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## BORDEN TO LEAD.

A UNION government under the leadership of Sir Robert Borden is a possibility that has been made in this country.

What is the situation? Without consulting anyone on the other side, he brought down the constitution measure. He placed it upon the statute books, but at the same time refused to accept full responsibility for it. Only since his political career commenced to crumble, has he been calling on everyone in the country. He has made his three-year war regime strictly partisan. No Liberal, no political "neutral" was ever called in. The patronage list flourished like the green bay tree, and the war administration has been conducted always with an eye on political favorites.

While the Advertiser believes that union government is desirable, and even now attainable as between the real leaders of the two great parties, it can never be regarded with complete faith so long as Sir Robert chooses to remain at the helm.

## THE CANADIAN NORTHERN DEAL.

A SPLENDID speech on the Canadian Northern deal was delivered in the House of Commons by P. B. Carvell, M. P. for Carleton, N. B. It was sound common sense and contained sound principles which experience had verified. It was the wisdom brought home to him by extensive travel and observation in many lands.

The proper course to be followed in Canada is public control, but not public ownership. This province is menaced and may be very seriously affected, if not ruined, by allowing the public ownership craze too full scope. The Legislature is passing laws allowing municipalities to engage in enterprises entirely outside of the purposes for which they were incorporated. Mr. Carvell says: "My honorable friend is correct when he says that there is a great trend of public opinion in Canada, especially in Ontario, in favor of public ownership. Public ownership of all sorts of utilities has been tried, but I have yet to see the public utility in Canada that in the matter of sound business management would compare for a moment with privately-owned and privately-operated utilities." In another part of his speech, when referring to hydro-electric, he says: "But they are commencing to get up against the wall. The minister of railways (Mr. Cochrane) was compelled to call upon his supporters to vote for an amendment to the general railway act of Canada absolutely to put out of existence a competitor to the hydro-electric because it stood in the way of this juggernaut. You would not find a better illustration in the records of Canada from Confederation to the present time of the failure of public ownership."

We can go Mr. Carvell one better in this city. The London and Port Stanley Railway is owned by the city. The London and Lake Erie is a privately-owned railway. With malice aforethought, with the strength obtained from the craze of public ownership, and with public moneys, over a million dollars of which were used, the London and Port Stanley was electrified with the avowed intention of killing the other road. They injured it very materially, but it is not dead yet. It was nevertheless the cruelest act committed by any man in public life in Canada not only since Confederation but since the Rebellion of 1837. The city of London was bled white to make it a perfect example of an electric railway, and mayors, Reeves and aldermen were brought from all over the province to see this specimen of the wonderful success of public ownership. It was exhibited as the advance specimen of a great hydro-electric system, that was to cover the whole province, and to be owned and financed by the municipalities, through which the roads would run. The scheme is now abandoned. It is realized that they cannot ruin or kill either the Canadian Pacific or the Grand Trunk, and to kill somebody or something is a condition precedent to the introduction in many places of hydro-electric. Perhaps the article of Professor Adam Shortt, in volume 18 of "Canada and its Provinces," in which he refers to the municipal loan fund established by Sir Francis Hincks has something to do with it.

Mr. Carvell's speech plainly points out the wrongs that arise from public ownership. He says: "No man who has lived all his life as I have in the Maritime Provinces can honestly say he is in favor of the public ownership of railways." He pointed out the Manitoba telephone system as a failure. He pointed out that the Canadian Northern would be managed like the Intercolonial by the patronage committee. If you wanted to shove gravel, get the endorsement of the patronage committee. The general manager is powerless. The directors would be the appointees and tools of the Government. He pointed out the finding of the president of the New

York Central that government-built railways cost six times as much as railways built under private corporations. He pointed out that individually was killed, that without the hope of honor and reward men would not accomplish as much. He pointed out that the Intercolonial was a flat failure. He pointed out that the Canadian Pacific Railway was the best railway service in the world, and this he knew from experience in traveling on government railways in Germany, Holland and France, where the first class was no better than the tourist class in Canada. Even the excellent service of the railways in the Eastern States did not equal that of the Canadian Pacific. He pointed out the fact that the Canadian Pacific had always been and still was managed by men who began at the bottom and rose to the top. The management of the Canadian Northern by the Government will be less efficient, and much more expensive, than as a private enterprise. It would be better to give such help as may be needed from time to time. Perhaps in five years the Canadian Northern may be on a paying basis. With that outlook probable, it is wrong to commit the country to the public ownership of a vast system like the Canadian Northern. It will cost the country perhaps six times more, than help from time to time, as it might be urgently needed, would do, and the country would derive less benefit from the railway. Leave the Canadian Northern as it is, and save hundreds of millions of dollars and secure the better service which private ownership is sure to give. With all the propositions laid down by Mr. Carvell, the Advertiser agrees, and hopes they will be adopted. Let there be Government control but not Government ownership of railways.

## UNWRITTEN LAW.

THE UNWRITTEN law applied in England to acquit the slayer of his wife's seducer could easily be extended, once let loose. There are other kinds of cases in which it goes against the grain with many to enforce the written law. For instance, take Miss Thompson, in jail for not producing or revealing the whereabouts of a foster-child.

The much-enduring citizen, whose letter was printed the other day threatening an explosion to garden-thieves, would be an interesting case if some potato-hifter gets killed on his premises after this public warning. "Would he be in the same sort of position as the German agents at New York, and warned people off the Lusitania, and then blew up the ship? A jury would be hard to persuade of that. Those passengers have every legal right on the Lusitania, but the potato thief has no rights, especially in a year like this. He is an outlaw, an aid of the enemy, a public danger (loud applause). If he steps on a stick of dynamite in the dark when nefariously occupied in that north-west war garden, there will be as few tears for him as for the seducer caught and killed in his tracks. To the husbandman might be extended the consideration vouchsafed to the husband."

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

A slackening in certain industries resulting has a noticeable effect upon recruiting.

It is to be noted that even Sir Adam Beck does not take himself seriously as a possible premier of Canada.

The London Free Press has not yet absolved the premier from its charge of being dominated by the money interests.

If the alien voters' clause is properly applied there will be some prominent Canadians not able to establish their right to the ballot.

An embargo is to be placed on sulphur, and this may seriously affect the newspaper situation in Canada. Is there a nigger in the pulpwood pile?

The discussion in The Advertiser's columns as to farm profits is one designed to bring about a better understanding between city and country folk.

When you have a "kick" about market reports or other features of The Advertiser, let us hear from you, gentle reader. We consider that co-operation, not complaining.

Miss Thompson remains in jail because she would not reply to certain questions. Will anyone set up the contention that she should be kept there for life in the event of continued silence?

May heaven be kind to the father and husband at the front who, while fighting for his country, is troubled in his mind as to the state of his domestic affairs at home. And may heaven forgive those who have been unfaithful to him.

A Londoner with two brothers at the front believes that if Sir Wilfrid would come to Ontario and go to the West he would clear up the problems that confront his party overnight, and restore the confidence of the country from coast to coast.

It will be surprising for many Canadians to learn that a knighthood has been accepted by former Ambassador Gerard. A simple letter of thanks for his noble work in behalf of British war prisoners would perhaps have caused more public gratitude. No doubt the award was made in a good spirit, but it is doubtful if it will strengthen the bond between Britain and the United States.

## WESTMINSTER BOY HIT.

Wilton Grove, Aug. 23.—The parents of Norman Walker, who has been serving at the front for some time, received word that their son was wounded. Much interest is felt here that Walter Weatherston, brother of Hedley Weatherston, of the sixth concession, has been granted a short leave to come home to Canada. Walter enlisted with the second contingent, and has seen much fighting.

## The Advertiser's Daily Short Story

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JUST FOR A LARK.

[By C. B. Lewis.]

Miss Geraldine Langton was a daughter of a very rich widow living in a suburb of New York, and she had arrived at the age of twenty. There are more cases like hers than you dream of. Here was an intelligent, educated and good-looking girl of twenty who had never had a real beau. There is no reason at all why such girls should not be in love and engaged. Philosophers have tried to find a reason, but all the reason they can give is that such girls are somehow passed by. The right young man does not come along. Oh, yes, plenty of young men had chatted with Miss Geraldine, and they had admired her looks and said she was a very nice young lady, but they hadn't come a-courting. A girl likes to be praised and admired, but she should at least have a chance to refuse the heart and hand to a homely young man.

Miss Geraldine had thought of these things. Why not? Marriage is the thing to interest a girl as much as a young man. In fact, she has even more at stake, and must move with more caution. Yes, she had wondered what kept the young men away. Was it her mother's wealth? Was it that they had heard she was extravagant in her dress and knew nothing whatever about managing a house? Miss Geraldine thought and thought, but she could not solve the problem. Neither could her mother, though the latter didn't try very hard. Whenever she thought about it she said to herself:

"Oh, Geraldine is all right. She wants her freedom for a while yet. The right young man will come along some day, and she will have her bridal tour and her happy home. I don't believe she will marry now, anyhow, and as long as she isn't worried about it there's no occasion for me to fret."

One day Miss Geraldine had to go to the city to do some shopping. She went alone very often, and she knew her way about. She never mistook Broadway for Seventh avenue, and she never got run over while crossing Herald Square.

As she rode into the city on the train an inspiration came to her and she smiled and laughed to herself. She was going to have a lark. It would be a funny one, and there would be no harm in it. All she needed was a little courage, and she thought she could summon that up. There was no time to plan very carefully, but she thought they would work out themselves.

The young lady's usual plan on coming to the city was to take a Fourth avenue car at the Grand Central station and ride down to Thirty-third street. There she would leave the car and walk across Thirty-fourth street to the great retail stores. She knew them all, and never went further down town than the place where she shopped. As she was going back to the train she saw a fine-looking man approaching. He carried a cane and wore a high hat. His clothing fitted him perfectly and he had the air of a gentleman. As he was about to pass her, Geraldine stopped dead still and appealed to him:

"I am in trouble, and I wish your assistance."

The man looked into her face and thought he saw signs of fright and perturbation. He lifted his hat and replied:

"I shall be only too happy, miss. What has happened to you?"

"Why—why?" carrying her hand to her forehead, "something came over me all at once, and I can't tell you what it is, or where I live. My memory seems to have gone all of a sudden."

"It is a case of amnesia," he said. "I've read of three or four cases of it this year, but there is nothing to be greatly alarmed about. In fact, I have had a touch of it myself, but was all right in a short while."

"Come into this shop for a moment. The open street is hardly the place for a talk. Now, then, you have evidently been shopping. Can you remember the stores you have just visited?"

"Not a one, though I may have visited half a dozen. I don't think there's anybody in any of the stores who knows me. I have no account with any of them."

"Well, let's see," he mused. "You came in this morning. That is—I suppose you live out of town somewhere?"

"I haven't got any of your address cards in your purse?"

Miss Geraldine opened her bag, and there was no card case.

"Now try and think of the name of the town you live in," said the gentleman.

"If—I—I—I could think of the name of the town, I could tell you who I am," answered the victim.

"You came in on a train, didn't you?"

"Yes, I think I did, for I seem to remember a big station."

"And then you took the street car down here?"

"I believe I did."

"If you probably got off at Thirty-third street, and it was only a short walk here. Then you went to the store. You probably finished your shopping and started back for Thirty-third street and got up town. You are going to get off at the Grand Central, probably, and take a train for your home."

# "The Best Place To Shop, After All!"

## Chapman's

2 Suits for \$1

4 for \$1

## DOLLAR DAY

MAKES YOUR DOLLAR STRETCH FURTHER THAN ON ANY OTHER DAY

## The Greatest Event of the Year!

The Dollar Is King in London Aug. 25

While merchandise is scarce and prices generally high, we have gathered many worthy lines at marked savings. All these purchases will be placed on sale on Saturday, together with hundreds of bargains from our superb stock. As many lots will be in small quantities only, prompt action will be necessary.

## Waists, Middies and Underskirts

—4 dozen Ladies' Middies, including Middy Coats, all white or white with colored collars. Regular \$1.25. On sale Saturday, each ..... \$1.00

—Large assortment of Ladies' Waists, in white voile, some in stripe effects. All this season's styles. Your choice ..... \$1.00

—A Knockabout Waist, in linen or blue chambray, together with a percale underskirt. Saturday the two garments for ..... \$1.00

—New Fall Habutai Silk Waists, in the new pointed collar. All sizes. On sale at ..... \$2.00

—Ladies' Black Lawn Waists, large collar effect, well made and finished. Special at ..... \$1.00

—New Fall Waists, made of fine quality vesting, in neat designs. Sizes 36 to 44. On sale Saturday ..... \$1.00

## GROUPED SPECIALS

LOT ONE:

—1 Card Buttons ..... \$1

—2 Spools Thread ..... \$1

—1 Cushion Cord ..... \$1

—1 Cord Mending Cotton ..... \$1

—1 Card Hooks and Eyes ..... \$1

—2 Sport Hair Nets ..... \$1

—1 Embroidery Book ..... \$1

—1 Card Collar Supports ..... \$1

—1 Black Tape ..... \$1

LOT TWO:

—1 Ladies' Dressing Comb ..... \$1

—2 Sport Hair Nets ..... \$1

—1 Fine Comb ..... \$1

—1 Hairbrush ..... \$1

—1 Box Hairpins ..... \$1

LOT THREE:

—1 Toothbrush ..... \$1

—1 Hairbrush ..... \$1

—1 Dressing Comb ..... \$1

—1 Clothes Brush ..... \$1

—1 Nailbrush ..... \$1

LOT FOUR:

—1 pair Men's Suspenders ..... \$1

—1 pair Men's Hose ..... \$1

—1 Tie ..... \$1

LOT FIVE:

—1 pair Men's Suspenders ..... \$1

—1 pair Boy's Suspenders ..... \$1

—1 pair Socks ..... \$1

—1 pair Garters ..... \$1

LOT SIX:

—1 pair Ladies' Corsets, four hose supporters attached ..... \$1

—1 Print Apron, with bib ..... \$1

LOT SEVEN:

—1 Lady's Cambric Petticoat, torchon lace trimmed ..... \$1

—1 Lady's Corset Cover ..... \$1

LOT EIGHT:

—Children's Cotton Waists, with hose supporters, sizes 5 to 10 years; 3 for ..... \$1

LOT NINE:

—Ladies' Leather Handbags, mirror and change purse attachments, gun-metal frame, regular \$1.00. Saturday ..... 89c

LOT TEN:

—1 pair Ladies' Cambric Drawers, were 60c ..... \$1

—1 Lady's Corset Cover, was 75c ..... \$1

## WASH SKIRTS

—6 only White Wash Skirts, made of repp, with pocket. On sale Saturday ..... \$1.00

—18 only Ladies' Palm Beach Skirts, with belt and pockets, sport style, regular \$2.00. On sale Saturday at exactly half price ..... \$1.00

## EMBROIDERIES

—27-inch Embroideries, suitable for children's dresses, regular 40c per yard. Saturday Dollar Day ..... \$1.00

—Corset Cover Embroideries ..... \$1.00

—3 yards for \$1.00

—Skirting Embroidery, some were as high as \$2.50. On sale, per yard ..... \$1.00

—515 yards Vals and Shadow Laces and Insertions, cream and white, widths from 1½ to 4½ inches, suitable for trimming dresses and waists, also some for camisoles, values up to 25c. Saturday Dollar Day ..... \$1.00

—368 yards Silk Ball Fringe, in a big range of colors—pink, blue, grey, brown, rose, green, mauve, cream, etc., regular 25c. At 12 yards \$1.00

—Cambric and Lawn Embroidery Edgings, from 3 to 7 inches, 12½c and 15c values. On sale Saturday ..... 9 yards for \$1.00

—200 yards 18-inch Frilling for underskirts, lace and tucks, 12½c and 15c values. Saturday ..... 9 yards for \$1.00

## CHILDREN'S DRESSES

—Children's White Duck Blouse Dresses, piped with blue, collar and pocket, ages 2, 4 and 6 years. Price ..... \$1.00

—Children's Colored Gingham Dresses, in fancy plaid and stripes, ages 2 to 14 years. Price ..... \$1.00

—White Sailor Suits, blue collar and cuffs, braided trimmings, ages 6 to 14 years. Price ..... \$1.00

—Children's Blue Duck Dresses, blouse style, piped with white, ages 2, 4 and 6 years. Price ..... \$1.00

—Infants' White Mull Dresses, trimmed with fine val. lace and insertion, ages 1 and 2 years. Price ..... \$1.00

—Children's Fancy Striped Middies, white collar and cuffs, long sleeves, pockets and belt, ages 6 to 14 years. At ..... \$1.00

## BLANKETS

—Scotch Wool Blankets, soft and fluffy, pure wool, full size. Per pair ..... \$8.00

## DOLLAR DAY BARGAINS IN DRESS GOODS

—Shepherd Check Dress Goods, yard wide, good weight, value 40c yard. Dollar Day ..... 4 yards \$1.00

—50-inch Shepherd Check Dress Goods, for school suits, skirts and dresses, 75c value. Dollar Day ..... 2 yards \$1.00

—Figured French Delaine, permanent colors, for waists, 75c value. Dollar Day ..... 2 yards \$1.00

—Cream Brocade Poplin. On sale Dollar Day, \$1 value. 2 yards \$1.00

—Navy Blue or Black Poplin Dress Goods, 40 inches wide, for serviceable dresses, \$1.00 value. Dollar Day ..... 2 yards \$1.00

—75c Dress Poplins, in brown, grey, cream and black, 40 inches, for children's school dresses, 2½ yards \$1.00

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