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### FARMER'S BANK SPECTRE

Premier Borden has now to face another scold in his ranks, and this time from a totally unexpected quarter. When Hon. W. T. White introduced his Bank Act it looked like an innocent piece of legislation which would be treated in calm financial terms by both sides of the house. The Liberal members showed their anxiety to work with the Minister of Finance so as to improve the Bank Act as far as possible.

Then in stalked the spectre of the Farmers' Bank which has so haunted many followers of Premier Borden since September 1911, and trouble came with it. During the campaign of 1911, a dozen or more Ontario Tory candidates headed by Hon. T. W. Crothers—now Minister of Labor—declared that if they were elected and the Tories returned to power the new Government should reimburse those unfortunates who had lost their money in the Farmers' Bank smash.

This was elections for most of them. But when Parliament met they could not deliver the goods. Mr. Borden could swallow a good deal, but he did not dare swallow such a dose as was proposed. After much patient pursuit he formally repudiated his colleague Hon. Mr. Crothers and said that the minister had only spoken for himself.

Naturally this was cold cheer for the group of generous promisers who found that they had won their seats by false pretences. They had promised reimbursement, and their electors demanded it, with threats that if they broke their promises their path would not be easy when they wanted votes again.

They revolted led by Major Sam Sharpe of North Ontario, who severely criticized the Bill of his financial leader, declaring that it did not go nearly far enough to satisfy the people, especially the Farmers' Bank victims. Major Sharpe, to the applause of his own coterie on the Government side demanded that Mr. White amend his Bill so as to include government inspection of banks and a consideration of the Bank Act by a Royal Commission of experts instead of a Parliamentary committee.

An even sharper criticism of the bill was made by Mr. W. F. Maclean the Conservative member for South York, who vigorously traced the fine Italian hand of "the Interests" throughout it all, showing that where the defects of the old Bank Act were that it only favored the trusts and mergers, the same defects were being perpetuated by Hon. Mr. White.

It is certain that the rest of the group who owe their elections to the Farmers' Bank failure are backing Mr. Sharpe in his revolt, and it has been stated that lively times have occurred in the Cabinet itself, since Hon. Mr. Crothers has small appetite for crow. The Minister of Labor is not anxious to go back to St. Thomas and tell his electors that he fooled them and has been publicly rebuked and repudiated by his Leader. When next elections come on the people of Ontario will probably know more about the difference between Tory promises and Tory performances.

### AGAINST CONTRIBUTIONS

Lord Milner, the distinguished pro-consul, who was British High Commissioner in South Africa during the Boer war, is on record as favoring a Canadian navy and against a policy of tribute. In a speech delivered in Toronto a few months ago he said: "It is not a question of shifting burdens, but of developing fresh centres of strength. For this reason I have never been a great advocate of contributions from the self-governing states to the army and navy of the United Kingdom, though as evidences of a sense of the solidarity of the empire such contributions are welcome, and valuable, pending the substitution of something better. But I am sure that the form which imperial co-operation in this field will ultimately take, and ought to take,

the form at once most consistent with the dignity of the individual states and most conducive to their collective strength and organic union in the development of their several defensive resources in material and in manhood. I know that it may be argued—it has been argued—that individual strength would make for separation. But I have no sympathy whatever with that point of view.

"The professional and technical, not to say the strategic, arguments for a single big navy of the empire are enormously strong, so strong that they have to some extent overcome in the past the political objection. But without wishing to be dogmatic on a subject which requires a great deal more careful study on all hands than it has received, I must say that, speaking as an imperialist, I feel the political objection very strongly.

"If the self-governing states were going, under our present constitutional arrangements, merely to contribute to a central navy, whether in money, or better still, in men and ships, I do not think they would take that interest and pride in the matter which it is essential they should take. They would continue, as now, absorbed in their local affairs, and, even if they felt their obligation to the empire as a whole, they would rest content to have discharged it by such a contribution. The contribution, in these circumstances, would probably not be large, but that is not really the weakest point in such a system. Its fatal weakness is that the participation of the self-governing states in imperial affairs would begin and end with the contribution."

That his mind has not changed is shown by the following statement to reporters of The Halifax papers in September, 1912:

He had always been in favor of the dominions having naval and military forces of their own. It was better that they should create forces of their own and become centres of strength, than they they should be merely tributary. Contributing with money was all right, but it was only a provisional arrangement. That is the idea he objected to. He believed in an out-and-out partnership on a basis of equality.

Time has not vitiated a single argument of these great authorities.

Citizens of St. John have entered an emphatic protest against the proposal to have the steamships of the new West Indies line call at Boston. The service is to be handled by the C. P. R. and the Dominion government will give an annual subsidy of \$400,000. It is beginning to look as if the Bordenites had abandoned the policy of "no truck with the Yankees," advocated during the last Federal election. When they were in power before they made Portland the winter port of Canada.

Mr. H. F. Gadsby, the well known parliamentary correspondent thinks that the new trade treaty with the West Indies will be likely to facilitate the circulation of Jamaica rum in Canada. The treaty was negotiated by Hon. Mr. Foster and Mr. Gadsby thinks it but natural that Mr. Foster should want to a good turn to the demon who gave him his first start in politics.

The St. John Board of Trade held a most successful banquet last night and heartily approved of the scheme for increasing the membership and usefulness of the organization. The morning papers tell us that the "knocker's hammer" was burned during the progress of the feast.

Even the proverbial "oldest inhabitant" is nonplussed this season by the remarkable weather conditions. Vancouver has two feet of snow but Fredericton has not sufficient to make decent sleighing.

The new civic by-law relating to dogs is scarcely likely to meet with popular approval.

Mr. H. W. Woods, M.P.P., of Welsford, is at the Barker House. Mr. S. Douglass of Stanley, is in the city. Mr. F. W. L. Sladen of Ottawa, is in the city.

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1795—Congress passed a stringent naturalization law, requiring the renunciation of titles of nobility.

1843—William McKinley, twenty-fifth President of the U. S., born in Niles, Ohio. Died in Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 14, 1901.

1850—Henry Clay submitted compromise resolutions in Congress proposing an amicable settlement of the slavery controversy.

1853—Marriage of Napoleon III and Eugenie de Montijo, Countess of Teba.

1860—Henry D. Gilpin, who was attorney general in Van Buren's cabinet, died in Philadelphia. Born in England, April 15, 1801.

1861—Kansas admitted to the Union.

1906—King Christian IX of Denmark, died. Born April 8, 1818.

1910—Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, of the M. E. Church, died in Philadelphia. Born in Kingston, N. Y., Jan. 17, 1834.

1912—Duke of Fife, brother-in-law of King George V, died. Born Nov. 10, 1849.

### BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., 39 years old today.

Prince August Wilhelm of Prussia, fourth son of the German emperor, 26 years old today.

Newton C. Blanchard, former governor of Louisiana, 64 years old today.

Duke of Abruzzi, cousin of the King of Italy and famous as a traveller and explorer, 40 years old today.

Charles M. Stedman, representative in Congress of the Fifth District of North Carolina, 72 years old today.

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Mr. S. T. Coates of Amherst is in the city.

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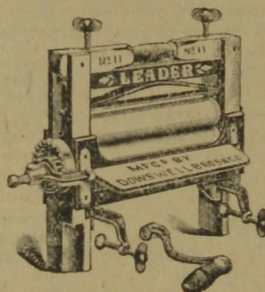
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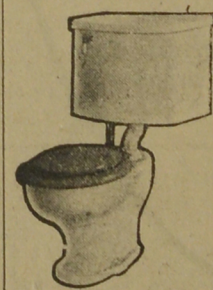
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