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THE QUEBEC MIXUP.

Hon. S. N. Parent, the Liberal Premier of Quebec, is in a political difficulty. It is not because of stiff Tory opposition in the legislature for there are only six members of that stripe in the new House, but because of trouble in his own political family.

The revolt which commenced during the federal elections, led by Senator Choquette, Liberal who thought Mr. Parent was rather favorable to a certain candidate whom Choquette did not consider an orthodox Liberal, has been spreading ever since, and the crisis was reached last week when Mr. Monet was taken into the Parent Cabinet, it appears against the protests of three of the Premier's colleagues in the administration, Messrs. Gouin, Weir and Turgeon, three of the most prominent members of the government who have resigned their positions and will fight Mr. Parent in the legislature, and profess their ability to overturn the ministry.

The new legislature was to have met on Thursday next, but the session will be postponed till March 22, to give the Premier a chance to patch up his government if he can. He will probably find little difficulty in filling up the vacant places, but the question is can his new colleagues secure re-election after taking office?

At this distance it would seem that in the interests of peace in his party Mr. Parent should retire, and permit the Liberals in the legislature to select a leader who would enlist the support of the whole party.

FORGETS SOME THINGS.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier in replying to Mr. Foster's speech on the address at the opening of Parliament, referred to the ex-prohibition apostle as a Bourbon, who forgets nothing and learns nothing.

The description, while apt in some respects, was scarcely correct. There are a great many things that Mr. Foster seems to have forgotten. One is his crooked record on the temperance and prohibition question, for a man who pursued such a vacillating course in that respect is scarcely the one to criticize the course of another as Mr. Foster did Premier Ross' in Ontario.

Mr. Foster also forgot something when in the discussion of Judge Killam's appointment to the chairmanship of the railway commission he laid down the principle that the chance of preferment for judges might destroy the administration of justice. If that is correct Mr. Foster has had a hand in the business of destroying the administration of justice. He was a member of a government that promoted Judge Landry from the county court to the supreme court bench in this province, and the business was done on Mr. Foster's recommendation. The same government, with the same Mr. Foster in it, and with the patronage of New Brunswick in his hands, promoted the late Judge King from the supreme court bench of this province to the supreme court of Canada. Yet in the face of these facts Mr. Foster stands up in Parliament and declares that the promotion of a judge is calculated to destroy the administration of justice.

In the same debate, Hon. Mr. Haggart, one of the Tory leaders, denied any knowledge of Judge Landry's promotion, although he must have been sitting in council when the promotion was made. Perhaps, however Mr. Haggart forgot—as he forgot his duty to the Intercolonial railway when he was in charge of it and permitted the road to drop to the level of a second class railway.

The humiliation which Mr. Borden experienced by his personal defeat in Halifax, and the complete wipe out of his party in Nova Scotia, will scarcely be removed by his election to parliament in Carleton, an Ontario Tory hive. His standing in parliament and in the country was very seriously

weakened by the disaster of Nov. 3, but the Tories are congratulating themselves on escaping the trouble that would have arisen in their party had they been unable to secure Mr. Borden's return.

This is the day on which Sir Wilfrid Laurier loses his right arm, (the Ross government). The left one (in Quebec) is also seriously disabled. Before long Sir Wilfrid may have to use his legs.—Sun. (If Sir Wilfrid is put to such straits he will have illustrious precedents in the Tory party. There is Mr. Foster, for instance, who was compelled to leg it out of New Brunswick and Mr. Borden, who had to take shank's mare from Nova Scotia after the recent elections.)

A MILITARY EXECUTION.

It Is a Most Impressive and Dramatic Ceremony.

"The solemnity of a military execution is about the most impressive and dramatic act that is known in human affairs," said an old army officer.

"I had a young friend in California who enlisted in the Union army at the same time with myself, and, coming east, we were placed in the same company. This young fellow fell in love with a Virginia girl and under her influence deserted to the enemy. A few days afterward he was captured and, being easily recognized, was condemned to be shot. He had fought like a demon in the engagement which resulted in his being made a prisoner, for he knew well what his fate would be if taken. His execution was the most mournful ceremony I ever witnessed, and nothing ever seen on the stage was more theatrical—the procession to the scene of death, the band in advance playing a dirge, the coffin, with the prisoner sitting upon it; the guard in the rear and a brigade of cavalry formed in a hollow square. The condemned man, sitting on his coffin, met his fate like a hero, without exhibiting a tremor of fear, and those who witnessed his death were far more excited than he. It seemed a sad thing that such a courageous lad should be sacrificed, but it is one of the necessities of war, and this terrible punishment was necessary to deter others from playing the role of traitor."

Curious Snuffboxes.

"Lawrence Kirk" snuffboxes, first made at a place of that name in Kincardineshire, were the ingenious invention of one Sanday, a cripple, who made his own tools. Instead of taking out a patent he confided the secret of cutting them, hinges and all, from the solid wood to a joiner in the village, who in a few years grew rich, while Sanday died in poverty. Special tools are of course required for this work, and the mystery of their formation is carefully maintained. These curious snuffboxes are generally made of plain wood, and the actual cost of the material, with paint and varnish, is about threepence. In early times they sold readily for £2 12s. 6d. and ladies' workboxes of similar construction for £25.—London Chronicle.

A Hint to Smokers.

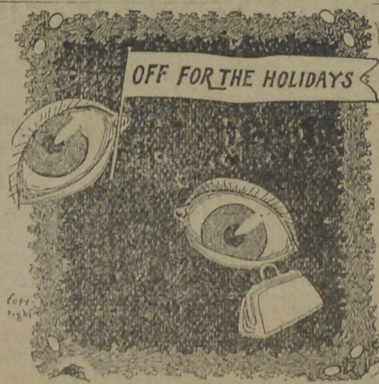
In an article on the hygiene of smoking published in the Munich Medical Weekly by Dr. J. Bamberger he says the injury that may follow the use of tobacco differs with the manner of smoking. Those who use a mouthpiece, or, if not, are careful not to keep the end of the cigar saturated with saliva, are much less apt to suffer from the absorption of the various products of the burning tobacco. "Dry smokers" run much less risk of harming themselves than those who chew the ends of their cigars. Dr. Bamberger suggests that a bit of absorbent cotton saturated with chloride of iron be placed in the holder, and he claims by doing this some of the harmful products of combustion are rendered innocuous.

Miserable Creatures.

"Talking of matrimony," said the sage, "there are two sorts of men who are equally miserable specimens." "And they are?" "The fellow who says he's sorry he ever married and the fellow who says he's glad he never did."

Impossible Ambidexterity.

Speaker—I defy any one in this audience to mention a single action that I can perform with my right hand that I cannot do equally well with my left. Voice From the Gallery—Put yer left hand in yer right hand trousers pocket!



An Arabian Horse Story.

A pretty Arabian story is told to this effect: A man was riding upon a horse of pure blood when he was met by his enemy, who was also splendidly mounted. One pursued the other, and he who gave chase was distanced by the one who fled. Despairing of reaching him, the pursuer in anger shouted out:

"I ask, in the name of God, has your horse ever worked on land?"

"He has worked on the land for four days."

"Very well; mine never has, and, by the beard of the prophet, I am sure to catch you."

Toward the close of the day the horse that never labored was the victor, and as the rider of the degraded horse sank under the blows of his enemy he said:

"There has been no blessing upon our country since we have changed our coursers into beasts of burden and of tillage. Has not God made the ox for the plow, the camel to transport merchandise and the horse alone for the race? There is nothing gained by changing the ways of God."

Change Wrought by New Woman.

"Yes, indeed," said the old man thoughtfully after his wife had delivered a dissertation upon the progress of the sex, "the new woman is vastly different from the old."

"I thought you would realize that in time," she returned rather sharply.

"I have just been reading," he went on, "how girls used to be sold by their parents, and some of them brought fancy prices."

"But there's none of that now, thank heaven!" exclaimed the new woman proudly. "Woman has asserted herself, and"—

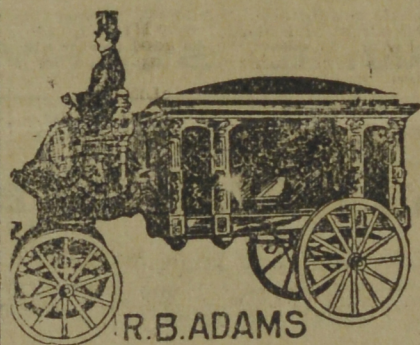
"No, there's none of that now," interrupted the old man. "That's all past. A man does not buy a wife in these days."

"I should think not!"

"Certainly not. It's all changed, all changed. Now he has to be paid to take her, and her poor old father has to wreck his bank account to provide the dowry. Yes, I admit that the new woman, Susan"—

Then the door was slammed as she indignantly left the room.—New York Press

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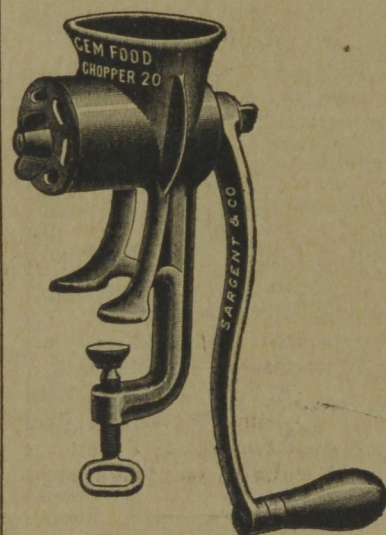
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