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FACTIOUS OPPOSITION

The announcement that the Conservatives will nominate a candidate to oppose Hon. Dr. Pugsley in the coming by-election must come as a great surprise, even to the rank and file of that party. Leading members of the party had declared that if the Liberals nominated Dr. Pugsley there would be no Conservative opposition. They recognised the importance of sending to Ottawa at this time the strongest man available, who would be able to stand up effectively for the interests of the winter port. Looking to the interests of the city, they felt that there should be no opposition.

Apparently, the interests of the party have since come to be regarded as of greater importance than those of the city, and it seems to have been decided that it would be better politics for the party to accept the utter defeat which awaits any opponent of Dr. Pugsley rather than not to put up a candidate.

It is unfortunate when the leaders of a party find themselves out of touch with the feelings of the great mass of the electors, and are constrained to pursue, for the sake of the party, a course which, as citizens, they would be glad to avoid. The Liberal leaders have been in that position in this constituency more than once, and now it is the turn of the Conservatives. The candidate who accepts their nomination will do so without the slightest hope of success in this campaign; but he may, perhaps, think it worth while to make the present sacrifice with an eye to possible rewards of the future. In reality, such a course, so far as this constituency is concerned, would have the effect of projecting farther into the future the possibilities of Conservative success. The people who will elect Dr. Pugsley will remember by whom and for what reason a factious opposition was promoted. The time is not opportune for a Conservative campaign in New Brunswick, and especially in this constituency. The candidate who opposes Dr. Pugsley and the unquestioned desire of the majority of the citizens will be called upon to defend as well as to attack, and that is not a very desirable situation in which to place an opposition candidate. The combination of events and conditions which have led up to the nomination of Dr. Pugsley have been without parallel in the political history of the province. With one accord the thoughtful and disinterested men of all parties recognised in him the man of the hour, and united to make him the central figure in one of the most impressive political demonstrations in the recent history of St. John.

To what purpose and for what reason will he be opposed? What would be the effect upon the interests of the port of St. John were Dr. Pugsley defeated? Is this a time for the display of factious opposition or purely personal ambition? Are the citizens in a mood for trifling with the great commercial interests of this port, at a time when those interests are threatened by keen and powerful rivalry?

It is not necessary to enter into a discussion of the merits or demerits of prominent members of the government or opposition in the house—for it is unfortunately quite clear that something may be said on both sides—but the citizens of St. John are facing a condition relative to the interests of this port, which ought to relegate party considerations for the present time entirely to the background. The future can look after itself.

By deciding to oppose Dr. Pugsley the Conservative executive have not improved the present or future prospects of the party. The duty of the thoughtful elector is not less clear than before this element of discord was introduced. Putting resolutely aside all issues foreign to the conditions affecting the development of the winter port, he will vote for St. John—and not for those who are willing to do St. John an ill-service at the crack of the party whip.

A VIGOROUS PROTEST

The New Brunswick Press Association has unanimously condemned the new postal regulations, and expressed its views with a force and clearness that should not be without its effect on the government. The executive of the Canadian Press Association meets in Toronto today, and will doubtless express equally strong condemnation. Every Canadian newspaper has many subscribers in the United States, and these Canadian publications are doubtless more valuable as immigration literature than much that is sent out by the government. To ask the American subscriber to pay $1.04 postage on a dollar paper is simply to invite him to cancel his subscription, and to that extent injure the business of the Canadian publisher. Thus Canadian interests are sacrificed in two ways, with no compensating advantages. The department does not need the additional revenue and there is no justification for the new regulations. They were adopted without giving the publishers an opportunity to express their views, and evidently without any careful consideration of results. The thing to do now is to have the treaty abrogated, or its action suspended until the whole matter has been fairly considered by the parties so injuriously affected.

FROM MANY LANDS

The cosmopolitan character of the population of British Columbia is shown by the record of the nativity of the members of the provincial legislature. The Victoria Colonist has been publishing a series of sketches of the lives of the members, and sums up its findings as follows:—

"It will be seen from the foregoing papers that the legislature of British Columbia is cosmopolitan in its personnel, ten of its members being from Ontario, eight from England, four from New Brunswick, while there are three from Prince Edward Island and a like number from Ireland, from Nova Scotia and from Scotland. The Orkney and Shetland Islands have two; while British Columbia, Germany and Quebec have one each. More than one third of the members of the house are under 40 years of age, the traditional age at which people acquire sound sense if it ever comes to them, while more than half have not yet reached middle life.. Lawyers are in the majority as far as any single profession goes, but nearly every profession is represented, while the farmers and laborers have their quota of influence in the assembly. The Salvation Army is the only religious body unrepresented in the house."

The following paragraph from the Toronto Globe shows that the queen city is enjoying a remarkable building boom this year, promising to be even greater than that of last year:—"The figures of building permits issued for March, $1,508,000, which broke all previous records, have already been exceeded this month. Up to yesterday the total permits passed the two million dollar mark, an increase of half a million dollars over any previous record Only three years ago the record for the city for a whole year was $5,000,000. Last year it was $13,000,000." The list of new buildings for which permits have just been issued includes several factories and ninety dwelling houses.

Concerning England's great pro-consuls an exchange makes this interesting comment:—"When Lord Cromer finally takes leave of the land of the Pharaohs and turns homeward in quest of health three of the great administrative brains of the British empire will have been withdrawn from the public service. In 1905 Lord Curzon, after a brilliant career culminating in his filling for six years the post of viceroy of India, laid down the reins of office, and now occupies a comparatively insignificant place in the affairs of the state. In the same year Lord Milner relinquished the post of high commissioner for South Africa, and is now only occasionally mentioned in the newspapers.

The members of the Canadian senate will not be kindly disposed toward Mr. J. S. Willison, who, addressing the Canadian Club of Toronto this week, said of the senate:—"So far as I know it performs no service on earth, except to act as the agent of the party in power. Nothing nearer the abode of everlasting rest can be found this side of the grave. The first issue in civil service reform is the Senate. I am satisfied that if the people could understand the uselessness of that body it would be abolished."

An interesting situation exists relative to the office of director of public works in this city. The director informed the board that he must have more salary or confine himself to his former duties. The board decline to increase the salary or lessen the duties. What will be the next step?

If the chairmanship of the water board is to go again to an alderman, there could be no better selection than Ald. Frink. It is suggested that Ald. Baxter may become chairman of the ferry committee. No man is more fully aware of the defects of the service, and a fine field is offered for reforming energy.

The question of preference is the great bone of contention at the conference of premiers. It seems to be Laurier and Botha against the field, with the home government favoring the stand-pat policy of the first named.

Premier Deakin of Australia declares that the home government does not sympathize with the aspirations and the needs of Greater Britain. His plain talk, even if not fully justified, may serve a useful purpose.

Is it not rather singular that none of the city's officials discovered that a change is necessary in the new wharf plan? Must we always rely on outside assistance in these matters?

It has been decided to locate the asphalt plant as near as possible to the Orange street dump. Possibly the one will counteract the effect of the other upon the nasal organs of a devoted people.

The next step toward the erection of the Champlain monument is about to be taken. The subscribers to the fund will confer in the mayor's office this afternoon.

If the Temperance Federation puts a number of candidates in the field in the next provincial elections the contest will be one of unusual interest.

The weather man made an ineffectual attempt this morning to deliver another snowstorm. His persistence is becoming tedious.

France and the United States have a little trade quarrel, which may end in a reciprocity conference or a tariff war.

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Over the chimney the night wind sang
And chanted a melody no one knew,
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And thoght of the one she had long since lost.
And said as her tear drops back she forced
"I hate the wind in the chimney."

Over the chimney the night wind sang
And chanted a melody no one knew,
And the children said as they closer drew:
" 'Tis some witch that is cleaving the black night through,
And we fear the wind in the chimney."

Over the chimney the night wind sang
And chanted a melody no one knew,
And the man as he sat on his hearth below
Said to himself "It will surely snow
And fuel is dear and wages low,
And I'll stop the leak in the chimney."

Over the chimney the night wind sang
And chanted a melody no one knew,
And the poet listened and smiled, for he
Was man and woman and child all three
And he sid "It is God's own harmony,"
This wind that sings in the chimney."

—BRET HARTE.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHY, OF COURSE.

"What did you do with the men after your dinner?"

"Oh, they entertained themselves."

"How?"

"They all went upstairs."

"To smoke?"

"No, no. To talk about their autos."

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A CAMERA FIEND.

Magistrate—Officer, what is this man charged with?

Constable—He's a camera fiend of the worst kind, yer Worship.

Magistrate—But this man shouldn't have been arrested simply because he has a mania for taking pictures.

Constable—It isn't that, yer Worship; he takes the cameras.—Tit Bits.

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HAD A NEW PLACE.

A Baltimore woman who had "a perfect treasure of a cook" was horrified recently when Maggie came to her saying:

"Plase, mum, I'm givin' ye a wake's notice."

"Why, Maggie!" exclaimed the lady of the house, "this is a surprise! Aren't you satisfied here? Do you hope to better yourself?"

"Well, no, mum," responded Maggie. " 'Tis not exactly that. The fact is, mum, I'm goin' to get married."—Harper's Weekly.

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WHAT SAVED HIM.

One morning Rufus Choate's clerk informed him that a gentleman had called and wanted him to undertake a case.

"Ah! and did you collect the regular retaining fee?"

"I only collected $25, sir."

The regular fee was $50 and Mr. Choate said: "But that was unprofessional; yes, very unprofessional!"

"But, sir," said the clerk, apologetically and anxious to exonerate himself from the charge. "I got all he had."

"Ah," said Mr. Choate, with a different expression. "that was professional; yes, quite professional."—Indianapolis Star.

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THE JUDGE OUTCLASSED.

Justice Maule is regarded as the leading judicial wit in England. He had doubts as to the credibility of a witness on one occasion, and the man declared that he had been "wedded to truth" from infancy.

"That may be," said the Justice, "but the question is, how long have you been divorced?"

A little girl was a witness before rim, and he proceeded to ascertain whether she knew the nature of an oath. The child, in answer to questions, said she would go to heaven if she told the truth, but would go to the other place if she told lies.

"Are you sure of that, my dear?" Justice Maule asked.

"Yes, sir; quite sure."

"Let her be sworn," said the court; "she knows more than I do."—Philadelphia Ledger.

IMMEDIATE SHORTAGE OF HAVANA CIGARS

Dealers Fear Demoralization in All Lines of Tobacco.

NEW YORK, May 2.—An immediate shortage in many sizes of Havana cigars of the imported varieties is expected here as a result of the strike of cigarmakers in Havana, and all dealers, especially those who have factories in the district, are beginning to feel nervous over the situation. In consequence of the lockout scheduled for yesterday in all the independent factories, 9,000 cigarmakers will join the ranks of the 3,000 employes of the Havana Tobacco Company, who struck two months ago, demanding that their wages be paid in American instead of Spanish money.

No large stocks of Cuban-made cigars are kept here at any season of the year, and just at this time the supply is exceedingly limited, according to the importers. Some months ago the Havana Tobacco Company abolished its local warehouse and announced that thereafter goods would be shipped directly from the factories in Havana.

"If the strike should continue for three months or more," said a Beaver street importer yesterday, "probably very few, if any, Cuban-made cigars would be obtainable in this market. But it is not this loss of business that is worrying us; if the strike keeps up a general demoralization of the tobacco business will result from which it will take the trade years to recover.

"If the manufacturers acceded to the demand for increased wages on the part of the cigarmakers immediately every laborer on the plantations and in the warehouses would make similar demands under threat of a general strike. In my opinion the independent manufacturers are no more in a position to add to the cost of production than is the Havana Tobacco Company."

The manufacturers, it is understood, have appointed a committee to confer with the strikers, and a report is expected within a few days.

Lillian L. Hipwell

Lillian L. Hipwell, eldest daughter of John P. Hipwell, of the railway mail service, died Thursday after six weeks' illness of meningitis. She was seven years and ten months old. Much sympathy for the bereaved parents will be felt.

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