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HATES TO LOSE IT.

If Mr. Foster could add to his popularity throughout the country, he is doing it by pleading with parliament not to repeal the act granting pensions of \$3,500 to ex-ministers.

Mr. Foster is personally concerned in the matter. He has drawn one year's pension and it feels so comforting that he hates to give up the future years' emolument from the same source.

Mr. Foster says that he is willing that pensions should only be given to those who need such help, but in the same breath he declares that ministers cannot save anything from their salaries, and intends the inference that he considers himself needing a pension.

The government will do well not to heed Mr. Foster's plea but press the repealing act, and rid itself of the responsibility and unpopularity attaching to the pension business.

The premier admits that the people of Canada are against the law in its present form, but Mr. Foster thinks otherwise. Let him test the feeling of the people and he will soon be convinced that he is wrong.

On another point Mr. Foster is not so far astray. He thinks ministers should have a salary of at least \$10,000 so that they could lay something away for their old age. Better to give them the increase than to saddle the country with pensions for ex-ministers.

A GOOD MOVE.

It is announced that Hon. Winston Churchill under secretary for the colonies, is to visit Canada this autumn, and he should bring his chief, Lord Elgin, colonial secretary along with him to study colonial questions.

It was at a London banquet that Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, the vigorous and outspoken president of the C. P. R., told these gentlemen to their faces, that it was a shame that no British minister while in office had ever visited Canada, and Mr. Churchill seems to have taken the hint.

It would seem that any man filling the position of colonial secretary or under secretary would find it most advisable to fully acquaint himself with affairs in the various colonies, and this can only be done in a practical way by personally visiting Britain's domains beyond the seas.

Perhaps Senator Ellis' statement in parliament that Canada is shaping towards national independence was the cause of Mr. Churchill's determination to come to Canada, and if it was, the St. John Senator deserves well of his countryman even if he is entirely astray in his conclusions.

Lord Elgin, the colonial secretary, is a native of Canada, having been born at Montreal when his father was governor general, and this fact is an additional reason why he should follow his subordinate's example and see things for himself in the Dominion, with which he has intimate political relations.

The cable hints that Lord Elgin may come when the King himself decides to visit us, but His Majesty's intentions in the matter are still jealously guarded. He has not yet declined parliament's invitation, and there is a feeling that he may accept it.

CURRENT COMMENT

Parliament will conclude its business and be prorogued tomorrow.

The Tory senator who moved to kill the Sunday observance bill in the senate found only three supporters.

The Czar sent Admiral Rozhdestvensky with an inferior fleet of warships to meet the Japs and courtmartialled him because he was forced to surrender. Rozhdestvensky's defeat was no fault of his, and the world is glad to hear that he has been acquitted of the charge of cowardice.

The Tories in parliament were so knocked out by Mr. Emmerson's announcement of a \$100,000 surplus for the Intercolonial Railway that they hadn't words to reply, but turned to personal abuse of the minister with respect to an alleged scandal which completely petered out in the invest-

FOSTER'S PLEA.

Ex-Finance Minister Loth to Give up His Pension and Opposes Repeal of Last Year's Act.

LAURIER DECLARES FEELING IN THE COUNTRY IS AGAINST PENSIONS.

Ottawa, July 11.—Prorogation will take place on Thursday. This was announced in the House last night by the premier. Everything is passed except the third reading of the repeal of the pensions and supply bill. In discussing the new rules for the House there were some objections to the short sessions on Wednesdays. It was finally decided that the House would meet on two o'clock on Wednesday and adjourn at six.

MacPherson, Vancouver, objected to the new rule which required members to be registered and it was struck out on a vote of 26 to 38. Cabinet ministers and leading members of the opposition voted against the motion which was a standing one in committee. The rules were then adopted and will come into force next session.

On the second reading of the bill for pensions to ex-cabinet ministers, Mr. Turill suggested that the bill should stand over to another session. The bill would have been more popular if it had been discussed more fully last year. There should have been an age limit fixed, large corporations paid pensions. The government might bring in an improved pension bill. It ought not to apply to any one younger than 55.

FOSTER DEFENDS PENSIONS.

Mr. Foster admitted that it might be wiser for him to say nothing. He did not think there was any more opposition to pensions last year than to the other salary votes.

Mr. Foster then proceeded to make a strong plea for the maintenance of pensions by pointing out the apprenticeship that the men had to serve in the best interests of the country before they could attain a cabinet position. When he became minister the expenses were such that he could not get anything out of a \$7,000 salary if he were not to be mean. If he were not mean he could not save a single cent.

It was absolutely impossible to fill the position of a minister and carry on any private business. The minister would have to devote himself to his work. If his salary was increased by \$2,000, which would not be any too much, there would be demands made upon him and he would

tigation before the public accounts committee.

A St. John Reformed Baptist minister declares his belief that smokers will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven. If that is correct there will be scarcity of men in future happy condition beyond the grave. Intemperate statements do injury to the cause of religion, and the gentleman who is quoted should seek some other calling.

Smoking may be a bad habit, but it is not a mortal sin, nor, indeed, a sin of any kind, and as for it being a bar to Heaven—well, we know a lot of good parsons who will have to take chances in the other place if the Baptist minister is correct.

BITS OF NEWS.

Sir William Mulock was sworn in at the parliament buildings, Toronto Tuesday morning as administrator of Ontario during the absence of Lieut. Governor Clarke, who has gone to Portland, Me., on a long vacation.

Francis P., the six-year old son of John Tobin, Halifax, was drowned in H. D. McKenzie and Co's dock Tuesday afternoon. The boy had been playing about the wharf and had fallen in. The doctors say the body was in the water about an hour when recovered.

Lightning killed ten cows belonging to Mr. Sage, of Fadden's Corner, near Ingersoll, Ont., and W. Turner of the same neighborhood had a horse killed in the pasture field. The dead cows were found next morning piled high under a tree, where they had sought shelter.

The Chatham town council at its session Monday evening, voted unanimously to enforce the provisions of the Scott Act, and for that purpose every open bar will be proceeded against, and search warrants will be issued against those places where it is suspected that liquor is being sold. There was even talk of appointing a special officer for the work.

The C. P. R. at a point where the line crosses Blair road near Galt, Ont., was the scene of a collision at noon Tuesday. A freight from the east making its way it is said, contrary to orders, ran into a construction train carrying 50 Italian navvies. The result was a bad accident and the loss of at least three lives, with a dozen men frightfully injured.

have nothing left. But put \$2,000 a year away for the minister and he would have it when the day came for his retirement.

Mr. Foster said that Canada would not object to giving a pension to the man who requires aid after serving his country. "I would limit it," said Mr. Foster, "to a point of service to a point of age and what was reasonable and the country would not object."

LAURIER SAYS PEOPLE OBJECT.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had no fault with what Mr. Foster said, but that was not the proposition. There was no doubt the pension scheme was more objectionable to the people than any of the other propositions. The country would not object to paying for the man who served his country, if he required aid. The difficulty was as to the drawing of the line. In the act there was no discrimination as to those who were to receive pensions. It worked automatically. The young man got it as well as the old and the man who was wealthy as well as the man who required it.

In England the premier handled the pension, but he would not like to do so. The man who needed a pension applied for it. If the cabinet granted it then it would not be much better. He would be willing to consider the claim of any one who had given his life to the service of the country and who required aid in his declining years so that he could maintain his position. With a view of having the matter discussed in the press and by the people, he was willing, speaking for himself personally, to leave the matter over until next session.

Messrs. Kemp, Pringle and Sproule favored leaving it over.

Mr. Blain wanted repeal, as did also Wilson, of Lennox. R. L. Borden thought the bill should have been brought forward earlier. He favored holding it over. Mr. Fielding told Mr. Borden that it was not the fault of the government that it was not brought forward sooner. He suggested that the bill pass its different stages and stand for a third reading today, which was done.

A London cable says: The Canadian commercial congressmen are taking a special part in the Chamberlain celebrations. Geo. W. Drummond, Cockshutt, M. P., Ballantyne and other leading Canadians have arranged a colonial luncheon on Saturday in Mr. Chamberlain's honor. The Australians, New Zealanders and South Africans have asked to be allowed to join in what will prove a notable colonial tribute, peculiarly gratifying to Mr. Chamberlain.

His Excellency Earl Grey will take a yachting trip during the months of July and August in the Gulf of St. Lawrence, in the course of which he will pay a short visit to the governor of Newfoundland. Later on His Excellency will pay a visit to the Northwest and British Columbia, but not to the Yukon. He will attend the Forestry convention meeting at Vancouver on September 25th and 26th, and will open the exhibition at New Westminster on October 2. He will return to Ottawa about the end of October, shortly before the opening of the November sitting of parliament.

THE SYNOD.

(Continued from first page.)

Mr. H. B. Schofield said that the subject brought up by Judge Hannington was a very delicate one. Had he been a member of the standing committee he would not have approached His Lordship with any such proposition. The act that the bishop did not offer to divide his salary was proof that he did not consider his financial position was such that he could afford to do so. He approved entirely of the action taken by the standing committee.

Rev. G. A. Kuhring thought a bishop was needed who would be in a position to devote the whole of his time to the work of the diocese. The section was then voted upon and carried by a large majority.

Section four had to do with the appointment of an organizing or travelling secretary to assist the missions.

The section was adopted and the report was adopted as a whole.

At 1 o'clock the synod adjourned until 2.30.

Teacher—How long had Washington been dead when Roosevelt was inaugurated?

Scholar—I dunno, but it hasn't been very dead since Teddy has been there.

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