted her life to the collection of Canadian historical data and relics, who has passed away in her 87th year. She founded the Niagara Historical Society and was its president for thirty years.

CANADIAN ADMITS GUILT.

New York, April 13—William Turner, aged 22, who came to New York a month ago from St. Roy, Que., pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in Yorkville police court here today, and was held in \$10,000 bail for the action of the grand jury.

S. R. Weston, Chief Engineer of the N. B. Power Commission is a guest at the Queen. He is here in connection with the Grand Falls conferences.

SPECIAL ATTRACTION AT THE CAPITOL THEATRE

"The Teaser" is the photoplay at the Capitol for Wednesday and Thursday with Laura La Plante and Pat O'Malley in the leading roles.

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