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LONDON, MONDAY, JAN. 7, 1907.

LESS TALK AND MORE WORK IN PARLIAMENT.

The Dominion Parliament will meet on Wednesday next, and the country will expect the members to resume work with a full determination to transact the business of the country with expedition. One month of the session has already been taken up, and much valuable work has been done, and it remains for the members to co-operate in the effort to prove that the winter time is the best period of the year for the sitting of parliament. There has been some criticism of the progress made so far, but it cannot be said that all of it was warranted. On the part of the Government, we have witnessed something unexampled—the budget speech delivered, the financial statement and a new tariff laid before parliament, and the measure passed into committee of the house, all within two weeks of the opening day. Such celerity almost took away the breath of some of the old dawdlers in the House of Commons. The experience shows how public business can be facilitated when the gabster is restrained or restrained himself.

While this progress was made with Government business and the coast is clear for proceeding with the important measures announced by the ministers, and in part considered before adjournment, it cannot be said that there was the same disposition by private members to press to a conclusion the matters brought before the House by themselves. Early in the session the practice was to give private members three days a week in which to have the questions raised by them considered and disposed of; but prior to the Christmas holidays, private members' days were practically wasted, because items of business placed on the order paper had to be passed over, as the members giving the notices were either absent or were not prepared to go on with their business. The opportunity presented to private members was all that could be desired, and yet it was not embraced. Why? Perhaps the average M. P. orator with a grievance or a pet bill is able to answer. We are not. Mayhap, as is the case every session, more than one of these embryo legislators has put his notice on the order paper with no intention to go on with it. They are in search of something to kick about. They would rather see the Government—as it will be forced to do by-and-by—take for Government business all of the private members' days, and then be in a position to go down into their constituencies and berate the ministers for taking away the liberties of parliament and their opportunities to promote needed legislation!

When next these artful political dodgers are heard complaining of being deprived of their right to air grievances in the popular chamber, the public will do well to bear in mind how thoroughly ill-founded such a complaint is, and how many of these complaining ones are themselves to blame for neglecting the opportunities presented and for wasting the time of parliament.

In this session there is yet time for the dawdlers to redeem themselves, and to show that by constant attendance to business, by co-operation with the Prime Minister and his associates, they are ready and willing to faithfully perform their duties. There certainly should be some regulation for the dropping of all motions to the foot of the list that are not proceeded with by members when their turn comes. And if it is seen that private members are squandering the time set apart for them there should be an immediate curtailment of it, and an enlargement of the time devoted to Government measures.

Members of parliament can best serve the public by remembering that parliament is not a gabfest, but a meeting for the consideration and transaction of public business in a businesslike manner, and that they can best earn the indemnity, or salary, paid them by so comporting themselves. There is no reason that we know of for so much unnecessary chatter in parliament or for postponing reasonable discussion of public affairs until parliament is tired out and the public are even more weary of the reported utterances of parliamentary orators. Indeed, with reasonable care and expedition parliament can have done much valuable work, and thoroughly discussed every important subject brought before it ere the daisies bloom or the M. P.'s have to hurry home for the spring plowing. But will the super-talkative gentlemen permit such a consummation, however, devoutly to be wished? We shall see.

With millions pouring in from Cuba, the Ontario Government will surely lighten some of the burdens of the

municipalities about which the Conservative party used to shed tears when in opposition.

It's all over but the shouting.

If mud-throwing wins elections, then Ald. Greenlees has no show.

Bengough, the humorist, is one of Toronto's aldermen-elect. He can have a lot of fun with Mayor Coatsworth.

In Hamilton there are four distinct tickets in the field for the council: Conservative, Liberal, Board of Trade and Labor. The Board of Trade and Labor tickets are a protest against partisanship in municipal affairs, which has been carried to a greater extreme in Hamilton than in any other city.

The Advertiser has no objection or personal grounds to any of the gentlemen on the Conservative slate for the school board, but the open appeal to the party vote is not a wholesome precedent, and may have a very prejudicial effect upon the educational interests of the city.

Very many of our housewife readers will probably agree with the editor of the Lady's Pictorial, who has reached the conclusion that an electric servant would probably be a much more useful invention at the present juncture than an aeroplane. If a moneyed man like Rockefeller or Carnegie would offer a prize for a perfected motor housemaid or an electrical general servant, one might look to the lifting of a very heavy cloud that frequently hangs over the harassed housewife.

WHEN WOMEN VOTE.

[Exchange.]

Ernest Lamson tells of a Colorado woman who presented herself one day at the registration booth of a town in that state for the purpose of qualifying to vote upon the school question at the next election.

"With what political party do you affiliate?" asked the clerk. The lady blushed and otherwise exhibited confusion of manner.

"Is it obligatory that I answer that question?" she inquired.

"Certainly, madam, the law requires it."

"I care to vote, if I must mention the party's name. However, I don't mind saying that he is one of the nicest men I've ever met."

HE WAS IT.

[Judge's Library.]

One afternoon the proprietor of an animal store said to his young clerk:

"Tom, I'm going upstairs to work on the books. If anyone comes in for a live animal let me know. You can attend to selling the stuffed animals yourself."

About half an hour later came a gentleman with his son, and asked Tom if he could show him a live monkey. To the customer's amazement the clerk ran to the foot of the stairs and yelled:

"Come down, come down, sir; you're wanted!"

A RELIC OF BARBARISM.

[Montreal Gazette.]

Around London, Ont., there is a demand for putting an end to the tollgates which exist in what is one of the most prosperous parts of agricultural Canada. It is rather anomalous that tollgates should linger longest in the neighborhood of cities. Quebec has them; Montreal has them; Ottawa has them; and on the Hull side; London has them. Perhaps it is only where people are well off that they can afford so easily a method of maintaining public highways.

BUSY.

[Philadelphia Press.]

Cassidy—Hello, Casey, how's things with you these days?

Casey—Oh, busy, very busy, indeed.

Cassidy—You don't tell me!

Casey—Aye. Sure, I'm very busy at law, sure, I have something to do.

HAD EXPERIENCE.

[Tit-Bits.]

Farmer—So you've had some experience, have you?

Youth—Yes, sir.

Farmer—Well, what side of a cow do you sit on to milk?

Youth—The outside.

ABOUT TO LOSE HIS LAST BIT OF LEAD.

[Harper's Weekly.]

A traveler was startled by hearing on a lonely road one night this piteous appeal: "Will the kind gentleman please help a poor unfortunate man? I have nothing in the world but this loaded revolver."

A BANE TO THE CITY.

[Rev. Dr. Milligan, Toronto.]

The introduction of partyism in the municipal life of the city is a curse to the city.

A CONVERSATIONAL DEMAND.

[Washington Star.]

"Why don't you try to make yourself agreeable?" asked the reproving friend.

"My dear," answered Miss Cayenne, "the desire to be agreeable is what has spoiled my disposition. You can't make yourself agreeable to some people without saying things about others."

MUCH TO BE THANKFUL FOR.

[Toronto News.]

Mrs. Jones—Whatever we got to be thankful for, Silas?

Mr. Jones—Well, the mortgage he's been foreclosed on the farm, so we haven't got to pay no more interest on 'em; the automobile's bin attached for debt, so we haven't got to worry about that no more; Johnny Smith has thrown over our daughter Sal, so we won't have him to support; the Scotts, Maria! we've got everything to be thankful for.

THE LADY OF GLOUCESTER.

[Philadelphia Press.]

A prim maiden lady of Gloucester met a bull which ran after and coustered; though she had all right.

She was near dead with fright, And the shock to her feelings it coustered.

"IS MARRIAGE A FAILURE?"

[Judge.]

Maria, the colored maid, had been neglecting her work shamefully. Her mistress remonstrated, but in vain. Finally Maria's carelessness called forth a sharp rebuke. To soften the sting the mistress added:

"Maria, I think you must be in love."

Maria, who was resting ruminatively on

her broom handle, drew herself up and replied with great dignity:

"Deed, ma'am, I's a married 'oman!"

ALL OUT.
[Judge.]

A man went to the house of a friend, with whom he had to transact some important business. He rang the bell and a servant girl opened the door.

"I'd like to speak to your master," said he.

"He has gone out," said the servant.

"Well, then, I can tell it to your mistress," said the man.

"She has gone out, too," said the servant.

"That is too bad. Possibly she will return soon. I will go inside and sit by the fire and wait for her."

"Oh, sir, the fire has gone out, also," said the servant.

HOW HAVE YOU DECIDED, MY BOY?

[Sam Kiser.]

Have you chosen the route you shall take through the year?

It is time you decided, my boy.

You may march with the proud, or go skulking in fear.

You may find the world cold or be warmed by its cheer.

You may wisely create or destroy; You may dawdle along through the glorious days.

You may stray with the lazy in profitless ways.

Or bravely set forth to be worthy of praise:

How have you decided, my boy?

Are you going to face without fear what you must?

Have you hoisted your banner, my boy?

Have you made up your mind to be worthy of trust?

To stand for your rights and to dare to be just?

In the stress and the strife and the joy? You may hide in dismay at the end of the year.

You may feel that the earth is all barren and drear.

Or the world may be fair and the skies may be clear!

How have you decided, my boy?

THE NEW VERSION.

[Judge.]

"Hear about the queer accident at the Robinsons' house? Little 4-year-old Willie took an old shotgun from the wall, poked the muzzle in the baby's face and pulled the trigger."

"Too bad! Same old story—didn't know it was loaded."

"It wasn't loaded."

HARD TO UNDERSTAND.

[Smart Set.]

Bibbs—Some people get everything they go after.

Gibbs—Yes, and others don't seem to get what's coming to them.

EUROPE'S HEAVIEST MAN.

[Pittsburgh Dispatch.]

Probably the heaviest man in Europe was Hans Fromm, of Wittenberg, in Eastern Prussia, a hotelkeeper. He weighed 325 pounds. A showman in Paris once offered him a large sum, and he was willing to accept it, but he could not enter any passenger car, and refused to travel in a freight car.

HAS HIT NAIL ON THE HEAD

Paris Press Opinion of Archbishop Ireland's Analysis of the Church Question.

Paris, Jan. 6.—Archbishop Ireland's sermon on the French situation has been largely published here since the arrival of the last mail. The Temps and Journal des Debats both comment upon it this evening.

While the papers hold different beliefs on the church question, both endorse Archbishop Ireland's perspicacity in grasping and pointing out a common French fault, namely, failure to understand, and therefore failure to attain liberty because the people are dominated as in monarchial times by the idea of the omnipotence of the state.

The Temps says: "Archbishop Ireland has laid his finger on one of our national sores, the absolute principle, now exercised only in another sense. Louis XIV. employed his power to extirpate heresy. The anti-clericals, today his successors, employ it to destroy religion."

"It is exactly the same abuse, namely, the state's power is put at the service of the religious or philosophical opinions of those who would hold back, and the liberty of individual belief is suppressed by the weight of a doctrinaire state."

It adds that France never will know true liberty until the state and people understand that going or not going to mass is a matter of conscience, with whatever to do. The whole matter lies which the Government has nothing in the education of the French people.

The Journal des Debats refers to Archbishop Ireland's ready perception of the great flaw in French public life, and says that, unfortunately, there being a small number of citizens having the taste or the sense of liberty, the parties in power always encourage this motion. It adds: "There has been an attempt to separate church and state, but separation, which in the United States means liberty, signifies servitude in a country where the state tolerates no rival."

COUNT IS HORSEWHIPPED

Man Whom He Accused of Stealing Gems Has Grim Revenge.

Paris, Jan. 6.—The Blue Diamond case in which the Count de Rodolphe de Paris accused M. Greger of stealing the gem from him at a country house near Brest, was dramatically brought before the public again yesterday.

The count was riding in the Bois de Boulogne, when M. Greger rode up and, witnesses state, struck him three or four times across the face with a horse-whip. The count turned his horse and rode away, but M. Greger galloped after him, whipping as he rode.

The count has written to the papers today, saying that M. Greger did not hit him, but merely frightened his horse M. Greger, however, declared that he chastised the count, and will do so again before as many people as possible.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO.**Anniversary Sale**

OUR Anniversary Sale opens tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock with the splendid list of bargains advertised below. Watch the daily papers and you will learn of other new bargains.

We quote our own regular selling prices—not any fictitious "worths" or "values," and we show you the actual reductions we make for our Anniversary Sale all on our reliable merchandise.

Read every item and come prepared to supply all your needs at important money-saving prices.

Manly-Looking Overcoats for Boys

If there's one thing young Canadians aspire to, it's to look mannish. See if your boy does not pick one of these without hesitation.

Boys' Long Dark Tweed Overcoats, swaggar length, lined with heavy linings, silk velvet collars, all sizes for boys 8 to 15 years. Special anniversary price\$2 95

Boys' Gray and Black Frieze Reefers, high storm collar, dandy for cold weather, sizes 4 to 15 years. Special for anniversary sale\$2 25

Boys' Suits

Boys' Blouse Suits, of navy blue serge, trimmed with white or gold braid and cream shield, sizes 4 to 9 years. Anniversary sale price\$5 50

2-piece Norfolk Suits, for boys 8 to 14 years, good enough for best wear, including dark and light tweeds. Worth \$3 and \$3 25. Anniversary sale price\$2 25

Men's Overcoats

Men's High-grade Black Overcoats and Fancy Tweed Overcoats, 46 to 52 inches long, perfectly tailored, the height of good tailoring. Our regular price is \$12. Anniversary sale price.....\$10 00

Men's Underwear

Pennan's Unshrinkable Plain Knit Wool Undershirts and Drawers for men, double-breasted Shirts, ribbed cuffs, all sizes, regular price \$1 00 a garment. Anniversary sale price 75c

Wrapperette Sale

900 yards Best Wrapperette, splendid colorings and select patterns; suitable for wrappers, quilts, linings, etc., worth 10c and 12½c. Anniversary Sale price7c

White Bearcloth

1 piece White Bear Cloth for children's coats, caps, robes, etc. Regular \$1 25 yard. Sale price98c

1 piece White Bear Cloth, 52 inches wide. Regular price \$1 50 yard. Sale price\$1 19

1 piece Cream Lambette, washes beautifully, regular price has been \$3 25. Sale price\$1 69

High-Grade Carpets

IMPERIAL ENGLISH AXMINSTER CARPET, very deep rich pile; in shades of red, blue and fawn; borders to match some. Our regular \$1 50 and \$1 65 quality. During the Anniversary Sale at, made and laid \$1 39

ENGLISH WILTON and Velvet Carpets, very closely woven back, beautiful two-toned effects, oriental and Persian designs in green, red, oak, tan and fawn grounds. Suitable for drawing rooms, reception, halls, etc. Regular \$1 25 and \$1 40. Made and laid for\$1 19

FOUR AND FIVE FRAME English Body Brussels; these are the best Brussels carpet we have in stock; twenty different designs to choose from; some have borders and stairs to match, every color. Our regular price \$1 20 and \$1 40 a yard. Made and laid at96c

Golf Capes

50 only Ladies' Long Golf Capes, in shades of gray and blue, warm protectors for driving, evening wear, etc. Were \$8 50 to \$12 50. Anniversary Sale price\$4 50

An Unusual Lowering of Prices on Up-to-Date Dress Goods

Anniversary Sale of Wool Dress Fabrics—that means of genuine saving to you of one-third to one-half—read on.

50c CLOTH SUITINGS, DARK COLORS—8 pieces, heavy cloth suitings, assorted, dark colors, plain and fancy weaves, 50 to 54 inches wide; worth 50c to 75c a yard. Anniversary sale price29c

50c FRENCH PRINTED FLANNEL—20 pieces French Printed Flannels, in pretty patterns for waists, sacks and kimono; regular 50c a yard. An unusual value to start the anniversary sale. A yard 25c

35c NOVELTY CHECK AND FIGURED SUITINGS—12 pieces Fancy Mohair and Check Granite Suitings, double fold, in pretty colorings, suitable for waists, suits and children's dresses; worth 35c a yard Anniversary sale price only12½c

25c DELAINES, in dark colored grounds, with neat designs, suitable for wrappers and house dresses; worth 25c per yard. Anniversary sale price 10c

12½c PERCALINE DRESS LININGS of special interest to dressmakers; regular 12½c Percaline Lining, in black and dark colors. Best quality, in odd lengths. Tomorrow6½c

175 DRESS GOODS AND MAN-TLE CLOTH REMNANTS—Lengths measuring from 2 to 5 yards. On sale tomorrow at exactlyHALF PRICE

50c BLACK DRESS GOODS—Lot of Fine Black Dress Goods, 44 inches wide; suitable for shirtwaist suits, fancy waists and skirts. Price, for the first day of the anniversary sale 29c

Sensational Underwear Event

This mid-winter sale of Ladies' Underwear that comprises a lot of 12,000 garments bought right at the mill is entirely without a precedent in underwear selling. Most unusual from every standpoint.

350 dozen Ribbed Vests, heavy fleece finish, natural color, well-made garments. Regular 25c to 30c. Anniversary sale price21c

200 dozen Ladies' Well-Finished, Ribbed, Fleece Vests, extra heavy, natural colors. Regular 40c. Anniversary sale price29c

100 dozen Small Ladies' and Misses' Ribbed Drawers, heavy fleece, natural color. Regular value 25c. Anniversary sale price19c

200 dozen Ribbed Union Vests, wool and cotton mixed, unshrinkable, nice warm garments. Worth 50c to 60c. Anniversary sale price43c

Anniversary Coat Sale

The whole town will hear of our Anniversary Coat Sale in a few days. It surpasses anything our women's coat section has ever before done in the way of value, and as we said, the women of London will soon find it out. Come tomorrow and investigate.

ABOUT 50 LADIES' COATS in most popular long and three-quarter lengths, swaggar styles with loose backs, double-breasted, made of fancy tweeds and plain cloths; styles throughout that will suit particular people. Regular \$16 50 and \$18 50. Anniversary Sale price\$8 50

ANOTHER COAT BARGAIN in fine black coats, made of broadcloth, lined through and richly trimmed, full three-quarter lengths. Coats any woman would be proud to wear. Regular prices, \$22 50, \$25 and \$28. Anniversary Sale price\$15 00

Ladies' and Misses' Tweed Tourist Coats, 38 to 40 inches long; all this season's Regular price \$8 50, \$9 and \$10. Anniversary Sale price\$4 50

Misses' and Children's Ulster and Paletots Coats, made of fancy tweeds, 38 to 42 inches long. Anniversary Sale price\$3 85

Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats

After a most successful season in Fur-lined Coats, we give a big bargain to clear out the few we have left. Our coats are lined through out with squirrel, sleeves and body, trimmed with collar and revers of Mink Marten. Made in semi-loose style, 48 inches long. Colors brown, black, blue and gray. Regular prices \$50 and \$60. Anniversary price to clear\$35

Dainty Waist Specials

New White Lawn Shirtwaists, buttoned in the back, either three-quarter of full length sleeves; with fine tucks in back and front and pretty embroidered fronts. Worth in the regular way \$1 50. Anniversary Sale price\$1 25

Dainty White Lawn Waists, four styles to choose from in the Anniversary Sale. Long or three-quarter sleeves, fine embroidered effects. Worth \$1 25. Specially bought to sell at\$1

Ladies' Cambric Waists, light colored grounds, also plain, blue and plain linen; pleated front and back, full sleeves, deep cuff. Worth 75c for50c

WATCH OUR ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIG LINEN AND CHINA SALES.

J. H. CHAPMAN & CO.

126, 128, 1281-2 Dundas Street.

Men's Socks

100 dozen Men's Natural Wool Socks, ribbed top, close knit and seamless, full sizes, worth 20c pair, Anniversary Sale price, 2 pairs for25c

Umbrellas

5 dozen Men's Full-Sized Umbrellas, fast black 26-inch paragon frame, crook handles, worth 75c, choice for the first of the Anniversary Sale50c

Men's Pull-Down Caps, good cold weather protectors, padded and lined, worth 50c, for25c

Boys' Underwear

Fleece-Lined Underwear for boys, sizes 24 to 32, worth up to 40c. Hurry up, for this line will go out quickly. Choice25c

Corsets

5 dozen Ladies' Black and Tan Steel-Filled Corsets, medium bust, sizes 19 to 25, regular price 60c, Anniversary Sale price39c