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RULE THE ROOST

Liberals Now Have Control of Both Branches of the Canadian Parliament.

HON. MR. SCOTT THREW DOWN THE GAUNTLET.

But Sir Mackenzie Bowell Dare Not Take it up.

Ottawa, Feb. 21.—Canada is under Liberal rule. Yesterday for the first time since Confederation both houses of Parliament were in sympathy with the principles of the Liberal party. Now the Commons and the Senate are in a position to carry out the will of the Canadian people.

For thirty-five long years Conservatives have had the controlling power in the Upper House. That control passed from them today. The gauntlet was thrown down by the Secretary of State, Hon. R. W. Scott, and the Conservative leader of the Senate, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, dare not take it up. He acknowledged for the first time in Canadian history that the Conservative Senators are in the minority. The challenge was in the form of a motion offered by Hon. Mr. Scott naming five Liberals and four Conservatives as the committee to name standing Senate committees. The motion was adopted on division without names being called. Had names been called the vote would have been thirty-six Liberals and thirty-three Conservatives. Realizing his weakness, Sir Mackenzie did not care to disclose it.

When the people of Canada in 1896 decided that the Conservatives were unworthy of trust, and transferred the control of affairs to Liberals, they failed to entirely accomplish their purpose. During the eighteen years they were in office the Conservatives had accumulated a heavy majority in the Upper Chamber.

The operations of Nature have during the past five years brought about the change Canada desired, but was unable to accomplish at the polls. The hand of death and the march of time have made great havoc in the crimson chamber. Senator after Senator has been removed from the sphere of public activity, and now the roll call, if all were present to answer to their names, would show forty-three Conservatives and thirty-eight Liberals.

But the payment of the debt of Nature is not the only thing that keeps a senator from Ottawa. Weakness and disease may be as potent as the grave. This was evident yesterday when ten Conservative members were unable to answer the party call, and the result was their leader found himself at the head of a minority.

The Liberal Senators have been more recently appointed, and are younger and more vigorous men. Only two of these were not in the Senate chamber. These were Senator Wark, who yesterday celebrated his 98th birthday, and Senator Watson, who is in Liegar, where he has been helping to elect a Liberal member in the great three-cornered fight, which has been waged there. The success of Mr. Stewart indicates the character of the work that Senator Watson has done in the West.

The vote yesterday makes it clear that the Senate will be unable to obstruct the operations of the Government, as it did when it threw out the act respecting judges in the Province of Quebec, the Yukon Railway bill, the Drummond County Railway and the Redistribution bill.

Before Parliament sits again, Providence and appointments will have established Liberal supremacy in the Senate beyond the shadow of a doubt.

SIR MACKENZIE BOWELL LENDS A TOUCH OF HUMOR.

A touch of humor, though entirely unconscious, was given the Senate proceedings by Sir Mackenzie Bowell, who complained that for the first time in its history, party politics had become an issue in the Senate.

The fact is that heretofore the Conservative majority has been so large that party was never a question to be thought of.

The committee which the Senate named to select permanent committees, on the motion of the Secretary of State, consisted of the Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Hon. Messrs Templeman, Ferguson, Dandurand, Miller, Ellis, Jones, Loughheed and Scott.

The Secretary of State said it was an accepted principle that the Government of the day was largely responsible for legislation in both chambers. The Liberal party had not for the last few years had its fair representation on the committees. He made no complaint last year. He thought, now that the Government had been again returned, it was fair they should have some consideration. All the chairmanships of the great committees were in the hands of the Conservatives. This he thought was not fair, and so he had framed his resolution so as to provide that the Liberal party should have control of the committees. At the close of last session the parties stood 32 Government and 49 Opposition. On the Banking and Commerce Committee there were 30 members, but only 10 Liberals. On the Railway Committee there were 40 members, and 11 Liberals. On the Internal Economy Committee there were 25 members, and 6 Liberals.

Hon. Sir Mackenzie Bowell said last year Mr. Scott had stated that the question of party politics had never entered into the striking of the committee. Those who heard him today would have the impression that it had been the moving principle. Since 1893, when he went on the striking committee, the question of politics had never been heard, but any suggestion for filling vacancies made by the Government leaders had always been acceded to. When he last year moved a special committee, Hon. Mr. Mills said it was fair, equitable and just. At the present time the Conservatives had a majority of five. He knew politics had been attributed to the action of the committee, but he conscientiously believed that when private bills or Government bills had been introduced and opposed, the committees and the House acted conscientiously. He had perfect confidence in the men named on the committee, but he objected to the doctrine laid down by the Secretary of State. When the time that a change in Government gave the new Government only some fifteen members in the Senate, would that doctrine be carried out? Certainly not if Mr. Scott had anything to do with it. He defended the Conservative members of the Contingencies Committee from having been guilty of extravagances in raising salaries.

NO LIBERAL HAS BEEN CHAIRMAN FOR TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS.

Hon. Mr. Templeman pointed out that for twenty-eight years no Liberal had been chairman of any committee. Now the Government were stronger than their side had been for many years, and he thought that they should have representation on the committees. Last year the Government members were not given fair representation on committees. It was the intention of the Striking Committee to deal fairly and impartially with all parties in the House. Liberals might not be in a majority, but they represented the people, they represented the Government, and were responsible for the expenditure.

Hon. Mr. Loughheed recognized that the Government had practically a majority of the House. The Opposition were accepting the situation with good grace. He regretted the statement made by Mr. Scott. There had never been a suggestion made for a Liberal to be put on a committee but it had been accepted. He pointed out that in the Commons, where the Government were in a majority, there was not an Opposition chairman. He asked them to accept the facts as they were, and promised that there would be no complaint from the Conservative minority in the committee.

Hon. Mr. Landry objected to the fact that Quebec had only one representative. He had expected to see a French leader appointed on Mr. Mills' elevation to the Bench.

Hon. Mr. Ferguson regretted that Mr. Scott should have made the statement that the object of the motion was to enable the Government to obtain control of the committees. Such an announcement was never made before in the House. He quoted Mr. Scott in last year's debate as stating that it had been the custom to fill vacancies merely from year to year. He went into the method of procedure in the Striking Committee. Quoting Mr. Scott's speech of last year, that had politics been acted on in past years the Liberal party would have been unrepresented on some

committees, he said if the principle of political consideration was to be observed it would not be well for the country or the harmony of the Senate.

Hon. R. Dandurand thought the Secretary of State was being misrepresented. He intended to act on the golden rule on the Striking Committee, and thought the members intended to do the same. The motion carried on division.

Woman is often referred to by man as "doubling his joys and halving his sorrows." That may be complimentary but it would seem to be rather hard on the woman. For in plain terms it means that where things are going well with the man his wife makes them go better. But when things are going ill with him, he expects the wife to share half his burden. And there's more truth than poetry in this presentation of masculine selfishness. Men don't appreciate the fact that the strain of motherhood alone is a burden bigger than all the loads that rest upon male shoulders. They see the wife grow thin, pale, nervous and worn without a thought that she is over-burdened. Among the pleasant letters received by Dr. Pierce are those from husbands who have waked up before it was too late to the crushing burdens laid upon the wife, and in the search for help have found in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription a restorative which has given back to the mother the health of the maiden and the maiden's happiness. "Favorite Prescription" always helps, and almost always cures. It has perfectly cured ninety-eight out of every hundred women who have used it when afflicted with diseases peculiar to women.

The new steamship Kroonland was launched at Cramp's shipyard Philadelphia Thursday. She was built for the International Navigation Company, and will be used in the Red Star line's New York and Antwerp service. She is the largest ship ever built in the United States, and a sister vessel of the Vanderland, which was launched on July 12, 1900, at the yards of John Brown & Co., Limited, of Clydebank, Glasgow, and of the Zreland, which was launched at the same yards, November 4, 1900. The naming ceremony was performed by Mrs. R. G. Griscom. The Kroonland is not a flyer, but in luxury of appointments will rival any vessel on the Atlantic.

Drugging Will Not Cure Catarrh.

This loathsome disease is caused by germs that invade the air passages of the head, throat and lungs, and can be cured only by inhalation of medicated air. Stomach medicines, atomizers, snuffs are ineffectual, because they fail to reach the cause of the trouble. Catarrh is successful because it is inhaled to every part of the breathing organs, and has power to kill the germ, heal the inflamed tissues and prevent droppings in the throat. Catarrh is treated more than one thousand square feet of the mucous surface with every breath taken through the inhaler, and affords instant relief. It perfectly cures Catarrh, Asthma, and Bronchitis. Sold by druggists. Two months' treatment. Price \$1.00. Small size 25 cents, or by mail from Polson & Co., Kingston, Ont.

"Don't you think I preached a very poor sermon this morning?" asked the new preacher of the Deacon, from whom he expected a compliment.

"Yaas, I do," drawled the honest Deacon, "but it runs in my mind that I've heard worse, ef I cud only rickollect wher' it wuz."

Valuable Advice to Rheumatics.

Eat meat sparingly, and take very little sugar. Avoid damp feet, drink water abundantly, and always rely on Polson's Nerviline as an absolute reliever of rheumatic pains. Being five times stronger than other remedies, its power over pain is simply beyond belief. Buy a large 25 cent bottle today, test it, and see if this is not so. Polson's Nerviline always cures rheumatism.

According to statistics the yield of Nova Scotia gold mines last year was 30,000 ounces, valued at \$570,000. This is the second highest yield in the history of the Province for a year, 31,000 ounces having been reported one year.

Next to the sunshine of the past three months, there is nothing that is more cheerful and pleasing than a cup of good tea; the best is UNION BLEND, it is simply delicious. Above and beyond everything else its distinguishing features lie in the fact of its local patronism and appreciation of the great common people.

WENT INSANE IN A CREMATORY.

Mrs. Wirtzberger's Reason Deserted Her as Niece's Body Was Consigned to Flames.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 21.—In a report received here from Southington, Conn., Mrs. Jacobina Wirtzberger, wife of Charles Wirtzberger, a farmer of South End, a hamlet near Southington, is reported to have become insane in a crematory at Fresh Pond, L. I., to which the remains of her niece had been conveyed. Mrs. Wirtzberger is said to have died in Bellevue a few days ago and to have been buried near New York.

Mrs. Wirtzberger went to New York three weeks ago to visit relatives. Who they were or where they lived is not stated. The story says:

"Several days after her arrival, a niece for whom she had great affection, was taken sick. She had been ill but a few days when she died. Mrs. Wirtzberger was in a nervous condition, and through grief she was on the verge of collapse. She attended the funeral service however, which was held at her niece's home, in New York. The family preferred cremation to burial, and the remains were taken to Fresh Pond, L. I., for cremation."

"Mrs. Wirtzberger accompanied the funeral party to the crematory. As the body was being slid into the fiery furnace Mrs. Wirtzberger became violently insane. It taxed the strength of three men to hold her. Physicians were summoned, and they ordered that the patient be taken to Bellevue Hospital, New York, which was done."

"While being taken up a flight of stairs at the hospital, she became violent again with the illumination of an electric light. She imagined that it was the crematory furnace in front of her, and begged the attendants not to put her into it. Mr. Wirtzberger was notified and he hastened to the bedside of his stricken wife."

"Her condition became worse and she died a few days after being taken to the hospital. The remains were buried alongside those of her niece. Mrs. Wirtzberger's maiden name was Jacobina Moekler. She was born in Germany, and when a young girl came to New York. She afterward went to Meriden and resided there until she went to South Bend."

BRITISH SCHOOLBOY BLUNDERS

(From the St. James' Gazette.)

The historical and other "facts" given here are taken from schoolboys' examination papers:

Of whom was it said, "He never smiled again?" William Rufus did this after he was shot by the arrow.

My favourite character in English history is Henry VIII. because he had eight wives and killed them all.

Edward III. would have been King of France if his mother had been a man.

Alexander the Great was born in the absence of his parents.

What followed the murder of Becket? Henry II received whacks with a birch.

The principal products of Kent are Archbishops of Canterbury.

The chief clause in Magna Charta was that no free man should be put to death or imprisoned without his own consent.

Where were the Kings of England crowned? On their heads.

What were the three most important Feudal dues? Friendship, courtship, marriage.

What do you know of Dryden and Buckingham? Dryden and Buckingham were at first friends, but soon became contemporaries.

What is Milton's chief work? Milton wrote a sensible poem called the 'Canterbury tails.'

Give the names of five Shakespearean plays, Macbeth, Mikado, Quo Vadis, San Toy, Sign of the Cross.

An optimist is a man who looks after your eyes, and a pessimist is a man who looks after your feet.

A man who looks on the bright side of things is called an optionist, and the one who looks on the dull side is called a pianist.

Fur Caps and Collars.

Lucy & Co. are in receipt of a case of men's fur caps and collars. They came direct from one of the best manufacturers in Canada. They simply wish to remind those in need of a good fur cap or collar that it will be worth their while to examine these goods before completing their purchases. They also wish to say to those that purchased suits of clothes, overcoats, &c., that another case of watches have arrived and are now ready for those who are entitled to them.—d.

The Northwest Territories Legislature will meet for business on March 20.

Out of the Shadow.

The discouragement, the despair of ill-health, out into the noon-tide glory of health, vigor and strength. Are you seeking this way? Are you wishing to replace weakness by strength, despondency by hope and expectation, pale cheeks and lusterless eyes, by the roses bloom and sparkling eyes. If you but use Ferrazone, you will make rich, red blood, your nerves will grow strong. Old time vigor will return and with it endurance that will enable you to live an active, energetic and successful life. Remember the name, Ferrazone. Sold by C. A. Burchill, price 50c.

The official heads of the medical profession in Great Britain are determined to unite for systematic investigation into the causes, prevention and treatment of cancer. The King has given his countenance to the movement, and it is likely interesting developments will follow shortly. The councils of the Royal College of Surgeons and the Royal College of Physicians have adopted resolutions empowering delegates to draw up a detailed scheme of work. Sir William Church, Sir William Broadbent, and others equally well-known, are on the committee.

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS is the best known remedy for Dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, and will cure all blood diseases from a common pimple to the worst rofulous sore.

Mr. Gourley, the Con. member for Colchester, is talking of getting rough with the States. He said, in Parliament:

"I would go into the trenches tomorrow, take my wife and family, and spend two years fighting."

Mr. Gourley is a braver man than Artemus Ward, who only offered to send his wife's relations.—Montreal Herald.

To Cure a Corn in One Night

apply Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor. It is sure, safe and painless. Never fails, always cures. Insist on having the genuine "Putnam's."

Fred Perrin, a bricklayers' helper at Peterboro', fell down 60 feet and was killed.

PICKING THE NOSE is a common symptom of worms. Mothers who suspect their child is troubled with worms should administer Dr. Low's Worm Syrup. It is pleasant, safe and effectual.

Dean Farrar sustained a bad scalp wound by a fall in Canterbury Cathedral.

GOOD HEALTH IS IMPOSSIBLE without regular action of the bowels. Laxa-Liver Pills regulate the bowels, cure constipation, dyspepsia, biliousness and sick headache.

The Department of Agriculture, Ottawa has received an order for 15,000 long tons of hay, equal to 17,780 Canadians tons, to be shipped to South Africa during the month of March. The department has already placed the contracts for the supplying of the order.

COMMON SENSE AND CONSUMPTION

The treatment of consumption is every year becoming more successful. The majority of cases can be cured if taken in time. Not more medicine but more common sense is the cause of the improvement.

Fresh air, good climate, food, clothing, exercise, all these are important features of common sense treatment.

As a builder of flesh and restorer of strength Scott's Emulsion is still unequalled. The special action of Scott's Emulsion on the lungs is as much of a mystery as ever—but an undoubted fact.

Common sense and Scott's Emulsion is good treatment.

We'll send you a little to try, if you like. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.