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A CHANCE FOR REFORM

There has been strife in Toronto for some time between the city corporation and the Toronto St. Railway Co., over the service which the Railway Co. is giving. The trouble culminated a short time ago in the St. Railway Co. being indicted by the Grand Jury for maintaining a common nuisance.

While the trial of this indictment was in progress a letter was written to Mr. Justice Riddell concerning one of the Police Stations in Toronto. The writer of the letter, a Mr. Hassard, reported that he had visited a prisoner in the station in question, and found him in a cell about six feet by four feet. The prisoner had been in the cell about nineteen hours and when Mr. Hassard called one of the men in charge of the station, asked for money to buy the prisoner a meal, because there was but a few scraps in the building.

The Judge laid the matter before the Grand Jury. "It would appear from this letter," said the Judge, in addressing the Jury, "that a common nuisance is being committed at No. 1 Police Station. These cells will have to be occupied; for just as long as you drink whiskey or give way to passion, just so long will men be kept in durance. But every man is entitled to decent treatment—to strong walls and doors and locks, but still to such a degree of comfort as is compatible with safety."

As a result the city of Toronto was indicted for maintaining a common nuisance, and both the city and railway are under indictment.

If Mr. Justice Riddell correctly lays down the law, then it would seem as if the city of Fredericton may be liable to indictment for a common nuisance also. Let any man examine the cells in ordinary use in the police station in this city and he will find them little larger than the one for which the city of Toronto was indicted. If report is true he will find that the bed which is provided for the unfortunate who may be placed in the cell and which by the city authorities is deemed to afford "such a degree of comfort as is compatible with safety" consists of a bare board raised four or five inches above a brick floor; and he will also probably find that the prisoner is dependent upon the charity of the police officers for what they get to eat while confined there. He may find also that some are confined there nineteen hours too before they are removed.

We at once recognize that this is barbarous, and we ask who is responsible? We forget that we are responsible individually for the existence of these things, and for the consequences which result therefrom. A few years ago when a man was found cold in death in one of these cells, after having been confined there all night, a shiver was felt through the whole community; but that soon passed. We readily shift the burden of responsibility. We forget that an act which is done for us by another, is really our act. We forget that the civic authorities are our agents; that what they permit, we permit; that as long as these places are continued, they are continued by us. If we realized this many evils would be on the road toward a speedy remedy.

The modern idea is that crime is largely in the nature of a disease. It requires treatment to remove the cause more than punishment for the result. But Fredericton neglects to pay attention to these modern ideas. Perhaps an indictment some day may bring the city to a different view.

The Tory newspapers throughout the country are publishing lengthy articles under the caption of "The Reorganization of the Conservative Party." They are illustrated by portraits of Tory members, including R. L. Borden, H. B. Ames, John Stanfield, George E. Foster and T. W. Crothers. The following inscription appears beneath the portrait of Mr. Ames:

H. B. Ames, B. A., for St. Antoine, Montreal, since 1904. He was chairman of the Conservative re-organization committee. Before he came into parliament he made a great reputation for himself in the Montreal City Council. HE WILL LIKELY BE MINISTER OF FINANCE IN MR. BORDEN'S ADMINISTRATION.

The Tory St. John Standard, not wishing to hurt Mr. Foster's feelings, was careful to expunge the last sentence from the inscription beneath the portrait of Mr. Ames. Mr. Foster is referred to as "the old war-horse of the Conservative party." Probably he will be turned out to grass at the first opportunity.

During the first nine months of the present fiscal year Canada's total trade amounted to \$577,999,628, an increase of \$65,511,950 as compared with the nine months from April to December of 1909. The increase was entirely in imports, owing to the rapid development of the country and the growing demands of the home market. Imports for the nine months totaled \$339,817,563, an increase of about \$86,000,000 over the corresponding period of 1909.

Mr. Lovitt M. Wood, a former Albert County newspaper man, but now editor of the Trade Register at Seattle, has been appointed by the United States government a commissioner to investigate trade conditions in the Orient. Mr. Wood at one time conducted a newspaper in Albert County called the Maple Leaf. He removed to the west over twenty years ago. His New Brunswick friends will be pleased to hear of his success in the west.

An Ottawa despatch says that it is not unlikely that in the near future, Dominion officials will not be allowed to sit for city and municipal councils but will be required to devote all their time to their government jobs.

It is announced from Ottawa that Hon. Robert Rogers is to resign from the Manitoba government and enter Dominion politics.

The relations between some of the officials who occupy offices in the Court House appear to be a trifle strained.

GENERAL NEWS IN SHORT METRE

A New York despatch says that David Graham Phillips, editor, publicist and novelist, was shot six times yesterday as he approached the Princeton Club, by Fitzhugh Coyle Goldsborough, a Harvard man, who immediately afterwards committed suicide. Phillips is at Bellevue Hospital in an extremely critical condition but with a chance for life. The body of Goldsborough, whose career at Harvard was brief, lies in the morgue. Apparently insane, he had a fancied grudge against the author and sought his life. He was only thirty-one years old, and is a son of Dr. Edmund K. Goldsborough, of Washington. Phillips is forty-three.

What is believed to be the fastest railroad trip ever made between Washington and New York, occurred today when J. Pierpont Morgan, the financier, was whirled from one city to the other over the Pennsylvania railroad in the unparalleled time of three hours and fifty-six minutes. All the way the special train on which Mr. Morgan made the trip averaged more than a mile a minute.

Fred Kent, a young athlete, was drowned while skating on Dartmouth Lake, near Halifax, yesterday.

Sister St. Eucere, of the congregation of Notre Dame, Montreal, was accidentally killed yesterday by falling down an elevator shaft.

Henry Kirkley of Welsford was kicked in the face by a horse yesterday and badly injured.

A return presented to the Commons in reply to an address moved by Hon. George E. Foster, shows that the cost of the senate for the fiscal year 1909-1910 was \$311,896.90 as against \$248,847.83 in 1896-1897.

Mr. Amos J. Lawrence of Montreal is registered at the Barker House. Mr. A. Williams of Woodstock, is in the city.

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STRONG RESOLUTION ON VALLEY RY. PROJECT

Meductic, York Co., N. B., Jan. 23.—At a meeting of the Meductic Board of Trade tonight the following resolution was passed:

"Whereas the necessity of a line of railway along the valley of the St. John River for the further development of that section of the province has long been recognized, and,

"Whereas the denial of such accommodation will mean the depletion of population and the decline of one of the best agricultural sections of the province, and,

"Whereas, residents of the St. John valley have never complained at the expenditure of public money in the construction of lines of railway in other parts of the country; and,

"Whereas, residents of the St. John valley have made demands upon the government of New Brunswick and Canada for railway transportation along the St. John valley, and,

"Whereas, the government of New Brunswick provided for the construction of a railway at the last session of the legislature, and,

"Whereas, sufficient time has elapsed since the passage of the bill, to have some definite information before the people, be it

"Resolved, that demands be made upon the government of New Brunswick to definitely inform the people of New Brunswick regarding their negotiations with the Dominion government, be it further

"Resolved, that if the Dominion government has failed to co-operate with the government of New Brunswick, the latter be called upon to proceed without further delay in the construction of a competitive line of railway, and that the Dominion government be called upon to co-operate and be it further

"Resolved that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the different boards of trade along the river and to the local and federal members of the different counties."

FOREIGN SMUGGLERS WORKING AT MAGORA

(Canadian Press.)
Niagara Falls, Jan. 24.—Chief inspector Wilcox of the immigration department, stated that an organized band of foreign smugglers in and near this city are bringing in undesirable immigrants. His statement was prompted by the arrest yesterday of two men. Today the younger of the two men, Hagop Abrahamian, of Brantford, was charged with smuggling the older man, a Sicilian, into Canada from the United States. The prisoner was found guilty and fined \$75 and costs or three months in jail.

MEXICO TO ENFORCE NEUTRALITY LAWS

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 23.—One hundred additional Mexican cavalrymen arrived yesterday at Juarez, to be distributed along the border to enforce neutrality laws. The military force now centering at Juarez numbers 308 men.

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OPPOSITION BACK DOWN ON EIGHT HOUR DAY

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—The game of party politics as played by the exponents of exigency on the Opposition benches suffered a severe exposure at the hands of the Prime Minister in the House of Commons recently.

The House went early into committee on Mr. Verville's amended eight-hour bill, and Mr. A. C. Macdonnell submitted an amendment under which the words of the section providing for the eight-hour day would be strengthened by enacting that no laborer shall be required "or permitted" the latter two words being added to work longer than the time prescribed.

The proposal proved the inauguration of a long-drawn-out and at times acrimonious debate. Members of the opposition vied with one another in capacious criticism of the measure. Mr. Middlebro described it as "worthless and meaningless." Mr. Goodeve contended that the amendments had destroyed its significance. Mr. Lancaster went farther, and accused Mr. Verville and the minister of labor of "putting up a scheme on the House and the labor interests." Finally the labor man called the critics.

MR. VERVILLE'S PROPOSAL.

"I would prefer the bill as originally drafted," said he. "I accepted the amendments because I realized that the original proposals were too radical to secure the approval of the House at the present time. I was satisfied to this in order to get the new principle of the eight-hour day officially accepted, and a start made. But if hon. gentlemen do not like the amended bill as well as the original bill, neither do I. I will give them their chance; I will see what they will do; I ask leave to withdraw the amended bill, and let the original bill stand."

THE BACKDOWN.

Faced with this unexpected denouement, the opposition executed an immediate volte face. Hon. Mr. Foster rose and appealed to the prime minister. What kind of child's play was this? What was parliament coming to? Were the members a set of school boys? The member for North Toronto thought Sir Wilfrid should put an end to this game of battle-dore and shuttlecock.

REBUKED BY THE PREMIER.

Sir Wilfrid administered a dignified rebuke to the methods adopted. To anyone who knew the methods of hon. gentlemen opposite it was evident that not one of them wanted the amended bill withdrawn. Everyone, while pretending to favor either measure, was seeking to block both. They did not dare oppose the bill, but they sought to put obstacles in the way. Some said it went too far; others claimed that it did not go far enough. The prime minister deplored the attempt to make this measure—an important one, establishing a new principle, and, he believed, a step in the right direction—a political football.

"I have no doubt," said Sir Wilfrid "that the labor organizations would prefer the original bill. We have to remember, however, that Canada is not composed alone of the laboring

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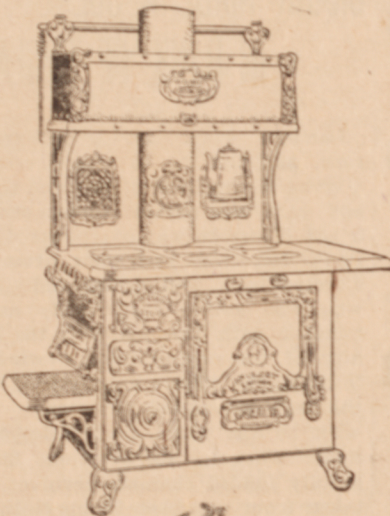
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class, important as that branch of the community is. Other classes objected to the measure. Now, it is not for us to pose as the friends of any particular class. It was deemed best to establish the principle of the bill in a limited way at first, and the working class, as represented by the promoter of the bill, will be willing to take the amended form in order to inaugurate the principle."

PROVISIONS OF THE BILL.

The discussion of the bill took up nearly the whole of the afternoon and evening sittings of the House. In its amended form it provided that no workman shall be required to work more than eight hours per day on any public building, but if he chooses, and if his employer wishes him to work longer, he shall be paid one and one-quarter times his regular wage for all overtime. The original bill provided for an eight-hour day on all public works.

ATTITUDE OF THE UNIONS.

Mr. Verville said that he had received many communications from labor unions, some endorsing and some opposing the bill in its amended form. He thought that if contractors or employers were compelled to pay extra wages for overtime there would be a general observance of the eight-hour day. But no workman should be arbitrarily prevented from working longer than eight hours per day if he so desired.

(Canadian Press.)

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 24.—Fire early this morning did damage estimated at about \$16,000 to the firm of Wilson & Moore, wholesale stationers, York street.

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