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THE HINDU PROBLEM.

The Hindu question in British Columbia seems to be taking a rest. Following the visit to that province of Gen. Swaine, Governor of British Honduras, and the statements made by him since his return, the opinion is gaining ground that the unrest which has existed in the west for some time has been caused chiefly by the attitude of a group of anti-Asiatic agitators, and not by the easterners themselves. Gen. Swaine, who had met the Hindu delegates during their visit to Honduras, went to British Columbia expecting to find some thousands of men dependent on charity, and remaining in that province only because of their determination not to be forcibly deported. He was led to believe that these Hindus were a wholly undesirable class of immigrants to Canada, and that all employers of labor were against them. Instead of this he found no destruction. All the Hindus who were able to work were enjoying steady employment and were earning good wages. They are not disliked as a class by the majority of the people and while there is some feeling against them this is in a measure accounted for by natural antipathy towards those of another race and color, but chiefly by the blunders of a few loud talkers. It had been proposed to transport these Hindus to Honduras. General Swaine's visit was not to arrange for this move, but to quietly talk over the situation with the strangers and ascertain if there were any necessity for such action. He found that there was no such necessity, and the result is that the Hindus will remain where they now are.

Another result is that the agitators are keeping quiet. The Hindus are described as a loyal people; perhaps not best qualified to become citizens of Canada, but certainly as good as many who now make their homes in this country, and belonging to a race easily influenced by their treatment.

A factor to which Gen. Swaine paid considerable attention during his visit was the possibility that a harsh policy towards the Hindus in British Columbia might be productive of rather serious results in India, where the elements of unrest and dissatisfaction with British rule are now strongly manifested. Gen. Swaine has left with the Hindus the promise that if in the future they decide to remove from Canada, British Honduras will be glad to receive them.

CHOOSING AN ENGINEER.

An impression has prevailed that the work of the reorganization committee which has been holding sessions for some weeks would be in the way of reform. This belief can no longer be entertained if reports now generally heard about the city are creditable. It is stated, and the rumor appears to have come from some authoritative source, that Mr. W. Z. Darle is favored by the committee for the position of city engineer. Mr. Darle is an honored citizen, worthy of the esteem of all, and no doubt, a competent engineer. But he is scarcely the man for St. John. His appointment would be no reform, nor would he be able—simply because he is a St. John citizen and friendly with employees now in office—to unite the various disturbing influences which have given this city such a chaotic administration in the past.

It is understood that the committee limited the choice of an engineer to applicants in the Maritime Provinces. If this is correct a serious blunder has been made, for the best engineers do not as a rule spend their lives in non-progressive communities, and certainly it cannot be expected that a wide variety of qualified men would be found in these Provinces. If an engineer is wanted the proper course is to look where engineers are, and that certainly is not in St. John or Halifax.

THE LICENSED REDUCTION VOTE.

The common council is this afternoon considering a petition from the liquor dealers of the city, asking that the local option vote be taken at an early date, and claiming that a great deal of inconvenience will result if the balloting is postponed until the civic elections. This petition is in the interests of some ten or a dozen dealers who for years have had a remarkably easy time in St. John. They have hitherto been undisturbed in the conduct of their business, and have probably gone along very easily.

On the other hand, some thousands of citizens ask that the vote be taken in April. The men who have signed these latter petitions are just as worthy of consideration as are the dealers or so rumormongers who oppose their request. They do not greatly desire to subject the liquor dealers to any serious financial loss, but they know, and the liquor dealers know, that in any event the effect of a temporary victory would be no more of a hardship than the cancelling of a dozen licenses. This latter possibility, though always present, has not been regarded as an immediate menace, yet still it has been a possibility, and so far as is known, no very strong protest has been made against it.

The St. John Globe, which upholds the interests of liquor dealers in this campaign, has contended that the probability of financial loss on the part of the dealers is sufficient excuse for fixing an early date. In this matter the rights of all are to be considered. Here are thousands of citizens asking that a vote be taken in April, while on the other hand, a dozen liquor men want it earlier. Surely the original petitioners have reason to hope that their request may be granted. What if the liquor dealers do suffer a small loss? They have in the past enjoyed benefits sufficient to compensate them a dozen times over for anything that can happen now.

The fiery orator was predicting that the bank guarantee scheme would win yet, in spite of everything. "But can you guarantee that the slot machine will deliver the trick of chewing gum?" demanded his hearers. Completely nonplussed, he changed the subject.

Sweet Susan with eyes soft and dewy  
Wed an almost-eyed Chink, though she knew he  
A bad temper had.  
Well, one day he got mad,  
Seized a hatchet, and then did chop  
Suey!

"So you are going to study law?"  
"Yes."  
"Going to make a specialty of law?"  
"No."  
"Corporation law?"  
"No. Both are too easy. What I want is to be accurately and reliably informed as to what months in the year and days in the week it is permitted to shoot certain game in the various sections of the country."

"Have you any children at your home?"  
"No."  
"And no pets?"  
"No—not even a fern."

Statistics of the 1901 young women who failed. Last year 87 fell into the arms of men two-fall on the floor, and one into a water-bell.

A FEMININE VIEW.

Mrs. Smythe—I wonder why the judge deferred the sentence until tomorrow?  
Mrs. Whyte—Oh, I suppose he wanted to talk the case over with his wife.

THE USUAL THING.

She—I suppose you will commit suicide if I refuse you?  
He—Ah—that has been my custom.

PUTTING NOBODY WISE.

"I'm sure," said the interviewer, the public would be interested to know the secret of your success."  
"Well, young man," replied the captain of industry, "the secret of my success has been my ability to keep it a secret."

VENEZUELAN ENVOY TELLS OF HIS MISSION.

Hopes to Reach Amicable Understanding With European Powers.

BORDEAUX, Jan. 9.—Jose de J. Rivas, the Venezuelan envoy sent to Europe by President Gomez to arrange a settlement of Venezuelan difficulties with the powers of Europe, arrived here today on the steamer Perou. He will leave for Paris tomorrow, where he hopes to confer with M. Pichon, the French foreign minister, and a representative of the Dutch government.

In answer to a request for a statement, M. Paul said that the object of his mission was to arrive at a pacific and amicable understanding on all pending questions with France, Holland, England, Germany and Italy. He did not anticipate the slightest difficulty in the rapid and easy re-establishment of diplomatic relations with France, Venezuela having made the first step and the French government's attitude being favorable to an understanding. The differences with France, Venezuela having made the first step and the French government's attitude being favorable to an understanding.

PARIS, Jan. 9.—It is announced that the French Government is ready and willing to receive any propositions looking to the settlement of the various questions pending between France and Venezuela, provided it receives sufficient proof that M. Paul represents the established government of Venezuela and is personally empowered to act.

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HINTS CANADA

MAY WITHDRAW THE PREFERENCE

Britain's Attitude Angers Canadian Merchants

Policy Has Been Too One-Sided—The Patent Act the Last Straw—Retaliation Threatened

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Anglo-Canadians generally approve the sentiments expressed in a letter by "Canadian Merchant" published in the Standard and Empire in which the British attitude towards the Canadian tariff preference is discussed. The writer closes an excellent communication with the striking statement:— "There has been enough delay. The Canadian has had enough of Little England temporizing. If Great Britain has not within a year a government prepared to reciprocate the preferential tariff, my firm belief is that Canada will decide to play her own business game. Once that is started, alas for poor sentiment and the prospect of a really solid and united empire."

The writer of the letter goes very thoroughly into the trade relations of Canada with European countries, and the United States, and goes on to say: "The preferential tariff, that powerful impetus to British trade with Canada, was granted largely out of sentiment. Unfortunately that sentiment has had to face hard facts. In the first place, some of the smaller Canadian factors (I have two particularly in mind), have had to close down on being unable to compete with the goods of British imports. In the second place, the friendly preference shown by Canada to the American goods, which has been reciprocated, led by refusing to exempt Canadian industries from the Patents Act, the present British Government has not only slammed the door but has deliberately kicked the Canadian manufacturer down the steps. This so-called Free Trade Imperial Government is willing to take but not to give."

"Why should you blame the Canadian business man if he is tempted to retaliate? Suppose the tariff is put into the hands of the British manufacturer. Will that manufacturer forget how that there is a Canadian market, and throw away that \$250,000,000 (with more to come)? Of course not. He will do as the Yankee did and as he himself has done in other foreign countries. He will operate his factories and branches on the right side (the Canadian side) of the wall. And then Canadian industries will be left with the network of railways and vast waterways, will be left with the Canadian market, and the employer of British labor! And, alas for the loss of sentiment that were to have bound the British Empire."

"Retaliation, however, can take other forms than that of merely erecting tariff walls against the home manufacturer. It can assume the form of dealing with his rival and competitor on a level. The writer goes on to discuss the so-called Canadian menace and asks: "In view of Britain's attitude, what good reason is there for Canada to stay her hand?" "Think, then, you cunning manufacturer of Patents Acts, and you, you slammer of doors, is yours the only door?"

NEW CATHOLIC CHAPEL OPENED IN MONCTON

Mrs. C. R. McLaren and Mrs. Jas. A. Wilson Died Yesterday.

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 11.—Mrs. McLaren, with of Charles R. McLaren, a well known clerk in the L. C. R. office, died yesterday morning at her home in Lewisville, aged 55 years. Seven children survive. The deceased was a daughter of Charles H. Thomas and niece of Rev. W. B. Thomas, the well known Methodist minister.

The new Catholic chapel at Lewisville, was opened for worship this morning. Rev. Father Savage conducted the first mass at 7.30. The new edifice will be solemnly opened some time next spring but with the bishop's permission services will be conducted every Sunday morning in future until dedication.

Mrs. James A. Wilson, aged 75 years died yesterday morning, at the home of her son, Norman G. Wilson here this morning, after a week's illness. The deceased formerly lived in Salisbury. She is survived by her husband, two sons and five daughters. The daughters are Mrs. H. Miner, Amherst; Mrs. Wm. Rolston, formerly of St. John; Mrs. Rufus Noyes, Athol; Mrs. R. Goddard, Mrs. Miles Power, Moncton.

U. OF P. STUDENT HAS MONKEY FOR A VALET

Animal Turns on Steam Heater When Alarm Clock Rings.

Discovery of Pet Came When the Piano Was Played in the Early Morning.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 11.—Monkeys for valets! That is the newest idea at the University of Pennsylvania. Its originator is Wendell Eckard, a theatrical student, who lives in Craig House, and he has experimented to the stage where he is ready to declare that the monkey is the ideal servant, inexpensive, and always prompt and on the job.

Eckard, who is captain of the football team, is not advocating his idea to any extent. There are certain restrictions imposed by the faculty, which forbid the keeping of live pets in the rooms of the students. But a few nights ago the dormitory was set in an uproar by the sound of a piano at 2 o'clock in the morning coming from Eckard's room, and the investigation which followed resulted in unearthing the monkey. The monkey's house is the fireplace in Eckard's room. A wire door keeps the animal confined when not on duty, and a curtain hung in front of the door keeps him hidden. A string attached to the top of the door runs through a pulley directly over the bed in which Eckard sleeps. When the alarm clock rings to arouse the sleeping student in the morning, Eckard pulls on the string. The door raises and the monkey is at liberty. According to other students who have seen the valet at work, he at once closes the window and opens the steam heater. Then he takes his master's shoes and blackens them easily. This is not merely a monkey shine; it is one of the valet's duties.

There are numberless things which the monkey does. Eckard is said to have bought it for \$10. The opinion of those who have seen the handwork of the monkey is that he is inexpensive, capable and an altogether to be desired servant.

TAFT WILL ANNOUNCE NO MORE CABINET MEMBERS

AUGUSTA, Ga., Jan. 9.—Beyond the retention of the announcement that A. C. Knox would be secretary of state and Frank Hitchcock postmaster general in his cabinet, President-elect Taft has determined that no other cabinet appointments shall be known until after January 20. No more this cabinet effective he will deny all cabinet rumors, predictions or announcements from any source or quarter whatsoever.

RAIDED ILLICIT STILLS AND DESTROYED BEER

ASHVILLE, N. C., Jan. 9.—A despatch from Hickory, N. C., tonight states that yesterday a party of revolutionaries, headed by Revenue Agent Sams of Asheville, raided six illicit distilleries and seized and destroyed 4,000 gallons of beer. The notorious York Settlement of South Mountains, 20 miles south of Hickory, The blockaders were comfortably housed in substantial buildings and some of the stills were in the yards of their homes. The blockaders escaped upon the approach of the officers.

WAS INTERESTED IN START OF REBELLION OF 1837

TORONTO, Jan. 10.—Rev. Jas. Gardiner, a Methodist minister, died at his home in Toronto yesterday in his ninety-first year. He was a Liberal of the old school and took a prominent part in sympathy with the movement led by the rebellion of 1837. Herbert P. Gardiner, formerly editor of the Hamilton Times and now superintendent of the institute for the blind, at Brantford, is a son.

EYEGLASSES!

The first pair of eyeglasses should be carefully fitted. If you desire that your eyes receive proper attention consult Dr. Boyan, Graduate Optician, 33 Dock St.

BRIEF DESPATCHES.

PANAMA, Jan. 10.—A premature explosion occurred today at Curaca, on the line of the Panama canal. One man was killed instantly and eight men were badly hurt.

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ROME, Jan. 10.—Pope Pius today received in private farewell audience Archbishop Ireland. His holiness expressed to the archbishop his admiration and gratitude to the American people for the prominent part they are taking in giving aid to the earthquake sufferers, saying "America always Ireland." The pontiff authorized Bishop Ireland to convey the apostolic benediction to the American people.

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LEWIS.—In this city, on the 10th inst., Richard D. Lewis, in the 3rd year of his age, leaving a widow, son and daughter to mourn their loss. Funeral from his late residence, 7 St. James street, Wednesday, at 2.30 p. m. Friends invited to attend. MCCARTHY.—In this city, on the 10th inst., John McCarthy, in the 65th year of his age, leaving a wife, two daughters and four sons to mourn their loss. (Boston and New York papers please copy.) Funeral from his late residence, 33 St. Andrews street, Tuesday, at 2.30. Friends invited to attend. DUSTIN.—At Denver, Col., on the 8th inst., Mrs. Maud Dustin, daughter of the late John Coleman of Hampton, CARPENTER.—In St. John, Mrs. Mary P. Carpenter, widow of the late George Carpenter, in the 64th year of her age, leaving two sons and four daughters to mourn their loss. Funeral from her late residence, 113 Rockland St., on Wednesday morning at 8.30 o'clock. (Quebec papers please copy.)

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PERSIAN SITUATION

BECOMING SERIOUS

Leader of Bakhtiari Tribesmen Calls for Election of Independent Legislature.

BERLIN, Jan. 10.—A despatch received here from Teheran says that the leader of the Bakhtiari tribesmen, who has occupied Isfahan and issued a proclamation calling upon the people to elect representatives to an independent legislature within three days. Prince Firman Firman, in command of the government troops, will be sent against Isfahan. The situation there is regarded as most serious. The secession of Isfahan is considered final and the political status there is similar to that at Tabriz.

GAS SUICIDE NEARLY KILLED FOUR OTHERS

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 10.—In committing suicide by gas at a boarding house at 52 Broadway today, Richard Dimmy, aged 43 years, imperilled the lives of four other inmates of the houses. Their names are Mrs. Annie Ray, Theodore Perdicke and his sister, Mrs. Canope Perdicke, and Bartle Bapoor. Their lives were probably saved by Miss Anna Moran aged 19 years, who, upon getting up to go to church this morning, smelt a strong odor of gas. Hastily arousing some of her neighbors, an investigation was made which resulted in the finding of Dimmy's body and the unconscious forms of four other boarders. Physicians were called to the house, and although Dimmy had been dead for some time, the other four recovered. The cause of Dimmy's act is said to be due to despondency due to lack of work. He had been twice married and divorced, his former wives living in Lynn and Philadelphia.

NEW YORK, Jan. 9.—Harvard doctored Columbia tonight in an exciting game of hockey at the St. Nicholas rink by a score of five goals to one. Donald of Columbia shot the only goal scored by his side. Harvard's goals were scored by Ford (2), Hicks (2), and Willett (1).