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A FELLOW-CITIZEN

The poise and skill of the leader of the Opposition and the fine edge of his polished blade were in evidence in the debate on the Haggart motion censuring the Government for withholding public documents to which Parliament was entitled for the proper consideration of matters to which they relate, and appeared to decided advantage when turned upon the Liberal leader's argument, says the Ottawa Citizen. What could be finer or more effective than his reply to Sir Wilfrid's complaint of the criticism made upon his application of the words "foreigner" and "stranger" to Lord Dundonald and the public's insistence of its right to be a judge of the propriety of the premier's words?

"My right hon. friend," said Mr. Borden, "must not forget that perhaps he is not always so ready to extend a courtesy of that kind to gentlemen on this side of the House. When I stood up in my place during this session and stated that a certain word reported by Hansard as having been used by me had not been used by me and gave my word to the House to that effect, did I find my right hon. friend accepting that statement? No, I did not. My right hon. friend spoke in a rather discourteous way, and I was compelled to get proof from the Hansard office in support of that word of mine which I thought he might have accepted. Let my right hon. friend be not too sensitive when he is criticized of himself. He has told us he is not sensitive to criticism, but at the first breath of strong criticism he uses very strong and very militant language."

"He referred the other day to a great many illustrations of the words 'stranger' and 'foreigner.' I do not doubt my right hon. friend's assurance as to the sense in which he intended these words to be used, but let me quote for him from that well and fountain of pure and undefiled English a few words that may be of service to him in interpreting the ordinary sense in which these words are used:

"Now, therefore, ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints."

"I do not know any better illustration of the use of the words 'stranger' and 'foreigner' and 'fellow citizen' and while I accept the right hon. gentleman's assurance, yet notwithstanding any assurance to the contrary from any quarter whatever, a man of the race and the birth of the Earl of Dundonald will always be regarded in Canada not as a 'foreigner' or a 'stranger,' but as a fellow citizen."

LORD KITCHENER'S INSUBORDINATION.

In India Lord Kitchener is doing the sort of work that the Canadian Government would not permit Lord Dundonald to do in Canada. The great General has been reorganizing the Indian army. He finds many of its methods obsolete, and parts of the system particularly faulty. Lord Kitchener does not hesitate to condemn where, in his judgment, condemnation is merited. Indeed, he declares that a general must be able to detect and point out faults, "but he adds that such criticism is useless unless he is able and ready to apply the remedy that is needed." It does not occur to Lord Kitchener the office of a general is merely to say flattering things to politicians and to be their pliant tool. We fear that the same spirit of fearless independence that our Ministers found to be intolerable in Lord Dundonald is cherished by that other soldier—Lord Kitchener. India, it is true, has not got responsible government, but there is a Minister in the Imperial House of Commons responsible for its affairs. Yet Lord Kitchener's criticisms and recommendations are laid respectfully before Parliament. They are, moreover, received without offense and acted upon. Now, if Lord Kitchener were in Canada, what would happen. First of all, his report would be suppressed. He would be told that it was simply a confidential communication to a Ministerial pigeon-hole. There it would remain until buried under the dust of ages, it was forgotten. But perhaps, Lord Kitchener might object to that. That is not unlikely with a man of his spirit and courage. In that event we know precisely what would follow. The hero of the Sudan and of South Africa, the man whose genius and devotion have contributed more, perhaps, than any living Briton towards the stability of the Empire, would be told that here, under the British flag, he is a for-

eigner, or a stranger; that he was trying to drag Canadian into his foolish way of thinking, and that he must be dismissed. Happily, that is not the way Great Britain treats her soldiers. So there is good hope for the reorganization and rehabilitation of the army, in India—Mail and Empire.

The Republicans have built their platform and put Roosevelt on it. But it is the first instance in the history of that party where the candidate was greater than the platform. The issue to-day is the man not the policy. Of this situation the Cleveland Plain Dealer says: "The candidate is Roosevelt. The platform is Roosevelt. The issue is Roosevelt. He will it go and so it is. If he loses he alone will be responsible for the failure. If he wins it will be a personal triumph greater than achieved by any Republican president since the organization of the party."

ON THE MEND.

New York Herald.
So the Church is to organize a home mending society. A not unusual comment is, "Well, darn my socks!"

THE COLOR OF THEM.

Philadelphia Press.
Grass widows may, of course, be blue. But I have never seen
(No more has any one of you)
A single one that's green.

PLINT AND STEEL.

Chicago Tribune.
Mrs. Highmore (with cold dignity).—To what am I indebted for the honor of this visit?

Unexpected Caller.—To your careless servant, perhaps, madam. I dare say she forgot that you were not at home.

PACHYDERMS AND PYROTECHNICS.

Pageants First and Daylight Fireworks Later.

In all "the glorious pomp and circumstance" of free parades the Great Adam Forepaugh and Sells Brothers United Shows have heretofore held first rank. Now they propose, on Saturday, July 9th, to prove that they lead the whole parade procession. Besides the standard gay, glittering and spectacular pageant offerings characteristic of the bigger circuses, there are announced uncommon pompous and historical additions, among which the Oriental and military sections will command unusual attention and are striking innovations. The former is a really masterful and rich reproduction of the recent gorgeous State Durbar at Delhi, in which the natives prince potentates and other nobilities, of all India received and did homage to the British Viceroy, making the occasion one of indescribably ostentatious and lavish display of priceless jewels and costumes. The show in question has the huge elephants, superb horses, costly trappings, people and paraphernalia requisite to appropriately prebuate the event. In the military section of the parade will be found matter of unusual and striking historical interest; our country's martial progress from Bunker's Hill to Santiago, being illustrated and symbolized by the appearance of representatives, armed and costumed exactly as were heroes who fought under Washington, Scott, Taylor, Lee, Grant and Miles. After the morning parade a free display of Japanese daylight fireworks will be given on the above grounds, during which, discharged from thundering mortars, will float, sail and dive skyward the huge and most strangely grotesque similitudes of fabulous monsters, dragons, apes and Arabian Nights' fantasies, accompanied by pyrotechnic rainbows and wonderful wreaths of smoke.

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Local Briefs

Briscoe's bicycle repairs and livery. Roy Young has accepted a position in Woodstock.

Mrs. Laura Williams, of St. Thomas, is visiting Mrs. Frank Phelps, of this city.

Mrs. John Clarkson, of Woodstock, is visiting Mrs. A. H. White, King street west.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Ave. Green Houses. Phone 181.

Mrs. McVear, of Sarnia, is the guest of Mrs. Warren Lambert, Wellington street.

Mr. Carrie Wanless, Lorne avenue, will leave today on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Manly Maxwell, Cleveland.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fleming returned from the East last evening and have taken up their residence at the Sanitarium.

Letters of administration to the estate of the late Mary Old, of Dresden, have been granted to Adam George Rose, Simcoe.

Found, on King street, Saturday, 25th, a gold locket. Finder may have same by proving property and paying for advertising.

Mr. and Mrs. Con. E. Shea spent the last in Bowtell, visiting Mrs. Shea's sister, Mrs. P. Henry O'Keefe, proprietor of the Bowtell House.

Dr. and Mrs. W. Thornton and family spent the first of July with relatives in Petrolia. London and Petrolia played lacrosse yesterday. Petrolia won by a score of 5-0.

Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Morley and daughter, of Toronto are spending a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Morley, Dufferin avenue. Mr. Morley is secretary of the Toronto Board of Trade.

The Board of Criminal Audit, consisting of Crown Attorney Smith, Judge Bell, James Gossnell and Mayor McKenough, met on Saturday morning and passed upon the Criminal Justice accounts for the past quarter.

The Ladies Assisting Society held a large meeting at the home of Mrs. Willard Merritt on Monday afternoon last. The report for the month showed that 39 patients had been admitted during the month and 46 discharged. The ladies will not meet again until the last Monday in August.

The funeral of the late B. N. J. Connor, late of Chicago, took place from the residence of his sister, Mrs. Wm. Coyle, Gray Street, on Wednesday last. There was a large attendance of sorrowing friends and the remains were interred in Maple Leaf cemetery. The deceased was seventeen years of age, and was wedged in the military campaign, the remains, has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

LETTER BOX

THE DUNDONALD CASE.

To the Editor of the Chatham Planet: Dear Sir,—As an old military man I have been asked almost daily what I thought of the prisoner-Dundonald affair. I have given my view of it, but yesterday a man came to me and said that someone had told him that I had said so and so, which I never did or even thought of, even if what I did say was a consequence of one way or another, still what my views are and he is asked them, he likes them to be quoted correctly. They are as follows:—

Under the present regime and the regime since I came to Canada, over 20 years ago, the G. O. C.'s position has been a difficult one, ranging from as I say, difficult to impossible. We have only to look back a few years and see the position of the same military district of Ontario, servative, the other a Grit. Both these men are excellent officers, perhaps no better in the Dominion. A vacancy occurred, and the Conservative government was in power. I am sure you would get the preference and we were correct. Not long after the Opposition came in power, out went the officer and the other his higher position. Is not this politics interfering with the military?

It was not long ago a gentleman near Toronto thought that (as an old officer and being at the time) I might step in and take into some vacant military position being required, holding the highest certificate required by the Imperial Forces, suddenly he breaks off and says "What are you? I believe you are on the wrong side of the House. If so, any application would be fruitless. Does not this gentleman, who is a Grit, think that politics interfere with the military force?"

It is surprising to me how an Imperial officer consents to fill the position of G. O. C., unless they think that to give the Minister of Militia his advice as an expert which would include the promotion of all officers, and unless anything derogatory as to their conduct is known, the promotion is not interfered with.

2nd. To send in an estimate of what the expenditure would be for what was required. This of course, might be cut down by the Minister if necessary and the reason given for so doing, then some other plan might be devised.

3rd. In fact, no one interfering with him, except in the matter of expenditure, and anything that might not be beneficial to the Dominion but not to any one party.

If they don't like something like the above I can't understand anyone accepting the position.

I remain, Yours truly,
RETIRED OFFICER.
J. F.

CHANGES OF A CENTURY.

Nelson's Hearts of Oak and Modern Ships in the British Navy—Ancient and Modern Broadheads.

We wonder what Nelson would have said if he could have looked a century ahead and read in the daily paper a sentence such as this: "After the receipt of the intimation the Russian warships Varyag and Korietz left the harbor and engaged the Japanese fleet at from six to eight miles distance," a piece of information which we read to-day without the least surprise.

In Nelson's time a gun which would fire a 68-lb. ball with any hope of hitting an enemy's ship a mile away was a thing to be wondered at, and, indeed, such monster weapons were rarely used. The standard weapon carried by the largest ship of the line was a thirty-two pounder, and to make it effective the opposing ships preferred to get within pistol-range of each other before discharging their broadsides.

And yet, when Nelson was still alive and his greatest honors unwon, it was seriously thought that the battleship of the period had touched finality in naval construction. "The size of our ship," wrote a great authority in 1800, "seems to have nearly reached its maximum for Nature, and in some measure fixes its limits. Timber, the growth of Nature, cannot be made to grow larger, and the very element in which our ships are to navigate has only certain depths that cannot be exceeded."

And then the writer proceeds to throw up his hands in amazement at a "ship of most extraordinary size," which the French have lately built, with a keel 172 feet long and a tonnage of 2,850—an unwieldy monster pronounced to be entirely unfit for service and which hath never been out of harbor.

But what a baby this leviathan would look to-day by the side of a London or Bulwark of much more than twice the length and four times the tonnage, which can stand a way against wind and waves at a speed of well over twenty miles an hour. Still, a first-rate ship of a century ago was a very fine vessel and, for the time, a splendid fighting machine, well worth spending a minute or two in picturing. Although called a "three-decker," she had, in fact, five decks, of which three carried her hundred or more guns.

Along the whole length of her main deck on each side was a row of seventeen thirty-two pounders; the middle deck beneath carried seventeen of these guns on each side, together with two 8-inch guns, pointing their grim muzzles, like their fellows above and below, through as many ports; and on the lower deck were twenty-eight thirty-two pounders and four 8-inch guns; while still deeper in the ship was the magazine, containing about thirty-five tons of gunpowder.

A battleship of to-day, like the London, carries only forty-six guns, but a single one of these can do a charge of metal as an entire broadside of Nelson's biggest ship. The 12-inch gun, of which each battleship carries four, despatches a projectile weighing 850 lbs. by means of a charge of 207 lbs. of cordite. The shell has an extreme range of over twenty miles, and will go clean through 3 feet of iron at the distance of a mile. The 6-inch gun hurles a shell weighing 100 lbs. at a range of 9,200 feet of 380 lbs. while the forty-six guns, four of them will pour forth in a couple of minutes three times the weight of metal one of Nelson's ships could discharge from all her hundred guns.

Premature Burial. The fear of the late Miss Cobbe of premature interment has been shared by a number of notable people. In her willing by her will that her body perform an operation upon her body which would "render her revival in the grave impossible," she followed the example of Harriet Martineau, who bequeathed her doctor to see that her head was amputated before burial.

Lady Burton directed that her heart should be pierced with a needle and her body submitted to a post-mortem examination before burial. Overburdened with the weight of her body should be left undisturbed for ten days, that bells should be fastened to his feet, and that veins should be opened in his arms and legs.

Bishop Berkeley, Daniel O'Connell, Lord Lytton, Wilkie Collins and Hans Anderson were other well-known men who were apprehensive of premature burial, the last-named carrying in his pocket a note solemnly enjoining his friends to make certain that he was dead before he was buried.

Numerous instances of premature burials are to be found recorded in The Planet. One of the quaintest of the earlier instances on record relates to Sir William Lindsay, who was brought to life on the very day for which his funeral had been fixed. His resurrection, at his own request, kept a profound secret, and the company assembled for the burial at the vicar of the parish, after some delay, occasioned, as was supposed, by the non-arrival of the clergyman, the mourners were terrified to see the knight, dressed in black, enter the doorway, leaning on the arm of the vicar of the parish. After a short thanksgiving service for his recovery, Sir William Lindsay insisted upon the company sitting down to the feast that had been prepared for them, and presided over the carousal which, after the fashion of the seventeenth century, followed the dinner.

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Decline of the Graceland Courtes. "There never was a time when people were more lacking in grace," said a dancing master. "A hostess nowadays," he added, "crowds her no more than a room or ballroom with a large number of 'undesirables'—that is, people with no pretense to what is vulgarly called a stylish manner. The hostess is not to blame; circumstances compel her to invite these people. But at one time a hostess paid as much attention to her guests' accomplishments in deportment as to their character before inviting them to her house."

"At a private dance how seldom one sees a girl make a graceful courtesy to her partner! Usually she does no more than nod in a way that looks shockingly familiar. As for the men—well, a quarter of a century ago one saw more masculine grace at a clerk's or shop assistant's 'cinderella' than our best bred men are capable of today! But, after the example of the girls, who can wonder at it?"

A Gladstone Anecdote:

The sarcastic cheer is very common, and I recall one fatal example of its use. Mr. Gladstone was once drawing very remarkable conclusions from some figures—an art in which he was an unapproached master. A member on the other side laughed out a "Hear, hear!" ironically. Gladstone stopped instantly and turned and looked with interest at the interrupter, who assuredly would at that moment have given a good deal to recall his words. Then he turned back to the speaker. "Sir," he said, "the honorable gentleman laughs." For a minute or two he quoted from memory a long string of figures proving the accuracy of what he had previously said. "The next time the honorable member laughs," he continued in honeyed tones, "I would advise him—I would venture to counsel him—to ornament his laugh to decorate it—with an idea."

TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received up till noon on July 5th for the various trades required in the erection of a Bank Building in the town of Bleheim, Ont., for the Canadian Bank of Commerce. Plans and specifications may be seen at the offices of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Bleheim and Chatham, also at the office of Darling & Pearson, architects, Toronto.

The lowest tender or any tender not necessarily accepted.

AUCTION SALE

Household Furniture!

Andrew Thomson, Jr., auctioneer, has received instructions from J. W. Humphrey Esq., who has sold his house and intends boarding, to sell all his furniture at his residence on Grant St., second house from Victoria Avenue, on Thursday, July 7, at one o'clock, consisting of the following—One parlor suit, four fancy rockers, one parlor table, several small tables, library couch, pictures, parlor carpet, library carpet, hall rack, stair carpet and pads, one extension table, one sideboard, dining chairs, jewel base burner double heater, schenille curtains, dishes and glassware, two bedroom suits, and toilet sets, mattress and springs, bath room carpet, hall carpet, linoleum, new, one jewel gas range, new, one range, water front, nearly new; kitchen table, kitchen chairs, stove furniture, and cooking utensils, fruit jars, one refrigerator, hose, lawn mower, and garden tools, two clocks, and many other articles too numerous to mention.

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The event of the season will without doubt be the cheap excursion to New York, which will be run by the New York Central & Hudson River Railroad from Suspension Bridge and Buffalo on July 14th. Tickets will be good for return passage for 15 days and the fare is only \$10.25 for the round trip.

Tickets will also be good for a trip on the palatial steamers on the Hudson River between Albany and New York.

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PETER ROBERT, Chairman of the Board, Chatham, Ont.

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