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THE OTTAWA INVESTIGATION.

It is worrying Mr Borden and his Parliamentary associates that the report of the civil service commissioners, while making serious charges against the conduct of officials of the Marine and Fisheries department record no reflections against the Minister, Hon. Mr. Brodeur, and no suggestion has been made that he has not been endeavoring to weed out the men who have brought disgrace on themselves and the public service.

The Tory party in parliament hoped to unload responsibility on the government, but discover that only Tory officials are implicated. They thought to catch a cabinet minister and have only snared a number of their own appointees.

The offer of Judge Cassells to hold the investigation proposed by the government without charge, does him infinite credit, and assures a thorough enquiry without prejudice or hope of financial reward, and the prompt manner in which the government has taken hold of the matter has thrown the Opposition out of joint and robbed them of their ammunition.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has declared that the investigation will be searching no matter where the blow may fall, and when the department has been rid of the alleged corrupt Tory officials the country will breathe more freely, and the government will have discharged a duty that might with advantage been undertaken at an earlier date.

IN THE PUBLIC EYE.

The next Liberal premier of Great Britain will be Hon H. H. Asquith, and it will not likely be very long before he will be called to that exalted position, little hope being held out that the present premier, Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman will ever be fit to resume his duties.

Mr. Asquith, who is leading the House of Commons in the premier's absence, and is doing it well, is a celebrated lawyer who has risen to eminence through his own efforts, A shortish man, says the London Daily Mail, silver grey hair, loose-fitting clothes, and a pallid, lawyer-like face, with a very straight mouth and very steady eyes, is standing day by day at the table of the House of Commons making the fight of his life.

Mr. Asquith's incessant mental turmoil and his heavy burden of Empire is never shown in his face when at ten minutes past three each afternoon he strolls into the House of Commons to answer any questions which may be put down to him as Chancellor of the Exchequer or as acting Prime Minister. No feverish haste marks his footsteps, he bears no sign of the nerve-trying day of work he has already completed in his Department, in his private room, and in the Cabinet chamber. He picks his way over the outstretched feet of Ministers on the front bench with the slow precision of an idler. His hands are in his trousers pockets, his face is placid, slightly bored, and his whole attitude that of the leisurely saunterer only faintly interested in the scene which his entry into the Chamber has opened up for him. He drops with an indifferent air into the middle of the long line of Ministers on the front bench, and casually picks up the order paper of the day with the manner of a man who thinks he may as well see what is going on though it really does not interest him very much.

It is said that Mr. Asquith, lacking personal magnetism,is not a leader of men, and yet in these later days the advent of the cold-faced Chancellor of the Exchequer acts in the way of a tonic on the crowded lines of his supporters, even on a good many of those who are not entirely satisfied as to his orthodoxy. They know that Mr. Asquith, with all his seeming placidity, can within thirty seconds turn himself into a dragon of furious action. They know that for all his indifference he will spring into the battle with smashing blows the instant there is an opening.

One has to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer at different periods of a parliamentary sitting to get a fair picture of him. The Mr. Asquith seated with bored face and lazy attitude on the Treasury bench is not the Mr. Asquith who makes a fighting speech. Listlessness drops from him like a mantle as he rises to his feet and takes his place in front of the famous despatch box to expound to the House a new and highly contentious piece of legislation. His pale face is slightly flushed his eyes are half veiled; unconsciously his shoulders go back a little, and his head adopts an aggresive poise. He is a picture of cold ardour. In a deep, sonorous voice he opens with some well-balanced generalities. In three minutes he has reached the heart of his subject, holding the House silent with his lucid and direct explanations. Here is where he excels. It is hard to believe when listening to Mr. Asquith that legislative proposals can be complex or intricate. He has the power of making a child understand an Act of Parliament.

CURRENT COMMENT

Mr. Carnegie has donated another $5,000,000 to the University pension fund, and the beneficiaries hereafter will include professors of state aided colleges, under which head the University of New Brunswick will come in.

At Washington they are having prostrations from heat. In Fredericton we have still two feet of ice in the river, snow on the ground and fur coats in use.

Up in Carleton there is the same demand for public offices as Mr. Hazen is experiencing in York. The Sentinel intimates that the hungry horde are after the offices of sheriff, deputy sheriff, registrar of deeds, registrar of probates, police magistrate, and a number of minor offices. Mr. Hazen will have a nice time satisfying all the grafters, and those who are disappointed will soon develop into deadly enemies.

Ex-Secretary Shaw of the United States when in Montreal this week, expressed great admiration of Canada's progress and prosperity, and declared that the development in this country during the next ten years will exceed that of any other country in the world's history. In the early days, he said, the United States were generous to the promoter and the railway builder and they got good results, and he said Canada was doing the same, and would have the same profitable results.

The opposition party in York are showing a much more chivalrous spirit towards Mr. Hazen's government than that gentleman and his political friends extended to the late Hon. A. G. Blair when he came into power twenty-five years ago. On appealing for re-election after accepting the office of attorney general, Mr. Blair was bitterly opposed, and Mr. Hazen was active in stumping the constituency against him, but the present opposition party propose permitting Mr. Hazen's solicitor general an unopposed re-election on Tuesday next.

A native of this city is acting governor of Saskatchewan,Hon E. L. Wetmore, chief justice of that province is the gentleman who is discharging the duties of Lieut. Governor Forget during the latter's absence on leave. In the neighboring province of Alberta, another native New Brunswicker, occupies the governor's chair. Hon. G. H. V. Bulyea, the gentleman who fills that high office most worthily, was a University student in Fredericton when Chief Justice Wetmore was one of this city's most prominent lawyers thirty years ago.

SUSPENSION JUSTIFIED

Ontario Justice Dismissed for Cause After Investigation.

TORONTO, April 3.—cSpecial) — That the evidence at the investigation into the administration of justice in York county, Ontario, warrants the dismissal of Magistrate T. J. Woodcock, of New Market, is the finding of Mr. J. W. Mallor, inspector of legal offices, who watched the inquiry at the instance of the attorney general. Magistrate Woodcock has been under suspension pending the outcome of the investigation.

NOT A CANDIDATE.

OTTAWA, April 3.—(Special)— P. D. Ross, editor of the Ottawa Journal, who was one of the unsuccessful Conservative candidates at the last general election for the local legislature in Ottawa, has decided not to be a candidate at the coming general election for the Toronto house.

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LICENSE VS. SCOTT ACT

To the Editor of the Herald:

Sir: The preachers who write for the Scott Act Committee seem to be giving more attention to the person who they say writes for the friends of License than they do to the merits of the Scott Act itself. With them personal abuse is a weapon with which they are more familiar than sound arguments. On Thursday they published a letter in which it was stated that this writer declared "with curses both loud and deep that he would not remain in his old office under the present administration. That would be beneath his dignity. But as everybody knows he was dismissed. That was the real issue." The whole of this statement is a tissue of lies without the shadow of foundation, and it would puzzle a Philadelphia lawyer to ascertain what issue the Scott Act writer refers to or what connection exists between the Scott Act and the occupancy of any office. It has been stated that when the Scott Act campaign commenced, that the Rev. J.H. McDonald went to a member of the late government and demanded that the person who was daring enough to oppose the Scott Act should be dismissed from all his public employments under the Provincial Government.

This attempt to establish a Holy Inquisition in New Brunswick shows the character of the men who are endeavor to sustain the Scott Act. If they had their way, free thought would be speedily abolished. They are the legitimate successors of the New England Puritans who were the most dishonest set of scoundrels that ever came to America. The Scott Act Committee had a letter in last evening in which they endeavor to throw the blame for the death of Frank Nowlin, in St. John, on the License System. This shows how short they are of arguments for we believe that men have died in Fredericton in consequence of the use of liquor under the Scott Act. The attempt to show that licensed places in St. John keep open after hours or on Sundays must always fail, for it is contrary to the facts which are patent to every one. Every Licensed Tavern in St. John is closed up promptly at ten o'clock and at seven o'clock an Saturday evening for the penalty for not closing is the loss of the License which is a serious matter.

LICENSE COMMITTEE.

INTERCOLLEGIATE SPORTS

This Year's Meeting Will be Held at Moncton.

Representatives of Mt. Allison, Acadia and U. N. B. met in St. John last night and discussed the holding of the inter-collegiate athletic meet of 1908. The decision reached by the delegates was to hold the meet in Moncton on May 22nd. King's College and Dalhousie were not admitted to the meet.

Those who took part in the meeting were Roy Smith for Mt. Allison, E. Stanley Bridges, for U. N. B., L. S. Jost for Acadia.

The decision not to admit King's and Dalhousie was based on the fact that if the colleges mentioned were admitted the length of time which would be required to run off the events would be greatly increased.

Your dead husband wor a good mon, declared the sympathetic Mrs. ——ey to the bereaved widow.

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