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AMENDING THE DICTIONARY

The sophistries by which followers of Mr. Borden's Naval expedient are trying to justify themselves, "were speedily shown up on the resumption of Parliament in a speech by Mr. W. S. Middlebro. He was trying to explain the "emergency" idea and found it rather difficult in the face of quotations from speeches of the British Prime Minister and First Lord of the Admiralty to the opposite effect. As a final resort, Mr. Middlebro fell back upon the ingenious idea of re-forming the dictionary by giving an interpretation to the word "emergency" never dreamed of until Mr. Borden invented it as a party ship-bolt.

Mr. Middlebro said: "Perhaps the word 'emergency' does not express the intended idea. My own definition is that it does not mean necessarily a present actual crisis but a condition of things which if allowed to continue would be the destruction of all that is essential to Canada and the Empire."

As to this the dictionary says: "Emergency—a sudden condition calling for immediate action."

Mr. Borden is teaching the British Government how to discover emergencies and deal with them. His followers are recasting the English language in their necessity to persuade themselves that after all black is not so very black, while white under certain conditions may be almost dark.

WHO IS THE BETTER JUDGE

Quoting Rt. Hon. Mr. Asquith, Premier of Great Britain, in his speech in Parliament on January 14th Mr. Hugh Guthrie said:

"On the one hand we have the statement of the Prime Minister of this country (Hon. Mr. Borden) to the effect that in his opinion the situation is sufficiently grave to demand immediate aid, and on the other hand we have the opinion of the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom in these portentous words: 'There never has been a moment, and there is not now, when we have not been overwhelmingly superior in naval force against any combination which could reasonably be anticipated.'"

"Make the comparison," said Mr. Guthrie. "Whose opinion is likely to be correct? What sane man believes that Mr. Borden could in a few short weeks obtain that knowledge of Imperial affairs and foreign policy obtained by Mr. Asquith only after a long career of active participation? Does it seem reasonable that Mr. Borden has formed a correct estimate of the situation and that Mr. Asquith's estimate is incorrect?"

The work of revising the Canadian Tariff, as necessitated by the trade treaty with the West Indies, is now going on. The Government has secured the services of Mr. R. W. Breadner, until recently Tariff Expert for the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, to undertake this work. And Mr. Breadner's place with the Manufacturers' Association has been taken by Mr. J. R. K. Bristol, until recently Chief Dominion Appraiser. Some of the big industries are clamoring for more protection the statement of Hon. Mr. White regarding tariff as recommended by his expert will be of interest.

There seems to be something peculiar in connection with the enforcement of the Scott Act in this city. A man looked upon as a sort of interdictory is refused liquor at two places and he forthwith seeks out the Chief of Police and lodges a complaint against the proprietors because they refused to sell him liquor. They are haled to court charged with violating the Scott Act and are fined fifty dollars each. Probably in future these men will protect themselves by selling liquor to every fellow who comes along.

Let all put their shoulders to the wheel and make this Fredericton's big year.

All dairy products are higher now than they have ever been in the history of the country. The price of butter and milk is steadily advancing and the meat prices are also bound to increase. This is not the result of combination of the meat packers or any other so-called trust methods. It is due solely to the scarcity of cattle in this country. The open range has disappeared and the farmer is now raising grain instead of cattle.

Telegraph: Premier Flemming makes formal denial of the report that he is about to retire from public life. About the only interest created by the rumor centred in speculation as to his successor. If Mr. Flemming were to step out at present there would be a very pretty fight among his lieutenants. Not that that would be anything new. The bow of even Ulysses Flemming is beyond the strength of any of them.

It is a most hopeful sign to see the leading business men of the city taking so much interest in Board of Trade matters. The meeting of the Council on Monday evening was attended by nineteen members out of a total of twenty, a pressing social engagement being responsible for the single absentee.

If the Provincial Secretary had reached home one day earlier he would have been in a position to unite with his three colleagues in a protest against keeping the Fredericton highway bridge closed for traffic during the winter months. No doubt he would have been pleased to have seconded their efforts.

Supt. Downie does not consider the prospects very bright for a new railway station here this year. All the same we need the new station and in justice to this city which furnishes the big corporation with a very profitable traffic, its construction should not be much longer delayed.

Pending an adjustment of the freight rates on coal between Chipman and McGivney Junction, how would it do for the I. C. R. authorities to cut down the freight charges of fuel wood from Cross Creek to Fredericton to about what the service is worth.

When our old friend Mr. Pinder starts out on the warpath in dead earnest there is usually something doing.

BANKING ACT

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Duncan Ross, Liberal, demanded government inspection and the mutual guarantee of deposits. Every bank should guarantee the deposits of every other bank. Finance Minister White said this would not be practicable.

Mr. Carvell said that while the Canadian banking system was the best for Canada, if fairly administered, the banks showed a disposition to take the deposits of farmers and artisans and loan it only to the manufacturer and elevator man. In the east the smaller man could get no accommodation from the banks, no matter how good their security. This was being made worse through the absorption of local banks in the Maritime Provinces.

The Bank of New Brunswick had been absorbed by the Bank of Nova Scotia, which was not a Toronto institution. There should be no merger unless parliament sanctioned it. The deposits should be secured by a fund and a real government inspection or a government auditor, and not that proposed by the finance minister's bill.

Protection against British shipbuilders was today demanded of Premier Borden and Mr. Hazen by Canadian shipbuilders.

The Collingwood Shipbuilding Company, the Polson Company of Toronto, the Kingston Company, the Bullen Company of Vancouver and Black & Company of Halifax, declared that they were actively engaged in shipbuilding in Canada, and had \$20,000,000 in the business. They declared that they could not meet British competition and would have to close up if the government did not give them assistance.

They wanted the government to give them protection amounting to twenty per cent. They want the aid in two forms: a tonnage bonus and a subsidy on contracts.

Premier Borden said he was greatly impressed with the case made out and would see that it received careful consideration.

STOCK MARKET

New York, N.Y., Jan. 22—The opening was moderately active and stocks as a rule showed fractional gains. In conservative quarters a hopeful feeling prevailed, although the rank and file of the traders were still bearish in their expressions of opinion. Notwithstanding that the Steel trade is feeling the usual seasonal influences, a revival of great activity is expected in the spring. On opening bulges stocks were supplied and room traders thinking of a rise, began to increase their commitments on the bear side. The result was a little recession from the best figures. Distillers was a weak feature; the floating supply was enlarged when the dividend was passed and for this reason a little pressure suffices for a considerable decline.

	Open	Noon
Copper	74½	74½
Smelters	73	72½
Atchison	105	105
C.P.R.	244½	245½
Great Northern	128½	127½
Lehigh	161½	160½
Soo	138	140
Northern Pacific	119½	119½
Reading	164½	164½
Southern Pacific	106	106
Union Pacific	160½	160
U. S. Steel	64½	64½

MONTREAL MORNING SALES

Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, Bankers, St. John N. B.)
 Toronto Rails—50 @ 210; 2 @ 209
 Quebec bank ex-rights—20 @ 130
 Bank of N.S.—21 @ 265½; 20 @ 265
 C.P.R.—75 @ 245½; 4 @ 245; 10 @ 245½
 C.P.R. rights—42 1-3 @ 18; 22 @ 18½
 900 @ 18½; 2-3 @ 19½
 Crown Reserve—330 @ 360.
 Converters—25 @ 50.
 Steel, Com.—25 @ 55½; 125 @ 56.
 Detroit—175 @ 79½; 50 @ 79½.
 Laurentide—25 @ 231.
 Montreal Power—25 @ 237½; 185 @ 238½.
 R. & O.—60 @ 117½.
 Spanish River—19 @ 97½.
 Cement—25 @ 93.
 Bell Telephone—100 @ 9½; 112 @ 9.
 Toronto Street—79 @ 144; 50 @ 144½.
 Ottawa Power—25 @ 190.
 Bell Telephone—25 @ 156.
 Penman's—25 @ 57; 1 @ 58.
 Quebec Rails—10 @ 18; 25 @ 17½.
 Illinois—10 @ 91.
 Tooke's—30 @ 92½.
 Spanish River—25 @ 68½; 25 @ 69; 25 @ 69.
 U. S. Steel—15 @ 86.

NOTHING DOING.

The latest reports from the highway bridge war are to the effect that an armistice has been declared pending an enquiry by Premier Flemming. The arrival upon the scene yesterday of Col. McLeod has not complicated the situation. Dr. McNally reports no further interruptions to traffic.

Mr. J. E. Sullivan is in St. John today on business.

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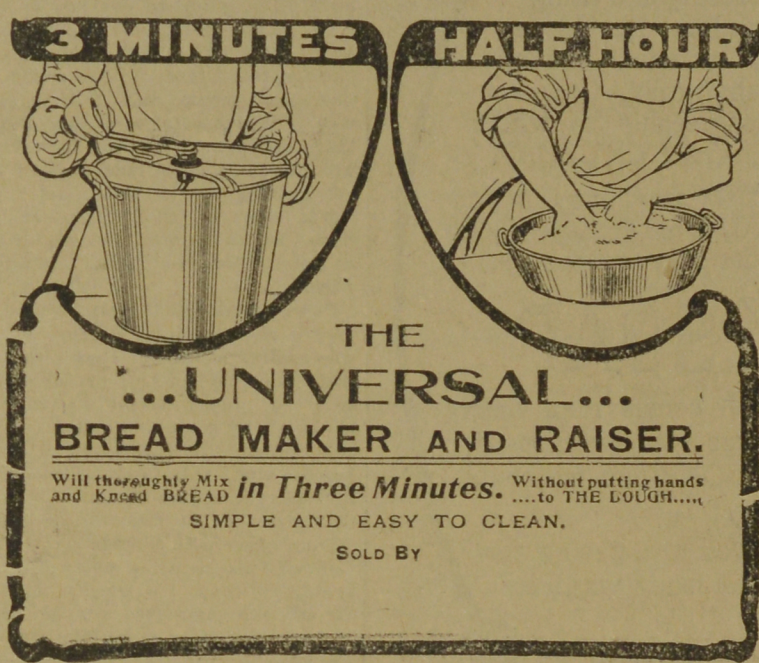
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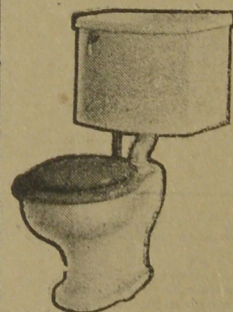
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SKATING HOLIDAY

The students of the Fredericton Business College were given a half holiday this afternoon in order that they could enjoy a skate.

Mr. W. J. Smith of Toronto is in the city.
 Mr. H. J. Sullivan of St. John is at the Barker House.
 Mr. J. S. Settle of Montreal is in the city.