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THE COST OF LIVING

The high cost of living and excessive taxation are two subjects which the present government dislikes to discuss. The more Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Liberal leaders demonstrate that these are the two pressing public questions in Canada today, the more do the Conservative leaders try to bury their heads in the sand and pretend that there is no need to discuss such trivialities as the inordinate cost to the common people of merely keeping alive.

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier announced the Liberal policy of free food and reduced taxes with a serious inquiry into the high cost of living, the inspired conservative press, belittled the matter and intimated that the government was so wedded to high tariff stability that it would not consider any inquiry. Hon. Mr. Crothers prayed for a few years of hard times to reduce prices. Hon. Mr. Foster declared that this was as good as admitting that a commission would be appointed to inquire into the cost of living.

But this was as good as admitting that a commission would be appointed to inquire into the cost of living. Canada's people. Suddenly the Liberal leader was the real leader of the opposition. Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the head of the government or whether head of the opposition, the result of one more intimated that the policy of the government was to be approved which greeted the Liberal leader. The general impression was that the public cost of living.

Then a commission to inquire into the cost of living. Premier Borden and his colleagues could be further from the mind of "No Commission." Nothing heavy expense. Hon. Mr. Rogers most of their reports after paying the government merely pigeon-holed the commission and that the commission is likely to prove another of the farces referred to by Mr. Foster. While the three civil officials appointed are all excellently equipped for the work they have been appointed under such restrictions that it will be difficult for them to make any effective investigation. They are apparently given no authority to make a real inquiry; they are unable to compel the production of evidence and their field of work is strictly limited. About all they are empowered to do is to tabulate information they already have, sitting in private, and then reporting direct to the government. Eventually the public may be allowed to see a report so censored as to be utterly useless. The government seems to have appointed this commission more to prove that the cost of living is not too high and that taxation should not be reduced, than to secure any real information as a basis for remedial legislation.

Col. McLeod is now M.P. for York. It can be said with truth that he did not seek the position. It was thrust upon him much against his will.

APPROVE OF LARGE BOND ISSU

Chicago, Ill., Jan. 2.—Stockholders of the meat packing firm of Swift & Company, assembled here today in annual meeting, approved of the proposal of the directors for a thirty-year issue of first mortgage five per cent. gold bonds, the first \$10,000,000 of which is to be dated July 1, 1914. The mortgage is to be secured by all the property of the corporation. Half of the first \$10,000,000 of the new issue is to be used to refund the bonds now outstanding and maturing on July 1, 1914, and the remainder is to be applied to liquidating the floating indebtedness.

LATE MRS. CORNELIUS VANDINE

The death of Mrs. Cornelius Vandine occurred Tuesday at the home of her brother-in-law, Isaac Brown, Nashwaak, after a lingering illness. Two sisters survive, Mrs. Isaac Brown and Mrs. John McLean, both of Nashwaak. The funeral took place Thursday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Ferguson of Gibson, conducted the service. Interment was made at Sunny Bank cemetery.

BIRTHDAY CONGRATULATIONS

M. Carey Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, 57 years old today. Frederick Burr Oppen, noted American cartoonist, 57 years old today. Francis E. Leupp, former United States Commissioner of Indian Affairs, 65 years old today.

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MORE TROUBLE IN ST. JOHN TORY CAMP

(St. John Times.)

Will the woes of the patronage committee never cease? Hardly a week goes by but some cause of dissension arises and this body of representative ward politicians seems to have rather more trouble than it knows what to do with. The latest row is over the proposal to add to the committee former members who were defeated in their recent contest for the chairmanships of their wards. The men concerned are J. E. Cowan who was defeated in Brooks ward by William Donohue and James Lewis, who lost to Hamilton Martin in Sydney ward. The office of chairman of a ward committee carries with it a seat in the patronage committee and these defeated candidates are anxious to retain the latter although they lost the former.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, as alleged leader of the Conservative party, has the privilege of adding to the patronage committee as he wishes and he has been prevailed upon to take a favorable view of the claims of the defeated candidates. There is considerable opposition to this on the grounds that it would create an undesirable precedent and that if the defeated candidates were to be rewarded with seats on this committee it would soon grow to a rather large membership. For some reason the suggested appointment of Mr. Lewis has not met with so much opposition but Mr. Cowan's claims are vigorously opposed. His opponents argue that a man who was defeated by so large a majority in his own ward is not entitled to such a mark of confidence as the membership in the patronage committee is considered by the faithful. If he is appointed, it is said, there will be several resignations of those who are already members and Mr. Hazen is promised all sorts of trouble. And to the merry patronage war continues.

STAR ATHLETES IN COMPETITION

New York, Jan. 2.—Judging from the list of entries, the junior national indoor track and field championships of the A. A. U., which are to take place tomorrow night at the Thirtieth Regiment Armory in Brooklyn, will be one of the most successful meets of its kind ever held. Star performers from many of the leading colleges of the East are to be included among the contestants, together with club athletes from Buffalo, Boston, Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia and number of other cities. The programme of the evening will be made up of ten events, as follows: Sixty-yard dash, 320 yard dash, 600-yard run, 1000-yard run, two-mile run, twelve-pound shot put, running high jump, standing broad jump, and sixty-yard high hurdle.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

1757—Calcutta was retaken by the English, and the Soudan put to death.

1795—Josiah Wedgwood, inventor of Wedgwood pottery, died. Born July 12, 1730.

1830—Henry M. Flagler, one of the founders of the Standard Oil Company, born. Died May 20, 1913.

1844—Equestrian statue of George IV. set up in Trafalgar Square, London.

1890—Theodore Roosevelt was inaugurated governor of New York.

1905—Port Arthur capitulated to the Japanese.

1913—Jeff Davis, United States senator from Arkansas, died. Born May 6, 1862.

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"SNOW BABY" MAKES SOCIAL BOW

Washington, D. C., Jan. 2.—Miss Maie Peary, daughter of Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, the discoverer of the North Pole, made her society debut at a reception and tea given by her parents at their home in this city today. The function was a brilliant success from every viewpoint. Fully five hundred guests attended, among them being the foremost representatives of official and resident society in the national capital.

Much has been said and written about Miss Peary and she is one of the most beautiful debutantes in Washington. She is widely known as the "Snow Baby" of the Esquimaux who bestowed that title upon her shortly after her birth farther north than any white child in the world, her mother being the first white woman to winter with an Arctic expedition.

If Jack Dillon and Jimmy Clabby clash in Los Angeles in January, the bout will be billed as a championship affair for the world's middle-weight title.

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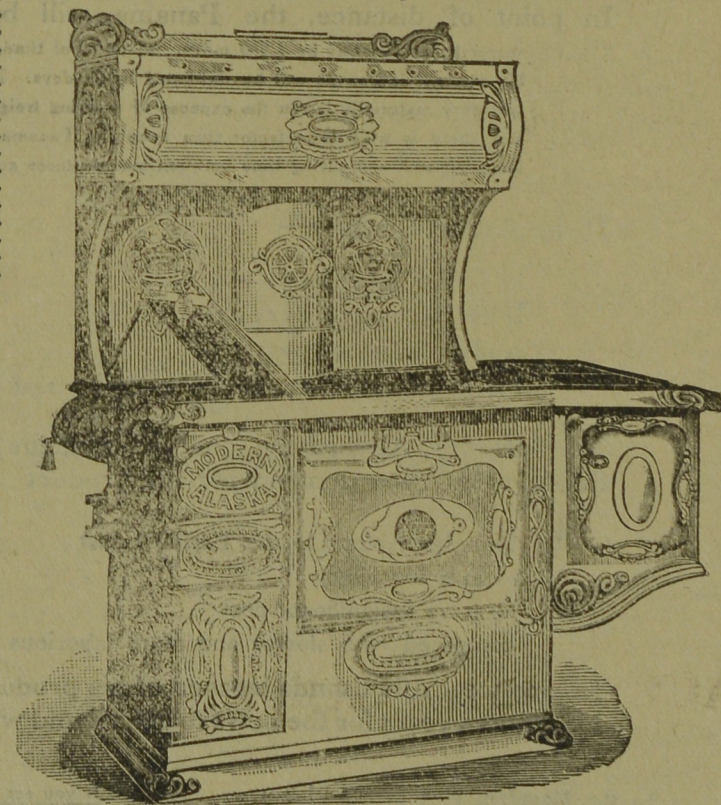
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