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SHE MARRIED A GRIT

There can be no further doubt in the minds of reasonable persons that Mr. R. L. Borden is a great statesman. If there had been any doubt after the manner in which he captured in the Nationalists in Canada and then went over and captured the Imperialists in England, and on his return produced the famous emergency comet with its thirty-five million dollar tail, the news that now comes from Cape Breton must not only remove all such doubts but place Mr. Borden upon the very highest pinnacle of the temple of enduring fame.

At Whitney Pier in Cape Breton there is a post office. It is true there are post offices aplenty in this broad land, and have called for the exercise of statesmanship since Mr. Borden became premier. In one famous case, if we remember right, it was necessary to raise a man from the dead in order to ensure a proper administration of the affairs of the office. The case of Whitney Pier required even more delicate skill, and a more nicely balanced judicial mind. Mr. Borden was equal to the task.

A lady conducted the post office at Whitney Pier. There was no evidence to show that she was a militant suffragette, or that she had been guilty of any indictable offence, or had gossiped about her neighbors; but there was a fatal defect in her character, which made it impossible for a statesman like Mr. Borden to recognize her as a fitting and proper person to be the postmistress at Whitney Pier. That defect is revealed in the words of the applicant for the position which she held. He sent two letters to Mr. Borden, and in one of them he made this fatal charge against the tenant of the office:—

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CANADA AND DREADNOUGHTS

The Standard declares in its largest type that it will be "years yet" before Canada can build Dreadnoughts. This head line is based upon a statement made by Sir Robert Perce. What Sir Robert really said, as it is printed in the Standard, was as follows: "It is my opinion that not for several years can the Dominion undertake the construction of Dreadnoughts." No one will dispute this statement. Sir Robert is perfectly right. They do not build a Dreadnought every fifteen minutes even in the old country. What Canada can do, however, is to establish shipyards, begin with smaller vessels and in a very few years begin the construction of Dreadnoughts. This country is quite as capable in that respect as Australia or the United States, and any man who denies it reflects very seriously upon the ability of the Canadian people. Sir Robert as reported by the Standard itself makes no such reflection. It follows that the best use to which the \$3,000,000 can be put would be the establishment of shipyards in Canada, as the beginning of a permanent naval policy, which as Sir Robert points out, would lead to the construction at as early a date as possible of her own Dreadnoughts by the Dominion.

Hon. H. F. McLeod expects to see an election in Canada before next autumn. A good many more people have the same expectation, although Mr. Borden will not go to the country if he can prevent it.

The murder of a president and several members of his family has not brought tranquility to Mexico. Conditions appear to be growing steadily worse in that republic.

The Standard features the letter of an alleged Liberal who agrees with Mr. Borden and approves of closure. This is so singular a Liberal that one would like to know his name. Why not print it?

At last the automobile is to be given a chance to demonstrate its usefulness in Prince Edward Island. That it should not have been long ere this the profitable servant of the island people is one of the facts which are difficult of explanation.

The announcement that water and sewage are to be extended along Douglas Street, and that the residents of Garden Street want a permanent pavement laid on the street shows that the progressive spirit is still with us.

The world has followed with a sympathetic interest the struggle at Rome, where the splendid vitality of the venerable Pontiff has fought inch by inch the encroachment of disease, and appears to have gained the mastery for the time at least.

It is announced that the Empress of Ireland will carry the mails direct from St. John to Liverpool on her voyage of May 2. Mails should be going and coming direct through this port next winter. This means that we need increased accommodation at West St. John.

There is an intimation that the colonial office has warned Mr. Borden against probable results of closure which would not be in the interests of imperial unity. The rumor may not be well founded, but it is perfectly plain to every clear-eyed observer that Mr. Borden is not doing the cause of imperial unity good service.

Hon. Robt. Rogers has been saying something about the "reptile press." We all know from his record in Manitoba and at Ottawa that the Hon. Robert is a tireless advocate of political purity and the dauntless enemy of boss rule. In the words of a never to be forgotten local poet "he is a fine man."

The reduction in the Bank of England rate, and the announcement that a further decline is likely to take place, not only comes as a parting kick to the Borden emergency but as a very welcome piece of news the world over. It indicates that in leading financial circles the Balkan war is regarded as finished, and funds which have been hoarded up will now be available for industrial and commercial purposes. The better feeling in financial circles in the mother country will be reflected in Canada, and it will be easier to finance projects which have been somewhat slow in maturing because of the stringency in the money market.

The news of the death of Mr. John Kerr, chief of the fire department, was quite unexpected to the citizens, and was heard with universal regret. Mr. Kerr has been so long in the public eye as the head of an important department that he was well known to all the citizens, and he had played an important part in civic affairs. Behind an abrupt manner there was in him a generous nature, and he had formed a wide circle of personal friends. In the discharge of his official duties he was frequently the subject of criticism, but there was no question as to his devotion to the public welfare. His erect form and pleasant greeting will be missed on the streets of his native city, and there are very many by whom he will be held in kindly remembrance.

BIRTHDAYS OF NOTABILITIES

FRIDAY, APRIL EIGHTEEN
The Hon. Josiah Wood, Sackville, N. S., is seventy years of age today. He was born in Sackville and has had a long career as a business man, being engaged in shipbuilding, shipping and stock raising. He was member of the House of Commons for Westmorland for many years, being elevated to the senate in 1905. He is now governor of New Brunswick.

George H. Goodenham, M.P.P., Toronto, was born in Toronto on April 18, 1868. He has many business interests in his native city and has always been much interested in sport. He is a member of the legislature for South Toronto.

LIGHTER VEIN
GOOD PHILOSOPHY.
What's there to be of sorrow
I'll put off till to-morrow;
And when to-morrow comes, why then
I'll be to-day and joy again.
—John Kendrick Bangs.

NOT A MINUTE WASTED.
"Can't I get my pants pressed while you cut my hair?"
"Yes."
"All right. Boy, shine my shoes at the same time and hand me that newspaper. By the way, get the restaurant next door to send in a couple of sandwiches, and I can be eating my lunch."—Washington Herald.

NOT MUCH.
"I hear Brown's been promoted again."
"Yes."
"That's splendid. He must be quite an important member of the concern now."
"Oh, I guess not. The office boy still calls him by his first name."

NOT INVITED.
"How does she manage to keep her husband at home?"
"Easy. He can't make an after-dinner speech and he knows it, and so does everybody else."—Detroit Free Press.

IT'S A CINCH.
He tips his hat politely as he helps her on the car.
And finds a seat for her, it matters not how scarce they are.
He sits right straight through every show and never tries to slide
Out of his seat between the acts to buy a clove outside.

He asks her if she would object if he enjoyed a smoke.
When she approaches with a "touch" he never says he's broke.
He doesn't go out evenings, for he doesn't care to roam.
He wears his smoking jacket all the time that he's at home.

He treats her as politely as he'd treat a neighbor's wife.
He couldn't let a swear word out, not even to save his life.
He hangs his clothes up carefully and simply dotes on style.
He has no untidy manners and he always wears a smile.

He doesn't growl about hard times or quarrel with his food.
He's simply shocked at everything that savors of the rude.
He gets home from his office on the minute every day.
And there is no attraction that can make him stay away.

His household etiquette is great and life is one sweet song.
Yes, gentle reader, it's a cinch they've not been married long.

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POSITION IN WEST.
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