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REMINISCENCES OF LADY-SMITH.

Many of the interesting incidents relative to the siege of Ladysmith are recorded in "Campaigns of a War Correspondent," by the late Melton Prior.

"The enemy succeeded in placing thirty-two guns on the heights above the town, and kept up such an incessant fire that the troops and civilians were soon engaged in digging bomb-proof shelters. In a short time they learned to distinguish the different Boer guns by their sound, and gave them amusing names. Three of the large ones they called 'Long Tom,' 'Puffing Billy,' and 'Weary Willie.' Then there was 'Silent Susan,' so named because the bursting of a shell was the first warning we got that it had been fired.

"In spite of the havoc that these cannon worked, the soldiers soon grew accustomed to the shelling. One day the Second Gordon Highlanders were playing football when a shell plumed in among them. Fortunately no one was hit and they went on playing.

The Boers were so interested apparently that they gave up firing and actually sat on the edge of the hills watching the game. Then when it was all over the firing started afresh.

"But this was not the only courtesy the enemy showed. On Christmas Day they saluted the happy men by salvos of shells. The first two that fell into the camps of the Carbineers and the Imperial Light Horse did not burst. When the shells were picked up it was found that wooden plugs had been inserted in place of the fuses, and inside the shells were plum puddings. On the outside were the words, 'With the Compliments of the Season.'

MR. COCKSHUTT AND CONFEDERATION CELEBRATION

In the Dominion House recently Hon. Mr. Lemieux moved that the Government should encourage the projected international exhibition to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Canadian Confederation. In the debate which ensued Mr. W. F. Cockshutt, M.P., made the following speech:

The matter which the hon. member for Rouville (Mr. Lemieux) has brought to the attention of the House is certainly deserving of careful consideration. It goes without saying that the fiftieth anniversary of the Confederation of the Canadian provinces should be celebrated in some fitting manner, and the hon. member for Rouville deserves the thanks of the House for having brought the matter to our attention. His further suggestion, however, that the celebration should take the form of an international exhibition, is a matter that will require very careful consideration.

In the remarks of my hon. friend in this regard I did not detect quite as much enthusiasm as I have observed in his remarks upon subjects of lesser importance on previous occasions. I do not suppose we are justified in saying that this was because of a lack of sympathy, but he certainly did not express himself as emphatically upon the idea of an international exhibition as I think he should do if he believes that this is the best way of celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of Canadian Confederation.

Mr. Lemieux—The main object of my resolution is to commemorate the semi-centennial of the Canadian Confederation. It is suggested that it should be commemorated by an international or universal exposition. Of course, I await the judgment of the Government on that point.

Mr. Cockshutt—I quite understand the position of the hon. gentleman. I would point out, however, that in respect of cost the matter of an international exposition is one of very serious importance. Having regard to the international exhibition that has been held on this continent during the last thirty or forty years, what is the financial experience of the cities in which they have been held and of the communities that have had to pay for them? I think the hon. member for Rouville will agree that if an international exhibition is to be held, it must be a good one, and one worthy of this country. Look at the history of the exhibition that was held at Chicago, in connection with which, I believe, millions of dollars were sunk, never to be recovered. The experience of Buffalo was very similar, and the same may be said of St. Louis and other cities in which such exhibitions have been held. It is hardly to be expected that the Dominion of Canada could make a paying enterprise out of an international exhibition. In the first place, the Government would have to come down with a good round sum—I hesitate to name the amount without further consideration, but it would have to be a large sum. Further, a contribution from the Dominion Government would not be sufficient to make such an exhibition successful; it would have to be backed up by the people of Canada; the producers of Canada in all lines—in the mines, the farms and the forests—who send exhibits on such occasions would all have to make some personal sacrifice in order to make such an exhibition the success it should be.

It is hardly necessary that I should enter into all the details to which my hon. friend alluded with regard to the location of such an exhibition, but that would also be a very important matter, and one that would have a great deal to do with the success of the project. The hon. gentleman read several letters showing that certain cities throughout the Dominion of Canada were anxious and willing to accept the responsibility of holding the fair. But it must be borne in mind that any city in which such an exhibition is held must have more hotel accommodations than many of these cities have. It would have to be a large city; I do not know whether the hon. member for Queens, Prince Edward Island (Mr. McLean), has one big hotel or not; I am a little doubtful whether he has, but in any case, there are only four or five cities in the Dominion of Canada that could furnish anything like the accommodations that would be required if the public of all nations were invited. It is evident to everyone that the hotel accommodations in such a centre would have to be the very best. In that respect I think the city of Toronto has more to commend it than any other city. It would take a fairly good international exhibition to beat the one that is held in Toronto every year. I am sure that there is not in the world an annual exhibition that equals the one held in the city of Toronto every year. I do not know whether the hon. member for Rouville has considered a celebration of any other nature which would be equally as good, perhaps less expensive and less liable to failure, than the one that he suggests. I quite agree with him that it is absolutely necessary that some kind of celebration should be held, but whether we are prepared to commit ourselves at the first blush to so large a project is a matter for consideration.

I have referred to the financial aspect of the matter, and to the location, which should be central. Another respect in which the province of Ontario has advantages in this regard is that it has the goods to show, so far as Canadian products are concerned. More than half the industrial products and forty per cent. of the agricultural products of Canada are produced in that province, so that we have a large supply of goods near at hand if the city of Toronto or some other central point be selected. Then, the transportation facilities would be a very important factor. The city of Toronto has a good harbor in the summer time; the lake travel is very pleasant, and the people can be brought from the East and from the West not only by our railways, but by hand-some steamers that ply at intervals across the lakes and up and down the river St. Lawrence. Those who visit Canada for the first time would have an opportunity of seeing some of the most magnificent scenery the world can afford. Unfortunately, we in Canada who are born almost within the sound of Niagara Falls do not regard them with very much wonder; possibly, like the Irishman, our only wonder is that the waters do not fall instead of down. In any case, we live so close to them that we do not appreciate their wonderful beauty. Niagara Falls can be reached from Toronto within two hours; you have also Lake Ontario, the beautiful river St. Lawrence, the Muskoka lakes, and other points within one hundred or one hundred and fifty miles of the city—points of interest that cannot be rivalled, perhaps, in any other part of Canada.

Then to have the stuff to feed the people with is an important consideration. The high cost of living is increased when you place a large number of people in a city or town that is incapable, in an ordinary way, of looking after their requirements. The city of Toronto is placed in the heart of a great agricultural district that could supply all the wants of all the people who would visit that city on such an occasion, without unduly raising the rates in the hotels. I think the idea which the hon. gentleman has advanced is a good one, but I feel that the exhibition part of it must be considered very carefully. If the Government decides to take up this celebration it must be well supported. Whatever is done must be done well. To attempt a great project of this nature half-heartedly, or in such a way as not to make a success of it, is something that we cannot contemplate. We are all optimists in this respect, that whatever we like to do we believe we are able to do and are prepared to do well. Therefore I approve the suggestion made by the right hon. leader of the House that it would be well if my hon. friend would consent to have the debate adjourned until further consideration can be given to the question; and, if it is in order, I would move now that the debate be adjourned.

BRITISH NAVAL ESTIMATES.

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assist the French army on the continent, if needed, with a perfectly organized and adequate expeditionary force.

The Sydney correspondent of the Telegraph says that postponement of Canada's naval policy indefinitely is regarded there as a forceful reason for holding a naval defence conference at the earliest possible date with a view to placing on a permanent and coordinate basis the naval forces of the mother country, Australia and New Zealand in the Pacific.

"The little navy" will discuss their grievance in the Commons on Wednesday next when Aubrey Herbert and others will ask for more information.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Hon. George Foster contemplates the establishment of a trade museum. Laurier's shattered reciprocity idol ought to be among the exhibits.

The militant suffragettes in the Old Land have now started to mutilate national treasures. As to that they will never be in a like class themselves.

On Monday, March 23rd, Brantfordites will march still further in the matter of municipal ownership by adopting the by-law for the civic purchase of the street railway.

What the Grits most need these days is a leader. Laurier has blown up and there doesn't seem to be even the shadow of a successor on the horizon.

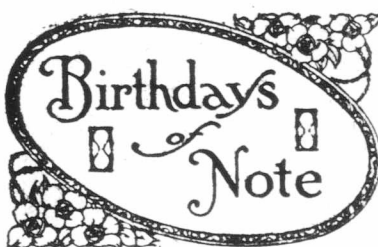
A committee of the New York Legislature has decided to recommend a power plant at the falls on the basis of the Hydro-Electric system in Ontario. If imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, Hon. Adam Beck is entitled to one more bouquet.

Walter Page, United States ambassador in London, has been saying things which have served to arouse the wrath of the Senators assembled at Washington. Now, they are endeavoring to bring him to book which after all seems quite natural in view of his cognomen.

The Ward Six Liberal Association of Toronto has passed a resolution withdrawing from the "Liberal Association of Toronto." They say that the latter organization is no good and that Rowell is foolish when he contemplates asking Bourassa to run in Prescott. As to that the whole party is at sixes and sevens anyway.

The latest Laurierite dodge of seeking to place farm implements on the free list would not only hit the people of Brantford and other industrial centres very hard, but also the surrounding farmers in lessening their home market and the prices received for produce. At that with the barriers down the U. S. combines wouldn't lower the price of agricultural machinery. Not on your life.

The Brantford Exporters talk at the Liberal proposal to abolish import duties and says that such a course would be a "decided mistake." It was the same organ which declared that Laurier's reciprocity proposal was "like a bolt from the blue," and then afterwards declared that it was quite a proper and well thought out paper. In fact the organ hailed with wild acclaim a sausage-cabbage-canned meats procession which was supposed to demonstrate just how much said rec. would do to make life worth living and to bring clunks of joy to the family hearth. Everything by turns and nothing long seems to be the motto of our esteemed cotem.



FRIDAY, MARCH THIRTEENTH

Sir Hugh John Macdonald, police magistrate of Winnipeg, who was born sixty-four years ago to-day in Kingston, is, as is generally known, the oldest son of the late Sir John A. Macdonald. Like his father, he is man of very genial personality and a great favorite among a wide circle of friends.

occasion of Sir Thomas Taylor's retirement from the Bench as Chief Justice of Manitoba, he was present at the Court House along with a number of members of the bar to pay their respects to the retiring Judge. It was a wet day and on leaving the building, Sir Hugh discovered that some one had walked off with his umbrella. When he reached his office, he made out a list of those who had been present and sent each a typewritten note to the effect that his umbrella had been taken, by accident he would presume, if the umbrella was returned, otherwise with malice aforethought. In less than an hour, umbrellas began to arrive and before evening he had a collection of eleven. Sir Hugh now boasts that he has not bought one since.

The British navy estimates for 1914 exceeded those of the previous year by \$13,700,000.

Uncle Walt
The Poet Philosopher

GOSIPS.

The gossips are a noisy bunch who play an ugly game; they'd leave the finest Waldorf lunch to mangle some one's fame. They're prone to injure all they touch, with their long tongues and jaws, and yet they cannot hurt you much unless you give them cause. The man whose life is circumspect, who minds the Golden Rule, won't see his reputation wrecked by any prating fool. And those who suffer most from talk quite often are the guys who hear a tale and walk a block to put the neighbors to sleep. I often say, with Virtue's tongue, "The gossips I abhor," and then I tell how Sandy Bung ran off with Mandy Dorr. The noxious deeds that others spring me righteously despise, and then we do the self same thing. Had dust our pious eyes! We all are gossips, more or less; with glee we trot along to tell about our fake distress when some good man's zone keeping tab, and if they make a break, we'll stand around the streets and gab until our windpipes ache. So when we roast the gossip vile who

deep in scandal delves, 'twere well to pause a little while, and just size up ourselves.

To The Editor

MR. HARTLEY WRITES.

To the Editor of The Courier:
Sir—Will you kindly publish the following letter in your valuable paper.

In reading the reports of the various committees of the council meeting on Monday night, March 9th, 1914, we noticed that the Board of Works decided to call for new tenders for special castings for the year 1914, and the reason for so doing is because there were only two tenders submitted. The two tenders I believe were put in in good faith—we can vouch for one of them being genuine and backed up with a marked cheque for \$200.00, and we have no reason to doubt that the other was not less sincere. Last year there was only one tender submitted and the tenderer received the contract. That explodes the first reason for asking for new tenders.

The second objection to first tender as stated in your columns, claimed by the Board of Works report was

that in their advertisement it was stipulated that successful tenderer was to pay minimum Union wages. We complied with everything on the tender form mailed to us from the City Clerk's office. We also enclosed our marked cheque for the full amount as security, which the city asked for. That explodes the second reason for new tenders, and the only ones put forth in the Board of Works report. The time expired at 12 o'clock noon, Thursday, Feb. 19th, 1914 for receiving the first tenders, and the tenders were held up in the last two Council meetings, not because they were not legal or fair. Now we are coming to it.

There have been rumors and rumors for nearly a year of a new foundry company being organized, and it is the common talk of the town, that the two genuine tenders have been held up for an indefinite time. Maybe the boys in the new organization have lost their bellows, and are screeching for time to get a larger one, so that it will give a stronger blast. There are also other outside influences at work to knife us. They are being trotted out by parties who would not work when times were good for four dollars per day but when times are dull, beat a laborer out of his job.

To the fair citizens of Brantford you can read between the lines how the majority of one of your commit-

tees, is transacting the city's business, which you have placed in their hands.

Yours respectfully,
HARTLEY FOUNDRY CO.,
Per F. A. Hartley,
Manager.

Stratford May Enter
On Local Option Fight

Perth County May Have a Vote on Canada Temperance Act.

STRATFORD, March 13.—The local Temperance and Moral Reform League, in annual session here last night, decided to call a public meeting shortly to decide whether or not a local option campaign will be carried on in the city in the fall, with a vote at the January elections in 1915. County President T. L. Hamilton of Listowel gave an enthusiastic address and Secretary G. W. Heagy was instructed to get into touch with the churches and other moral reform institutions at once, with a view to having the proposed public meeting represent the opinion of the whole city. The league elected the following officers; President, Ald. J. A. Gray; Vice-President, Benj. Leckie; Secretary, G. W. Heagy.

A county vote on the Canada temperance act is a possibility.

OGILVIE, LOCHEAD & CO.

Where Fashion and
Fashionable Fabrics
Were Supreme

For the past three days the store has been thronged with women eager to see the styles created by the leading French modistes for the coming season.

DO YOU KNOW A GOOD CURE FOR THE BLUES? Drop your household work, call up a friend. Don your hat and coat and come down town and look at the new styles in Millinery, Coats, Suits, etc. for Spring. It's a sure cure and you return home refreshed and bubbling over with ideas.

It is next to impossible for the writer to attempt to describe to you the beauty displayed on the second floor.

The Joys of Being a Woman
is Exemplified by a Brilliant
Array of All That is Newest
for Spring.

Spring Tailored Suits
FOR WOMEN

Limitations of space prevent full justice being done to this wonderful offering of women's superbly tailored Suits. The styles are magnificent examples of skillful treatment of the latest Parisian creations. That we are able to quote you the extremely low figures of \$16.50 and \$18.00 is a high tribute to our merchandising ability and a forceful demonstration of the truth that the Ogilvie-Lochead store is the one place where authentic styles in women's wear can be procured at a reasonable cost.

Goods Displayed on Main Floor

Pride is taken in the showing of beautiful fabrics for spring and summer. Words of admiration were heard from all parts of the store. In the woollen dress goods are shown checks, broads, cords and plain cloths in a wonderful variety of new colorings. The silks and cotton dress fabrics are truly wonderful; the weaves, colorings, etc., really stagger one when they see what is being produced in cotton fabrics for summer wear. Then, again, there is that all-important lace department, which is more in evidence this season than ever before. Such exquisite laces in flouncing, edging, insertions, etc., all to match.

—Main Floor.

Call and Inspect This Grand Showing!

Ogilvie, Lochead & Co.

Mainly About
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Millinery

That decided and absolute change is the keynote of the new Millinery for Spring is impressed upon one by a glance at the great array of hats shown this season.

Of chief interest are the exquisite creations copied in our own workrooms, by expert milliners, from leading Paris modistes.

In all a wonderfully complete exposition of what is newest, smartest and best in Millinery, etc., for spring, and one that no woman should miss.

—Second Floor.

CHURCHILL REFER
BRIEFLY TO CANA

Liberal Faction Which is
posed to Increased Arm
ment Alarmed.

LONDON, March 13.—"In C the government has not obtained parliamentary sanction for the project to build three armored cruisers of the best modern type at the expense of the Dominion, and the demand of the naval policy is consequently in abeyance."

This comprises the only reference to Canada in Mr. Churchill's speech on the naval estimates, were issued last night.

The Liberal group, which formed to check the increase of armaments expenditure, view the increase of £51,550,000 with concern. In fact, they regard the whole statement as exceedingly optimistic and as giving no indication of the government's intention regarding the Canadian position in connection with the position in the Mediterranean.

The question will be fully discussed in the House of Commons on Tuesday next, at the instance of Mr. Churchill, they are at the meagre nature of the information provided by the First Lord of the Admiralty when the estimates are taken into consideration. Mr. Churchill, they say, is trying to hoodwink parliament. Mr. Churchill will press for further information before they assent to estimates has presented."

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