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THE GOVERNMENT

The Sun expresses the view that under the new provincial government "the administration of public business will go on much as before, and in a few months the people who labored to put Mr. Hazen in power will begin to wonder why the change was made, or at least why such a fuss was made over the changing."

Such a declaration of want of confidence in Mr. Hazen and his colleagues might seem justifiable during the heat of an election campaign; but since the government has just taken the oath of office, it might in fairness be suggested that the critics withhold criticism for a few weeks, until the acts of this new administration may be brought under review. However, since the Sun and other critics have assumed the role of prophecy, it is for the new premier and his colleagues to prove the prediction false, by entering at once upon a vigorous and enlightened policy of reform in every department. Whatever the captious critics may say, the general public will be disposed to allow time for enquiry and a mastery of details before clamoring for startling results. The members of the government are very much in earnest and they know, moreover, that the people are in earnest in their desire for better policies and better methods.

BRITISH POLITICS

History is being rapidly made in England in these days of early spring. The British premier, Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, appears to be passing out of life forever. Necessarily there must be a reconstruction of the cabinet, and this is not likely to add to its strength.

The news of the death of the Duke of Devonshire recalls the career of a brilliant man, who, as the Marquis of Hertington, in Gladstone's time, was twice offered the premiership. He opposed the Liberal policy of Home Rule and so became estranged from the party, but he was also against tariff reform and on this issue severed his connection with the Unionists. His entry to the house of Lords withdrew him from the more active participation in political warfare, but he continued to exert a powerful influence. His death will be sincerely mourned. He was one of the great Gladstone, Salisbury, Balfour, that strong group of men which in Chamberlain, Vernon-Harcourt, Lord Rosebery, Parnell, and others whose names are associated with a stirring period of British statesmanship.

While Devonshire is dead and Campbell Bannerman is slowly dying, comes news of another great Unionist victory in a by-election. In Pockham, where the Liberals in 1906 had a majority of 2,239, the Unionist candidate has been elected by a majority of 2,494. This is a remarkable overturn, and taken with the results of other recent by-elections, including Hastings, shows that the tide of popular sentiment is running strong against the government.

ENFORCE THE LAW.

(From the Daily Telegraph.)

In a short time St. John will know whether or not the provisions of the liquor license law are going to be enforced. The commissioners heretofore have issued more licenses than the law permits. There has been an argument

over the question every year, protest on one side and subterfuge on the other, the result usually having been that the commissioners refused to reduce the number of licenses to the legal limit.

The old story in this matter is that the "pull" or "influence" of those who do not want the law enforced has always been sufficient to bring political control of the license commission into play. If this be the case it means that the law has been sacrificed from year to year for fear of losing votes, the number of which, by the way, is generally greatly exaggerated.

But what about the influence of those who believe in having the law strictly enforced? Is their influence less than that of those who want things to go on in the old fashion? The politicians will not think so if they think the matter over, or if they let the question drift until a decisive test of public sentiment is demanded. St. John should enforce the license law. To do so will wipe out some of the saloons in several wards which would be much better off under the new conditions. Archbishop Bruchesi, in discussing these matters in Montreal last Sunday had this to say:

"I view with regret, with painful regret, the sad movement of many of our prominent citizens to petition the Legislature not to curtail the liquor power and interests of Montreal. This is a sad affair. Some of the men in this movement are good, upright men, but they are being misled by others. The real leaders in this movement are well known, and so are their motives. We know where these petitions are being signed all over the city. They propose to leave affairs just as they are, when all good and upright men admit that we have entirely too many saloons, and some of them are open all night. Sunday is ignored, the wages of the poor are being squandered, until the saloon is a menace and a danger, a shame and a disgrace. And those men want to leave things as they are!

"Honest men, men desiring good will, oppose this petition. I appeal to those who love their homes, their country and the interests of humanity. Each of us must realize the duty of taking an unequivocal position on the question of temperance. Every wise and sincere man will oppose the spread of intemperance; oppose it by having the hours of saloons shortened, and, above all, by the lessening of their number."

The organized effort of the liquor men to combat the temperance movement will do the temperance cause more good than harm. There is no room for doubt about it.

There will be no lack of aldermanic candidates, but there is no concerted action to bring out strong men. The next council is not likely to show any improvement over the present one. Perhaps it will not even be as good a council. However, the people have the matter in their own hands. If they do not want a better council they certainly will not have a better one forced upon them. Reform begins on nomination day, or it does not begin at all.

The death of the second victim of the Sheffield street fire recalls the incident. It will at once be forgotten again, and Sheffield street will continue to flourish in cheerful and untroubled prosperity, with an occasional appearance in the police court, until another tragedy occurs.

In Canada Senator Cloran has introduced in the senate a bill to restrict the evils of divorce. In the French senate a bill has been adopted, concurred in by the house, to make divorce more easy.

The attempt to secure a pure milk supply for St. John will have the sympathy of every citizen.

PRAYER IN PACKAGES.

One of Henry Ward Beecher's nephews left the Congregational Church and joined the Episcopalians—which mildly interested but did not particularly displease his various distinguished uncles; for they were all liberal in their theology. During a visit which the nephew made to Rev. Thomas K. Beecher, in Elmira, N. Y., he was invited each morning to take part in family worship; and in each case read his prayer from the Episcopal book of services.

The uncle said nothing about it until the last morning he was there, when, having read some verses of Scripture, he turned genially to his guest and said:—"Well, Fred, I guess you may give us one of those canned prayers."—Popular Magazine.

NOT QUITE SO BAD.

One of the city papers speaks of R. J. Fleming as "Toronto's thorn in the flesh." It might have been libelous to continue the quotation from St. Paul; "a messenger of Satan to buffet me," etc.—Orillia Packet.

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CHILD'S PLAY FIRE DRILL ENDS IN DEATH

Little Mary Mitchell Used Matches to Make Fun Seem More Real.

Boston, March 23.—Practising a fire drill at her home as taught in one of the public schools of Malden, a touch of realism she devised resulted in the death of 3-year old Mary Elizabeth Mitchell, daughter of James Mitchell, of that city, yesterday, from burns received while playing with Little Mary is a pupil in the West grammar school. She heard people talk of the recent Cleveland schoolhouse calamity, and her mind was kept constantly on the subject by drills at the schoolhouse and by children playing fire department.

Mary told her parents of the fun she had at the school fire drill and how quickly all her classmates got out of the building.

Wednesday afternoon, after returning from school, Mary started to play fire drill. To make it seem more real she secured some matches in the kitchen. She finally touched due to her dress and when the garment blazed up rushed to her grandmother to put out the flames.

By rolling a mat around her and beating the flames with her hands, her grandmother succeeded in extinguishing the flames, but not until the little one was badly burned about the head and body.

She was taken to the Malden Hospital, where she hovered between life and death until the end came yesterday afternoon.

REPORTERS' STRIKE IN REICHSTAG ENDED

Offending Leader Apologizes for Insulting Remark, and Harmony is Restored.

Berlin, March 24.—The strike of the Reichstag journalists, which began on Thursday last, settled this evening. Under pressure of the various party leaders, Herr Groeber, the centre leader, who had called the journalists "swine" because they jeered a statement used by a member to the effect that negroes also had immortal souls, read a statement at the end of today's sitting, expressing apologies, for the language he had used in referring to the journalists. At the conclusion of the statement, a meeting of the journalists was called and they voted to return to work on Thursday.

During the course of the strike not a line has been published here on the proceedings in the Reichstag and, as a result of this failure of publicity, a large number of the members declined to deliver speeches of which they had given notice, thus greatly impeding the work of the house.

Today, Chancellor Von Buelow discussed at considerable length, matters of national and international importance.

CHRISTIAN EDIFICES DISCOVERED IN EGYPT

Philadelphia, March 23.—News received from Dr. David Randall MacIver's archaeological expedition to Egypt has greatly interested scientific circles at the University of Pennsylvania. While in the north of Egypt, early in February, Dr. MacIver discovered several Christian churches of a date within two or three centuries after the death of Christ. These were carefully cleared of the heaps of desert sand which have covered them during the lapse of centuries. The members of the expedition then made careful maps and photographs of the shrines. It is thought that the discovery of these maps and pictures are published much will be added to the small amount of knowledge antiquarians possess regarding the churches and the modes of worship of the earliest Christians outside of the city of Rome.

As a rival to the famous Cleopatra vase discovered at Anibeh, which is now carefully boxed up in Cairo, awaiting shipment to the university museum, Dr. MacIver discovered, in a little known locality near the second cataract of the Nile, a number of marvellously carved capitals of columns and a cornice sculptured with the heads of the Royal Dracons. This snake was the emblem of the ancient Egyptian monarchy. The columns and the cornice are similar to the sculptures of Phylae, and are of the same period. Dr. MacIver believes that these newly discovered pieces of architecture represent the finest works of their class in existence, and for beauty of design and execution he says they rival the work on some of the most famous of the Grecian temples.

FINE CARLETON COUNTY RESIDENCE BURNED

Hartland, N. B., March 24.—The beautiful residence of John V. Kearney was entirely destroyed by fire last evening entailing a loss of about \$7,000. There was some insurance and nearly all the contents were saved. The blaze originated by the explosion of a lantern in the stable.

Bristol Notes.

Bristol, N. B., March 23.—The funeral of Ada Kinney took place this afternoon at the Primitive Baptist church, services being conducted by Rev. D. E. Brooks. The deceased was 26 years of age, and is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson Kinney, and two brothers.

Thomas Elbeist has bought the James Jones property at Bath, and moved there. Joseph Holmes, of Beechwood, met with a serious accident on Saturday. He was working in a lath mill, when the saw came into contact with his left hand, completely severing it just below the wrist. The unfortunate man was taken to the Woodstock hospital on the afternoon express.

AN ECHO OF THE 17TH.

Mike—"Did yez enjoy watchin' the parade, Pat?"

Pat—"Begorra, no! Oi'd sooner march fifty miles than stand foive."

THE NEXT STEP.

"I've found a biscuit, constable. Can you tell me where I can buy a dog?"

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