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MR. BORDEN'S SPEECH

Mr. Borden has announced his "Dreadnought policy," as per notice in the expectant Conservative press. It is styled the "Dreadnought policy" because it does not mention any Dreadnoughts. It was deemed necessary to introduce the name somewhere, and the intelligent announcer put it in the title.

But Mr. Borden said nothing about Dreadnoughts, or Super-Dreadnoughts, in his speech at Halifax. He came out squarely for a Canadian navy, built by Canadians, out of Canadian materials. The most rascally grit in the country could not have been more emphatic.

The St. John Standard, which has appeared to favor a cash contribution to the imperial navy, and those Conservative papers which have boldly clamored for such a contribution, instead of a home-built navy, will now be compelled to fall into line or repudiate the party leader. They were so eager to oppose anything favored by the government that they went entirely too far, and must now take the back trail or split the party.

The lack of unanimity in the Conservative ranks with regard to a naval policy is illustrative of the general condition of the party. It has no settled general policy. Its leader is not aggressive, and he is handicapped by over-ambitious lieutenants. The announcement that a great party convention will be held next year indicates that the intervening period will be spent in an effort to harmonize the discordant elements.

Apart from his blunt repudiation of the views of a section of the party on the subject of the navy, there was nothing new or striking in Mr. Borden's Halifax speech. The leader of an opposition is expected to question the honesty of his opponents, and to claim all the virtues for his own party. All that this requires is a fair degree of fluency in speech. It does not necessarily impress the public mind with the force of conviction. In this province, for example, a generalization by Mr. Borden on the subject of party purity and wisdom would be considered in relation to what is known of Conservative purity and wisdom hereabouts. The result would not increase popular faith in Mr. Borden's judgment.

It goes without saying that Mr. Borden's speech will disappoint Mr. Borden's followers. They have been waiting for a deliverance which would provide them with fighting material, and he has failed them. There is nothing for it but to cling to the muck-rake and pursue the old lack of policy.

ST. JOHN'S OPPORTUNITY

While no authoritative statement has been made, it seems clear that St. John is being considered as the site of a great dry dock and shipbuilding plant by Harland & Wolff of Belfast, with whom the C. P. R. is said to be associated in this enterprise. It goes without saying that anything the great Belfast firm of shipbuilders undertakes will be done thoroughly and on a large and modern scale. But St. John will have rivals, and the city of Halifax has already made large offers to induce prospective investors to look with favor on that port. This is right and proper, and displays the right spirit of civic enterprise. St. John must be equally alert, equally progressive, and equally determined to make known its advantages. The fact that so many lines of steamships make this port a terminus in winter, and that both its winter and summer trade must greatly increase, has all along been recognised as evidence that sooner or later a dry dock must be constructed. The location is equally good for a great shipbuilding plant, which would add enormously to the prestige of the port, and attract many other and subsidiary industries. It is stated that the board of trade and Imperial Dry Dock Company are fully alive to the situation, and the city council will of course give prompt consideration to the subject.

His sojourn in Europe has not imbued Mr. Borden with the war spirit. His followers are disappointed. The more militant section will doubtless clamor for a new leader.

THE INTERCOLONIAL

The Ottawa Journal (Independent Conservative) has this to say about the Intercolonial Railway, the conduct of which appears to be sorely troubling some newspaper experts down this way:

"It is reported that the Minister of Railways has decided upon the appointment of a general purchasing agent for the Intercolonial and on the establishment of the purchasing staff with headquarters in Ottawa. Closer supervision of the purchase of supplies, closer buying and a consequent saving are expected. There is no reason why all these results should not be achieved by an efficient and thoroughly incorruptible purchasing branch. The minister by insisting upon sincerity in the realization of the new plan should be able to cut the vitals out of the historic system of patronage on the government railways. He is to be congratulated on his determination to try. If his colleagues in the ministry give him a free hand, he and his able advisers on the Board of Management should be successful in making a clean sweep of public grievance in Intercolonial administration."

The Ottawa Journal does not deem it necessary to assume a hostile attitude, or question the motives of the government, or doubt the ability of the board of management. Its attitude is the more to be commended on that account. The government is making an honest effort, which promises to be successful, to remove grounds of complaint against the administration of the railway. The assumption that certain persons whose identity is carefully concealed could perform miracles if they were given a lease of the road is not likely to become general. The government is much more to be trusted than any exploiting company of seekers after personal profit.

The Montreal Herald says:—"Sir Henri Taschereau, his father, and his grandfather, were judges. That must be pretty nearly a record."

The Victoria Colonist has memories of a voice. It says:—"The Halifax Herald has reached the conclusion that the human voice is an instrument of power. This suggests that Lieut. Governor Fraser may have been making some observations in public recently."

The pressure that is being brought for the appointment of a medical health officer in this city should be successful. It means much for the health of the citizens in general. It means better care for the health of the children in the schools, and greater care and cleanliness in the homes of those where epidemics are most likely to develop. It means more sanitary tenements and stricter observance of the laws of health. These are desirable results. The citizens should take a hand in the agitation.

Discussing life insurance conditions in Canada, the Toronto Mail and Empire says:—"No less than \$24,600,000 was paid by the people of Canada last year for life insurance. This is a good sign. It shows the Canadians are provident, and are not dead to their duties to their families. But the life insurance lapses of 1908 were larger than usual. This was unfortunate. Possibly, however, it is explainable by the depression we experienced. Insurance feels very promptly any drop in the conditions, for the life policy is in too many quarters regarded as a luxury that can be abandoned if times are at all strained."

Sir William White, speaking in Manchester, made a rather pointed reference to Lord Northcliffe and some others who have lately been heard in Canada. Sir William declares that the mother country is not played out. As a matter of fact, the Canadian people have not been impressed by the forebodings of Lord Northcliffe. The recent war scare was not due to any consciousness of the decadence of England, but of what seemed to be the threatening policy of Germany. The people have serious problems to solve, but not for the first time, nor is there any doubt of their present ability to meet the situation.

THE HUNTING SEASON

W. H. Carnall & Son, the German street taxidermists, have received a goodly number of trophies of the hunt from parties both in this province and in the States, with instructions to have them mounted. At present there are in the workshop about fifteen heads, of which the majority are moose which have been secured this season.

Mr. Carnall said yesterday that the number of heads received this year did not compare so favorably with that of last year on account of the heavy rains and the backward season up to date. However, several parties were in the woods now and due to come out this week and he expected they would give a good account of themselves.

Among the heads in the shop is a fine caribou which was shot by the 12-year-old son of James Holly. The largest moose head brought in has a 57-inch spread of antlers and many points.

Boston schooner Georgia Gilkey, Captain Wrighton, cleared today from this port for Barbados with 125,000 feet of pine boards and 4,150,000 cedar shingles shipped by L. G. Crosby.

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MATTER OF SALOON WINDOW OBSTRUCTION

Judge Ritchie Says it May Be Necessary to Order Another Field Day

In the police court this morning Martin McGuire, reported for violating the liquor license law regarding obstructions in the windows, appeared to make an explanation. Inspector Jones said that Mr. McGuire had placed in his saloon lights which cast a reflection on the street so that it was practically impossible to see within the bar, so that a clear view could be obtained. These lights had not been placed in this position until a month or so ago, but it would be satisfactory to the inspector if they were removed.

Mr. McGuire stated that it was very dark where he had his barroom and it was for the purpose of making better light, not to violate the law, that he installed the lights.

Judge Ritchie asked him if he would be willing to have the case drop by having the lights taken out, but he seemed very undecided and reluctant to do so. The case was stood over for a week.

His honor said that the law must be complied with in all such cases, and the inspector was only doing his duty in sections that such was done. Several cases of this nature had cropped up since the new

regulations were made last spring, and the delinquents had been dealt with, and it might be necessary to again order a general "field day," unless a change were made in some quarters, as he had both seen and heard things of a doubtful nature regarding obstructions in some of the saloons of the city.

FREE KINDERGARTENS

The Free Kindergarten Association held its sixth annual meeting in the Board of Trade rooms last night. The reports were read and addresses were delivered by Rev. Neil McLaughlin, W. F. Burditt and Mrs. Matthews.

Mrs. T. H. Estabrooke was in the chair. The reports showed that the work of the association had been very successful. Within six years the association had been able to increase the number of schools from one to three. More schools were urgently needed.

The amount needed to carry on the work was \$800 a year. At the beginning of the present year but \$500 was on hand. Some means would have to be devised for obtaining the money needed to carry on the work during this year.

The election of officers will take place on November 23.

American schooner Laura L. Spragg, Captain Carter, from Boston for Beaver Harbor, put into this port yesterday. While trying to make into Beaver Harbor on Wednesday she lost two of her ribs.

Furness line steamer Rappahannock, Captain Buckingham, sailed today for Halifax and London with a general cargo.

THE FROST SPIRIT.
He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!
You may trust his footstep now
On the naked woods and the blasted fields
And the brown hills wither'd brow
He has smitten the leaves of the gray old
trees where their pleasant green
came forth.
And the winds which follow wherever he
goes, have shaken them down to
earth!

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!
—from the frozen Labrador
From the ice bridge of the Northern seas,
which the white bear wanders o'er,
Where the fisherman's sail is stiff with ice
and the luckless forms below
In the endless cold of the atmosphere into
marble statue grow!

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!
—on the rushing Northern blast,
And the dark Norwegian pines have bow'd
as his fearful breath
With an unsteady wing he has hurried on
where the fires of Hecla glow
On the daily beautiful sky above and the
ancient ice below.

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!
And the quiet lake shall feel
The torpid touch of his glazing breath
and ring the waters of the silent past,
And the streams which danced on the broken
rocks, or sang to the leaning grass,
Shall bow again to their winter chain
and in mournful silence pass.

He comes—he comes—the Frost Spirit comes!
—let us meet him as we may,
And turn with the light of the parlor fire
his evil power away!
And gather closer the circle round, when
that frosty dance is high,
And laugh at the shriek of the baffled fiend
as his sounding wing goes by
—John Greenleaf Whittier.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

WHERE IGNORANCE WOULD BE BLISS.
The Aunt—"I can tell at a glance what other people are thinking of me."
The Niece (absent-mindedly)—"How very disagreeable for you, auntie!"

THINGS WILL TAKE A TURN.

The old man made his money
sugary—and his plain
His son will soon be wasting it,
For he is raising Cain.

HANS BREITMAN SAYS:

"If a stranger wants you to endorse a cheque, tell him you're willing to wait till the bank is open."—Cleveland News.

JUST THE THING.

"This college intimates that you should donate another chair," said the secretary.
"Another chair?" snapped the crabbied multi-millionaire. "Why, they must think I am easy."
"Well, sir, in that case why not donate an easy chair?"

YOUR CURVES.

The game of life is a strenuous game,
And has to be played to extremes;
The opposite team you will find isn't lame,
And has all the up-to-date schemes.
When pitching for fame or pitching for bread
Don't let it get on your nerves;
Don't let them rattle you, just keep your head,
Don't let them get on to your curves.
—Joe Cone, in Boston Herald.

KNEW WHAT WAS WANTED.

Miserly—"So that woman doctor charged you \$2 a visit. Well, what did she say?"
His wife—"She said I stayed indoors too much. Here's her prescription: 'One New Miserly (reading it)—'For external use only. One nice walking stick, to be used every afternoon between three and five.'—Boston Transcript.

GEORGE EXPLAINS.

The shade of George Washington stopped off on its way back from the Hudson-Fulton celebration.
"Tell us why you were the most truthful man on earth," cried the reporters.
He never tried to discover the North Pole," replied the great man with dignified simplicity.
And the George dodged an automobile and vanished.

POLICE CHIEF SEES THINGS FOR HIMSELF

M. Lepine's Fondness for Masquerading in Streets of Paris by Night

With the collar of a shabby overcoat turned up and an old hat over his eyes, a little, spare, elderly gentleman was captured the other evening by a party of students roystering in the Latin Quarter. They danced around him in a ring, made believe to scalp him, and generally ragged him. A policeman stepped up, then, after looking at the little elderly gentleman, dashed into the party, hit out on all sides, and rescued him. It was his great chief, M. Lepine, prefect of police. His identity revealed, the students, not much abashed, and insisted on forming themselves into a body guard to see him home and keep possible Apaches at bay. M. Lepine rather enjoyed his evening.

His great amusement is to play Haroun Al Raschid in Paris by night. Almost every evening after dinner he puts on an old coat and shabby hat, and goes out exploring on foot. He listens with the keenest and there is no more absorbed "badad" when a horse falls down and a cabman and a taxicab driver have a few words. Nobody marks him, but he keeps his eyes open and notes every policeman on duty. The next morning the constable may get a reprimand or a 5-franc fine, and wonders what invisible power detected him in remissness or saw him do a kind deed to punish or reward him afterward.

The other night a policeman found a new-born baby in a doorway, picked it up tenderly, and took it to the police station. Of course, M. Lepine managed to be there at the moment, and, unrecognized, followed the man into the station, sat on a chair in a corner, and watched. The constable's duties did his best in the awkward circumstances, but his chief did not. The commissary of police was not there, though he ought to have been on duty. The little elderly gentleman in the corner asked timidly whether Monsieur de Commissary would come shortly.

"That to you?" asked the deputy. "I should like to see him." "Would you, indeed?" Then come again. "When shall I come?"

"Don't ask questions. The commissary is not at your beck and call." The little elderly gentleman was crushed and went home. But the next day Messrs. the commissary and his deputy were suspended.

On another night, a pouring wet one, M. Lepine, soaked, bespattered with mud, and umbrellas, went up to a constable at the door of a police station and asked if he might go in and warm himself a bit. "Come in, sir," said the constable, and the elderly gentleman went in and sat by the stove. "I put your names down for a 10-franc reward each," said M. Lepine, unbuckling his coat and taking off his hat to the astonished constables.—Paris Correspondent London Telegraph.

John Skinner, 80 years old, is thought to be the oldest bell ringer in England. He has rung at all the principal events of the last 70 years at Exeter Cathedral, including Queen Victoria's coronation in 1838, her wedding in 1840, both her jubilee and King Edward's birth and coronation.

The chimney of the Fall River iron works is thought to be the tallest in that part of the states. It is 365 feet high.

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NUDE LIMBS AND RHYTHMIC GRACE

Toronto Reporter Goes to the Office Under Spell, Here is What He Thinks of It

(Toronto World.)

Inspector Archibald did not interfere last night in Massey Hall, so there was no hitch in the programme on that account. He would probably have taken an unwarrantable opportunity to add to his reputation if he had been there, for it is not often that a woman in abbreviated though classic costume publicly displays nude limbs in Toronto, and the Star is carefully watched for anything of that sort. But the inspector escaped a glorious notoriety and art gathered another leaf for her laurels.

There was considerable disappointment when Walter Dumschros arose and stated that owing to a misapprehension about the size of the Massey Hall stage, a change had to be made in the programme. The stage was not sufficiently large for Miss Isadora Duncan to dance to the fourth movement (allegro con brio) of Beethoven's Symphony, No. 7 in A, and it had been decided to substitute the other programme used on the tour, consisting of Gluck's music for "Iphigenia in Aulis" and "Iphigenia in Tauris." The Beethovenites did not evince any opposition, and as there was nothing else to it, everybody in the crowded hall sat tight to see Miss Duncan.

The orchestra was thrown forward into the floor of the hall and the stage extended to double its width. A huge curtain of neutral blue fell from the ceiling, embracing the stage in a wide sweep of billowing folds. The music began with an allegro prelude. Presently the curtain parted and Miss Duncan fluttered in like some nymph of the groves, some oread of the heights, some sidhe of the hills. The music hid the gasps of surprise and the sudden breaths which must have been drawn at the daring apparition appeared. And during it was with the daring of exquisite grace, perfect modesty and sweet innocence. We see such figures in the canvases of Tadmara and Leighton. But here the living figure stepped out of the picture and the quick muscled gleamed under the shadowy drapery, and the naked feet tripped noiselessly or poised a tip-toe like Mercury on a heaven-kissing hill. With eloquent gestures of invocation, she floated about the stage, while arms and shoulders swaying in rhythmic motion, the gauzy wrapping swinging freely, and the rounded limbs full modeled to the groin.

A brisker motive descriptive of the knuckle-bone game the "jacks" of Canada, and the joyful measure following ended in a rollicking planty, in which all the Keltic witchery awoke to life. A thunderous recall indicated the appreciation of the now fascinated audience. One might have thought that the music had been forgotten but for the equally enthusiastic applause which followed the playing of the "Gavotte and Air" by Bach. The audience was a keenly intelligent musical one, and Walter Dumschros had his full need of appreciation.

There succeeded the chorus of priestesses, the dance of Amazons, and a Sicilian and Bachman movement. During the dancing the spot lights had been skillfully used. As the shadowy figure crept out in the wide space the robe of the priestess showed like the pale, ghostly green of the Luna moth against the blue grey curtain. The hair hung down. The movements were of passionate rejection and might have illustrated "By Babylon's Gate." Then came the Amazonian movement with bold defiance, and the spirit of war incarnate, the dress changed to a deep wine-dark tunic, enveloping the limbs free.

Next came the lovely embodiment of spring in petal-tinted gown, and scattering rose leaves as she ran, the hair bound with a garland fillet, while the music swept bewilderingly along taking up once more the rollicking planty theme. And on this succeeded the wonderful Bachman devotion. Such a moment of abandon and delight of curbed beauty has surely not been seen since the god of youth and the true vine was revered in the ancient mystery. The audience was wild with the ecstasy of art and encore followed encore until the great artist, flinging herself on the floor in exquisite pose, must have rejoiced for the moment's rest. Nothing so far removed from the suggestion of the flesh has ever been seen in the city, and it is a tremendous testimony to the progress of the age that such a performance can be seen in Toronto and appreciated and not misinterpreted.

In Bowdoinham, Me., there is said to be a woman's club whose members meet on the banks of the Cathance river every Monday morning to do their washing. A stove is set up near the shore and while the clothes are being boiled the club members exchange the news of the day.

A young woman of Lewiston, Me., went to a wedding and forgot to remove a pair of her father's heavy brown hose which she wore to protect her dainty pink slippers.

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

By a judgement of the official referee in the Ontario Bank case yesterday the shareholders must pay the Bank of Montreal's claim of \$1,481,972.

The New York Globe prints a copy of an affidavit made by Edwin H. Barrill, who accompanied Dr. Frederick Cook at the time he announced his reaching the summit of Mount McKinley. The affidavit states that Cook did not reach the summit by fourteen miles.

Lord Strathcona has donated his old home farm near Winnipeg to the Selkirk centennial to be used as a public park at the close of the exposition.

Joseph Lewis, a convict in Dorchester penitentiary, died yesterday. He was an Englishman, sentenced to ten years for forgery and theft in Halifax.

James M. Barrie, the novelist and playwright, has been granted a divorce from his wife on the grounds of the latter's misconduct with Gilbert Cannan, a young actor.

Restigouche County is to have an anti-tuberculosis association, following an address by Rev. T. Hunter Boyd, in Campbellton on Wednesday evening.

In Toronto yesterday damages of \$1,000 were awarded against the Toronto World for publishing a story about Mark Maynard's house being haunted.

The Grand Lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen of Ontario was awarded \$100 damages against L. C. Supphard of Kirkfield, yesterday, before Justice Brett. They claimed that Shephard published statements which injured the order.

A Tiverton, R. I., despatch says that belief now is that the parts of a body found in a suitcase are those of Miss St. Jean of Fall River.

The Northumberland County Teachers' Association met in Chatham yesterday. Addresses were delivered by the president, Inspector Mersereau and Dr. Hay. Miss Keating read a paper on "Fractiousness," and J. J. Mersereau read a paper on "The Training of the Memory." And a paper was also read by Miss Wilson. In the evening there was a public meeting.

Murray Ryan, time keeper of residency No. 6, and son of resident Engineer Howard Ryan, of the G. T. P., Chipman, was accidentally shot in the leg while out gunning near Minto. Doctors Hay and Southernland entertain hopes of speedy recovery unless complications set in.

In Boston yesterday Ernest H. Martin was convicted of sending a "Black Hand" letter to James P. Whittier, threatening to kidnap his son a second time if \$10,000 was not paid to another man in Boston.

The U. S. weather bureau costs \$1,000,000 a year and employs 200 men in different parts of the country, who send