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WHAT HARCOURT SAID.

At a press dinner in Toronto Thursday night, Hon. Mr. Harcourt made a speech in which he said: "There was one thing, however, that the people of this province were guilty of, and that was they were too timid as to the position they might reasonably expect to hold among the nations of the earth. The key note of commercial success was confidence. If we are filled with confidence to make the most of our natural resources then we will truly be great."

Mr. Harcourt is right. That is the way to talk. But Mr. Harcourt is not the only member of the cabinet who says the proper thing at non-political gatherings. Mr. Ross has given Ontario people and Canadians a good deal of good, sound, patriotic advice. But it is unfortunate that these Ontario statesmen do not put their ideas into operation. Only a day before Mr. Harcourt made that speech, Hon. Mr. Ross was trying to excuse the giving away of the Niagara Falls power, and was stating that the job of providing power, light and heat for all Ontario, at the cost of production, was too big for him! In the words of Mr. Harcourt, Mr. Ross is "too timid." He lacks "confidence." He does not even try to "make the most of our natural resources."

Mr. Harcourt and his colleagues talk well enough; but they do not act.—Hamilton Spectator.

Now, you're all off with an even start for the prizes donated by Mayor McKeough to individual householders in the City Beautiful.

The St. Thomas Journal inflicts this cruel jibe:—

If the Chatham editors don't watch out they will be taking the palm for billingsgate from the Hamilton press.

Even the ministerial Globe cannot resist a jibe at the heart-burnings of our jealous and decrepit local contemporary. The Toronto Liberal organ must really be heartless to thus poke fun at the misfortunes of its would-be satellite. The Globe says editorially:—

The following, an extract from an open letter addressed by a Chatham paper to its local rival, betrays the noble sorrow of a wounded spirit:—"It is impossible to fight you fairly. If you can't find a better opening below the belt you kick below the knee. Personalities are the keenest arrows your feeble quiver contains. You cannot fight in a manly way. As far as the east is from the west, so far are you removed from any idea of principle and right action. You are left, therefore, to crouch on your little heap of unctuous pride. Crouch on, but take one parting word of advice, get next to a brain factory with all speed. Your case is desperate."

The following rubbish from yesterday's editorial column of our local contemporary might cause a smile, if the reader were not consumed with profound pity at the stillness, ignorance and party bigotry displayed:—

There was perhaps no more upright politician in the House at Toronto than Hon. E. J. Davis, yet at present there is no man more maligned by an unscrupulous press. Mr. Davis' opponents say he was compelled to resign to avoid exposures that would have disqualified him, but the opposite is the fact. His defeated opponent, Lennox, is really the heavy villain in the piece. Mr. Davis and his friends were confident that in a court of law they could disqualify Mr. Lennox, but rather than face an expensive trial Mr. Lennox said he would resign and contest the riding again and this was the agreement reached in a conference with Judge Morgan. Lennox was dead willing to withdraw the petition, an indication that he did not have an abiding faith in his own case. The helping of the Opposition press is designed to cover the discreet retreat of Lennox. He went down by three hundred in the general election. Just watch what Davis will do to him next time.

So it was Mr. Lennox that resigned, after all? And what did he resign, pray? What was Mr. Davis doing all this time? And how came the minister to hand over his cheque for \$800 to the "heavy villain"? Come, come, Bannery, this oil excitement has turned your head. Steady down, find out the facts and try and talk sense.

A Lucid Interval.
Once while Sir Charles Wetherell, an English Tory, who afterward obtained notoriety by his uncompromising, not to say truculent, speeches against the reform bill, was talking vehemently in the House of Commons a bit of his shirt appeared between his waistcoat and his trousers. Daniel O'Connell, who was seated opposite, saw his opportunity and cried out to pointing his adversary, "I am glad to see that for one moment my opponent has a lucid interval!"

It is possible to make a song in sharp's decidedly flat by running over it.

YES, WHO IS IT?

What rushes through the crowded street
With whirling noise and throbbing beat,
Exhaling odors far from sweet?
The motor car.

Whose wheels o'er greasy asphalt skim,
Exact toll of life and limb
(What is a corpse or so to him)?
The motorist's.

Who flies before the oily gust,
Wafted his way through whirling dust
And hopes the beastly thing will bust?
The pedestrian.

Who thinks that it is scarcely fair
To have to pay for road repair
While sudden death lies lurking there?
The rate payer.

Who as the car goes whizzing past
At such lawbreaking stands aghast
(For forty miles an hour is fast)?
The policeman.

Who hears the case with bland surprise
And over human frailty sighs
The while he reads between the lines?
The magistrate.

Woman's Way.



Ida—Why, he actually wanted to kiss me! I think he must have lost his senses.
May—I think so, too, dear.

Points.

A woman's idea of economy is to have things charged.

He who runs may read—if he succeeds in catching his train.

An original pint is one who faints when no one is looking at her.

Even in a thorny path a man can avoid stepping on all the thorns.

It is easier for the average woman to make up her face than her mind.

Of course brains count, but they frequently get mixed up in their calculations.

Unless a man proposes he can never hope to attain perfection. So says a spinster.

When a mustache fails to tickle a woman, it may be truly said that she has no sense of humor.

Men who are always telling you things for your own good mean well, but they are awfully tiresome.—Florida Times-Union.

That Was Left.

Mary, aged five, was taking her dinner at her grandmother's and had asked for some pie. "Have patience," said her grandmother. "Which would you rather have," asked her grandmother, "patience or pie?" "Pie," replied Mary decidedly. "But there might not be any left for me," said her grandfather. "But," said Mary, "there would be the patience, granddaddy."—Baptist Commonwealth.

Peace and War.

Tawk—It's funny how every young man as soon as he becomes engaged starts saving his money to go to house-keeping.

Henneck—Oh, I don't know; nearly everybody is familiar now with that old injunction!

Tawk—What's that?

Henneck—In time of peace prepare for war.—Philadelphia Record.

Excelsior!

Bacon—You say she was a ballet dancer before he married her?

Egbert—Yes.

Bacon—And did she give up the stage?

Egbert—Yes, she gave up the stage, but she "kicked" more since she married him than she did before.—Yonkers Statesman.

Prepared.

"So the doctor says there is no hope for Gruffman?"

"So he told me."

"Do you think his wife is prepared for the worst?"

"I should say so. Why, she's lived with him for more than twenty years."

—Richmond Dispatch.

A Violator of Precedent.

"That new man won't do," said the London editor. "He's one of those sensational American journalists."

"How do you know?"

"He wrote a joke and failed to use any italics or parentheses to explain it."—Washington Star.

Both Perfect.

He—I think she wears a very short golfing skirt.

She—Well, why shouldn't she? She has a perfect right.

He—Her left looks all right too.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Politics.

"You can never tell what will turn up in politics," observed the ward heeler.

"Yes, and that isn't the worst of it," rejoined the ex-candidate. "You can never tell who will be turned down."—Chicago News.

Couldn't See It.

"Awfully good joke, old chap; she said I had more money than brains, and I haven't got a cent."

"Where's the joke?"—New York Journal.

Proof.

"Do you think that animals have a language?"

"Well, I have often heard of deer talking."—Brooklyn Life.

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Usually the opportunities that come to a man are those that knock on his door on a cold morning and he has to go out in his bare feet and coax in.—Atholton Globe.

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His One Regret.

A fare was being trilled through a Dublin suburb on a rickety jaunting car drawn by a no less rickety horse. Having proceeded some distance, the horse, owing to apparent old age and sheer exhaustion, fell, never to rise again. The fare was very prompt in his sympathies toward the driver, who, however, appeared to take the whole thing very coolly and explained: "It's just like this with me, your honor. I don't regret the old brute a bit. He was bad from the start. But, somehow or other, I can't help thinking of the beautiful feed of oats I gave him this morning."

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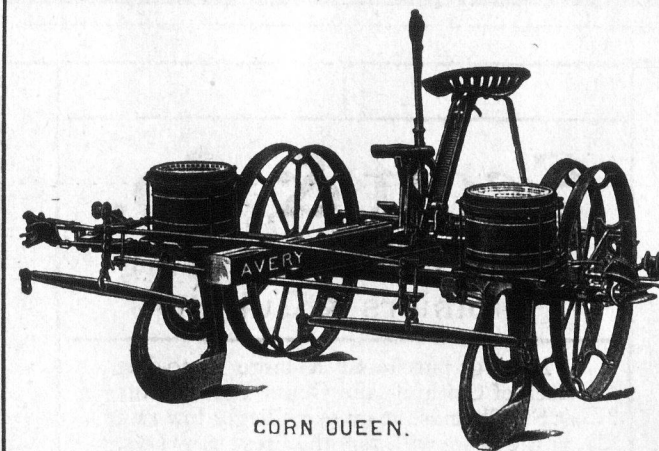
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