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CRITICISM OF PUBLIC MEN

Is it true that good men are kept out of politics by the "abuse of which public men are subjected," to quote the reported words of A. B. Aylesworth, K. C.?

Is it not rather true that bad men are kept in politics by the wholesale and unanimous failure of Canadian newspapers to do their duty?

Canadian public men provoke as much criticism as the public men of any English-speaking country.

It might be that for Mr. Aylesworth to protest if Canadian newspapers abused any public man as some public men abuse their trust and their country.

Canadian newspapers carry their respect for the privacy of a public man's life to the extremity of blindness to obvious circumstances and unexplainable facts.

A public man and more than one public man can go into national or provincial politics, poor and suddenly become rich, and no questions are asked.

It may be all right, but right or wrong, Canada is the only English-speaking country which exempts the private affiliations of public men from scrutiny and criticism.—Toronto Telegram.

THE DUNDONALD MATTER

The "Dundonald incident" has created a great deal of interest in all English-speaking countries, and in fact in all civilized countries. Even in the far-off Philippine Islands it has been made the subject of flash headlines and pointed comments. The Manila American printed a two-column article copied from the Hong Kong Post, with a double-column heading, which announced: "Dundonald Not Loved at Ottawa, Because He Desires the Militia Free From Politics, and has Offended Hayseed Fisher.—General Famous for Heroic Relief of Ladysmith at the Head of the Canuck Rough Riders."

The Hong Kong Post prints an elaborate resume of the case, and remarks: "It is all very well for Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Premier, to explain that the dismissal of Lord Dundonald was a very painful act for them to perform and that although they recognized the brilliancy of the commander-in-chief's services, they would not permit themselves to be dragged into anything, yet the sympathies of the people are undoubtedly with the soldier."

TWO BABIES IN RUSSIA

The remarkable story to the effect that the new child born to the Czar and Czarina of Russia is a girl, not a boy, cannot be true, points out the Toronto Star. The story would naturally originate in the suspicious minds of the secret revolutionists, who must have been counting in advance of the event on the popular disappointment that the arrival of another girl would occasion. They would be saying in advance that the palace would be almost afraid to announce a fifth girl and no heir to the throne. From that it was easy to go further and circulate the story that for the girl baby was substituted a peasant boy baby, so that, to pacify Russia, the arrival of an heir could be announced.

This story will follow the boy through life. It will crop up at intervals, and will always find some believers. The boy himself, and, finally, the man, will have his moments of doubt about his ancestry. Works of fiction turning on the substitution of babies will become popular once more. But it is highly improbable that it is a peasant's boy who has been made colonel of the Cossacks and heir to the throne of Russia. The Empire would be in a desperate strait, indeed, to warrant the perpetration of such a fraud, the exposure of which would occasion more evils than the success of it could prevent. The Czar has uncles, cousins and brothers, who are human enough to prefer their own claims to those of a peasant child, whatever might be the circumstances of his adoption. The Czar's mother is a particularly energetic woman, who would scarcely welcome a spurious grandson to crowd genuine sons and grandsons from the throne. There could not be a substitution of children without the connivance of a large family circle and many officials. The story is not even well constructed. In advance of the event it is said that a peasant woman was brought to the palace and was blessed with a son twenty-four hours after a young princess was born. The plot depended solely on the chance that the peasant child should be a boy, although statistics show that

peasant girls are sometimes born in Russia. It is incredible that the Czar would rest his plot on one peasant woman when he has seen girls showered on his palace these many years. The story will live, however. The girl baby of the peasant woman will hear of it and be among the first to believe it. She will see in herself a royal princess in disguise, and she will be spoiled for present life. The incident is an awkward one all round, and reconciles the average man to the fact that he is neither a Czar nor a peasant.

PRIVATE CARS SCATTERED.

Ottawa Citizen.
The railway yards around Ottawa have a bare and denuded appearance. The cabinet ministers have dispersed on holiday trips.

AN UNACCEPTED CHANCE.

Toronto Mail.
The Novoe Vremya now regrets that Russia did not attack Britain when the latter was engaged in South Africa. Had Russia done so she would have been smashed a few years earlier, if that would be any comfort to the St. Petersburg newspaper.

THE GREATEST OFFENDER.

Montreal Gazette.
Russia, which is making such a fuss about the violation of China's neutrality by the seizure by Japan of a Russian torpedo boat in a Chinese port, was under pledge to the powers to get out of Manchuria last October. As a plaintiff in the international court she does not come with clean hands.

BLOW TO PUBLIC OWNERSHIP.

Toronto Telegram.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier has shown what he thinks of public ownership by the sort of commission he has chosen to administer that principle in the construction of the eastern section of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway. The commission, in the conspicuous mediocrity of its membership, in the Government's sublime disregard for everything but partisan considerations in the choice of these members, stands as one of the worst products of extremely practical politics.

MORE TROUBLE.

Belleville Intelligencer.
If reports from Ottawa are to be credited, there is trouble in the cabinet over the appointment of an Ontario man to fill the position of commissioner on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway board. It is said Sir Richard wants Mr. Folger, of Kingston, appointed, while Mr. Hyman and Sir Wm. Mulock are championing a Mr. Reid, of London. What Reid knows about railway building is not generally known. He has been in the general business, which may qualify him, but his principal qualification is in the fact that he is one of Hyman's pigs' feet and larger beer supporters. Sir Richard would fill the bill well, but we wager on the pigs' feet man.

A TALL CANADIAN.

New York Times.
Opinions differ among the friends of Bliss Carman as to whether the well-known poet and litterateur is six feet three or six feet five inches in height. Yet far from being sensitive on the subject, Carman tells this story on himself—

During a recent visit to Washington he was introduced to Jas. Whitcomb Riley by a mutual friend on Pennsylvania Avenue. The Hoosier is not so well versed in the gentle art of being tall as his contemporary, and according to Carman, as Riley switched his quid from one cheek to the other and surveyed him, much as a countryman viewing a skyscraper, he remarked—

"Well by gum! Your parents must have trained you on a trellis!"

THE LLOYD-GEORGE IDEA.

Broad Arrow.
That the Dundonald episode should be taken advantage of by some of the Little Englander press to make party capital out of it need of course occasion no surprise; but when it is suggested that Canada should seek to separate herself from the British empire and join America, party spirit would appear to be carried a little too far—and too disloyally. Yet a few days ago one of those ultra-Radical organs here wrote: "Canada's best defence would be to cultivate a good understanding with her Republican neighbors. Were she to join the great American federation she would have the enormous advantage of internal free trade throughout the whole of the union, and be saved the cost of maintaining an army of her own. The mother country would also be relieved of the responsibility of defending her." Then the writer goes on from suggestion to prophecy. "As time goes on and the native white population of Canada increases, the traditional prejudice both of English and French Canadians against Republicanism will die down, and the incorporation of Canada with the United States be only a question of time." These views may be held in quarters where an honest opinion is unquestioned and therefore entitled to respect. But they are not views which one would expect to find expressed in an English newspaper professing loyalty to the British empire and a belief in its stability. But the incident has its moral, as showing to what extent the spirit of party will go in the hope of getting the Radical Little Englanders into power.

THE FAILURE OF GOVERNMENT.

Bystander in Farmer's Sun.
A mob in Georgia has been indulging in the pastime of tying two negroes to the stake, after saturating their clothes with kerosene, burning them alive and reveling in the contortions of their agony. It is stated that there were persons of wealth and respectability in the mob. There is no use in saying that this is indignation against crime, or even that it is hatred of race; it is devilish lust of cruelty, such as burned in the fiendish breast of the Iroquois. Why are such things allowed to happen in a republic which deems itself the flower of enlightenment and civilization? The answer is, because there is no Government in the United States. Government has been practically supplanted by the perpetual conflict and alternate domination of two factions, each of which is too dependent on mob favors to enforce the law. No such spectacle is presented in any other community pretending to civilization.

A DESERVING CAUSE.

If there is one use more than another to which party contributions can be legitimately applied, it is the unearthing of fraud and corruption in elections. There are strong reasons for believing that North Grey, North York, North Norfolk, North Perth and Sault Ste. Marie were carried for the Ross government by improper means. If these elections had been honestly won the Ross government would not have been driven to the desperate expedient of calling the legislature in order to prevent investigation by the election courts.

That the government feared the developments of the election trials was shown by the hasty convening of the legislature a few days in advance of the time fixed for the holding of the election trials. In this way it retained intact its scant majority, which no doubt would have disappeared if the protests had been allowed to take their course.

The Ross government, while it deferred, was not able to avoid the day of reckoning. It is now proposed to make the five election trials searching and complete. The results will show whether the Ross government has been holding power by an honest majority or whether a piece of bold strategy has afforded it protection which it does not deserve.

It is satisfactory to know that there are to be no saw-offs. The means by which the Ross government carried the four norths and Sault Ste. Marie will be fully revealed in the election courts. To bring the facts to light will require a considerable amount of money, and it is to be hoped that contributions will be freely offered by the friends of clean elections and clean government.—Toronto World.

A WILD WEST SALUTATORY.

Nelson (B. C.) Ledger.
The Ledge, after a continuous publication amid the scenery of the silvery Slocan for 565 weeks, has pulled its freight to the metropolis of Kootenay, where it will be published until the editor pushes clouds with the angels, or the sheriff breaks in the door and makes a wreck of our beautiful plant, bulldog included. After this week the Ledge will be published every Monday morning, and will contain, in addition to its other attractions, all the latest news obtainable by wire up to the hour of going to press. The circulation is limited to a million, so it will be necessary to send in your names early, with a cash attachment of \$2. A limited space will be devoted to advertisements, and those who wish to use its columns for the purpose of securing greater commercial publicity, should hand in their copy early. No patent medicine or fake ads. wanted. A chute of job printing will be worked at all times for the benefit of the public and the advertiser. Do not wait for an introduction. Bring your work and introduce yourself. Since the Ledge flung its banner to the breeze it has been quoted more than any other Canadian paper, and while it lives the name of Nelson and Kootenay will be spoken by millions of people in all parts of the earth. Our office is on Baker street, next to a fine saloon, near two banks and butts into an undertaking establishment, with a church just around the corner. With these advantages we should do well and bury our dead with neatness and despatch. Come with your ads. and remember the great excitement commences at the dawn of August 15. R. T. Lowery, editor and financier.

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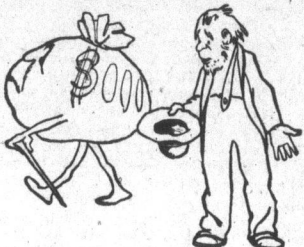
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PERT PARAGRAPHS.

It may be true that every man has his price, but every man you meet hasn't got the price.

Some people appear to be afraid that there will not be truth enough to go around.

As a general thing a woman is "on to" her husband to a much greater extent than he imagines.



It is said that money talks, but it does not say a great deal for some people.

Some people who loudly insist that honesty is the best policy only have a theoretical knowledge in regard to it.

When opportunity knocks at some men's doors they draw the shades closer and keep quiet, under the impression that it is a bill collector.

A woman would not so thoroughly appreciate being an old man's darling if it were not for the salary that goes with it.

Your argument will convince the most obstinate man if you will show him where it is money in his pocket to believe that way.

Men who smoke five cent cigars usually turn to see if any one is looking when they purchase one.

Taming the Bad Man.

From the Bad Lands, where they muster
Men so mean they will not drown,
Bold, bad Bill, the broncho buster,
Whooped in, shooting up the town.
He was drunk enough to do it,
And he didn't care who knew it.

At the first hint of his sally,
At the first crack of his gun,
Citizens flew up the alley
Or wherever they could run,
Leaving him to have his way,
Boss of all he might survey.

As he shot holes in the village
With extravagance and vim,
Broncho Bill surveyed the pillage,
And the sight was good to him.
He was sorry that they ran;
He'd have liked to eat a man.

But a little woman's figure
Down the sidewalk came full tilt,
And the bad man dropped the trigger—
Clearly 'twas a case of wilt.
'Twas the wife he'd tried to lose,
And he trembled in his shoes.

Lost Years.

"How old did you say she is?"
"She says twenty-four."
"But the family record says she was born in 1870."

"Yes, but she lived ten years in Philadelphia, and of course she doesn't count those."

On the Way Back.

"There is one good thing about playing the races."
"I can't see that it has a redeeming feature."
"You know walking is such healthful exercise."

Wants a Witness.



When Foxy Mamie wants to win
And for a lifetime clings her snap,
She has her mamma dear drop in
When she is curled in Willie's lap.

Neither: It's a Cinch.

"What profession or trade does he follow for a living?"
"I don't know whether it is a profession or trade. He married a rich heiress."

Give Him First Place.

"You should never discourage a boy."
"That's right. Never tell him that if he is good he may some day grow up to be vice president."

An Attraction.

The honest, worthy farmer,
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Has never any trouble
In getting harvest hands.

Not Impossible.

"Is there such a thing as an honest alderman?"
"Possibly. You know accidents will happen."

Too Polite.

"How old do you think I am?"
"Old enough to know that I wouldn't say what I thought if I were to guess."

Force of Habit.

The statesman dead doth lie in state.
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A curious phenomenon has been noticed in the tropics that can never be seen at higher latitudes. A mining shaft at Sombrette, Mexico, is almost exactly on the tropic of Cancer, and at noon on June 21, the sun shines to the bottom, lighting up the wall for a vertical depth of 1,100 feet or more.

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