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GROSS MISREPRESENTATION

The Toronto Globe and the Brantford Expositor (as a "me too") still continue to grossly and deliberately misrepresent Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., with reference to his great speech on the navy proposals.

They depict him as having let the cat out of the bag, by saying that it was intended to make the cash provision a permanent feature.

As a matter of fact he did not utter one word which could be so distorted. Both the papers in question have access to Hansard, the official record of Parliamentary debates.

Let the editors of either one of them, or both, turn to page 1686, and they will find this direct assertion made by Mr. Cockshutt:—

"ON THE OTHER HAND THE PRIME MINISTER SAYS HE WILL SEND \$35,000,000 IMMEDIATELY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE EXPENSES OF THE BRITISH NAVY AND THE PERMANENT NAVAL POLICY OF CANADA WILL BE LATER ON DECIDED UPON AND SUBMITTED TO THE PEOPLE."

Now then, what excuse have these two organs for deliberately, persistently and grossly attempting to bear false witness?

OLIVER GOT COLD RECEPTION

That the Liberals of western Canada are not prepared to support a bill against the Government proposal of sending three Canadian representatives to take their place in the British navy, is evident from an experience which befell Hon. Frank Oliver and Dr. Michael Clarke at a meeting in Lacombe, Alberta. The Lacombe "Globe," a paper which has given the Liberal party enthusiastic support in times past, says of this meeting:—

"Never in the history of Lacombe was a speaker up against a more unresponsive audience. While the late Minister of the Interior was making his address the crowd listened patiently, but failed to give expression to any feelings they may have had on the subject, every point made by the old war-horse falling flat. A handclap now and then from one or two in the audience was the extent of the applause. Hon. Mr. Oliver must have left Lacombe with the feeling that Alberta, in common with other parts of the Dominion, does not want this great question made matter of partisan politics. Dr. Clarke took his cue from the reception of Hon. Mr. Oliver, and steered clear of the naval question till near the close of his address. He received a better hearing than Mr. Oliver and left the crowd in good humor with his jokes and pointed remarks about the Conservatives."

A LIBERAL AND THE NAVY.

Mr. H. McLean, a leading Liberal, said during the course of the debate on the navy proposal in the Dominion House on Friday (Hansard report):—

"The resolution moved by the Prime Minister in connection with the bill to authorize measures for increasing the effective naval forces of the Empire, and the amendment moved by the right hon.

leader of the Opposition, have been so thoroughly and exhaustively discussed that I would not consider it necessary to take part in this debate were it not that I wish to place on record the reasons why I differ from my party on some of the most essential features of this question. I have been a Liberal, a strong fighting Liberal for over thirty-five years, and I intend to remain a member of that great party. I am taking now the same position as I did in 1910 in the debate on the Canadian naval question. I then advocated two dreadnoughts to be included in the fleet units that we were to furnish. I then thought and I still think, that Canada must be represented in the fighting line with the best warships that can be built."

"Could we not get together on a plan of settlement, such as the following: Carry out the Government's resolution and adopt the recommendation of the Board of Admiralty that is contained in their memorandum submitted to our Government, paragraph 10, by building the largest and strongest ships of war which science can build, or money supply? Let us agree to make the number three, instead of two, as suggested by the hon. member for South Wellington, then let this special Defence committee be appointed, and let them take up and decide all the details of the Canadian naval service, our contributions to Imperial defence, and the form that the permanent naval defence force of Canada should take. This would require very careful study, and the advice and the assistance of the best admiralty experts. The committee should have power to sit during the parliamentary recess, and should visit England, so as to obtain at first hand the best and most reliable information and advice. They should be prepared to make a full report at the next session of Parliament, and both parties being united as to the scheme to be adopted, it could be submitted to the people by a plebiscite. I believe now, that if the right hon. leader of the Government, and the right hon. leader of the Opposition sat down together for an hour they could if they wished formulate an Imperial defence policy that would meet with the approval of all loyal people, or at least agree on a basis of settlement."

Correspondence.

Brantford, Feb. 10, 1913.

Dear Sir—Not only as a member of the Park Board, but as a citizen of Brantford, I urge that the request of the Lake Erie and Northern R.R. for the right of way, as shown in their plans, be rejected by the Council in the name of the citizens.

Independent of the objections of the Park Board to a route which interferes with the plans which for several years have been before that board—there are other considerations which might lead the council to join the Park Board and the Board of Water Commissioners in refusing to approve the route.

The tunneling of Colborne street, tilting the old Lorne bridge up seven or eight feet at one end—a position not designed to take—filling up the deepest part of the channel of the river, making an improved route for the flood waters and saying to the Grand, "we have made you a new channel, flow in it."

I do not wish to depreciate the possible achievements of the engineering science as applied by its great masters, one of whom for all I know, may be operating at present in our midst; but may I ask the Council and citizens—why run the risk?

The City Engineer's report shows that there is another good route, and his good work deserves the commendation of the Council and people.

In the light of this report the Council will not likely take the responsibility of sanctioning the railway's plans.

If, led by the attractive paper drawings of the company, the route should be unfortunately approved by the Council, will that body be able in the future to control the railway? If the work of the railway company in carrying out the plan should not prove satisfactory to the city, would the council be strong enough to force the company to improve its work. Past experience shows that when once a railway company gets its right of way, public interests take second place. The time to deal firmly with the matter is now.

One of the present needs of Brantford in this time of its prosperity and growth is systematic planning of the lines of development. There is a place for residential districts and I fall to see the wisdom of allowing a railway company whose interest is direct and more or less selfish, to subvert the lines of a true and natural development to its own ends.

A city may well be pitted which despises its beauty spots, gives away its river front, refuses to consider the comfort and pleasure of living of its future citizens.

I write under a strong conviction that to grant the route asked by the Railway Company would be not only a great mistake, but a flagrant and unnecessary sacrifice of the higher and finer interests of the city, and I take the responsibility in the name of many citizens who think as I do, to protest in advance against this needless sacrifice.

Yours faithfully,
FRANK COCKSHUTT.

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SIX NATIONS

And the Arrangements of the Chiefs with Regard to the Visit of Duke.

On account of the very limited accommodation in the Council House at Ohsweken, the Chiefs have sent out very few invitations for the Duke's reception next Saturday. They feel that Indians should not be crowded out of their own Council House.

It is hoped that all guests will be in the seats reserved for them before the arrival of the Governor-General, so that the Council may be opened at 11.30 sharp and closed at 12.30 when the Duke departs for Brantford.

The Council will be opened according to the ancient usages, the Duke introduced by the Superintendent to the Chiefs and people, an address engraved on buckskin will be read and presented, and after the reply the customary handshaking by the "distinguished visitor," Chief Kah-kon-tye and his brother chiefs will take place.

The Council House is being renovated, totens, flags and hunting being hung up and arches built. A light luncheon will be served in the Parish Hall of St. Peter's Church.

Among those expected from Brantford and vicinity are W. F. Cockshutt, M.P.; J. H. Fisher, M.P.; W. S. Brewster, M.P.P.; John Westbrook, M.P.P.; Mayor Hartman, Lts. Cols. Muir and Howard; Major Nelles Ashton, Judge and Mrs. Hardy, Miss Gilkison, Mrs. E. D. Cameron, Mrs. Gordon Smith, and S. F. Passmore, president of Historical Society.

SHADOW OF THE MOON.

Its Rapidity of Motion as Shown in a Solar Eclipse.

Probably the fastest motion that man can perceive with his eyes is that of the shadow of the moon across the earth in a solar eclipse. The rate is practically that of the moon in its orbit, which is about 2,000 miles an hour. This is roughly half a mile a second. Now, if a person were to be stationed on a mountain whence he could see for some miles he could actually watch the approach of the shadow and keep his eye on its edge. Of course the shade would cover the whole landscape for any one person.

From the testimony of many men who have witnessed the phenomenon in such circumstances it is a terrible and awe inspiring spectacle. The most terrifying sight I ever saw. As always happens in the case of sudden, silent, unexpected movements, the spectator confounds real and relative motion. I felt almost giddy for a moment, as though the massive building under me had tilted to the side of the coming eclipse. Another view is described by Langley: "The bright cloud I saw distinctly put out like a candle. The rapidity of the shadow and the intensity produced a feeling that something material was sweeping over the earth at a speed perfectly frightful. I involuntarily listened for the rushing noise of a mighty wind."

There are, of course, many velocities greater than this that occur on the earth, which, too, are measurable, such as the speed of light, which is 186,000 miles a second, and the speed of molecules of hot gases, but they are not directly perceptible to the human vision. —Lawrence Hodges in Chicago Record-Herald.

Transit of Venus.

The transits of Venus came in pairs, with an interval of eight years between them. A pair occurred in 1761 and 1769 and again in 1874 and 1882. The whole of the twentieth century will pass without another transit. Not until the year 2004 and 2112 will posterity have the opportunity of witnessing it. It was long supposed that transits of Venus over the sun's disk afforded the only accurate method of determining the distance of the sun, but lately the speed of light has been found the more favored method for that purpose. —New York American.

How He Lost His Dog.

"I've lost me mine dachshund," said a German resident of Brooklyn. "Those dog catchers got him." "Maybe dey have got him by der pound. How did they come to took him?" asked his friend. "They took him by der yard," replied the loser sadly. —New York Press.

Perhaps She Was Skeptical.

"Just my luck." "What's the matter now?" "I promised my wife I'd be home at 10 o'clock last night." "And couldn't make it, I suppose?" "No; I got in at just 9:45, but she was sound asleep, and I failed to get credit for it." —Detroit Free Press.

The Other Way.

"If I were younger," said the rich old man, "I believe I might win you for my wife." "Yes," replied the cold beauty, dreamily considering his sixty years, "or, say, fifteen or twenty years older." —Philadelphia Press.

Continuous Performance.

"Wigwag—My wife is a suffragette. She is going on the lecture platform. Henpecked—Eh! My wife doesn't need any platform." —Philadelphia Record.

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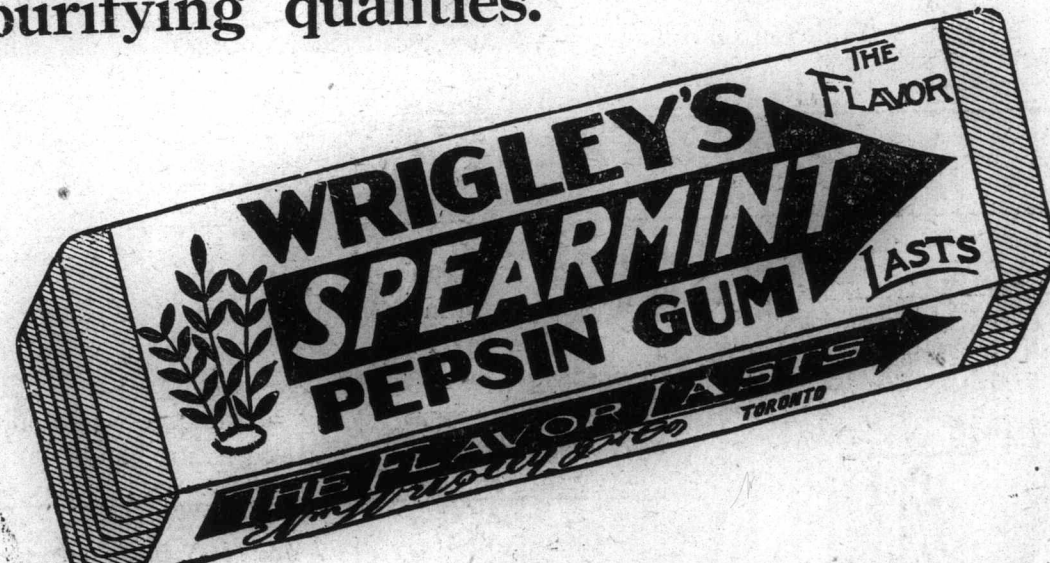
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