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HOW LONG?

The Ottawa despatches indicate that practically all members of the three parties at Ottawa are opposed to a general election this year, but that events are pretty certain to drive them to the country by June, if not earlier.

Gorman is to meet Moore and Thunberg again tonight at Madison Square Garden, and this time the race is one of a mile and a half.

Naturally the country will be asking, since an election appears inevitable, why it should be postponed until summer—why it would not be better to vote supply and put through any non-contentious legislation which is absolutely necessary in the public interest.

The Board of Trade has heard from eleven of the twenty-nine Maritime members of Parliament, who are ready to support any reasonable line of action to stop the diversion of Canadian traffic to American ports.

The government is in such a weak position that the speech from the Throne on the opening of Parliament was a re-statement of the old story.

The amendment of the Conservative leader was a no confidence motion that merely started anew the old game of the 'ins and outs.'

The fourteen points presented by the Progressives as the price of their support are nothing but the selfish demands of a group of men who can think only in terms of a quarter section in Western Canada.

"Instead of a policy from the leader of any one of the three groups that would inspire Canadians to work and as well to make Canada a country worth working for, each one in turn proposes something that will make the other fellow work."

Where is it all to end? The answer seems to have been given by a cartoonist, who pictures a Progressive member approaching a small eating establishment.

While there is no official announcement as a decision, it is expected that the Conservatives will oppose Premier King in Prince Albert, although Mr. MacDonald, who has vacated the seat in the Premier's favor, had an immense majority there in the last election.

It is regarded as practically impossible to keep all the members in constant attendance in order to be ready for emergencies, for with the parties so evenly matched the Opposition may be expected to have a series of amendments in readiness.

Odds and Ends

Best Similes of 1925 Among the best similes harvested by Frank J. Wilder for his 1926 crop are listed the following:

Some of the western newspapers are applauding Mr. Bourassa's statement that any early return to the strictly two-party system is unlikely, and that the appearance of groups in the House is by no means to be deplored.

A face as long as a winter night in Norway.—Wilder and Johnson.

There may be a little new light on the situation when the next vote comes, but it seems improbable that any of the five Progressives who voted with Mr. Meighen will change over at the next test of strength.

Life is like a game of cards. The queen always follows the jack.—Judge.

Congratulations to the Brockville Recorder, which on Saturday last celebrated its 100th birthday.

Useless as a currywump in Detroit.—Anon.

Helpless as a crossword puzzle fiend without a pencil.—Anon.

So still you could hear the microbes gnashing their teeth.—Anon.

He played the king in "Hamlet" as if he momentarily expected somebody to play the ace.—Anon.

He is so dumb they had to burn down the kindergarten to get her into the first grade.—Anon.

He felt like something somebody had ordered and forgotten to call for.—Anon.

Optimistic as a seed seller's catalogue.—Anon.

She hadn't time. A woman, evidently very hurried and flustered, got into an omnibus the other day, and she was hailed by a friend near the door.

Just Fun

THE MAN who catches cold on a fishing trip gets no sympathy from his wife until he dies of pneumonia.

SHE—I've invented a new face powder which can't be kissed off.

NOW SHELL RAMBLE! MR. HENLEY is very fond of his young bride, and he has just recently purchased for her a great rambling old mouse on Beacon Hill.—Item in Esqetown, Mass., Sentinel.

THE FIRST PESSIMIST probably got that way from loss of sleep.

THE MAN on foot often overtakes happiness, while the man who pursues it at high speed often passes it by.

A DANCER'S ROSARY The steps I dance with thee, dear heart! Are as a march through hell for me! You step on them each scraping dog apart!

I trod with you by the stag line. And suffer on for miles and miles. And some dear brother looks up just in time.

Refrain: O memories of dances gay. With other girls with clever lines! While you each foot do strive also to flay.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS: "I call my sweetest lantern because she is all lit up!"

"WONDER what a sandwich looked like before lettuce was invented?"

THEM: Wine, Women and Song. Now: Home-brew, Flappers and Radio.

"SO THIS IS PARIS," muttered the student in disgust as the metal began to chaff his skin.

Thousands of years it took to make a monkey into a man.

AND TO THINK that a woman is called a good executive once was called a crowing hen.

THE MORE THE MERRIER PROFESSOR: I take great pleasure in giving you eighty-one in mathematics.

STUDENT: Make it a hundred and enjoy yourself, sir.—Answers.

INDUED, YES MRS. BROWN.—Our new minister is just wonderful. He always brings home the truth to you.

REPORT of Larchmont yacht races says: "The clippers were not well handled." Well, they should have had a few barbers there.

AMERICANISM: Howling because the guilty go free; dodging jury service.

PUT two people in a room, one with a toothache and the other in love, and the one with the toothache will go to sleep first.

ONE EXAMPLE of eternal love is the Irishman who wrote home from Scotland to his sweetheart, "Yours till I get a raise."

THE BIGGEST HOLDUP in our town was made by a pair of suspenders.

"Was not an act of chivalry, Nor yet the fear of scorn; He offered her his street car seat To keep her off his horn."

HE poured a barrel of tar down the factory smoke stack and then he saw the chimney swallow.

THE most absent-minded chap we know is the man who put a penny in the police box and then looked up at the clock and said, "I've lost fourteen pounds in weight!"

CLARENCE DARROW believes in showing up when a felon needs a friend.

How Thoughtful She Was He'd bought a house and it had been such a bargain to his idea that he could hardly wait till his fiancée saw it.

The Bull Has Some Fun



Jones (taking a short cut home after the village Fancy Dress Dance): "Oh, lor! What made me go as a Toreador?" —From London Opinion.

The Best of Advice

ON USING A DOOR-KEY TO STOP NOSE-BLEED.

How many of the following things do you believe? 1. People with greenish eyes are not as trustworthy as people with blue or black eyes.

Poems That Live

INSUFFICIENCY. There is no one beside thee and no one above thee. Thou standest alone as the nightingale sings!

BRITAIN NOT BEATEN. (Daily Express, London.) The truth is that all our foreign visitors are amazed by the vigor and energy of the British people in tackling their difficulties.

WEALTH OF CANADA. (Montreal Le Presse.) We should never lose sight of the essential economic truth that the true, the only real source of wealth in a country is its production.

HE rushed into the room where his wife was sitting. "My dear," he said excitedly, "guess what's happened? Intelligence has just reached."

PROFESSIONS AND THE PRESS. (London Spectator.) We do not see how the public is going to be encouraged to attend to its own health in countless small ways in which individuals must be their own doctors unless the press is the medium.

Other Views

CANADIAN HISTORY (Collingwood Bulletin.) Canadian people should have a wider range of Canadian history than is now given, says the Kingston Whig.

A HARDY CREEPER. (Montreal Gazette.) Any gardener knows that fire and flames give plants of all kinds but short shrift.

SHE HADN'T TIME. (Boston Globe.) A woman, evidently very hurried and flustered, got into an omnibus the other day.

Twenty Years Ago Today

THE ferry-boat Quigonody, evidently jealous of the Ludlow's ramming of the ferry-dock, emulated her successor by going ashore on Navy Island Bar.

Who's Who IN THE DAY'S NEWS.

GENERAL PANGALOS. GREECE, torn by political strife for the past decade, is now ruled over by a military dictator, General Pangalos, former Premier.

Dinner Stories

ALBERT was a solemn-eyed, spiritual-looking child. "Nurse," he said one day, leaving his blocks and laying his hand on her knee, "nurse, is this God's day?"

BOTH SIDES TO BLAME

Speaking at a meeting in Toronto last week, Professor Alexander said: "Some time within the next two or three generations, Canada will become civilized. Just so. As it is we are all in the same boat, for sometimes we make the professors wild and sometimes the professors make us wild."

BETTER FOR BUTTER

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