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A RIGHT-ABOUT-FACE

The changed attitude of the Liberal party in Canada in regard to the franchise, as shown by its present attitude contrasted with that of 1885, when the franchise act was before the commons, is shown by the Vernon, B.C., News, by a judicions use of parallel columns. Commenting on it the News says:

"At one time it was considered a cardinal principle af the Liberal parey that provincial rights never should be allowed to be made subservient to the federal powers. Anything approaching to 'centralization' was held in abhorrence by the old-time Liberals, and no one would have dreamed a few years ago that Sir Wilfrid Laurier would make such a complete change of front in this respect, as a result of his party attaining to the control of the government. Yet it has been shown over and over again during the past few years that his policy now is to encroach upon the rights of the provinces whenever an opportunity offers. As an evidence of this one need only recall the tenor of the Autonomy Bills as applied to the new provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta; and this arbitrary disposition on his part was made even more plain during the cousse of the dispute over 'better terms' in which this province became involved, and which is as yet by no means settled. But it is in the matter of the Aylesworth Act that Sir Wilfrid has shifted his position in the most astonishing manner. Those Liberals who profess to see no injustice to Manitoba and British Columbia in this infamous measure will find little to lend weight to their arguments in the former utterances of their leaders, when the Franchise Bill of 1885 was under discussion."

BETTER TIMES AHEAD

There are signs of improved business conditions in the United States. Perhaps the following statement by the New York American is rather too optimistic, but it shows at least that the tide has turned. We quote:

"The country is waking up. Mills and factories that have been closed for months again hum and whir with action. Trade is improving. New York merchants are reinstating employes they were forced to dispense with last fall because of the flurry in Wall street. The same is true in other cities. In Chicago commercial men are preparing for a prosperous season. Soon the wheat fields will turn brown. It will take an army of men to harvest the crop. In the northwest and in the west and south thousands of acres of new land this year have felt the first touch of the plough. The timber country is resounding with the noise of the axe. In the great manufacturing centres of the east fear has fled from owners of plants. Many chimneys that were long grown cold are now sending up their former volumes of smoke. Orders roll in. The human family must be supplied. There is money in the banks, and the spectre of distress is dimmer. St. Louis already has re-employed thousands of men who have remained idle since October 1. In the Kansas City district thirty-five thousand miners who have not used a pick in many a day have returned to work. The south cries for more men to work in her cotton fields. Shipbuilding has been given a healthy impetus on the Pacific coast. When we build ships we are prosperous."

THE DEADLOCK

Although the Liberal press declares that the obstructive tactics of the opposition at Ottawa make great campaign material and provide the government with much capital for use in the federal elections, yet it is a curious fact that there is a hollow note in the sound of rejoicing and that the alleged folly of government opponents is received with wrath rather than blessing.

Perhaps a little reflection upon the cause of the obstruction has something to do with this mental attitude. The Toronto World puts the case very well in the following article:

"Wanton and perverse obstruction to the course of public business cannot be justified, and no one would attempt to justify it. But obstruction of the extremest type is justifiable on occasion—such, for example, as when the legislation tabled strikes at the fundamental principles of a democratic state. No majority has any abstract right to abuse its temporary mandate or to invade the constitutional rights of the people at its own hand. A condition of that kind would be tyranny, not representative government. And thus the question of legitimate or illegitimate obstruction is brought back to the character of the proposals against which it is used. The Dominion government organ is quite welcome to make the issue raised by the position at Ottawa anything it pleases. The point for the people of Canada is whether the Aylesworth election bill does or does not violate their right to a free and pure election.

"The bill has a double purpose and for one of them no defence of any account has been offered. It is the proposal—curious indeed as coming from a so-called Reform party—to legalize ballot papers which, in addition to the cross necessary for voting, carry other markings by which the identity of the electors to whom they are issued may be ascertained. This is a grossly improper infringement of the secret ballot whose inviolability beyond doubt the great majority of the electors of Canada desire to have maintained. Knowing this determination, the Ottawa opposition would be indeed recreant to democratic and constitutional principle if it failed to oppose the proposal to the uttermost of its ability. There can and should be no surrender on a vital matter of this nature upon which the majority has no mandate from the people, who are the real rulers of a self-governing nation. And the issue that will go to the people is not wanton obstruction, but the maintenance in its integrity of the secret ballot.

"The other purpose the minister of justice wants to achieve is to have the federal voting lists for Manitoba and British Columbia compiled by federal officials. It is alleged that the provincial officials are not trustworthy, though not a shred of reliable evidence has been offered in support of the charge, and in Manitoba the supervision of the lists is by statute committed to the judiciary. Sir Wilfrid Laurier has himself admitted the strength of the opposition arguments by suggesting that the adjustment of the lists should be made a judicial act. But the Manitoba Liberal leaders want the bill as it stands and their refusal to sanction a compromise that would secure impartiality in the preparation of the lists is of evil omen, more espepially when coupled with the attack on the secrecy of the ballot. No honest and fair-minded elector, whatever his party affinities, can blame the opposition for its strenous resistance to this dangerous and unjustifiable bill, but he will blame Sir Wilfrid Laurier for weakly sacrificing the first essentials of the commonwealth to partisan clamor for the means of exercising electoral con trol."

THE PULPWOOD DUTY

The Ottawa Citizen takes very strong ground in favor of an export duty on pulpwood. It holds that the investigation into the operation of the alleged paper trust in the United States reveals clearly the dependence of that country upon Canada for its future paper supply, and adds:

"Why this country has not already put an export duty on pulp and pulpwood is a mystery. There is no satisfactory reason given why no action is taken in this direction, action which would be fraught with splendid advantages for this country in giving us not only a monopoly of the raw material but practically a monopoly of its manufacture in America. It would become one of the greatest industries in the Dominion. Instead of bringing this about, Canada supinely allows her stores of pulpwood to be depleted in order to maintain great industries employing thousands of workmen and millions of capital all for the benefit of a foreign country. If the circumstances were reversed the United States would not hesitate a moment. In Europe, Norway and Finland occupy the same relations to other countries in the matter of pulpwood supply that Canada does to the United States. A few years ago Norway realized that the heavy exportation of pulpwood would sooner or later deplete its natural resources, therefore in 1905 it placed an export duty of 35 cents per cord on pulpwood and it is now proposed to increase the duty to $1.55 a cord, so as to make it practically prohibitive. Finland furnishes the chief source of supply for Germany and not long ago an export duty was established, which, not being found sufficiently deterrent, was doubled, and there is now an agitation for a still further increase. The Finland government also insists on large exporters of pulpwood manufacturing into pulp in Finland as much wood as they take out of the country. As a result one of the largest German manufacturers has lately constructed a 200-ton mill in Finland. Austria also exports a great quantity of pulpwood to Germany and other countries but it has as yet neglected to put on an export duty. The reason for this is that only 7 per cent. of the timber lands in Austria is owned by the government, all the rest being in the hands of private owners and the proprietors of great estates. There are opposed to any check on their operations but there is a strong movement in Austria at present for such a duty as a means of forest preservation."

THREW CARBOLIC ACID IN INSTRUCTOR'S FACE

Toronto Woman Assaults Physical Instructor of a Well Known Athletic Club.

Toronto, June 2.—An attempt to maim Edward Chandler, physical instructor of St. Charles Athletic Club, took place on Lee avenue about 6 o'clock last night, as a result of which he may lose his eyesight.

Chandler's assailant is described as a woman about 28 years old, tall and dressed in dark clothes. She is a resident of the West End, married and the mother of two children.

The attack was made upon Chandler with a bottle of carbolic acid. As he passed her on the street she spoke to him and as he stopped to reply she threw the contents of the bottle in his face and got away.

A. E. Carson, Canadian manager for Thomas J. Lipton, left on May 25 on an extended business trip to England. He sailed from New York by the steamer "Lusitania" on Wednesday, May 27, and will proceed at once to the head office of the company in London, where he will consult with Sir Thomas regarding the Canadian business. He will be absent about six weeks.

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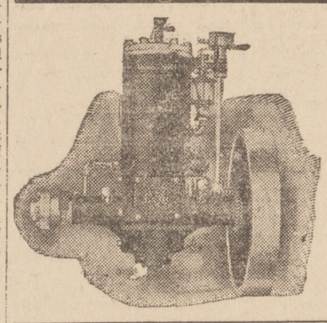
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A WESTERN POET

An appeal is being made in Victoria, B. C., for funds to complete and enlarge the Royal Jubilee Hospital, opened in the year 1889 in memory of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The following noble poem by Clive Phillipps-Wolley is printed in the Colonist:

OUR ALTAR OF PITY.

To the Jubilee Hospital.

Beyond the city's fever and the cries
Of Man's Delirium, where the shamed streets run
To hide them in the grass when April skies
Dapple the purple plough lands we have won
And all the Cloth of Gold around Camosun.

We built our altar, not as conquerors, vain
Of some achievement of th' ensanguined sword,
But having tried all heights and depths of pain
To bind men only by the Whiteman's Word,
We build to Thee, The Pitiful, oh Lord!

Here be no triumphs, no blood-drunken kings,
No glories gathered from another's shame;
In lieu of censers, see the wallflower brings
Her cups of incense; meadow larks acclaim
Our Quest accomplished; while the broom's wild flame

Burns round our altar—dreams of laden men
Staggering far spent along our endless trails
Find here fulfilment ere life's last amen—
The dreams which come when all the body fails;
Of rest and cottage flowers, lush grass and whit'ning sails.

These be our gauds—and for our minister
That Sister to the Sunbeam, she who slips
Bare-armed and smiling where men moan and stir
Until like Dawn with cool, sweet finger tips
She soothe the fevered brow or slake the pain-parched lips.

We bring no sacrifice of gold or myrrh,
No offering bought, nor any stained by blood,
Only, oh God, in memory of her
Who was the Pride of Britain's Womanhood
One flower which blossomed first on Holy Rood.

Man's Pity for his brother. To our gate
Comes Woman from the home she must leave bare,
And white-lipped Man, hard-handed, desperate,
To face the only fate he does not dare,
Maddening at pain God will not let him share.

These be our masters. We who conquered, serve
The weak ones of the earth. For hearts that ache,
All that we have of knowledge, brain or nerve,
With sweetness wrung from Woman's Heart, we take
To be our sacrifice for love's dear sake.

Our Trail is trod. Lo! here we dedicate,
To Him on whom we leaned the all we won.
His Day is dawning. At our Western Gate
He knocks, oh Mother, and thy youngest son
Waits at His Altar here in Camosun.

—Clive Phillipps-Wolley.

Pier Island, B. C.

IN LGHTER VEIN

A DARING DEVIL.

(Tit-Bits.)

Knick—"Bjones is a reckless fellow."
Knack—"How's that?"
Knick—"He has discharged his cook even when she was willing to stay."

LOGIC.

(Yonkers Statesman.)

Tommie—But, mamma, fingers were made before forks.
Mamma—Yes, my boy, and dirt was made before pie, but you prefer pie, don't you, Tommie?

MUTUAL RELUCTANCE.

(Life.)

"Here is my seat, madam, but candor compels me to say that I think you are as well able to stand as I am."
"Politeness compels me to say 'Thank you, sir.'"

DESPERATE ECONOMY.

(Pittsburg Post.)

"And that rich woman eloped with her chauffeur!" exclaimed Mrs. Gadd.
"My," exclaimed Mrs. Gazzle, "what a saving in the expense of running her motor car!"

DIPLOMATIC.

(San Francisco Call.)

"That man Crumlett has more invitations to dinner than any other man in town."
"How does he work it?"
"He tells every hostess with a grown-up daughter that she must have married very young."

HIS TESTIMONIAL.

When the largest firm of wine merchants in London first started they sent Lord Derby a dozen of sherry, which they represented as being a specific for the gout, to which the prime minister was a martyr. The Lord of Knowsley replied

"The Earl of Derby presents his compliments to Messrs. G.; he has tasted the sherry, and prefers the gout."

THE BASEBALL KING.

Ban Johnson, president of the National League, tells of his experience in a New York restaurant.

"While attending a conference in the East," relates the baseball magnate, "I was presented with a handsome Boston terrier. That night, accompanied by my four-footed friend, I visited an up-town cafe. Presently a waiter, formerly from Chicago, accosted me and announced 'No dogs allowed. You'll have to take him out.'

"'Come, come, old man,' I replied, 'he's offending no one.'

"'Can't serve people who have dogs, I tell you!' continued the waiter wrathfully, collecting an armful of dishes from an adjoining table. 'You'll have to get out!'

"Just then a friend of mine dropped in, and said in a cheery tone, 'Well, well, Ban, glad to see you! How's baseball?'

Before I had time to reply, I was startled by the crashing of dishes. Turning quickly, I beheld the waiter rushing toward me with outstretched hands.

"Hel-lo, Ban!" he exclaimed, cordially, slapping me on the back; "Didn't know you! What'll you have?—what'll the dog have?"

OBITUARY

Miss Phyllis Clark

Richibucto, June 1.—At two o'clock on the morning of Saturday, the 30th ult., at the residence of her niece, Miss Bethia Phinney, Miss Phyllis Clark died very peacefully at the advanced age of 91 years. Although for some time in failing health, she had only been confined to bed for a few weeks. She is survived by one brother, living in Boston. J. D. Phinney, K.C., of Fredericton, is a nephew.

The funeral, which was held this afternoon, was largely attended, in spite of very inclement weather. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. A. D. Archibald, the services were conducted by the Methodist pastor, Rev. J. B. Young, assisted by Mr. A. Firth, of Bass River. Interment was made in the Rexton Presbyterian cemetery.

MARINE NOTES

Furness steamer Shenandoah, Captain Kelley, sailed yesterday morning for London via Halifax.

West India Line Steamer Sobo, Captain Pierce, will sail early this morning for Halifax and West Indies.

Donaldson line steamship Indian will go to sea today, bound for Brow Head with a deal cargo.

Steamship Dora will sail this afternoon for France and Mediterranean ports with a cargo of deal.

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