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LONDON, SATURDAY, JAN. 20.

## WHERE CANADA LAGS.

The House of Commons showed but sleepy interest in the motion of Mr. Burnham, Conservative member for one of the Peterboroughs, in support of the principle of old age pensions. There is truth in the observation of a gallery correspondent that generally speaking the House is not concerned about social questions. The Minister of Finance was hostile. For the resolution were one Liberal, Mr. Macdonald, of Pictou, the second; one Conservative, Mr. Nickle, of Kingston, who made a telling maiden speech on this subject, and Mr. Verville, the only Labor member of the House.

The Government held out no hopes that it would father such a scheme, and yet consented to the appointment of a committee of investigation. If opposed to the idea, as the Minister of Finance's remarks indicated, the Government gives this consent only as a way of temporizing and letting Mr. Burnham fall on a soft cushion. It is disappointing that the Liberal party in the Commons shows such indifference to a question like this. Here is a principle which Liberalism has put on the statute books in Great Britain and which even British Conservatism has not ventured to oppose in the open.

The Minister of Finance is right in saying that the workingman has fuller opportunities in Canada than in Great Britain. Yet he is not accurate in saying that every Canadian workingman is able to provide for old age, if he has a family and adequately looks after all its needs. A man or woman ought to be independent in his or her old age after an honest, industrious youth and middle age. The old people should not have to depend very largely on the financial care of their children. When they have done unselfishly by their families, by the church and all good causes, the chances are that the old age of the workingman, even in bounteous Canada, will be slimly fended against hunger, sickness and discomfort.

In Australia and New Zealand old age pensions are the law. If they are not demoralizing or pauperizing in those new countries, is it not presumptuous to say, with a member of the Canadian Government, that they will have such effects here? Is Canada the righteous Pharisee to condemn the Australasians and the "home folk" of Britain, as demoralized and unstrung?

It would be just as well for Canadian Liberals to begin to realize that there is a great field in social legislation, of which they have barely grasped the boundary. We shall have to approximate to British Liberalism in using the power of the state to protect and strengthen the weaker or more unfortunate members of society. The fierce individualism of America needs to be qualified in the interests of the less fortunate but perhaps not less deserving citizens of the state. We must draw away from the example of American individualism and learn some lessons from the co-operative spirit of Great Britain.

## THE ULSTER AGITATION.

Agitators in Ulster, some of them of high rank, are conspiring against free speech, and inciting their countrymen to disorder which may end in bloodshed. The declaration of a coterie in Belfast, headed by Lord Londonderry, that John Redmond and Winston Churchill will be forcibly prevented from speaking in that city, in support of home rule, gives a shock to a cherished British tradition. In England, the opponents of home rule may well pray to be delivered from such friends. The cooler-headed leaders of the party will probably exert themselves to hold their Belfast brethren in check. An outbreak of physical violence would react on English public opinion, and put a powerful weapon in the hands of the Government.

The rear of the North of Ireland Unionists are believed to be grounded by the supporters of home rule, but undoubtedly they are real to many thousands of the rank and file. Prejudices, however ill-informed and unwarranted, are often honestly held. There is more ground for doubting the sincerity of the professional politicians at the head of the anti-home rule movement in Ireland. They have persistently played upon racial and religious sentiments in order to keep the solidarity of the Unionist party in the industrial North of Ireland when the working classes were tempted to sym-

pathize with the social legislation of a Liberal Government. On every other issue but home rule the Ulster workingmen would be naturally attracted to the Liberal programme. This is especially true of the Irish Nonconformists. But the religious bogey is continually paraded before their eyes by the Londonderrys, the Carsons, and politicians of that stripe. In spite of the revival of the home rule issue in an acute form, the Unionist party has lost ground in Ulster in recent years, polling less than half the total vote of the province in the last general election. Evidently many Protestants have become converted to the principle of Irish self-government, and regard the religious issue as irrelevant. One of this class is Lord Pirrie, the head of the greatest shipbuilding firm in the world, who has offered to preside at the Redmond-Churchill meeting.

## PARTY "HONOR" IN SOUTH RENFREW.

If there is any standard of honor in party warfare, the Hon. J. D. Reid, Minister of Customs, and other prominent members of his party, refuse to recognize it.

The president and secretary of the Conservative Association of South Rensselaire, and over a score of its members, entered into a written agreement with a number of Liberals, equally representative of their party in the riding. By its terms the Conservatives were to offer no opposition to the Liberal nominee for the House of Commons, if the seat were vacated by the sitting Liberal member, Mr. Low. The Liberals agreed in return to offer no opposition to Mr. McGarry, the Conservative nominee for the Legislature.

Pursuant to the agreement Mr. McGarry was returned by acclamation. Later Mr. Low resigned his seat in order to open the door for the re-entrance of Hon. George Graham into the House of Commons, an arrangement known to the North Rensselaire Conservatives when they signed the agreement. But the powers at Ottawa do not want Mr. Graham in Parliament, and are determined to overlook the local party organization. The Minister of Customs was not ashamed to go to South Rensselaire to urge the violation of a compact to which the integrity of his party was pledged. It would have been a fruitless mission if the men who signed the agreement had been sincerely desirous of keeping their word. They could have made the nomination of a Conservative candidate for the Commons impossible by resolute protests at the convention. Mr. McGarry, it is true, announced that he would abstain from the campaign, and advised the signatories of the agreement to do likewise, but he had not a word of reproach for his friends who tore up the agreement by nominating a candidate. A more highly sensitive man in his position would have been angry and indignant and would have left the convention knowing it. By all considerations of honor, his seat is forfeited. He should not hold it for an instant, no matter what the view of his party chieftains may be. The latter, both at Ottawa and Toronto, share the perils of the whole transaction. It remains to be seen whether the sense of justice and fair play in South Rensselaire is wide and deep enough to undo the wrong and rebuke the authors of it.

Mr. McGarry's conscience should put a pin in his seat in the Legislature. The renewal of the pigiron bounty by the present Ottawa Government would be the payment of an election debt.

Forty-one towns were born in the West last year on one railway line. Forty-one little real estate booms, all in a row.

The Ottawa Government is to give the combines a year's rest. The rest cure is doubtless an excellent thing for the combines.

The commerce of the world could not be carried on a single day if the standard of integrity suddenly dropped to the South Rensselaire level.

The proposed visit of the Governor-General to New York is to be desired. He may be able to dispel some of the unpleasant impressions made by the outrageous election talk of his present advisers.

A year's truce has been declared in the Lancashire cotton industry. Postponement of an industrial war is usually equivalent to peace. This is the value of machinery which gives both parties an opportunity to save their faces.

TRULY EXPERT.  
[Washington Star.]  
"Is your chauffeur an expert?"  
"Yes, indeed," replied Mr. Chungking. "He can explain in a most interesting way exactly why the car isn't running most of the time."

PROBABLY LOST CASE.  
[Yonkers Statesman.]  
Lawyer—My client painted a picture of this young lady, your honor, and she claims it does not do her justice.

Judge—Does not do her justice, did you say?  
Lawyer—Yes, your honor; and she was foolish enough to think she could get it by bringing the case before you.

## HARD LINES.

[Puck.]  
"In financial trouble? What is it?"  
"Oh, I promised to pay Brown \$10 to-day, and I've got it, and he knows I've got it, and he knows I know he knows I've got it!"

TRUE ECONOMIST.  
[Cleveland Press.]  
"I hate to boast," said a Cleveland lawyer, "but my wife is certainly one of the most economical women in the world. The other day she told me she needed a new suit. I said she ought to have it, by all means, but asked her not to spend any very large sum of money without letting me know about it. Well,

the next day she remarked, 'The tailor said he couldn't make that suit for less than one hundred and fifty dollars. I thought it was too much, but told him to go ahead.' 'Well, I suppose it is all right,' I said, 'but why didn't you consult me first?' 'Why, dearie, I didn't want to spend carfare for two visits.' 'I tell you, it's these little economies that count, eh?'

MERCENARY.  
[Washington Star.]  
"You'll never again be the fighter you once were," said the expert in pugilism. "Well," replied the man with bulging muscles, "I don't want to be. A man never gets a chance to make big lecture money till he's a has been."

PITY THE POOR.  
[Pittsburgh Post.]  
"I can't get a new hat because the children need shoes."  
"I'm in the same boat."  
"Why, you have no children."  
"True; but I can't get a new dress because the auto needs tires."

FAMILY NEEDS.  
[Pele Mele.]  
Prospective Tenant—"I must have a lake in my estate."  
"Do you fish, then?"  
"No, but my daughter does water colors."

CONSIDERATE.  
[Judge.]  
Jaggs—"I want you to help me pick out an auto."  
Loan Shark—"Why me?"  
Jaggs—"You'll probably own it in a short time."

HAS MUSIC IN HIM.  
[London Opinion.]  
"Your cat made an awful noise in the back garden last night, and—"  
"I'm awfully sorry, Mr. Houston, but since he ate the canary he thinks he can sing!"

LESS DANGEROUS.  
[Washington Herald.]  
"How quickly our new Americans assimilate our ideas."  
"How now?"  
"I asked an Italian friend of mine if he wasn't going home to fight, and he tells me that he is paired with a Turk on the next block."

MISCONSTRUED.  
[Punch.]  
Shipman—"The fresh herrings are very nice this morning, m'm."  
Lady—"Er—have they roses?"  
Shipman—"Well, m'm, all fish is dearer at this season."

ON HIS WAY.  
[Pittsburgh Post.]  
"Why do you always appear in public carrying a tire?"  
"I can't afford an automobile just yet."

LITTLE CHOICE.  
[Cassidy's Saturday Journal.]  
Russian Official—"You cannot stay in this country."  
Traveler—"Then I'll leave it."  
Russian Official—"Have you a passport to leave?"  
Traveler—"No."  
Russian Official—"Then you cannot leave. I will give you twenty-four hours to decide what you will do?"

SELF-MADE.  
[Judge.]  
A drunken congressman said to Horace Greely one day: "I am a self-made man."  
"Then, sir," replied the philosophical Horace, "the fact reflects the Almighty of a great responsibility."

FAIR PHILOSOPHER.  
[Judge.]  
Madge—"Isn't it awful, dear? The scientists have discovered that our feet are growing larger."  
Marjorie—"Never mind! Just think how much more our Christmas stockings will hold!"

THE DANGEROUS AGE.  
[Life.]  
The dangerous age—between 1 and 51.

STRANGE.  
[Puck.]  
Mrs. Highpup—"How was the charity ball?"  
Mrs. Blase—"All right, but it's a wonder they made anything when you consider the small amount they spent on it. Their expenses were actually less than their receipts."

ROMANCING AND ROMANCE.  
[Louisville Courier-Journal.]  
"Was your love affair romantic?"  
"Oh, very. I met Reginald at the seashore. We both pretended to be very rich."  
"And now it turns out that he collects the payments on our piano?"

DULL.  
[Judge.]  
Uncle Ezra—"How's business in New York, Eben?"  
Uncle Eben (lately returned)—"Awful dead! I was on Broadway one whole day, and I didn't see a single load of hay moving anywhere."

THEN SHE BRUSHED OUT.  
[Life.]  
Young Lady Art Student (entering a 10-cent store)—"Do you keep camel-hair brushes?"  
Salesman (aside)—"They, bring up dogs' heads. (To lady). "And, madam, would you like a toothbrush?"  
Art Student (indignantly)—"What for?"  
"For de camel!"

HER VIEW.  
[Washington Star.]  
"That woman seems extremely proud of her husband's official importance," said Mrs. Votey Gumm.  
"Yes," replied Mrs. Baring Banners, "she regards his election to office as a tribute to her influence in politics."

MORE TO THE POINT.  
[New York Evening Mail.]  
Boy—"Mr. Quinn, can't I get off this afternoon? My grandfather is dead."  
Mr. Quinn—"I don't see how with your small salary you can afford to be so good to me."  
Boy—"That's right. I can't, either. I ought to have more salary."

ANCIENT INSTANCE.  
[Chicago Tribune.]  
Methuselah just turned 46.  
Went forth to hunt a job.  
But everywhere they told him "Nix! You're a year too old, you slob!"  
"Too old!" he echoed, with vacuous roar: "You'd better be a little older than I am. You dubs, I'll live nine centuries more!"  
And so he did—for spite.

SECRET OUT AT LAST.  
[Red Hen.]  
"Why do you have those glass cases with the axe, hammer, crowbar and so forth on these cars?" asked a traveller.  
"Oh, those are put there in case any one wants a window open," replied the factious man.

A Few Lines of Most Anything

OUR PRECISE ARTIST.

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GOING UP IN SMOKE.  
[Petroleum Topic.]  
Yesterday the price of crude oil was advanced 5 cents per barrel, making the present quotation \$1.29. Big Bill says this will help his "baccar bill."

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[Forest.]  
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[Canadian Press.]  
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**And We Give You A Pot To Make It In—Free**




To get to the heart of the coffee question, you must do as we did—get to the heart of the coffee berry. The coffee berry is protected by Nature from the insect world, by a tough inner shell or coat. This shell contains tannin and other bitter substances. It is this shell, roasted and ground up with ordinary coffee, that causes indigestion, headaches and other ill-effects so common with coffee drinkers. Yet there is no other beverage in the world so thoroughly wholesome, healthful and delicious as good Coffee when properly made.

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—MILD and STRONG. You can't tell which one you will like best until you try both. Dalton's French Drip Coffee is better and costs less than any other made in the world. Dalton's French Drip Coffee Pot. That is why we make this special offer.

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We have authorized our Grocer to give you one of these handsome pots (worth \$1.30) absolutely free with your first purchase of a tin EACH of Mild and Strong Blend at 50c. per tin. You buy two tins of our Coffee—one of each blend—to give it a fair trial and we give you the means of testing it FREE, satisfied that you will use nothing but Dalton's French Drip Coffee thereafter.

**TORONTO**

If Your Grocer Will Not Supply You, Inclose \$1.00 and We Send Carriage Collect

## AWAITING WORD OF DISCOVERY OF SOUTH POLE BY SCOTT

Geographers Believe They Will Soon Receive Word That He Won Way to His Goal—Possesses Every Means of Making Journey.

[Canadian Press.]

New York, Jan. 20.—Officials of the Geographical Society and various similar organizations interested in polar exploration are eagerly awaiting word from Captain Robert Falcon Scott, who expected to reach the South Pole on Christmas Day, and they believe that when he announces the result of his British Antarctic expedition, it will be to say that his quest was successful.

Lieut. Shackleton, of the British navy, reached the farthest south on Jan. 9, 1909, ninety-seven geographical miles from his objective point, and then turned back only because he ran short of provisions.

Captain Scott had 750 miles to cover from his winter quarters to reach the South Pole. His journey consisted of a dash across the comparatively level ice to the ice barrier, then up the glacier's side to the plateau, some ten thousand feet above sea level, and then to the Pole.

The Scott expedition was outfitted as no other exploration party was equipped before. The British Government subscribed \$100,000 to the fund, and the British public contributed an equal sum. Accompanying him in addition to a picked crew, were five lieutenants of the royal navy, two surgeons and three biologists.

Three motor sledges were carried in the hold of his vessel, 70 tons of provisions, 120 dogs and 30 Siberian ponies.

## ARE SPECTATORS TODAY PRISONERS TOMORROW

Those Who Seek Entertainment at Police Station Soon Provide It.

The assertion of the police officials that it is only a matter of time from the rail at the police court becomes a habit with them until they are actors in the entertainment of the court laffers, was borne out to a degree before Magistrate Judd this morning.

On Wednesday morning the space allotted to the curious was jammed with those eager to obtain a view of "Patrick J. O'Brien," alias "Maloney," the hold-up man, among the crowd being Fred Buglar.

In the excitement Frederick was so wrought up that he expected to be on the floor. Sgt. Birrell espied him, and this morning he contributed a dollar to the court coffers, because of the offence.

Chief Williams supports the contention of others that those who make it a practice to be on hand every morning, are ultimately before the court perforce.

Watch them, says the chief, and you will find that the "spectator" appears some morning in the prisoner's box as a "first-timer."

This may satisfy his curiosity, but it is possible that familiarity will simply breed contempt, and he will be back again with the air of a veteran, who is acquainted with the whole procedure.

CLEVELAND BUILDING BURNED.  
[Canadian Press.]

Cleveland, Jan. 20.—The Rouse and Jennings buildings at the northwest corner of Superior avenue and the Public Square were destroyed early today. The Morrison building adjoining was damaged. The loss totalled \$150,000. The cause is unknown.

HAVERHILL THEATRE DAMAGED.  
[Canadian Press.]

Haverhill, Mass., Jan. 20.—The academy of music, the oldest playhouse in the city, was badly damaged by fire early today, and half a dozen stores occupying the street floor of the building were found unconscious in the basement, and sent to the hospital. Loss \$30,000.

BAN ON BUTTER  
[Canadian Press.]

New York, Jan. 20.—Appeal to the women of New York to let no butter pass their lips for the next 30 days unless the price is reduced has been made by the Housewives' League, whose president, Mrs. Julian Heath, announces that the members of the league had voted to boycott the commodity on account of the excessively high prices charged.

Printed appeals to "eschew butter and make the dealer come down off this high price perch," will be sent out shortly, it is stated, which, it is stated, will make its plea especially to the rich and well-to-do.

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