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POLITICAL RUMORS

Usually after a change of government the defeated party speculates freely on the various means by which the newly elected is going to bring the country to ruin. Knowing nothing of the government's prospective policy, it is necessary to invent policies which, if followed, would mean disaster and forthwith the country is filled with political rumors and predictions of impending misfortune.

The Stewart government has been in power for about five months. It has not yet met the legislature and, apart from carrying on the business of the province quietly and, so far as the public knows, satisfactorily, it has not announced any intention of making radical changes in administration, except the general promises made during the campaign to correct certain evils which existed under the previous regime. These corrections, we have no doubt, will be effected when the proper time comes.

Rumors persist, however, as to the intention of the government to inaugurate new policies and to make definite changes. One of these is to the effect that it is proposed to amend the Prohibition Act and introduce a measure of government control of intoxicants, permit the sale of beer and light wines somewhat after the manner of the Quebec liquor law.

We are not in the secrets of the government but we can say without any hesitation that the Stewart government has no intention of modifying in the direction rumored the provisions of the Prohibition Act.

It is well known that certain interests are anxious to get control of the liquor business and it is quite possible that certain individuals would welcome a change which would make the procuring of liquor a less circuitous matter than it is, but the great majority of our people are determined that the principle of prohibition shall be adhered to and we feel assured that the Stewart government is in accord with this determination.

Political rumors and anticipated policies by interested parties can do no good and may cause some confusion in the public mind. The public, we feel assured, have no cause to fear a retrograde movement in temperance legislation at the hands of the Stewart government.

THE OTTAWA MUDDLE

It has been anticipated for some time that if the King government would survive the coming session it would do so, to use a scriptural phrase, "with the skin of its teeth." It is now seriously doubted that it shall survive even in this fashion. The period of mutual apology and defence has been passed and that of mutual recrimination and attack has taken its place. Certainly Cabinet members are openly blamed for bringing about the government's undoing. According to our despatches of yesterday the right of four members of the cabinet to hold their seats will be challenged and, we regret to say, one of these is a Prince Edward Island representative.

The call for dissolution and an appeal to the country is dominant. It is felt that matters are going from bad to worse, that the natural progress of the country is being hindered by the uncertainties and the vacillations of a government which has forfeited the confidence of the people. Even the Progressive upon whose support the King government had hoped to survive the coming session, have practically intimated that such help need not be looked for.

There is a point in taxation which, when reached, becomes a national peril. That point has been reached in Canada through the ex-

travagance and profligacy of the King government. Taxation is drying up the vital sources of capital, crippling industry and making Canada a dear place to live in and deny it how the Liberal howlers will, still driving our people out of the country. And the only response of the King government to the country-wide appeal for sanity and economy is a fake attempt to "investigate the Civil Service! Meanwhile Royal Commissions, increasing salaries, new appointments to office proceed with feverish anxiety to please a few sycophants and heblers of the government.

It is time for a change at Ottawa. An election in the midst of a parliamentary term is not desirable but as the lesser of two evils it is preferable to a further continuation of present conditions. The country is actually in peril but it is by no means too late to save it. It can be saved only by a strong, firm, honest hand at the helm of state, the country is prepared to place the government in such a hand and the hand is ready for the task, the hand of the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen whose only opponents are those whom he prevented from stealing the railway system of Canada and whose leadership is unquestioned in every province in Canada.

CONSERVATIVES ACTIVE

A writer in the Montreal Gazette, says: An indication of the progressive activities of the local Liberal-Conservative Association can be seen in the establishment of a new divisional Conservative Association for St. Antoine division. With the headquarters at the Mount Royal Club, the ramifications of the Cartier-Macdonald Club, and the formation of new associations in the various parliamentary divisions of this city it may be said that "the cause" is prospering and progressing. It is apparent that our Conservative friends have no intention to allow any grass to grow under their feet, at least in the province of Quebec. With the selection of candidates in the parliamentary constituencies, considerable activity locally is anticipated. Such commendable political progressiveness has all in its favor to make it welcome to the Conservative rank and file.

LIBERAL PRE-ELECTION PROJECTIONS

With the general election not very far in the future, says the Moncton Daily Times, some big projects are being taken up. One of these is to construct canals which would permit ocean liners to steam as far inland as Ottawa. The cost is a mere bagatelle, five hundred million dollars. It is claimed by the promoters that the canal system would eventually solve a vital problem, the production of sufficient power to meet the demands in Ontario and Quebec, as the project includes the development of power at such points as may be deemed essential. The proposed company is to be called the Confederation Canal and Power Company.

EDITORIAL NOTES

"Oh, that I were a boy" exclaimed a lady who watched with interest, though almost envious, eyes a bunch of boys ranging in age from five to eight or nine, sliding down the icy incline in front of St. Paul's Church, an ideal toboggan slide for the little ones—and by the way, a source of profitable harvest for our boys' clothiers. Who is there, young or old, male or female, who does not share in the delight of the red blooded boy as he tumbles gloriously in the snow or slides—is on his own self or on an improvised sled, down an icy incline to a hilarious tumble at the bottom of the hill. The Canadian winter truly is glorious.

Notes by the Way

Sir James Cantley, a British surgeon of some note, addressed the London Institute of Hygiene the other day. He would like to see the abandonment of some modern notions and the return of the practices of our grandfathers and grandmothers in matters pertaining to health. In the course of his lecture the modern tooth brush came under condemnation and the old-time night cap and warming pan were given favorable notice. He said Moses did not use a tooth brush and there was no mention made of dentists in the Bible and if there were no dentists there were no bad teeth. These are, of course, mere assumptions without proof. It would be quite as hard to prove that Moses did not use a tooth brush as to prove that he did use it. A sufficient reason for dentists not being mentioned in history would be that they did not advertise.

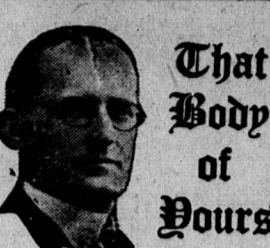
To say that if there were no dentists in the old days there were no bad teeth is absurd. There have been instances of troublesome teeth where there was not a dentist within fifty miles and mighty few tooth brushes within the same distance. But when Sir James Cantley speaks of matters which come within his personal knowledge or his professional practice he is entitled to a hearing. He condemns the tooth brush; says it is not a sign of civilization but of degeneration; that "it drives the poison deeper into the gums," that the one country where dentists are most numerous and teeth are the worst is America. Now this is a rather terrible indictment if it is true and some fifteen words at the end of it are probably true.

"The great curse of the professional man today" Sir James goes on to say, "is rheumatism." And it is a sad torment to many outside of the profession. We fear the great surgeon when he said what is above quoted was making public a profound professional secret. Personally we have known many physicians and surgeons in different cities and villages but we never met one of them that owned up to being troubled with this particular malady. Could it be because if he did make the admission some rheumatic patient might ask why he did not cure himself? We let it go at that. There are said to be twenty different kinds of rheumatism, all of them pretty hard to cure and most of them harder than the others. How do so many of the surgeons and doctors get it and conceal the fact from their patients.

Sir James Cantley says it is due to the dampness of their clothing. A doctor must needs be out in all kinds of weather. How then to prevent rheumatism, which is better than to cure it? The learned surgeon puts it this way: "Our grandmothers used warming pans every night of their lives, but we only use them to hang up on the wall as a curiosity. Unlike our fathers, we do not use night caps, and as a result we get deafness from damp pillows. I use a warming pan every night, and so at 73 I can dance better than most of you at 17."—This is not written here to put the doctors' or dentists, or druggists out of business. The tooth brush trade will still go on in a small way, no doubt. But the warming pan, the electric pad, or even the hot water bottle are very comfortable bedfellows on a cold winter night.

Many of the old-time remedies are quite as good as modern ones for the common ills that flesh is heir to. We were once told by an Ottawa druggist of high repute—he had come to Canada with the Governor General of that time as his physician, retired and set up a drug store—that catnip was one of the most useful and beneficial articles in his shop, not only for children but for adults. And just now there seems to be need of cheap and economical remedies for a group of invalids at Ottawa. The patients seem to be suffering from low vitality, lack of energy, that tired feeling and the need of rest and supporting treatment.

They should all be put to bed at once, between well warmed sheets, each supplied with an imported night cap and a copious draught of catnip tea administered from time to time. All exertion, mental or physical should be forbidden. Nurses and attendants should be warned not to mention any depressing or unpleasant subjects such as deficits, bye-elections, or bungalows. Everything possible should be done to cheer up the patients, and give them hope. The trouble seems to be Progressive anemia with political complications. It tends to despondency. Care, comfort, warmth, night caps and catnip are the best known remedies.



By James W. Barton, M.D.

CHRONIC APPENDICITIS

A patient tried to persuade himself that he had a cancer or ulcer of the intestine. He outlined all his symptoms to his physician who pointed out that he hadn't an ulcer because there was no pain at any definite regular time after eating. He could not have cancer because he was not losing any weight, nor vomiting, and his color was normal. He was so persistent that to satisfy him the physician had him undergo an X-Ray meal. Nothing abnormal showed that would indicate an ulcer or a cancer, but when the meal got into the region of the appendix there seemed to be considerable delay, almost a stoppage for awhile.

A diagnosis of chronic appendicitis was made, and at the operation the appendix was apparently lost. The operator was an unusually clever surgeon, a professor of surgery in fact. He said "I'll find it all right, but it has certainly been walled off from all the other organs." You see there is a natural covering or fold over the organs called the peritoneum, and a loose portion of this simply spread itself over and around the inflamed appendix to prevent the inflammation from spreading. This caused a little kinking of the intestine which slowed up the passage of the food, and likely caused some of the pain complained of.

The point about this is that you might have an inflamed appendix, causing severe pain. If the appendix were not walled off in this manner, the inflammation products would escape and inflame the surrounding tissues, causing serious complications, even death. This chap must have had repeated attacks of a mild form of infection in his appendix, and Nature had kept wailing it off for him. Had the operation not been performed a severe attack, or his own lowered resistance might have meant an emergency operation, with only a fair chance of recovery.

Now although most pains in the region of the appendix are due to gas, which you can distinguish by its moving to other parts of the body, nevertheless an X-Ray meal under your doctor's orders, will clear up the matter if you are in doubt.

Lest We Forget

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

ANDREAS HOFER

Swiss patriot who headed the Tyrolean insurrection of 1809, and gained victories at Sterzing, Innsbruck, Isel, etc., was executed at Mantua, Italy, on February 26, 1810.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON

Great American actor, fourth of his family on the stage, was born in Philadelphia February 20, 1829. He starred as "Doctor Pangloss," "Bob Acres," and "Doctor Ollapod," but is best known for his interpretation of "Rip Van Winkle."

FREDERICK DOUGLAS

Noted American orator and journalist, a mulatto who, at the age of 21, escaped from slavery. In Massachusetts he became an agent of the Massachusetts Anti-Slavery Society, founded a paper in Rochester, N. Y., and another later in Washington D. C. He became in turn United States Marshall for the District of Columbia, Recorder of Deeds for the District, and United States Minister to Haiti. He died February 20, 1895.

GENERAL STROESSEL

(Anatoli Mikhalovitch) Russian general who gained distinction in the Russo-Turkish War and in the Boxer Campaign. At the outbreak of the Russo-Japanese War he was appointed commander of Port Arthur, which, after a long siege, he surrendered to the Japanese. For this he was court-martialed, and on February 20, 1903, sentenced to death, but was subsequently released.

CANADA'S FIRST DAY

Tense was the air with excitement in the towns of St. John's and La Prairie, Que., about this day in 1836, for it marked the inauguration of the first railway in Canada. And horses supplied the motive power! In the following year a steam engine, imported from Britain, replaced the horses, amid much controversy, we may be sure, for some of the writers of that day had declared it "absurd and ridiculous" to predict that locomotives would travel twice as fast as horses, and in any case "people would not trust themselves to the mercy of such a machine, going at such a rate." The rails of this first road, which was sixteen miles long, were of wood, overlaid with strips of iron, and it was operated in summer only. For ten years it was the only railway in British North America.

Canadian Visitors In London

THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE IN LONDON WEEK BY WEEK

During the week ending 31st January, 1924, 196 visitors called out of which 149 obtained interviews and 16 registered.

Invitations have been extended through the High Commissioner to those units of the Canadian Forces whose names are engraved on the Cavalry War Memorial for the Great War to send a small representative party, consisting of not more than one officer, one warrant officer or non-commissioned officer and two troopers each to the ceremony of the unveiling which will take place in London early next May. It is hoped to make the ceremony as representative as possible of all Cavalry units in the British Empire who took part in the Great War and the Canadian Military Authorities at Ottawa are being consulted with regard to representative parties for Canadian units. The following units representing Canada will be engraved on the Memorial:—

- Royal Canadian Dragoons, Lord Strathcona's Horse, Port Garry Horse, Canadian Light Horse. Owing to the unavoidable difficulties experienced at past Exhibitions in assessing effectively the different exhibits, it has been decided that awards on the competitive system usually adopted at Exhibitions will not be made at the Wembley Exhibition where the difficulties would be increased since the only competition would be among exhibitors of the various parts of the Empire. A commemorative medal accompanied by a decorative certificate will, however, be awarded to each exhibitor.

Although there is no prospect at present of the re-opening of Liverpool, Glasgow or Manchester, for the landing of Canadian Store Cattle, owing to the foot and mouth disease outbreaks, the High Commissioner for Canada has been notified by the Minister of Agriculture that the port of Dundee will be reopened for this purpose as from February 1st. Up to the present time the Ministry of Agriculture has expended about £2,500,000 (two million five hundred thousand pounds) for compensation for slaughtered animals.

A British Film syndicate has enquired for information as to the possibility of obtaining films of Canadian industrial, life, scenery, etc., for display in one of the leading halls in London.

Numerous applications are being addressed to the High Commissioner by School Masters and others asking for the loan of films and lantern slides and for supplies of descriptive literature about Canada for use in the United Kingdom Schools. As the result of an enquiry conducted by the London Trade Commissioner, a London firm has completed a purchase from the British Columbia Manufacturers of doors, tory and prospects for regular business are good.

Enquiries have been received from Iceland as to the possibility of obtaining supplies of Canadian barrel staves. Information has been received from importers of Canadian bacon that the quality is improving and the improvement is much appreciated in Manchester. This fact will not only increase the status of Canadian packers but will probably cause comparative rise in prices.

The Bristol Trade Commissioner is addressing the Cardiff Rotary Club on February 4th on Canadian Trade and Commerce with special reference to South Wales.

A report has been received that the first direct shipment of Canadian barrel staves has arrived at Rotterdam. The varieties Ben Davis and Cano are excellent and in good condition selling at 19 and 21 florins per barrel respectively.

A Montreal firm reports that an agency arrangement negotiated by the Glasgow Trade Commissioner has resulted in satisfactory business in oats and oatmeal.

A Memorial in honour of Lieutenant A. A. MacLeod, Royal Air Force, who won the Victoria Cross

Daily Selections FOR Guardian Readers

OLD MAHOGANY

Its smooth, dark surface dulls the yellow glow From sunny windows, where the young winds blow The new-leaved maple boughs, austere and tall The highboy stands along a spacious wall. The desk is pompous with its polished brass Of knob and handle. Here a looking-glass Reflects the green outdoors in baffled glints; And there a rocker, covered now with a chintz. Instead of horsehair, finds a cozy place Beside the ancient hearth's deep-caverned space. A wide old cupboard holds a shelf of books. The sewing table hides its crafty nooks For thimbles, spools and pins. A Windsor chair Sprawls cheerful invitation, and a pair Of fiddlebacks sit primly side by side. These are our relics, often shown With pride, Of far ancestors, who in other days Lived out their lives in calm and gracious ways. —Margaret Ashmun

Advertisement for Master Workman Smoking Tobacco. Includes image of a pack of tobacco and a pipe. Text: "Smoke Master Workman Smoking Tobacco. It depends on your own fancy as to which form you prefer. The Plug is for those smokers who like to slice their tobacco right off the plug as they use it. The Cut Plug is for those who would enjoy the convenience of buying their smoking tobacco ready sliced for the pipe. Whichever you choose, you are sure to get an extra choice pipe tobacco—mellow, rich and tasty. Manufactured by Imperial Tobacco Company of Canada Limited."

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