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PRINTERS AND UNIONS

It is a matter of local interest at the present time to know that the printers in the government printing bureau at Ottawa some time ago seceded from the International Typographical Union rather than continue to pay the heavy tax demanded by the union. These printers have started a national movement, and it is stated that they will, when the present agreement between Ottawa offices and the International has expired, ask those offices to recognize the National as well as the International Union. That the American heads of the International Union are disturbed by the conditions in Ottawa is shown by the fact that President James M. Lynch of Indianapolis was in Ottawa last week. When asked what would happen if the National Union were recognized by Ottawa offices, President Lynch darkly observed that "he would hate to say what would happen." He gave the further opinion that the printing bureau men who had exercised their right to withdraw from the International Union were "tax-dodgers," and would finally have to return to the Union on the terms it laid down. Apparently, President Lynch does not believe that Canada is a free county.

THE COUNTRY LOSES

The Montreal Witness is a Liberal newspaper, but it cannot commend the Quebec bridge deal. On the contrary it commends the minority report presented to parliament by Mr. F. D. Monk, M.P. and Dr. R. N. Walsh. This report reviews the history of the project from its inception, and states that the company, financially, was deplorably weak, the shareholders having only paid in $65,000 of the nominal capital of $1,000,000; and $20,000 of this amount was in fees. The subsides amounted to $1,550,000, but in 1903 its paid-up capital and subsides were gone and there was a floating debt of $779,550. The report says it was the duty of the government to have taken over the property and completed the enterprise, but instead it guaranteed the company's bonds up to $6,680,200, on conditions some of which were never fulfilled. The government's present liability and outlay on account of the project is $6,332,000, and the assets consist of some stone piers and abutments, some iron material and some land as approaches. The government, wholly unrepresented upon the work, left the public interests absolutely in the hands of the Quebec Bridge Company, which company, in the opinion of the committee, was incompetent, and, having regard to the relations between it and the government, absolutely unfitted for that position.

The Witness, though it desires to give all possible credit to the government, is constrained to make the following criticism, which is an effective condemnation of the government's course:

"The report of the Opposition minority of the special parliamentary committee on the Quebec Bridge inquiry has more of a look of serious reality than that of the majority, which looks like an effort to say nothing but what, however futile, may seem to read favorably to the government in the unfortunate history of a purely political and badly discredited enterprise. This minority report describes the Quebec Bridge Co. as quite unfitted for its undertaking. All the actual money it could muster towards a nominal capital of a million for an enterprise that has already cost six millions, was less than forty-five thousand dollars, the rest of the amount appearing as 'paid up' being represented by fees of one sort and another. By a subsidy of over a million and a half and, when that had more than disappeared, by the endorsement of bonds, the liability of the company to the country has reached six and a third millions, for which the country has some stone piers which may not be used, some scrap iron and some unused supplies that may also prove largely scrap. It is only fair to note that the government would have had the bridge in return for its expenditure, which was supposed to be all needed for the completion of the bridge, so that its only fault lay in confiding that expenditure into unsuitable hands. The harm of it comes of mixing up politics and business. Nobody would have undertaken the bridge as a business enterprise. No money could be got for it on a business basis. It was purely a government job. No one would probably say that governments are never right in promoting for the general good enterprises which could not pay in private hands. But when it is a government job it should be one and not be made a present to adventurers. The Transcontinental Railway having been planned as an appendix to this bridge, we presume the bridge will have to be built. When that is done, let it be done without the intervention of political middlemen—men of straw in relation to so stupendous an undertaking."

HAPPY MIDDLEMEN

The following is a clear statement of the essential facts of the Indian lands sale, exposed in parliament last week by Mr. Boyce:

"Application was made to the Department of Indian Affairs for certain timber lands in Algoma by a Mr. Gale, who was later associated with or represented by Mr. W. F. Wilson, who completed the transaction so far as the government was concerned. He it was who suggested the appointment of a valuator, who geing accepted on behalf of the government, fixed $9,987 as a reasonable price for the property, some 29,300 ares in area. The department decided to accept a sum somewhat less than this, or $9,017. This was in April, 1900. The matter remained at this stage for years, or until Sesptember, 1906. The conditions set out in the lease were not fulfilled. In 1905 the purchaser was informed that there was $1,167 due as interest on the unpaid price. This, however, was remitted in 1906, in September of which year, after other conditions also had been remitted, the transaction was concluded, and Mr. Wilson and his associates came into control of the property. Almost immediately a transfer was made to certain parties from the United States, who paid $101,830 for what had cost the original applicants $9,017. Through the action of the government its Indian wards lost the difference between these two amounts, some $92,000."

The Montreal Gazette recalls in connection with this affair, the ranching deal, in which, after the department of the Interior had been looking for years for a man to whom it had granted a grazing land lease, it found a Liberal member of Parliament had been keeping it till it could be disposed of at a profit. Such cases suggest, says the Gazette, that something like a system exists or existed by which those favored by the ministers were permitted to get control of public property of value and, without cost to themselves, hold it until a purchaser who needed it in his business came along and paid the price therefor. It is time for a change of methods—which means a change of government.

The Ottawa Citizen says: "Senator Ferguson makes the charge that the $5,000,000 which the Dominion government loaned to the banks last October was neither needed nor used for moving the grain crop, but was placed on loan in New York and somebody reaped a rich harvest from the fact of this Dominion cash owned by the people of Canada being sent to the aid of Wall Street when money was at a big premium. The accusation is a most serious one and demands an answer."

The Scott Act has been greatly strengthened by the passage of the act to prohibit liquor from being taken into Scott Act counties. The amendment will be hailed with satisfaction by the people of those counties in New Brunswick which are under the Scott Act. There will still be violations of the law, no doubt, but those who desire law enforcement will have a better opportunity to achieve that result.

Parliament has adjourned, and the country will heave a sigh of relief. For the amount of money voted and the number of scandals unearthed this session has made a record.

The Royal Bank is to be congratulated upon entering into occupancy of its splendid new building on King street. It is one of the most imposing business structures in the city.

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SEARCHED THE LADIES

Brockville Ladies Visit to Ogdensburg Enriched the Customs

Brockville, July 18.—About fifty Brockville Ladies who visited Ogdensburg were surprised upon landing here to receive invitations from a lady detective to accompany her to her office. A systematic search was made, and the customs receipts were considerably enriched.

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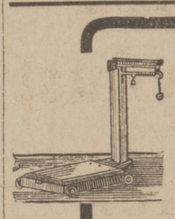
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With a smile round both 'is ears—
Can't yer, Bobs?

If a limber's slipped a trace,
'Ook on Bobs,
If a marker's lost 'is place
Dress by Bobs,
For 'e's eyes up 'is coat,
An' a bugle in 'is throat,
An' you will not play the goat
Under Bobs.

'E's a little down on drink,
Chaplain Bobs;
But it keeps us outer Clink—
Don't it, Bobs?
So we will not complain
Tho' 'e's water on the brain,
If 'e leads us straight again—
Blue-light Bobs.

If you stood 'im on 'is head,
Father Bobs,
You could spill a quart o' lead
Outer Bobs.
'E's been at it thirty years,
An-amassin' souveneers
In the way o' slugs an' spears—
Ain't yer, Bobs?

What 'e does not know o'war,
Gen'ral Bobs,
You can arst the shop next door—
Can't they, Bobs?
Oh, 'e's little, but 'e's wise;
'E's a terror for 'is size,
An'—'e—does—not—advertise—
Do yer, Bobs?

Now they've made a blossim' Lord
Outer Bobs,
Which was but 'is fair reward—
Weren't it, Bobs?
An' 'e'll wear a coronet
Where 'is 'elmet used to set;
But we know you won't forget—
Will yer, Bobs?

Who's the 'ero of Babadur—
Little Bobs, Bobs! Bobs!
Pocket, Wellin'ton an' arder'—
Fightin' Bobs, Bobs, Bobs?
This ain't no bloomin' ode,
But you've 'elped the soldier's load,
An' for benefits bestowed,
Bless yer, Bobs!

IN LIGHTER VEIN

ORTHOGRAPHY.

(Bohemian Magazine.)

He told of her of his great love.

"When a belle is told," she whispered winsomely, "a ring generally follows."

OF COURSE HE DIDN'T.

(Philadelphia Ledger.)

"The papers are afraid to say anything, sneered the first citizen.

"Some people don't feel that way about it," replied the other. "Ever run for office?"

"No, but I wrote a letter roasting some fellows that needed roasting, and the paper didn't print a line."

"Did you sign your name?"

"Certainly not. D'ye think I'm a chump?"

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(Philadelphia Inquirer.)

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Winnipeg Tribune.)

——Here is a sidelight on the Democrat convention at Denver, at which many ladies were present. Would Canadians, even in the most intense throes to such an abandon? We trow not:

"The cowboys' band then struck up the campaign song. 'The gang is all on deck again. What the h—— do we care? What the h—— do we care? in which thousands joined in singing lustily."

MOST IMPORTANT.

Philadelphia Post.

——Maclyn Arbuckle, first of "County Chairman" fame and now the wild western sheriff in "The Round Up," was once a real lawyer in a really wild section of Texas, where, he says, the customary morning salutation among friends was not "Fine weather, isn't it?"—but: "Wonder who's goin' ter git it today.," the "it" being an ounce of more of lead. Nevertheless, says Maclyn (and don't spell it with a "k" unless you want to offer him his pet insult), the average "Bad Man" of the old West was far more careful than he is romantically painted.

"When I first struck that country," the actor recently declared, "I had a natural curiosity about the town's Bad Men, and one evening, I got to asking questions of the worst of the lot. He was a hefty fellow with a soft hat, ten nicks in his gun handle, and a reputation as long as his hair.

"'What would you do, Mr. Simmons,' I inquired, if somebody called you a liar?'

"Simmons scrowled fiercely.

"'By word of mouth?' he demanded.

"'Yes,' said I. 'By word of mouth.'

"The desperado took out his Colt and regarded it lovingly. Then he looked up at me with the most terrifying expression I have ever seen on a human countenance.

"'How big a man?' he asked."

A LITTLE COWARD.

(Youth's Companion.)

——Beatrice, aged five, spent the day playing with Tommy, her little four-year-old neighbor. When she was ready to go home she hugged and kissed Tommy, against his tearful protestations. Reporting the matter to her mother, she concluded with, "But mother, Tommy should have been brave about it, any way, shouldn't he?"

PREFERENCE IN BARBADOES

Bridgetown, Barbadoes, July 18.—The Barbadoes Legislature has passed a law giving Canada preferential treatment of 20 per cent. on flour, cheese, cordage, butter, hay, oats, peas, fish, lumber (other than pitch pine), bacon, hams, iron and steel, nails, spikes, rivets and clinches, shingles, bran, sulphate of ammonia and mixed manure, soap, beans, horses, boots and shoes, fish and meat canned, iron or steel bars, hoops and rods, on condition that the Canadian preference is altered so as to leave a clear $6.72 per ton in favor of West Indian sugar, as against sugars from foreign countries.

Canada's trade with Barbadoes is only 7½ per cent. American has 40 per cent. and Great Britain 45 per cent. The new tariff extends to goods from all British countries, and will benefit Great Britain at the expense of the American manufacturer quite as much, if not more, than Canada.

HOW KING EDWARD SPENT SUNDAY.

London, July 20.—King Edward spent the week-end with Lord and Lady Desborough at Tahlow Court, the house party including Prince Francis of Teck and Consuelo and the Dowager Duchess of Manchester.

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