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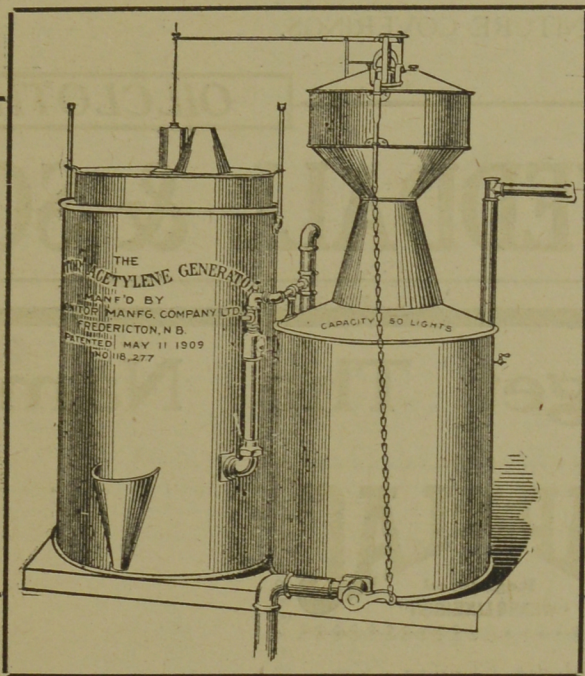
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IRRIGATION PERFORMS WONDERS IN OLD EGYPT

British Enterprise Built Assuan Dam and Worked Transformation in Nile Valley—Bridge of Blessings.

Here is the greatest benefit that British enterprise has conferred upon Egypt yet, says Hamilton W. Fyfe, in writing in The Daily Mail of the Assuan Dam. Long ago when the Egyptian question was hotly discussed "in the Chancelleries of Europe" Nubar Pasha said impatiently: "The Egyptian question? It is a question of irrigation" Many Egyptians knew how true this was, but they could not give their country the water she needed. The task was left to the practical sense and determination of British administrators, and it is worth remembering that they were opposed at almost every step.

THE OLD SYSTEM.

In a land where it scarcely ever rains the Government has to take the part which is played in other countries by the weather. Native Egyptian Governments had tried to fill this role and failed. A scheme for raising the level of water in the Delta was rejected in the 'seventies by the National Assembly on the ground that the richer proprietors who had put up pumping engines would be injured by it: their pumps would be needed no longer! Even when the great Barrage was built fifteen miles below Cairo it was so ineptly planned that the engineers never dared shut the sluices. They were afraid the whole erection would be swept away. Water therefore continued scarce. In many districts it could only be obtained by bribery. In others lazy officials let the canals get out of order. Up-river cultivators merely took one crop off the fertile mud left by the yearly inundation.

THREE CROPS INSTEAD OF ONE.

When Britain decided to lend a hand in Egypt there was a very expensive pumping scheme in contemplation. It would have benefited the Delta, no doubt, but at far too heavy a cost. Sir Colin Scott Moncrieff who

was put in charge of irrigation said: "Make the Barrage workable." The Egyptians said: "It can't be done." He said: "Rubbish." The National Assembly refused consent. Lord Cromer signalled: "Go ahead." Sir Colin went ahead, and his success added so much to the common wealth that the revenue was increased, as an indirect result, by £2,000,000 a year. No wonder the peasants called it "The Bridge of Blessings." The value of their land was doubled. They could raise upon it three crops of cotton instead of one. Formerly the canals were only filled once a year—at the time of the Nile flood. Now there was water enough all the year round.

ADDING TO EGYPT'S WEALTH.

Since then this same system of perennial irrigation has been carried nearly six hundred miles above Cairo, as well as below it. There is a barrage at Assiout (built 1898-1902), there is another at Esna (1907-09) and there is the dam at Assuan (1898-1902) which is now being made higher and stronger so that the storage of water may be greater still. Already this magnificent feat of engineering is one of the wonders of the world. Stand on the top and look along its colossal granite back. Go through its series of sixty-feet-deep locks, each 230 feet long. Steam up the river and notice that the level of water is raised for 130 miles. All this is stored up from the flood-time to be used when the river begins to fall. Formerly a huge volume of fertilizing inundation flowed useless to the sea. Now it is made to add to Egypt's wealth, and even when the Nile it at its lowest the Government supplies the fields with water to take the place of the rain which scarcely ever falls.

When the dam is finished the water will be kept back as far as 190 miles to the southward, and nearly a million acres now producing nothing will wave greenly with cotton or grain.

TORIES GIVE R. L. BORDEN FREE HAND

In Caucus at Ottawa Yesterday Declare Loyalty to Leader—Trouble in Party Not Over However.

Ottawa, April 12.—While Leader Borden, Hon. John Haggart, Mr. Blain and several others of the senior members of the opposition, sat in the commons this morning and listened to Hon. MacKenzie King explain his bill for the control of combines, the other members of the opposition sat in caucus from 10.30 until 1 o'clock this afternoon and discussed the situation within the party, and the party's domestic affairs generally.

After nearly three hours of consultation the official announcement was made at adjournment that the caucus had decided that the reports which have been appearing, for the most part in their own press, during the past fortnight as to family squabbles and general disorganization, were unfounded in fact, and that a unanimous resolution had been passed declaring unswerving loyalty to Mr. Borden.

The uniting of the party by resolution of the party by resolution is, however, not regarded generally as marking by any means an end of the present dissensions within the ranks over the question of the leadership, and the question of the future relationship of Messrs. Foster and Monk to the party organization is felt in abeyance; but it is understood that Mr. Borden is left with a free hand to carry out any reorganization he may deem desirable.

The question of the date of holding the proposed federal convention was also discussed. The majority of the members seem to favor holding the convention next September or November instead of in June, as originally proposed. This will be definitely decided.

PIONEER OF NEW CANAL

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., April 12.—To Captain J. S. Wood, of the steamer J. E. Upson, belongs the honor of being the first upbound boat to the Soo. At 8 o'clock last night he blew signal for landing at the lower approach of the Canadian canal. The Upson will lock through tomorrow bound light for Ashland, Wis.

"So he has lost faith in deep breathing?"
"Yes; it wouldn't keep his hair from falling out."

PROHIBITORY LAW FOR NOVA SCOTIA

Attorney General McLean Introduces Bill Providing for Drastic Legislation—Halifax not Affected till 1911

Halifax, April 12.—The government of Nova Scotia made a radical change in its temperance policy today, when Attorney General MacLean introduced into the legislature a prohibitory liquor bill. Hitherto the government legislation has been directed to strengthening the enforcement of the Canada Temperance Act as the Federal liquor law is called, or enacting stringent provincial license laws.

There are two counties in this province, Halifax and Richmond, where the license act is in force. These are exempt from the provisions of the proposed prohibitory law, but all the rest of the province is brought under its scope.

As regards Richmond the law comes into force there with the expiry of the existing licenses.

In the city of Halifax, prohibition shall not become effective till after the census of 1911 and after a majority of the ratepayers shall have voted against license.

In the meantime, in Halifax, the power of granting licenses is taken from the city council and vested in a license board. The number of licenses after the expiry of those in force is reduced to seventy and following the census of 1911, there shall not be more than one license for each 1,000 of population.

An inspector in chief for the enforcement of the law will, under its provisions, be appointed by the government.

The bill will come up for a second reading on Thursday.

The penalty for violation of the act is, first offence \$50 or one month's imprisonment; second offence \$100 or two months; third offence, four months' imprisonment without option of a fine.

MURDER TRIAL AT HOULTON

Houlton, Me., April 12.—The formal arraignment of Chas. R. Friel, charged with murdering his uncle, Jas. Friel, at Amity last November, and Ellis Black, his alleged accessory, was held late today. Both pleaded not guilty and were re-committed to the county jail to await their trial which will be opened about the middle of next week.

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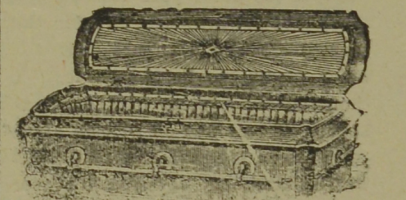
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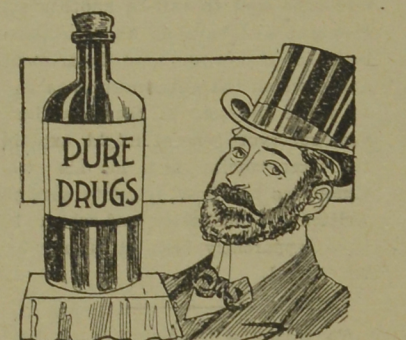
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