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THE CONSPIRACY.

The alleged Russial-Graham political conspiracy which attracted much attention after the elections, is still the subject of newspaper articles in the upper provinces. It would seem that Le Nationaliste, the French paper which made public the sale of La Presse, which contributed in a large measure in breaking up the conspiracy, has been quietly pursuing a further investigation and brought some new and important facts to light, which go far to complete the chain of evidence in the case. Among the points brought out is a meeting at Toronto on Oct. 9th between Messrs. Borden and Kemp, Tory M. P.'s, of the one part, and Messrs. Graham and Tressider of the Star, of the other part, at which Mr. Borden is said to have agreed to take Mr. Blair into his Cabinet. It is also said to have been agreed that the new Tory government would take over the Inverness Coal Company's line of Railway, a MacKenzie and Mann project, and in corroboration of this it is asserted that the debentures of this company were put up as collateral security with the notes given to banks by Russell and Graham in connection with the purchase of La Presse. In three days after this meeting La Presse was bought, and six days after Mr. Blair resigned it is further stated that Massey Hall, Toronto, had been engaged for Mr. Blair's great speech for Oct. 24th. On the 22nd Mr. Borden met Mr. Russell at Fredericton Junction and went on to St. John with him, that Mr. Borden refused to accede to certain demands for the extension of the government road and the farming out of contracts for building, which broke up the scheme and Mr. Blair was so appressed on the same day and was therefore in a position to assure Sir Wilfrid the next day that he did not intend to take the stump. How much of this is truth and how much fiction is very hard to determine but the trial of the cross-petitions in the Nova Scotia election cases is looked forward to with some curiosity, as it is expected that the facts will be fully probed in the course of the investigation into the charges made against Mr. R. L. Borden and other Tory candidates. A question that may arise is the eligibility of Mr. Borden to be a candidate for an Ontario constituency while the cross-petition asking his disqualification is standing against him.

A STRONG FAITH.

According to all the histories and other documents that have come down to us from the early days, our ancestors were in the habit of going to church in the winter when an open fireplace heated the whole edifice, when wintry winds howled through the crevices between the rough boards and when the frosty breath of the preacher flew out into the room and hung about his bare head like a halo. In an area of ten feet or less from the blazing fire, there was a small degree of warmth. All the rest of the house was "as cold as a barn." Here our good grandmothers sat through long sermons and heard about the joys of Heaven and the fires of the other place, and though they shook with the cold, they sinned not, neither did they long to go to the place of torture to get warm. Good old Cotton Mather tells about the frozen breaths of the worshippers "singing like incense from the altar." He speaks of having cold feet and being nipped by the frost, but his faith was ever warm—"like unto a consuming fire."

It is not our purpose to glorify the ancient at the expense of the modern. On the contrary, we believe that the vigor and the faith of Christians in 1905 are stronger than at any previous period. But surely, the modern Christian does not have to endure the trials that were meted out to our ancestors. There was an element of sacrifice in the winter worship of our Puritan ancestors that is wholly lacking among the people of

today. They endured more and from their sufferings they drew spiritual and physical strength.

PRACTICAL LOYALTY.

The sentiment is fast gaining ground that Canadians, in making their purchases, should show a preference for Canadian goods. To being the efforts in this direction to a focus, a number of prominent men and women in various parts of the Dominion have formed an association under the name of The Canadian Preference League, whose aim it will be to foster the growth of a national sentiment and to encourage the demand for all articles of home growth or home manufacture. The League invites Canadians of all classes to join. Members engage themselves to give preference, when making purchases, to the products of this country and to all articles of Canadian manufacture, when the quality is equal and the cost not in excess to that of similar foreign products or manufactured articles. They are also expected to give preference to Canadian labor and to the educational and financial institutions of this country.

Some criticism of the freight rates of that part of the I. C. R., formerly the Canada Eastern, appears to have been indulged in at the meeting of the Board of Trade on Monday afternoon. No facts seem to have been given to substantiate the criticism, and we can scarcely believe them to be correct, as we understand that at the transfer of the road to the Government the scale of rates in force on the I. C. R. was applied to the part acquired. If there is any grievance in reference to rates there is a proper and courteous way of approaching the matter without casting personal reflections upon the officers of the road, which to say the least was very ill-advised. It must be remembered that the present management has not been long in charge and there is no doubt that every effort will be made to meet the business wants of this section of the Province on fair terms.

Longfellow's Evangeline is no longer to be used in connection with British Columbia schools. This announcement was made at the provincial teachers' institute last week by the chief superintendent of education. One reason given for the banishment of the poem is that it has become stale from long use, but another, and doubtless the chief reason, is that it taints of an anti-British spirit. True, Evangeline is a beautiful poem, and from this standpoint ought never to die of age, but its sentiment misrepresents the British nation and belies its love for fair play. Let it be replaced by poetry with a tendency to cultivate a spirit of loyalty in the young reader.

"Huggery-Muggery," is the latest word coined by Opposition leader Whitney in the Ontario campaign. It is probably the name of a new brand of hot-scotch that he has found, judging by the reports of some of his speeches.

The Justices of the Court of Special Sessions of New York have decided that in future they will imprison instead of punishing by fine anyone guilty of violating the speed law with a motor vehicle. This should prove effectual. The man who runs a motor vehicle at a dangerous rate is as guilty as the man who discharges firearms in a city. Those who show no regard for the lives of others are entitled to no consideration.

Appropriate.
"And so the minister delivered a sermon especially for the baseball team this morning, did he?"
"Yes, and the services were arranged so as to appeal to the audience."
"How's that? Did he make grand stand plays?"
"Something on that order. The choir had only a first, second and third bass, and the sermon came to a short stop when the players saw the plate."—Judge.

James D. Fowler,
Jeweler and Optician,

Graduate Optician in charge of Optical Department.

Opposite Post Office,

Fredericton, N. B.

PAYING TELLER'S LAPSE.

He and Several Others Failed to Note an Absurd Error.

Banks are notoriously careful about scrutinizing the signatures to checks on which they pay out money, yet, as the following incident well illustrates, it is possible for even the most careful and experienced of paying tellers to make mistakes. The incident is the more remarkable because it reveals a most curious error on the part of a prominent business man as well as an astonishing lapse in the case of a usually accurate and scrupulously exact bank official.

Among the depositors at one of the largest banks in the city is an old and prominent firm which may be called, for the purposes of this relation, Aloysius Jenkins & Co. All checks issued by the firm are signed in person by Aloysius Jenkins, its head, so that his handwriting and signature are thoroughly familiar to the bank officers at whose bank he has deposited for twenty years or more.

During the first week of this month Mr. Jenkins got notice from the bank that a check signed for \$1,800 in his handwriting, but signed Aloysius Smith & Co., had been paid by the bank during the previous month and the sum paid out charged against his account. Aloysius Jenkins was perfectly certain that he had never made such a foolish mistake as that. He sent over for the check. It needed only a glance to show him that he had written it and the signature really was Aloysius Smith & Co. He called up the people to whom the check was payable and whose indorsement was on its back. They had not noticed the mistake at all. It had passed through the hands of their cashier and of other employees and had been by them sent to the bank, where it had been credited to their account without question, passing the sharp eyes of the paying teller and only being discovered by accident nearly thirty days afterward.

Six or more experienced and expert business men had let that absurd mistake get by without detecting it. It was almost beyond belief. The only more ridiculous thing about it all was the fact that he had misspelled his own firm name. By referring to his letter book for the day the check was dated he discovered that he had been busy just then in closing up an important deal with a man named Smith. That was the only possible explanation for his slip. He has had the canceled check framed, and it now hangs in his office as a reminder that "to err is human" even in the best trained circles.

FEEL SOMETHING.

A distinguished comedian who tells stories very well was invited to a dinner and for the greater part of the evening entertained the company.

When he returned to his hotel, thoroughly tired, his wife said:

"Well, did you have a good time?"

"No, I can't say that I did. Indeed, if I had not been there I should have been bored."

MEAN.

Madge—Physical culture is just splendid. I'm taking beauty exercises.
Marjorie—You haven't been taking them long, have you?

If a man is mean to his wife, has he a right to complain when he finds that her folks know it?—Acheson Globe.

Arctic Rink.

Band Wednesday and Friday.

HOCKEY

FRIDAY, Jan. 10th.

Rovers vs R. C. R.

Season ticket holders admitted to game which will be called at 7.30 o'clock.

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