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JUDGES WITH SINECURES.

The Huntingdon Gleaner, a Liberal paper, published in Quebec, does not waste any tears over the fact that the Senate threw out the Quebec bill to appoint more judges. During the course of some comments on the subject it says:

"In the debate in the House of Commons last week on the bill to appoint three more judges for this province Mr. Casgrain demonstrated that there were now more judges than there were work for, and as he had been for several years attorney-general for Quebec he spoke with authority. He stated that there were 31 judges of whom 16 reside outside of Montreal and Quebec, yet ever half the legal business of the province is done in these two cities. He showed that during 1959-60 judges had only 234 contested cases among them, an average of less than 30 apiece. One of the rural judges, Simon, declared that he had only 45 cases last year which had not occupied his time for one month out of the twelve. He wanted more work to do for he was getting rusty. Another judge said his difficulty was to fill out his time, and added that a judge to administer justice soundly must be kept reasonably busy; if he is not, his mind and his energy are sure to suffer and in the long run litigants are the losers. Judge Belanger last year had only 20 superior court contested cases before him, not enough, according to the Hon. Mr. Casgrain, to occupy him a month."

SOME OF BLAIR'S PECULIAR CANAL TRANSACTIONS.

Among the last votes of the session were certain canal estimates, which led to some interesting disclosures. There was a vote of \$22,000 to pay a contractor for an old claim which the late government refused to acknowledge, and which Mr. Blair seems to have settled privately.

The Stewart claim on the Soulanges Canal contract is assuming large proportions. Stewart had a contract when the change of government took place, and Mr. Blair concluded that he would not get the work done by the end of 1958. So he cancelled the contract and gave it to others who agreed to complete it in that time. Mr. Blair's contractors have not yet completed the work and will not have it done until December, or two years later than the time insisted on when the contract was taken from Mr. Stewart. But if no gain was made in point of time, there was a heavy loss in cost. Mr. Blair gave the new contractors \$70,000 more for the work than Stewart was to have. Then he confiscated a stone quarry, owned by Stewart, and gave the stone to the new contractor free of cost. Stewart sued the contractor for damages, and Mr. Blair engaged Mr. Blake's firm to defend the case. After the government lawyers had performed services for which Mr. Blair paid them over one thousand dollars, they advised a settlement, which was accomplished at a total cost to the government of \$36,000, so far as the returns are down. Stewart has other claims in court, or in progress of settlement, which are much larger than these.

Then there is a cement story in connection with this canal. Mr. Rigg bought between 20,000 and 30,000 barrels of cement from some gentlemen, who seem to have had a pull. It was for use on a part of the canal which the government was constructing. The engineer in charge had reported that this kind of cement was not suitable, and that Portland cement should be used. He was, however, ordered to put in the article furnished to him, and he obeyed orders. The result was that the work so constructed had to be torn down. Not only was the money paid for the cement wasted, but the country had to pay for building and tearing down the structure. Fortunately, some 20,000 barrels of the cement had not been used. This was piled on the beach somewhere, and is there yet, a complete loss. The cement deal seems to have cost the government \$20,000 for goods and probably \$10,000 in wasted work.

Added to these losses is one said to be \$100,000 through the premature watering of the canal. The minister was last year smitten with a desire to proclaim to the world that the St. Lawrence canals were completed. He invited a party and made a sort of triumphal picnic excursion, where everybody was well fed and liquored, and all praised the minister. When it was all over it was found that the canal banks had caved in or fallen out, and that the damages through the too hasty celebration were about one hundred thousand dollars.

Complaint is made that disreputable people who use bad language make a resort of Tecumseh Park in the evenings, with the result that respectable people are beginning to avoid it, especially on Saturday night. The police, if possible, should make one or two examples of the loquacious element as a warning to the rest.

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The Stratford Beacon tells its readers that free corn is a blessing because it gives the farmers cheap feed for their hogs. But what does it do for the corn-growers of Kent and Essex?

Sir Oliver Mowat attained his four-score on Sunday, Canadians of all ranks and political faiths, will rejoice in his ripe age and unite in wishing him great light in his eventide.

The Hamilton Herald, having learned that the Canadian patriotic fund has reached over \$315,000, remarks: "It might be well to let the general public know what has been, is being and will be done with the money." This is a very reasonable suggestion.

The officials who have had to deal with the case of the principal of the Central school have done nothing but their duty. They have performed that duty, unpleasant as it was, in a firm, conscientious and fearless manner. By so doing they have put themselves in such a position that we believe they can now act magnanimously in meeting the general prayer of the citizens for leniency without the risk of being blamed for undue leniency or of pursuing a course injurious to the welfare of the schools of the city.

Industrial Canada directs attention to the fact that canvassers are soliciting advertisements for an International directory published in London, Eng., in which Canadian and United States manufacturers are all classed under the one heading of American and Colonial Industries, and very properly remarks: "It certainly behooves Canadian manufacturers to protest against Canadian industries being classed under American headings, and they should see that our industries receive proper national recognition before they assist any directory by advertisements or subscription."

ANOTHER SIGN OF AN ELECTION.

Montreal Gazette.
Sir Wilfrid Laurier, according to report, will stay at Ottawa much of the summer attending to the duties of his office. This is another sign that the elections are in the air. Ordinarily July and August do not provide so much quiet time for the prime minister's presence at the capital. Arranging for the elections will.

WHAT THE SIGNAL-HINTS AT.

Ottawa Citizen.
The Godefrich Signal does not think J. J. Foy, Q. C., was offered the judgeship upon his merits. It says: "To hear the Tory newspapers talk about J. J. Foy, one would imagine that he was an eminent statesman—a political Warwick, so to speak. As a matter of fact, Mr. Foy is a nice gentleman, a pink shirt waist and five o'clock variety, who is held on to tenaciously by the Ontario opposition so that he may give tone to the outfit. As a politician he is not in it with Bagges, Curran, and the Rev. Andy Macdonald." Does the Signal think it was a case of the government using a judgeship for an improper purpose?

FLABBERGASTS OLD-FASHIONED LIBERALS.

Grandell Sun.
We must confess that in view of the economy plank in the Ottawa Liberal platform, the Dominion estimates for next year nearly take away our breath. \$49,088,319.85 for the main estimates brought down in March, \$7,244,135 supplementary estimates last week in June and \$3,493,200 railway subsidies brought down last Thursday make an all the magnificent showing so far of \$59,825,625. Now, that isn't a satisfactory rate of progress for the go-ahead Tory, we don't know what is. But it utterly flabbergasts the old-fashioned Liberals.

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THIS AND THAT.

"Electricity is a funny force," said the observant motorman. "Last night nearly all the current was suddenly off from the wires in the barn, and after a minute, came on again. Soon an order like that of an over cooked dinner filled the power house. On examination, two chickens were found roasting to death on the main wire. For hours the feathered pair had rested in safety on separate wires. The minute Chanticleer reached across to Bidy, on an opposite wire, a deadly current was forced through their bodies."—Philadelphia Record.

The recent death of a member of a Sedalia, Mo., firm disclosed the fact that for thirty years the firm had kept no account books. It did a strictly cash business, and divided the day's receipts each night, share and share alike. When a bill of goods was purchased, each member of the firm paid one-half of the money, carried in his pocket.

In Newton, Mass., the other day, a man's \$5 bill was blown out of his hand, and he could find it nowhere. A friend cut a piece of paper just the size of the bill and liberated it in the place where the man had lost his money. The paper blew down the street and around into an alley, and there the man found the \$5 bill.

A collapsible fly proof dish cover has been designed, which has a central vertical hoop, with pivoted hoops on either side, which swing into a horizontal position to pull the netting which covers the frames down into place around the dish, folding against the central hoop when not in use.

On its great Siberian railroad Russia sells fourth-class tickets from any point in Russia to any of 114 stations in Siberia for two roubles or a little more than 50 cents. Transportation is given, practically, to encourage emigration to Siberia.

Flourence Nightingale, who is now over 80 years old, wrote the other day to the nurses of the Cape of Good Hope Red Cross society expressing a regret that she was chained to her room by sickness and could not go to nurse the sick.

The Hindoo system is remarkably complex. Every act of life is a religious act, controlled by the laws of Hindooism. Their very lives depend upon keeping up the system, and they will fight to the death to do it.

In a New Jersey town a man has declined a nomination for alderman because all the other members of the Common Council are Germans and German is the language spoken at the meetings.

Viennese telephone girls are required to change their clothing and wear a uniform when on duty, in order that the dust which they bring in from the streets will not interfere with the instruments.

Statistics of the Massachusetts hospitals for the insane for twenty years show that permanent recoveries cannot be expected in more than 18 per cent of those committed for the first time.

By a complicated process a carbide of gold has been prepared recently by two American chemists. It is made as a yellow flocculent precipitate, which when dry explodes violently.

One hundred years ago it was considered a wonderful achievement to make ten men to manufacture 45,000 pins in a day. Now three men make 5,500,000 pins in the same time.

In his state clothes, including the crown, the sultan of Johore wears diamonds worth \$12,000,000. His collar, his epaulettes, his girdle, his cuffs, sparkle with precious stones.

In Germany 1,087,938 acres were seeded to sugar beets last year. The yield was about eleven and a quarter tons to the acre, and the sugar results 12.7 per cent.

The government owns many thousands of acres of land in New Mexico that have never been taken up. It is the finest country in the world for stock-raising.

"Gnat fever" is the new scientific name for malaria, since it has been shown that it is through mosquitoes that the disease is conveyed to human beings.

There has been found a whale with a harpoon in its body which, by its mark, showed that it must have been hurled at the whale at least 36 years ago.

Delagoa bay is the finest natural harbor in South Africa. It has a length of nearly 70 miles from north to south, and a width varying from 15 to 25 miles.

Among the 153,000 inhabitants which the last census gave to New Mexico, there were 20,000 Indians and 50,000 Mexicans.

Minnesota's schools cost about \$5,000,000 annually, and this is one-third of the money raised by taxes in the State.

A raften shows that during 1899, 41, 22 natives emigrated from Ireland, nearly 9,000 more than in the preceding year.

Scandinavians are numerous in New Zealand, and Germans in South Australia.

JAPANESE "COPS."
If the American policemen were required to perform the same services as those of Japan it is probable that they would not show their present plump condition.

Japan has a police force modelled somewhat after the French system. In various places throughout Tokyo there are small detachments, which are something like sentry boxes, but larger. Three men are attached to each box daily. One remains inside, resting, while another stands at the door, and the third patrols a beat and returns at regular intervals to the box. Stations are changed every eight hours. After twenty-four hours' work the three policemen are given the same length of time to rest, and three other men are sent to the box.

During their "off" days the men are employed in taking census, making reports regarding the condition of streets, bridges, embankments, drains and cemeteries.

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- No. 26—Corner King and Princess streets.
- No. 31—Corner of Prince and Park streets.
- No. 32—Corner of Grey and Queen streets.
- No. 34—Cor Park avenue and Queen street.
- No. 35—Corner of Harvey and West streets.
- No. 36—Corner Lacroix and King streets.

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