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### TWO GENEROUS ACTS.

Tomorrow, Tuesday evening, the Victoria Hotel will be the scene of a pleasant event to witness the consummation of two generous acts. The event will be the unveiling of a group of photographs of Prince Edward Island scenery taken by Mr. W. S. Louson and presented by him to the Rotary Club. These photographs will be formally unveiled in the hotel in order that visitors may have an opportunity of seeing at least in picture some of the beauty spots of the Province. The excellence of these views is well known as Mr. Louson's reputation as a scenic artist is Canada-wide. In honor of the event the management of the Victoria Hotel are donating a supper to which the public are invited. Both the ceremony and the supper are open to the public but a nominal admission fee will be asked for, the proceeds of which will be given to the Red Cross. Both Mr. Louson and the management of the Hotel are entitled to the gratitude of the public for these generous acts and we trust the double event tomorrow evening will receive the patronage and the appreciation of our citizens generally.

### GROUP LEGISLATION.

The United Farmers of Ontario are not as happy as they were when they first found themselves masters of the reins of government. Their dream of an Eldorado is evolving into a night mare in which the leading characters are grafters and the general scheme increased taxation. Economy, honesty, sane government were slogans of the election campaign. An addition of some seventy millions of dollars to the public debt; an

addition of \$600 to the seasonal indemnity of each of the members; contracts awarded without tender and affording enormous profit to friends; public money lavishly expended in the constituency and in the immediate constituency of the home of the Minister of Public Works; these are some of the results already achieved. Naturally the farmers who in good faith and in full assurance of honest and economic management, elected this government, are becoming uneasy and are asking many questions and making many complaints. It would appear that the days of the United Farmers movement in Ontario were numbered.

This is not because it is a farmers government. The same thing would have occurred under a carpenter's, a tailor's, a lawyer's, a clergymen's government. It was an attempt at class legislation and in the nature of the case the attempt was bound to fail. There is no class whose interests are separate and distinct from the interests of every other class. The farmers' sons are not all farmers; the professions, the trades, the industries are filled with farmers' sons and daughters and whatever affects the farmers affects all of these others. The farmers cannot live without these others any more than these others can live without the farmers, and any attempt to legislate for one class or for a group of classes is doomed to failure from the start. Not only Canada as a whole but every province or it is made up of different classes and all of these classes are dependent upon each other, each is necessary for the wellbeing of the whole and so our governments and our legislatures must be representative of the whole.

### Current Comment

That angelic whiteness of character and holier-than-thou purity when donned as a special garment of self-righteousness for a selfish and often a wicked purpose, with only the substance of blackness and disrepute behind, is almost invariably discovered, and the discovery usually visits destruction upon the political or social purist. When the Grain Growers Farmers Party brightened up the political horizon with the sunshine of their excellence, to wipe out the corruptions, and profligacies of the old line parties, what a trembling is caused amongst those of the party sinners who really forced that by mistake or otherwise they had done something to justify their punishment in the public pillory. These purists, with their new brooms of cleansing, were going to make such a sweeping of the old time stables that there was a possibility that even the innocent and unfending were in danger of being wiped out of existence and included with the corruption heaps that were to suffer ejection. The political stables of Ontario received the first dose of this sanitation when the Drury Farmers Government was fanned into life. It was the first experiment, and in all probability will be the last. In all good causes there must be a sacrifice and the Queen Province of Canada was laid upon the altar in the experiment of Farmers' Government to the profit of the whole country.

But now it has developed that the political stable cleansers who launched themselves into public prominence with such flourish of trumpets and professions of purity were steeped in the iniquities of the deceivers art of infinitely more deeply than were any of the old line parties against whom they decided to wage their holy war. One of the Western members of parliament, acquainted with conditions amongst farmers in the grain growing districts and somewhat informed of the methods of the grain growers combine, made certain charges on the floor of the House, amongst other things alleging that the individual farmers were not being fairly dealt with in the matter of their grain sales by the Grain Grower monopolists. Premier Melghe, who had returned from a Western tour, had also taken not-

es during his trip, and in response to his requests made his Government appointed a Royal Commission of investigation of the whole grain business of Western Canada. At the outset the Grains Growers and their political interests pretended to hail this enquiry with great favor, but recent developments have changed the spirit of their dreams.

When this Commission, presided over by a good P. E. Islander, Mr. Justice Hyndman, got to work and the truth commenced to leak out then the Crerar party commenced to get nervous. It appeared splendid sport for them to be making false charges, without any supporting evidence, against the old line politicians, but now when the sworn evidence and testimony of their own former and present officials and employees began to expose their own methods of business their merriment ceased and they commenced to fly for shelter. They first declaimed against the truth of the charges and sought to camouflage the issues by claiming that they had not been given opportunity to reply or refute the charges made against them. But quick as a flash this pretense was knocked from beneath their feet when Judge Hyndman, Chairman of the Commission announced that every opportunity would be given them, and THAT SPECIAL SITTINGS OF THE COMMISSION, WOULD BE HELD AT WINNIPEG, AND OTHER POINTS IF NECESSARY, in order to give them every opportunity of defense that they needed. Unfairness would not be tolerated.

But this did not meet their views. It was evident that they had no tangible or substantial or substantial evidence which could successfully meet the charges they were up against. But they had plenty of money, the proceeds of their grain operations with the farmers, now under investigation, and law is always purchasable with the ready cash. Not that they could bribe justice or overturn law with its use, but having plenty of it they can institute cases in court, raise debatable points, file pleas, declarations and rejoinders, and by putting up a legal fight they can at least postpone and stave off investigation

### Others' View Points

More "Incoherent Verse."

(Manchester Guardian)

All the examples of "incoherent verse" so far given (writes a correspondent) have been pretty short, but in one of his spirited ballads Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch keeps the thing going for over a hundred long lines. "It all gets mixed up queerly that happened before my spill" says the old dying jockey as he finishes his story of how he won the Jubilee Cup, on Wooden Spoon and has been bedridden ever since. A couple of stanzas will serve to show the melody: John Roberts, had given a miss in bank, but Villa cleared with a punt;

And keeping her service hard and low the Meteor forged to the front;

With Romany Rye to windward at dromy and two to play,

And Yale close up—but a Jubilee Cup isn't run for every day.

So, inch by inch, I tightened the winch, and chucked the sandbags out—

I heard the nursery cannons pop, I heard the bookies shout, "The Meteor wins!" "No Wooden Spoon!"

"Check!" "Vantage!" "Leg Before!" saddle-flap I put up the helm and woe.

No Bottom to His Tank

(Liverpool Post)

A Scotchwoman had had much trouble with her gardeners. She could not find one who was capable of keeping sober. She appealed to her brother who promised to do his best to help her. At last he announced that he had found just the man she needed. "I'll only ask one question, James," said his sister. "Is he a teetotaler?" "Well," said James, deliberately, "he's no just what y'd ca' a teetotaler, but he's a man ye canna fill."

Man, the Forest's Enemy.

(Boston Globe.)

The chief enemy of the forest is not the gipsy moth or any other insect, but the axe and the fire of man. The moth, like most insects has a parasite which may be used to keep it in order but man has nothing except himself to minimize his depredations. The saddest feature of forest destruction

day for a very considerable length of time. And so about forty of those interested companies whose business at the outset was claimed to be on the purist basis, who pretendedly courted enquiry are now banded together to spill out their money like unto water, to carry the case even to the Privy Council, we are told, IN ORDER TO AVERT THIS COURTED AND WELCOMED ENQUIRY. When did the like of this ever occur in the case of even the worst of the old line political parties of Canada? On rare occasions a political grafter may have been caught in the act and visited with punishment, but when in our history did the whole combined phalanx turn out in the one common cause of wholesale defence against enquiry into the gravest of public charges?

### Daily Selections Guardian Readers

Furnished by W. S. Louson.

#### ALL RIGHT IN THE END

I want to believe in the happy old way  
That all will come right in the end some day.  
That life will be better and days will be sweet.  
That roses will carpet the world for men's feet.  
That love and affection and honor, and trust  
Will lift us from sorrow and shadow and dust.

I want to go toiling with this in my heart,  
That every day brings us the joy of a start,  
Fresh with endeavor and duty and truth.  
As we swing to our tasks with the vigor of youth,  
Singing the music of love and of cheer,  
Till clouds drift apart and the storms disappear.

I want to go trusting that this will be so  
As out to the toll and the tumult we go;  
That hearts will be kinder and life will grow bright  
With the blessing of labor that leads to the light;  
That troubles, like bubbles, will burst and away,  
And all will come right in the end some day.

—The Baltimore Sun

in the United States is that most of it represents absolute loss and is due to fires. During the past five years \$1,000,000 acres of wild land, which means about four acres to each family, has been burned over, and all the young growth, seedlings and saplings, has perished. Sparks from locomotives, coals left smoldering by campers, cigarettes dropped carelessly, have kept the conflagration constant. Unless there is a change and forests are conserved instead of destroyed, America will be as bald as Europe or the Near East, where a bundle of twigs is a treasure. We cannot save our civilization unless we save our forests.

### Do Men Love Music?

(Yale Review.)

My only purpose, my sole wish in this article, is to show that the leaving of all aesthetic questions to women has serious consequences. One result of this is that music has almost ceased to exist as a masculine pleasure. In Philadelphia, for example, it is impossible to have a concert in the evening for the reason that many women cannot very well go alone. Music is the highest, the most vital, of all the arts; good music is filled with precisely the harmonies which men recognize and applaud, in their more obvious arrangements. A little understanding, a little effort, is necessary; but the reward, a pleasure as long as life and beyond the assaults of any mischance is above measure. Yet an amazing number of men, who should be far wiser, think that music, the playing of the piano, is effeminate. They believe this, not for an intrinsic reason, but because music has been so wholly delegated to women. The women had—in the intervals of feeding the children and preparing for dinner—nothing better to do than strum at Chopin; but the men were importantly engaged in—what?—the shredding of codfish, the floating of Texan oil on the troubled waters of private financial dreams, or holding in the clouds the price of wheat and the price of coal.

### What They Are Fighting For.

(Los Angeles Times)

Not for themselves, you understand, but for others. Jack Dempsey wants to win the fight for the sake of his mother. And Carpenter wants to win it for the sake of his baby, Jacqueline. It will break Jack's mother's heart if he loses. It will blight the future of Baby Jacqueline if Carpenter loses. How cruel life is! And to think what it is going to cost to break a mother's heart or blight a baby's innocent young life. Two strong men hazarding the happiness of their loved ones through a stroke of cruel fate. Oh, if you have tears, my friends, prepare to shed them now!

### His Usual Rates

(Boston Transcript)

A motorist relates this experience he had in England. He put up at a village inn one night and did considerable bragging to the landlord about his new car. On the following morning when he asked for his bill he found the charges very reasonable except in one particular. The last item read, "For housing car in stable, 80 shillings."

"Eighty shillings for one night," he exclaimed. "The charge is preposterous!"

"Well, zur," explained the innkeeper, "Olve never had one of them cars here over night afore an' Oi didn't exactly know what to charge, and as ye were a-telling Oi thot 'twas forty-horse power, Oi charged 2 shillin's a night a horse, as Oi allus charge."

### CECIL RHODES AND SIR JOHN MACDONALD.

(London Free Press)

In the "Makers of the Nineteenth Century" series now in course of publication, Basil Williams presents a biography of Cecil Rhodes. The times are ripe for such a book. The Union of South Africa was never so solid as it is at this moment; the last elections give that statement proof: Rhodes achieved the Union of South Africa, though, as his biographer points out, he did not himself enter the Promised Land:

"The Union was formed by his guiding hand seven years after his death. One of its component states is named Rhodesia. The whole country might not unfairly have borne that name."

As Canadians we are interested in Cecil Rhodes, not only from the point of his own Anglo-Saxon statesmanship, but on account of his manifest admiration for another Anglo-Saxon statesman who was further, a Canadian statesman—the late Sir John A. Macdonald. On May 8th, 1891, Cecil Rhodes

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wrote the following letter to Sir John Macdonald. Sir John never received it, since he died on June 6 of the same year. The letter was published by Dr. J. S. (Now Sir Starr) Jamieson, in The Times of September 1, 1903. From that paper Sir Joseph Pope copies it in his biography of Sir John Macdonald:

Cape Town, 8th, 1891.

"Dear Sir:—I wished to write and congratulate you on winning the elections in Canada. I read your manifesto and I could understand the issue. If I might express a wish it would be that we could meet before our stern fate claims us. I might write pages, but I feel I know you and your politics as if we had been friends for years. The whole thing lies in the question: Can we invent some tie with our mother country that will prevent separation? It must be a practical one, for future generations will not be born in England. The curse is that English politicians cannot see the future. They think they will always be the manufacturing market of the world but do not understand what protection coupled with reciprocal relations means. I have taken the liberty of writing to you; if you honor me with an answer I shall write again.

"P.S.—You might not know who I am, so I will say I am the Prime Minister of this colony—that is the Cape Colony."

"C. J. RHODES"

### DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

(Ottawa Journal)

The crime for which E. A. Robinson and Arthur E. Hill have just escaped conviction in Ottawa, namely obtaining public money by fraud, could not have been carried far (and it was carried far) without the grossest carelessness or indifference in the Department of Militia. To use Judge Gunn's words, there was "open, flagrant, and abandoned violation of all principles that should have obtained to protect the public money in the case. Again, outside of possible dishonesty, there was "lack of care which rendered it easy" for anybody to steal money from the department. Again "there was abandonment of the loyalty, care and interest which the officials in charge should have shown." Assuredly all of us are justified in concluding with Judge Gunn from the evidence that in view of the large and frequent sums of money with which the exchange game was being worked, there must have been the grossest carelessness in the Militia Department. Some officers of that de-

partment must have sat around either ignorant of what they should have known, or indifferent to what it might mean. Apparently, the branch directly affected is the accountant's branch, but responsibility in the matter should not be difficult to fasten. Perhaps an idea prevails with some officials that when public money is stolen they do not need to concern themselves over much personally with blocking suspicious dealings unless nobody is hurt and that, therefore they can't manage to get out of the way. Something should be done in the present case to dispel that idea, and to encourage instead the principle that every public servant's aim should be to be a vigilant watchdog of the public interest and public purse.

### THE OLD GARDENER SAYS

"This is a good time to prune the hedge, although several trimmings are needed during the summer to keep it neat, symmetrical and well shaped. A lilac hedge can be cut back if desired quite as sharply as privet, making an excellent living fence. Of course, though, you will get no flowers if you treat lilacs in this way. One advantage of the Japanese barberry for a hedge is that it looks well with almost no trimmings, and this statement applies also to Spiraea Van Houttei.

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