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A Cheap Berth

Better things were expected from Frank Oliver in the Department of the Interior when he accepted office.

Here is a report from Ottawa which indicates that Oliver himself has fallen from grace.

A return giving the details of the sale by the government of a small timber berth—No. 1279—situated north of Edmonton, was laid on the table of the House by Hon. Frank Oliver, at the request of Mr. H. B. Ames.

Conservative Convention

That the federal constituency of Regina takes a deep interest in politics of the country was proved by the very large number of delegates representative of every class in the community in attendance at the Conservative convention held here in the city hall last Wednesday.

The people are realising more fully as time goes on what it means to be robbed of their birthright. They are appreciating fully what it means to have the public lands, timbers and minerals administered by those outside the province.

These men represent a large class in the community and they again affiliate themselves with the grand Conservative party with faith and confidence for they know it is a party which adheres to its principles and fulfills its pledges.

Editorial Notes

The latest election reports from Ottawa is that the House will rise about the end of July, parliament dissolve in October and the general elections will be held in November.

The great obstructionists in the Ottawa House are those who refuse to bring down details of expenditure, not those who will not vote supplies until the details and original documents are supplied.

President Sise of the Bell Telephone Company must have sized up the gents who compose the Saskatchewan government and thinks they are easy.

J. G. Turiff went to the elections of East Assiniboia last election on the cry that he was poor but honest. He can very well appeal to his constituents on opposite grounds next election.

Employees of the Alberta government have been examining the Bell Telephone lines in Alberta, and that province will shortly make the Bell Company an offer for their system in that province.

The Liberal party organs call it obstruction because the opposition at Ottawa refuses to pass estimates when the details are not supplied. Are not the cabinet ministers the servants of the people and why should they refuse to account for their deeds? Economy seems to find no place in the dealings of the Ottawa ministry.

Press Comments

(Moose Jaw News)

When a Canadian Club in the capital of this province so far ignores what, in other such clubs is the distinctive character of its membership, British citizenship, as to declare that that qualification is no longer requisite we may well ask ourselves, if there be not great need to teach loyalty, not only in our schools, but in all public places.

Pugsley has gone into the fight, and waved the club of Ottawa patronage over the electorate of New Brunswick. That is exactly how everybody would expect from his character, that Mr. Pugsley would act, and it is how he has acted. It is all very well for Sir Wilfrid Laurier to indicate that in his opinion this sort of thing is improper. But it is the direct fruit of his policy in filling his cabinet. And he had better leave Mr. Pugsley to his own devices; for just as soon as independent Liberals revolt against the leadership of men like Pugsley, the leadership of Laurier will have become impossible.

(Calgary Herald)

The laws against usury in Canada forbid any money lender to charge more than twelve per cent. per annum on any loan not exceeding \$500. A still more drastic enactment is likely to be adopted by the New York state legislature this session. It will be made a felony to charge more than six per cent. interest on loans made on salary assignments.

(Bylander in Toronto Sun.)

When a craze has taken possession of us some good soul generally does us the service of catching it, and impersonating it in so striking a form as to scare us back to our senses when no preaching would avail. In the case of the present craze for the treatment of everything as public and matter for legislation, this part seems to have been played for us by a Massachusetts lady, who proposes the appointment of a government commission to investigate the conditions of home life with a view to regulating and elevating the home. We could almost wish that the government of Massachusetts would comply, and that we might see the draft of a domestic code.

(Ottawa Citizen.)

The borrowing of Canadian companies in the London money market during the past few months amounts to nearly \$10,000,000. This is exclusive of the government loan of \$15,000,000. The issues have been well taken. There should be a general policy in this country to place all loans in London, where the securities are acceptable to these conservative financiers.

(Winnipeg Telegram)

When Sir Wilfrid Laurier took Mr. Pugsley into the cabinet he could not very well expect to keep the political methods of Pugsley out of it. Sir Wilfrid Laurier could not reasonably hope to make a statesman out of a Pugsley by merely making him a cabinet minister.

Upon his entrance into the arena of federal politics, one of his first acts was to trumpet forth that he possessed some sort of a blackmailing hold on the Conservative party in general and Mr. R. L. Borden in particular, and that he would disclose this information if Mr. Borden did not cease his campaign in the interests of electoral purity.

WEE TOTS TO WED

Took Parents' Joke in Earnest and Proceeded to the Justice for the Ceremony.

The following dispatch comes from St. Louis: Taking in sober earnest his mother's joking assest, George Rex Rubicum, six years old, led Ada Lee Bartlett, 5, over four miles of rough road from Bemis Heights to Clayton, the seat of St. Louis county, that they might be married by Justice of the Peace Werremeyer. It took the youngsters many hours to make the trip, but they were cheerful when they got to the court house and not until a negro porter threatened to have them arrested by the sheriff on suspicion of being burglars did their matrimonial ambition weaken. They were two tired tots who trudged homeward late in the afternoon, after giving their mothers a terrible fright and having their fathers searching the woods for hours. The boy, though it had been necessary for the girl to propose, was so enthusiastic over the prospect of marriage that he vowed he'd elope with little Miss Bartlett again as soon as opportunity offered.

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SUDDEN

Chairman of Dies Sudden Will Resign of Board

Ottawa, March 4.—The death of Judge K. the board of railway which occurred this morning, at the Board as a great shock to Ottawa. None but those who did business with him were in danger. suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage. He died last he had not been suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage. He died last he had not been suffering from a cerebral hemorrhage.

INDIAN MISS

Returns After Years With Around Jam

After spending mission fields of the east shore of Hudson Bay the city last night is a Hudson Bay shore of James Bay Toronto and took station at the pervision over a missions scattered country. Only on years has he left is now four years last holiday. The a guest at the Re tel and will be in days in connection work over which On Sunday he will in All Saints' Ch go fully into the which he has cond some five hundred a white population fifty. From a mis or four members; one now comprised of inhabitants. T some ten other points along the l On February 1 a companion and out from Moose gal chute, the the T.N.O. railwa of civilisation's c tinct mission post snowshoes and w ions accomplished by the nearest P The building of Pacific will less present rail comp miles. The district in Renison labor is Rupert's Land. the city for som with the Anglican respecting the mis pects to be back one month.—Winn