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LONDON, FRIDAY, MAY 5.

Mr. Hyman and His Riding.

It is taken for granted by the press and public that Hon. C. S. Hyman will be offered the vacant portfolio of the public works department. We do not know whether this is so or not, but it would be surprising if the choice did not fall on the member for London, who was discharged the duties of the office during Mr. Sutherland's long illness and has become his logical successor. Mr. Hyman long ago proved himself of cabinet rank, and as acting minister of public works has acquitted himself admirably in the estimation of the House of Commons. No suggestion is heard from a Conservative quarter that he has not earned promotion. Excepting the premiership, the Minister of Public Works has probably the most important place in the cabinet. He is head of the great spending department of the Government, and the character of the work calls for the practical ability with which Mr. Hyman is supremely endowed. He is an admirable type of the businessman in politics. He had been engaged in industrial operations on a large scale before he entered public life, and brought to parliament the kind of training which makes a useful member in a body which is principally occupied with business questions. For this reason, no department could be more congenial to him than the public works. Members of the House of Commons have admired his ready grasp of the duties of the office and his skillful manner in which he has handled his estimates. Prompt decision, firmness, businesslike methods and a capacity for hard work—these are qualities which are demanded by the position, and which Mr. Hyman possesses in a pre-eminent degree.

Some Conservative newspapers throw out the taunt that Mr. Hyman will be afraid to ask re-election in London, if he receives a portfolio. They allege he will seek the nomination in the safe Liberal constituency of North Oxford. Such statements are utterly baseless. His bitterest opponents cannot say that Mr. Hyman is a coward. A man less courageous would never have braved the odds which confronted him in the old days of Tory supremacy in London, or kept up the struggle for 20 years. When Mr. Hyman is called to higher things at Ottawa he will come to London for re-election, and come confidently. There is nothing in the situation here to warrant the insinuation that he will desert his old constituents. His opponents point to the smallness of his majority in the general election. Everyone in London knows the Liberal party suffered from overconfidence in that contest, while the Conservatives worked with unwonted energy, not because of the popularity of their candidate, or with any hope of winning, but merely to save Mr. Gray from a Waterloo, so that the result would not react on the party in the provincial election. They were as much surprised as the Liberals by the vote. The Liberals of London will not be caught napping a second time. They will not fall for their brilliant and plucky standard-bearer at the very summit of his success. The Opposition pretends that it has been longing for such an opportunity to test public sentiment in Ontario, but this gasconading finds no echo among the Conservatives of London. They know that Mr. Hyman is the strongest and most popular man in either party in this city. We venture to say he would go in unopposed were it not that Mr. Gray has had such a good conceit of himself since the last election that he insists on trying it again. The Conservative party in this city has Mr. Gray on its hands.

West Kent License Scandal.

The Provincial Secretary has promised to investigate the charges made in connection with the license administration in West Kent. Accusations of bribery and blackmail are being bandied about. It is said some of the local party wire-pullers, who profess to control the granting or removal of licenses, have bulldozed or cajoled hotelkeepers into the payment of large sums of money. The Toronto News correspondent who has been looking into the matter finds ample evidence of partisanship. The proprietor of the second largest hotel in Chatham is being deprived of his license for political reasons only. Another Liberal hotelkeeper in Chatham is being kept on the tenter-hooks for the same reason. The News' correspondent says the new board of license commissioners does not command general confidence. It is a compromise board, the men originally selected refusing to act. "It is freely stated," he writes, "that the reason they declined was that it was intimated that the board would be expected to refuse to renew the licenses held by Mr. Pleasance and Mr. Sheldon."

We quote further from the News' correspondent:

"There was some difficulty in finding men who would cut off these two licenses. Mr. Sheldon had had his license for fifteen years. Mr. Sheldon had been a good citizen in a public way. He had been a water commissioner for some years, having administered that service in a very satisfactory manner. He enjoys the confidence and respect of the entire town. There has never been an infraction of the law by himself or any of his employees. This excellent record is put forward by his friends to show that the attempt to deprive him of his license is a piece of simon pure partisanship. I am bound to say, from all that I could gather, that this conclusion is inevitable. "In order to get the commissioners' reason for giving the Rankin House a thirty days' extension, I put the question to the chairman straight. He said it was the wish of the party in the riding."

"Were you asked by the party executive to cut him off?" I inquired. "Yes, that's it," he replied. "There is no intention of depriving the Rankin House of a license. The commissioners are determined, however, that 'Irish Jack' shall not get one. To test the feeling of the city I put the question to several representative citizens, whether, if they were commissioners, they would renew this license. The majority of them replied in the affirmative. In cutting off the three licenses required by the resolution of the council, the commissioners selected all Liberals."

The Provincial Secretary, when the matter was brought up in the Legislature, said that if the chairman of the board had been directed by the party executive to do what he did, the Government would ask him to resign. But the Provincial Secretary and the Government cannot evade responsibility for this state of affairs. They have encouraged the spoilsman of the party by vesting in them the patronage in each riding and by the wholesale dismissal of license inspectors. Even the poor fishermen cannot have their licenses renewed without the sanction of the local party bosses. The Provincial Secretary and his colleagues no doubt deplore the condition of things in West Kent, but it is the outcome of the spoils system which they have permitted under pressure from office-seekers. The situation in West Kent is not unique. Complaints are heard in other constituencies, where the license administration which Mr. Whitney promised to take out of politics has been handed over to the machine, box and dice.

This lovely weather reminds one of the good old days of March.

Operations appear to be at a standstill in Manchuria, so that we have to look to Chicago for war news.

Mr. Wm. Gray will find out that he is the sort of candidate who is like O'Flaherty's four-base hit. He is good for one run.

Ganey wants the record of his condemnation expunged from the journals of the Legislature. Why doesn't he tear out the leaf?

No doubt some local Conservative politicians would be glad to see Mr. Hyman leave London for another constituency.

Gen. Linevitch the other day kissed his whole army. Think of the microbes lurking in a hundred thousand beards and mustaches, and give him at least credit for courage.

The Gooderham estate will yield the Provincial Government between half a million and a million dollars in succession duties. It must pain the new Provincial Treasurer to have to handle this "confiscated" money.

The London Chamber of Commerce will banquet members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association next month. While the spirit of good-fellowship moves them they might lay their heads together and devise a Canadian tariff on British goods that would be mutually satisfactory?

His Silly Time.

[Cleveland Leader.]
Mrs. Jenks—You acted awfully silly when you proposed to me.
Mr. Jenks—Well, I was!

Things That Never Die.

[Charles Dickens.]
The pure, the bright, the beautiful, That stirred our hearts in youth, The impulses to nobler prayer, The dream of love and truth, The longings after something lost, The spirit's longing cry, The striving after better hopes— These things can never die.

The timid hand stretched forth to aid A brother in his need, A kindly word in grief's dark hour That proves a friend indeed; The plea for mercy softly breathed, When justice threatens high, The sorrow of a contrite heart— These things shall never die.

The memory of a clasping hand, The pressure of a kiss, And all the tender, sweet and frail, That make up love's first bliss; If, with a firm, unchanging faith, And joy and high, Those hands have clasped, those lips have met— These things shall never die.

The cruel and the bitterest word, That wounded as it fell; The chilling want of sympathy We feel, but never tell, The hard repulse that chills the heart, The hopes that are booming high, In an unfeeling crowd of men— These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand Must find some work to do; Lose not a chance to waken love— Be firm and just and true, So shall a light that cannot fade Beam on thee from on high, And all hearts echo say to thee, These things shall never die.

Not a Classicist.

[Washington Star.]
"The real enjoyments of life are not expensive," said the philosopher. "That's right," answered Mr. Cumrox. "My daughter's musical education has cost me thousands of dollars. But what I want to hear a real treat I give 10 cents to the piano-wagon man."

The Student's Explanation.

[Westminster Gazette.]
A notably amusing answer was given by a student in the natural philosophy class at Edinburgh University. Prof. Tait had given as one of the questions in an examination paper, "Define transparent, translucent and

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SITUATION AT STRATFORD
Nearly 1,000 G. T. R. Machinists Idle and No Signs of Settlement.

Stratford, May 4. — This is the fourth week that the Grand Trunk shops have been closed. Nine hundred men are earning no money, which represents a loss in circulation in cash of over one thousand dollars a day. The situation is getting serious. The shutdown came at a long winter on short time. There is no apparent change in the situation here. Whether the allied trades to the machinists will join them in their fight with the company is no known. In view of the large interest the city has in the bonuses given for these very shops, it is suggested that the present mayor, W. J. Ferguson, ex-Mayor Wm. Davidson, J. C. Monteith, W. Hepburn and W. Gordon interview the authorities of the railway to get the company to some agreement, agreeable to all parties to the dispute.

Hasn't Missed Any.
[Dallas News.]
Judging from the number of passes he has taken, one might naturally conclude that Oyama is a member of the Legislature.

Exchange.
[Exchange.]
Cities put on a lot of frills in school matters, but the spellers seem to come from the country, where a teacher gets \$40 a month and must fix the fire or freeze.

Practical Philanthropy.
[Pittsburg Post.]
"I believe," remarked the oil magnate, "in helping the people to lead the 'simple life.'"

Beauty a Fatal Gift.
[Tom Watson's Magazine.]
Crawford—It seems to be impossible to convict a pretty woman of a capital crime. Crabshaw—It wouldn't be if they allowed women to serve on the jury.

His Method.
[Washington Star.]
"I wonder, how Mr. Smuggs acquired his reputation for uprightness and candor?"

His Wealth in Creases.
[New York Press.]
"One of the greatest fascinations of saving money," said the man who had just treated, "lies in the fact that what you put aside is bound to develop your resources. For instance, take this dollar bill; it's doubled when I place it in my pocket and in creases when I take it out."

The Man Behind the Pencil.
[Washington Star.]
"You didn't quote me exactly," said the statesman.

A Woman's Way.
[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"John, dear, can I have \$20 this morning?"
"What for?"
"Well, I want to buy a birthday present for Clara."
"How much will that cost?"
"Oh, about \$5."
"Well, what did you intend to do with the other fifteen?"
"Why, I thought I might see some little thing for myself while I was looking for Clara's present."

About His Business.
[Boston Herald.]
Lawyer Thomas Riley, of Boston, while trying a case before a jury in the superior court, stood up to cross-examine a witness whose testimony was very damaging to his case.

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