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THE VACANT PORTFOLIO

The lamented death of Hon W. C. Kennedy, Minister of Railways, leaves a vacancy in the Cabinet, which, no doubt, not a few aspiring Liberals considered themselves capable of filling. Rumor has it however, that the vacancy is not to be filled immediately, but will be left in the hands of Hon. George P. Graham, Minister of Defence, who has substituted for Mr. Kennedy during the latter's illness. To the ordinary lay mind the Ministry of Defence is at present a secure, all means of defence having been thrown away when the present government took charge. Having no defence and nothing to defend with, it is quite within the limits of national safety that Mr. Graham, who has had some experience in railway matters, should be given the double duty of Minister of Defence and Acting Minister of Railways. Just what the duties of the Minister of Railways are in the present circumstances, it is difficult to define with any degree of exactitude. Sir Henry Thornton is the head of the Railway system; politics is absolutely debarred, so runs the specification, and even if the Minister of Railways should, in his wisdom, find it necessary to make a suggestion regarding the running of the railways, he would run the risk of being told to mind his own business, which, having nothing to do in the department, which he is the official head, might place him in a dilemma. Just why the portfolio is not to be filled immediately is not known. The reason given is that Mr. Graham is an experienced railway man and willing to continue duty in the Railway Department economy demand that there is no need of a new appointment. Another rumor has it that there are so many applicants for the job that the Prime Minister does not know what to do about it and is taking that course.

THROUGH AGED EYES

A Canadian Press cable from London tells that Frederic Harrison, the noted historian and writer who died recently at the great age of 92, wrote a letter just before his death in which he expressed a deponent view of humanity. "Every board in civilization is cracking," he wrote, "Literature, the drama, art, industry, Government and peace are all being swept over by a flood of democratic vulgarity. The British Empire is melting away like the Roman Empire for the same causes." This in the late evening of a long, useful, busy and presumably, happy life! This at a time in the world's history when science, art, literature, commerce and, in short, everything that makes for progress had achieved triumphs undreamed of and inconceivable during the years of his greatest strength! He had lived long, he had won fame, he had loved and been loved and now, looking around him he sees nothing that is worth while, civilization going to pieces; literature inferior to that of his day and to his own; "democratic vulgarity" had taken the place of the dignity with which he had mingled and of which he had been a part. And because of this and these the British Empire was "melting away!" Pathetic truly, but not to be led to his charge. It is not egotism or self conceit or an assumed superiority; it is one of the weaknesses of old age. He had walked shoulder to shoulder with his contemporaries; had kept pace with the world's progress. His contemporaries had dropped off one by one; the young and vigorous world had walked on; he could not keep up the pace; the speed of the multitude became to him "democratic vulgarity."

Notes By The Way

There is a stir in politics in New Brunswick over a local rumor there that Premier Foster is about to retire from office. Should it prove to be true his retirement would involve a reconstruction of the provincial government, at a somewhat critical time in regard to the provincial finances in particular and in other respects as well. The province has become heavily involved in debt by an extensive commitment for road improvements and the development of hydro-electric power.

A heavy falling off in the receipts from crown lands in recent years—that being a principal source of revenue—led to increased taxation which still proved insufficient to meet the requirements of the revenue and make ends meet, and of late frequent "feeling" have been put forth, apparently to test public opinion in regard to the advisability of obtaining a larger revenue from the liquor traffic to meet the need along the lines which have proved successful in Quebec and British Columbia. To such a course, however, the majority of public opinion in the province is strongly opposed.

With these conditions existing there are many of Premier Foster's friends who think he should remain at his present post until a solution of the financial problems confronting the province is found. In the meantime an Ottawa despatch to the St. John Telegraph quotes a rumor current there to the effect that Premier Foster is expected to join the King government, a place being made for him by the retirement of Hon. A. B. Copp to accept a judgeship. Mr. Copp now holds the office of Secretary of State, but has not greatly distinguished himself either in that capacity or as the sole representative of New Brunswick in the Federal cabinet.

The vacancy caused by the death of Hon. W. C. Kennedy has yet to be filled and the frequently hinted retirement of Mr. Copp, to a more or less extensive cabinet shuffle in the near future, both at Ottawa and Fredericton. We hear but little in these days of any prospect that one or more representatives of the Progressive party being taken into the King Administration. Such rumors were widely current at the close of the last session of Parliament, while Mr. Crerar still led the Progressives, but they seem to have faded away entirely.

In the meantime the fourth Supreme Court Judgeship created by our own economical Legislature remains unfilled and would be invitingly open if the salary had been voted at Ottawa. Just why it was not voted we are left to guess. If our "solid four" representatives had demanded it there is little doubt that the vote would have passed. If they did not ask for it they had doubtless some reason for their inaction, it looks on the face as if the federal and local Liberals were playing at cross purposes.

The local "Barkus" was willing, as represented by the Government and Legislature. But one-half of them were willing to create the office because they saw in the scheme a chance to get rid of the Attorney General by way of promotion, which they hoped would "take the sting from personal enmity" that had developed in the faction fight of the time. But while Charlottetown proposes Ottawa disposes. There being no salary voted no judge could be appointed. Delay suited the Ottawa brigade better than immediate action. For by delay one of the Ottawa members might be appointed shortly before the end of the parliamentary term and so obviate the necessity for an inconvenient bye-election.

There are wheels within wheels in our complicated political machine. Even when kept carefully wound up and the mainspring pulling at full tension, a very small obstruction at any point where the cog wheels interlock with each other will stop all motion. Then the pendulum ceases to vibrate, the balance wheel no longer revolves and like a clock or a watch the political machine fails to record time or to strike the hour. But time does not stop. It goes on and during the current year it will bring with it a provincial election.

Quite obviously it was not to provide a place for any member of the Ottawa House that the fourth Judgeship was created. It was in design wholly provincial. There was a line of provincial ex-

The Public Forum

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A Word for Our Railway Mail Clerks

Sir,—During the last few weeks I noticed several items in the daily press giving the staff of the City Post Office credit in their work of handling the mails during Christmas and also in the tie up, which they deserve but, there is another body of men who have never been mentioned who are equally entitled to the thanks of not only the citizens of Charlottetown but of all P. E. Islanders; I refer to the Railway Mail Clerks. These men many times miss the cosy home fire and the comfortable bed at night; during the late tie up many slept in their mail car and in one instance lately received three days' mail at Tormentine and that night all offices west of Emerald received all their mail; further all mail for east and south was ready for the first train out. Christmas mails were on one occasion worked from 4 p. m. to 12 p. m. in the large car the only light being that of two lanterns but it was finished before reaching Charlottetown. These are only one or two instances of what they have done this winter so far. Two of them are now at Backville sorting mail so that we will have even less delay if possible in getting our mail. This is written just to give the boys of the Mail Service the credit due them for their work this winter which they deserve.

I am, Sir etc. ONE INTERESTED.

Daily Selections For Guardian Readers

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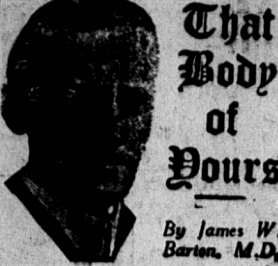
There's many a trouble Would break like a bubble, And into the waters of Lethe depart. Did we not rehearse it And tenderly nurse it, And give it a permanent place in the heart. There's many a sorrow, Were we but willing to furnish the wings, So sadly intruding, And quietly brooding, It hatches out all sorts of horrible things. Resolved to be merry All worry to ferry Across the tamed waters that make us forget, And no longer fearful, But happy and cheerful, We feel life has much that's worth living for yet.

Dempsey Near the Top

These incomes are considerable when compared with those of John D. Rockefeller and Henry Ford, which are supposed to be between \$40,000,000 and \$60,000,000 a year, with the auto magnate in the lead, but, of course, these profits are the result of huge investments of capital, whereas the movie stars and the great lawyers need little capital. Perhaps the closest rival to the screen and the bar in the matter of huge earnings is the prize ring. It would not be difficult for Jack Dempsey to earn half a million dollars a year. Recently it was reported that he had been offered a million for three fights. It is reported, however, that Dempsey's contract with Jack Kearns entitles the latter to half the champion's earnings, so perhaps Kearns, rather than Dempsey, should be classified as the great money-maker, for he will last longer than the fighter, and endure less punishment.

LITTLE DOG IN LION'S CAGE

After reading an article on the London zoo in a recent issue of the Family Herald and Weekly Star, Mrs. Lucie Calkins, of Shelton, Wash., U. S. A., writes to the editor of this paper as follows: "I enjoyed reading of the tiger and peacock, more because I lived close to those gardens in my girlhood. Let me tell you what happened there, some 60 years ago. "A man had a dog he thought the smartest in the world, so he put it in a race, bet his last cent on it, as did his friends also. The dog lost. The man was so enraged, for they had no money to take them home, that he isolated the keeper should put the dog in the lion's cage, very unwillingly he did so. "The poor little dog stood trembling, but the lion only looked at him and did not harm him. Then the dog grew bolder and began to play around the lion, and at feeding time he shared the lion's supper. He lived there for months, and thousands of people crowded in to see him. But the following spring the dog took distemper and died. The lion then refused all food and in a short time he, too was dead. "I was a young girl then and went several times to see them. More than once I saw the dog sleeping between the lion's paws."



That Body of Yours By James W. Barten, M.D.

(COPYRIGHT SHOULD YOU TAKE WATER WITH YOUR MEALS.

This question is often asked. For years text books stated and students were taught that it was very unwise to take liquids with your meals. Now, what was the basis of this teaching? Simply a theoretical one. It was thought that if there was just so much gastric juice in the stomach to take care of the food, if you took water or liquid you diluted it to that extent and thus weakened its action. As I said before that was the theory and it was only a theory. Physiologists now find that dry food is really more easily digested if a little liquid is taken with it. It is found that by softening the food with liquids the stomach juices can more readily attack it and digestion proceeds more rapidly. Now, remember what was said above—a little liquid. What really happens if you take too much water with your meals, is that this large amount of fluid goes to the bottom of the stomach dilutes it, and lowers its vital force, besides making it a harder mechanical job for the food to go up to the intestinal end of the stomach into the intestine. And so the simple, sane idea is to take a little liquid with your meals but not to take large quantities for the above reason.

Screen and Bar are Best Paid Callings

According to calculations made in the United States, the surest and swiftest way to become wealthy is to invent something that the people want, and hang onto the patent rights. This has never been known to fail. But if one in pursuit of fortune is not of an inventive turn of mind, he can become a movie star or a lawyer, for these are the most highly paid of professions. Perhaps half a dozen people in the United States receive incomes of a million dollars a year from their professions, and three of those are Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and Charlie Chaplin. Levy Mayer, of Chicago, who died recently, was the chief legal representative of the packers, and it was said that he received about a million dollars a year. Max D. Steuer, said by some to be the greatest trial lawyer in the United States, admits that he receives more than \$1,000 a day for appearance in court, and since average working day, it is supposed he earns in the neighborhood of a million a year. Another man in the same class is probably Samuel Untermyer of New York. It is worth noting that the three champion earning lawyers are Jews.

Money in Music

Leonard, the lightweight champion, is expected to earn about \$300,000 this year. It is supposed that Caruso earned this much or more, and that McCormack receives at least a quarter of a million dollars a year for lamenting about Ireland. These earnings, of course, include the sales of phonograph records. An opportunity to make \$250,000 in a concert tour enticed Geraldine Farrar from Grand opera, and it is said that Mary Garden could make as much if she starred a season on the concert stage. Another musical artist in a different sphere is Irving Berlin, who has received a quarter of a million dollars a year more than once. He is said to have sold two words to the United States for \$50,

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NEW YORK, Jan. 22—The New York Yankees today announced they had purchased John Suggs, a southpaw pitcher, from the Atlanta club of the Southern League. The club released William Darman, a pitcher, to the Albany club of the Eastern League, under an optional agreement.

HALIFAX ELOPERS INTENDED TO WED THEY TELL POLICE

MONTREAL, Jan. 23.—"We are going to be married today," John Chappell, 24 years of age, arrested by Detectives O'Donnell and Savard, as he stepped off the Maritime Express at one o'clock this morning, stated. He was charged with kidnapping Phyllis Warr, a fifteen year old English girl who arrived at Halifax Sunday on the White Star liner Pittsburgh. Halifax police officers are now on the way to take Chappell back. The girl in the meantime has been placed in the Home of the Good Shepherd. The romance between Chappell and the fifteen year old girl started in the railway station at Reading, England. He told his story today. He saw the girl in the station and fell in love with her at sight. Taking the same train, but not making any advances to become acquainted he found on arrival at the seaport that the girl and her relatives were sailing on the same ship to Halifax. On board ship he made the acquaintance of the girl. On arrival in Halifax the girl went to the home of some relatives he said, but it had been previously arranged that they should meet that afternoon and elope to Montreal and get married. The girl was last seen by her brother-in-law at 1.45 p. m. Monday. She disappeared and the police were asked to locate her. An S. O. S. was sent out by the Halifax police to locate the pair which resulted in their arrest at Montreal last night. The girl, large for her age, of fair complexion and "bobbed" hair did not seem perturbed by the rude interruption of the prospective marriage by the minions of the law.

Chess and Bull Fighting

Babe Ruth receives about \$80,000 a year, which is \$20,000 less than Child Hassam made from the sales of his pictures the year before last—his best year. Will Rogers, Irvin Cobb and Ring Lardner, are reported to earn \$75,000 a year, the same as Joseph P. Day, an auctioneer, and Ivy Lee, a publicity man. No actor or actress outside of the films can earn as much as \$100,000 a year, the nearest who spent a season in vaudeville and received \$2,500 a week. The most highly-paid poet in the world is not Rudyard Kipling, but Walt Mason, who is supposed to make about \$50,000. The best year Capablanca, the chess champion, ever had netted him about \$10,000, but Belmonte, the Spanish matador, is said to have cleared \$500,000 a year when at the zenith of his fame. He received \$28,000 for one day's bull fighting in Peru, and

Author's Earnings

A New York surgeon, who specializes in head operations, has, according to the New York Times, received more than \$300,000 in a year. Arthur Brisbane, chief editorial writer for the Hearst papers, has long been the most highly-paid working journalist in the world. Ten or fifteen years ago he was supposed to receive \$50,000 a year, and later on popular rumor raised him to \$100,000. Undoubtedly he makes as much more from papers of which he is the owner, and from another chain of them which he manages on a profit-sharing basis. Billy Sunday is supposed to earn \$200,000 a year, but the evangelist says that he gives away most of what he receives. Harold Bell Wright makes more than \$100,000 a year, and up to date the fruits of his pen have amounted to nearly \$2,000,000. Robert Chambers, Gene Stratton Porter and Booth Tarkington are reputed to have annual incomes of \$100,000.

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