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THE CEMENT DUTY

Much debate has occurred in Parliament regarding the reduction of the cement duties last year which "happened" to come just before the Saskatchewan elections. The way in which this Dominion aid to Provincial electioneering was engineered was plainly shown by Hon. Mr. Murphy. "Hon. Mr. White" he said, "declared that his action had nothing to do with politics, and the reduction in the cement duty 'happened' to synchronize with the Saskatchewan elections. Why did not he say that the reduction was timed to synchronize with a certain banquet in Regina, and carefully arranged by the government stage manager, Hon. Mr. Rogers?"

The Order in Council giving the reduction was passed Saturday June 8th, but carefully concealed until it was announced at Regina, on June 10th with a blare of trumpets by Mr. Rogers, who was organizing the Conservative forces in Saskatchewan. A clearer attempt to influence the Provincial elections could not be imagined.

TORTUOUS NAVAL COURSE

Premier Borden has hardly shown qualifications which would fit him for an admiralty post in the Canadian navy. His record on this question amply bears out the Scripture—"Unstable as water thou shalt not excel." This is how he has steered his way during the past year or two:

1909—Declared for a navy, built, manned and owned in Canada. (The Laurier proposal.)

Feb. 1910—A contribution equalling the cost of two Dreadnoughts, leaving the expenditure to the discretion of the Admiralty.

Nov. 1911—Declared against contribution of any kind without first consulting the people.

1911—Made common cause in Quebec Province with the Nationalists, who opposed alike contribution or navy.

1912—Proposes a contribution of \$35,000,000 to the admiralty for the construction of three Dreadnoughts.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his speech in Parliament on the naval debate was able to quote speeches delivered by Premier Borden and Hon. Geo. E. Foster in support of the proposal to establish a Canadian navy. The speeches from which he quoted were delivered in the House of Commons in March, 1909, when Parliament endorsed the principle by a unanimous resolution. Hon. Mr. Hazen, who followed the opposition leader, could not deny that Messrs. Borden and Foster had used the language attributed to them, but attempted to gloss over the matter by referring to it as "ancient history." The people of this country who look for consistency in public men will scarcely agree with the Minister of Marine.

Because he spent a few weeks in England last summer at the public expense, hobnobbing with aristocrats and admiring himself in the looking glass, the Hon. J. D. Hazen now labors under the belief that he is a great authority on Imperial affairs. He even feels that he is quite competent to instruct Sir Wilfrid Laurier in his duties. The Hon. Douglas always was a gallery performer.

The St. John Standard yesterday published the picture of Hon. J. D. Hazen and a summary of his speech on the naval question. The local hack organ went one better; it published the minister's picture and featured his speech in large type, double columns measure. When it comes to playing to the minister's vanity the hack organ has the Standard trimmed to a finish.

The St. John Standard tells us in big headlines that "Hon. J. D. Hazen scored Laurier" in the naval debate at Ottawa. No doubt the feelings of the Liberal chieftain must have been terribly hurt.

London Advertiser:—For this self-respecting policy, based upon Canadian interests, political and economic, he substitutes the doctrine of vassalage and tribute. It is a throw-back to the days when Canada was in the trammels of administration from Downing Street. Nor is any true service rendered the Mother Country or the Empire. Influential British journals are already complaining that Canada has thrown a new and unnecessary weight on the shoulders of the British taxpayers. The building up of a new centre of strength in the British empire, which was the aim of the Laurier policy, has been abandoned or indefinitely retarded.

Late reports from Ottawa indicate that Hon. J. D. Hazen is still carrying out his policy of repatriation inaugurated while premier of this province several years ago. A brother-in-law has been brought from the United States to serve in the marine department.

It is a safe gamble that Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., for York did not join in the "tumultuous applause" which Tory papers tell us was accorded the minister of marine during his speech in Parliament on the naval bill.

Some local Tories who are now singing the praises of Hon. Mr. Hazen, did all in their power to prevent him from securing a portfolio in the Borden cabinet. Why they even sent telegrams to Ottawa protesting against his appointment.

It was announced in Parliament a few days ago, that the three members of the Borden scandal hunting commission had pitched the job. The Mail takes pleasure in nominating Mr. O. S. Crockett, M. P., for all three vacancies.

The Mail Service to this city is had enough at the best of times. During the present week it has been abominable, next week it will be something fierce. There does not appear to be much use to raise a kick.

The city assessors might pick up some valuable pointers on real estate values by watching closely the arbitration proceedings in connection with the Valley Railway.

Poor Ossie! If Mr. Borden had only made him Minister of Marine.

CHURCH SERVICES

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Minister, Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith. 11 a.m., The Dangers of Progress. 7 p.m., The Individual and the World's Task. 2.30 p.m., Sunday School and Bible Classes. All welcome.

METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor Rev. Neil McLaughlin will preach at 11 A. M. and 7 p. m. Sunday school and Bible study Union at 2.30. An evangelistic service will be held at the close of the evening service.

SONG SERVICE

The Salvation Army will conduct a special song service in the citadel on Sunday evening to which all are invited.

HOSPITAL TRUSTEES

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bold business man suggested raising the amount by note in bank; another thought it would be bad enough for a church to do that. When schemes seemed to be exhausted the president with a broad smile, said: "The Lord will provide." In face of the doubt a resolution was unanimously adopted directing the secretary-treasurer to order for immediate delivery a transformer and table in keeping with plans shown by Mr. Swett when in town, together with accessories calculated to make the machine second to none now in use, to cost when in operation about fourteen hundred dollars. How to work it, where to place it, who to operate it, were questions which Dr. McGinnis, Dr. VanWart and Mr. Babbitt helped the board to answer.

Other matters affecting the welfare of the hospital received attention before the members separated.

COUNTRY MARKET.

There was a large country market this morning and an abundance of produce was offered. Prices were as follows:—Chickens per pair, \$1.00 to \$1.50; per lb., 16 to 20 cents; potatoes per bbl., \$1.25; beef per lb., 7 to 9 cents; pork per lb., 9 to 10 cents; ducks per pair, \$1.50; geese each, \$1.50; butter per lb., 28 to 30 cents; eggs per dozen, 33 to 35 cents.

ONTARIO MURDER TRIAL ATTRACTS ATTENTION

Flesherton, Ont. Dec. 13—Henry Lord told his story of what he knew of the events preceding the murder of his wife this morning substantially the same as previously related. Arnold Love the bright looking fourteen year old son of the murdered woman also told what he could throw light on the mystery, and John Collinson who yesterday's reports indicated his something to disclose at the inquest gave his pointed denial to the statement that his brother was holding anything in reserve. Henry Love says that he entered his home about 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning for the purpose of getting his overcoat. His son was there and his wife was standing by the stove knitting. He kissed her goodbye as he has invariably done during the twenty-two years of their married life and that was the last he had seen of her until he discovered her mangled remains in the cellar of the house. He did not return to his home again until about eleven o'clock when his son-in-law William Hindle told him that Mrs Love was not at home and the style door was unlocked. Mr. Hindle was on his way to assizes at Owen Sound. Love went to the house with him and got him a lunch. Hindle went to Owen Sound and Love got his own dinner and smoked a few minutes before going to work. He thought nothing of his wife's absence as she was in the habit of helping Mrs McLaughlin one of the hotel proprietors on Mondays and Tuesdays. Mrs McLaughlin, told him however, that Mrs Love had not been there all day. He said nothing but returned home, believing his wife had gone to the home of Mrs McLead in Flesherton where she sometimes went to work and it being a stormy night he did not expect that she would be home.

Next day he went to Flesherton but it was too stormy to do the work he intended to do so he came back. Up to this time, he did not worry about his wife's absence but when she did not get home by noon he began to worry. He instituted a search in the afternoon and evening when a few neighbors left, he sat around for a while and then told Arnold he was going to bed. He got to the bedroom door, when he imagined he heard a groan coming from the cellar. Turning to Arnold he said he was going to search the cellar a second time, and went down and discovered the body as reported. He uttered a scream and rushed upstairs and over to the residence of Gibson Collinson and told them to come over quick as he had found the body.

He also said that he had met his son going to school while he and George Becroft were returning from Flesherton. That was about nine o'clock. Twenty minutes later as they were approaching his own house Becroft called his attention to a man running through a field opposite the house towards the eastback line road. He thought it was some one chasing cattle but now believes it was the stranger his son saw while on his way to school.

Miss Fannie Merritt has returned to Boston after spending some weeks with friends at Marysville.

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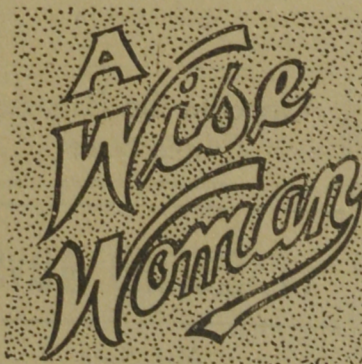
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