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London, Tuesday, May 21.

A representative of the "Advertiser" the other day asked the opinion of Mr. Goldwin Smith as to whether what is called "The Royal Society of Canada," which met last week at Ottawa, was calculated to encourage or stimulate Canadian literature. Mr. Goldwin Smith replied:

"I was consulted by Lord Lorne when he first conceived the idea of founding the Royal Society of Canada. I ventured to give my opinion that an artificial stimulation of that kind would be of little use to Canadian literature; and that any attempt to found a literary order like that of the French Academy would be out of place in a community like ours, and might possibly give rise to some jealousies. We have not yet and could not be expected to have materials for an institute. Altogether the idea belongs rather to the French monarchy, under which the Institut was founded, than to the free system of an Anglo-Saxon people.

"I must confess that I have not yet seen reason to alter my opinion. The reading of papers at Societies and their publication in Transactions altogether is somewhat out of date. It has been superseded by the periodicals in which every paper of real value finds a place. However, as I have not myself attended the meetings, I speak upon the subject with deference to those who are better informed."

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND SUPERANNUATION.

Mr. McMullen, the member for North Wellington, has before the Dominion Parliament a measure to radically improve the system of civil service superannuation.

In order to avoid doing any injury to men already in the civil service, Mr. McMullen's measure exempts all such from its provisions, unless they choose voluntarily to come under the provisions of the new act, and it also exempts those now superannuated.

Instead of the present superannuation allowance which has been much abused by politicians, to the help of favorite beneficiaries and the injury of the taxpayers, Mr. McMullen provides that any person now in the permanent civil service of Canada, or any person appointed after the passing of the new law, shall, upon his retiring from the public service, be entitled to the repayment of the whole amount of the deductions from his salary, together with interest at 5 per cent annually. The deductions thus accumulated are to be made as a guarantee of good faith and efficient service, and if the civil servant dies in harness his heirs are to have the whole amount with interest.

This will prove a pre-eminently fair solution of the superannuation question. What may be regarded as vested interests are not disturbed. The act only applies to new appointees, except by choice. The civil servant will have the full amount paid into the insurance fund by him, and more interest thereon than he could obtain in an ordinary investment. If he dies before he reaches the age of retirement, his heirs will get the entire sum paid in, whereas at present when a civil servant dies his heirs are not entitled to any portion of the money contributed. There are numerous instances of positive hardship arising from this regulation. It does seem hard that a man should pay into the superannuation fund for from 20 to 40 years, and because he died before superannuation, it should be impossible for his widow and children to benefit to the extent of one cent by his compulsory provision.

Mr. McMullen's bill will promote sturdy independence among the civil servants, will keep politicians in power free from the temptation to use public money for the benefit of favorite individuals, and will therefore conserve the interests of the taxpayer, while doing full justice to the servants of the country.

Why not have it made law at once?

MINISTER VS. MEMBER.

The row in the caucus of Conservative M. P.s at Ottawa, the other day, exemplifies how little cohesion there is in the ranks of the Parliamentary high tax party now that a controlling mind,

such as that possessed by Sir John Macdonald or Sir John Thompson, no longer directs.

It seems that the Ministers have been seizing the patronage and distributing the offices for the special benefit of their relations and retainers, leaving the ordinary M. P. out in the cold.

Thus it is that Mr. Clarke Wallace, Comptroller of Customs, has brought down on his head the ire of the Conservative M. P.s in his district, because the eight offices in his department were filled by applicants from his own riding, all appeals for a share for other constituents falling on deaf ears.

But what could be expected from a Ministry founded on the promotion of purely selfish interests, and kept in power by men who put up their money to promote, not the public welfare, but their individual interests?

EDITORIAL POINTS.

If Senator Sanford is not Sir William after the 24th of May his friends say there will be wigs on the green. Why not?

The receipts of the Manchester Ship Canal have hardly realized expectations, but so far the Tay Canal holds the record for minus results.

The Week is properly down on the sending of anonymous letters through the post. But wherein are anonymous letters in newspapers any better?

Railing at Sir Richard Cartwright will not now avail. Sir Richard is not only a very able man, but incorruptible, with a public record that hostility has never been able to smirch. Like the old Duke of Wellington, he does not know the word defeat, and comes up smiling after every encounter. When Sir Richard objects to a Hudson Bay Railway bribery fund, analyzes the unfair incidence of public taxation, or shows the alarming increase of the country's obligations, no stigmatizing of such proper criticism as "blue rule talk" will be accepted by an awakened people as a sufficient reply.

The proposed arrangement by which a portion of the old Upper Canada College grounds on King street, Toronto, will be given for the site of the proposed new million dollar hotel with the view of adding additional value to the land retained, seems to be in accordance with good business management, and therefore unobjectionable from any reasonable provincial standpoint.

E. A. Judges, for many years London (England) correspondent of the Toronto Globe, and well known to hundreds of Canadians through courtesies extended by him, has been united in marriage to Miss Lucy Knapp. Mr. Judges is now proprietor and editor of the Surrey Times. Congratulations!

Following up Mr. Balfour's eulogism of the newspaper's advertising facilities as among the most significant of modern marvels, Mr. Gunnison, of the Brooklyn Eagle, speaking recently to a ministerial association, said:

"If the churches would utilize the religious advertising columns throughout the week, it would be, in my judgment, the most effective method they could adopt. For advertising their prayer-meetings, Christian Endeavor and Epworth League meetings, entertainments, special meetings, etc., the Saturday announcements are not sufficient. It should be a daily reminder. The theaters are not satisfied with one-day or week advertising. I do not advocate the use of the personal column of a newspaper, as one clergyman in New York has been doing recently; but a dignified statement of the activities of a church, placed under the proper classification, would, I believe, be of great benefit. People of today look to the newspapers for the announcement of the things in which they are most interested. It is no longer the custom to hear of deaths and marriages from the pulpit, as was formerly the custom. All these things, together with the announcement of amusements, social gatherings, meetings of all kinds, are gathered in the papers. A more liberal practice of this policy on the part of the church would, I think, prove a great advantage."

MIDDLESEX.

The Ladies' Aid Society (Methodist) of Thornedale circuit held a most successful social on May 15 at the beautiful and commodious residence of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Vandenberg, of Thornedale. The programme consisted of vocal and instrumental music, speeches and recitations, given by professionals. Rev. B. Uren made a graceful chairman. The opening address was given by Rev. Mr. Kershaw, the highly respected superintendent of the circuit. Instrumental solos were given by Miss M. Dedgegood and Miss Fram, of Evelyn, and Mrs. Chard, of London. Vocal solos were rendered by Dr. Elliott Holmes, of London, and Miss Syne, of London, both of whom are trained vocalists, possessing excellent voices. Recitations were given by Miss McEvoy, of London; Miss Ethel McDonald, of St. Marys, and Miss Bertha Mossop, of Metropolitan. All these young ladies are elocutionists who have delighted large audiences. The programme was varied from grave to gay, and the large company gave the closest attention throughout. The genial host and hostess made the guests feel perfectly at home, and of the best quality, and were served immediately after the programme. The esteemed superintendent's family were the recipients of the high esteem in which they are held. One was a very fine ham-mock for Master Osseo Kershaw, from the boys, he being an invalid. Some of the guests who were not Methodists declared that the social was the best ever given in Thornedale.

KOMOKA.

May 20.—A pleasant event took place Thursday afternoon at the residence of Mr. McBain, it being the marriage of Maria Joyce to Mr. J. Piggett, of the signal tower, Komoka. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. Morrison, in the presence of many relatives and friends. After the ceremony the happy company sat down to a bounteous repast, after which Mr. and Mrs. Piggett departed to their new home. The bride was charmingly attired in black satin. The bridesmaid, Miss Elizabeth Hair, was dressed in blue silk. Mr. S. Gibson supported the groom.

House and Lobby

Wild-Oat Scheme for Which \$170,000 Has Been Voted—Remarkable Statement as to Carling Creek Pollution—Mr. Foster and the Family Nest—\$7,000,000 Wasted, Boodied or Stolen—Important Street Railway Decision—Mr. Clancy After a Collectorship.

(Specially telegraphed by our own Representative.)

Ottawa, May 20.—When the House met today Commodore Walsh, the six-foot-three member from Prince Edward Island, characterized as a wildcat project the Chignecto Ship Railway, regarding which Mr. Provand, M. P. for Glasgow, is now here. Mr. Provand is managing director of the enterprise, and he asks the Dominion Government to extend the time for completing the railway two years. The Government here granted a bonus of \$170,000 a year for twenty years to the enterprise, which Commodore Walsh, as a mariner of great experience, is hesitatingly endorsing, and Mr. Provand says \$3,500,000 have been spent on the work, and \$1,500,000 are yet required. Mr. Provand blames the contractor, who failed.

Mr. Foster replied that the Government is considering the question.

An astonishing answer was given by the Minister of Militia to Mr. Mills' question, "Do the Government propose to take immediate steps to prevent the discharge of sewage from the Military School, London, into a small creek, known as Carling's Creek?"

The Minister pleaded that though inquiry has been made, Parliament is yet without sufficient information to deal with the matter. It is several years since the city authorities first made full representations to the Government.

Mr. Foster brought in a bill of an unusual description today. He said it was a bill to provide for the discharge of a mortgage made by one Markland to the Government in 1858. Mr. Foster said the intention of the Government is to accept 50 per cent of the face value of the mortgage, as the property (in the city of Kingston) is deteriorating.

Dr. Landerkin suggested that the property should be realized on at once to save further loss under the management of the Dominion Government.

Another evidence that someone gave a tip to the sugar men before the tariff was increased on sugar on May 3 last was shown in the answer to Mr. Edgar's question by Comptroller Wallace. The statement was as follows:

Pounds of refined sugar imported between March 27 and May 2.....	17,776	515,181
Pounds of raw sugar.....	20,528,013	\$5,519,717

Mr. Girouard was informed that 142 Indians have been transferred from Oka to Muskoka since 1872. They have 25,382 acres of land. \$1,625 had been spent in taking them there. Only two Indian families have gone from Oka to Muskoka in the last two years.

To Mr. Campbell, Mr. Foster said the Dominion Government has so far paid out on the Chicago Exhibition \$243,019. It was also stated that \$250,250 has been paid by the Dominion for a drill shed in Toronto, and that claims of \$17,942 for extras have been lodged.

Mr. McMullen elicited from the Government the statement that James Patton, aged 65, had been given a Government job in 1872. This at a time when men 40 years of age are being pensioned for life at the expense of taxpayers!

Clarke Wallace stated that collectors of customs are not allowed to act as brokers in customs houses except along the Northwest borders, and there they are not allowed to charge for that service.

Mr. Mills again protested that the census returns of industries of the city of London, ordered two and a half years ago, have not yet been brought down.

Dr. Montague gave the stereotyped answer that he was trying to get the returns. Much suspicion attaches to the persistent delay.

Mr. Haggart confirmed the report of the recent big loss by fire on the Intercolonial Railway, owned by the Dominion Government. There is, he said, no insurance, because the Government property on that line is uninsured.

Sir Hector Langevin, usually sitting like a stoic, paying no attention to anyone, made his first speech in the House this session today, introducing his bill to prevent postal carriers from carrying intoxicating liquors.

Mr. McMullen elicited the fact that Mr. Foster is making good use of his opportunities as Minister as a taxpayer. He confessed that two years ago he superannuated Mr. Crookshanks, Assistant Receiver-General at Halifax. I learn that he was a healthy citizen, 70 years of age, well able to perform his duties. Then he appointed H. D. McLeod, 56 years of age, who had been squeezed into the service 25 months before. Mr. McLeod was given \$2,000 a year on appointment; his predecessor served 25 years before he received \$2,000—the salary he drew when superannuated. The newcomer is a cousin to Mr. Foster, and to make an office for him, Mr. Crookshanks was put out of office and was given \$1,540 a year pension for life. Another extraordinary family arrangement exposed, in answer to a question by Mr. McMullen, that he has a private secretary drawing \$1,800 a year, and a woman secretary drawing \$200. The Finance Minister protested against saying whether or not the woman secretary is a relation to his family, but rumor has it that she is a companion to his wife. Mr. Foster says he will duly expose his genealogical tree to Mr. McMullen in private.

When the budget debate was resumed Mr. Semple, the practical agriculturist member for Wellington, said that farmers had had enough of a search for the United States market. He showed that the Dominion Grange and Patrons of Industry demand a tariff for revenue only, as the Liberal party demand. Mr. Semple gave statistics to show that both the British and the United States markets are needed by farmers, and the freer trade is, the more prosperous will be the farmer. When better times come we will have them, because we are selling more products to the United States.

Mr. Wood (Westmoreland, N.B.) gave one of the best speeches from the Conservative point of view. He defended the duty on refined sugar and the taxes on manufactured articles generally.

Hon. Mr. McIsaac, the eloquent Nova

Scotian who captured the seat held by the late Sir John Thompson, made a speech that captured the House. Taking up the demand by the Conservative side that the Liberals should give details of their policy, he pointed out that Sir John A. Macdonald, when in opposition, declared a party not in power could not possibly give details, and added: "I will confine myself to general principles." Mr. McIsaac proceeded to show how the policy of high taxation had injured rather than helped the country. The combines alone have benefited. He scored Canadian "protectionists" for their denunciation of the motherland because of her love of free trade. These professed loyalists denounce Britain, and say she is going to destruction, but the British people are united in their progressive trade policy, and will have nothing to do with class law tax. Mr. McIsaac scathingly exposed the bogus reciprocity appeal of the high tax leaders in 1891, and the equally bogus tariff revision of last year. Over \$7,000,000 has been wasted, boodied or stolen under the present Dominion Government, and Mr. McIsaac gave full details. This accounts for the huge deficits and for our overtaxation. The issues on which he was elected a month ago were opposition to boodling and a tariff for revenue only. His opponent dodged, but people intelligently viewed the question and turned a Conservative majority of 250 given four years ago into a minority of 118. The Liberals cheered.

Mr. Coatsworth, dubbed "baby member for Toronto," followed, and adduced the original estimates for the Ontario Parliament buildings as a set-off against the list of boodling or stealing scandals for which the Dominion Government is responsible. He strongly objected to the Liberal policy of tariff for revenue only.

Mr. Perry, the veteran P. E. I. member, spoke strongly against the policy of the present Government, which he held to be a few of the rich at the expense of common people.

The debate was continued by Dr. Cameron and Mr. Dawson, and Mr. Sproule moved the adjournment of the debate at 12:30 a.m.

CAPITAL NOTES.

While Mr. Semple (Wellington) spoke this afternoon, Countess of Aberdeen occupied a seat to the right of Mr. Speaker. Her Excellency wore a handsome gown of purple velvet.

Attorney-General Sifton, of Manitoba, met and conversed with Mr. T. H. Purdom, a former London schoolmate in the Speaker's gallery this afternoon. Mr. G. Sifton was also in the gallery.

M. P.s returning to the city say there were heavy frosts in Quebec Province last night.

Hamilton McCarthy, the sculptor, is here to execute the bust of Lord Aberdeen.

Mr. Clancy, ex-M. P. for Kent, arrived this afternoon. I hear that he is looking after the collectorship of customs at Wallaceburg.

The Supreme Court of Canada has decided in a Hamilton action against the Electric Railway Company of that city that except in very rare instances electric companies will be held responsible for railway accidents resulting from collisions with their cars. The court reversed an action for damages by collision which was thrown out in a lower court and gave a verdict for the man killed, holding that under such a decision it would not be possible to take into account contributory negligence. The result will be that electric railway companies will have to exercise exceedingly great care or be liable for every accident.

The Agricultural Committee will receive the delegation of cheese men appointed in reference to the branding of cheese on Friday, May 31.

It was agreed today that when the House adjourns on Wednesday it will stand adjourned till the following Tuesday. Thursday and Friday are both legal holidays.

Doubts were expressed as to the possibility of finishing the budget debate tomorrow night. Mr. Haggart has arranged a big dinner for tomorrow night, intending to work up the enthusiasm of the Conservative side prior to the division, but he will be disappointed.

Mr. Casey will ask if the Government intends to prosecute anybody else but St. Louis the contractor for the Curran bridge frauds which Mr. Dickey, Minister of Militia, some time ago, characterized as a clean steal of over \$200,000.

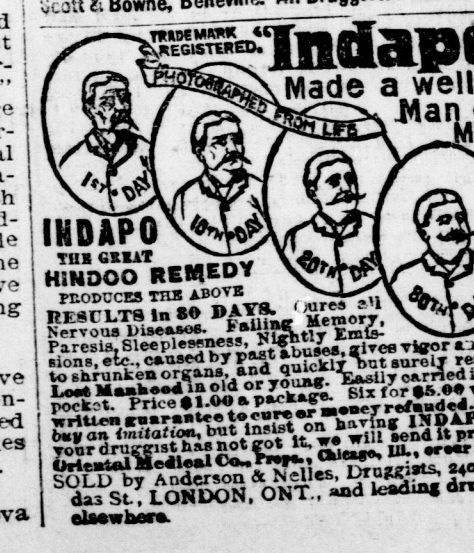
Dr. Montague tonight announced he will give a \$50 cup to the Dominion Rifle Association.

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