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JINGOES AND NATIONALISTS

Amazing arrogance was the most striking characteristic of Premier Borden's big demonstration at Toronto on the 19th, and a reckless disregard of facts. There was something more than insolent in the calm assumption by the leader of a Government composed partly of jingo-Tories and partly of anti-Imperial Nationalists that loyalty was the heirloom of the Conservative party, and that to differ from him on a question of method was disloyalty to the Empire. There was a wanton impertinence in his declaration that because Sir Wilfrid Laurier refused to follow his shifting devices with regard to Imperial Defence, the man who Winston Churchill had described as "That far sighted Imperial statesman, Sir Wilfrid Laurier" was trying to lead Canada to "absolute independence."

There was not merely impertinence but apparent recklessness in the flaunting, before an audience armed with contributed Union Jacks, of Hon. L. P. Pelletier, the Nationalist who, after securing his election by denouncing any form of Imperialism, secured office by selling his honour and his constituents. Hon. Mr. Pelletier was even guilty of the extraordinary indiscretion of declaring that "It is to the Liberals of Quebec that the Nationalists belong." And Tory Toronto accepted that statement from a Nationalist member of Mr. Borden's Government, the colleague of Nantel and Coderre and Blondin, the Parliamentary leader of nearly a score of dishonoured Nationalists, of whom only five were sincere enough to stand by their election pledges and refuse to vote for a naval contribution, to the denunciation of which they owed their seats. Fortunately Mr. Pelletier did not offer on this occasion, as did his colleague, Mr. Blondin, at another meeting, to boast that his ancestors had to blow holes through the Union Jack to breathe the air of freedom. The Union Jacks supplied by the gross to the audience might have represented such a confession of faith, because there is probably a limit to what even Toronto Tories will swallow from their leaders.

It was, however, an impressive sight to see this audience of bred in the purple Tories cheering the colleague of Mr. Monk, who left the party rather than accept dishonour at the hands of Mr. Borden; the follower of Bourassa, who has consistently stuck to his anti-Imperialist guns; the political friend of Coderre, who talked Nationalism in the French parts of his riding, and Imperialism in Westmount; the one time colleague of Guilbault, who so pathetically declared in Parliament that as a dying man, afflicted with a mortal disease, he wanted to leave an honourable record behind him and therefore voted in opposition to the Naval Policy which he and Mr. Pelletier won their elections by opposing.

The new highway act is supposed to be in force but so far there has been no improvement in the condition of the highways. They are in a terrible condition and travel by auto or team is a pretty tough proposition as many people know to their cost. Highway commissioners have been appointed in the different parishes but as yet they have done little or nothing. Scarcity of funds is said to be the cause of the delay in starting the road-work. If there is to be nothing done to improve the condition of the roads the sooner the people know it the better.

When the Liberals were in power at Ottawa, Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P. for York, was constantly putting up a howl over what he termed the extravagance of the Liberal government of that day. The Borden administration, of which Mr. Crockett is a tame follower, proposes to expend two hundred million dollars this year, which beats the best Liberal record by about sixty million dollars, yet there has been no word of protest from the member for York.

A short time ago a Montreal news paper reported Provincial Secretary McLeod as saying that an election was the proper solution of the Naval Question. The Provincial Secretary afterwards declared that the reporter had misrepresented him, that he had made no such statement. We wonder if the worthy Provincial Secretary will repudiate the following extract from a speech delivered in this city by one H. F. McLeod during the Federal campaign of 1911..

"He held it as a principle that before any matter of importance was passed upon it should be submitted for ratification to the people and we of this province owed thanks to the men who stood at the right hand of R.L. Borden and so withstood this issue that it has ultimately been ordered to the people."

If the Provincial Secretary is at all consistent he should be in hearty accord with the attitude taken by Sir Wilfrid Laurier and his colleagues with respect to the proposed gift of \$35,000,000 to the British Admiralty.

Members of parliament are agitating for an increase in the sessional indemnity from \$2,500 to \$3,500 a session. They claim that their enforced absence from home six months out of the year means a big financial loss to them. This may be true in the case of some of them, but it will scarcely apply to Mr. O. S. Crockett, who derives a much larger revenue out of politics than he ever earned from the practice of his profession.

The Liberal majority in the Senate by holding up the Borden naval policy has rendered a good service to Canada and the Empire. The Borden government has no mandate to hand over thirty-five million dollars of the money of the taxpayers of Canada to the British admiralty to be expended in the old country and upon a great constitutional question of this nature the people have a right to be consulted.

Senator Ellis of St. John, N. B., was the only Liberal in the Upper House to record his vote in favor of the Borden naval bill. Not so many years ago Tory newspapers and politicians did not hesitate to call Senator Ellis an "annexationist" and a "traitor." The grey haired statesman journalist from the winter port has certainly had his revenge.

It looks as if the members of the Flemming government were getting tired of Organizer Dickson. They neglected to post him in regard to the date of the meeting here this week and the result was he turned up a day late. The organizer will no doubt pocket the snub and be on hand earlier next time.

The announcement is made that Premier Flemming will deliver an address before the Presbyterian Congress on Money. The \$4,500 premier should take the members of the congress into his confidence and tell them how to make it out of politics.

Unless something is done to improve the condition of the roads it will be bad policy for the government to invest two or three thousand dollars in an auto for the officials of the Public Works Department.

Senator Nathaniel Curry has offered to donate the sum of \$125,000 to Acadia College on condition that a like amount can be raised from other sources.

All honor to the sturdy Liberals in the senate who refused to be influenced by Tory bluff and bluster.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

MAY 30

1640—Peter Paul Rubens, famous Flemish painter, died. Born in 1577.

1793—A Democratic society was formed in Philadelphia.

1833—Andrew Gregg, United States senator from Pennsylvania 1807-13, died in Bellefonte. Born in Carlisle, June 10, 1755.

1838—New charter granted the Hudson Bay Company.

1849—Beginning of the great cholera epidemic in Philadelphia.

1854—President Pierce approved the Kansas-Nebraska Act.

1890—Garfield memorial dedicated at Lake View Cemetery in Cleveland.

1912—Wilbur Wright, one of the inventors of the aeroplane, died in Dayton, O. Born near Millville, Ind. April 16, 1867.

"The Sho-Gun," by George Ade, is to be given in Paris at an early date.

AN ENGLISH WOMAN
AS JUSTICE OF PEACE

London, May 26—A woman at last is about to be invested though only in a restricted form, with the powers of a Justice of the Peace in England. Miss Enid C. Duncan, Chairman of the Westham Board of Guardians has been especially authorized by the Lord Chancellor to act as J.P. for the purpose of certifying lunatics.

The Chairman of the County Councils, mayors of Boroughs, Chairmen of urban and rural councils ex-officio act as magistrates, but only if they are men.

When Lady Dockrell a few years ago was elected a member of the Blackrock Urban Council there was a discussion as to whether she was entitled to sit on the Magisterial bench and it was decided that as a woman she was disqualified by an act of Parliament in 1907.

The ex-officio issue does not arise in the case of Miss Duncan, as the Magisterial privilege is not attached to the position of the Chairman of the Board of Guardians, but it is now a question whether the Lord Chancellor having granted a part of the powers of a Justice of the Peace to a woman has the jurisdiction to grant her full powers.

TO TAKE PART IN
KAISER'S JUBILEE

New York, May 29—Carrying a special invitation from the German emperor, William Duning of Richmond, Ind., and Paul Wener of Cleveland, O., sailed today for Hamburg to participate in the great celebration next month of the silver jubilee of Emperor William's reign. Wener is a storekeeper in Cleveland and Duning is a locksmith. Both are natives of Germany. As young men they served together in the "Kaiser's Company," the First regiment of the guard, one of the crack regiments of the imperial army. At that time the commander of the company was Prince William, now king of Prussia and German emperor. In arranging for the jubilee celebration the Kaiser directed that every surviving member of his old command should be invited to participate in the festivities and that special preparations should be made for their reception and entertainment while in Berlin.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATION

Viscount Cross, 90 years old today. Alfred Austin, England's poet laureate, 78 years old today.

Rt. Rev. William Lawrence, Episcopal bishop of Massachusetts, 63 years old today.

Bishop Henry Clay Morrison, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South 71 years old today.

AT THE GAIETY

"The Veil of Sleep" the Lubin feature which is being shown at the Gaiety today in a sensational story of pioneer days; "Bronco Billy and the stepisters" featuring G. M. Anderson is a western story of unusual interest. Two splendid Biograph comedies "An up-to-date Lachinvar" and "There were Hobos three" and a Kalem drama "The Boomerang" are all included in today's program. Matinee tomorrow at 2.30.

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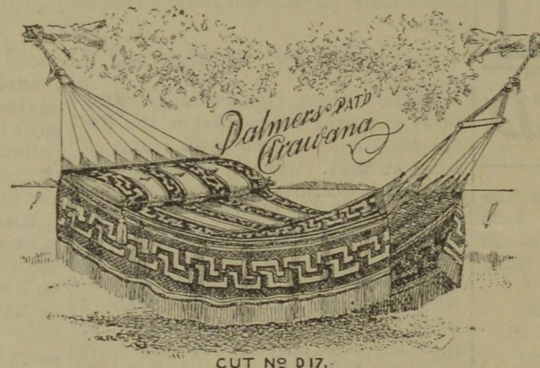
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