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GET RICH QUICK

The Times commends to its readers the article on the first page of this issue dealing with the dredging contracts. The statements there made are based on figures supplied by Dr. Pugsley and the St. John Globe, and ought to be authoritative. They show that in ten months the Dominion Dredging Company appears to have cleaned up a profit of $220,000, on an investment of $131,875. In slang phrase, this is going some. It will be remembered that Mr. Emmerson in the spring of 1907 proposed the purchase of a dredge for this harbor, and a man was sent to select one. He failed to do so, although the Dominion Dredging Company, whose head is the son of a member of parliament, had no difficulty in securing one when one was needed for its purposes. Why did not the government buy a dredge? There is big profit in it for private corporations and individuals.

If the work carried on all over Canada by the public works department is of a piece with the dredging contracts in St. John harbor, what do the people think of it? No wonder there is a general eagerness to become dredge owners.

A SAD AFFAIR

Among the reforms which we may expect to be inaugurated by Hon. Dr. Pugsley is the creation of an Exchequer Court for the province of New Brunswick. The need of such an institution has been borne in upon the minister by sad experience. As he himself pathetically says in his letter to Hon. Mr. Flemming:—"As you know, we have no Exchequer Court in New Brunswick, and any person having a claim has no means, in law, of enforcing it, and must rely upon the disposition of the government to do equity."

It is true that the need of such a court did not impress itself upon the mind of Dr. Pugsley during the many years when he was a member of the government of New Brunswick, but this may be accounted for on the assumption that any little personal claim he may have had against the government was promptly adjusted. Indeed, the public accounts for a number of years lend more or less color to this assumption.

But Dr. Pugsley went out of the government, and neglected to have the last batch adjusted. He intimates that he relied "upon the disposition of the (new) government to do equity." But he had not reckoned with Mr. Flemming, a blunt man, not at all schooled in the fine arts of government finance, and caring nothing for the finer feelings of a statesman to whom it is a severe mental shock to have the justice of a claim questioned even for a moment. Mr. Flemming turns a claim over, surveys it with a cold eye, and asks what about it? He even asks why it should be paid, and in the case of Dr. Pugsley brutally brutally asserts that there is no claim at all.

Obviously there is need of an Exchequer Court. We may have a Flemming in office for a long time. Once a man is in there is some difficulty in getting him out, and in the meantime deserving persons with claims would be put to the trouble of rushing into print, to say nothing about the wrench to their feelings at having the justice of their claims challenged by a soulless person at Fredericton.

Dr. Pugsley is clearly wasting time in this controversy with Mr. Flemming, to whom delicacy and consideration for the feelings of others are as a sealed book. A man who asks why, when he is invited to settle a little account, has too much commonplace curiosity and not enough imagination to be in politics. There will be much sympathy for Dr. Pugsley. It is a rude shock to be told that one cannot place an estimate on the value of one's time and talents in the public service. It is so different from the case of a man who is merely engaged in commerce or industry, where there is a wage scale and a limit to the expense to be incurred.

It is also apparent that Mr. Flemming knows or cares nothing about the principles of arbitration, and one can readily understand how deeply this fact would grieve the fine judicial mind of Dr. Pugsley. The whole affair is very sad, from the standpoint of the ex-premier and present federal minister, and added to the heat of the atmosphere must have a very depressing effect upon his mind.

THE SURRENDER

Those who read the less reliable portion of the government press are likely to get the impression that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been wrestling for weeks with an obstinate opposition, trying to prevail on them to accept the Aylesworth elections bill in the form in which it was last presented. Sir Wilfrid has been doing nothing of the sort. He has been trying to get his own followers to agree to changes which the opposition demanded, and without which so shrewd a politician as he knew perfectly well there would be a storm in the country. It was this greatly changed bill that Mr. Aylesworth, with a very wry face, last presented to the house. The changes, which are radical, are stated in the Ottawa Journal as follows:

"The first clause of the bill in its new form is radically different from that in which the bill was presented to the house upwards of two months ago. Provision was made in the bill as originally drawn for a federal revision of the provincial lists in the Provinces of Manitoba and British Columbia. In its new form clause one contains no mention of British Columbia. The proposed revision in Manitoba is dropped and the cause simply provides for the appointment of judges to allocate voters in their respective polls for the purpose of the dominion election and to arrange the points at which polling subdivisions shall be established. The bill as it stood called also for the preparation of lists in the unorganized districts of Quebec and Ontario. The government does not insist on this proposition, so far as Quebec is concerned. The Ontario revision, however, is insisted upon, and will be made entirely by the judges."

Except in the case of Ontario, the government has practically eliminated those features of the bill against which the opposition fought. It is folly on the part of any newspaper to attempt to minimise or obscure the surrender of the government, and the vindication it affords to the opposition for their continued struggle against the original bill. The waste of time was the fault of the government which in the end had to surrender.

Pity the children. The Montreal Star of Monday says: "The civic figures just issued show that owing to the hot weather of last week no less than eighty children under five years of age, passed away. The contention of the Medical Health Officer of the city is that if a purer milk supply were secured, this heavy rate would be greatly cut down. The total deaths among all classes numbered 184."

A despatch from Winnipeg says: "Immigration officials are besieged with applications for farm help, as many as fifty letters daily being received. They cannot supply the demand, for, although there are a number of idle men in the city they refuse to go to the farms."

MONCTON NEWS

Small Boy Badly Injured--I. O. G. T. Banquet Last Night.

Moncton, N. B., July 8 (Special).—The fourteen year old son of Andrew Somers, I. C. R. trackmaster, while playing with small dump cars on the I. C. R. double tracking near Hall Creek bridge yesterday afternoon had his foot badly crushed and had a narrow escape from losing his life. The boys were pushing cars along the track when young Somers fell between them as the two crashed together. His foot was caught and only the fact that he wore a heavy soled boot prevented the foot being taken off. The doctors hope to save the injured member which is badly smashed.

Grand Lodge I. O. G. T. last night tendered a banquet to Rev James Yeames, past international chief templar of Arlington, Mass. About fourty were present. J. V. Jackson, Grand Chief Templar, presided. In his speech Rev Mr. Yeames referred to his connection with the I. O. G. T. the past thirty-seven years and gave an interesting sketch of his work.

Mayor Purdy responded to the toast of the city council. Other speakers were Rev. James Strothard, E. N. Stockford, St. John; A. C. M. Lawson, Norton; L. R. Hetherington, Grand Secretary.

THE YOUNGEST SON

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, says Tit-Bits, was the youngest son of his family, and the most distinguished. How often has this not proved to be the case!

Coleridge and Washington Irving were the youngest of eleven children, Benjamin Franklin the last born of seventeen, Johann Christian the eleventh and youngest of Johann Sebastian Bach's children, was also the greatest of them; Wagner, Mozart and Rubens were each the last of seven, as was also Daniel Webster; Rembrandt was the baby in a family of six, Schumann in one of five, George Eliot in one of four, and Charles Lamb the youngest of three. The full list of famous youngest sons is a formidable one.

Paris, July 7.—Count Boni de Castellane, accompanied by his counsel, this afternoon went to the office of Judge Henri Ditte, president of the tribunal of the first instance of the Seine and applied to have the custody of his children restored to him on account of his divorced wife's marriage to Prince Helie de Sagan. After hearing argument by Maitres Bonnet and Jullemier, Judge Ditte adjourned the case until the return of Prince de agan to Paris.

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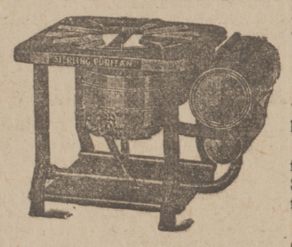
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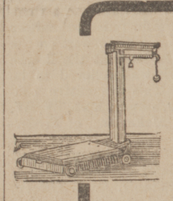
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In life's rapid running streams,
When our hearts look back with pleasure,
To those happy days and dreams.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

DEAD ONE.

Critic—"My boy, you are a great artist. You should be with Angelo."
Artist—"Why, Angelo is dead!"
Critic—"I know it."

JUST LIKE HOME.

Wife—"Do come over to Mrs. Barker's with me, John. She'll make you feel just as if you were at home."
Her Husband—"Then what's the use of going?"—Judge.

OVERHEARD IN THE COUNTRY.

Wilfred—"Mamma, we were up in Farmer Crosby's yard, watching the eggs in his incubator.
His Mother—"Did anything come out?"
Wilfred—"Yep; Farmer Crosby—and he chased us."—The Circle.

WHY HE SANG.

Mr. Stubb (in astonishment)—"Gracious, Maria! That tramp has been singing out in the back yard for the last hour."
Mrs. Stubb—"Yes, John, it is all my fault."
Mr. Stubb—"Your fault?"
Mrs. Stubb—"Indeed it is. I thought I was giving him a dish of boiled oatmeal, and, instead of that, I boiled up the bird-seed by mistake."—Chicago Daily News.

HIS WAY.

"I don't see why Goodley should be so unpopular with you all. He never speaks ill of any one."

"No, but he's one of those very smug fellows who can say 'Oh, yes; Jones seemed very happy when I saw him last,' and say it in such a way as to give the impression that Jones was horribly drunk."—Philadelphia Press.

AN OUTRAGE.

Tommy—"W'at's de matter, Chimmie? Yer look sore."
Chimmie—"Sure I'm sore. I got up early yisterd'y mornin' an' anchored mesel' alongside o' dat big knothole in de fence at de baseball groun's; den w'en de game begins de overflow crowd lined up in front o' me knothole."—Catholic Standard and Times.

PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSY.

The politician had been charged with perjury.

"What's that?" he asked, languidly.

"Swearing to a falsehood."

"Why, any chump could swear to the truth," exclaimed the politician. "I'm the victim of professional jealousy, that's what," he added, with manifest indignation.—Philadelphia Ledger.

MOSES' GREAT ACHIEVEMENT.

"Now, Johnny," said the Sunday school teacher, "can you tell me one of the most remarkable things Moses did?"

"Yes, ma'am," replied the bright youth. "He broke all the Commandments at the same time."—London Opinion.

ENGLAND AROUSED OVER SUFFRAGETTES

(Toronto News.)

For months London has been entertained and excited by the militant advocacy of votes for women. Female agitators have gone about speaking on the doorsteps of Downing street, appealing to members of parliament tea drinking on the terrace at Westminster, chaining themselves to ministerial front doors, and attempting to force a way into the lobbies of the House of Commons. These tactics have brought the women before the magistrates on charges of disorderly conduct, and numbers of them have gone to jail.

London has also witnessed a demonstration of another kind which has had an unquestioned effect. Ten thousand women marched in orderly and dignified procession from Horse Guards avenue, through Piccadilly Circus and Trafalgar Square to Albert Hall. In that procession, for instance, were women of title, physicians, actresses, musicians, painters, journalists, scientists, novelists, esseyists and nurses. Hundreds of them wore the scholastic cap and gown, and not a few displayed the doctor's hood. Lady Henry Somerset, Lady Frances Balfour, Miss Emily Davis, LL.D., and Mrs. Henry Fawcett, LL.D., headed the legions. Never has there been a more remarkable concrete demonstration of the place women have attained in the purely intellectual life of the nation. And all these women want votes.

It was an army with banners, and every banner emphasized the demand for the suffrage. Some of them asked pertinent but inconvenient questions. Others bore the names of famous women—Caroline Herschell, Charlotte Bronte, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, George Eliot, Sarah Siddons, Jennie Lind, Florence Nightingale. The suggestion was enough. Onlookers remembered that not one of these had ever voted. Yet when the nurses, bearing their banner with the picture of Florence Nightingale and the name "Crimea" embroidered upon it, swung past the Service Club, grizzle-haired veterans bared their heads. A gallant act, gallantly done!

But the procession, remarkable as it was, not only for its representative character, but for its perfect organization and marshalling, was not so striking as the bearing of the onlookers. The people were impressed with the demonstration. There was continual cheering and handclapping, and plainly the sympathy of the public was with the marching host. At first there was some scoffing, some ribaldry "from the top of omnibuses," as one newspaper writer graphically explains, but it almost imediately died away. This was not a demonstration of wild-eyed suffragettes, but of dignified women suffragists. The difference was felt and appreciated. It is difficult to impress a London crowd. Its sense of humor is uppermost. But a feast for the eye and a stimulus for the imagination such as this parade undoubtedly was suppressed the impulse to be humorous.

What will be the result? The campaign has been a long and weary one. Mr. Aisquith had demanded proof that the cause of woman's enfranchisement was generally supported in the country. This demonstration was the answer. But even a Liberal premier must go slowly. No one is now so stupid as to argue that women are not intellectually qualified for the franchise, but that is no proof that the majority want it. A change of such magnitude in the government of the country cometh not save by prayer and fasting. Yet it cannot be denied that the cause has had noticeable progress. The old belief that a wife and mother needed no education and no culture is fading. Why it ever existed none can say, for the sons of educated mothers are the salt of the earth. It may be that before many years the franchise will be extended to women. But it is questionable whether public opimon is ripe for it at the moment.

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