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AN UNFORTUNATE SPEECH.

The Victoria, B. C., papers come to hand with the report of an extraordinary speech delivered to the Canadian Club of that city by Lieutenant-General Sir Reginald Pole-Carew, who was a guest of this country at the Quebec celebration. He has a creditable record as a soldier, but he spoke at Victoria as a politician, and used language so insulting to the Imperial Government, of which he is a servant, that he must have put a strain on the hospitality of self-respecting Canadians in his audience. The Victoria Colonist, Conservative, and the Vancouver World, Liberal, unite in deprecating his sentiments and the rabidly partisan tone of his speech. One passage will serve to show his bad form:

"I have in recent years shown most conspicuously the great depth of my affection to the mother country, and your intense loyalty in most difficult times of stress, in time of war, and right here at this juncture permit me to say I firmly believe that if we could only get up a little war every five years, there would never be the slightest danger of our great empire falling to pieces. (Cheers and some laughter.) Unfortunately, gentlemen that is not exactly possible, and in a way I must admit that I say this with some feeling of regret (some laughter), for it is an undoubted fact that in the course of time great empires such as ours is—all over the world—and as has been the case throughout the ages, must inevitably tend towards disintegration—(Hear, hear)—unless indeed something is done, some active and rigorous policy is adopted with the view of preventing this undesirable consummation. (Cheers.) For, gentlemen, the perfect union and the firm consolidation of the various portions of the British Empire into a united and harmonious whole is, and should be, the greatest political aim and object of every loyal citizen. (Cheers.)"

"Well, sir, we all know that it is not at all the fault of the Greater Britain beyond the seas that something of a very practical character has not already been accomplished towards that supreme object. And yet what did we see when all the premiers of the still Greater Britain beyond the seas came over to England—what a chilling, what an unfriendly reception they got. We know well what they did, or tried to do, and we also know what steps they proposed to take in order to bind the empire together in its great commercial relations, but we also know what happened and what a reception their patriotic proposals sustained at the hands of the collection of individuals from Vanity Fair, who at the present time in Downing Street, preside over the destinies of our great empire. (Hear, hear.)"

Not content with these strictures upon his own superiors, he went on to refer to the Franco-Canadian treaty as "distressing," and urged this country to make no commercial agreements with foreign nations, but to wait patiently until the present Government in Great Britain was "put out of office." He attacked the Imperial Government's grant of self-government to South Africa, a policy which all Canadians ought to approve. A commercial alliance of the various members of the empire and an imperial council, were, in his opinion, necessary to the continuance of a united Empire.

Passing over his eulogy of bloodshed as a means of imperial unity, he showed very questionable taste in dragging party issues—the whole question of imperial preferential trade is a party issue in Great Britain—into a speech before a non-partisan body such as a Canadian Club. Canadians ought not to encourage peripatetic British partisans who try to represent one great party in the mother country as being indifferent to the fate of the empire because it does not believe that imperial destinies are to be decided over a bargain counter. As the Victoria Colonist, Tory though it is, truly says, a half century of free trade in Great Britain and of colonial commercial independence has not militated against the growth of imperial sentiment. It is a mischievous course for Canadians to interfere in matters which the British people consider to be their own business. Every cheer which General Pole-Carew's diatribe evoked was insulting to the British Government and the majority of the British electors. Furthermore, Canada fans of progressive views have a profound admiration for the work the present British Administration is doing in the field of social reform, and they admit that the terrible problem of poverty at home has the first claim on the attention of British statesmen.

General Pole-Carew's crowning exhibition of bad manners was his fling at a stroke of Canadian legislation which had the almost unanimous support of the Canadian Parliament. If Canadians are to meddle in British affairs, and British partisans are to presume to act as monitors of the Canadian people, an irritation will be set up which will not be conducive to the mutual good-will which is the surest bond of empire.

ENGLAND'S MOTOR PROBLEM.

The automobile problem is constantly becoming more serious in England. Every year sees an increase in the number of motor car owners in that country, and in the number of tourists from France and the United States who add to the dangers and dust of English highways as well as to the number of accidents, fatal and non-fatal, resulting from the reckless speeding of these modern vehicles. It is estimated that there are at least 60,000 automobiles and 40,000 motor cycles in England. Last year there were close on 1,000 motor accidents in the country, of which 213 resulted fatally. The annoyance from dust and noise is the source of greatest complaint. In the discussion to which the newspapers have given a considerable amount of space, some writers have expressed the belief that the horn is the worst feature of the automobile, while others contend that if it were abolished the number of accidents would increase.

The speed limit is another branch of the question which has come under discussion, most of the motor drivers taking the ground that it should be abolished, except for towns and villages, as it is ridiculous to have the same speed law for a country road that is little used and for a London street. This speed limit was inserted in the motor act against the wish of the author of the measure, Mr. Long, who assured the House that experience had borne out every argument he had made against the regulation. Not only is it vexatious to automobilists by imposing a restriction altogether unnecessary, but it affords no real protection to the public. Mr. Long's view is that the police should stop inconsiderate and reckless driving without regard to pace. The effect of the speed limit is to force the police to assume that every man who drives on a lonely road at a high speed is in the habit of going at the same rate everywhere.

Another result of this speed regulation which is causing much trouble is the nuisance of police traps and of spies to warn motorists of their whereabouts. By means of these alert rural constables are enabled to take before magistrates and fined persons who exceed the limit by a fraction of a second or because they happen not to have their licenses with them, or their lamps are not lighted. Mr. John Burns, the cabinet minister under whose purview such matters come, has warned motorists that unless they mend their ways drastic legislation will be introduced. The difficulties of the situation are illustrated by a cartoon in Punch which represents John Bull in an automobile being arrested by John Bull for running over John Bull. There are powerful interests on the side of the automobile; legislation which would drive the motor off the highways would destroy a great British industry, and send thousands of the richest people to the continent for their recreation. The motorists, however, must unite to suppress the speed fiends or there will be a public agitation which Parliament will not be able to resist.

The present Ottawa Government is not a nest of traitors.

The appointment of Professor Adam Shortt as a member of the new civil service commission, is the very best that could be made. It is a pledge, too, of the Government's good faith.

Germany should be content to be the greatest military power in the world, and leave Britain mistress of the seas. There would then be no danger of war between them, as it could only be a battle between a dog and a fish.

Insurance against unemployment is an idea thrown out by Winston Churchill, president of the British Board of Trade. It would go a long way toward solving the poverty problem if it could be applied without putting a premium on idleness.

There is no encouragement for Bryan in the Vermont State elections. There are a lot of hard-headed electors in the States, as in Canada, who are not attracted by anything-to-get-in-on platform.

The Advertiser cannot credit the report that Hon. Adam Beck will select four members of his own party as the Provincial representatives on the senate of the Western University. Even the Ontario Government eschewed partisanship in appointing the governors of Toronto University.

The Canadian Teacher refers to the remarkable progress in the art work of the London public schools, under the direction of Miss A. A. Powell. The eulogy of Miss Powell by the local board of education at its meeting yesterday was well-deserved. She has accepted the important position of superintendent of art in the Normal School and Model School, Toronto, and her departure is a distinct loss to this city. Readers of The Advertiser have followed her work with interest by means of the lessons published in the Saturday edition for the past year.

CHURCH BUILT BY ONE MAN.

[Tribune.]
At St. Vital, near Coventry, there is a church which is unique among places of worship. In 1810 a stonemason named John Green laid the first stone of the building, and seven years later he completed the edifice. During that period he declined assistance from anyone, doing all the work himself until the building was ready for its interior fittings. This is said, is the only stone structure in England of which every stone was laid by one man.

TRIFLING DRAWBACKS.

[Cleveland Plaindealer.]
"May I ask, sir, why in biases you didn't print my communication?"
"Certainly you may. In the first place, it was altogether too long; in the second place, it was badly written; in the third place, it established no conclusions; in the fourth place, it was libellous; in the fifth place, it was written on both sides of the paper."

THE INTELLIGENT WITNESS.

[Atlanta Constitution.]
"What was he doing when you saw him?" asked the judge of the witness.
"Well, sir, yer honor, ef I don't disremember, he was a-sassin' of the devil an' a-doin' of nothin'."

THE SITUATION.

[Exchange.]
"What are the issues in this campaign?"
"There is only one of any importance," replied the candidate, "and that is on the outside looking in, and wants to be on the inside looking out."

HIS DEEP CONCERN.

[Chicago News.]
The kind old lady noticed a small lad entering a cobbler's with a small package. "What have you there, sonny?" she asked, kindly.
"Ma's slipper," replied the lad; "you see, there is a tack out of place in it, and I want to have it fixed before ma notices it."

PHENOMENA OF WEIGHT.

[Washington Star.]
"Which is heavier," asked the youth who affects merry jests, "a pound of feathers or a pound of lead?"
"The weight is the same in either case," answered Mr. Sirtus Barker. "A pound is a pound; except, perhaps, in the case of a chunk of ice. Then the weight seems to depend on whether the scales are used before or after you get it."

CONFESSION OF VENUS.

[Chicago News.]
Long after the visitors' hours in the art gallery the statues engaged in conversation.
"Say, Venus," called Neptune's daughter, "tell us the truth. How did you lose your arms?"
"You won't breathe it to anyone?" asked Venus.
"You don't mean to say that a woman would tell a secret, do you?"
"Well, I'll tell you. I was trying to get my hands over my 'Merry Widow' hat to attach the hatpin, and my arms snapped off."

A DISAPPOINTING SUCCESS.

[Washington Star.]
He longed to be a billionaire, and have a private car.
To dine with choicest bills of fare, and smoke a big cigar.
To hear the people gaily shout, "With smiles he came and fair."
"Just clear the road and all turn out. Here comes the billionaire!"

He gained the wealth. But men, alas! Ne'er followed out his plan; They whispered "fortune, class," Or "swollen fortune," and frown. The only time they ceased to frown, And spoke of him as "great," Was when he took his cheque book down And offered to donate!

A WAY OF ESCAPE.

[Illustrated Bits.]
Higgs-I never want to see him again. Digs-That's easily done. Lend him a fiver.

A WELL-PLACED STING.

[T. P.'s Weekly.]
Father Healey's wit seldom had a sting to it. On one occasion, however, some vulgar people asked how he got on so well in fine houses.
"Faith," said Father Healey, "I must be from my mother. I got it, for papa was as common as any of you."

NOT GOING FAR.

[Chicago Daily News.]
Mrs. Healey-O! Doctor, my husband seems to be wandering in his mind this morning.
Doctor-Don't let that worry you; he can't go very far.

LAURIER'S PULL.

[Hamilton Times.]
The decline in Canadian railroad earnings in the last six months is by general agreement of the Tory organs set down to Laurier's policy. The United States, British and German railroads also report a lean half year. What a wonderful pull that man Laurier must have!

TIMELY.

[Exchange.]
"Well," moralized Mr. Nevergo, "we are here today and gone tomorrow."
"Yes," said Miss Hotshot, dancing at the clock; "I've noticed that about you."

NOT A BOTHERSOME SPOUSE.

[London Opinion.]
The Heisees-By why should I marry you? I don't love you.
Her Sutor-Oh, that's all right. I shan't be home very much, you know.

HOUSEWORK NOT DONE.

[Indianapolis News.]
The old saying that woman's work is never done seems to be true; for even since bridge got to be such a fad.

HIS INCOME.

[Puck.]
"What is your husband's income?"
"Twice a day—6 p.m. and 2 a.m."

OF COURSE HE WOULDN'T.

[Punch.]
"You certainly wouldn't marry a girl for her money, would you, Tom?"
"Of course not; neither would I have the heart to let her become an old maid because she happened to be well off."

NATION-BUILDING.

[Halifax Chronicle.]
Contrast the Canada of today with the Canada of twelve years ago, and you will see what twelve years of Liberal administration have accomplished in nation building.

OTHERS KEEP OUT.

[Delineator.]
A cat belonging to Mrs. Jones had caused great annoyance to the small boys of the neighborhood by killing some of their pets, so they decided to set a trap for it. Dwight, a little boy of 7, with a very tender heart, was much afraid some innocent cat would suffer, so printed the following notice and pinned it on the trap: "This is for Jones's cat only."

DARING HOLD-UP AT MONTREAL

Pullman Passengers Ordered to Deliver Pocketbooks in Heart of the Metropolis.

Montreal, Sept. 1.—A daring train robbery occurred in the heart of the city last week. It was kept quiet till today when the news leaked out. Thugs got away with the contents of the pocketbooks of twenty Pullman passengers. Owing to the crowded condition of Bonaventure station, trains frequently stopped in the two-mile stretch between the station at St. Henri and the terminal. This district is very populous and many streets cross tracks. Thursday morning late a train from Ottawa was held up by a semaphore signal at Guy street. Three masked men jumped on board and ordered the passengers to throw up their hands. Before all had been cleaned out the engineer got the signal to go ahead and the bandits jumped. Railroad officials deny the story, but city detectives admit it is correct.

DEATH OF GEN. MOORSOM

Soldier Well Known in Older Toronto, Dies in Africa.
London, Sept. 1.—The death has occurred in South Africa of Major-General Charles John Moorsom.

As a captain General Moorsom went through the Fenian raid of 1865. He married Bertha, the daughter of James McGill McCutcheon, of Toronto, with whom he had come after going through the Crimean campaign with the Thirtieth Regiment. In 1893 he was major-general and commanded the troops in Belfast district; was in Punjab, India, 1895-99.

SEEKS HUSBAND'S SPIRIT

Great Agnostic Promised to Return to His Wife After Death.

New York, Sept. 1.—The widow of Robert G. Ingersoll is endeavoring to communicate with the great agnostic's spirit. Although during his life she was his most devoted follower in his rejection of the Christian belief that a hereafter was certain, her great love for "Bob" has brought her to a different frame of mind. She is testing spiritualism.
"I do not know that there is a hereafter, but there may be one," she said yesterday. "I am not a spiritualist, and I do not know that there are spirits. But if spirits exist, I think my husband's spirit will seek me out. I am trying to aid it."

Promised to Return.

"I must have the most positive communication," she said earnestly. "The words, or messages, must deal with subjects known only to myself and my husband. Before I will finally admit the identity of the spirit—if it comes—it must tell me certain sacred things in our life, it must go over with me, for instance, the period between our betrothal and our marriage. If that can be done I will admit a hereafter and a spirit world."

"My husband, influenced by his own great love of truth on every subject, said to me before his death: 'If a world of spirits exists, and it is possible for a spirit to establish communication between that world and this on which we live, I will try to establish communication with you.'"

"I am endeavoring," the widow continued, "to aid in the establishment of that communication."

Six Guelph hotelkeepers were fined \$20 each for refilling whisky bottles with bartered goods diluted.
Fire did considerable damage to the Ellis Furniture Company's plant at Ingersoll yesterday.

AYLMER'S BIG FAIR

All Signs Point to Its Being Greatest Yet Held.

Aylmer, Sept. 1.—Preparations are being made for the Aylmer Fair, which will be held here Sept. 7 to Sept. 11. All signs point to the fact that this will be the greatest fair the East Elgin Association has ever had. Already Manager A. A. Leslie has booked many entries, and every mail brings additional ones.
"It looks as if it will be the best yet," said Mr. Leslie.
It is expected that excursions will be run from St. Thomas and other points to Aylmer during the week.

KETCHEL, ATTELL AND NELSON PICKED TO WIN

San Francisco, Sept. 2.—The fight fans of California have already figured out Stanley Ketchel, Abe Attell and Battling Nelson as the winners of the three big championship fights which are to be fought out there next week, and as a result they have made them the favorites in the betting for their fights with Billy Papke, Owen Moran and Joe Gans by offering to bet any amount on their chances. Several bets have already been made at Jim Jeffries' cafe at Los Angeles, Cal., that Papke will not last twelve rounds before Ketchel, while Nelson's followers are ready to bet even money that Gans will not go twenty rounds with the Dane.

Packey McFarland, the crack Chicago lightweight, has just signed articles of agreement for a six-round bout to be fought at the Milwaukee Boxing Club the third week in September. The club officials have not secured an opponent for Packey as yet, but it is expected that Young Brannan, the lightweight of Philadelphia, will be the one to fight him.

Every club manager of California is working hard now to try to get Joe O'Connor, manager of Stanley Ketchel, to consent to Ketchel fighting Sam Langford, O'Connor still sticks to his declaration that he will never allow Ketchel to fight a colored man, but as he has been offered \$15,000 for Ketchel's end by the Jeffries Club it is thought that he will waive the color line and make the match.

Tex Richard, the Nevada fight promoter, who was unable to dig up the \$30,000 purse for the finish fight between Joe Gans and Battling Nelson on Labor Day afternoon at Ely, Nev., now comes forward with a statement to the effect that he has Jack Johnson's agreement to fight Tommy Burns in his club in Ely, Nev., when Johnson and Burns return to this country. Tex had better forget about pulling off any fight after his recent blow-up.

WILL RUN TO NEW YORK ONCE MORE

Toronto, Sept. 2.—In an endeavor to beat his own record of 11 days and 22 hours for the run from Toronto to New York, and to convince skeptics that he did not ride any portion of the long journey, T. J. McAughey, the West End Y. M. C. A. runner, will, in the latter part of October, again essay the journey.

He will be accompanied by a man on a wheel or in a motor car.
"I can cut a day or more from that record," said McAughey today. "I was misguided and took a route that was much roundabout."

A THIRD LACROSSE TEAM FOR TORONTO

Toronto, Sept. 2.—A report is in circulation that an attempt will be made to place a third team in Toronto in the National Lacrosse Union, with headquarters in the east end, in the neighborhood of Scarborough Beach. Rumor says that Mr. W. H. Moore, of the Toronto and York radicals, is the moving spirit behind the project.
President Fred Thompson of the N.

L. U., when asked today about the rumor, said that he had heard the rumor, but did not know if it had any foundation in fact. There was no possibility, Mr. Thompson said, of outsiders securing either the Toronto or Tecumseh franchise. Both these clubs will remain where they are, and the question of a third club would have to come before the executive of the N. L. U. for a decision, with very little likelihood of it carrying.

Existing Franchises.

From other sources it was learned that in case the third-club idea is turned down the newcomers will make a determined effort to secure one of the existing franchises. If either the Toronto or Tecumseh should be displaced in that fashion there would be another lacrosse war, with a strong senior C. L. A. team in Toronto. This would mean the wrecking of the eastern clubs, as there would be a great effort made to secure all the star players. However, there is not likely to be a lacrosse war, unless somebody hands somebody else the double-cross. And in the N. L. U. you always have to sleep with your gun under your pillow.

HARNESS RACING AT TORONTO FAIR

Toronto, Sept. 2.—Yesterday's harness racing results at the Fair were as follows:
Matinee pace, one-half mile heats—Lady Belmont, J. D. Hillson, Toronto 3 2 2 1 1
Sylvie, b. m., Miss Wilks, Galt 4 4 1 4 4
Stonewall, b. g., W. W. Dunlop, Toronto 5 1 3 2 2
Riley, blk. g., Burns & Shepard, Toronto 1 3 5 5 5
Bert Madden, b. g., P. Maher, Toronto 6 6 dr
Time, 1:10½, 1:09, 1:08½, 1:10, 1:12.

Stallion trot, purse \$300—Gitz Bingen, blk. s., by Bingen, J. C. Schwartz 1 1 1 1 1
The Bison, blk. s., Dr. Riddell, Orangeville 2 2 2 2 2
Ethel S. Medio, Thos. Smith, Stratford 4 3 3 3 3
William Allen, b. s., Dr. Black, Toronto 3 4 4 4 4
Brian Boru, b. s., Angus Kerr, 5 dr
Tom Wood, B. A. Gordon, Glenora 6 dr
Time, 2:23½, 2:20½, 2:19.

2:20 pace, purse \$400—Black Bill, blk. g., R. W. Stewart, Ottawa 3 1 1 1 1
Prairie Wolf, Nat. Ray, Toronto 1 7 15 5
Johnny R. R. McBride, Toronto 2 6 2 2 2
Miss Swift, W. J. Anderson, Hamilton 15 2 6 4
Bourbon B., Robt. Beatty, Wingham 4 3 3 3
Honest Billy, W. Gilks, Altondale 6 5 4 6
Planet, J. McDonnell, Toronto 9 4 5 10
Little Harry, Dr. W. R. Parks, Toronto 5 10 9 12
Esther C., H. Rosenbury, Grand Bend 10 13 7 9
Berlin Bell, J. W. Daveys, Berlin 13 14 8 dr
Prairie Waster, A. Wales, Toronto 14 8 12 11
Hazel Bell, P. McCarthy, Toronto 12 12 10 7
Laura Bates, M. P. Barry, Toronto 11 9 14 dr
Miss Woodford, W. Stewart, Hamilton 7 15 13 dr
J. C. Rooker, J. J. Coghlin, Toronto 8 11 11 dr
Time, 2:19½, 2:17½, 2:17½, 2:18.

RUIN MATHEWSON TO LAND THE PENNANT?

Pittsburg, Sept. 2.—Before leaving for Cincinnati tonight, Colonel Barney Dreyfus, of the Pittsburg baseball team, said:
"If the New York baseball team should win the pennant in the National League race, they will have established something and a record in baseball. They are now confronted with one of the hardest propositions that ever faced a ball team, that of playing forty games in twenty-nine playing days, and as they are leaders in the league race now, it is certain that we are all after them and will

Unless we knew that the superiority of

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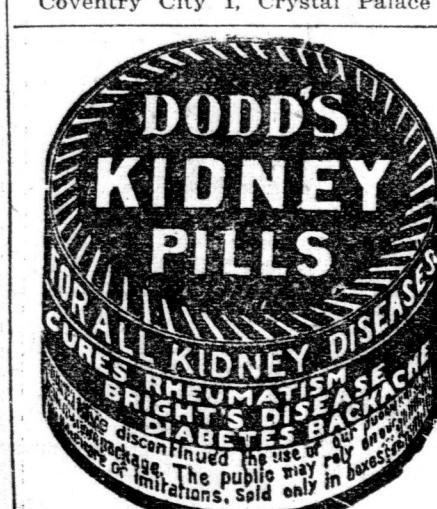
must be apparent to any discriminating writer, we should not advertise. Ink costs so little—it lasts so long—that it could not pay us to advertise if you bought only one bottle. We rely on retaining your life-long custom.

give them the hardest sort of a fight. McGraw's pitchers have something ahead of them that never confronted any other corps. Mathewson has told McGraw that he will pitch every other day if necessary to win the pennant. This is commendable, but a question that confronts McGraw is whether he will ruin Mathewson pitching him every other day. New York has twelve games with the Quakers, and I don't think those Phillies will be as easy for New York in the closing games as they have been in the past."

BRITISH FOOTBALL OPENING RESULTS

London, Sept. 1.—The British football season opened today. The results of the first matches were:

First Division League.
Blackburn Rovers 1, Bristol City 1.
Chelsea 0, Preston N. E. 0.
Manchester City 1, Sunderland 0.
Liverpool 3, Aston Villa 1.
Bury 1, Sheffield United 2.
Leicester Fosse 1, Sheffield Wednesday 1.
Second Division League.
Bradford 1, Hull City 2.
Burnley 0, Chesterfield 1.
Grimsby Town 3, Stockport 0.
Tottenham Hotspur 3, Wolverhampton Wanderers 0.
Southern League.
West Ham United 2, Queen's Park Rangers 0.
Coventry City 1, Crystal Palace 1.



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