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MR. BORDEN'S PRINCIPLES.

The Toronto News like certain other

papers, bears at the head of its editor-

ial column, a statement that it is an

independent journal. There is nothing

in the News to support this declaration

but on the contrary, its policy during

the past month has been very materi-

ally changed and it is rapidly becom-

ing one of the most rapid partisan

papers in Canada. The News places

great stress on Mr. R. L. Borden's re-

cent speech in Halifax, wherein he laid

down the principle that there are three

essential features of good government.

These are: the expenditure of public

money in the public interest; the re-

cognition of character and capacity, ra-

ther than party affiliation as a neces-

sary qualification for appointment to

public office; and thirdly, the freedom

of elections from bribery and corrup-

tion. According to Mr. Borden's own be-

liefs as above expressed the present Li-

beral government of Canada is an ideal

one. It is true that in any great cor-

poration, irregularity will occasionally

be found. Business men know this to

be the case and no concern employing

a very large staff of servants should

expect to find absolute honesty in all

of them. The Laurier government has

never voted or expended money for any

other than public purposes. In the pur-

chase of supplies considerable detail

has been left to clerks and other em-

ployees, and some time ago, when dis-

honesty existed, the government, of its

own accord, invited a full and particu-

lar examination of all transactions. The

civil service commission, after an ex-

haustive inquiry, presented a report,

incomplete in that it did not contain

sufficient information on any one sub-

ject, but which found that in all mat-

ters investigated, only two or three

minor incidents calling for further ac-

tion on the part of the government had

been unearthed. Promptly on the receipt

of this report, which exposed every-

thing on which the Conservative crit-

icism could be based, the government

took action punishing the officials who

had disregarded their obligations. The

civil service commission's report was,

considering the magnitude of the op-

erations examined, a high compliment

to the administrative ability of the

Laurier government.

It has not been the custom during

the past sixteen or eighteen years to

follow the Conservative example of

filling positions or handing out other

rewards to men whose services to the

party are their only qualifications. Al-

ways in the selection of officials, char-

acter and capacity are the first requi-

sites, and the result is that the men now

in the pay of the country are on the

whole, the very best in the history of

Canada.

Mr. Borden's Halifax speech, when

he came to the question of corruption

and its remedy, contained the follow-

ing: "Strike, not only at the ballot-

box and the bribe, but expose, if pos-

sible, the respectable gentlemen, who

supply the funds and superintend the

work at a safe distance." This, of

course, is in direct line with the de-

claration of Colchester Conservatives,

repeated by the same party in Halifax

at the time of Mr. Borden's visit. The

reform movement appears to be still

popular on paper in that district in

which Mr. Bayne, the universal pro-

vider made so many friends during the

standard election campaign, but there

is a disinclination on the part of Mr.

Borden's followers to accept their lead-

er's advice. It is the men lower down

and not the ones higher up who are

being followed. Bayne, of course, if

being followed, is to be believed, is

the only guilty party. He spent his

own money alone, out of pure goodness

of heart. Mr. Borden might well begin

at once to practice what he preaches,

by going into Colchester and there

helping his friends to find out the true

cause of Mr. Bayne's extreme gen-

Customs differ. In New Brunswick

liquor is usually shipped as hardware.

In Nova Scotia it goes as tomatoes.

What's in a name. House of Commons

by any other title would taste the

same.

The branch railway commission is

composed of thoroughly practical men.

The report should be of much value.

So, after several years, a few street

signs are to be put up in time for next

summer's needs.

"Were the tomatoes unshrinkable?"

CHANGE GIVEN

CAPTAIN BERNIER

Will Go as Far North-west as

He Can on Present Trip

He Will Leave Word of His Plans for

Benefit of Possible Relief

Expedition.

OTTAWA, Aug. 27.—The instructions

to the Canadian Government cruiser

Arctic, which recently sailed for the

Par-North, propose that the vessel fol-

low up the work in which she has

been employed for several years past

of asserting Canadian authority in the

portions of the polar regions which

belong to the British crown. In so do-

ing Captain Bernier has been warned

not to take any course which might re-

sult in complications with a foreign

country. On the way north he was to

observe the conditions in Hudson

Strait as to ice, and proceed thence to

the whaling stations in Cumberland

Gulf. From Badin's Land he is to

cross to the Greenland shore, to push

north to the entrance to Lancaster

Sound. From the north of Lancaster

Sound he is to push down the sound

and proceed as far west as possible.

The country on either side is to be vis-

ited, all the old depots are to be exam-

ined, and Captain Bernier is to take a

look as far as conditions will permit

at the various sounds and straits lead-

ing north and south from Melville Bay

and Bank Strait.

LEFT TO HIS JUDGMENT.

Naturally, a great deal is left to Cap-

tain Bernier's own judgment, and if he

finds the ice impassable in any di-

rection, he is at liberty to take another

direction. Melville Sound, for instance,

may be blocked, and after looking into

Regent's Inlet, it may be that an open

passage will be found down into the

Gulf of Boothia. Even as far as Vic-

torial Strait. But in the event of the

Arctic being able to pick her way

round Lancaster Sound and Melville

Sound, she is to take formal posses-

sion of Bank Land and neighboring

islands westward of those which were

visited on her last cruise. It is left to

Captain Bernier's own judgment as to

whether the vessel shall return to Que-

bec next fall or spend the winter of

1903-10 in the ice and continue her

work during the following season.

TO LEAVE TRACES.

It was agreed that Captain Bernier

should leave behind him a record of

all the points at which he proposed to

call, and that as he proceeded to was

to erect a cairn at each point, contain-

ing a record of the voyage and word

as to the next stopping place, so that

if a relief expedition was necessary it

might be able to readily ascertain the

Arctic's whereabouts. A rendezvous

was also appointed in advance by Cap-

tain Bernier, to which the Arctic would

if practicable, proceed in the event of

an accident.

Captain Bernier has long pleaded for

a chance to go in search of the North

Pole. This has so far been denied him,

and no doubt it is not now being given

him. At the same time it appears that

he has been granted considerable lati-

tude. If he gets as far west as Bank's

Land he will be almost due north of

British Columbia, and possibly he

might continue to attempt to complete

the "north-west passage." The gallant

captain left Quebec last month. The

reference to a possible relief expedi-

tion indicate he has now an opportu-

nity to make a name for himself.

BABY SMILES UP AT

CAR AND IS KILLED

Playing on Track, It Beams on Motorman

—Thrown at Mother's Feet.

CLAYTON, N. J., Aug. 27.—As the

Atlantic City express dashed around

the curve just below Franklinville sta-

tion at 10 a. m. today it was met by

the car, looked up at Motorman W. R.

Vanneman and smiled as the train bore

Eager For Success.

Exhibition Days Are
Drawing Near.

St. John's Great Show

will open September 12th

and close on the 19th.

Every community in

the Province is Looking

Forward to The Event.

Everybody is interested

in its Success.

This is particularly true

of St. John and its citi-

zens. Success for the

Exhibition means much

more to them than to any

others. Reputation and

profit will go hand in

hand in this as in every

other business.

The Exhibition Pre-

parations are Nearing

Completion—The Plans

of Months are Getting

The Final Touches—the

finish of perfection.

Everything that will

enter into the life and

spirit of a good Exhibi-

tion is provided for in

this one to be held in

St. John. The skill of

the mechanic, including

many devices and im-

provements that have

given machinery its won-

derful power, will be

found represented in

Machinery Hall.

The labor of the Farm-

ers will be proudly shown

in the Splendid Exhibits

of Agricultural Produce

and Nobility of Stock

Eager to Compete for

the Blue Ribbon of

Success.

The Capabilities of the

Manufacturers, the Me-

thod and Art of the

Merchant, will be shown

in Exhibits that have

Never Been Surpassed

in any Exhibition held

here.

A wealth of Amuse-

ment Features will round

out the Completeness of

what will be known in

the end as St. John's

Best Show.

R. H. ARNOLD,

Manager.

AT NEW GLASGOW.

Over a thousand people at the New

Glasgow track yesterday, saw Tommy

Raymond drive Idle Moments and

Laura Merrill under the wire winners.

The first race was the 2:20 trot. Laura

won the 14 trot and 17 pace with the

fastest heat in 2:17 1-4.

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headaches and ner-

vousness good optical

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