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## THE HOSPITAL ENQUIRY

The difficulties at the Victoria Hospital have apparently reached an acute stage, and some drastic action on the part of the trustees will be necessary if the usefulness of that institution is to be preserved.

Not only are members of the medical board up in arms against the matron, but the nursing staff have presented an ultimatum that either they or the matron must leave the institution.

The indictment of the nurses deals exhaustively with the internal economy of the institution, making grave complaints against the culinary service, especially, and expressing lack of confidence in the management, or lack of management generally, going into minute details.

Of course, there are two sides to every story, and it is only fair to suspend judgment until the matron is heard from, but it is questionable if the trustees will be able to restore harmony at the institution unless important changes are made without delay.

The public, which supports the institution liberally, will demand a clean and satisfactory administration, and no personal interests should be permitted to stand in the way of a complete realization of such conditions.

## ST. JOHN ELECTION

Mayor Sears, of St. John, is still talking of opposing Dr. Pugsley's election to Parliament but His Worship's friends should advise him to save himself the trouble and humiliation of an overwhelming defeat.

There is no man in St. John or elsewhere, no two combined able to defeat the Minister of Public Works in that constituency at the present time.

Dr. Pugsley retired from the local premiership and accepted nomination for parliament not only at the call of his party but in response to the request of a large number of Conservatives and independent electors, who believed the time opportune for St. John to have an able friend in the house of commons, and they will see to it that he is elected, no matter from what quarter opposition may spring.

Since Dr. Pugsley's nomination he has been called to an important portfolio in the government of Canada, and is in a position to do splendid work for his constituency—work that the needs of the winter port demands if it is to hold and extend its position in that respect.

It would be suicidal for St. John to reject Dr. Pugsley in the present occasion, the people there knew it, and the opposition of Mayor Sears or anybody else will be as futile as foolish.

The Conservative party in St. John has recognized the situation, and decided not to put a candidate in the field, and Mayor Sears should have sufficient discernment to see that the electors propose to send Dr. Pugsley to Parliament, no matter what obstacle may be placed in the way to his return by acclamation.

## THE JAPANESE INVASION

The invasion of British Columbia by hundreds of Japanese is creating serious conditions in that province, and the question is one that will require very delicate handling.

According to a treaty between

Great Britain and Japan, to which Canada became a party, the people of the flowery kingdom are entitled to assume citizenship in this country, but the arrival of so many of them at Vancouver and Victoria has unsettled the labor market in those cities, and the white population is up in arms against the invasion.

This resentment reached an acute stage Sunday night, when a Vancouver mob stoned the Japs out of their homes and burned their property.

This was a high-handed and uncalled for proceeding for which the city, or the government will have to pay, and it has placed the authorities at Ottawa in a delicate position in relation to the home government and that of Japan.

Prudence and moderation will be needed to allay the trouble and prevent the question assuming a serious international condition which all would regret.

A Vancouver M. P., who is at Ottawa, interviewing the government on the matter, has given out threats of secession on the part of British Columbia, if the Japanese are not excluded from that province, but this will not be taken seriously. The politicians of the Pacific province have made the question of exclusion a football in the political arena for some time, each party trying to outdo the other in the effort to catch the popular vote.

In the present difficulty Sir Wilfrid Laurier may be expected to act calmly, moderately and wisely, as he always does, and the excellent understanding that exists between the British and Japanese governments will materially aid in the satisfactory solution of the difficulty.

## "A DEAD DUCK"

Mr. Foster and the few friends he has left in the Tory party are on the defensive, and the man who in past years so glibly sailed his political opponents, now finds it necessary to attempt to cover his tracks through the western land deals.

Mr. Foster cannot explain away revelations of the Insurance commission, try how he will, and he has lost the respect and confidence of his own party and earned the contempt of the country.

Do you not suppose Mr. Foster would be with his leader in his present stumping tour of Canada, if he were regarded with feeling a respect by his party toward him?

The Montreal Star, a Tory organ, whose proprietor has contributed many thousands of dollars to his party's funds, warned Mr. Borden against taking Mr. Foster with him, the Toronto News, Telegram and World denounced the land dealer and the Tory leader had sufficient judgment to omit the ex-prohibition spouter from his program.

About the only Tory newspaper that cannot see the drift of all this is the Chatham World, which devotes a column of labored argument in support of the man who speculated with the Foresters' funds and landed handsome profits for himself.

## CURRENT COMMENT

The high school professor did Good shooting. And why shouldn't he?

There is no sign of opposition at Brockville, Ont., to the return of Hon. George P. Graham as Minister of Railways and Canals. That city appreciates the honor extended to its representative.

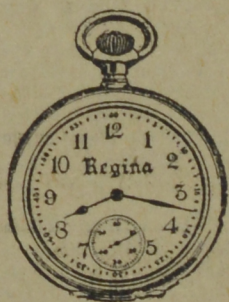
The Fredericton Tory organ solemnly declares that if its party gets into power at Ottawa "decay in public life will be rigidly enforced." It must have had Foster and Fowler in mind. But why should the people be called upon to support a party that will rigidly enforce "decay in public life?"

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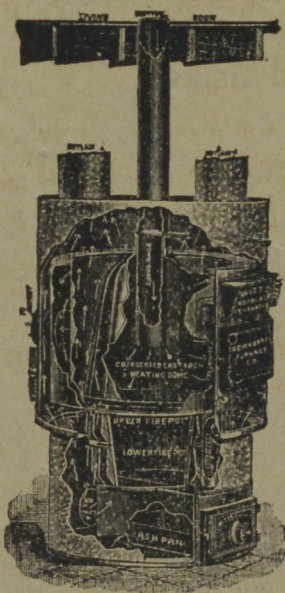
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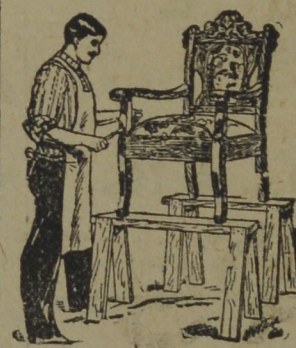
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