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A DESPICABLE PROCEEDING

Not satisfied with the work done by his band of hired executioners, who, for fifteen dollars a day and expenses, have been touring the country in a series of Judge Jeffreys' assizes and beheading every postmaster suspected of Liberal leanings, the Hon. Mr. Pelletier is contriving a new style of mental thumb-screws. Instead of following the British principle that a man is innocent until he is proved guilty, the postmaster general has adopted the view that Liberal postmasters are guilty, even before they are definitely charged with "offensive partisanship." To further this campaign for purging the Post Office Department of all who are not proven Tories, Hon. Mr. Pelletier has evolved the brilliant idea of demanding that Liberal postmasters make affidavits to the effect that they have never been guilty of anything worse than voting since taking office. These, of course, are being sent to selected postmasters, with the understanding that any who will not or can not swear to such declaration shall be deemed guilty and dismissed.

In other words, instead of taking the trouble to find out whether any Liberal office-holder has been guilty of anything which could be made a pretext for dismissal, Hon. Mr. Pelletier has hit upon an expedient to compel them to incriminate themselves.

No such contemptible proceeding has ever been known, even under Tory rule. It is evident Premier Borden's high sounding promises of civil service reform meant civil service degradation; he and his Nationalist colleagues are degrading the service to a pitch scarcely known even in the most corrupt times.

The following documents explain the latest action taken by Mr. Pelletier:

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT OF CANADA,

Ottawa, June 27, 1913.

"Sir.—It is represented to this Department that since your appointment as postmaster at you have taken an active part in federal and provincial elections.

"I am therefore directed to request that you will be good enough to say whether this is true.

"If the accusation is not well founded, I presume you will have no objection to sign the Solemn Declaration herewith enclosed, which should be attested before a justice of the peace.

"An early reply is requested.

"I am, sir,

"Your obedient servant,
(Sgd.) "HECTOR B. VERRITT
"Asst. Deputy Postmaster General."

THE DECLARATION.

"SOLEMN DECLARATION made by virtue of the Act respecting Extra Judicial Oaths. I, the undersigned, postmaster of , do solemnly declare:

"(1) That I was appointed postmaster in the year

"(2) That since my appointment as postmaster I have taken no active part in federal or provincial elections I have not canvassed or taken any voter to the polls, nor have I offered or given any money or liquor, or represented any candidate at any polling division, I have not checked or verified any list of voters, outside any polling station, neither did I take part in any committee or organization, or address any meeting in favor of any candidate, and I did not interrupt any speaker during the course of any meeting.

"(3) All I did was to quietly cast my vote.

"And I make this solemn declaration, conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act.

"At this day of 1913."

The Flemming government discovered an emergency last session and created an additional judgeship. Applications for the position having come from unsuspected quarters, the government is now afraid to issue the proclamation bringing the act into force.

"I'm a Canadian, the son of an English father, with British ancestry, British traditions and British training. Do you think I'll permit the men who carried torches down the streets in Toronto after Louis Philippe Pelletier, the Nationalist, who calls on his fellow countrymen to hire Englishmen at twenty-eight cents a day to do their fighting for them? To call me disloyal? Are these the kind of men we are to learn our loyalty from?" So said Mr. Ramsden, one of the speakers at a Liberal political picnic at Scarboro, Ontario.

A collection of Burns' manuscripts presented by the poet to Robert Riddell of Glenriddle, and eventually lodged in the Liverpool Athenaeum, has been sold by the Athenaeum for a price believed to exceed \$25,000—the figure previously offered by the late J. Pierpont Morgan and refused. The purchaser is said to be an American millionaire, though his identity has not been disclosed. Lord Roseberry and a good many prominent Scotchmen are up in arms about it, which is not to be wondered at.

In reply to a toast at the Canadian Club luncheon at Vancouver, B. C., on Tuesday last, Capt. Lionel Halsey, commander of the H. M. S. New Zealand, said in part:—"Canada has a perfect right to choose whatever plan she thinks best to aid in the naval defence of the empire and what that plan is, I am sure, in fact I have the permission of the admiralty to say that the admiralty will stand by Canada in carrying out the plan."

A New York physician, discussing the prevalence of cancer, points out that many scientists think that that persistent and painful disease, especially when located in the stomach, is contracted from eating cancerous meat that has not been thoroughly cooked. Therefore, he says, cook meat well before eating, as in that way all harmful germs are killed even if the meat is much diseased. The advice is well worth noting.

A prominent woman doctor of Chicago has been arrested for daring to go swimming in Lake Michigan without the skirt of her bathing suit. She protested that she really wanted to swim and not merely to paddle in the shallow water and that the clinging folds of her skirt seriously hampered her. Yet an officious life guard, acting under instructions no doubt, handed her over to the police.

It appears that the government has decided to save a few dollars off the Normal School annex by using ordinary brick instead of the finer grade which was used in the old building. In the town of Woodstock, where the government is erecting an agricultural school, the best quality of pressed brick is being used. It would appear from this that in the opinion of Premier Flemming any old thing is good enough for Fredericton.

The Nashwaak and Miramichi Tories who travel on the Canada Eastern branch are reported to have taken a great shine to Messrs. Yeomans and Landry, the hundred a month train agents.

If Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., could only get the Supreme Court act proclaimed he might possibly beat out the attorney general in the race for the judgeship.

It is said that Mr. O. S. Crockett, M.P., is keeping the wires hot between Fredericton and Ottawa these days.

The Tory politicians of Westmorland and Kent have suddenly developed a great interest in the succulent bivalve.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

AUGUST 7.

1666—First ship built in Canada said to have been launched at Quebec.

1721—James Franklin established the "New England Courant" in Boston.

1830—The Duke of Orleans accepted the crown of France as Louis Philippe I.

1834—Joseph Marie Jacquard, inventor of the silk-weaving loom, died Born in 1752.

1840—British parliament passed an act prohibiting the employment of boys as chimney sweeps.

1912—The National Progressive party convention at Chicago nominated Theodore Roosevelt for President and Hiram W. Johnson for Vice President.

I.C.R. DISPUTE LIKELY TO BE ADJUSTED

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It would not be surprising if, in the end, he abruptly tendered his resignation from the government.

Hon. T. W. Crothers, minister of labor, is apparently still resting after his trip to the Pacific Coast and his unsuccessful efforts to settle the miners' strike after he went out to investigate. The minister had no statement to make today in regard to any departmental action relative to the employment of labor from the United States on the government contract for the new Customs House here.

AMERICANS ON THE JOB.

The representatives of the contractors, the Foundation Company of Montreal and Vancouver, are equally reticent. Meanwhile the statement was made today by workmen employed on the foundation work that last week many Canadian workmen were summarily dismissed and imported workmen from the United States were taken on. Two of these latter are engaged at foremen. The work on which the Americans are employed is in putting up timber to keep the banks surrounding the foundation from falling in. This work, it is stated, could be done quite satisfactorily by Canadians.

James Ussher, local representative of the Carpenters' Union, states that twenty-nine men from the United States are now engaged on the work. Mr. Ussher declared that he has interviewed the Labor Department in regard to this alleged violation of the Alien Labor Law but could get no satisfaction.

STOCK MARKET

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MONTREAL MORNING SALES

(Quotations by J. M. Robinson & Sons, bankers and brokers St. John N. B.)

Bank of Montreal—14 @ 230.

Bank of N.S.—2 @ 251.

Molson's Bank—8 @ 190.

Soo Rail—9 @ 123½.

Brazilian—50 @ 85½, 125 @ 85½.

C.P.R.—45 @ 215½, 25 @ 214½, 100 @ 215.

Bridge—25 @ 116.

Laurentide Rights—100 @ 11½, 157 @ 11.

MacDonald—40 @ 39, 25 @ 39½.

Cement Pfd.—175 @ 31½, 210 @ 32, 75 @ 32½, 100 @ 32½.

Iron Com.—175 @ 44, 125 @ 44½.

Detroit—25 @ 70, 25 @ 70½.

Ottawa Power—25 @ 151½, 25 @ 152.

Laurentide—8 @ 145, 25 @ 140.

Pennmans—20 @ 50.

Shawinigan—45 @ 126.

Spanish River—29 @ 31, 100 @ 30½, 25 @ 30½, 300 @ 28.

Crown Reserve—150 @ 255, 100 @ 254.

1375 @ 252, 2900 @ 250.

Power Rights—5 @ 8½, 200 @ 9.

Twin City—25 @ 104.

Toronto Rails—1 @ 140.

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