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SIR ADOLPHE CARON

Sir Adolphe Caron, whose death is announced today, has not been active in politics for some years past, but as a member of Sir John Macdonald's cabinet in the eighties and early nineties he was much in the public eye, and was, moreover, a popular minister. He belonged to that school of Quebec politics which produced Langevin, Chapleau, Ouimet, Angers and others. In his relations with the people his suavity of manner and personal generosity made him popular. Few suitors for favor ever went away from Sir Adolphe without hope, for he had a charming way of encouraging, where he might not wholly reassure. He was not free from the political faults of his time, but as minister of militia for a dozen years he gave the country good service. No man who did not possess administrative ability and the art of making political friends could have held office for so long a period under so astute a statesman as Sir John Macdonald. Sir Adolphe's popularity in Quebec, during the period of Conservative ascendancy at Ottawa, was universal, and even in defeat he was held in kindly regard, which overlooked his weaknesses and remembered his substantial service to the country. Had he lived he must still have exerted a strong influence in politics, but death has claimed him at an age when many men are still very active in public life. He will be sincerely mourned as one who bore an active part in a great period of Canadian progress and development, following the introduction of the National Policy.

REFORM AND REFORMERS

It is announced that the federal cabinet is considering the details of a measure to amend the Civil Service Act. The public naturally expect a measure of this sort, since the report of the Civil Service Commission has revealed a scandalous state of affairs in several of the departments. No doubt the enquiry by Mr. Justice Cassels will bring out further revelations of a sort to cause panic in government circles.

The Toronto News very properly points out that the patronage system, administered as it has been in recent years, is responsible for most of the scandals that have been unearthed. "Patronage," says the News, "is the evil spirit of public life."

When the man at the head of a department is more anxious to serve personal ends or to make political capital than he is to guard the public interests the patronage system gives him an opportunity for the introduction of grafting methods of the most shameless type. Or if the head of the department is himself a well-meaning man, but permits his departmental officers to have their way, the result is also bad for the country.

Two things are needed—a better system, and able and more conscientious administrators. It is the duty of parliament to provide the first, and of the ruling party for the time being to provide the second. Sir Wilfrid Laurier should be able to make some changes in his cabinet with benefit to his party, as well as to the country. More is needed than a mere amendment of the Civil Service Act.

SPRING CLEANING

The annual spring cleaning of premises in the city has been ordered by the board of health. An inspection of some tenement sections would reveal the fact that unless landlords are compelled to make material changes a cleaning process such as should take place in the interests of the public health is practically impossible. This whole matter of sanitation is worthy of far more attention than it receives.

The people who live in localities where there are well drained and well ventilated houses, with abundance of light and air, would be amazed if they paid a visit to some places where families are herded together in insanitary houses, with every inducement for the outbreak and culture of disease. The spring cleaning should be more thorough than usual, and the tender feelings of landlords should not be too carefully regarded by the inspectors.

The outlook for the western crops this spring is regarded as exceptionally favorable. With regard to the industrial and commercial outlook the proposed construction of new factories and mills all over Canada is noted with satisfaction by the Montreal Witness which has been looking closely into industrial and trading prospects for the present year. The Witness hears in Montreal alone of "a number of new industries" promised this year or next, requiring thousands of skilled mechanics and laborers, while the re-opening of navigation within the next two weeks will mean the re-employment of several thousand men who are awaiting the arrival in port of the first fleet of inward bound steamers. All the steamship companies are looking for "a big season's business" and are making ready expeditiously to handle the increased traffic both in passengers and freight which they expect during the summer of 1908.

The Victoria Colonist says:—"It was mentioned incidentally in a press despatch from Ottawa yesterday that the C. P. R. has represented to the imperial authorities that it can transport 10,000 troops across the continent without interfering with its regular traffic. This statement, while perhaps in no sense surprising to even those who have only cursory knowledge of the transportation facilities of the great Canadian highway, will nevertheless serve to bring home to the imperial authorities and the British people how important a role Canada will play in the affairs of the empire when war's rude alarms are again sounded."

The Victoria, B. C., board of trade, has taken up the question of street construction and repairs. There is here a suggestion for the St. John board. The system now in vogue in Victoria is declared to be a failure, and one speaker at the board of trade meeting urged that the city resort to the contract system. This would seem to be a very radical and somewhat doubtful method. The question, however, is one of such great importance as to call for radical treatment.

That the citizens of St. John should rise on the morning of April 21st to find the roofs and streets whitened with snow, and to find on going forth that despite the brilliant sunshine a crisp layer of ice and snow cracked under their feet, was certainly an unexpected experience. The morning air, however, was singularly pure and bracing, and must have heartened the eager civic politicians who are doing battle at the polls today.

The Marathon road race at Boston yesterday is said to have attracted a hundred thousand people to the streets near the finish line. There is a universal interest in clean athletic contests. There should be a further revival of such interest in St. John during the coming summer and autumn.

Moncton is nothing if not ambitious. That town wants the Dominion exhibition of 1909. Whatever may be thought of its chances of getting the grant there can be but one opinion concerning its enterprise. It sets an example to its neighbors in that respect.

The unspeakable Turk has once more accepted discretion as the better part of valor. The Italian fleet will not sail for Turkish waters. The sultan has come to terms. History generally repeats itself in Turkey's relations with other powers.

Unless the signs fail, there will be fewer liquor saloons in St. John this year, and a more rigid enforcement of the law respecting sale during prohibited hours. Public opinion stands behind these necessary reforms.

The independent attitude of La Patrie has led to the resignation from its directorship of Hon. R. Dandurand, who is Hon. Mr. Brodeur's law partner. The partition grip on the press of Canada is gradually weakening.

The civic elections are not exciting any large degree of interest. In one or two wards the fight is keen, but there is no important issue at stake beyond that of the future method of electing aldermen.

The latest railway horror is reported from Australia, where over forty persons were killed, and sixty injured in a collision, near Melbourne.

The Russian forces in Persian territory are in danger of destruction. This little affair may assume larger proportions than has been anticipated.

The Sun this morning, with singularly bad taste, made a vigorous political attack upon Mr. Ames, M. P., who is today the guest of the Canadian Club.

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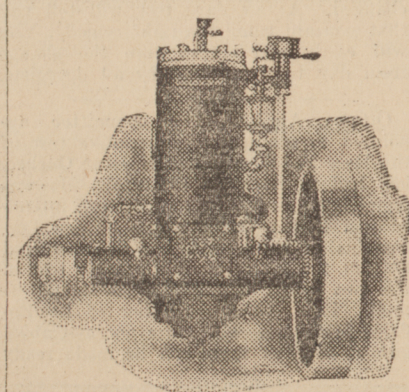
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With quaint hooped skirts held wide,
Where gleaming sunbeams o'er their gay
gowns fall,
O'er rose-brocades and cherry lute-
strings all
Set primly side by side.

They curtsy to each other very low
As drifts the soft wind by,
And padeasy and taffeta like snow
Gainst gold and amber ripple to and fro
Beneath a turquoise sky.

The song of birds makes music wondrous
sweet
For minuet most fair,
With old world grace the lovely dancers
meet,
Sweep their quaint curtseys, then in
slow retreat
Float by on fragrant air.

They fold soft petals in the fading light
When shadows long and deep
Drift over skies of pearl and silver
bright,
Once more they curtsy, as to say Good
night
And then * * * to sleep.

IN LIGHTER VIEW

THIS IS A FACT.

It takes a mighty hard, long, tough
old winter to affect a girl's appetite for
ice cream soda.

IN HIS ELEMENT.

Greasy Grimes—"You look as if you'd
managed to get in de swim somehow."
Tufold Knutt—"Yep; I'm a Fust
Ward floater now."

ADVICE.

Miss Peachley—"Auntie, I find it hard
to entertain Mr. Ketchley. He seems to
have so little general information."
Matchmaker Aunt—"Then specialize,
my dear, specialize; if Browning is too
deep for him, try him on baseball."

ALL RIGHT.

Tulips bravely peeping out,
Pastures turning green,
Colts, with elevated tails,
Frisking o'er the scene.

Cheering sunshine in the day,
Showers in the night;
Summer well upon the way—
Oh, the world's all right.

WAS BIG MISTAKE.

(Tilt-Bits.)
Briggs (indignantly)—"I understand you
said I never opened my mouth without
putting my foot in it."
Digs (apologetically)—"Yes, I believe I
did say that, but—"
"Biggs—"But what, sir?"
Digs—"But I acknowledge my mistake.
When I made that remark I had over-
looked the size of your feet."

SYMPATHY.

"It's a serious thing, Verena," sighed
Mrs. Upmore, "to be the wife of a man
who holds a public office. It demands
so much of his time, and keeps him away
from his home."
"I know just how you feel, ma'am,"
said the elderly domestic. "My first hus-
band was the grand imperial outside of
the Amalgamated and Solidified Order of
Fuzzy Guzzies, and sometimes he was that
busy tryin' to remember the signs and
grapes that I couldn't get a word out of
him all day long."

A BIBLE GRADUATE.

(Indianapolis News.)
Octave Thanet tells a story of an old
darker in Florida who was anxious to learn
to read so that he could read the Bible.
He said that if he could read the Bible he
would want nothing else. A friend of the
narrator taught him to read. Some time
afterward she visited his cabin and asked
his wife how his Bible reading was getting
on.
"Laws, Miss Fanny," said this person,
"he jes' sutlin' kin read fine. He's done
got outen de Bible an' into de news-
papers."

THE WONDERFUL HUDSON TUNNELS

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minal Station --- Enormous
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The Hudson Terminal Buildings of the
Hudson tunnels occupy the eastern half of
two blocks in the lower part of New
York, bounded by Church street on the
east, Greenwich street on the west, Fulton
street on the north, and Cortlandt street
on the south. The buildings consist of
two structures separated by Dey street,
which lies midway between Cortlandt and
Fulton streets. At about the third floor
level, says Walter Mueller in Cement Age,
the buildings are connected by a bridge
which spans Dey street, while below the
surface of the street the construction is
carried clear through from Fulton to Cort-
landt street. This lower portion forms
the terminal station of the lower or south
pair of tunnels, which pass under the Hud-
son river from Jersey City. It is con-
structed in an excavation about seventy-
six feet deep to the floor of the sub-station
and has dimensions of approximately 210
x 435 feet. This sub-structure, which is
built almost entirely of concrete, was re-
ally designed and built as an independent
base upon which the super-structures of
the two buildings rest.

Some idea of the huge quantity of ma-
terial employed in the construction of the
Hudson tunnels is afforded by Walter
Mueller in Cement Age. For instance
the amount of Portland cement used, over
500,000 barrels, represents the annual in-
dividual output of numerous cement com-
panies. All of this cement is being fur-
nished by one concern. The writer states
further that the excavation for the sub-
structure of the terminal building involved
the removal of 170,000 cubic yards of ma-
terial. Of this, 50,000 cubic yards, con-
sisting very largely of quicksand, were
taken out under compressed air. 60,000
cubic yards of concrete, reinforced with
1,000 tons of twisted steel bars, were em-
ployed in the construction of the founda-
tion walls, column footings, and floors.
Comparing the material removed with the
Singer building tower, 612 feet high, shows
that were it piled up on the site of the
tower, it would be double its height. The
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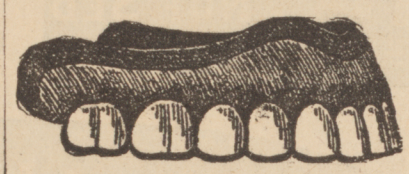
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